



# Germanna

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

## German-American Association Program to Feature Germanna

The Germanna Foundation is a charter member of the Deutsch-Amerikanische Gesellschaft / German-American Association in Siegen (DAG/GAA).

This group is one of 30 such clubs in cities and towns across Germany. Germanna trustee Horst Schneider played an important role in organizing the group and serves as its secretary.

The diverse membership of the group includes teachers, professors, lawyers, government officials, civil servants, businessmen, housewives and retirees. All have in common an interest in German-American relations.

Most members speak English, have lived in the United States as

exchange students or graduate students, have traveled extensively in this country, or have family members living here now.

For the past five or six years, the DAG has welcomed our Germanna travelers every summer and entertained our members graciously.

In April, their annual meeting will feature a presentation about the 1714 emigrants from the Siegerland who came to Fort Germanna.

At this meeting, the group also will make plans for bringing



a delegation to Virginia to help the Germanna Foundation celebrate the 300th Anniversary of the settlement at Fort Germanna.

We look forward to welcoming these visitors and will plan a warm reception for them.

**Please contact the Germanna Foundation at 540-423-1700 if you would like to provide hospitality for our German guests.**

Take some time to look at the excellent DAG website: [www.dag-siwi.de](http://www.dag-siwi.de). ♦

## Book Review: The Rogue Republic: How Would-Be Patriots Waged the Shortest Revolution in American History

Reviewed by Barbara Kemper

If you've ever sewn a crazy quilt from a bag of scraps, you can appreciate what William C. Davis has done to write the book, *The Rogue Republic: How Would-Be Patriots Waged the Shortest Revolution in American History*.

First, you have to find sound material to use. Then, discard any thin worn cloth that won't hold up. Deciding what works best and fitting the pieces together has to be the hardest part. And, the stitching takes a lot of time and effort. Embroidery can be added, but it does not contribute to the integrity of the final product. *The Rogue Republic* is interesting, colorful, and a cohesive work of art, in spite of the fragments it is made from.

The topic of this book is the West Florida Rebellion. My great-great-great grandfather, Nathan Kemper and his two brothers were involved in this part of history.

I don't remember the first time I heard about the Kemper Devils, the fightin' swearin' preacher's kids. I must have been in elementary school. My parents had the Kemper Records (1946) about our family's genealogy, and none of the other stories in it were nearly as interesting as the one about these three brothers who were blonde

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## News & Notes



Congratulations to our trustee, **Michael D. Frost, PhD** on his election as Governor of The Jamestown Society, a distin-

guished hereditary society whose members trace their ancestry to Virginia's earliest settlers and sponsors.

Thanks to Dr. Frost's leadership, the Jamestown Rediscovery Project has received the first \$10,000 contribution for stabilizing and preserving the iconic church tower. This is Jamestown's only surviving 17th-century "above ground" structure.

On April 12, the Germanna Foundation president, **Marc Wheat**, will address the Hereditary Order of Descendants of Colonial Governors at the Sulgrave Club in Washington, DC. His subject will be the contributions of Alexander

Spotswood to America.

The **German-American Heritage Foundation** (Marc Wheat is the new president) joined with the U.S. Capitol Historical Society to create an exhibit on the contributions of German-Americans to the history of the United States Congress.

The 14-panel exhibit includes a feature on Congressman Russ Carnahan, a descendant of the Germanna Carpenter, Finks, Aylor, Crigler, Kerker, Christler, Garr and Blankenbaker families. This exhibit has now been translated into German, and will be shown throughout Germany.



## President's Message

J. Marc Wheat



Over the next five years, we will celebrate the 300th anniversary of a Germanna milestone annually.

This year, we celebrate the first of several 300th Germanna anniversaries: the first Germanna colonists leaving their homes for England in 1713.

We will mark their arrival in Virginia in 1714, then John Fontaine's 1715 visit to Fort Germana, the 1716 Knights of the Golden Horseshoe expedition, and the 1717 arrival of the second colony.

