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## WELCOME

*Hello Everyone;*

Welcome to our SUMMER 2008 issue of our family newsletter. We've included you on our mailing list because you are either, family, a gen-cousin or genealogist who shares a common interest of searching for information on the surnames associated with our maternal family line.

We hope that some of the topics addressed within this newsletter will assist you with your genealogical endeavors. For example, News of Interest to the Family Historian contains a link that will take you to a preview of the 101 Best Genealogy websites for 2008 as named by *Family Tree Magazine*. At our website, look for new internet website resources at the Surname Locator Resources webpage. In addition, we've expanded the collection of books at my new Research Reference Library (USA) web page.

The discovery of French ancestry through our 6<sup>th</sup> great-grandfather Jacques "Jacob" Christman is the subject of this issue's feature article. Jacob, born 1720 in the village of Rothau, France, is credited as being the "immigrant ancestor" for this family line in America. It is safe to say that as a result of his having 16 children, by two wives, that a great many

Americans are descended from this interesting pioneer.

In addition to some general topics of interest for the family historian, the YARBOROUGH surname is featured in the Surname Search section. "Surname Search" displays matches of a surname in our database to the huge resources found at RootsWeb.com.

Don't forget to review the new and updated information in our maternal family database at the Rootsweb World Connect Project, as well as recent happenings with regard to our website at Roots Web's Freepages. A quarterly accounting of our database at Rootsweb shows that five new direct ancestral family lines were uncovered and 183 new individual records have been added.

As always we will attempt to keep the newsletter brief but informative and hope you will enjoy reading it. If you do not want to remain on our mailing list please let us know and we will stop sending to you. To read our previous newsletters, see the link in the Contact Information of this issue.

*Fred & Tom*

## A QUOTE TO NOTE

*"Blessed is the man who is too busy to worry in the daytime and too sleepy to worry at night."*

## FEATURE ARTICLE

### Jacques "Jacob" Christman: From France to North Carolina

Jacques "Jacob" Christman, our 6<sup>th</sup> great-grandfather, was born in the village of Rothau which is now located in the France's Alsace region on the west bank of the Rhine River. Jacob is credited as being the progenitor of the Christman family in America. During the sixty-five years of his life he traveled extensively and accomplished much. Upon arrival in the "New World" he lived in the Pennsylvania counties of Lancaster, Lebanon, and York as well as Orange and Guilford counties in North Carolina. Along the way he was married to two wives with whom he produced an astounding sixteen children!

The earliest known ancestor of our Christman lineage is our 13<sup>th</sup> great-grandfather George Christman. George was likely born around 1549 in Steinthal, located on the western side of the Rhine River in a French valley called Ban de la Roche. Today the towns and villages in which our Christman ancestors lived are found in the French department of Bas-Rhin of the Alsace Region. These communities are now part of the Canton of Schirmeck in the Arrondissement of Molsheim.

The earliest Christman vital record dates to 1632 when, our 12<sup>th</sup> great-grandfather, Georg Christman of Fouday was given the nickname of "Salm" for his thirty years of service to the Count of Salm. During the Thirty Years War, which occurred in France from 1634 to 1648, the Christmans moved from Fouday and Waldersbach to the city of Barr where, our 10<sup>th</sup> great-grandfather, Christian Christman, also known as "Colas Colas", was born in 1637.

In 1664 Christian relocated his family from Barr to the small village Solbach. While the family of Christian Christman resided in Solbach, they celebrated their baptisms in Waldersbach, and buried



A view of the village of Rothau, France

their dead in Fouday. This pattern continued until Jean Jacques Christman (1693-1721) moved to nearby Rothau in 1719. It was here that his son

Jacques "Jacob" Christman, "the immigrant", was born in 1720. A mere 8 months later his father Jean Jacques passed away leaving his mother Odille Verly a widow. When Jacob was almost 6 years old his mother married again to Pierre Brullhard who became his step-father.

In 1736 the family made the momentous decision to make the difficult voyage to a new life in the American colonies. This choice was not made by themselves but by many persons from the localities around Rothau. Besides Jacob and his step-father and mother several of his uncles and cousins also left the region. After a two week journey down the Rhine River they arrived in Rotterdam and joined over three hundred other souls seeking a new life in America aboard a ship named the "Princess Augusta". Twelve weeks later they arrived at Philadelphia Pennsylvania on September 16, 1736.

After their arrival in Pennsylvania Jacob and his family moved west into Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Along with them came the Hans Johann Heckendorn family, fellow voyagers from the "Princess Augusta". On 1 Oct 1742 Jacob married Hans's daughter Barbara Heckendorn at the First Reform Church of Lancaster. For several years after this the young couple lived near town of Warwick in Lancaster County. Their first child a son named Hans Johann was born 3 March 1743 followed by John Jacob on 2 November 1745, Abraham was born in 1747 and a daughter, Anna Marie, came along in February 1749.

