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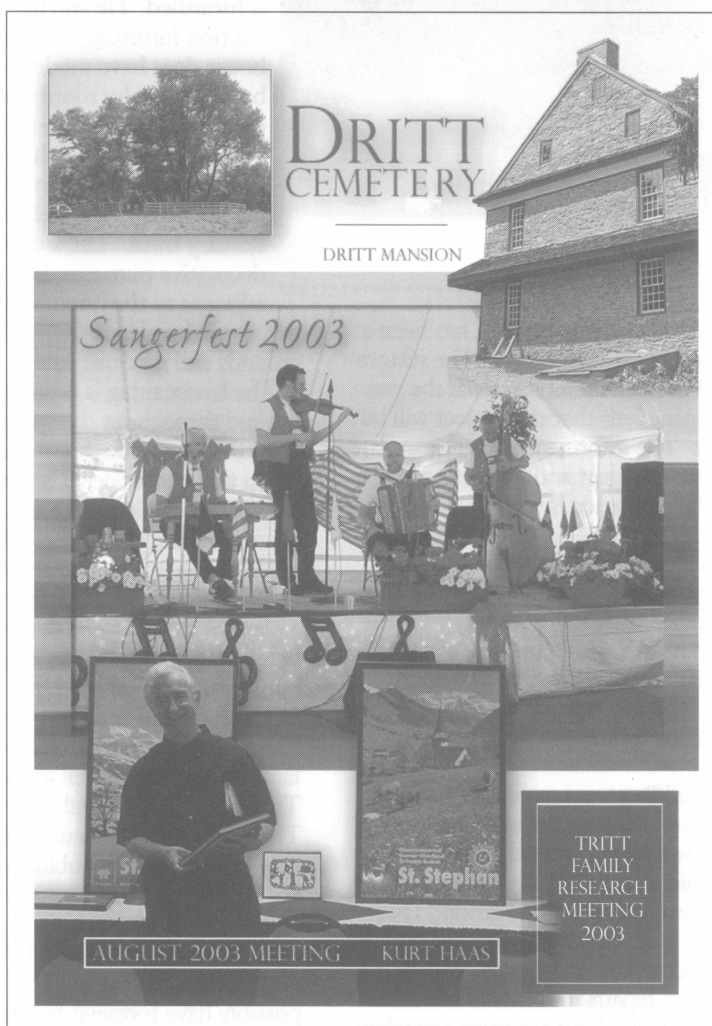
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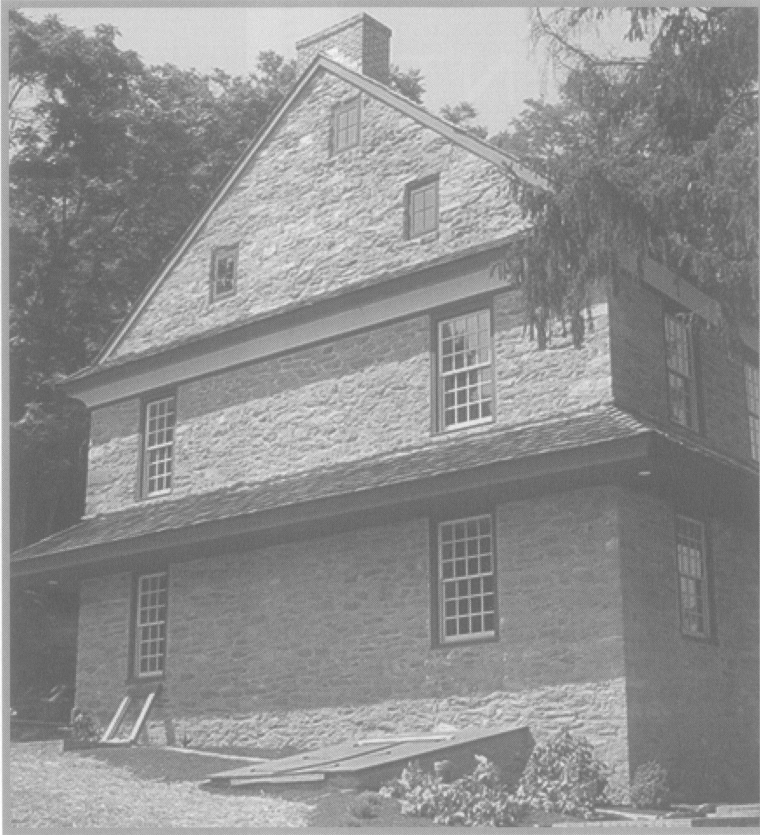
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# TRITT FAMILY Newsletter

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## DRITT MANSION

*Dritt Mansion*

The Dritt mansion in York County, Pennsylvania, has been a focus of interest for the 'family for many years. The restoration of this historic house has been underway since the year 2000. The owner, John Zimmerman, feels that the project will be completed by the end of this year. The information for this update was compiled by visiting the house in August and by speaking with Mr. Zimmerman and several of the craftsmen involved in the project.

When you visit the house, you are first struck by the finished look of the exterior. All the masonry and roofing projects are completed. The restored summer kitchen blends in perfectly with the house and features a fireplace and hearth with a beehive oven. The grounds are graded and landscaped. A new driveway in front of the house makes access much easier. The grounds are inviting and the front and rear brick patios and walkways suggest that this house will see life again.

The dendrochronology of the building was completed last year. The results were rather inconclusive. Most of the samples were taken from the roof timbers and were dated around 1790. The expectation was that the date would be significantly earlier, but the 1790 date can be explained because a fire took place around 1790 and destroyed most of the original roof. It was also learned during the restoration that the house underwent a number of changes over the years involving replacements and repairs to much of the building. An extensive remodeling took place about 150 years ago when the windows were replaced and lowered and the pent roofs were removed.

Most of the interior woodworking and painting are completed. The

hardware for the doors was made by Tom Moore, a blacksmith from the Glen Rock area, and was modeled after original hardware that was found in the building or in digs. One unusual feature are the escutcheon and

knob located in the center of the doors in the house. These were used in addition to the door latch to swing the doors. Much of the hardware in the house had to be handmade by the blacksmith. Also, much of the woodwork had to be remade by a master carpenter because it had disappeared or was unable to be salvaged. A new carved board banister, modeled after the one in the main staircase, has been added to the attic staircase.

Lighting fixtures for the house arrived in September. They were made in New England by the Peerless Lighting Works, a company that specializes in 18th century reproduction lights. The center hall will have hanging lights, the dining room a six light chandelier, and two post lights will grace the grounds. Of course, these lights will be electric, but will have a colonial look. When the restoration of the house began, only half of the building had electricity; the other half still had gas lights. Mr. Zimmerman is also trying to obtain a six plate Franklin stove for the interior.

Furnishings for the house have started to arrive, but Mr. Zimmerman feels it will be another year until most of the house is furnished. He and his wife are selecting antique and reproduction furniture, some of which is being custom made. The house does have modern conveniences such as two and one-half baths, a laundry room and a complete kitchen. These have been carefully decorated to fit in with the antiquity of the house.

The results of the archeological dig of the well on the property were not very fruitful. They dug down about 25 feet but found that the well had been used to discard a lot of 20th century trash. The well walls will be rebuilt for decorative purposes, but the well will be capped. The cistern adjacent to the house will be used and a reproduction wooden pump will be placed there. The water will be used to water the grounds and gardens.

