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FIRST NATIONAL TRITT FAMILY REUNION

It is with great pleasure that we report to you regarding the First National Tritt Family Reunion. It was held from July 7 to 10, 1983 on the Dickinson College Campus, Carlisle, PA. A total of 79 persons were in attendance from all corners of the United States - California, New Jersey, Wisconsin and Florida. In all 16 states were represented. A complete list of all persons who attended the Reunion was mailed to participants. This list included addresses and telephone numbers. Copies of this list are available on request from Richard Tritt (Boiling Springs, PA). A group picture was taken of the group and mailed to those who ordered it. We thank Mr. Philip Hippensteel for his fine photography work.

Participants in the Reunion occupied all of McKenney Hall, a modern air-conditioned two-story limestone dormitory, built around a pleasant courtyard. Meetings were held and meals served in the nearby Holland Union Building. The consensus seemed to be that the meals were excellent.

People began to arrive on Thursday evening. Members of the basic research group had arrived a day earlier to conduct their annual business meeting, share reports, and make final preparations for the Reunion. The ladies on the Registration Desk, Nancy Tritt (Boiling Springs, PA) and Marilyn Tritt (Granville, OH), along with two very helpful "bellhops", Will Tritt (Bassett, VA) and Tim Tritt (Canton, OH), all made us feel very welcome. We certainly hope we can count on their help in the years to come. Later that evening we enjoyed browsing in the interesting and informative Tritt Exhibition area. In addition, there was available for inspection family line information gathered to this point. The purpose of this service was to facilitate the giving and receiving of specific genealogical information. Throughout the Reunion a Xerox copying service was available to all and conducted by those same two fine ladies on the Registration Desk.

The opening session of the Reunion was on Friday morning at which time the following took place: welcoming and introductions, a brief review of the Tritt Family Research effort, and a description of our data-gathering and record-keeping systems. We then heard an historical account of Tritt locations in Europe and the United States. Following that was a beautiful slide show of identified Tritt sites in the U.S.

After lunch, we took a conducted tour of the Tritt Family Archives housed in the Hamilton Library of the Cumberland County Historical Society, Carlisle, PA. Following this we walked the two blocks back to our meeting rooms in Holland Union and became students in the first session of a two-part workshop on genealogical research methods. This workshop was conducted by Lt. Colonel Harold M. Hegyessy, Jr. (Regular Army-Retired), a volunteer worker on the German-Swiss desk at the LDS Genealogical Library, Salt Lake City, and a professional genealogist. Col. Hegyessy, a Tritt descendent, conducted the basic research uncovering the European origins of the Tritt surname. Harold has graciously agreed to write up the fascinating account of his search and discovery of the TRITT origins and to make this paper available through sponsorship of Tritt Family Research. When this becomes available we will inform those on our mailing list. We are hopeful this introductory workshop will help each person begin research on areas of their own interest. Every bit of research is vital to the eventual publication of a comprehensive Tritt Family History.

On Friday evening, we all enjoyed a most pleasant banquet, designed around a Swiss theme, replete with Swiss dinner music! Following our meal, which seemed to be a special time of sharing, we all took a "quiz" pertaining to Tritt Family History - as we currently know it and as contained in the Tritt Family Newsletter. Don (OH), whose ancestors came from Switzerland as late as 1863, told stories of Switzerland. Following this, "awards" (the table floral decorations) were given to the person traveling the farthest (Constance Rood Fisher, CA), the couple with the most grandchildren (Ralph and Jean Tritt, PA), etc. Next time we'll be sure to add an award for the person or couple with the most descendents present at the meeting. The evening entertainment concluded with a slide presentation of St. Stephan, Switzerland, where Tritts are known to have lived as early as 1560.

All day Saturday was spent touring historical sites in York and Lancaster Counties related to early Tritt migration in Pennsylvania. The local arrangements committee did things in a quality way. We toured in a large air-conditioned bus. Our noon meal was supposed to be a brown bag lunch - instead, it was a fine assortment of foods served from a beautiful spot on the banks of the Susquehanna, not far from the Dritt Mansion. For our evening meal, we had reservations at a fine Pennsylvania Dutch restaurant, served family style in more than ample quantities.

