

Wolfensberger

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Annual Meeting, Family Reunion in August

IT'S OREGON OR BUST FOR '97 WOLFENSBERGER REUNION

Say you don't have vacation plans this summer? Maybe it's time to plan for an Oregon summer.

If you'd love to explore the rugged Pacific Northwest with its blue-green forests, snow-capped mountains, and rushing streams, maybe it's time to think about driving out to the Wolfensberger family reunion and annual meeting.

The reunion is open to all family members and their families, and this year it's in Clatskanie, Oregon, on August 9. Family members in the U.S. West and Northwest can look for written invitations. Relatives living farther away are welcome, says reunion organizer Jimmy L. Wolfenbarger.

In case you can't place Clatskanie, it's on the south bank of the Columbia River. Running through Clatskanie is U.S. Highway 30, and the town is located approximately 12 miles west of I-5.

If you're thinking of attending the reunion, Jimmy suggests that you also plan a few extra days to enjoy the region. Clatskanie is about 35 miles from the shores of the Pacific, and the communities along the coast offer wind-surfing and fishing. If you

prefer shopping, there are numerous antique shops and a host of nearby tourist sites, including a Maritime Museum and other attractions.

Jimmy suggests you contact him if you're interesting in coming. It's a good idea to contact Jimmy before you arrive, so he can send you travel and tourist information about the area.

There's lodging in Clatskanie at the Northwoods Inn Motel (503-728-4311) and in Kelso, Washington, where there is a Motel 8. There's no sales tax on lodging in Oregon. Jimmy recommends you make room reservations by the first of July.

For additional information, write, call or e-mail Jimmy. His address is 18445 Coop Road, Clatskanie OR 97016. Jimmy's phone is (503) 728-2253, and his e-mail address on the Internet is wolfen@aone.com.

Members are also invited to join in the Wolfensberger Family Association Annual Meeting, scheduled August 9 in Clatskanie. According to WFA Executive Director Larry Jones, the association will hold a brief business meeting for members and potential members.

We'd Like Your Photo. Would You Send Us A Copy For Posterity?

In an effort to build a permanent family archive, the association is attempting to assemble a background folder with records, photos, data and other information about each major family line.

When members join, Executive Director Larry Jones sets up a file folder of family information. It contains genealogical information provided by the member and other records about the member's principal family members.

Now the association would like to add family photos to its archive. Each member is requested to submit their own photograph and copies of photos of their principal ancestors.

Black and white photographs are preferred to full-color photos. If you concur, we'll use these images in the family newsletter. (See p. 2)

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1. William H. SPARGER, Colorado Springs, CO. Descendant of John W. SPARGER, born 1778. Member Board of Directors WFA, V. P. Engineering Colorado Interstate Gas Company; 2. Robert L. WOLFERSBERGER, Oroville, CA. Descendant of John Philip WOLFERSBERGER, born 1739; 3. Carlene Phillips, Hillsboro, OH. Descendant of Joseph W. SPARGUR, born 1781; 4. Joseph WOLFENBERGER, Hutchinson, KS. Descendant of Joseph Peter WOLFENBARGER, born 1752. Member - Board of Directors WFA, Retired Col. U. S. Army; 5. Billie and Charles COX, Cincinnati, OH. Billie is a descendant of Joseph Peter WOLFENBARGER, born 1752. Billie has been very involved in civic affairs, music and medicine in Cincinnati; 6. Lawrence (Larry) M. JONES, Oklahoma City, OK. Descendant of Joseph Peter WOLFENBARGER, born 1752. Executive Director WFA, retired management AT&T; 7. Charlotte LUCAS, Tulsa, OK. Descendant of Joseph Peter WOLFENBARGER, born 1752, Member Board of Directors WFA, retired from Banking, Member of Board of Directors of Tulsa Genealogical Society; 8. Margery and Earl W. SPARGUR, San Jose, CA. Earl is a descendant of Joseph W. SPARGUR born 1781. Earl is a retired management person of Pacific Bell Telephone; 9. B. J. DELONG, Jefferson City, MO. B. J. is a descendant of Joseph Peter WOLFENBARGER born 1752. Member Board of Directors WFA. She serves as an officer in the steel company that was formed by her late husband Joe. She has an outstanding history of involvement in civic affairs.