Upon the death of his father-in-law, John Heckendorn, in November 1749 Jacob moved to York County along with his Heckendorn in-laws. Here they settled on the Codorus Creek about 10 miles southwest of the new town of York. A second daughter Catharina was born in November 1751. Soon after on December 18, 1751 Jacob was received into the Moravian Church at Crice Creek and Catores located outside of Lancaster.

Around 1753 Jacob and Barbara took their 5 children and moved to the community of Hebron where Jacob received a warrant for 150 acres of land. The old town of Hebron is now a part of the

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present day city of Lebanon in [Lebanon County](#), Pennsylvania. While living in this local a daughter Theodora was born on 4 April 1754. Unfortunately in 1755 Jacob's two young children Anna Marie and Abraham died and were buried in the Hebron Moravian Cemetery. A son Daniel was born soon after in May 1756. Two years later grief again struck the Christman family when his daughter Theodora passed away quickly followed by the death of Jacob's wife Barbara on 13 May 1758. Seven months later Jacob married for a second time to Miss [Barbara Kraemer](#). The ceremony took place on 11 December 1758 at the First Reform Church of Lancaster. This was most likely the home church of Barbara's family as Jacob was now a member of the Moravian church. Soon after the first child born to Jacob and Barbara, a daughter named Barbara, arrived on 15 September 1759 to be quickly followed by a son, Balthaser, in December 1760.

Upon his arrival in [North Carolina](#) Jacob settled in [Orange County](#) and stayed for a short period of time near Hillsborough. By about 1765 he had moved on to the Reedy Fork and settled on the

waters of Travis Creek near the settlement of Stinking Quarter, also in Orange County. Here Jacob eventually obtained grants for 400 acres of land. In 1771 the area of Orange County in which he lived became a part of the newly formed [Guilford County](#).

Between 1764 and 1778 eight more children were born to Jacob and Barbara. Jacob was 58 years old when his last child was born and as such many of his off spring were underage when he died in 1785. Jacob Christman is buried in the [Freiden's Lutheran Church Cemetery](#), located near Gibsonville, Guilford County, NC.



**Freiden's Church Cemetery**

Jacob and Barbara's daughter [Rebecca Christman](#), our, 5<sup>th</sup> great-grandmother was born 1766 in [Guilford County, North Carolina](#). She married [Jacob Lineberry](#) also a native of Guilford County with whom she had at least five known offspring. It is through her daughter Rosanna born c. 1800 that our family line continues.

## NEWS OF INTEREST TO THE FAMILY HISTORIAN

### Worthwhile Websites

Overwhelmed by the number of family history-related Web sites popping up?

The folks at [FamilyTreeMagazine.com](#) have taken the time to sort through them to bring us the best. As a result they have recently identified the following worthwhile websites:

#### **BBC Family History**

[www.bbc.co.uk/history/familyhistory](http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/familyhistory)

Companion to the BBC series "Who Do You Think You Are?", this site has history articles, research advice, users' ancestor photos and message boards.

#### **Tribal Pages - [www.tribalpages.com](http://www.tribalpages.com)**

Not just another place to share pedigrees, this free site lets you share, document, chart and illustrate your family tree online. To date, TribalPages has more than 100,000 trees and a database of more than 80 million names and 1 million photos.

#### **101 Best Web Sites**

Check out Family Tree Magazine's 2008 annual list of the 101 Best Web Sites for genealogy research at <http://tinyurl.com/4vsrdl>

These sites are free unless

marked with an \$ to signify that access to some or all of the content requires a fee.

The websites have been divided into the following categories according to the researchers particular interests and experience: [Best for Beginning Researchers](#); [Best for Web Researchers](#); [Best for Military Researchers](#); [Best for US Researchers](#); [Best for African-American Researchers](#); [Best for Canadian Researchers](#); [Best for Immigration Researchers](#); [Best for British Isles Researchers](#); [Best for "Continental" Researchers](#); [Best for Jewish Researchers](#)



## Help Get Pennsylvania Death Certificates Online

Here is the link to the website about the grassroots effort to get older Pennsylvania state death certificates available online like they have started to do in other states: <http://users.rcn.com/timarg/PaHR-Access.htm>.

Please pass this information onto anyone you

know who is into Pennsylvania genealogy and history including out of state residents. I'm sure you can appreciate just how helpful such a database would be in doing research.

Contributed by Tim Gruber <[timarg@rcn.com](mailto:timarg@rcn.com)>

## Online Resources For Researching the American Civil War

The War of the Rebellion: a Compilation of the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies < <http://tinyurl.com/bo248> >.

The War of the Rebellion in Cornell University's Making of America, Author: United States. War Dept.> Title: Other Title: Official records of the Union and Confederate armies.

