



Germanna

The Newsletter of The Memorial Foundation
of the Germanna Colonies in Virginia, Inc.

To Everything There is a Season - A Time to Build Up...

Restoring Historic Salubria from Damage Wrought by the Mineral Earthquake

By Doug Harnsberger

At 1:51 pm on August 23, 2011, the terra firma beneath Salubria rumbled and heaved the stately 1757 Georgian-style house.

By the time the quaking action had subsided, the 5.8 magnitude Mineral Earthquake had ruptured and twisted both of the twenty foot high chimney stacks twenty degrees, and sent hundreds of pounds of loose bricks cascading from the severed chimney caps down onto the shingled roof below.

The cascading bricks hit the roof with such a powerful force that seven of the interior roof rafters fractured within the attic. In addition, the quake's rolling and rocking opened up a dozen new stress cracks in the once-solid brick perimeter walls.

Just as many of the houses and churches in the nearby Town of Culpeper were rocked violently, the Mineral Quake shook Salubria



Architect Doug Harnsberger speaks to attendees at the Salubria Restoration Symposium held in October 2011.

with similar effects. In its wake, the quake left considerable structural and cosmetic damage upon the oldest and finest brick residence in Culpeper County.

The Germanna Foundation's first urgent priority for stabilizing Salubria's earthquake damage was to deconstruct the twisted and ruptured chimney stacks before they might collapse through

the roof. Within a few days of the earthquake, the renowned historic preservation crew of **Price Masonry** from Madison Heights, Virginia worked from two opposing bucket lifts to gingerly wrap the chimney stacks with fiberglass straps in order to stabilize them, before beginning the brick-by-brick deconstruction process. All

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Reunion Planning Volunteers Meet

In response to an email-blast and Facebook invitation issued by President **Marc Wheat**, two dozen members of the Germanna Foundation from across the nation converged on the Germanna Visitor Center on Saturday, March 9 to plan the Reunion 2012.

This large group of volunteers came from as far as California, Oregon, Tennessee, North Carolina, and Pennsylvania, and from as near as Richmond, Alexandria, Culpeper, Arlington, Lake of the Woods, and Staunton.

Each person came equipped with enthusiasm, good ideas, and willingness to volunteer over the busy July weekend.

Cathi Clore Frost, a trustee from Oregon, had agreed to serve as Reunion Chair, and brought a well-organized agenda to enable the group to plan efficiently.

As a result of their work, we have an outstanding program for the 55th Annual Reunion, with the theme of "Celebrating the Women of Germanna."

Bus tours and a hiking tour offered for the first time this year will be followed by the BBQ at Salubria on Friday evening.

A splendid seminar schedule of speakers on Saturday, the annual meeting, and the banquet at Tuscan Hall, a new location just south of Culpeper, provide a full



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Colonial Williamsburg Visits Salubria

By Kathy Ellis



Gordon Lohr explains the fine interior woodwork at Salubria to members of Colonial Williamsburg's Antiques Forum tour. Photo by Vincent P. Vala.

Colonial Williamsburg's 64th Annual Antiques Forum "The Fresh-est Advices: New Discoveries in American Decorative Arts" sent its annual bus tour to visit Culpeper County on February 18.

After viewing the Oddenino paintings in Mitchells Presbyterian Church, the tour arrived at Salubria. **Ron Hurst**, Colonial Williamsburg's vice president of collections, conservation and Museums, said, "Salubria is a

tremendously important piece of Virginia's eighteenth-century architectural heritage. I had wanted to see it firsthand for some thirty years; it exceeded my expectations. I congratulate the Germanna Foundation for their work to preserve this significant landmark."

Hurst led the 42 person tour with the assistance of **Sara Lee Barnes**, UVA Library Associates, and **Gordon Lohr**. Each guest

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President's Message

J. Marc Wheat



I love recalling the summer that reading turned from a chore to a delight for my son Benjamin when we read over a dozen of the adventures of investigative-journalist Tintin, a Belgian comic book series that began in the 1930's.

So, when the Tintin movie came out last Christmas, my seven-year old son and his little sister, Laura Elizabeth, just HAD to go.

The story begins with the smallest of clues, which steer Tintin to a friendship with sea Captain Archibald Haddock, the descendant of Sir Francis Haddock, who won lasting fame for defeating the notorious pirate Red Rockham.

In the climactic battle with Red Rockham, Sir Francis causes the pirate's ship to explode and barely survives with a hatful of pirate treasure that has rained on him

as he escapes in the waters of the high seas.

Clue leads to clue of the whereabouts of Red Rockham's treasure that has been hidden for three centuries, pointing our heroes not to some distant shore, but close at hand; they must return to Marlinspike Manor, the Haddock ancestral home.

Careful detective work leads Tintin and Captain Haddock to the treasure: an upturned hat, full of gold doubloons, pieces of eight, pearls and jewels. Captain Haddock carefully lifts the hat from its centuries-old hiding place, and pours out the pirate booty.

But with hardly a glance at the loot, he lifts his ancestor's hat to his head, energized with centuries-old adventures firing again in the imagination of the worthy de-

scendant. *Captain Haddock had found his treasure – not the gold and jewels – but a tangible link to a life well-lived by his ancestor.*

Isn't that what we want for ourselves and the people we love? To connect them with the history of their families in a way that inspires them to some great adventure of their own?

Tintin and Captain Haddock used some of the best technology available to them to solve the mystery of Red Rockham's treasure, just as The Germanna Foundation is employing the latest technology to help us on our mission: The Germanna Foundation website, the Germanna Jubilee Database, Facebook, LinkedIn, historical symposia, architectural studies, dendrochronology, ground-penetrating radar, and archaeology.

All of these tools help us solve the mysteries of Germanna – not just for our own curiosity, but so we can show other Americans how understanding the story of Germanna enriches the understanding of their own story.

I predict 2012 will prove to be an important year in the history of Germanna. We are outfitting our vessel with an outstanding crew, the latest technology, and necessary supplies to take fellow explorers to where they have always wanted to go.

Come aboard with us this July at the 55th Germanna Conference and Reunion.