In preparation for these important jubilees, the Germanna Foundation is helping coordinate projects that will help make the cycle of anniversaries more meaningful.

Two books will be published over the next two years. The first will be in honor of John Blankenbaker and will examine details of our shared Germanna heritage.

This book is scheduled for release at our annual conference and reunion this July.

The second book will come out in 2014, and its success depends on you: we are looking for stories from the vast Germanna diaspora that will inspire future generations as we reflect on Germanna's 300 year history.

How do our stories tell those who come after us what we think are the most important things to remember? How did Germanna's people settle the frontier, fight for their country, build a company, save a college, inspire a nation through music and words, win a Rhodes Scholarship and a Nobel Prize, and reach the Moon?

We did that, and more. The idea behind this book is to challenge the rising generations to live their lives worthy of their Germanna forbearers for the next 300

years. And we want your contributions to record those important memories.

We also want to make our transatlantic heritage come alive through friendships between Americans and Germans.

A special meeting will occur in Siegen on April 22, 2012 to encourage our distant kin to travel to America to join in the celebrations.

But why let the Siegerlanders have all the fun? We are also asking all of Germanna's ancestral churches in Germany to celebrate with us as well and connect with Americans who have a centuries old tie with each of these continuing communities.

We are developing a tool kit to help you document family histories. As a member benefit, you are eligible to access a database of over 93,000 Germanna ancestors

and their descendants; it is a good platform for sharing and preserving your discoveries. We are also planning an ambitious project to digitize our Visitor Center's library holdings, to safeguard the information we have and make it more readily usable to our many members conducting research.

To make these projects succeed, we will need volunteers to help fund and coordinate these projects.

Pick the ones most meaningful to you – perhaps you would like to volunteer to work with a group to accomplish these goals, or maybe you want to fund some of these projects in honor or memory of a loved one.

Drop me a line at [germanna1714@yahoo.com](mailto:germanna1714@yahoo.com) and let me know how you will help commemorate our 300-year journey together! ♦

## Sponsorships Sought for Exhibit Panels



New Germanna Exhibit Panels for the Visitor Center

The foundation has plans for a new interpretive exhibit in the gallery at the Visitor Center, and has received some matching grant funding from the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities to assist with the exhibit.

At its fall meeting, the board authorized a plan to approach Germanna families to see if they would undertake sponsorship of a panel for \$1,000, the approximate cost of production.

We need a dozen panels to be underwritten among Germanna families.

Board member **Ann Baise**, whose uncle **James Martin** was a longtime board member and representative of the Martin / Merten family from Muesen in the Siegerland, generously gave the first panel sponsorship in memory of her uncle.

Two members of the Clore family on the board, **Raymond "Skip" Poole** and **Cathi Clore Frost**, un-

dertook to approach Clore descendants for contributions and could report by early January that they had complete success.

Seventeen Clore descendants from five states participated in this important effort, for which the board is deeply grateful.

We are seeking others who would undertake to chair an effort to approach friends and relatives in their Germanna families to contribute towards a family-sponsored panel.

This does not entail a huge mailing campaign or hours of volunteer labor. A few phone calls, e-mails, or handwritten notes to friends and relatives who share your Germanna line are all it will take.

Ten gifts of \$100 or twenty of \$50 will meet the goal.

Please contact our Vice President, Katharine Brown, if you are willing to round up contributions

from your family line. [klbrown@cfw.com](mailto:klbrown@cfw.com) or 540-886-5979.

Or let the Germanna office know via Karen Quanbeck at [kquanbeck@germanna.org](mailto:kquanbeck@germanna.org) or 540-423-1700. ♦

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## Fun Series for Germanna Descendants Underway

As we approach Germanna's 300th anniversaries, a group of our trustees plan to engage the membership in preparing fun material to interest our young people in their amazing Germanna heritage

We are struck by how many unanswered questions remain about the Germanna emigration, travel, and settlement experience.

Many of these questions would pique the curiosity of young peo-

ple and adults, and their answers would be of great interest to all of us.

We are seeking members across the country who will volunteer to help research some of these topics and answer some of these questions.