For the Saturday tour, we left Carlisle at 8:30 a.m. and drove through the Pennsylvania countryside to York, PA. We stopped for a short time in York to see several early landmarks - the Capitol, Gates House and Plough Tavern. Other buildings of interest to the group were pointed out, such as the Court House, Bonham House and York County Historical Society. We arrived at a park near the Dritt Mansion at 10:30 a.m. A shuttle service of vans was provided to take smaller groups to the Cemetery and/or the Mansion. At these locations guided tours were presented by Richard Tritt, Wendy Smeltz and Harold Hegyessy. After lunch at the park pavilion, we drove through scenic Lancaster County to the White Chimneys Home and Museum. We had a guided tour of this restored home of the Slaymaker Family which is a part of our heritage. Elizabeth Lefever, wife of Peter Tritt (founder of the family in Cumberland County, PA), was a granddaughter of Anna Barbara Slaymaker who lived in this house. We next visited the early restored "Carpenter's Cemetery". Many early Lancaster County pioneers are buried there including Mary Ferree, a famous woman settler in the town of Paradise, and Isaac Lefever, the great-grandfather of our Elizabeth Lefever Tritt (PA). While we were visiting the cemetery, the Strasburg Railroad train passed by, as well as many Amish in their buggies. After dinner at the "Plain and Fancy Farm", we returned to Carlisle via Harrisburg, where the Capitol, Governor's Mansion and other sites of interest were pointed out by our bus driver. We returned to Dickinson at 8 p.m. after a full but pleasant day.

Sunday morning we all benefited greatly by the second session of the Genealogical Research Workshop conducted by Harold Hegyessy. Following this workshop, business items of a general nature pertaining to the Tritt Family Research project were discussed. Information was sought as to how this project and the current meeting was financed. It was reported that thus far contributions and sales of the 1906 tree and slide sets have been the way we have kept our bills paid. Suggestions were made that perhaps there ought to be a minimal subscription fee for the Newsletter and other items. Thought was also given to seeking incorporation which is the first step to being granted non-profit status. This might further encourage contributions. Preservation of the Dritt Mansion was a concern of those present. The current owners of the house have done a considerable amount of restoration. However, more needs to be done to preserve this fine example of early Colonial German-English architecture. It was reported that, just this year, a committee was formed to look into this matter and to make recommendations at the 1984 meeting. Looking ahead to future meetings, it was suggested that National Reunion-type of meetings be held on a schedule of every five years, the in-between years being reserved for research and work-oriented

meetings. During the closing session, it was suggested that the "hat be passed" because many wanted to make a contribution. This was done and we are very pleased to report that \$375 was contributed which will greatly help pay for this year's expenses and mailings during the year. We departed after lunchtime with some new friends and a resolve to do some research on our own immediate lines.

The Carlisle Evening Sentinel for July 7, carried an article descriptive of this Reunion meeting. It was purchased by most people present at the meeting as a souvenir of the event.

BUSINESS MEETING, JULY 6, 1983

Prior to the National Reunion, members of the research group met to conduct its annual business meeting and to make research reports. This meeting was conducted by Don (OH). A letter was read from Karl Friedrich Tritt of Munich, Germany expressing an interest in Tritt Family Research and offering to compile a list of Tritts living in Germany. Richard Tritt (PA) reported that additional work is needed to connect the following lines to the information we now have: Christian Tritt line (brother of Hans Peter), Wisconsin Tritts, Carolina-Virginia Tritts, Ohio Tritts, and Tritts in foreign countries. A motion was passed to secure incorporation as a non-profit corporation in Pennsylvania. Alfred Henson (PA) will carry this through to completion and report to us at the 1984 meeting. The financial report was given by Wayne Tritt (PA) and is summarized later in this Newsletter. Tim Tritt (OH) reported on his work in obtaining the Boy Scout Genealogical Merit Badge. The suggestion was made that we need to consider use of the computer in our research work. James Tritt (OK) will check relevant computer equipment and costs and will report at the next meeting.