Hold on to your hat. The adventure is about to begin. ♦



Three New Foundation Trustees Chosen

The Germanna Foundation is fortunate to have three excellent new trustees to help provide the guidance, policies, fundraising, and vision for the long range health and growth of this remarkable organization. Each brings special skills and experience to add to the mix of skills that our board already possesses. We welcome these three and look forward to working with them.



Jason Holsclaw

Jason Holsclaw has an MPA in Public Policy/ Finance and

is a Senior Analyst; Education, Workforce, and Income Security at the US Government Accounting Office, where he has worked for over a decade. He brings experience that will be valuable as we develop systems and institutional infrastructure to help us execute our strategic plan. His wife does national fundraising work for Goodwill Industries. ♦



Andrew Gutowski

Andrew Gutowski is a commercial real estate

builder with expertise in land use, zoning, and construction issues that will be of great help to the board. He has worked with HITT Contracting, the firm handling the highly skilled restoration work on Salubria. Andrew lives in McLean but grew up in Culpeper where he still has strong ties and visits often. As a descendant of Lt. Gov. Spotswood and his wife Butler Brayne, he has a strong interest in Salubria. His daughter Gabriela is a historic preservation specialist. ♦



Kimberly Abe

Kimberly Abe has served as Senior Planner, Fauquier County

Department of Community Development Planning Division. A historic preservation planner, she has been a key leader in the effort to preserve Germantown, the settlement created by the 1714 settlers when they left Fort Germanna. Many members will have the opportunity to meet Kimberly in July when she is one of the symposium speakers at Reunion. Her husband, Bud Hall, is the past president of the Brandy Station Foundation and spoke at Reunion 2011. ♦

Germanna Branding



The Germanna Foundation has selected the Holt Creative Group to assist with our brand development and management.

CEO **Edwin Holt**, a descendant of Germanna colonist Michael Holt, brings 20 years of experience in successfully branding and marketing some of the largest companies in America, including American Airlines, American Airlines Vacations, the Dallas Symphony Orchestra, Nokia, American Heart Association, ExxonMobil, EDS, the Dallas Cowboys, Southern Methodist University and many more.

The new Germanna symbol of the Fort Germanna pentagon and horseshoe based on the 1956 symbol was created by Cynthia Kwitchoff of CJK Creative in Falls Church, VA. She is also the Germanna newsletter designer. ♦



Library Corner

New Acquisitions

- **The Origin Of The Rehlsbach Family in Eisern (Rodgen), Nassau, Prussia The Genealogy Of The Railsback Family In America** by Glenn A Railsback, III *Donated by Glenn A. Railsback, III*
- **The Broyles Family with Index** by Arthur Leslie Keith
- **Genealogy of the Fishback Family the Descendants of Harman Fishback, the Emigrant With Additional Data** by Reuben Dewitt Fishback
- **Bering The Russian Discovery of America** by Orcutt Frost *Donated by Cathi Clore Frost*
- **Journal of a Voyage with Bering, 1741-1742** by Georg Wilhelm Steller *Donated by Cathi Clore Frost*
- **Loudoun Heritage** by Evelyn Taylor Adams-Litton
- **Fredericksburg: Handbook of Historic Fredericksburg Virginia**
- **Jamestown, The Buried Truth** by William M. Kelso
- **Forgotten Companions: The First Settlers of Spotsylvania County and Fredericksburgh Town (With Notes on Early Land Use)** by Paula S. Felder
- **Siegerlander und Wittgensteiner in der Neuen Welt (Emigrants from Siegerland and Wittgenstein to the New World)** *Donated by Margaret Gerhard*
- **The First Germans in America** by Gary Carl Grassl *Donated by Gary Carl Grassl*
- **Anzhausen** by Claus S. Kowallik *Donated by Claus S. Kowallik*
- **Generations: Kemper Freeman, Jr. and the Freeman Family** by Robert Spector *Donated by Kemper Development Company*
- **Kemper Freeman, Sr. and the Bellevue Story** by Robert F. Karolevitz *Donated by Kemper Development Company*
- **The Rogue Republic: How Would-Be Patriots Waged the Shortest Revolution in American History** by William C. Davis (Kemper family history) *Donated by Marc Wheat*
- **War at Our Doors: The Civil War Diaries and Letters of the Bernard Sisters of Virginia** by Rebecca Campbell Light *Donated by Marc Wheat*
- **Cultural Life in the Federal Republic of Germany** *Donated by Marc Wheat*
- **The Transatlantic Challenge: German contribution to the German-American partnership in the cultural and public relations spheres** by Professor Werner Weidenfeld *Donated by Marc Wheat*
- **Mass Media in the Federal Republic of Germany** by Hermann Meyn *Donated by Marc Wheat*
- **The German Resistance Memorial Center** *Donated by Marc Wheat*
- **The Complete National Geographic: 110 Years of National Geographic Magazine on CD-ROM (1888 – 1998)** *Donated by Marc Wheat*

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day's activities, topped off by a special celebration occasion.

Sunday worship, led by Navy Chaplain Gary Clore, will take place at the Fort Germanna/Enchanted Castle site.

Details of the events, the speakers, and the registration materials will be in the mail and on the website in April. Be sure to register early, to take advantage of lower prices and a choice of hotel rooms. ♦

Williamsburg Visit from page 1

expressed appreciation for the fine examples of interior molding and Georgian architecture that Salubria represents in Piedmont Virginia and the excitement of discovering this unknown gem in Virginia.

From Salubria, the tour continued to the Inn at Kelly's Ford for lunch, Farley, and Little Fork Episcopal Church. ♦

SOME ITEMS NEEDED TO IMPROVE THE LIBRARY

Before Germanna by Johni Cerny and Gary J. Zimmerman, Numbers 1 and 3. Does anyone know if there are more than 10? Our last volume is number 10.

Broyles Family Newsletter by John K. Broyles. Missing issues are number 37, Feb 1990; number 54, Dec 1992 and number 68, Apr 1995.

The National Geographic on CD-ROM. Any CD-ROM after 1998 and Maps on CD-ROM.