This is not genealogy. This is history about the everyday life of early 18th century Germany and Virginia.

This is research work that can

be done in your own hometown, using local library resources and the internet.

There is already material in print and on the internet about many of the topics.

We hope YOU will volunteer to adopt ONE of those questions, search for some answers, and e-mail them to us when you have found them.

We hope many members will participate, and we want to give

credit to all of our researchers—this can be one of YOUR GIFTS to your descendants and the youth of Germanna.

To volunteer or to learn more about this project, send an e-mail to the project coordinator, Ellis Hitt at [stratsystems@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stratsystems@sbcglobal.net). ◆



## Ask the Ancestors

We seek answers to questions about the real life experiences of our Germanna immigrant ancestors. Maybe YOU have wondered about some of these things:

- ◆ If you are leaving behind your siblings, aunts, uncles, cousins, grandparents and village friends, how would you ever hear anything from them again? How did letters go back and forth across the Atlantic in the 1700s?
- ◆ If you can only take a small chest or trunk on the ship, what should you put in it to take across the ocean to a strange new land?
- ◆ What kinds of food, clothing, tools, or seeds were your parents supposed to pack for the voyage to America?
- ◆ How did a traveler get from a village like Trupbach to the Rhine River in order to get on a vessel to go down the Rhine to Rotterdam to get on another ship to go to London?
- ◆ What did you and your family do when you had to spend several months in London before you could travel to America?
- ◆ What kinds of ships carried passengers to Virginia from London in 1714? How many people sailed on them? How long was an average voyage? What did you eat on the ship? What happened to people who got sick on the ship—or who died on the voyage?
- ◆ Where did you land in Virginia? How did you get from your landing point to the frontier where Lt. Governor Spotswood was settling your group in a fort? Was the fort built when you got there, or did the men in the group have to help build it?
- ◆ What did you and the others eat while you were waiting for your crops to grow?
- ◆ Did you ever see Indians out there on the frontier on the Rapidan River?





## Book Review: *The Rogue Republic: How Would-Be Patriots Waged the Shortest Revolution in American History*

Reviewed by Barbara Kemper

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and over six feet tall, fighting off Spaniards with hickory chairs, starting a war and displaying the pickled pieces of an enemy's ear at the Kemper Tavern.

No one else had ever heard of them and I wondered if the tales were true. I finally found references to Kempers and the West Florida Republic in reference books at my University's library, but a few brief sentences were all they included.



Ever since I have had access to the internet, I have googled the rebellion, as well as Reuben, Nathan, and Samuel Kemper from time to time. There are brief but conflicting accounts from a lot of old books.

Recently, after going on the inspiring Germanna Heritage tour of Germany I was at it again, looking up online references to my ancestors while wishing I could have just a short talk with them.

Doggone, if there wasn't a new book out about West Florida! That was the contested piece of land between the Mississippi River and the current state of Florida, that was (or wasn't) part of the Louisiana Purchase.

It was a Territory of Great Britain (1763-83) then of Spain (1783-1800), then of France (1800-1803) and then disputed [1803-1810]. I ordered a hardcover edition of *The Rogue Republic* right away, hoping it would give me some information on my ancestors who were

involved in the goings on there.

It seems that in 1803 the Kemper brothers, who lived near St. Francisville, raised a flag of their own design and attempted to overthrow the Spanish government in Baton Rouge. Most who had settled in this area were U.S. citizens. This was "The Kemper Rebellion" and it failed. Later, there was another uprising in the same territory, under the Bonnie Blue Flag, which succeeded in creating the Republic of West Florida. This nation existed only 78 days before becoming part of the U.S. The

flag went on to other purposes.

I had several burning questions about my relatives there at the turn of the 19th century. The three brothers came down the Mississippi from Cincinnati. They had not lived in Cincinnati long having moved there from Virginia with their parents and numerous siblings.

First, were they outlaws or idealists? (Yes, they liked to fight, Andrew Jackson was glad for the help, so were the Texans.) Were they murderers? If they were outlaws, why is Kemper County, Mississippi named for them (or for just Reuben)?