Concern was expressed over what will happen to the Dritt (Tritt) Mansion in the years to come. Although it is now, through the considerable efforts of the current owners, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, this does not assure its physical survival. The motion was passed to establish a study group to look into the possibility of purchasing and further restoring the Mansion. The first act in this regard was the establishment of a committee to review funding. This committee, which had its initial meeting a day after being formed, is composed of the following persons and will report during the 1984 meeting:

Charlotte Everett (PA)
Marilyn Moffitt (ID)
Harry Tritt (PA)
James Tritt (OK)

Richard Tritt (PA)
Timothy Tritt (OH)
Wayne Tritt (PA)

It was the opinion that a sturdy weatherproof sign is needed at the site of the Dritt Mansion and/or Cemetery. Harry Tritt (PA) will proceed with an application to the State of Pennsylvania for a suitable historical cast metal sign. This marker would give credit to Hans Peter Tritt as builder, and to Jacob Dritt, for his military achievements, and would make mention of the Dritt Cemetery behind the house. Harry and Harold Hegyessy (UT) worked out the wording to be placed on the marker. A decision was made to purchase fireproof boxes to house the active working records. The remainder of our time was spent in making last-minute preparations for the 1983 National Reunion. A special thanks goes to Wendy Smeltz (PA) who served as the Recording Secretary of all sessions during the 1983 meeting.

PROJECT FUNDING, by Wayne Tritt, Treasurer

We are very grateful to those of you who provide donations to Tritt Family Research. This has been our major source of funding, being augmented by proceeds

from the sale of slides, photos and Hans Peter Tritt trees. In 1983, you contributed a total of \$659. More than half of this amount (\$375) was received spontaneously during the final business session of the 1983 National Reunion - tangible evidence of the interest of those in attendance. \$55 of the total donations was designated to help offset the cost of providing this Newsletter. Additionally, \$136 was generated by selling copies of the Hans Peter Tritt tree. Please use the back of this Newsletter if you desire copies. In addition, a \$70 profit was realized from the sale of slides and photographs. These, too, are available upon request.

The following donors have helped support Tritt Family Research during 1983:

Glenn A. Tritt	Carlisle, PA
Oliver Dan Tritt, Jr.	Humboldt, TN
Marion A. Tritt	Gering, NB
Virgil E. Tritt	Gurney, AL
Mrs. Maurice E. Tritt	Brownsville, TN
Lorene T. Wagner	Johnson City, TN
Marilyn Moffitt	Pocatella, ID
Mrs. Mary Kelso	Carlisle, PA
Mrs. Gladys Cramer	Shippensburg, PA
Dave and Judy Tritt	Canton, OH
Stan and Mary Harper	Urbana, IL
George and Helen Myers	Webster City, IA
George and Virginia Hill	Iowa Falls, IA
John and Marian Orso	Morristown, NJ
Roy and Helen Whiteacre	Cumberland, MD
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Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Tritt	Lebanon, VA
Jim and Betty Tritt	Broken Arrow, OK
Laura W. Grant	Danville, VA
Jim and Debbie Tritt	Lebanon, VA
Connie Fisher	Glendora, CA
Harold Hegyessy	Pleasant Grove, UT
William Tritt	Oak Ridge, TN
Charlotte Everett	Carlisle, PA
Marie Tritt Mischitz	Lisle, IL
Betty and Wendy Smeltz	Harrisburg, PA
Don and Marilyn Tritt	Granville, OH
Harry and Frances Tritt	Dover, PA
Dick and Nancy Tritt	Boiling Springs, PA
Seldon and Emma Tritt	Shippensburg, PA
Leonard and Connie Tritt	Carlisle, PA
Bill and June Tritt	Oshkosh, WI
Phil and Jane Hippensteel	Mechanicsburg, PA
Wayne and Esther Tritt	Carlisle, PA
Tom Tritt Myers	Redondo Beach, CA
Ralph and Eugenia Tritt	Elwood City, PA

It is the intent to give recognition to all who contributed, but due to the spontaneous and anonymous nature of the funds given at the final session of the 1983 National Reunion, there are undoubtedly names of donors who should have been included above. If your name is not shown, please let us know so that your name can be inserted in the next Newsletter.