The landscaping is nearing completion. Plantings were done last fall and throughout the spring and summer. The two large pine trees in front of the house were retained. More trees will be planted on the south side. The area behind the house will be cleared for an enlarged parking area and garden. The underbrush in the wooded area behind the house will also be cleared.

Mr. Zimmerman is still investigating purchase of land behind the mansion property that includes the old Family Cemetery. There is a plan for a 600-house development for the large tract of land behind the mansion, but a part that includes old Native American burial grounds and the Dritt Cemetery is being contested.

The future of the Dritt mansion appears to be for the use of the Zimmerman family. It will be a vacation and weekend home for family members as well as a meeting place for various small groups. The Zimmerman family celebrated last Thanksgiving at the house. They will continue to use it for parties and special occasions. It may be open to the public occasionally after the project is completed. There has been a lot of curiosity and interest in York County concerning the house.

Tentative plans call for TFR to hold part of their annual meeting at the house next year. This will be an occasion that no one could possibly have foreseen five years ago. TFR, York County and many others who appreciate history owe a debt of gratitude to the Zimmermans for this great gift that they have given to us and to future generations.

# EARLY AND RECENT HISTORY SURROUNDS DRITT CEMETERY

by Leonard Tritt, Carlisle, Pennsylvania



## *Dritt Cemetery*

The immediate area of the Cemetery in Lower Windsor Township, York County, Pennsylvania was inhabited by American Indians well before Jacob Tritt son of Hans Peter (Jr.), lived there. Hans Peter Tritt (Jr.) and his brother, Christian, who arrived in Philadelphia from Rotterdam on 3 September 1739, are the first known Tritts to immigrate to the "New World". About 1750, Hans Peter moved to York County, Pennsylvania and soon bought property in what is now Lower Windsor Township. Hans Peter's oldest son, Jacob, born 10 January 1746, married Maria Elizabeth /Boyer. At some point, the exact reason unknown, Jacob came to be known as 'Jacob Dritt'. About 1783, Jacob bought 93 acres near where his father had lived, on which a large stone mansion had been built in 1758. The property thereafter came to be known as "the Dritt mansion". On a high hill above the mansion lies the Dritt Cemetery, where Jacob's wife and some members of the next three generations were buried from 1824 to 1879.

Well before the habitation of the area, American Indians lived there. Archeologists have found evidence of Indians dating to about 1300 A.D. in the general area. But, it has also been determined that a tribe of Indians known as the Susquehannocks lived in the immediate area for awhile. In the 1500's they lived along the Susquehanna River in northern Pennsylvania, and periodically moved south to new locations along the river until they reached "our" area about 1675. They built a village within palisade walls, enclosing nearly four acres, and lived in longhouses measuring about 20 by 60 feet. They had three cemeteries, one of which is thought to be adjacent to, maybe underlying, the Dritt Cemetery. The Susquehannock Indians were conquered by the Iroquois in 1680, at which time their civilization ceased in York County.

The Indian information above is gleaned from unidentified testimony earlier in 2003 at a public hearing for rezoning of the land surrounding the Dritt Cemetery to allow the land to be developed. The land is under the control of a bankruptcy court, but it has been alleged there are no plans to destroy the cemetery. In 1997, Tritt Family Research placed a granite monument at the cemetery identifying itself as caretaker of the cemetery, in an attempt to preclude destruction of it by demonstrating that the cemetery is not abandoned.

## IN MEMORY:

### RICHARD L. MILLER



With great sadness we report the death of Richard L. Miller, Treasurer of Tritt Family Research. Richard died on August 29, 2003, at age 59. Richard was a quiet, gentle, intelligent and talented man, a retired high school math teacher, who became a part-time college instructor of computer science and mathematics. But, to those who knew him, it was obvious he loved genealogy. Richard published genealogies of the Gayman and Rotz families, and co-authored one on the Piper family. He also co-edited *Tritt Family History, Volume I*, published by Tritt Family Research in 1999. Further, in 2002 he assumed responsibilities of lead editor for a proposed Volume II of the Tritt family history. And he was a very capable Treasurer for Tritt Family Research.

Richard will be missed, not only for the work he was doing for Tritt Family Research, but also for the fine person he was. A true gentleman and friend has left our midst. We extend collective condolences to his wife, Jeanette, another capable genealogist for Tritt Family Research, and Richard's mother in-law, Gladys Cramer, and brother-in-law, David Cramer, who also are supporters of Tritt Family Research.

In his final days of life, Richard spoke to his pastor and family of feelings which are reflected in these words which appeared in his funeral bulletin:

#### **I'M FREE**

**Don't grieve for me, now I'm free.  
I'm following the path God laid for me.  
I took his hand when I heard him call.  
I turned my back and left it all  
I could not stay another day,  
to laugh, to live, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I've found my peace at the close of day.**

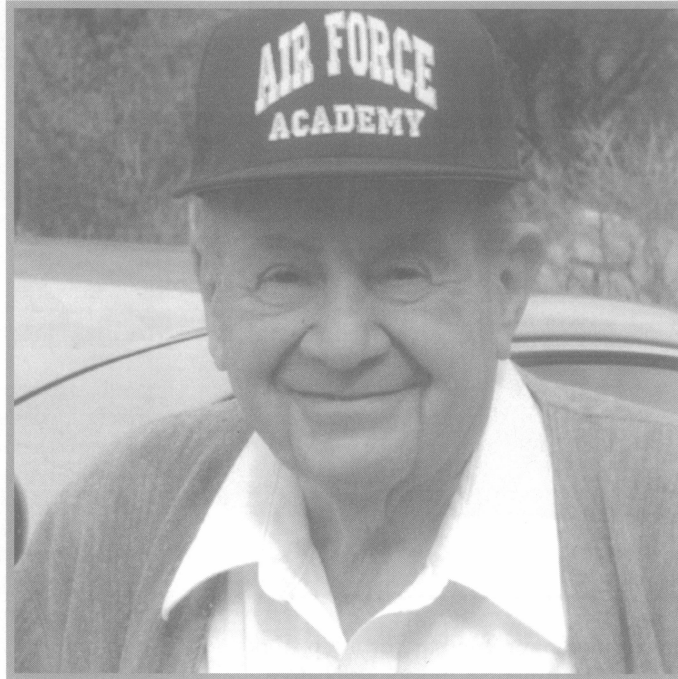
**If parting has left a void,  
then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
ah, yes, these things I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow.  
I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I've savored much, good  
friends, good times, a loved one's touch.**

**Perhaps my time seemed all too brief  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now; He set me free.**

**Author Unknown**

# HAROLD MAURICE HEGYESSY, JR.

## 1918-2003



**T**ritt Family Research mourns the death of Harold Maurice Hegyessy, Jr., 84, who died 7 June 2003 following a heart attack. He was born on 4 November 1918 in Alliance, Stark County, Ohio, a son of Harold Maurice Henry Hegyessy and Mary Minnie Kirkland Hegyessy. He married his sweetheart, Phyllis Marcella Schaffer on 3 March 1945 in Alliance, Ohio. Their union was blessed with five children, Carolyn, Barbara, Mary Jane, William and Alisa.