The National Park Service Site for Civil War Soldiers and Sailors

<<http://www.itd.nps.gov/cwss/>>

By clicking on one of the names you can search for individuals: soldiers, sailors, regiments, cemeteries, battles, prisoners, medals of honor, and national parks.

Contributed by Mike Wooten, <[michaelwooton@hotmail.com](mailto:michaelwooton@hotmail.com)>

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War National Graves Registration Database.

<http://www.suvcwdb.org/home/search.php?action=search>  
You can search without being a member. Many Civil War Links most seem to be working. A lot that were USGenWeb have moved, but they usually give you a new address, or redirect you, usually.

Civil War Cemeteries

<http://www.civilwarhome.com/hist.htm#Cemeteries>

Online Civil War Indexes, Records & Rosters

<http://www.militaryindexes.com/civilwar/>

This page has a list of military links for different states, mainly Civil War. Some links are to the Ancestry.com subscription site.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** If you have any ideas, and or information you might have regarding ways to enhance our researching experiences. Send them to me at [silrem@comcast.net](mailto:silrem@comcast.net).



## A "FAMILY TREE" TREE GROWS AT ROOTSWEB



### Five New Direct Ancestor Surnames Added Eleven Generations compiled for our Bacon Lineage Additional data added to Abbott, Smith, Peachee Records

An updated version of our database was recently uploaded to the World Connect site at RootsWeb.com. **183** new records have been added to our database over the past three months. We now have information on **3,123** persons. Since we update the database quarterly to coincide with the publishing of this newsletter our readers are all reminded to take a look at what is new with our family history research. If you do check the website out you may find some new information that will enhance your own research or you may find some errors in ours that we need to know of.

To access our MMPS Database at Roots Web click the following link: <http://tinyurl.com/4z3ky6>. You may also access our family tree by going to <http://worldconnect.rootsweb.com/>. On that page you will see on the left column a box entitled, "jump to a specific tree". Type in *jemoreland* and click on "go", or just search for any name in the database and you will be taken to that record.

Please know that we would always welcome any new information that you may have on our common ancestors.



## WHAT'S NEW AT THE WEBSITE??

### *Our Maternal and Paternal Ancestors: 350 Years of History in America*

#### New Volumes Added to Our Genealogy Reference Book Library History of Maries County, MO added to family Source Documents

For many of us who have researched our Maries County, Missouri ancestors the book entitled, *History of Maries County*, by Everett Marshall King, has been an essential resource. Fortunately we've been able to add a copy of it to the Maries County "Image Archives". In addition we've placed specific chapters and citations from the book within the following Source Documents family archives: MORELAND, (Moreland surname citations); (Moreland/ Southard/ Hart/ Mosher pp. 596-628); PINNELL, (Pinnell pp.650-656); BROWN and WALKER, (Brown/ Ferrell/ Walker pp. 311-318).

Many new volumes have been added to our [Genealogy Reference Library](#) during the past three months. As a result of this impressive expansion a separate webpage has been created just for books that pertain to USA locations. The [USA Collection](#) webpage now totals over 100 books covering state-wide, county, and local subjects in 20 states.

If you are looking for new information about Surnames then take a look at the newly revised [Surname Resources Webpage](#). Here you can link to resources found at Rootsweb, as well as websites recommended by Cyndi's List. Additional links on

the aforementioned Surname Resources Webpage will also access Rootsweb's surname List Finder, Soundex Converter, Message Boards, and Mailing Lists, and if that is not enough there is also a link to a website containing common surname variations.

Take a look at our two new surname pages at the [MMPS Home Page](#) at <http://tinyurl.com/56odpr>. Our recent investigations have uncovered information about several new direct ancestral lines, such as the ABBOTT family of Suffolk Co., New York, and Salem County, New Jersey, as well as our BACON ancestors of Norfolk, England.

Over the past three months many new web pages and images have been created and added to [Ancestral Locations](#). The home page has been revised. In addition, new image galleries have been constructed for a wide variety of locations in the United States, United Kingdom, and Germany.

Because we update the website several times between the publishing of this Newsletter you are reminded and encouraged to take a look at the new and revised family information and genealogical resources added to *Our Maternal & Paternal Ancestors 350 Years of History in America: An Archive of Genealogical Information*. For access use the following address,  
<<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~tqpeiffer/>>.