Expenses generated during 1983, exclusive of the annual meeting costs, amounted to \$510.16. Of this amount, \$201 was required to print and mail the 1983 Newsletter. Also included in the total is the amount of \$250 which was the cost to produce the

slide sets and the photos. Most of this amount, however, was recovered since it was built into the selling price of these items. The costs of the annual meeting amounted to \$6,292.54. Almost all of this amount also was recovered in the charges made for registration, meals, rooms, etc.

As our research efforts continue, so also does the cost of existing. Our mailing list has increased significantly and, coupled with the inflation of our time, we are constantly reminded of the need to acquire more financial support. We say "Thank You" to all who have contributed in the past. We hope you will continue to give. To those of you who have not yet made a donation, we respectfully solicit your support.

GENEALOGY BADGE, by Tim Tritt of Canton, OH

My name is Tim Tritt and I'm 15 years old. I live in Canton, Ohio and am a member of Boy Scout Troop 905. Recently I did a Genealogy Merit Badge at a meeting of Tritt Family Research.

I attended one meeting before I did my badge and it was very interesting. When I got home I found a Merit Badge I could do and last year (1982) I brought the requirement to the meeting. Everybody was helpful in finding the information I needed.

I would like to thank the people who helped me get my badge.

MAJOR FINDS AND ARTIFACT CONTRIBUTIONS OF 1983

1. The Joseph Tritt Bible, dated 1833, and related papers, a gift of Mr. and Mrs. Cleon Wells (Avon Park, FL), was placed in the Tritt Family Archives. This Bible contains the original handwritten birth and death records of Joseph Tritt's family. Joseph Tritt was a son of Peter Tritt (Cumberland County, PA) and established one of the Tritt family lines in Ohio.

2. Two large photograph albums were given to TFR by Miss Helen Hemphill of Newville, PA. These albums belonged to Jennie M. Tritt, one of the compilers of the information for the original 1906 tree, and her sister Agnes Tritt Myers. The pictures are of Tritts, Myers, McCullochs and Duncans, including many of John Howard McCulloch, who drew the tree. We are very grateful to Miss Hemphill for her generosity.

3. A 1799 German Psalm and Prayer Book that belonged to Susan Tritt (1783-1875), a second generation American Tritt, was given to TFR by Fred and Lucille Shriner of Newville, PA.

4. A picture of the McCulloch twins (John Howard and David Coyle), grandsons of Hans Peter Tritt, was a gift of Mr. and Mrs. George Hill, Iowa Falls, IA. John Howard McCulloch prepared the 1906 Hans Peter Tritt Tree.

5. A photograph of a Lusterware cup and saucer was given by Mr. and Mrs. George Myers, Webster City, IA. This china was part of a set of dishes given as a wedding present to Christian and Lydia Stough Tritt (PA) who were married in 1820.

6. Copies of photographs of Joseph Martin Tritt and descendants were given by Stanley H. and Mary E. Tritt Harper, Urbana, IL.

7. Pictures of the Tritt Family Home in Woodway, Lee County, VA were given by Helen Tritt Whiteaker, Cumberland, KY.

TRITT FAMILY ON TV

Through the efforts of Betty Tritt Smeltz (Harrisburg, PA), the Tritt/Dritt Family and Dritt Mansion received local television coverage last November. WGAL-TV of Lancaster, PA has a weekly presentation entitled "Our Heritage" as part of their evening news presentation. Using information supplied by Betty Smeltz and Richard Tritt, the reporter, Wendall Woodbury, made an excellent presentation. The three minute program was video-taped and will be shown at the 1984 meeting. What follows is a description of what was shown (in parenthesis) and the accompanying narration. (Wendall Woodbury is shown in the basement of the Dritt Mansion.)

"The mansion basement served as the perfect wine cellar since it had a massive vaulted arch. Some say it was originally part of a fort built back in 1735. Most likely the fortress-like construction with its windowed rifle slits was carried out as a precautionary measure. Stay tuned for the Dritt story."

(A commercial is presented and then another reporter, Carol Williams, gives the following introduction.)