Were they on a secret government mission led by Ohio Senator/Reverend John Smith, their father's friend?

(That is my own conspiracy theory.) How does Aaron Burr figure in this scenario? But, most importantly, what did their parents, Reverend Peter and Isabella Kemper think about their sons' exploits?

What about Uncle Reverend James and Aunt Judith Kemper with their well-behaved children working as ministers and school teachers in Cincinnati? Were the folks at home aware? Were they ashamed, supportive, or astonished?

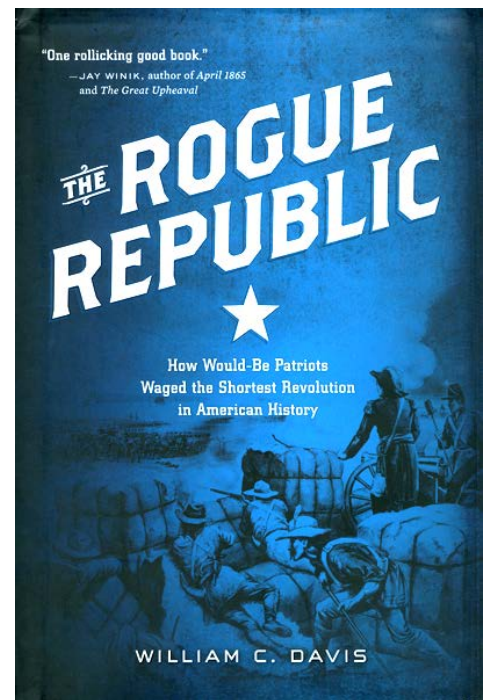
As I suspected, the book was not written just to satisfy my curiosity, but to place this tiny obscure rebellion into the big history of the U.S. and show how events there shaped U.S. history and even the secession of the Confederate States.

I hoped there would be mention of Nathan, Ruben or Samuel Kemper. And, I was pleasantly surprised when I opened the index. Davis read all the same sources as I did and a thousand more. He pieces them into a narrative that tells the whole story well.

The primary sources for this story are many and varied: from exaggerated east coast newspaper reports, to the official government documents, letters from Presidents Jefferson and Madison, and many less famous people.

He culls out the lies and exaggerations to ascertain what really happened. When he assumes stuff, he says so. It's not a novel, but it does have a decent plot. The unnamed villain in the story is time: the time it takes to get a message from Havana to Mobile or Washington, D.C. to New Orleans. Telephones would have made events much different in the chain of events here.

I now understand why the Kemper Rebellion did not succeed and how what was happening on the other side of the world changed



West Florida in the few years before the second rebellion.

Like the special features on a DVD, Davis has painstakingly included notes for every page. He also includes period maps, and a cast of characters because there are so many and the story is very complicated. Even though he doesn't

answer all my questions, I learned what the true character of Reuben Kemper was, and a little about Nathan and Samuel.

My conspiracy theory may even have a grain of truth in it. I also learned they were in touch with their family in Cincinnati because their brother, Presley, came down. Now, my question is, "Did Presley slam the door when he left home?" ♦

**West Floriday, that lovely nation,  
Free from king and tyranny,  
Thru' the world shall be respected,  
For her true love of Liberty.**