#### **NEW AND REVISED "MMPS" SURNAME PAGES:**

[Abbott](#); [Bacon](#); [Eubanks](#); [Peachee](#); [Smith](#);

#### **NEW "MMPS" SOURCE DOCUMENTS:**

[Elizabeth Pinnell Fritts \(death record\)](#); [Sarah R. Brown-James A. Deatherage \(1850 marriage record\)](#); [History of Maries County, MO: \(Moreland surname citations\)](#); [\(Moreland/Southard/Hart/Mosher pp. 596-628\)](#); [\(Pinnell pp.650-656\)](#); [\(Brown/Ferrell/Walker pp. 311-318\)](#); [Samuel Scott Scruggs \(Rev. War Pension\)](#); [Will of Abdon Abbott \(abstract\)](#); [Robert J. Walker \(Widow's Civil War Pension card\)](#); [Robert J. Walker \(Invalid Civil War Pension card\)](#); [Jacob Christman homesite \(map\)](#); [Christman Homesite \(photo\)](#); [Robert Brown \(1851 Maries Co., MO homesite\)](#)

#### **NEW "MMPS" FAMILY PHOTOS / IMAGES:**

[Jacob Christman \(gravestone\)](#); [Peggy WagonerChristman \(gravestone\)](#);  
[Joseph Christman \(gravestone\)](#);

#### **NEW AND REVISED "MMPS" SPECIALTY PAGES:**

[War Veterans \(MMPS\)](#)

**NEW & REVISED "ANCESTRAL LOCATION" PAGES****U.S.A.:**

[Amelia Co., VA](#); [New Jersey](#); [New York](#);  
[Orange Co., NC](#); [Perry Co., IL](#); [Salem Co., NJ](#);  
[Woodward Co., OK](#)

**GERMANY:**

[Sudwestpfalz](#); [Zweibrucken](#)

**FRANCE:**

[Molsheim](#)

**UNITED KINGDOM:**

[Lancashire](#); [Norfolk](#)

**NEW & REVISED "ANCESTRAL LOCATIONS" PHOTO & IMAGE ARCHIVES****U.S.A.:**

[Amelia Co., VA](#); [Orange Co., NC](#);  
[Perry Co., IL](#); [Salem Co., NJ](#)

**GERMANY:**

[Zweibrucken](#)

**FRANCE:**

[Molsheim](#)

**UNITED KINGDOM:**

[Norfolk](#)

**"SPECIAL TOPICS" NEW & REVISED PAGES:**

[10th Virginia Regt., Continental Line](#); [American Migration Routes](#); [Immigrant Ancestors](#);  
[Research Reference Library \(USA\)](#); [Surname Locator Resources](#), [Southwest Trail](#)

**"SPECIAL TOPICS" NEW & REVISED PHOTO & IMAGE ARCHIVES:**

[10th Virginia Regt., Continental Line](#);

**RESEARCH CONNECTIONS**

Since the first issue of this newsletter was created back in the Fall of 2002 its distribution list has quadrupled. Along the way we have interacted with many genealogists that have expressed an interest in one or more of the family lines contained within our MMPS database located at Roots Web. Because networking is a key to the success of any family historian we feel that it is important for this newsletter to help in making that connection. Below is a listing of several subscribers and the common family lines they are researching.

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Luann Seamons <a href="mailto:lubose@plmw.com">lubose@plmw.com</a>	Green, Bracken	Jasmine Snipes <a href="mailto:JMSnipes@magellanhealth.com">JMSnipes@magellanhealth.com</a>	Bennett and Snipes

If you would like to be included on this list or if should any of the above named persons would like their information deleted or revised contact Fred at [silrem@comcast.net](mailto:silrem@comcast.net).

## SURNAME SEARCH

### YARBOROUGH

Featured Databases	Matches	Other Searches	Matches
<a href="#">WorldConnect</a>	14,863	<a href="#">Web Site Search</a>	4,729
<a href="#">Social Security Death Index</a>	2,101	<a href="#">Alumni Lists</a>	2
<b>Vital Records</b>	<b>Matches</b>	<a href="#">Book Indexes</a>	7
<a href="#">California Death Index</a>	83	<a href="#">Cemetery Listings</a>	32
<a href="#">Texas Death Index</a>	240	<a href="#">Census Records</a>	11
<a href="#">Kentucky Death Index</a>	11	<a href="#">BLM/GRO Land Records</a>	125
<a href="#">Kentucky Marriage Index Husband</a>	3	<a href="#">Obituaries</a>	13
<a href="#">Kentucky Marriage Index Wife</a>	3	<a href="#">Atlas/Gazetteer Listings</a>	1
<a href="#">World War One Draft Index</a>	43	<a href="#">Military Records</a>	6
<a href="#">Early Death Records</a>	24	<a href="#">Newspaper Indexes</a>	4
<a href="#">Pre-1920 Marriages</a>	12		
<a href="#">Pre-1920 Births</a>	1		

“Surname Search” features matches of a direct ancestral surname, from my database, found at RootsWeb.com(<http://searches.rootsweb.ancestry.com/>). Follow the links to information that may be useful and hopefully rekindle your own research into this family as well as other topics at RootsWeb. To see what information we have uncovered on this family follow the links to our Website at <http://tinyurl.com/3lbrly>. and Database at <http://tinyurl.com/4z3ky6>.

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