IF YOU'RE COMFORTABLE SURFING THE WEB, DIAL UP E-MAIL ADDRESSES OF MEMBERS

Millions of Americans use the Internet daily, primarily for use in sending Internet e-mail messages to friends and family. These are addresses of members who permitted their addresses to be used. Since this address list went through several hands, some addresses may be incorrect or out of date.

To add your name and address to this list, simply contact Larry Jones, the WFA Executive Director, at this e-mail address: wolfberg@icon.net

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The I-Net's Interesting But Frustrating, Too

by William F. Spargur

The Internet offers an interesting electronic environment for experienced or neophyte genealogists.

The interconnecting electronic pathways are like the wooded trails followed by our ancestors. And like the migratory routes our forebears followed from Switzerland to the Colonies, the electronic pathways of the Internet offer similar dangers, frustrations and joys.

Electronic pathways criss-cross the world, too. But they operate within a fraction of a second.

Dangers lurk in the destructive behaviors of criminals and vandals that periodically infest computer systems with computer viruses and worms.

The frustrations are also similar. They come from putting in hours of work for a research effort and not

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Surfing The Internet In Search of Family History: An Interesting But Often Frustrating Experience

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finding the answer, or finding the wrong answer. Or perhaps your Internet provider's system bogs down, your URL (Uniform Resource Locator) no longer works, to mention a few.

The joys are obvious. After sitting for hours at a small table in a dusty courthouse library, you find the elusive tidbit of information that you've been seeking for years.

Internet's a Tool

The Internet is not a depository of original documents, but it can be an excellent tool for finding genealogical information for a research project.

In most cases, the data you find has been retyped or optically scanned using OCR (Optical Character Recognition) software.

Either retyping or scanning have problems. Scanners may insert incorrect characters.

So may typists. When average typing skills are combined with the errors introduced by tax collectors, sheriffs, county recorders, and others, significant errors can occur.

Here's an example.

When was John Wolfersperger naturalized in the American Colonies?

Giuseppi, M. (p. 25, 1979) says it was April 1, 1744;

Liddell, M. (p. 9, 1997) says the date is April 11, 1744; and Francis, C. (p. 7, 1976) states that naturaliza-

tion occurred on April, 12, 1744.

Another example would be the indenture document in the Lancaster County Courthouse with different spellings for Wolfersberger in the same document.

My Favorite Web Sites

In traversing the World Wide Web (WWW) pages on the Internet I have visited many WWW pages ranging from poor to excellent in quality.

Here are Web sites I personally recommend. This is not an exhaustive list but only a starting collection.

Follow the links that these pages have to other WWW pages.

Ancestry Search (*excellent*).
Type Web address exactly as written:
<http://www.ancestry.com/>

Look through this page and select a topic to do a search. Take a special note of the Social Security Death Index. Jump to other links for additional WWW pages.

Helm's Genealogy Toolbox (*good*).

<http://genealogy.tbox.com/genealogy.html>

Look through "Surname Data" and "Associations."

The Quaker Corner (*excellent*)
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~quakers/index.htm>

This site has a large quantity of Quaker data and other links to visit.

Ren's Genealogy Pages (*excellent*)

<http://www.erols.com/renik/gene58.htm>

This is a beautifully constructed Web site by Russell David Van Asperen, son of Donna Josephine Van Asperen nee Wolfersberger. Excellent presentation.

Lancaster County Historical Society (*excellent*)

<http://lanclio.org/home.htm>

This is an excellent WWW page and is a production of the Lancaster County Historical Society. There is just to much of interest on this page to begin to mention it here. Search Engines. Search engines are used to conduct searches and these are only a few. There are hundreds of search engines available.