The Story of Germanna Descendants in Reunion at Siegen Forest Virginia 1958 and 1960. Germanna has poor copies of these and would like original books. All other years are in library. ♦

GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH

Do you wonder what will happen to your research? The Germanna Foundation is prepared to accept donated family research, files and artifacts. Several large and small donations have been made in the past. These are in the library and available for research.

New Hitt Papers Added to Foundation Library

An assortment of the papers of **Jesse Martin Hitt** (1852-1931) is a new acquisition in the Evelyn C. Martin Library at the Germanna Visitor Center.

This gift is a result of the careful research over the past year by our member **Sandra Jean Williams** (Mrs. David A. Williams) of Washington State.

Jean is a Hitt descendant who went on the trip to Germany in 2011. She told our three trustees who were also on this trip of this large Germanna-related collection and volunteered to copy sections that would be helpful research additions to the Foundation archives.

Jesse Martin Hitt (Caleb b. 1805, Martin b.1763, Harmon b. 1721, Peter b.circa 1690) was born in Martin County, Indiana, in 1852 and graduated from Wesleyan University in Middletown, Connecticut.

Hitt, his wife, and two sons settled in Washington in 1889, where he became a leading citizen of the state.

Jesse Hitt was the Washington State Librarian from 1905 until his death in 1931. He was also an educator, superintendent of schools, director of the National Education Association, and President of the National Association of State Libraries.

Hitt was an expert flower gardener and rose specialist.

He was a vestryman in the Episcopal Church for 50 years and a member of the Sons of the American Revolution and Rotary.

Foundation members will not be surprised to learn that genealogy was one of his hobbies. The selections from his papers that are now in the Germanna archives reflect that passion.

When our volunteers have the opportunity to catalogue them, they will be available to all members who would like to use them when they visit the library. ♦



New Faces at the Visitor Center

Karen Quanbeck, the Executive Director of the Germanna Foundation, arrived in September 2011 after Executive Director **Frank Turnage** retired.

"I was nervous about following in Dr. Turnage's footsteps," she confided. "He is an excellent scholar, with such a fine reputation, and the graciousness of a true gentleman. Yet, after my first conversation with the board members, a long tour through the visitor's center and a four-hour hike in the Siegen Forest, I was confident this was the right place to be."

Karen's professional experience includes 17 years in management positions with non-profit organizations.

Most recently, she was the Director of Development with Hos-

pice of the Rapidan and from 2004 to 2009, the Executive Director of the Loudoun Museum in Leesburg, VA.

She worked as a professional archaeologist in the Four Corners region of the American Southwest for six years.



Karen spent her earlier career years in the computer systems industry, with a capstone position as a regional director for Apple Computer Federal Systems Group.

Karen received her MA in Anthropology/ Archaeology from Northern Arizona University, MS in Systems Management from the University of Southern California and BA from the University of Virginia.

Raised near Middleburg in Loudoun County, VA, she attributes her early fascination with history and archaeology to exploring the 18th and 19th century structures and cemeteries on a neighboring farm.

Karen resides in Sperryville, VA with her 15 year old son, James. Their current projects are agility training with Duchy, their Aussie Shepherd and volunteering with the National Park Service.

Barbara Bounds joined the foundation in September 2011 after eight years of teaching foreign language in the Culpeper and Spotsylvania public schools.



Meet our wonderful staff members: Office Manager Barbara Bounds, Volunteer Coordinator John Howard and Executive Director Karen Quanbeck

Prior to that she worked for twenty years as an administrative assistant, an accounting clerk, and in electronics purchasing.

From Pittsburgh, PA, she is married to a Spotsylvania native, Gary, who is a dispatcher for a trucking firm in Fredericksburg.

Together they have six children and three grandchildren. They live at Lake of the Woods and enjoy its community activities.

She enjoys the foundation and looks forward to Germanna's exciting future. Her co-workers add that Barbara's good cheer, hospitable nature, excellent organizational and planning skills, and her marvelous baking, make her wonderful to work with!

John Howard, our volunteer coordinator, was born in Seattle and lived in Bremerton, Washington until 1966.

He spent three years in the Army and then worked for the Navy in ship design until retirement 38 years later.

His career took him to Washington DC in 1966, where he lived in Arlington and met his wife Ann. They have two married children and three grandchildren.

John retired in 1993. In 1998 they followed two Falls Church neighbors to Lake of the Woods.

John came out of retirement to work first for the Orange County Visitor Center at Germanna in 2004 and then subsequently stayed with the Germanna Foundation when Orange County transferred its visitor operations.

A valuable resource for our visitors, John keeps the library organized and helps others research their family history.

When he is not working at the Center, he keeps busy stamp and beer can collecting. We are blessed to have such a knowledgeable and meticulous person on our staff. ♦

Come along on the Rhine River Cruise!

You could still book a place on the Rhine River Cruise that departs from Basel, Switzerland on September 2, 2012 and join Germanna friends and relatives in following the route of our ancestors.

They traveled in crowded wooden vessels; we will travel in luxury for seven nights aboard the Viking Helvetica, with its 99 outside staterooms, sun deck, wi-fi service, local evening entertainment, and seven breakfasts, five lunches, and seven dinners of European gourmet food.

Stops for land excursions include the Black Forest, Strasbourg, France, Ruedesheim on the Rhine in the heart of wine country, Cologne, and a historic windmill area



of the Netherlands. We will be in four countries, and enjoy exquisite scenery in each.

Travelers will fly in to Basel and be transferred from the airport to the boat, and at the end will be taken from the ship to the airport for departure from Amsterdam.

Pricing for the trip depends

upon the stateroom chosen, but can run from \$4,400 to \$5,500, including round trip airfare from Washington-Dulles.

Please contact Germanna Foundation Trustee and Treasure **Raymond "Skip" Poole** for additional information at 1-888-877-2077. ♦





THE GERMANNA FOUNDATION'S COUNCIL OF ADVISORS

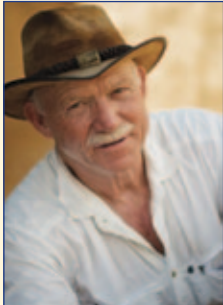
As The Germanna Foundation continues to bring recognition to the people of Germanna and their place in American history, we have looked to experts to help us tell the Germanna story, discover how life was lived in colonial America, and deepen German-American ties. We asked some special friends of the Foundation to formalize their relationship with us by agreeing to serve as member of our Council of Advisors. We would like to introduce some of them to you.