As his mother died when he was young, he spent his teen years living with his aunts in both Heber City and Oak City, Utah. He graduated from Millard High School in Delta, Utah. After graduation from the University of Utah in 1942, he entered the U.S. Army and became a navigator in the Air Corps. During World War II he was part of a B-17 crew and flew many missions over Germany, where, on one mission, he was seriously wounded and transferred back to the States. At that time, his crew members all received the Distinguished Flying Cross for their valor in the line of duty. Because of his medical transfer to the United States, he was overlooked for 58 years to, himself, receive this coveted recognition. Finally, some of his WWII comrades petitioned Utah's Senator Orrin Hatch, and, on 25 August 2000, he received his much deserved Distinguished Flying Cross in a ceremony at Hill Air Force Base in Utah. He, as navigator after having been severely wounded in a heavily damaged bomber, brought his crew back to the base in England and also led 23 other bombers in the formation to safety. He did this while lying wounded on the floor and, with the needed charts destroyed, having his crew tell him what they saw below. With that information, he was able to give them the coordinates needed for the flight back to the safety of the base. He was truly an American hero. He also flew the first mission of the Korean War, and was commander of a Missile Battery in Germany during the Cold War. Harold later received his Masters Degree from Brigham Young University in Utah in Central European history, which helped him to be co-discoverer of the Tritt origins in St. Stephan, Switzerland.

His beloved wife, Phyllis, had a stroke shortly before his award ceremony in 2000 and, since that time, Harold had been totally dedicated to her care.

Harold was buried 11 June 2003 in the place he loved most, Oak City, Utah. He will be missed by all who knew him. In the close of his talk at the Distinguished Flying Cross ceremony, he said, "I admit I am a relic of the past and I guess I fit the description of General Douglas McArthur, 'Old soldiers

never die, they just fade away'; and so, from the rear guard of the past, 'tail-end Charley' as we used to call them [the last airplane of the flight] to the United States Airmen of the future, I raise my hand in salute and blessing and farewell."

### FOLLOWING ARE MEMORIES OF HAROLD BY TRITT FAMILY MEMBERS:

Dear Fellow Researcher, Family Member and Friend: We grieve your absence. However, your significance will forever live on in the annals of Tritt Family History. You, often working alone, explored the routes of the surname. Your work and findings were essential in publishing the story of the Tritt Family. All Tritts honor you and send our love to you, dear departed friend.

Donald G. Tritt, President,  
Tritt Family Research

Harold "Bud" Hegyessy, was a true Hegyessy and a true Tritt. Yes, his father was Hegyessy, so Harold was too, but his grandmother was a Tritt and that fact made Harold become a Tritt as much as a Hegyessy. How? Because as his grandmother, Florence Maud Hegyessy, lay on her deathbed, Harold promised her he would complete the genealogy she had begun, and he pursued that task to the utmost. After many years of his own Tritt research, others researching the name learned of Harold and the work he'd done. He was eventually contacted by those others about 20 years ago and became part of a research group known as Tritt Family Research. Harold's work was invaluable in

revealing the earliest history of the Tritt Family, all the way back to the mid-1500's. He could go back no further because the surname began about then.

Harold was a treasure of knowledge about a lot of things, but particularly of genealogy and European history. He seemingly remembered everything he ever saw or read and easily recalled that knowledge. His wide travels and experiences only added to his knowledge.

Aside from all the above, Harold was a fine man, a true gentleman and a true American. His Air Force career speaks for itself. Those of Tritt Family Research quickly learned about Harold the man: quiet, unassuming, congenial, intelligent, dedicated. He was known within the organization as "Harold," because he never told anyone his nickname was "Bud". That fact was learned from his cousin, Mercedes Woolsey, in 1997.

Those of us in Tritt Family Research will forever recognize Harold Hegyessy as the premier researcher of early history. But even more, we recognize him as a Tritt. His name was Hegyessy, but we thought of him as "Harold Tritt". We are proud to have had such a man be a part of the larger Tritt family. He often said he was glad he'd found all the Tritt cousins he'd come to know. We are pleased to have known him as well; and we miss him now that he has left this life. But, the legacy and memories of Harold Hegyessy live on; and we are glad.

Leonard Tritt

Harold, known as Bud in our family, was my first cousin as our fathers were brothers. He and his family were very close to my Mom and Dad, and, when, first my Dad, then my Mom, passed away, he lovingly took me into his own family and made me part of it. Although I was painfully shy, he taught me to believe in myself and helped me become more outgoing than I had ever dared to be. He "gave me wings and taught me to fly." He and his family have become "my family" and I love them all dearly. Hardly a week went by that we didn't at least speak on the phone or visit. He and his daughter, Carolyn Manwaring, helped me organize the first Hegyessy/Tritt reunion in 1998 and have been an integral part of each reunion since that time. At that first reunion we had elections for officers of our family organization. I was certain Bud would be voted in as president, but, when I was surprisingly voted in, Bud was always there to

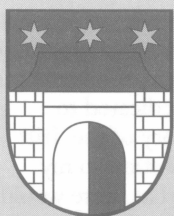
help me; and, of course, he was voted in as Family Genealogical Research Specialist.

Bud came to Perry and I in 1997 and told us how wonderful all the Tritts were, and that we owed it to ourselves to get to know them. He told us about the coming International Tritt Family Reunion in Lenk and St. Stephan, Switzerland and said he thought we ought to try to go. We went, not knowing anyone else at the time, and fell in love with all the Tritts and Trittens we met, as well as St. Stephan, Switzerland, the homeland of our ancestors. Since that time, we have met even more of our Tritt family at the reunion meetings in Pennsylvania. We immediately felt a bond with all of them and are truly "cousins". We were blessed to be able to go to two meetings in Pennsylvania with Bud as our traveling companion. He was an incredible man with a photographic memory – kind, loving, and full of wonderful stories and information. I can't begin to express my love and appreciation for him, and I miss him more than words can say. I know he is on the other side meeting our ancestors and relatives and has many new projects underway. I'm also sure he is trying to get more information through the veil to us "mortals" regarding our "roots." We will never forget him and will always be grateful to him for many things, as well as introducing us to our Tritt cousins.

Mercedes Hegyessy Woolsey,  
granddaughter of Florence  
Maud Tritt Hegyessy

Mercedes has already told of our feelings for Bud Hegyessy, but I want to tell of one of his really fun experiences. The skit at the National Tritt Reunion in 2000 will never be forgotten. Bud was a Customs Agent and I will always remember how he "got into the part." He just loved to be out there having fun and enjoying himself. Now, in just a short time, Bud and two of the "Dainty Milk-maids" in the skit, Bill Naiva and now Richard Miller, are also gone from us. They will always be remembered and have a special place in our hearts.

Perry Woolsey



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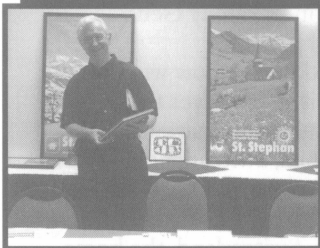
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## TRITT FAMILY RESEARCH

TFR held its 26th annual meeting on August 14 to 17, 2003, in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. There were 22 persons in attendance coming from California, Utah, Ohio, Maryland and Pennsylvania.

On Friday, we gathered to discuss publication of Volume II of Tritt Family History. With the illness of Richard Miller, the editor of Volume II, the meeting was not as productive as planned. We also spent time in remembrance of our faithful friend and "cousin", Harold Hegyessy, who died on June 7, 2003; and in a moment of silent prayer for healing of our Volume II editor and treasurer, Richard Miller.