Roots Web (*excellent*)

<http://www.rootsweb.com/rootsweb/searches/>

Yahoo (*excellent*)

http://www.yahoo.com/Computers_and_Internet/Internet/World_Wide_Web/Searching_the_Web/Search_Engines/

Alta Vista (*most excellent*)

Altavista's address is <http://www.altavista.digital.com/>

Infoseek Guide (*excellent*) -

<http://www3.infoseek.com/>

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Surfing The Internet For Great Genealogical Web Sites To View

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Magic Search (*excellent*)

<http://www.kamidesign.com/kami/search/>

Play Time, Searchable Genealogy Links (*good*)

This address is: <http://aerodyn.utias.utoronto.ca/html/lo2.htm>

Good links to other WWW pages.

Genealogy's Most Wanted (*excellent*)

<http://citynet.net/mostwanted/>

This is an outstanding WWW page. Go here and post your "most wanted." Follow the instructions for posting. The messages are moderated.

Cherokee by Blood (*excellent*)

<http://cherokee.digigo.com/index.htm>

Want to locate a Cherokee Indian ancestor? This an outstanding WWW page with a tremendous amount of information and links. Excellent presentation.

Lori Hoffman's Home Page

(*good*)

<http://www.seidata.com/~lhoffman/gen.html>

This is a good page to find links to other sources of information. This is a tremendous list of links. When I printed the home page it totaled 13 pages, with 12 pages of links.

William & Marta Spargur's Homepage (*most excellent, but then I am biased*)

<http://www.av.qnet.com/~wfspar/>

This is a good page to see five generations of William's and Marta's genealogy. It is also an excellent demonstration of the use of GED2HTML software.

I have listed only a few WWW pages and search engines that can be used on the Internet in addition to the Wolfensberger Family Association WWW page.

Our association Web site is:

<http://www.icon.net/~wolfberg/>

For those who have not been to the Wolfensberger Family Associations Web page it is one of the best family association pages on the Web.

I enjoy digging through library stacks and courthouse files for information. Unfortunately I live too far from the great resource centers in Pennsylvania, Utah, Ohio, Texas, Tennessee, or North Carolina.

The Internet's World Wide Web offers me an interesting tool for extending search capabilities and making new contacts. You'll like it, too.

References

1 Francis, C. B. (1976). Wolfensberger in America. unpublished manuscript.

2 Giuseppi, M. S. (Ed.) (1979). Naturalizations of Foreign Protestants in the Americas and West In-

13 NEW GENEALOGY WEB SITES TO TRY

1. <http://www.ancestry.com/>
2. <http://genealogy.fbox.com/genealogy.html>
3. <http://www.rootsweb.com/~quakers/index.htm>
4. <http://www.erols.com/renik/gene58.htm>
5. <http://hancfle.org/home.htm>
6. <http://www.rootsweb.com/rootsweb/search/>
7. <http://www.yahoo.com/>
8. <http://www.atarista.digital.com/>
9. <http://www3.att.net/~cand>
10. <http://www.kamidesign.com/kami/search/>
11. <http://aerodyn.utias.utoronto.ca/html/lo2.htm>
12. <http://citynet.net/mostwanted/>
13. <http://www.seidata.com/~lhoffman/gen.html>

dian Colonies (pursuant to statutes 13 George II, c. 7). Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co.

3 Liddell, M. (1997, January). Update of a Wolfensberger family history classic, it contains excerpts from "The Swiss Connection" by Raymond Bell, a 750-year history of Wolfensbergers. (See page 8)

Why Did Our Ancestors Emigrate To 18th Century North Carolina?

by William F. Spargur

I have always wondered why our ancestors emigrated to North Carolina in the 18th Century. Who -- and what -- brought them there?

I found a reference in a book by Adelaide L. Fries (p. 255, 1988) in which Adelaide wrote of a story told by Christian Frey, of the Moravian settlement at Friedberg, North Carolina. As best I can tell, the incident occurred in 1781.

In Frey's story, he refers to a John Wolfesberger in his description of a brutal robbery of Christian's home.

A group of men arrived at Christian's home and forced their way in.

In his account, Christian says, "and John Wolfesberger, who was working for me, went to the door."

John was seized by the men at the door. When Christian tried to reason with the men, he was struck on the head and his wife was struck on the shoulder with the flat of a sword.

I have always wondered if our ancestors followed the Moravian settlers, and if so, why.

I have done some research in the Moravian Church Archives in Salem, North Carolina, but I haven't found any Wolfesbergers listed as members of the Church.