Frank Price serves as Chairman of The Germanna Foundation's Council of Advisors, and is a descendant of Germanna colonists John Jacob Rector, John Fishback, and the Rev. Henry Haeger. Mr. Price is a member of the National Council of the Arts, and Chairman and CEO of Price Entertainment, Inc., where he has produced films such as *Shadowlands* and *A Circle*

of Friends, plus Peabody Award winner *The Tuskegee Airmen* for HBO. Mr. Price began his entertainment career in television, joining Universal Television in 1959 as a producer and writer. In 1973, he was appointed President of Universal Television where his series included *Kojak* and *Columbo*. Five years later, he became Chairman and CEO of the motion picture

division of Columbia Pictures Industries. Under his administration, *Kramer vs Kramer* and *Gandhi* swept the Academy Awards. In 1984, Price became Chairman of the MCA Motion Picture Group and President of Universal Pictures. Successful films produced during his tenure included *Out of Africa* and *Back to the Future*. ♦



Dr. William M. Kelso is the foremost archaeologist in Early American history. He is the director of archaeology for the Preservation Virginia Jamestown Rediscovery archaeological project, and the past director of archaeology at Colonial Williamsburg's Carter's Grove, Monticello and Poplar Forest. He was also commissioner of archaeology for the Virginia His-

toric Landmarks Commission. Dr. Kelso has lectured throughout the U.S. and Europe and has authored or contributed to numerous books and articles on archaeology, including *Jamestown, the Buried Truth* (University of Virginia Press) and *Archaeology of Thomas Jefferson's Monticello: Artifacts of Everyday Life in the Plantation Community* (Thomas Jefferson

Memorial Foundation, Inc., Charlottesville). Queen Elizabeth of Great Britain has announced her intention to make Dr. Kelso an Honorary Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE), an honor awarded for especially inventive and celebrated contributions to the recipient's field. ♦



Kathleen Kilpatrick is a native Virginian and resident of Goochland County. Ms. Kilpatrick has served as Director of the Department of Historic Resources and State Historic Preservation Officer for the Commonwealth of Virginia since February of 2001. Ms. Kilpatrick began at the department as Deputy Director in 1995, bringing extensive experience in state and federal government and a broad background in natural and cultur-

al resource policy. Before coming to the department, Ms. Kilpatrick served in state government as Special Assistant for Policy and Legislation to the Virginia Secretary of Natural Resources with oversight responsibilities for historic resources, game and inland fisheries, marine resources, state parks, and recreation. Her federal service includes five years with the U.S. Department of Interior as Senior Special Assistant to the Assistant

Secretary for Policy, Management, and Budget from 1988-93. In 1984, she was confirmed by the United States Senate to a six-year term on the National Council on the Humanities, and served as chairman of the Committee on General Programs with policy and grant-making responsibilities for public programs conducted by museums, historical societies, libraries, radio, and television. ♦



Paul S. Atkins, prior to founding Patomak Global Partners, Mr. Atkins served from July 2002 to August 2008 as a Commissioner of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. During his two terms, Mr. Atkins advocated better transparency and consistency in the SEC's decision-making and enforcement activities and smart-

er regulation that considers costs and benefits. He represented the SEC at various meetings of the US-EU Transatlantic Economic Council, the President's Working Group on Financial Markets, the World Economic Forum, and the Transatlantic Business Dialogue. Mr. Atkins is a visiting scholar at the American Enterprise Institute

for Public Policy Research and a trustee of the American Council on Germany. A German-American, Mr. Atkins speaks French and German. ♦



A Tribute to Two Germanna Gentlemen

Longtime members of the Foundation will be especially sorry to learn of the recent deaths of two outstanding supporters of the Germanna Foundation.

Newer members will appreciate that it has been superb figures such as these who have sustained this organization for more than half a century and helped it grow to its present strength and influence.

James E. "Jimmie" Martin, Trustee Emeritus, passed away

at his home in North Carolina in January of 2012.

Jimmie, whose father, **Edgar Payne Martin** was an active member since the foundation's establishment in 1956, was elected a trustee of The

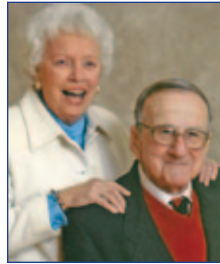


Germanna Foundation in 1960 and served actively with pride until he moved to North Carolina about a decade ago.

A veteran of World War II, Jimmie followed in his father's footsteps as a lumber dealer.

A gentle, quiet trustee, Jimmie worked behind the scenes, seeing needs and filling them, especially in his care for the Foundation's land and its new Visitor Center.

He gave generously of his time, talent, and means, taking great pride in his German heritage as a Martin descendant from the mining village of Muesen.



Angus McDonald Green, a key figure in Piedmont publishing circles, community leader, and World War II veteran who served under Patton died in March 2012.

One of seven children in a publishing family, Green learned the printing business from childhood with his siblings and absorbed a love of history at his family home Greenwood, where the Marquis de Lafayette had been a visitor.

His grandfather founded what is now the *Culpeper Star-Exponent*, and Green and his father published the *Orange County Review* for decades.

A longtime friend of The Germanna Foundation, Green published many of the issues of *The Germanna Record*, including Dr.

B.C. Holtzclaw's best-selling #5 on the Ancestry and Descent of the 1714 Siegerland settlers.

The Foundation extends its heartfelt condolences to the families of these two grand Virginia gentlemen. ♦



We shall not cease from exploration. And the end of all our exploring, will be to arrive where we started, and know the place for the first time.

T.S. Eliot, The Four Quartets

Giving the Gift of Membership

By Barbara Price

I don't think that I'm alone when I say that being the genealogy nut in your family can be very lonely and right now my only prospect to keep this going is my six-year-old granddaughter!!!