Saturday morning we had an unexpected visit from Kurt Haas of Cleveland, Ohio, who is a native Swiss having been born near Zurich, Switzerland. Kurt was

staying at the Days Inn where our meeting was held to attend a mission meeting at a local church in Carlisle. We heard he would be at the motel, we met and invited him to join our meeting on Saturday morning to speak to us a bit about his life, how he came to America and about life in Switzerland. He left Switzerland as a young man, traveled to many different parts of the world in search of work and adventure and ended up in New York City where he found himself and God. This led to the ministry he now leads in Cleveland and where he lives with his wife and family. We were glad Kurt took the time to talk with us, and, I believe, he was just as glad to find a group of "Swiss" people in small Carlisle!

After Kurt's departure, we went on with our business meeting mentioning the fact that, in 2002, we mailed 1,023 copies of the newsletter within the United States, and 105 to foreign coun-

tries. We were also given updates on several Tritt reunions held in 2002 around the States.

Due to the illness of Richard Miller, TFR's treasurer, his report was not complete although his assistant, Wayne Tritt, was able to verify some of the totals. [Due to Richard's untimely death two weeks after the meeting, there is no treasurer's report in this issue of the newsletter.]

We had a report on the condition of the Dritt cemetery and mansion in York County, Pennsylvania. A work day had been conducted at the cemetery the week before the meeting. The reports on both the cemetery and mansion can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

We closed our meeting as we always do, reluctantly and with the promise of renewing friendships at next year's meeting which will be held on August 12 to 15, 2004, in Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

## Reflections on the 2003 Tritt Family Research Meeting

### REFLECTIONS ON MEETING

by Betty Riedel, Chardon, Ohio

Attending the meeting of the Tritt Family Research group in August was a very heartfelt experience for me.

I have never done any research but am interested in our family history. My daughter, Janice Duerk, and sister, Evelyn Smith, have been working on several lines and I share their excitement when they find a new person or family.

For some time, I have been wanting to visit L.E. Smith Glass Company in Mt. Pleasant, Pennsylvania as I am a collector of their "By Cracky" line of glassware. My first pieces belonged to my grandmother, Alma Leaser Fry. Alma was a granddaughter of John Buchtel and Juliann Tritt. When Evelyn mentioned a Tritt reunion in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, I was interested in making the trip with her to meet other Tritt descendants and, perhaps, a side trip to the glass company which we were able to do.

Thursday evening we were welcomed by others attending the meeting and immediately felt that we were a part of the group. The Friday workshop was most interesting and, of course, enjoyed dinner with

the group. The business meeting on Saturday was also very interesting.

I am looking forward to the 2004 meeting. It will be a pleasure to renew the friendships we made this year and hopefully meet many others. Hoping too that it will be possible to tour the Tritt home-stead.

### MY IMPRESSIONS OF THE TRITT MEETING

by Jane Ward  
Frederick, Maryland

I came to the Tritt meeting without any preconceived ideas. I guess I really didn't know what to expect. Because of my interest in genealogy, I particularly wanted to make sure that my- ancestor, Elizabeth Tritt, is well represented in the Christian Tritt book. So, in effect, I came as a representative for the Williams/Tritt connection. I was thrilled to see and hear these serious- genealogists and some of their work. But, more importantly, I'd like to quote my husband's reaction to the Tritt meeting: "They are really an unusual group of people, some of the nicest I've met". I would like to second that and say that I couldn't have enjoyed myself more.

I'm looking forward to coming again. Thank you all for making us feel so much at home... like "family".

### REFLECTIONS ON THE 2003 MEETING

by Deb Marrow  
Ellicott City, Maryland

I had the pleasure of attending this year's Annual TFR Business Meeting. As a first time attendee, I didn't really know what to expect and came in with an open mind. What I found was a warm, fun and interesting group of people dedicated to uncovering the true history of the Tritt family and a closer connection to my ancestors. I had hoped that there would be some history shared, and there was! One member shared some newly uncovered information regarding the Dritt house and attached grave site which was quite interesting. I was drawn closer to my "roots" through the stories of a surprise speaker Kurt Haas, a native-born Swiss. He imparted some interesting information and stories of his life in Switzerland as a boy and beyond... he even yodeled a song for us! During a break, I studied the family tree and traced

# Reflections on the 2003 Tritt Family Research Meeting

my line back to Samuel Tritt (1803-1873). It was interesting to see all those cousins! At one time, I stopped to reflect upon the group that I was surrounded by and how we all descended from one of the two brothers who lived over 250 years ago! Awesome. Finally, I had an opportunity to review some publications and was very impressed with their quality. With the time, care and dedication that obviously goes into them, it's no wonder they have earned multiple awards. I am looking forward to meeting with this group again next year and hopefully will be helping to make the next volume of the Tritt Family History a success.

## REFLECTIONS ON 2003 MEETING

by Michael A. Buchtel  
Medina, Ohio

I had the privilege of attending the Tritt Family Research meetings in 2002 and 2003. Last year, I told the group my relationship to the Tritt family and several stories I had heard about the Tritts while I was a child.

As a refresher, I am related to the Tritt family through my great-great-grandmother, Juliann Tritt Buchtel (1814/15-1902). Juliann's father was Joseph Tritt (1786-1873). This family branch is shown on the

1906 Tritt family tree.

I was impressed with the group's harmony and dedication to researching information about Tritt and related families. The organizational and leadership skills of the president and other officers contribute immensely to these factors. While I was in the process of writing this article, I learned about the untimely death of the group's treasurer, Richard Miller. Mr. Miller had taken on the monumental task of gathering, sorting and compiling information for Volume II of the Tritt family. It will be a difficult task for the president to find someone willing to take over where Mr. Miller left off; but, with his leadership skills, he will find a capable replacement. My heartfelt sorrow goes out to Mr. Miller's wife, Jeanette, and his family.

## REFLECTIONS ON MEETING

by Evelyn Smith  
Mentor, Ohio

Attending the 2003 Tritt Family Research meeting was a wonderful experience for me. I was so happy to meet many of the people who researched the Tritt family history and wrote and published the Tritt Family History, Volume I.

I am the great-granddaughter of Sarah Buchtel Leaser Brumbaugh. For many

years, the only connection I had to the Buchtel and Tritt families were from the 1913 obituary of Sarah. It stated that she was born in Comet, Ohio, and was the daughter of John Buchtel and granddaughter of Jacob Tritt who built the first mill in Comet.

About two and a half years ago, I had the good fortune to find Michael Buchtel who is a Buchtel family historian. He was able to make the connection for me. Sarah's grandfather was Joseph and her parents were John A. Buchtel and Juliann Tritt. Michael also sent me information about the availability of the publication of Tritt Family Research. My niece, Janice Duerk, had purchased the history. I was so impressed, I intended to buy one, but my sister, Betty Riedel, and her family, presented me with a copy for my 70th birthday.

Betty and I enjoyed the weekend. We were so graciously welcomed and immediately felt part of the family group. At the research and business meeting, everyone was encouraged to join in with questions or any suggestions or ideas they may have.

We are looking forward to attending next year to renew the friendships we made this year and to meet more members of the Tritt family. We especially hope to tour the Tritt mansion and cemetery.

## THE TRITT ROSE

by Michael A. Buchtel  
Medina, Ohio

Among the several stories I heard about the Tritts as a child, one of the most intriguing was about the Tritt rose. I suppose a part of the reason for this is because I not only saw the rose plant, but "experienced" its thorns.