"There are thousands of Tritts and Dritts in America, many of them in the Susquehanna Valley. Tritt is a name and essentially the same name as Dritt. The variation came about as a result of misspelling long ago. When the Tritts and Dritts get together for their family reunion every year, one name always comes up. Wendall Woodbury found that name is a part of our heritage too."

(Revolutionary soldiers are firing rifles. One soldier says "Take sight! Fire!" The battle scene continues.)

"He was a captain with the York County Associators of the Pennsylvania Flying Camp. Despite Jacob Dritt's brave leadership, his company suffered great losses in 1776. Outnumbered and surrounded by British and Hessian troops at Fort Washington, New York, Captain Dritt and his men finally surrendered. He spent the rest of the war in prison."

(Food is handed through prison bars to a prisoner. Then, Colonel Wallick, current owner of the mansion, is shown with the mansion in the background.)

Col. Wallick: "After the war, Captain Dritt returned up to the plantation here in Lower Windsor Township to occupy the house that his father had willed to him. His father built the building in 1758 and it was an ideal location for Captain Dritt's business."

(Mr. Woodbury is shown in the front yard with the river in view behind him.)

"That business was the area's principal wine and liquor trader. His merchandise was floated down the Susquehanna, only yards from his front door."

(Mr. Woodbury points out various features of the house's exterior.)

"The mansion has several interesting features such as the offset window, under the dormer, which, according to legend, made it more difficult for evil spirits to enter the house."

"It was that same thinking that prompted the planting of two pine trees on the property, keeping pines, they were called, to keep those nasty spirits away."

(Mr. Woodbury is seen in various areas of the interior of the house.)

"This old banister is an excellent and unusual example of early Germanic architecture....Some of these floorboards in the front room measure nearly 18 inches in width. They're made of Pennsylvania pine....This fireplace was designed by an Englishman but crafted by Germans....You find the most interesting things in

old buildings. Take these nails 1983 - 1758....Formerly funerals were held in the front parlor. That's why this is called the funeral door. It's wider than the others."

(Mr. Woodbury is shown along the river with a town visible on the opposite shore.)

"In 1806 Jacob Dritt was promoted to Major General in the State Militia. By then he was a wealthy man, owning nearly 3,000 acres, some of which he developed into a town called Woodstock. A later renaming and merger with nearby Charlestown, created the present Washington Boro."

(The scene is a cold winter evening at dusk. Ice is floating in the river and two men are launching a boat.)

"It was a cold and windy evening on December 19, 1817, when General Dritt and a young companion set out for the mansion after visiting the General's son on the Lancaster County side of the turbulent river. John Dritt had asked his father not to make the trip. His fears were well-founded because the icy river claimed both men."

(The boat is shown capsizing.)

"The Dritt Mansion, a bit of our heritage, snugly hidden on the York County shore of the Susquehanna."

DRITT CEMETERY

The Dritt Cemetery is located behind the Dritt Mansion on the knob of a rather steep hill beside an old Indian burial ground. It is an isolated but beautiful spot.

The graves of Hans Peter Tritt and wife have never been found but they are probably here.

The earliest grave is that of Margaret Bonham.

In
Memory of
Margaret Bonham
Consort of Samuel C. Bonham
Who departed this life August
the 1st A.D., 1824 age 30
years 1 month 24 days

No howling storms nor winters cold
Can reach her safe abode
She treads the shining streets of gold
And sees a smiling God

The Jacob Dritt (Margaret's father) grandfather clock is now located in the hall of the Bonham House in York, a museum of the York Historical Society. She inherited it from Jacob and it remained in the Bonham family. The clock works was made by Martin Shreinder No. 74. The case is a reproduction.

Another early grave and the only one that has remained standing through the years, is that of Elizabeth Dritt.

In memory of
Elizabeth Dritt
Relict of
Gen. Jacob Dritt, des'd
born 30th Jan 1761
Died 29th April 1826
Aged
75 years and 5 months

The graves span four generations and were used by those who lived in the Dritt Mansion.