So, when I was considering giving the Gift of Membership to the Germanna Foundation, I thought of a person who has been a supporter of the Foundation for many, many years, **Perry Cabot**.

He has helped us in so many ways and has taken the time to speak to the travelers on the First Colony Tour for several years, been a speaker at the conference, and continues to research the Little Fork Colony. I am pleased to say that he has taken me, along with **Katharine and Madison Brown, Russell Hitt and Don Tharpe**, on explorations of the Jacob Holtzclaw land grant on Indian Run.

All of this is amazing to me because Perry Cabot is not a Germanna descendant, but he loves history and he especially loves the history of his own town, Jefferson, Virginia.

Remember that giving the Gift of Membership to The Germanna Foundation doesn't mean that you are limited to family members.

Give the Gift of Membership to people like Perry Cabot, so supportive and so deserving.

The Gift of Membership can also be given to your local historical society and/or library to spread the word about the very colorful history of the Germanna family—and that gift is even tax deductible! ♦



A Geocache at Germanna

By Raymond "Skip" Poole

For the Germanna Foundation members who are geocachers, check out GC3EXQ3, just recently published.

Find it during your next visit to the Visitor Center. For the muggles out there, the website www.geocaching.com explains the geocaching phenomenon enjoyed by thousands of people all over the world.

My wife **Joy Poole** and I so enjoy looking for caches that take



us to buildings/parks/areas/monuments that we did not know about.

Not everyone knows about The Germanna Foundation, so looking for this cache will turn into a learning experience for many. For example, the second person to find the Germanna cache grew up near Siegen, Germany. ♦

Email me with questions at poole123189@comcast.net

Tenth Germany Trip Set to Depart June 5



For the tenth consecutive summer, a group of Germanna members will board a plane at Dulles to visit the homes of their Germanna ancestors.

Horst Schneider, our trustee in Siegen, and trip guides **Madison and Katharine Brown** have the itinerary in place and look forward to another successful adventure on the ancestral trail.

Freudenberg in the Siegerland, Rockenhausen in the Palatinate, and Eppingen in the Kraichgau will be bases for overnights.

Old friends in the Siegerland are prepared to welcome us once more, including **Werner Hoffmann-Gassner**, who has made more wonderful village coats of arms for our visitor center.

Friends in familiar villages of the Clore, Broyles, Wilhoit, Kafer, and Yager families look forward to our arrival and have planned their usual warm welcome for our group. We will report on the trip at Reunion! ♦



Use of Original Documents in Germana Research: Who were the Second (1717) Germana Colonists that arrived aboard the *Scott*?

Gemmingen Departure List 12 July 1717 ⁱ	Spotswood's Importation List ⁱⁱ	Sued by Spotswood 1724-1726 ⁱⁱⁱ	Proof of Importation stating 1717 arrival ^{iv}	Patented Land 24 June 1726 ^v
		Conrad Amburge ^{vi}	Conrad Amberger	
		Andrew Bellenger		
			Christopher Parlur	
			wife Pauera	
				Matthias Beller ^{vii}
	Pals Blankebucher	Balthazer Blankenbucher		Balthasar Blankenbucher
	Margaret Blankebucher			
	Mattilas Blankebucher	Mathias Blankenbucher		Matthias Blankenbucher
	Anna Maria Blankebucher			
	Hans Jerich Blankebucher			
	Hans Nicholas Blankebucher	Nicholas Blankenbucher		Nicholas Blankenbucher
	Applonia Blankebucher			
	Zacharias Blankebucher			
			Jacob Bryoll	
		John Bryol	John Bryoll	John Prial/Brial
			wife Ursley	
			son Conrad	
			daughter Elizabeth	
		Jacob Crigler		Jacob Krugler ^{viii}
	Cos Jacob Fleshman	Cyracus Fleshman		Cyriacus Fleischman
	Anna Parva Fleshman			
	Maria Catherina Fleshman			
	John Peter Fleshman			
		Michael Holt		Michel Holt
			Hans Herren Burgud	John Harnsberger ^{ix}
			wife Anna Purve	
			son Stephen	
	Wof Michael Kafer	Michael Kaifer		Michael Kaffer
			Andrew Kerker	
			wife Margeritta	
			daughter Barbara	
Hans Michael Klaar	Hans Michael Cloar	Michael Clore		Michael Clore
wife Maria Barbara	Anna Maria Parva Cloar			
daughter Agnes Margaretha	Agnis Margaret Cloar			
son Andreas	Andreas Claos Cloar			
son Hans Georg	Hans Jerick Cloar			
	Michael Cook	Michael Cook	Michell Cook	Michael Cook ^x
	Mary Cook		wife Mary	
		George Moyer ^{xi}		George Meyer
			John Motz	John Motz ^{xii}
			wife Maria Pelona	
Hans Michael Mihlekher ^{xiii}	Hans Michael Milker			
wife Sophia Catharina	Sophia Catherina Milker			
daughter Anna Margaretha				
daughter Anna Catharina				
wife's sister [not named]				
	Maria Parva Milker			
		Phillip Paulitz	Philip Paulitz	
			wife Rose	
			daughter Margaret	
			daughter Katherin	
	Hans Jerich Chively	George Scheible		George Scheible
	Maria Clara Chively			
	Anna Martha Chively			
	Anna Elisabetha Chively			
	Anna Maria Chively			
	Henrich Schluctor			
Hans Michael Schmidt	Hans Michel Schmidt	Michael Smith		Michael Smith
wife Anna Margaretha	Anna Parva Schmidt			
son Hans Michael	Hans Michael Schmidt			
son Christoph				
father-in-law [not named]				
mother-in-law [not named]				

Attempts to identify members of the Second or 1717 Germana Colony have been made using a variety of sources over the years. The number of this group has been given variously as seventy-odd or about eighty Germans however there are more candidates than this. To narrow the candidates, this chart provides a side-by-side comparison of these sources and those named in each to identify who arrived aboard the *Scott* in 1717 O.S.