My grandparents, aunt and uncle, and my parents, had a rose plant. All plants had died by the mid-1930's.

According to the story, my great-great-grandmother's mother, Catharine Rhoads Tritt (1787-1869) brought a few plants of her favorite wild rose with her when she and her family moved from Pennsylvania to Portage (now Summit) County, Ohio. She cultivated the plants and gave them out to family members and friends. The plants were passed on to future generations, and one plant is in my daughter's back yard.

The Tritt rose is unusual. It is a wild

rose with unusual thorns. As the stems and branches age, they develop additional thorns until the thorns are as thick as hair. The plant grows several feet high and makes a dense bush. Periodically the plant will grow several yellow roses.

The plant propagates by growing new plants from its root system. The plant is a fast grower, but is susceptible to fast changes in temperature.

Officially, the wild rose is not known as the Tritt rose. It was a name given to the plant because Catharine Rhoads Tritt cultivated and gave them out to family, friends and neighbors.

# SÄNGERFEST 2003



In the summer of 2002, we learned of Sangerfest 2003, a Swiss music festival being held in New Glarus, Wisconsin, on June 12 to 14, 2003. We thought this festival sounded very interesting, and the fact that it would be held in New Glarus, future site of the Swiss Center of North America, and a town we knew to have many Swiss descendants, made our decision to attend very easy.

Upon arrival in New Glarus, we were made to feel very welcome. This small town had erected two large tents on the main street of the town. One tent was used for music and dancing and the other tent was our "restaurant" for the three days, as all our meals were included in the registration fee.

The first night of activities, we met Don Tritt, president of TFR, who was also attending Sangerfest. He is also very

familiar with New Glarus and showed us around the town, introduced us to his many New Glarus friends and showed us the site of the Swiss Center which is to be built just outside the town.

We were treated to authentic Swiss music as performed by three different music groups flown to New Glarus from Switzerland to perform for us. With their music, the Swiss-looking buildings in New Glarus and all the Swiss German being spoken, we felt like we were in Switzerland, minus the Alps. Sangerfest was attended by about 600 Swiss music fans, and New Glarus was a gracious host.

On Saturday morning, we were treated to a concert by music groups from the United States and Canada dressed in Swiss costumes and singing Swiss songs in competition. That evening, all 17 groups joined to form one mass choir of about 300, who performed an outstanding concert. Sunday morning, the last day of the fest, the awards were announced for the groups who performed in competition the day before. This was an exciting part of the weekend. They all received an award, some a bit higher than others.

As we were staying in town till Monday morning, Sunday evening we met some friends of Don's, and now ours, and had a wonderful meal at the Hotel New Glarus which looks inside and out like a Swiss chalet/hotel. We were joined there by several of the North American music groups who performed impromptu and two of the Swiss music groups also performed. What a fantastic ending to a wonderful weekend! New Glarus did an outstanding job in hosting such an affair. The music was great, the food delicious and the smiles and friendliness plentiful.

Sangerfest 2006 will be held June 15 to 18, 2006, in Toledo, Ohio. We highly recommend that you attend. You will not regret it.

Margrit Tritten, Lenk, Switzerland



## ISN'T THAT GREAT - TO BE THE TFR SECRETARY FOR SWITZERLAND AND GERMANY?

I am Margrit Tritten, almost 60 years, married to Walter Tritten, mother of Pascal Tritten and living in Lenk since 1972. I am working in the garage of my husband as a secretary and at home as a housewife, and I like both. Before coming to Lenk, I lived in different places in Switzerland, e.g., in Bern, Lausanne, Geneva, where I learned one of the four Swiss languages, French. Unfortunately, I have never been to an English speaking country, so my English is not as good as it could be. But I am good in speaking with hands and feet.

Through some members of the family from the U.S., I learned to see how beau-

tiful our country is. When one lives always here, one is used to the surroundings and do not notice the beauty all around.

I like hiking, walking and watching nature. Then I like cooking and eating. I am a secretary too for our Lenk church choir. In a few years my husband and I will retire. We are looking for a successor for the garage. Our son has other plans; he will not take over our business. At the moment, we are renovating an apartment we bought three years ago and we hope to live in for many, many years in good health.

We will always be glad to welcome cousins from the U.S. in Lenk.

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# HISTORICAL VIGNETTES

## FROM THE OBERSIMMENTAL: PART II

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### **The Womens Battle on the Langermatte**

The legend of the battle of the women on the Langermatte, a large meadow near the Oberlaubhorn, provides us with an impressive picture of the relationship between the people on both sides of the Rawil at the time of the Reformation.

When the valiant men of Lenk had descended into the flatlands to fight in the religious wars, the hostile Wallisians moved in over

Walliserberg (Rawil) and stole cattle on the Langermatte from the people of Lenk. Then, on the other side of the pass, the Wallisian's let the cattle graze peacefully while they attended to their wines. Under the direction of the hunter Siegfried, who had been out hunting chamois when the soldiers of the valley had departed, the lads of Lenk climbed the Rawil Pass and found their herd. Quietly they untied the bells from the cow's necks and some continued to ring them until the others had led the cows to the top of the pass. Then with all his might Siegfried heaved a big cow bell through a window into a room where the Wallisians sat. They discovered that the Lenk cattle had disappeared; they set out for Lenk with warlike intentions. The women of Lenk had not remained idle. They had armed themselves with scythes and pitchforks under the leadership of Greta Alleman and attacked the approaching Wallisians courageously. The women of Lenk were victorious. The men of Wallis were beaten and they fled. Siegfried, the chamois hunter, had, however, fallen in the battle. After the men of Lenk returned home and discovered what had taken place, they were more than aston-

ished at the defense capability of their women.

The spot where the dead were buried on the Langermatte is now called "With the Dead." Before the battle the coat of arms for Lenk had shown the seven fountains that were the seven springs of the Simme river but since then we find that a sword crossed with a distaff has been added in memory of the "Battle of Women".

### **Ninety nine men of Lenk in the war of the Roman Catholic league (1847)**

Peter Schlappi Johannes of Poschenried in Lenk gives us in the ledgers of the city treasury an account of incidents for the years 1847 and 1848. "Resultant from the city council's directions of October 18, 1847, one Taler each is hereby paid for the purpose of travel to the place of battle to 99 soldiers, namely for reasons of dissolving the League of the Roman Catholic cantons of Switzerland (the Sonderbund)." A list of names of the 99 men, from lieutenant, sergeant and corporal to sharpshooter, caisson, and infantry men follows his notations, recording thereby the names of those who received their travel allowance and left Lenk to fight in the Sonderbund War.

In addition, the community formed a so-called "citizen watch" of 91 men who were called for service in November 1847 on the border between Lenk and Wallis and on the Rawil Pass. This obligation also cost the community a good deal of money. This group of sentries received added support from the community of

Darstetten. On the Daniel Pfund Meadow near Wallbach on Aegerten a watchfire was maintained; next to it a flag was raised and a permanent watch established.

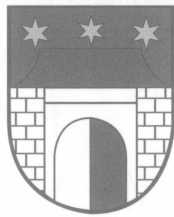
### **The bath at Lenk**

In 1688 Christen Perreten received permission to install baths at Lenk, and again there is evidence of a modest bath in the area around 1783. But only in the middle of the nineteenth century did the actual development of Lenk into a famous bath resort begin. A man from Graubunde, Peter Vernier, made the area a huge success by adding new installations and improving the resort facilities.

