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14TH ANNUAL MEETING - THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24
STOCKERTOWN MEMORIAL HALL
DINNER, 6:30, \$8.50 - CASH BAR, 6:00

Save that date of October 24! Plan to be on hand for our 14th Annual Dinner Meeting. Election of Board members will take place. Officers of the Board will be elected at the January meeting.

The price of \$8.50 (same as last year, by the way) includes tax and gratuity. It's a gala affair. Bring friends - visitors are always welcome - and send checks by October 16 to Mr. Reginald M. Banks, Jr., 669 Williams Rd., Nazareth, PA 18064.

"Colonial Living" will be the topic by Margaret D. Druse (Mrs. Frederick W.), Easton. Margaret is a member of the Board of Directors, Northampton County Historical and Genealogical Society, serving as financial secretary, 1978-1985. She has gone through all top levels of Great Valley Girl Scout work and continues to serve as trainer and member of Council committees.

Our speaker has served on the local AAUW Board of Directors and was vice president, 1967-1969; currently she is area representative. Most recently and for several years before its publication in 1983, Margaret was assistant editor for the AAUW book, "Our Hidden Heritage-- Pennsylvania Women in History."

Margaret has been on the boards of the Northampton County Tourism Council and the Palmer Township Historical Society. She has published original crochet designs in Leisure Arts leaflets.

The committee in charge has included Janet A. Gum, Mary Banks, Betty Morris, and Althea Neuner. Virginia and Joe Lopresti will exhibit Jacobsburg artifacts and Bob Newell and Jim Wright will show Henry rifles.

After years of graciously supplying flowers and arrangements for our affairs, Peggy Shuttleworth most regretfully must beg off this year. We express our appreciation for Peggy's faithful and willing service. Many many thanks!

"Jacobsburg", the excellent Sandwick book, will be available at \$25.18.
Already about 200 copies have been sold.

NOMINATIONS

The Nominating Committee (Jessie Sandwick, H. Robert Daws, and Gladys Marhefka) presents the following nominees for Board membership for a three-year period beginning January 1986: William Atherton, Janet A. Gum, Matthew K. Morris, Ellis Neuner, Robert N. Newell, Kathryn Schlamp, Ann Marie Trbuza, Louise K. Young.

According to the Bylaws, these names must be in the hands of members at least 10 days before the election. Nominations from the floor are welcome; just please be sure the person named has agreed to serve.

NOTES AND NEWS

Our Society has a busy fall season lined up. On Saturday, October 19, we observe the transition of the Jacobsburg State Park as a park to its more precise function as an environmental education center, part of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources, Bureau of State Parks. Activities include a brief ceremony, 11:30 a.m., at the amphitheater to dedicate the Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center. A luncheon follows for which reservations should be made with the Center's Office by October 11, 759-7616. The State will be represented officially by Lou Ritovale, Reading. A caravan tour of all buildings is planned: the Benade House, the Spring House, the Bake House, and the Henry Homestead. To represent the local area, Joe Digerlando has been appointed to the Environmental Education Advisory Commission of Pennsylvania. Joe reports that an annual matching grant is available from the State Council of the Arts for educational projects that are open to the public.

Remember the Annual Membership Dinner on October 24.

Then November 2 is the deadline date to send checks to Matt Morris to reserve space for the trip, November 13, to Hopewell Village, Pottsgrove Mansion, and Daniel Boone Homestead. The trip is sponsored by the Northampton County Historical and Genealogical Society and the Jacobsburg Historical Society. Letters are in the mail. Ann Rahn, curator of the Northampton County Historical Museum, Easton, is the representative from the other Society.

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We are happy to announce Lauren, aged 3½ weeks, has been welcomed into the Prinkey household. Congratulations to all!

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At the Henry Homestead Open House on October 27, Betty Morris and Margaret Peters plan for Peggy Pagni to show quilts. Henry guns will be on exhibit too.

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Virginia Lopresti reports completing this past summer the cataloging of the Kocher arrowhead collection. These items came from the Schoeneck, Nisky, and Rose Inn areas. Virginia will also catalogue the Liebenguth arrowheads for the cabinet in the Homestead.