~ Cathi Clore Frost

Gemmingen Departure List 12 July 1717	Spotswood's Importation List	Sued by Spotswood 1724-1726	Proof of Importation stating 1717 arrival	Patented Land 24 June 1726
Matthaus Schmidt			Matthew Smith	Matthias Smith ^{xiv}
wife Regina Catharina			wife Katherina	
son Matthaus				
daughter Anna Margretha				
	Henry Snyder	Hendrick Snyder	Henry Snyder	Henry Schneider
			wife Dorothy	
				John Tomer ^{xv}
	Hans Jerich Ots	George Utz		George Utz
	Parva Ots			
	Ferdinandus Sylvanus Ots ^{xvi}			
	Anna Louisa Ots ^{xvii}			
Joseph Weber	Joseph Weber			
wife Susanna	Susanna Weber			
son Hans Dietrich	Hans Frederick Weber			
daughter Sophia	Maria Sophia Weber			
	Wabburie Weber			
	Hans Jerich Wegman			
	Anna Maria Wegman			
	Maria Margaret Wegman			
	Maria Wegman			
		Nicholas Jeager	Nicholas Yeager	Nicholas Yager
			wife Mary	
			son Adam	
			daughter Mary	
			Christopher Zimmerman	Christopher Cimberman
			wife Elizabeth	
			son John	
			son Andrew	

ⁱ Gemmingen Parish Register, Toten 1691-1729: 24-25. Available from: Memorial Foundation of the Germanna Colonies in Virginia, Inc., <http://www.gemmanna.org/tng>. Although others are named on the Gemmingen Departure List, they are not found in Virginia records and are not included here.

ⁱⁱ Virginia Land Office Patent Book 14: 382 [Spotswood patent dated 11 April 1732]. Available from: Memorial Foundation of the Germanna Colonies in Virginia, Inc., <http://www.gemmanna.org/tng>.

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^{vi} It is uncertain if any family arrived in Virginia with Conrad Amberger.

^{vii} Joint patent with Matthias Smith.

^{viii} Joint patent with Michael Cook.

^{ix} Joint patent with John Motz.

^x Joint patent with Jacob Krugler.

^{xi} Family also found in Virginia records are wife Anna Barbara and children Christoph(er), Johann Melchoir (Michael), Maria Susannah and Catharina Barbara.

^{xii} Joint patent with John Harnsberger.

^{xiii} Apparently the two eldest Mühlecker daughters died and a third was born en route to Virginia.

^{xiv} Joint patent with Matthias Beller.

^{xv} Joint patent with Michael Tomer. Although the surname appears on the patent as Tomer it is actually Thomas. It is presumed Michael was born in Virginia and that the two sons claimed land in right of their father who was deceased. Family that came to Virginia with Hans Wendel Thomas aka John Thomas included father Johannes Thoma, mother Anna Maria Blanckenbühler (married second to Wolf Michael Käfer) and sister Anna Magdalena Thomas.

^{xvi} This listing has been determined to be two separate people, Ferdinand Utz and his stepsister Maria Sabina Charlotta Barbara Volck.

^{xvii} Louisa Elisabetha Volck is listed with the surname of her stepfather.

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Virginia Forum Features Panel of Salubria Experts

The Virginia Forum, an annual conference of top scholars researching Virginia's history, featured a panel presentation of research relating to Salubria, the Germanna Foundation's exceptionally fine mid-18th century brick plantation house.

This year's prestigious Virginia Forum convened at James Madison University, Harrisonburg, VA, on March 29-31.

Foundation First Vice President **Dr. Katharine L. Brown** brought together the panel of researchers who have worked on aspects of Salubria over the past year and submitted a proposal to the committee planning the 2012 conference. The conference organizers liked the proposal and invited our group to participate.

The four researchers who prepared papers were **Ann L. Miller**, Historian with the Virginia Center for Transportation Innovation and Research; **Nancy Kraus**, an independent scholar in the field of architectural history; **Douglas Harnsberger**, AIA, of Legacy Architecture; and **Sonia Brenner**, landscape architect and recipient of the 2010 Will Rieley Fellowship of the Garden Club of Virginia to study Salubria's gardens.

Miller's topic was *"The Early History and Settlement of the Central Piedmont in the Region of Salubria."* Kraus spoke on *"The Lady and The Parson: A Biographical and Architectural Historical Context for Salubria."* Harnsberger's subject was *"A Comparative Analysis of Salubria with Three Comparable Virginia Houses,"* and Brenner's paper was *"Salubria: An interpretation of its garden and landscape heritage."*

The conference offered these representatives of the Germanna Foundation the opportunity to introduce the scholarly world to our exceptional property and thus to gain the respect the property deserves as one of Virginia's outstanding Georgian plantation houses and as one of the earliest and finest houses in the Piedmont.

Between putting together the panel in the fall and its actuality in the spring, Katharine Brown, the moderator, had to go to England and Sonia Brenner moved to California. In their places, Trustee **Kathy Ellis** moderated the panel and **Dale Sayers**, Chair of the Salubria Garden Committee, presented Sonia's paper. ♦



VFH Grant to Germanna

The Germanna Foundation is the grateful recipient a grant from the **Virginia Foundation for the Humanities** for a long-term interpretive exhibit for the Brawdus Martin Germanna Visitor Center.

This grant provides \$3,000 towards the costs of fabricating and installing the exhibit in 2012.

A previous grant from VFH of \$10,000 made possible the research and design of the exhibit.

Former Trustee Emeritus **John Pearce** and First Vice President **Katharine L. Brown** prepared the exhibit script as professional volunteers and **Cheryl Lyon** of LDA creations, an experienced exhibit designer, prepared the design and construction plans for the exhibit.

The exhibit panels, which will hang on the five walls of the exhibit gallery in the pentagonal building, will cover the history of the settlers who came to Germanna in 1714 and 1717, and those who came later to join these pioneers.

Their backgrounds in the various German states, the role of Lt. Gov. Spotswood in bringing these



German Protestants to the Virginia frontier, and the permanent settlements they created in Fauquier, Culpeper, and Madison counties are also examined in

the exhibit. Salubria and its connection with the Spotswoods and with the German settlers is also a focus, as is the history of the area during the Civil War.

