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WELCOME

Hello Everyone;

Welcome to the SUMMER 2009 issue of our family newsletter. We've included you on the 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 tips on worthwhile websites useful for researching our European ancestors.

The feature article, of this issue, is entitled, *Our French Ancestors of "La Ban De La Roche"*. This article describes the Cloue, Loux, and Mougénat families who lived during the 17th and 18th centuries, in a unique part of eastern France known as Le Ban De La Roche.

In addition to some general topics of interest for the family historian, the ZANDT 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. You are also reminded to check out the Research Connections to see if anyone else is researching your family.

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 1 new direct ancestral family lines were uncovered and 100 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 section of this issue.

Fred & Tom

A QUOTE TO NOTE

"If you cannot get rid of the family skeleton, you may as well make it dance." - George Bernard Shaw

FEATURE ARTICLE

Our French Ancestors of “Le Ban De La Roche”

We generally describe our maternal ancestors as a combination of English and [Scotch-Irish](#). In fact back in the 2nd issue of this newsletter we published an article about our Scotch-Irish heritage. As such until recently we've been researching ancestral locations in England, Scotland and Northern Ireland, only. Lately with the discovery of ancestral lines back to English nobility we've found many French family surnames, such as: [Artois-Capet](#); [Beaumont](#); [Fresney](#), [Stutville](#), any many others. Therefore lately we've been working on locating our French ancestral locations and corresponding gen-sites. The great majority of the aforementioned families originated in Normandy obtaining land and power in Britain after the William, Duke of Normandy, invaded and conquered England in 1066, (see our newsletter issue # 24). French lineage through nobility is common and usually fairly easy to research and document. But what about our common everyday French ancestors? We really were not aware of these families until recently when we located our 6th great-grandfather [Jacques “Jacob” Christman](#) whose life was featured in issue # 23.

Jacob was born 1720 in the [Alsace](#) region of France and eventually migrated to America. Research of his ancestry shows several family lines from not only France but also Germany and Switzerland. As a result we've added the French family lines of Cloue; Loux; and Mougénat to our ever growing direct ancestral family tree. All of these three families originated in the Ban de la Roche area of western France. [Ban de la Roche](#), (German: *Steintal*), is the name of an ancient seigneurie and later a county. It is situated in [Bas-Rhin Department](#) of the Alsace region. To this day many continue to refer to this small region by the ancient name, because of its strong identity to a French-German culture and it being relatively different from its neighbors who are Catholic rather than Lutheran as predominates in this area. The old Ban de la Roche included eight villages: [Rothau](#) (seigneurie-seat), Wildersbach, [Neuviller](#) (with the hamlets la Haute Goutte and



Location of Bas-Rhin

Riangoutte), Waldersbach, Bellefosse, [Belmont](#), [Fouday](#) (with the hamlet Trouchy) and [Solbach](#). The following are brief histories of these family lines.

Our 10th great-grandmother, [Catherine Cloué](#), is the only person currently known of this family line. Catherine was born circa 1604 in the village of [Fouday](#), now located within French canton of [Schirmeck](#). Before 1637 she married [Christian Nicholas Christman](#) also a native of Fouday. To this union at least five children were born between 1637 and 1648. We are

descended through their eldest son [Christian Christman](#) born in 1637. Catherine lived for eighty years until she passed away at [Solbach](#) a small town also located within the canton of Schirmeck.

DIRECT LINEAGE TO CLOUE FAMILY

- 1 [Catherine Cloue 1604 - 1683/84](#)
- 2 Christian Christman 1637 - 1699
- 3 Nicolas Christman 1665/66 - 1749
- 4 Jean Jacques Christman 1693 - 1721
- 5 Jacob Christman 1720 - 1785
- 6 Rebecca Christman 1766 -
- 7 Rosanna Lineberry 1800 - 1873
- 8 Sarah Bennett 1816 - 1893
- 9 John P. Moreland 1832 - 1917
- 10 Jeremiah E. Moreland 1858 - 1901
- 11 Jerre' Floyd Moreland 1899 - 1971

Our 9th great-grandfather [Nicholas Loux](#) was born in 1617. Nicholas is shown in the 1650 census as a citizen of the village of Solbach. Records show that he was married three times during his life. In 1658, at the nearby village of [Waldersbach](#), Nicholas married for a third and final time to a woman named Claudette. This union produced our 8th great-grandmother [Eve Loux](#) born 1666 at Solbach. Nicholas Loux passed away in 1669 at Solbach. Around 1692 Eve Loux married [Nicholas Christman](#) also a native of Solbach. To this union at least five known off-spring were produced between 1693 and 1708. Our family line continues

through their son [Jean Jacques Christman](#) born in 1693. Eve (Loux) Christman lived her entire life in the small village of Solbach where she died in 1741.