And I haven't been able to identify the John Wolfesberger mentioned

in the book.

Does anyone know? Or have a suggestion?

Reference

Fries, A. L. (1972). *The Road to Salem*. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press.

Story to share?

If you have an interesting story about a family member, why not share it? The newsletter's next deadline is July 1.

Lillie Wolfenbarger Celebrates No. 100

Lillie Wolfenbarger celebrated her 100th birthday on February 24, 1997.

Lillie was the widow of Claud Wolfenbarger, Sr. and the great aunt of W. Frank Wolfenbarger, a WFA board member. She has been a long time resident of Oklahoma City.

Lillie's health is good. In addition, her hearing and sight are normal for her age and she is ambulatory.

Our association presented Lillie with a Wolfensberger family crest mounted in a beautiful frame

8 NEW WFA MEMBERS FROM AROUND U.S.A

COWAN, Tamara L. (Spargur), Lopez Island, WA

ECHOLS, Cathy (Wolfesberger), Anchorage, AK

GRAEF, Richard E. (Spargur), Zionsville, IN

HIGGINS, Sheila Ann (Spargur), Santa Clarita, CA

KULESZA, Annette (Spargur), (member 95), Rapid City, SD

MATHEW, Dolores Gene (Wolfesberger), Wichita Falls, TX

POULLETTE, Geraldine (Spargur), Newport, OR

ROGERS, George Elh (Wolfenbarger), Corydon, TN

RUTH, Sally (Wolfenbarger), Luttrell, TN

SHELTON, Jeffrey M. (Spargur), Clarksville, TN

WOLFENBERGER, Joseph A. (Wolfenbarger), Pleasanton, CA

WOLFENBERGER, Ernest I., North Whittier, CA

WOLFENBERGER, Joseph H., Knoxville, TN

Can You Translate German Into English?

Bob Wolfenbarger (908) 273-7631 needs someone to translate three German-language Wolfensberger family articles into English.

SIX 1997 REUNIONS SET

WOLFENBARGER-WOLFINBARGER June 21, 1997

Wyandotte, Oklahoma
Coordinator
Ann Crabtree,
8080 Norway Road,
Neosho, MO

WOLFENBARGER June 28, 1997

Knoxville, Tennessee
No additional information

Announce Details Of Wyandotte, Oklahoma Reunion on June 21

Ray and Ann Crabtree announced detailed plans for the Wolfenbarger-Wolfinbarger family reunion on Saturday, June 21, 1997.

The event brings together descendants of William Walker Wolfenbarger and members of the Wolfenbarger family.

The reunion will be held at The Tribal Center in Wyandotte, on the north side of U.S. Highway 60.

Each family is encouraged to bring enough food and dessert for their family. Soft drinks, tableware, napkins, plates, ice and bread will be provided.

Registration begins at 10 a.m., followed by a get acquainted period. Dinner begins at noon.

A business session is scheduled to begin at 2:00, followed by a discussion of the family's history.

The Crabtrees live at 8080 Norway Road in Wyandotte. They may be reached by phone at (417) 451-5427.

WOLFENBARGER-WOLFINBARGER SPARGER-SPARGUR August 9, 1997

Clatskanie, Oregon
*(US Highway 30, about 12 miles
west of Interstate 5
from Kelso, WA)*

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Clatskanie, OR 97016

SPARGER August 16, 1997

Galax, Virginia.
Coordinator
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Mt. Airy, NC 27030

WOLFINBARGER September 6, 1997

Irvine, Kentucky
Coordinator
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PO Box 295,
Trenton, OH 45067

WILKINSON-WOLFINBARGER September 14, 1997

Blue Springs, Missouri
Coordinator
Olen Wilkinson,
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Blue Springs, MO 64015

*(Anyone with knowledge of any
other family reunions who would
like that reunion date listed here,
please contact Larry Jones.)*

What's In Name? Spelling Is The Real Problem

How do we spell our family's name? It can be a nightmare when you dig through historical documents.

Is it Wolfenbarger or is it really Wolfenberger?

Both or either can be correct.