Two of Gen. Jacob Dritt's children are buried there. Margaret (Dritt) Bonham and Christian Dritt (d. 1854). Frances Dritt (d. 1843) is the wife of Christian.

Three of Christian Dritt's children are buried here:

Elizabeth Dritt (d. 1875) and never married
Emanuel Dritt (d. 1879) and never married
Jacob Dritt (d. 1853) and wife Catharine (d. 1865)

Five children of Jacob Dritt who died young are buried here:

Sarah Ann Dritt (d. 1835), 17 days
Henry Harrison Dritt (d. 1845), 6 years
Jacob Marian Dritt (d. 1848), 2 years
Emma Cathian Dritt (d. 1855), 1 year
Anna Maria Dritt (d. 1860), 22 years

Theirs must have been a tragic life. Of seven children, only one lived to marry and have children.

This cemetery has been neglected for years. It has been overgrown and stones have been knocked over and some broken. As far as we know, there were only ever 13 marked graves. Lauxmont Farms is the current owner of the land and they put up the fence in 1981. A few family members, Wayne, Leonard, Harry, Richard and George Tritt, have worked here for three days the last two summers. All stones were unearthed and organized. A search was made for additional buried stones. During the search, about five plain upright stones were located which were very probably markers. They are located near the grave of Elizabeth Dritt. This is the older side of the cemetery. Stones were set in two rows facing the river. This summer the entire area was cleared and mowed. A tree located in the middle of the graves was cut and all brush was hauled away. A master plan for the resetting of the stones has been devised to be as faithful to the original plan as possible. Major concrete work is now the immediate need to reset the stones and a new marker is envisioned to be placed in the center of the cemetery. A regular maintenance schedule for the cemetery is being discussed.

MAJOR SAMUEL TRITT DEED

Mrs. Marian Orso (Morristown, NJ) made an interesting discovery during her stay in Carlisle at the National Reunion. She visited the Cumberland County Courthouse and found a deed which confirmed a story she had heard.

Major Samuel Tritt (son of Peter Tritt, Cumberland County, PA) was Mrs. Orso's grandfather. He donated land from the original Peter Tritt farm for a public school in 1859. He specified in the deed certain conditions. "Now the conditions of this deed are such that if the building...shall at any time be used for other purposes than those of a Common School or if at any time the Holy Bible shall as a text book be excluded from said school, then this deed to be void and land and building to revert to Samuel Tritt, his heirs, executors, and administrators." Does anyone want to investigate a claim on this property?

IMPORTANCE OF THE NAME - TRITTEN

From research now available to us, it appears very likely our earliest ancestors also went by the name - TRITTEN (a plural form of TRITT). In some places and for some persons this particular spelling continues to this day.

For this reason, it is very important that we contact all persons (here and abroad) carrying this surname. To do so will likely go a long way in identifying the various migration trails that our ancestors took or had to take throughout Europe and elsewhere. Please be on the alert for TRITTEN names and send them immediately to Donald Tritt at the Granville, Ohio address.

DID YOU KNOW?

Years ago, Joseph Dritt Showalter of Independence, Missouri (a grandson of Gen. Jacob Dritt and a son of Elizabeth Dritt who married Joseph Showalter of Martinsburg, West Virginia), came to York, PA and borrowed a picture or painting of Gen. Jacob Dritt. He never returned it, but he published a pamphlet in which the picture was included. It would be great if that picture or pamphlet could be located.

Joseph Tritt (fifth child of Peter Tritt and Elizabeth LeFever) who came to Ohio about 1814, had 12 children. Descendants of four of those children attended the 1983 reunion in Pennsylvania. Those in attendance were Harry Tritt of Dover, PA, William Tritt of Akron, OH, David Tritt of Canton, OH, Sam Tritt of Massidon, OH, Carol Cozad of Uniontown, OH and Cleon Wells of Florida.

A Tritt family is still farming part of the original tract of land in the town of Poygon near Omro, Wisconsin, on which William Lloyd Garrison Tritt settled 134 years ago in 1850. There is a Tritt Road in the town of Poygon on which there are three more Tritt farms.