DIRECT LINEAGE TO LOUX FAMILY

- 1 [Nicholas Loux 1617 - 1669](#)
- 2 Eve Loux 1665/66 - 1741
- 3 Jean Jacques Christman 1693-1721
- 4 Jacob Christman 1720 - 1785
- 5 Rebecca Christman 1766 -
- 6 Rosanna Lineberry 1800 - 1873
- 7 Sarah Bennett 1816 - 1893
- 8 John P. Moreland 1832 - 1917
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Our Mougénat lineage has been traced back to [Claude Mougénat](#), our 10th great-grandfather. Claude was probably born around 1600 in the Ban de la Roche area of western France.

DIRECT LINEAGE TO MOUGENAT

- 1 Claude Mougénat 1600 - 1670
- 2 Marguerite Mougénat 1643 - 1705
- 3 Nicolas Christman 1665/66 - 1749
- 4 Jean Jacques Christman 1693 - 1721
- 5 Jacob Christman 1720 - 1785
- 6 Rebecca Christman 1766 -
- 7 Rosanna Lineberry 1800 - 1873
- 8 Sarah Bennett 1816 - 1893
- 9 John P. Moreland 1832 - 1917
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He died in 1670 at the village of Solbach. We are descended through his daughter [Marguerite Mougénat](#) born at [Neuviller la Roche](#) also located in Schirmeck. In 1663, Marguerite married [Christian Christman](#) in the local church at nearby Waldersbach. Between 1666 and 1680 at least six known off-spring were produced of this union. Our descendancy continued through Marguerite's son [Nicholas Christman](#) born at Solbach in 1666. Marguerite Mougénat lived for over 62 years until she passed away at Solbach in 1705.

NEWS OF INTEREST TO THE FAMILY HISTORIAN

Worthwhile Research Tips and 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:

Best Sites for "Continental" Researchers**

[Danish Demographic Database](#) - Use the nearly 400,000 records in the emigration database, covering 1868 to 1908, to locate Denmark relatives. Then follow them in census records, containing nearly 13 million names as far back as 1769.

[Digitalarkivet](#) - Originally home to 1801, 1865, 1875 and 1900 Norwegian censuses, this national archives site is expanding to eventually encompass 1.85 million pages from nearly 11,000 parish records—the most important family research tools in Norway.

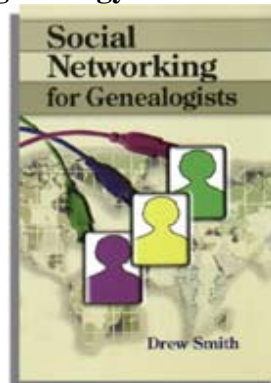
[Federation of Eastern European Family History Societies](#) - This site is home to resource guides, maps and databases making it a good starting point for researching 14 Eastern and Central European nations and ethnicities.

[Genlias](#) -Going Dutch takes on a new meaning thanks to this enviable database of nearly 45 million names extracted from some 10.8 million civil register records. New here are statement of succession records (inheritance declarations used to calculate death duties) dating from 1808.

[Getty Thesaurus of Geographic Names Online](#) - Stumped by European place names? This guide to more than 900,000 places in Europe and around the world covers current and historic geography.

*** These sites are for ancestors from Europe. If the homeland you are looking for isn't covered here, check [WorldGenWeb](#).*

Do you know the difference between a wiki and a woiky? Do you think My Space is just for kids? Have you been on We're Related? Do you know how these and other social networking sites can enhance your genealogy research?



You will find out if you read the ground-breaking new book [Social Networking for Genealogists](#), by online genealogy authority Drew Smith. This book describes how the wide array of social networking services now available online are transforming genealogy by way of blogs, message boards

& mailing lists, podcasts, RSS feeds, wikis, genealogy-specific social networks, and much more. Priced at \$18.95, [Social Networking for Genealogists](#) packs more genealogical punch into its 129 pages than any other book of its size.