Verse six of the marching song of the West Floridian army, 1810



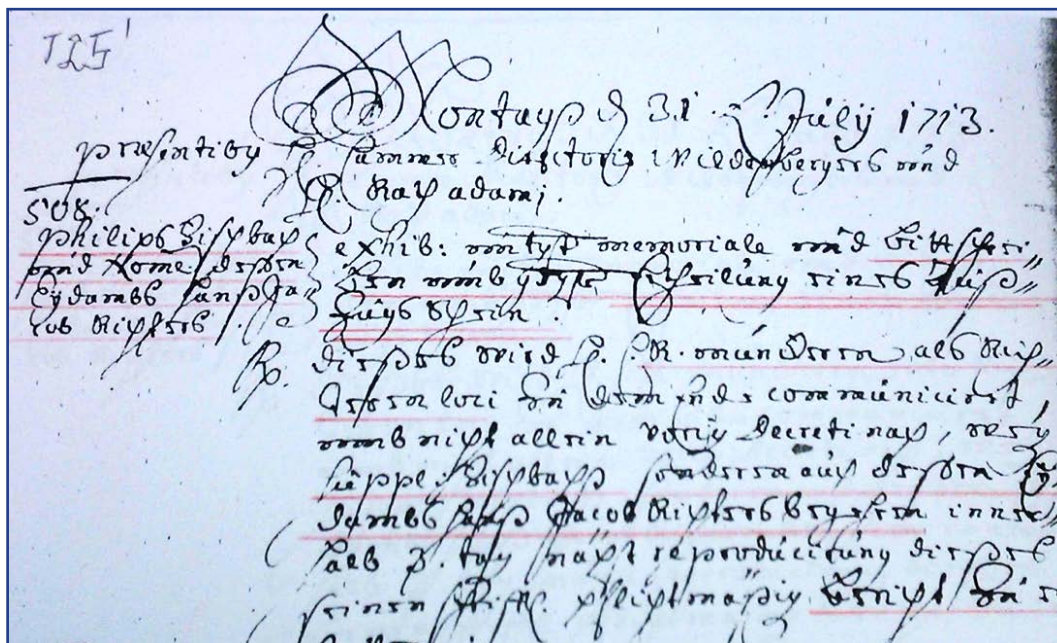
The flag of the infant Republic of West Florida, seen again in Texas in 1836, and later as the Bonnie Blue Flag of the Confederacy in 1861.



A detail of signatures on the Constitution of the Republic of West Florida

# The Emigration of the Fischbach and Richter/Rectors to Virginia

By Barbara Gregory Price



## Application for emigration permission for Philip Fischbach and his son-in-law, Hans Jacob Richter, dated 31 July 1713.

### The transcription of the record in the old German hand reads:<sup>2</sup>

Montags d[en] 31.t[en] July 1713

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H[errn] Rath Adami  
508.

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und Nom[in]e dessen  
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statten.

### The translation into English reads:

Monday the 31st July 1713

Present: Mr. Chamber-Director [Council President?] Mildenberger and Mr. Councillor Adam  
508.

Philip Fischbach  
and in the name of  
his son-in-law Hans  
Jacob Richter

Exhibit: the most humble Memorial and request for the most  
gracious granting of an emigration permission certificate  
This is communicated to Mr. Councillor Muencker, as [R..?] of the  
treasury of this place, to the end of rendering not only for the  
requester, the forenamed supplicant Fischbach, but also for his  
son-in-law Hans Jacob Richter, his duty-bound written report  
within the next three days.

While traveling with the Germanna Foundation to Germany in June, 2010, I had the pleasure to stay for a few days afterward and research at the Stadarchiv Siegen, along with Madison and Katharine Brown.

The first record that we found was the application for emigration permission for Philip Fischbach and his son-in-law, Hans Jacob Richter, dated 31 Jul 1713.<sup>1</sup>

Unfortunately, there is no mention of the women in the two related families that were applying for permission to leave, but it was the custom for the head of household to be the named party in official documents such as this. We do have information about the women from other sources.

This record is of great importance because it tells us that Philip Fischbach intended to leave his homeland, along with his son-in-law, Hans Jacob Richter, and probably the rest of his family. In 1713, the Philip Fischbach family was living in Trupbach in the family home, called "Hettehen/Hettchens/Knipps."<sup>3</sup>

At this time, the Fischbach family consisted of Philip Fischbach, born in 1661, his wife, Elsbeth Heimbach, and their children:

- Anna Els/Anna Elisabeth (wife of Hans Jacob Richter/Rector)
- Maria Els/Mary Elisabeth
- Johannes/John
- Hermann/Harman
- Maria Els/Mary Elisabeth

The home of the Fischbach family, Hettehen/ Hettchens/Knipps, is well documented in Trupbach, as are many of the houses in the village.