Numerous historic documents, portraits, maps, and photographs of rare artifacts are included among the panel illustrations, as well as photographs of historic churches and villages in Germany associated with the Germanna settlers.

The VFH grant is a matching grant, which means the Foundation must raise another \$3,000 to apply to the fabrication and installation of the panels.

Contributions in any amount, small or large, are welcome for that purpose.

Simply send a check to the Foundation office with "vfh exhibit match" on the memo line. Your tax-deductible contribution will be gratefully acknowledged. ♦

Nature Discovery Program at Salubria

With the repair and stabilizations projects underway at Salubria this spring, we are moving our educational programs out of doors so the public can enjoy Salubria's wonderful natural resources.

A series of Nature Discovery Programs will be held with a small admission fee included.

The Nature Discovery Program at Salubria will open with a *"Breakfast with the Birds"* at 7:30 am, Saturday, May 5.

Dr. Brian Moores, a life-time birder, will lead the walk during this spring warbler migration season. A light breakfast on the grounds will follow.

Culpeper citizens were encouraged to participate in the 2012 Great Backyard Bird Count during February (birdcount.org).

Future Nature Discovery Programs at Salubria being considered are geology, tree identification, cloud identification, and star gazing. ♦



American Bald Eagle photographed flying over Salubria, October 2011



Attend the 55th Annual Conference & Reunion Celebrating *The Women of Germanna*

**July 13-15, 2012
Culpeper, Virginia**

Event Highlights

Friday, July 13

First Colony Tour: Enjoy a pilgrimage to Germanna sites in Fauquier and Culpeper Counties including Clovelly, a Kemper home in Warrenton, and a historic Culpeper County farm with Germanna connections. Lunch at Spillman Park in Jeffersonton, location of the Little Fork Colony.

Second Colony Tour: Tour of a Crigler farm, the original land grants at Mount Pony, the Kemper Mansion in Madison, and original land grants in Madison County. Lunch at Hebron Lutheran Church.

History Hike: Learn more about the cultural landscape of the Germanna settlers. Explore the Siegen Forest, and its archaeological and historic sites.

In the evening, we'll gather for a BBQ dinner at Salubria.



Saturday July 14

Historical & Genealogical Conference
8:30 am to 3:30 pm

Special Session:
The Women of Germanna, **Dr. Katharine Brown**

SESSION I:

- Germanna 101, **John Blankenbaker**
- "Iss, was gar ist...": Foodways of the German Peasant, **Karen Becker**
- How to Write Your Story, Part II, **Maxine Weaver Crane**

SESSION II:

- The Germanna Descendant Database, **Cathi Clore Frost**
- Culpeper County in the War of 1812, **Lt. Col. Myron E. "Mike" Lyman**
- What Do We Really Know About Butler Spotswood Thompson? **Dale Sayers**

SESSION III:

- Austrian Origins of Some Germanna Colonists, **John Blankenbaker**
- History of the Elk Run-Germantown-Cedar Run Community, **Kimberly Abe**
- Researching Female Ancestors, **Karen Jensen**

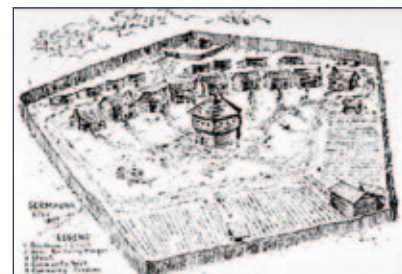
Kids Camp at Salubria, 8:15 am to 3:45 pm

The Germanna Foundation's Annual Meeting,
3:30 pm

Dinner, Silent & Live Auction and a Very Special Celebration at Tuscany Hall, 6:00 pm

Sunday, July 15

Worship Service and Tour at Fort Germanna/Enchanted Castle Archaeological Site, 10:00 am



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Restoring Salubria *continued from page 1*

of the displaced chimney bricks were brought down to grade in buckets, where they were cleaned of mortar and stacked for their eventual reuse.

About 30% of the brick were cracked or damaged beyond reuse by the quake's actions, so a mix of matching replica brick will be required for the two chimneys' reconstruction.

In anticipation of the chimney reconstruction work that is scheduled to begin on April 15, 2012, the Germanna Foundation placed an order in January for three thousand sand-molded, handmade, oversize brick with Old Carolina Brick in Salisbury, N.C.

These custom-made bricks will closely match Salubria's original chimney brick in size, texture and color.

The reconstruction work on the two chimneys is expected to take approximately two months, which means that the chimneys' elegant twenty-foot-high profile above the roofline should be fully visible again for everyone to enjoy by mid-June.

Repairing the Fractured Roof Rafters

Quake damage to the original circa 1757 attic roof rafters was less obvious than the chimney destruction.



The above photo shows project Germanna member **Robert Ellis** pointing to one of seven fractured rafters in the attic. The fractures all were located just below the heavy purlin structural member at the rafters' midspan.

Instead of simply removing and replacing these seven broken rafters, however, the Germanna Foundation will repair them *in situ* and restore to their original locations prior to the earthquake's dislocation.

New "sister" rafters will be inserted adjacent to each of the repaired rafters to assume the active

roof load.

The historic rafters will be relieved of the ongoing roof stresses, and preserved-in-place for future architectural historians to observe and analyze.



Repairing the Quake-induced Stress Cracks in Salubria's Brick Walls

Lateral and vertical earthquake forces moving through a solid brick wall often will produce diagonal stress cracks, as seen in the above photo.

In this particular example along a Second Floor partition wall, the bricks pulled apart about an inch, leaving a continuous diagonal line of severed bricks and localized plaster damage.

Salubria's brick wall stress crack restoration work will begin in April of 2012, after the last freeze of winter.

All of the fractured wall bricks across the cracks will be removed and replaced with matching whole bricks.

The stress crack cavities within the walls will be filled with a special casein liquefied mortar injected into the wall cavities.

Price Masonry's lead preservation mason **Jimmy Price** has promised to give us another of his signature restoration demonstrations using the casein injection process, so that all those who wish to learn firsthand about this masonry conservation technique may benefit from his expertise. We will announce the day and time of the demonstration (sometime in May) on the Germanna Website.