[The Washington Digital Archives](#)—has added [WWI service statement cards](#) resulting from a 1919 Congressional act directing the US Department of War to provide states with summaries of each WWI veterans' wartime records. Card images are online. (scroll to the bottom of the page to search). After you've made a match you can download the record, (I was missing a necessary plug-in, but another button let me open records in JPG format). There's also a glossary to the military abbreviations in the records.

New Changes to Navigation Features at Ancestry.com



Genealogy subscription site Ancestry.com changed its main navigation features in an effort to make the site quicker and easier to get around.

The changes don't look huge, but you'll probably really appreciate them if you use the site much at all. Above is the new navigation bar.

One good new feature was added to the search tab. In stead of clicking the Search tab on the home page and then waiting for the page to load so you can click more until you get to the database you want, now you just hover over the Search tab for a drop-down menu of most-used databases—including the census.

The Family trees drop-down menu gives you quick

links to your own trees, to start a new tree and to upload a GEDCOM. Under Collaborate (the former Community area), you'll find links to the World Archives project, message board, member directory and your public profile. Learning Center options include getting started steps, the Ancestry.com blog and FAQs.

The DNA, Publish and Shop buttons don't have drop-down menus. Click these to go to, respectively, Ancestry DNA, My Canvas and the Ancestry.com store. Buttons for your to-do list and quick links are now in the top right corner of every page.

FamilySearch Adds Alabama Death Index and More

New records on the free FamilySearch record search pilot site include a statewide death index for Alabama with more than 1.8 million names dating from 1908 to 1974. Note this is an index; the database doesn't contain record images.

As FamilySearch digitizes records, webmasters often add the images before the indexes are completed. You won't be able to search such collections for a name until

the index is added, but you still can browse the record images.

To browse, click the region of interest in the map on the pilot site home page. You'll see a listing of collections by country; click the collection title you want. Next, choose from the subcategories (which might be counties, dates, or alphabetical ranges—it depends how the records are organized).

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.



A 'FAMILY TREE' GROWS AT ROOTSWEB



Direct Ancestral Line of Ball Family Surname Added

An updated version of our database was recently uploaded to the World Connect site at RootsWeb.com. **100** new records have been added to our database over the past three months. We now have information on **3,445** 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.

Our recent investigations have uncovered information about a new direct ancestral line of the BALL family name beginning with Martha Ball born circa 1685 probably in Scotland. She married James Kerr.

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/>

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

Are You Researching Scotch-Irish Ancestors From Northern Ireland? More Pennsylvania and New Jersey Books Added To Our Library

We've added 9 NEW surname pages and revised several others at the MMPS Home Page: <http://tinyurl.com/56odpr>. The new and revised pages now have and expanded section on the ORIGINS OF THE SURNAME which now includes more information about the meaning and history of the name as well as names of some immigrants to North American who have the surname or variant.

If you're looking for a county history or church records you may find it in our Library. During the past three months we've been concentrating upon the expansion of books in our Genealogy Research Library that pertain to Pennsylvania and New Jersey. As a result we now have 66 volumes that cover county histories and records, and 34 books that address the histories and records of a many towns and churches in Pennsylvania. Our New Jersey collection numbers 36 books about county histories and records, in addition to 23 volumes that address local histories and records. Most of these books are fully searchable and can be downloaded to your computer.

Over the past three months over 20 new or revised web pages and corresponding images added to our Ancestral Locations sub-site located at:

<http://tinyurl.com/5rcafv>. If you are researching any Scots-Irish ancestors you may find our new pages on Northern Ireland informative.

Readers who have an interest in Historic American Roads And Migration Routes should take a look at the new updates and revisions at the pages which address (1) Routes to the North-Central Lakes Plains, and (2) Routes to Virginia, the Carolinas, and Georgia.

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/>.

As with the database you may find some new information that will enhance your own research or you may want to advise of some new information that we can include at the site. Either way I would appreciate an email from you just to let me know that you've found your way to our online website.