One genealogist identifies the family's first emigrant as "John Wolfenbarger". The *Thistle of Glasgow's* manifest refers to "Wolfer Sparger" on page 31 and "Wolfer (A) Sparger" on pages 33 and 34.

Then there's an indistinct document for "Fred Wolfenbarger" and a later milestone identifying "Frederick Wolfenberger."

These differences are perplexing. What's needed is an understanding of the reasons for differences.

Plan Genealogy Conference in May

The 1997 National Genealogical Society will hold a conference for genealogists in Pennsylvania in early May.

The four day conference will be held at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania between May 7 and 10.

It will be filled with programs and presentations that will be valuable to any serious genealogist.

In all, there'll be 174 separate programs on different aspects of genealogy. Any one interested in attending the conference may contact WFA Executive Director Larry Jones for a program and registration information.

The Wolfensberger Family in America: Second Part of "The Swiss Connection"

The second installment of excerpts from "The Swiss Connection" a family history by Raymond Bell of Washington, Pennsylvania, and recently updated by WFA Director Myrna Liddell of Langley, Washington.

In the first installment, the American branch of the family's lineage is traced to Jacob Wolfensberger of Ettenhausen, Switzerland who married in the 16th Century.

The second installment begins with the arrival in America of John Wolfensberger. He is the son of Erhard Wolfensberger of Wolschheim, Alsace, France, b c1695 d c1760 Lebanon Co, Pa m (Mattstall, Alsace) Jan 27-1721 Margaret Ensminger, daughter of Philip Jr b Sep 21-1697 d Dec 1-1775 - to Pennsylvania Aug 29-1730, naturalized Apr 11-1744

1. [Johan] Peter b Oct 16-1721 d 1802
Lebanon Co, naturalized 1755 m1 c1744
Apollonia Brunner; m2 Mar 6-1784
Elizabeth ---
 - a. Frederick b c1745 d 1795 m c1773
Elizabeth Neff
 - i. John b c1774
 - ii. Elizabeth
 - iii. Frederick
 - iv. George
 - v. Philip b Feb 18-1787
 - vi. Elizabeth
 - b. George Michael bap Mar 15-1747 d
Sep 1789 Culpeper Co, Va
m Elizabeth Wenz c1771
 - i. Elizabeth b Aug 22-1772 m
Hergebode
 - ii. Catharine b 1774 m Jonas
Troutman
 - iii. Sarah m Michael Baker
 - iv. George d yg
 - v. Hannah m Apr 14-1796 Peter
Spangler
 - vi. John
 - vii. Margaret
 - c. Margaret m1 George Stone d 1783; m2

- Daniel Henning b Jan 16-1755 d Dec
10-1831
- d. Peter b Apr 30-1758 d Dec 29-1812 m
Catharine Burkey - no issue
- e. Anna m 1782 John Thomas b 1761 d
1795
Ch: Margaret b Nov 3-1783,
Barbara b Jul 20-1785, John,
Jacob, Elizabeth, Anna
- f. (John) George d 1816 m c1794 Eve
Miller
 - i. John b Apr 23-1795
 - ii. Eve b Dec 18-1796 d Jun 4-1869 m
John Strohm b Jun 24-1792 d Aug
14-1872
 - iii. Susanna
 - iv. Peter b Sep 26-1800 d Aug 18-1877
m Elizabeth b Feb 1-1803 d Jun 25-
1876
 - v. Catharine
 - vi. Henry b Feb 3-1805
 - vii. Sarah b Aug 7-1807
- g. John d Mar 23-1807 m Elizabeth
 - i. George b May 7-1802
 - ii. Catharine
 - iii. Mary
2. [Maria] Ursula b Aug 29-1724 d Sep 8-
1727 Langensoultzbach, Alsace
3. [Jacob] Frederich bap Jun 1-1727 d 1764
Lebanon Co, naturalized 1761 m c1748
Ann Meiser; m2 Elizabeth Smith (Zecht);
she m2 Michael Mayer
 - a. Catharine b c1749 d 1810 m 1767
Jacob Gemberlin b c1736 d 1824
 - b. John (under 21 1764)
 - c. (Anna) Mary
4. John b c1730 Alsace, buried Nov 18-1788
Shenandoah Co, Va - naturalized 1761 m
c1751 Hannah Summer - to Virginia c 1770
 - a. Peter b c1752 d 1834 Knox Co, Tenn -