Three natural springs originate on the slope adjacent to the baths: two are sulphur water of the Hohliebe and the Balmen Spring and the other is an earthy iron mineral spring. The sulphur springs are considered among the strongest in Europe. The expert opinions of Dr. Jonquiere and other significant doctors (as well as confirmations of cures which the guests themselves have submitted) establish the superior status of the bath. The healthful results are of course also attributed in part to the favorable influences of the elevated climate and the splendor of the meadows, woods, and glaciers surrounding the end of the valley. The German doctor J.G. Ebel lists the area as one of the most interesting mountain areas in Europe; and Ernst Buss, minister at Lenk from 1870 to 1875, is of the same opinion when he writes: "The scenic attractiveness and splendor of the Valley of Lenk cannot be overlooked as one of the most popular and admired highland valleys of our wonderful Alps."



*Micheline with her husband, Jean-Louis Furon. August 2003.*



## TRITT FAMILY RESEARCH SECRETARY

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### MICHELINE FURON-TRITTEN

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met her in 1993 can attest to her enthusiasm and hospitality. We will always remember the wonderful day in France that she organized for us. One vivid memory is that of a fabulous French dinner followed by toasts and singing. The Americans sang songs they knew, followed by the French doing the same. Some songs known in both countries were sung by both groups simultaneously, each in their own language.

Micheline Tritten was born in Geneva, Switzerland, on January 26, 1931, the daughter of Armin Tritten and Claire Campiche. She has one brother, Rene Tritten, who is 14 months older than her. She spent her childhood in France, near Geneva, where her parents had a farm. Her father was a produce farmer and raised grazing animals. Micheline had a very happy childhood in a close and loving family. She attended the local village school where there were about fifteen students. Her Tritten and Campiche grandparents lived nearby and she was fortunate to have known them until she was 30 years old. The majority of the Tritten family members lived in the region and they often held family reunions. Micheline learned the trade of seamstress at the home of her father's sister.

Micheline left her home at the time of her marriage on February 14, 1955, and moved to Paris with her new husband, Jean-Louis Furon. In 1961, they moved to Chatillon sur Seine in the Burgundy region, where they still live. She worked for 25 years as her husband's secretary in his insurance office until they retired in 1993. Since their retirement, they divide their time

between their family and a country home that they own 160 kilometers from Chatillon. Her husband enjoys gardening and raises fruits and vegetables and tends a vineyard. They often visit her brother, Rene, and his wife, Renee, who live near Geneva, as well as numerous Tritten cousins, uncles and aunts. In the winter they usually travel to Lenk with their children and grandchildren to ski and visit Tritten relatives in that area.

Jean-Louis and Micheline have two sons, Jean-Paul (45) and Michel (41), who each have three children. Jean-Paul is a pharmacist and Michel has taken over their insurance agency, assisted by his wife, Susanne. The grandchildren, three boys and three girls, range in age from 6 to 19 years.

Chatillon sur Seine is a pretty town situated on the Seine River. There are about 8,000 residents. The town is 220 kilometers from Paris and 280 kilometers from Geneva. The region is known for its wood industry. It has large forests and streams famous for hunting and trout fishing. Micheline's hobby is music. She likes classical music, Swiss folk music and American country music. She learned to play the accordion and piano. For a long time she had played in an accordion club and now she plays when she can. She likes to entertain the elderly who are in retirement homes.

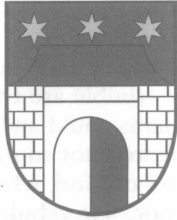
Micheline and her husband are now in their early seventies and experiencing the joys of children and grandchildren as well as the maladies that come with age. They are always eager to hear from the Tritt family in America and hope that some American family members can visit them again soon.

**M**icheline Furon-Tritten is our Tritt Family Research Secretary for France and French-speaking family members in Switzerland. She is from a branch of the Tritten family that originated in Lenk, Switzerland. She has researched her family line and has been the main organizer of reunions for the French Trittens. She organized a wonderful visit in her home area of France for the Tritt Family Research Trip to Europe in 1993. As our French Secretary, she distributes TFR newsletters (with her own attachments) to the French-speaking family members.

Since Micheline does not speak or write English, her main means of communication is with TFR member Richard Tritt, who is a former French teacher. The following biography was gathered from letters that Micheline wrote when requested to send information about herself for this newsletter. She stated that she does not like to talk about herself, but did agree to supply information as requested. Micheline is a very gracious lady and writes wonderful letters. Those who

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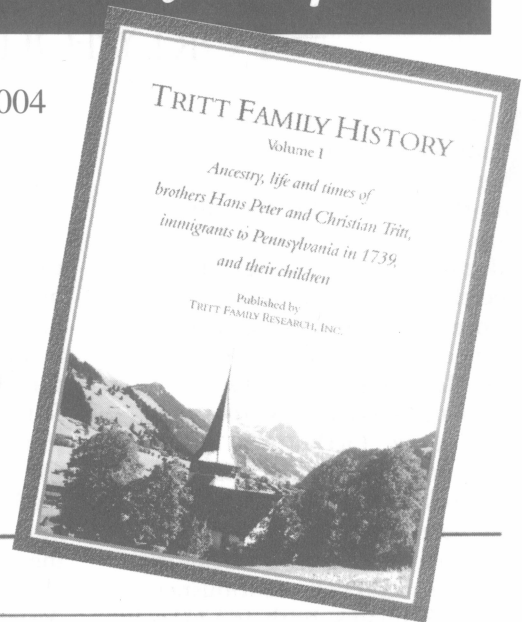


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# END OF A USEFUL AND EVENTFUL LIFE !

## — FORTY-FOUR YEARS IN THE MINISTRY

Rev. L.T. Williams died at his residence on South Penn street yesterday, 28th inst. and in the seventy-third year of his age. Brother Williams was born in Adams County and educated at Gettysburg. He entered the Lutheran ministry in 1843. He labored in the following charges, viz. Duncannon, Perry County; Fayetteville, Franklin County; Taneytown, Maryland; Mifflintown Juniata County; Littlestown, Adams County; and Seven Valleys, his last charge, York County. Some of these charges were large and laborious. They will all bear cheerful testimony to the fidelity and conscientiousness of Brother Williams, both as a preacher and pastor. He was an earnest preacher and laborious pastor. He was diligent in season and out of season. Rev. L.T. Williams was a true man. His boyhood was good and it grew into a manly manhood. Some men have a body and soul- and you must call them men- but they have little manliness. Brother Williams had not much body but he was a real man. And better, he was a Christian. Christliness sanctified and elevated his manhood. It depended a good deal, as to results, on what you graft, as well as what you graft. There are some natures so low and perverted- such a want of honesty and so full of meanness- that they rarely develop into great and earnest Christians. They are saved only as by fire. Christhood takes in the lowest, but it sets best on a good manhood. You can count more surely on the good fruits following. The subject of the remarks was a consistent, everyday Christian from the hour of his conversion, until the end of his pilgrimage on earth.

He was a man of decided opinions. You had no occasion to guess on what side of a question involving moral principle he was. He did not attempt to thrust his opinions upon others; but you could always tell where he stood. He made up his mind deliberately, but when made up he was like a rock. No sophistries of argument or personal

advantage or popularity had the least effect in changing his deliberate opinions.