NEW AND REVISED "MMPS" SURNAME PAGES:

MMPS Surname Index: Bennett; Bishop; Cloue; Loux; Mogenat; Neuvillers; Portner; Ringuelsbach; Rohrbach; Thon; Zandt

NEW "MMPS" SOURCE DOCUMENTS:

MMPS Source Document Galleries: Gravestone Photos of Squire Bruce Peachee; The Children of Squire Bruce Peachee; David Kerr

NEW "MMPS" FAMILY PHOTOS / IMAGES:

MMPS Heritage Image Galleries:

NEW AND REVISED "MMPS" SPECIALTY PAGES:

NEW & REVISED "ANCESTRAL LOCATION" PAGES

U.S.A. Ancestral Locations: Anson Co., NC; Augusta Co., VA; Duplin Co., NC; Georgia; Greene Co., GA; Idaho; Iowa; Jackson Co., GA; Missouri; Pennsylvania

FRANCE Ancestral Locations: Bas-Rhin Departement; Eure Departement; France (Country);

GERMANY Ancestral Locations: Hesse (State); Reutlingen (District);

SWITZERLAND Ancestral Locations: Berne (Canton; Switzerland (Country);

UNITED KINGDOM Ancestral Locations: Antrim, NI; Down, NI; Lincolnshire, England; Londonderry, NI; Northern Ireland

NEW & REVISED "ANCESTRAL LOCATIONS" PHOTO & IMAGE ARCHIVES

U.S.A. Image Archives: Anson Co., NC; Duplin Co., NC; Greene Co., GA; Jackson Co., GA;

FRANCE Image Archives: Bas-Rhin Departement; Eure Departement;

GERMANY Image Archives: Reutlingen District;

SWITZERLAND Image Archives: Swarzenburg

UNITED KINGDOM Image Archives: Antrim, NI; Down, NI; Lincolnshire, England; Londonderry, NI

"SPECIAL TOPICS" NEW & REVISED PAGES:

LIBRARY Table Of Contents Page: General Reference & Location; United Kingdom Reference; United Kingdom Locations; USA Reference; USA Locations

HISTORIC AMERICAN ROADS AND MIGRATION ROUTES: Catskill Turnpike; Chicago Road; King's Highway(MA/SC); State Road; Fall Line Road; Routes to the North-Central Lakes Plains; Routes to the Southwest; Routes to Virginia, the Carolinas, and Georgia

MILITARY Table of Contents Page: 2nd NJ Regiment, 10 VA Regiment (Revolutionary War); 2nd VA Cavalry, 5th VA Cavalry, 187th PA Inf. Regiment (Civil War); 110th Inf. Regiment (WWI); 6th Special NCB, 87th NCB (WWII);

OTHER Pages: [Surname Locator Resources](#)

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

MIGRATION Image Galleries: Carolina Road; Chicago Road; El Camino Real De Los Tejas; Gulf States (general maps); Fall Line Road; Federal Road; Great Indian Warpath; Great Wagon Road; Jackson's Military Road; King's Highway(MA/SC); Mackinac Trail; Natchez Trace; National Road; North Central Lakes Plains (general maps); Old Alabama Road; Old Michigan Road; Old San Antonio Road; Routes to VA, the Carolinas & GA (general maps); San Antonio-Laredo Road; Southwest Trail; State Road; Trails of Tears

MILITARY Image Galleries: 2nd VA Cavalry (Rosters of Field Officers, Staff, Company K); 6th Special NCB (WWII);

OTHER Pages:

RESEARCH CONNECTIONS

Since the first issue of this newsletter was created back in the Fall of 2002 its distribution list has grown significantly. 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 lubose@plmw.com	Green, Bracken	Jasmine Snipes JMSnipes@magellanhealth.com	Bennett and Snipes
Gay Edens Carrigan gaedcar@xipline.com	Peter Eades, born ca 1773-79, Albemarle Co., VA, m. Sarah Henderson Sandridge, 1803,	Kasey Hart angelkcp23@angelic.com	Peachee family of Burlington, Co., & Salem Co., NJ

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.

SURNAME SEARCH

ZANDT

Featured Databases	Matches	Other Searches	Matches
WorldConnect	402	Web Site Search	9,433
Social Security Death Index	281	Book Indexes	12
Vital Records	Matches	Census Records	3
California Death Index	2	Newspaper Indexes	1
Texas Death Index	3	Obituary Daily Times	145
Early Death Records	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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Someday you'll be an Ancestor too!