Researching "Best Conservation and Restoration Practices" for Salubria's Upcoming Roof Restoration Work

The Salubria Restoration Design Team of **Legacy Architecture, LLC** and **HITT Contracting** has made recent field trips to

Colonial Williamsburg's **Wythe House**, James Madison's **Montpelier**, George Mason's **Gunston Hall**, Washington's **Mount Vernon** and Historic **Kenmore** in Fredericksburg to observe "best conservation and restoration practices" as these institutions have applied them.

The roof restoration projects executed by **Peter Post**, Historic Roofer, at Montpelier, Mt. Vernon and Gunston Hall has provided us with exemplary models for the kind of high-quality decorative wood shingle work that we shall achieve soon at Salubria. (photo below)



The existing decorative shingles on Salubria's roof date back to a 1982 installation, so they are over three decades old now.

We have found evidence in the attic that several of the historic rafters suffered significant water damage from the prolonged rain-water leaks through the roof.

The Germanna Foundation has committed to repairing the damage to the Salubria's exquisite heavy timber roof structure and to installing a new decorative cedar shingle roof this summer, from June through September.

Russell and Joan Hitt, and **HITT Contracting, Inc.** have generously made a challenge grant of \$195,000 to ensure the stabilization and conservation work begins as soon as possible.

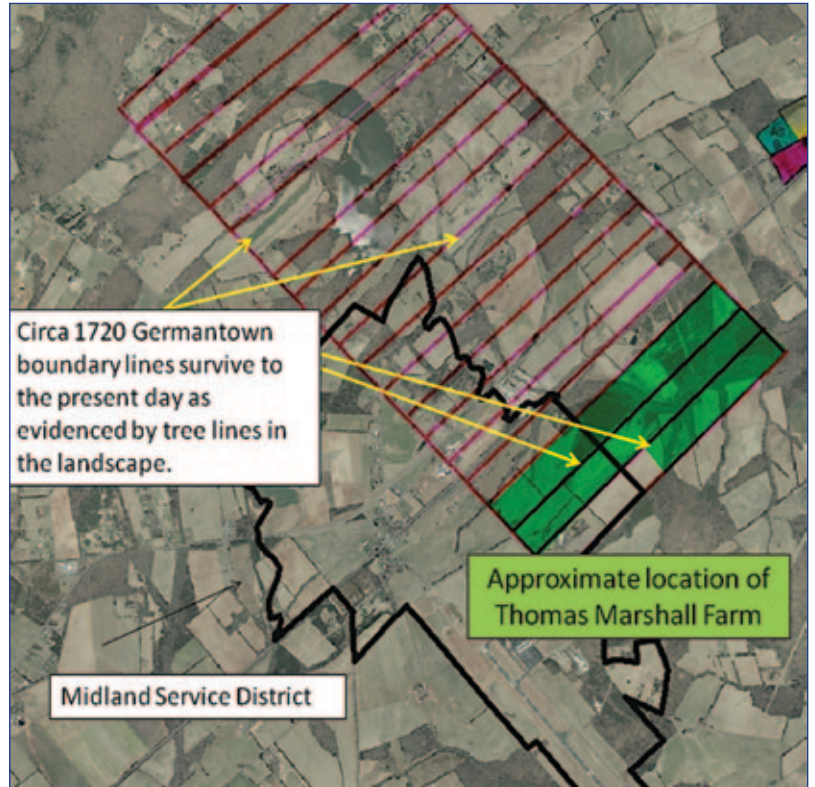
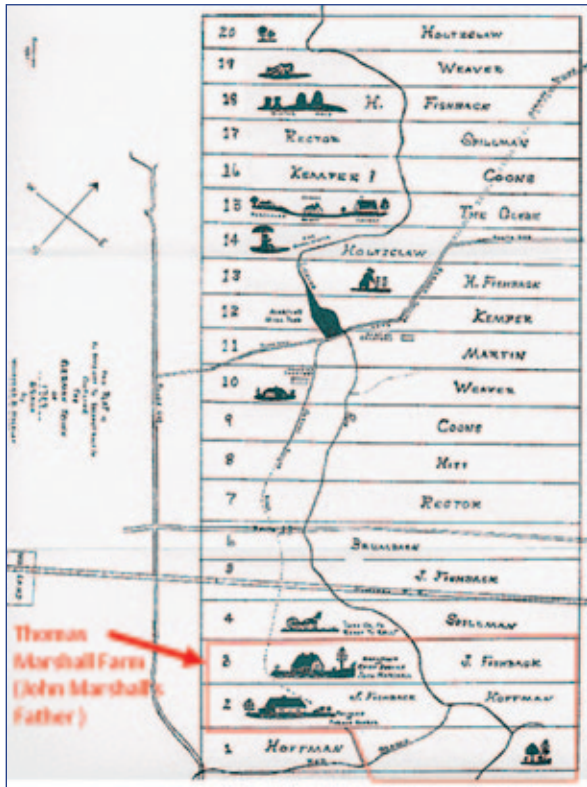
"To everything there is a season," Ecclesiastes tells us. So, this season - this year - is Salubria's "time to build up."

The Germanna Foundation respectfully solicits your contribution, at whatever level you can help to match the HITT Challenge Grant and counteract the destructive forces of the Mineral Earthquake. Salubria's preservation depends now on our collective response. ♦





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President Marc Wheat greeted Priscilla Grayson (Mrs. Cary Grayson, Jr.) on her recent visit to our Visitor Center. The Grayson family owned Salubria from 1853 to 2000, when the family donated the property to The Germanna Foundation.



Jimmy Price and Jeffrey Price of Price Masonry, Inc. and Virginia Lime Works, Madison Heights, VA demonstrate how to make correct lime mortar for historic Salubria at the Restoration Symposium in October.



Mitch Filipowicz of HITT Contracting (left) talks with President Marc Wheat, Trustee Bruce Davis and Executive Director Karen Quanbeck about the planned restoration work at Salubria.



Jason Whitehead of Colonial Williamsburg shows symposium attendees bricks were made when Salubria was built..