He was an uncompromising friend and advocate of revivals. He was so all through his ministry. He saw the blessed results of such awakenings in his own pastoral work. God had favored him with extensive revivals, the results of which are still seen and felt and doubtless will be to the end of time. His soul used to be indignant, when at Synod, or in print, flings were made at revivals. He thought that men might as well sneer at the opening of spring and awakening of nature's glorious harbingers of fruitful harvests. As well cast slings at melting snows under warm suns and breezes- soft winds opening buds and blooming flowers- soft and refreshing- sneer at green meadows and his revivals, so he thought. He was pained beyond measure at the tendency toward ritual and against revivals.

History teaches that these two tendencies travel in opposite directions. He knew this and it was a grief of heart to him. With a sad heart he often spoke of it. He was an upright man. He hated crooked ways. He would never be a party to anything that you could not let the light on. His soul loathed intensely all deception. He was an upright heart. He was often imposed upon, but he imposed upon no one. His nature shuddered at the thought. He was an honorable man. His nature bordered on the timid. To the last he addressed an audience with trepidation. He never thought more highly of himself than he ought. He was ever on the descending side. His modest and excessive timidity often made him miserable and shorn him of strength which he really possessed. His faculties were all well and equally balanced and combined, he had more power than he believed. His humility was excessive and kept him back from using all that God had given him. I never knew a person with less egotism. A humble person is never an egotist.

His courage was great. The humble souls in times of trouble are the brave ones. Bro. Williams could and did stand fire. He feared not to preach the whole counsel of God, whether men liked it or not. He rebuked sin fearlessly. He spared no man. He had his commission from God and not from man, and he knew that to God he must give an account for the manner and matter of his preaching. He sought to keep his skirts clean from the blood of all men. He kept no truth back for fear of man. In the pulpit, at Synods and conferences and in private social intercourse, he had the courage of his convictions and, if proper, would express them.

He lived and labored to do good; and did not live nor labor in vain. Many souls through his instrumentality were brought to Christ- the flock was fed with the pure words of God and the administration of the sacraments. He will meet many in glory whom on earth he pointed to the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sins of the world, and they will call him blessed.

His friendships were lasting. If they were broken he was not the one to be blamed. He stuck close like a true brother. Steel is not more true than he was. He was so transparent. He was always the same friend. He did not vacillate, no moody friendship. Meet him when and where you would, he greeted you with the same friendly smile and warm grasp of the hand. He looked on the good side of his brethren, and that look was mixed with charity. He was without envy and suspicion. He stood in no one's way for advancement. He pushed others up when he could do it honestly, without stopping to ask how it would affect him. The man who can rejoice in seeing a brother go up whilst he himself is going down has got nearly to the top of the ladder of Christian perfection. I know of few men who have gone so high on that ladder as Rev. L.T. Williams. Oh, that a doubling of his spirit might fall on us all.

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## *An Update - November 2003*

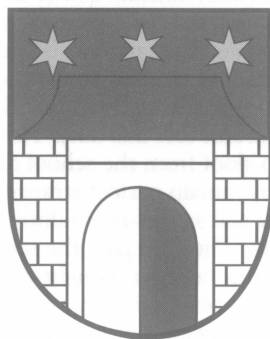
### TRITT FAMILY HISTORY – VOLUME II

*Progress continues by the various authors to input data and to cross check information for the upcoming publication - Tritt Family History, Volume II.*

This volume will trace the descendants to modern times of the immigrant brothers Han Peter Tritt (1715-1768) and Christian Tritt/Treat (1719-1801).

At the August 2002 meeting of Tritt Family Research Richard Miller stressed the importance of standardization of the input of data so as to be consistent and to save time later in the editing process.

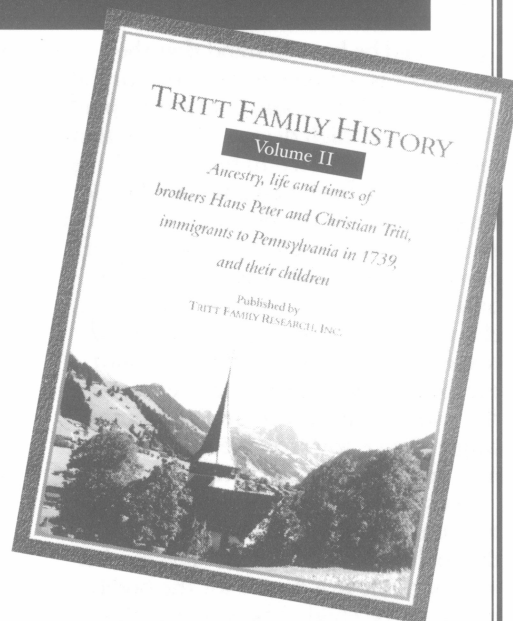
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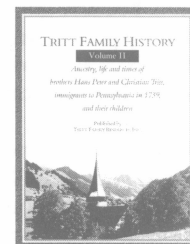
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# RESPONSIBILITIES OF A TEACHER

It should be born in mind that the teacher is not only responsible for the results of Education, but he is responsible in a very high degree. An important interest is committed to his or her charge whenever a human being is placed under his guidance. By the position of a teacher, he also places himself in the position of a parent in a very high degree and is not only responsible for what he does, but also what he neglects to do. And it is a responsibility from which he cannot escape; though he may have entered the profession of teaching without a single glance towards the duties which may rest upon him as a teacher.

Yet still the responsibility rests upon him and he cannot shake it off as long as the soul remains immortal. The teacher is responsible in a degree for the bodily health of the child. I believe that the foundation of many a disease has been laid in the schoolroom. Maybe through neglect of exercise or from too close or too long confinement in one position, or upon one study or from breathing bad air or from being kept too warm or too cold. The teacher is bound to be ever watchful to guard against these abuses from which our children so often suffer. Some teachers are in the habit of depriving their pupils from recess as a punishment for a certain offense. The teacher who punishes in such a way does not only deprive the child of the pleasure of recess, but he also deprives it of its physical exercises which are so necessary to the child's health. Others compel their pupils to stand at or near the hot stove and hold a rod and watch the rest of the pupils until they are under a perspiration of heat and then ordered to take their seat in a cold part of the room. Others perhaps order their pupils from a seat near the warm stove to stand at the door. Through such punishments the health of the child may be affected by a severe cold on the part of the child. And we must admit that if health is affected, that improvement is also affected, because good health is the most necessary part in improvement. And health affected through such punishments the teacher is certainly responsible for.

The foundation of some disease may be laid by keeping the school-room too dirty. Teachers and parents should consider it a duty to see that the school room is kept clean and comfortable. I believe that unswept floors and 'unwhitewashed' walls

in a school room indicate cobwebby brains of which the teachers and parents are responsible. I say parents because I think as much of this duty rests upon the parents as upon the teacher. But alas, how few parents feel this duty. How many keep aloof from the school room and thereby remain perfect strangers to the teacher and school-room during the whole term. They can pass the school house without taking a thought that in this house, humble as it may be, or appears the principles of men and women are formed, either good or bad. This will perhaps lead some to hesitate as say this true and yet the old proverb: what is put into the first of life is put into the whole of life. If we can find no reason to doubt the old proverb, is it not then at once clear that the principles of men and women are formed in the school days. For, if a man or woman does not form a principle between the ages of 6 and 21 years, very likely he will never form a principle. Oh, how necessary it is then that parents visit the school room and aid the teacher in forming good principles, or at least see if the teacher is trying to form good principles.