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The Wolfenbargers In America: The Early Years

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- in Greenbrier Co, W Va 1795 m1 c1777
Susanna Miller b 1759; m2 c1813 Milly
Hanson - pension (R11770)
- i. Mary b c1778 m Apr 5-1795 Henry
Barnheart
- ii. John b Oct 12-1780 m Mar 8-1807
Nancy Hanson
- iii. ?Hannah m Henry Cary
- iv. Elizabeth m Barnheart
- v. Jacob b Oct 10-1786 d Aug 19-
1859 Va m Nancy Sloan
- vi. Sarah m Highnote
- vii. Philip
- viii. Rebecca m Elisha James
- ix. Barbara m Feb 14-1814 Samuel
Merit
- x. Peter Amos b 1796 m1 Dec 19-
1815 Nancy Dyer; m2 Anne Idol
- xi. Susanna m1 Sep 14-1816 John
Burnett; m2 McKinney
- xii. Milly b c1814
- xiii. Catharine b 1816 m Jan 15-1835
William McWilliams
- xiv. Andrew b 1818 m Dorcas b 1823
- xv. Samuel b 1820 d Jul 16-1889 Texas
m1 Catherine Fleshart;
m2 Margaret Dugan
- xvi. Nancy b 1822 m Aug 2-1841
Matthew Rhodes
- xvii. Rosanna b 1825 m Feb 2-1852
Matthew Rhodes
- b. John b Aug 17-1754 d Nov 17-1840
Highland Co, Ohio - to N C 1778 m
c1778 Christina (dau of Valentine) Frey
b Nov 22-1759
Surname changed to Sparger
- i. Reuben b May 17-1779 single
- ii. Joseph b Mar 1-1781 m Abigail
- iii. John m Sarah Lyon
- iv. Hannah m Deatheridge
- v. Philip
- vi. Henry m Susanna Roberts
- vii. Ann m Jackson
- viii. William m Nancy Bryson
- ix. Sarah m Jackson
- c. Benjamin b c1756 d 1812 Wythe Co, Va
m1 Aug 7-1780 Catharine Brown; m2
Apr 9-1798 Elizabeth Miller
- i. Samuel b 1804 d 1860 Texas
- ii. Elizabeth
plus 1 daughter, 5 sons
- d. Frederick b c1758 m Catharine
- i. Reuben b May 29-1788
and likely others
- e. Hannah b c1760 m1 Jan 7-1778 John
Gillock d 1783; m2 Jun 1-1784 George
Woods
- f. Philip b 1761 d Oct 1-1852 Pike Co,
Ohio m1 May 4-1786 Catharine
Penewitt; m2 May 23-1791 Catharine
Cooper b Feb 18-1774 d Feb 14-1855 -
pension W6575
- i. Elizabeth b Jan 23-1795 m Abraham
Taylor b May 8-1787
- g. Mary b c1763 m Mar 24-1782 Martin
Miller
- h. Joseph b c1765 d 1808 Shenadoah Co,
Va m1 May 3-1791 Elizabeth Hoy; m2
Feb 8-1794 Ann McGovern b 1773
- i. Barbara b c1768 d bef 1795 m Apr 2-
1788 Joseph Skinner
- 5. (Mary) Catharine b Aug 3-1733 Cocalico,
Lancaster Co, m c1753 Jacob Frey - natu-
ralized 1761
Ch: John b 1764, Eva Elizabeth b 1772
and others
- 6. (Anna) Mary b c1736 m c1756 Martin
Hefflefinger bap Nov 22-1733 - naturalized
1761
Ch: Philip b Aug 18-1757 d Dec 13-1839,
Peter b Oct 19-1764,