The Fischbach house was built around 1690 and the family is documented as living there in 1707 with five children. Of note is the fact that another family is documented as living in this house in 1715.<sup>5</sup>

The Richter family also lived in Trupbach in 1713, in the house called Uhrmeiersch, built around 1640 and occupied by the Richter family until the early 1800's.<sup>6</sup>



Hans Jacob Richter married Anna Elisabeth, the daughter of Philip and Elsbeth Fischbach on 17 Jan 1711.<sup>7</sup>

Some researchers raise questions about Philip Fischbach and suggest that he never came to Virginia.

To date, there have been no records for Philip Fischbach found in Virginia relating to either Fort Germanna or Germantown, located in present day Fauquier County.

There are scant records of the First Colony's arrival as to their number, although one official document uses the number forty-two (42) and a year later when John Fontaine visited Fort Germanna, he counted nine persons in the settler group.

However, no list of names of each emigrant has survived from 1714.

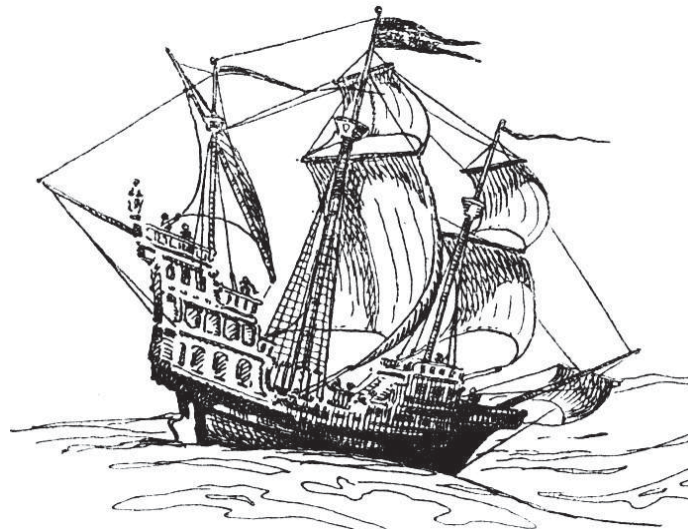
Philip Fischbach is not on the list of statements of importation in 1724 that were made by many of the members of the First Colony, including his sons, John and Harman Fishback, and his son in law, Jacob Rector.

Philip Fischbach was 52 years old at the time of the emigration to London in 1713 and 53 years old when the First Colony arrived in Virginia in 1714, so he was no young man by the standards of the times.

His wife, Elsbeth Heimbach, was of the same age, 51 years old in 1713 and 52 years old upon arrival in Virginia.

It is possible that one of the older Fischbach couple died on the voyage to Virginia. It is also entirely possible that the older Fischbach couple both arrived in Virginia in 1714 but died in the decade between arrival and the registration of importations in 1724.

And, are the wives of Melchior Brombach/Brumback and Johannes/John Speilmann/Spilman, noted in the importation docu-



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ments of 1724, the two daughters of Philip and Elsbeth Fischbach?

It is highly likely, but at this time cannot be proven beyond all doubt by an official marriage record. On June 3, 1724 the following people testified to their importation at the Spotsylvania County Courthouse:<sup>8</sup>

- John Spilman with Mary, his wife
- Harmon Fishback with Katherina, his wife
- John Huffman, with Katherina, his wife
- Joseph Cuntz with Katherine, his wife
- John Fishback with Agnes, his wife
- Jacob Rector with Elizabeth, his wife
- Melchior Brumback with Elizabeth, his wife
- Tilman Weaver with Anna, his mother
- Peter Hitt with Elizabeth, his wife

We can only come to the conclusion that both Philip and Elsbeth (Heimbach) Fischbach intended to immigrate to Virginia, and because there is no further record of either of them in Trupbach after 1713 that has been found to date, they must

have left to go to America.

There are no records of either of them in Virginia, so it is not possible to say whether they arrived in 1714 and then died within a few years, before importation records were recorded in 1724.