Virginia says it may be possible to get a technical assistance grant of \$3000 from the Pennsylvania History and Museum Commission to analyze material gathered by Virginia and Joe over the past 13 years in their Jacobsburg archaeological digging. Another grant of \$1000 may also be available. Applications went in September 1.

Virginia has a 1790 cuff link with a fox head on it found at the digs. The Society granted her permission to take artifacts to the Council for Historical Archaeology in Canada.

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We are saddened to acknowledge the death of Dr. Frederick W. Ward, Easton physician. We have reported his generously giving to the Society a Henry rifle plus the Ward family Bible written in German. We extend our sympathy to Mrs. Ward and the family.

MORE ABOUT THE STEINER FAMILY, PART ONE

By Charles M. Sandwick, Sr.

Since the article in the previous issue was written, more has been learned about the Steiner family. We still don't know how it happened that, in 1748, those Mennonite children became wards of the Moravians and were brought to Bethlehem and Macungie for upbringing.

Barbara Steiner was older than the other children, having been born in the Palatinate, possibly about 1724. She died in Bethabara, North Carolina, in 1765. She was married first in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, 27 Apr 1755, to Martin Lueck (Lick), a farmer and teamster. They moved to Wachovia, the Moravian colony in North Carolina which included congregations at Salem, Bethania and Bethabara, arriving there on 17 Nov 1757. Martin Lueck died at Bethabara in 1760, survived by Barbara and their daughter Magdalena. Barbara married second George Holder.

Magdalena Lueck was betrothed at Salem on 25 Sep 1780 to Johann Reuz (John Reitz) and they were married soon after. Earlier that year, Johann Reuz arrived from Pennsylvania and established a hat making business in Salem.

Barbara's parents, Abraham and Maria (Leib) Steiner, were located about three miles from Lancaster on 7 Dec 1726, when their son Abraham Gottlieb was born. The next child of whom we have a record, Maria Magdalene, was born in Warwick, near Lititz, 3 Jul 1731. In the record of her marriage to August Hermann Francke, Maria Magdalene was called the third daughter of Abraham and Maria Steiner; so we presume there was another daughter, born about 1728 or '29, who may have died young. The remaining children were born in Warwick, Lancaster County, according to their baptismal records. However, Abraham Steiner, the children's father, acquired 63 acres of land in Conestoga, Lancaster County, on 3 May 1740, and was living there in 1748.

We return now to Abraham Gottlieb Steiner (called Abraham) who was born near Lancaster 7 Dec 1726 and died at Schoeneck 26 Aug 1781. He was a blacksmith. At Bethlehem, on 20 Apr 1757, he married Salome Buerstler (Boerstler, Birstler), who was born at Oley 5 Jun 1736 and died in Plainfield (now Bushkill) Township 16 Jan 1795, daughter of Jacob and Catharina (Peter) Buerstler. Abraham and Salome were buried at Schoeneck

Abraham Gottlieb and Salome (Buerstler) Steiner had seven children. (1) Abraham Gottlieb (called Abraham) was born at Bethlehem 27 Apr 1758. He was living in 1795. (2) Johan Jacob (called Jacob) was born at Christian's Spring 24 Mar 1761. He died 9 Dec 1783 and was buried at Schoeneck.

The baptisms of the remaining five children of Abraham and Salome Steiner were recorded at Schoeneck. (3) Johannes (John) was born 3 Jun 1766, died 6 Oct 1844, and was buried at Schoeneck. He was a joiner, or house carpenter, in Plainfield (now Bushkill) Township. At Emmaus, 27 Nov 1792, he married Magdalena Giering, who survived him. By 1801 they were members of the Moravian congregation at Schoeneck, where two of their children were baptized; Anna Louisa, born 12 Mar 1803, who by 1826 was married to Jacob Beitel, lockfiler, of Filetown, Bushkill

Township; Franz Benjamin, born 27 Jun 1810, locksmith, who married at Schoeneck 26 Mar 1833 Maria Haak, born in Easton 6 Apr 1808, daughter of Adam and Rebecka (Abel) Haak.