An American Tritt has returned to Switzerland. Jeffrey Tritt, youngest son of Don Tritt (OH), took a year's deferred enrollment to college and is living with friends in Switzerland. He is having a most interesting time. His main goal is to learn German and this seems to be happening.

NOTICE!!!!

Some of you may have been sent one or more solicitations from a Beatrice Bayley of Sterling, PA advertising a book called "The Family Heritage Book". She describes this book as "personalized to the Tritt Family".

Our research group has examined this item and find the only reference to Tritts is a mailing list, most of which is out of date. Therefore, we wish to make the following statement:

TRITT FAMILY RESEARCH DOES NOT ENDORSE THE BOOK PUBLISHED BY BEATRICE BAYLEY, INC. TITLED "THE FAMILY HERITAGE BOOK".

ANOTHER NOTICE

Many of you may have received recently a flyer from HALBERT'S, INC., of Bath, Ohio, advertising a book "The Amazing Story of the Tritts in America".

Since this book has not yet been issued, Tritt Family Research is not in a position to offer an endorsement or a caution. Once we have examined this book, we will offer you a recommendation.

FAMILY GROUP RECORD SHEETS

Our experience has shown that recording your own genealogical information on a form known as a "Family Group Record" sheet fully records all vital information and sources, greatly facilitates research and the connecting of lines, and provides a

very valuable document for those who might extend your information later. A particularly well-designed version of this form is published by the LDS Genealogical Library in Salt Lake City. These can be obtained at LDS branch libraries in larger cities and are reasonable in cost. At each summer meeting we will try to have a quantity of these available.

1984 MEETING, JULY 5-8, 1984

The meeting scheduled for 1984 will be a work-oriented session devoted to furthering the basic research. We invite all who wish to participate in some of the routine work tasks that need our attention. The meeting is scheduled for July 5-8, 1984 on the Dickinson College Campus, Carlisle, PA. Details will be sent in the spring to all those present at the 1983 meeting and prior meetings. If you have not attended a previous meeting and wish this information, contact Don Tritt at the Granville, OH address.

RESEARCH TRIP TO EUROPE, SUMMER 1985

Some of the research needed involves examining European source materials. Initial consideration was given to such a trip during the regular 1983 business meeting. At this point, plans are very tentative. Most likely this would involve a trip during the latter part of July or during August of 1985. The team doing this would need to be well-prepared regarding European genealogical research practices in order to maximize our search efforts. Therefore, if you are interested in participating in such a research trip, let one of us know. In the meantime, you might continue to pursue coursework in European genealogical research.

Once the European information is gathered and documented, we will plan, at some future date, to offer a combined "pleasure, trace-over-the-roots" kind of trip to Europe open to all. What a joy this can be someday!

TRITT FAMILY COOKBOOK

Betty Tritt (OK) suggested at the National Reunion that we print a cookbook of Tritt Family recipes. These recipes will be collected from all over the country and include regional specialties. We would like to locate many old recipes that have been handed down through the generations, as well as recipes created by contemporary Tritts. With the recipes, we will include a short biography of the person who created or submitted them. We solicit your favorite Tritt recipes so that they can be compiled this summer. Please mail them and accompanying biographies to Mrs. Betty Tritt, 1625 Chestnut Avenue, Broken Arrow, OK 74012.

OLD PICTURES ARE FASCINATING

Most of us have old pictures of family members, homes, etc., stashed away. Unfortunately, many of them have no identification on them. At the '83 meeting, several of us compared our pictures and were able to identify some of the subject matter. If you have Tritt-related pictures with identified subject matter, please send us copies so we can use them to help identify others.

HELP NEEDED!!!

Might someone prepare a short description or history pertaining to the following places?

- (A) Tritt's Nob, Haywood County, North Carolina
(All we know is that this was settled in the late 1700's by a Henry Tritt.)
- (B) Tritt's Mill, State Route 241, Springfield Township, Summit County, Ohio.
- (C) Tritt's Street, Canal Fulton, Ohio.
- (D) Tritt's Foundry, Akron, Ohio.
- (E) The Tritt communities in Alaska.