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- Frederick b Nov 4-1766, Jacob b Aug 24-1769, Barbara b Jan 10-1776 and others
7. Philip b Feb 14-1739 d Jul 14-1824
Lebanon Co, m1 c1766 Susanna b 1745 d Feb 8-1816; m2 May 28-1818 Charlotte Sihle b Sep 15-1783 d Jun 15-1857
- a. John b Apr 11-1767 d Sep 8-1818 m c1788 Margaret Thomas b Nov 11-1769 d Nov 28-1832
- i. John b Oct 6-1789 d Nov 29-1864 m Elizabeth b Dec 15-1790 d Feb 25-1852
- ii. Elizabeth b Sep 11-1792 d Dec 21-1867 single
- b. Philip b Sep 8-1769 d yg
- c. Frederick b Jun 20-1772 m Nov 12-1805 Sarah Nuhmann
- d. Adam b Jan 20-1774 d Nov 15-1777
- e. Philip b Feb 5-1778 d Aug 3-1846 m1 May 26-1799 Mary Elizabeth Haak b Aug 30-1774 d Oct 12-1821; m2 Sep 25-1827 Barbara Stratzer
- i. John b Jan 23-1800 d Apr 1-1867 m Mary b 1806 d Dec 8-1872
- ii. Jacob b May 31-1801 d Jul 27-1868 m Susanna b 1810 d Jun 14-1869
- iii. Philip b Oct 1802 d Mar 20-1887 Somerset Co, PA
m Elizabeth Stauffer b Apr 8-1809 d Jul 19-1857
- iv. Margaret b Jan 9-1804
- v. Elizabeth b Apr 11-1805
- vi. Sarah m Mar 17-1807 m Bowman
- vii. David b Jul 1-1813
- viii. Levi b Oct 8-1815
- ix. Hannah b Aug 13-1817
plus one son, one daughter
- f. Peter b Apr 12-1780 m Jun 9-1805 Susanna Dumme
- g. Jacob b Nov 28-1782 d yg
- h. Reuben b c1819

New Swiss WFA Member Tells Wolfensberger Family History From Unique View

One of the association's newest members is Max Wolfensberger, a retired manager of an American computer company's Swiss operations. He sought information about the association in late 1996, and joined shortly afterwards. Fluent in English, Max brings an unusual perspective of the family from his Swiss origins.

Below, excerpts from a recent letter to WFA Executive Director Larry Jones:

"Your ancestors descend from the so-called 'Erhardscher Ast' (descendants of Erhart Wolfensberger, father of John, who emigrated to Pennsylvania in 1730), who were native to Ettenhausen, Switzerland. I am a descendent from the so-called 'Heinrichscher Unterast' (another family group).

"I was born ... in Zurich and am married to the former Esther Kuster. We have five children ... and seven grand children, living in the close vicinity of Staefa, at the lake of Zurich.

"Since my boyhood I have been proud to bear the name of such an old family, with a coat-of-arms more than 700 years old. There are not many families in Switzerland (and Europe) who can say so."

Crest Used Before 1556

Referring to a copy of a map from 1556 which places the crest at the site of an early family castle, Max said, "this is proof that our crest has been used previous to 1556 ... and could have been used in the Crusades by the Knight Baldebert." (Baldebert is the first Wolfensberger ancestor in European history, who lived in 13th Century Switzerland.)

Another German language article, published in 1996 in Switzerland, gives a brief history of the Wolfensberger family in Bauma, "including the legend of a young beauty living in the castle waiting for centuries to be released."

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVE EMBROIDERED FAMILY BADGE!

WFA Membership Application

The Wolfensberger Family Association is a not-for-profit association formed for the purpose of providing communications about family events, reunions, queries, obituaries, histories and news to families who are descended from the Wolfensberger family of Switzerland. To join, please complete this form:

Name _____
Address _____

Telephone _____
Date _____

Membership is open to any family member. 1997 dues, effective January 1, 1997, will be \$10 per person. Annual memberships expire at the end of each calendar year, although members who register later in the year will receive all four issues of this newsletter. *New members receive a six-color embroidered family badge based on the family's coat of arms. Absolutely free!*

Please circle or write in the name of your family:

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Registration instructions: Please complete form and send check for \$10 payable to the **Wolfensberger Family Association** for one 1997 individual membership. Mail form and check to the Wolfensberger Family Assn., 6400 Ann Arbor Terr., Oklahoma City OK 73132.

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