The next child of Abraham Gottlieb and Salome (Buerstler) Steiner was (4) Anna Maria, born 22 Jul 1769, died 6 Aug 1769. (5) Catharina Elisabeth, born 10 Nov 1771, died 22 Dec 1775. (6) Anna Elisabeth, born 8 Feb 1776, married Thomas Kitchen. The last child was (7) August Heinrich, who was born 13 Oct 1777. He was a house carpenter in what are now Bushkill and Upper Nazareth Townships. Before 1801 he married Elisabeth Frey. The baptisms of four of their children were recorded at Schoeneck: Wilhelm Heinrich, born 27 Jan 1801, died 7 Nov 1805; Salome, born 13 Sep 1803; Eleanora, born 29 Oct 1805; Jonathan, born 3 Sep 1807.

Except for a possible daughter who may have been born about 1728-9, the next child of Abraham and Maria (Leib) Steiner was Maria Magdalene, who was born in Warwick, near Lititz, Lancaster County, 3 Jul 1731, and died at Schoeneck 13 Apr 1799. At Bethlehem on 21 Jan 1762 she became the wife of August Hermann Francke (later called August Heinrich Frank), a tailor, who was born at Eckertshausen near Herrnhag in the Wetterau 13 May 1729 and died at Schoeneck 13 Sep 1801, youngest son of Johann Heinrich and Dorothea Francke. They had no children.

Johann Jacob Steiner (called Jacob) was born in June 1734, and died in Salem, North Carolina, in 1801. He arrived in Wachovia 13 Jun 1755, and became the miller at the congregation's mill below Salem. He was married and had several children.

Anna Elisabeth Steiner (called Elizabeth) was born 11 Nov 1735 and died in Bethlehem 13 Jun 1800. The will of Elizabeth Steiner, spinster, of Bethlehem, dated 12 Jun 1800 and proved 17 June 1800, mentioned her brothers Henry, Jacob and Christian Steiner; her niece, Elizabeth Stauber; goddaughter Elizabeth, daughter of Abraham Levering; friend Elizabeth, sister of Abraham Levering; Magdalena, a widow Negro woman, living in Bethlehem, to receive one cord of hickory wood each year. She named as executors Gottlieb Stauber and his wife Elizabeth, son-in-law and daughter of her brother Henry. The witnesses were Margareth Mutz and Abraham Levering. (File no. 1938; will book 4, page 12; Northampton County).

Christian Renatus Steiner (called Christian) was born 29 Apr 1737. We know very little about him. He witnessed the baptism of David Michler at Schoeneck on 21 Sep 1769. The will of his sister Elizabeth indicates that he was living in 1800; so he may have been the Christian Steiner who with his wife Magdalena partook of Holy Communion with the Evangelical congregation at Moorestown on 2 Nov 1794.

In the next issue, the story of the Steiners will be continued with the records of two more children of Abraham and Maria (Leib) Steiner. Friedrich Heinrich (1739-1820), called Henry, became the ancestor of numerous descendants named Bassler, Beck, Clewell, Colver, Fehr, Plattenberger and Stauber, among others, many of whom were associated with the Jacobsburg area. Johann Peter (1741-1796), called Peter, left a will which provided valuable clues to the history and genealogy of the Steiner family.

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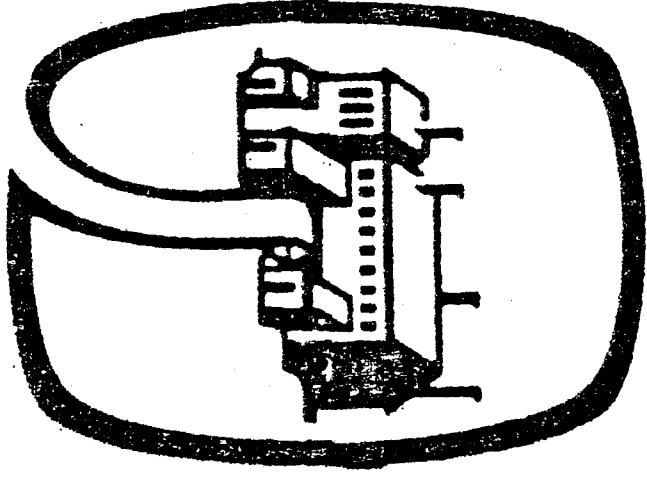
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