To be placed in the Tritt Family Archives, might someone on the West Coast attempt to secure a copy of the following book:

Tritt, Samuel H. (Farmer 1852-) An Illustrated History of North Idaho - Nez Perce, Idaho, Latah, Kootenai, and Shoshone Counties. Western Historical Publishing Co., 1903 (739 pages).

We have some information which suggests it may be available in Portland, Oregon or Seattle, Washington.

In the "help needed" area, we are pleased to report that John Davis Tritt (Albuquerque) has offered to research the painter, WOLFGANG TRITT of Germany.

Much work has been done over the past year in connecting the various Tritt families of the Southeastern United States to the known branches of the Tritt family tree. Many of the gaps have been filled, but many remain to be filled and much work is needed to complete the connections. Anyone having information useful in this effort is requested to send it to Betty Tritt Smeltz, 4912 Derry Street, Harrisburg, PA 17111, or James R. Tritt, 1625 South Chestnut Avenue, Broken Arrow, OK 74012.

Paul Tritt, son of Hans Peter Tritt of Lower Windsor Township, York County, PA, migrated in 1782 to Frederick County, Maryland. We urgently need information of some of his children who migrated westward:

Christian Tritt - wife: Susannah Metzger
Sally Tritt - husband: Philemon Poole
Baker Tritt - wife: Mary Ann Stepter
John Tritt

Anyone having information, please send it to Col. Harold M. Hegyssey, Jr., 1030 East Grove Drive, Pleasant Grove, UT 84062.

SLIDES AND PRINTS

We are offering for sale again this year packets containing five color slides or five 3½" x 5" color prints. These slides and prints will be processed using Kodak film and paper by the Kodak Company. The price includes all handling and processing expenses. A packet of five slides is priced at \$5 and a packet of five prints at \$7. Included with each packet is historical information about the subject. The following is a brief description of the six packets available at this time. Deadline for orders is April 1, 1984.

Packet A - St. Stephan, Switzerland: Exterior views of the village and church.
Packet B - Interior views of the Church of St. Stephan, Switzerland.

- Packet C - Dritt House (exterior) and Cemetery, York County, PA.
- Packet D - Interior views of the Dritt House, York County, PA.
- Packet E - Peter Tritt House and grave, Cumberland County, PA.
- Packet F - Highlights of Tritt Family History. (This packet is made up of views selected from the other five packs.)

MAILING LIST AND FAMILY INFORMATION UPDATE

This past year approximately 25 initial letters were sent to newly identified Tritts. As of this date, our mailing list stands at about 700 addresses. In order to keep our records current, we ask you to notify us of address changes, births, marriages, and deaths. (See the mail-in sheet at the end of this Newsletter.) Because of the high cost of maintaining an active, updated and comprehensive mailing list, we also would appreciate notifications from you regarding duplicate mailings, needed address corrections, and other changes.

ADDITIONAL COPIES

Do you know of someone who is not on our mailing list and who would like a copy of this Newsletter? Send us their name and address and we will forward a copy to them. Send your request to: Richard L. Tritt, 204 Forge Road, Boiling Springs, PA 17007.

Name _____

Street _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

_____ Please check here if this person should be added to our mailing list.

ORDER FORM: 1906 HANS PETER TRITT FAMILY TREE

Please detach this form and mail to: William W. Tritt, 24 Old Stone House Road, Carlisle, PA 17013.

I would like to order _____ copy/copies of the 1906 Hans Peter Tritt Family Tree at \$10 each, including postage.

Mail to: Name _____ Amount Enclosed _____
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City _____
State _____ Zip _____

CHANGE OF INFORMATION NOTICE

Please detach and send to: Dr. Donald G. Tritt, 4072 Goose Lane, Granville, OH 43023.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS _____ YOUR FULL NAME: _____

Previous:

Current:

OTHER CHANGES

Births:

Marriages:

Deaths:

Other:

ORDER FORM: SLIDES AND PRINTS

Complete this form, detach and mail to: Richard Tritt, 204 Forge Road, Boiling Springs, PA 17007, by April 1, 1984. Allow 6 weeks from deadline date for delivery.

Indicate the number and type of each packet you wish to order and enter the total amount enclosed in the space provided.

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