Farmers are very careful in breaking their colts, not to have them spoiled in breaking them as it is called. They say if a colt is spoiled in breaking, it will very likely follow the horse as he lives, which I admit is very true. But their children they send to the teacher to have them broke without going to the trouble to see if they are properly broke. Is it not clear then that parents who do not visit the school-room are paying more attention to their colts than to their own flesh and blood, their children? Please excuse me from wandering from my subject. I could not help dwelling upon the responsibilities of the parents for a short period, because the teacher and parents to my mind are very closely related.

I shall now come to my post again. The teacher is in a degree responsible for the moral training of the child. I say in a degree because I think very much of this responsibility likewise rests upon the parent. We generally say that knowledge is power, but we must also admit that knowledge without a good principle may make a powerful villain. We as teachers and parents should therefore be careful that our children receive such moral training as shall make it safe to give them knowledge. Very much of this work must

devolve upon the teacher or rather when he undertakes to teach. He resumes the responsibility of doing or neglecting this work. Respect, precept and example of the teacher may do much towards teaching the children their duty to God, themselves and their fellow beings. But it is not mainly by precept, respect and example that this is to be done. The teacher should be well versed in human nature; he should know the power of conscience and the means of reaching it. He should himself have deep principles. His example in everything before his school should be pure and flowing out from the purity of his soul. Children are imitative and will learn by example. He, namely the teacher, should therefore be careful to appear before his school one day like the other. This is to my mind the heaviest responsibility which rest upon the teacher and the hardest task to perform, at least for me. For my liver being affected causes me very often to feel downcast. It is very common for almost any person to be in better spirits one day than the other. And if the teacher is not very careful when such gloomy clouds arise, he is apt to keep his pupils stricter than he will when is in good spirits and will very likely punish some pupils for the same offense of which others were guilty in time previous and escaped punishment. And children will certainly notice this difference in their teacher. The teacher should be honest in all things; act honest and love honesty. He should love the truth and ever speak the truth. He should always be frank and sincere; he should show that he has a tender conscience in all things and that he refers to it for its approval in acts. The teacher should not be a man who takes the name of God in vain. Can it be that teachers are yet employed whose tongues are stained with the blasphemy of God? Yes: it is even so; nor should he be a man who has any immoral habits about him. Some children form an attachment even to the worst immoral teacher. Who can describe the mischief which such teacher may accomplish in a very short time? I, therefore, once more repeat, the teacher should possess deep principles. The school room is no place for a man without good principle, for how easily may he poison the minds of the youth and drag them down to his own pitiable level.

## REUNION

The Trate /Trait/Treat clan, descendants of Christian Tritt (1719-1801), gathered once again at Harmony Church Fellowship Hall in southern Berks County, Pennsylvania, on Sunday, 17 August 2003. The time is nearly noon when folks begin to arrive, bringing coolers of beverages, pots, platters and covered dishes of delicious foods that only seem to appear at family gatherings.

Though the facilities are in use for Sunday morning activities, it seems that all others are gone by our arrival. Location may be the key, however, as the hall is located in the shade of a grove of aged oaks some 300 yards from the church building itself. It's setting, along the old road leading to Reading from Morgantown and no longer in use, gives it a remote and peaceful location.

Next to the hall in level terrain is a long shed that had been shade cover for the horses and buggies of times not too distant. This area is also safe for the children who get busy as they arrive with the activities that only children of a young age seem to know and understand. After all, there is exploring to do and games to get organized, with parents not to worry, except for the inci-

dental case of poison ivy to show up in a day or so.

This is also the gathering place for most of the family members in the upper years of life as the chairs are set close to the hall and in the shade of the old oak that guards the doorway to the food source. Greetings go all around to folks as they arrive who may not have been around for some time. It is always a gay time to visit and catch up with events in the lives of people we care about.

When the food call goes out, we partake and enjoy as we visit across the table. There is also a collection of old photos to peruse and identify, a labor which is gradually bearing fruit over the years. Some of our ancestor's names now have faces to go with them.

Gathering a group of people together for a meeting who would rather talk among themselves is sometimes a daunting task, but is always miraculously achieved in time. Reports are given, prizes awarded for the numerous guessing games, oldest of our attendees (most always captured by Charlie Trate), furthest journeyed and so on.

Greetings were given as sent from Tritt Family Research in Carlisle, Pennsylvania to the cousins in the Trate

clan, as we are of the same root of the family tree. In this regard, we must continue to work diligently to develop the tree structure for our branch for publication in the next volume of Tritt Family History. There are siblings of the many families along our line that have not been looked at and live in close proximity to the Berks County area. They may not even know of our existence. They were even using the Trait and Treat spellings in the early 1800's along with Tritt. So this work must be pushed ahead.

The weather was very cooperative, not being too hot with the gentle breeze wafting through open hall doors. With the horseshoe tourney complete and a second round of food under tensioned belts, it's time to roll up things, clean floors and tables to leave the facilities tidy. Good-byes are said and last words of blessing given as groups gather together and head for the auto. Can't you imagine only a slight difference in the surrounding if I had said ... buggies?

This group is open to all to visit and share. Share the good times; share the camaraderie; share the food. A share of family is hard to beat.

by Jane Ward, Frederick Maryland

## WILLIAMS/TRITT FAMILY

When researching the origins of my great grandfather, Henry Tritt Williams, I acquired his death certificate. It stated that he died at Kump, in Carroll County, Maryland, on June 25, 1911. Henry, a retired school teacher and farmer, was born in York County, Pennsylvania, on May 18, 1827. The most interesting information I gleaned from this certificate was the names of his parents, Ezekiel Williams and Elizabeth Tritt. This information led me to York County and eventually to Holtzschwamm Cemetery, where I found not only their graves, but also two sons, a grandson, Elizabeth's mother (Elizabeth Morgesen Tritt) and three of Elizabeth's brothers, Christian, Isaac and Abraham Treat.

From census and tax records, a Will, the notes of Henry's oldest granddaughter and the History of York County, I found out

more about the family of Ezekiel and Elizabeth Tritt Williams. Also, I made contact with another Williams/Tritt connection, Virginia Williams. She was able to send me newspaper clippings she had obtained from another branch of the family. The whole of my research has led me to the conclusion that Ezekiel and Elizabeth must have been rather remarkable parents. According to Henry, they had two daughters and six sons with the middle name of Tritt. Four of the sons lived to be adults. They were all trained in their father's trade of weaver and worked on the family farm. Each worked for a time as a weaver. Sons John Tritt Williams and Levi Tritt Williams attended the Lutheran Seminary in Gettysburg and were licensed as Lutheran ministers in 1838 and 1843, respectively. Levi's obituary tells of a remarkable man, the son of a close family who worked

together on their family farm. Both the Tritt and Williams families had a strong spiritual background and were faithful to the Reformed/ Lutheran church tradition. (See Levi's obituary elsewhere in the newsletter.)

The remaining two sons, William Tritt Williams and Henry Tritt Williams, became school teachers in York County. William was elected as Justice of the Peace in 1858 after nine years of teaching. Henry later became a public school trustee in Carroll County, Maryland, in 1881/82.

I have in my possession a handwritten speech by Henry Tritt Williams. It is undated and the occasion of the speech is unknown. The content, however, gives an indication of his character and is something learned from and cultivated by an exceptional family. (See Responsibilities of a Teacher elsewhere in the newsletter.)

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