What we do know is that their daughter, Elsbeth/Elisabeth Fischbach, married Hans Jacob Richter and they emigrated to Virginia with their two year old son, Johannes/John, as they are all found in numerous records in Virginia.

We also know that the sons of Philip and Elsbeth Fischbach also emigrated to Virginia, they are both well documented in Virginia.

It is very possible that the two daughters of Philip and Elsbeth Fischbach, Maria/Mary Els/Elizabeth (b. 1687) and Maria/Mary Els/Elizabeth (b. 1696) are the wives of John Spilman and Melchior Brumback.<sup>9</sup> ♦

#### Footnotes

<sup>1</sup>Furstentum Siegen Landesarchiv 11, No. 28th. A Fischbach Losschein (emigration permission) is mentioned in Dr. Lothar Irle, *Siegerlaender Persoenlichkeiten und Geschlechter-Lexicon* (Siegen: Sei-

gerlaender Heimatverein, 1974), 88. Irle's sources are the American historian of the Germanna colony, Hinke and Alfred Lueck, Eisen, Erz, und Abendteuer, (Siegen 1956).

<sup>2</sup>We are grateful to Madison Brown for translation of the text that Gerhard Moisel, Protestant Archivist, Siegen, transcribed, and to Herr Moisel for proofing the text.

<sup>3</sup>Dieter Trops und Udo Bohn, *Trupbach 1389-1989 Ortsgeschichte in Texten und Bildern* (Siegen-Trupbach: Heimatverein Trupbach, 1989)

<sup>4</sup>Dr. Lothar Irle, *Siegerlaender Persoenlichkeiten-und Geschlechter-Lexikon* (Siegen: Siegerlaender Heimatvereins, 1974), 88; B. C. Holtzclaw, *Ancestry and Descendants of the Nassau Siegen Immigrants to Virginia 1714-1750*, (Virginia, The Memorial Foundation of the Germanna Colonies in Virginia 1964), 160-161

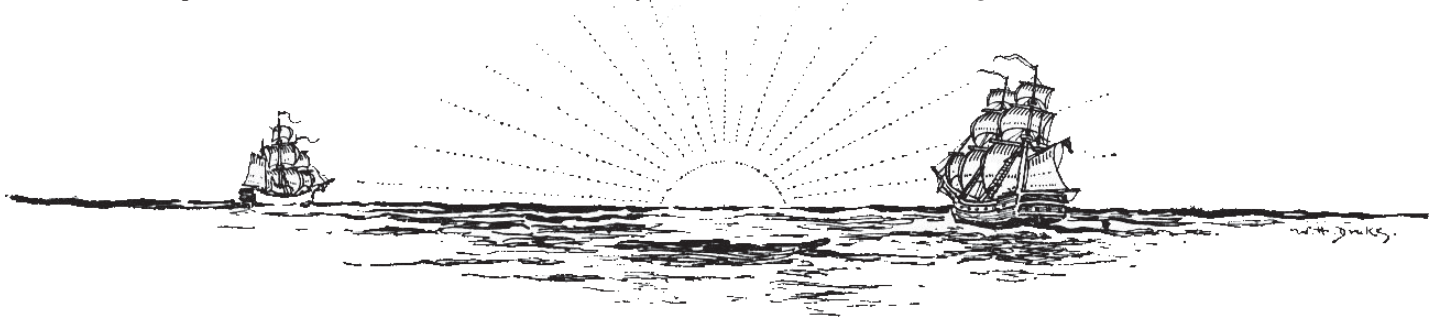
<sup>5</sup>Trops und Bohn, *Trupbach 1389-1989*, 217

<sup>6</sup>Ibid. 217

<sup>7</sup>Trops und Bohn, *Trupbach 1389-1989*, 197-198; Charles Herbert Huffman, *John Jacob Rector—1714 Germanna Colonist, Germanna Record No. 4* (The Memorial Foundation of the Germanna Colonies in Virginia, April 1963).

<sup>8</sup>Importation document. Will Book A, Spotsylvania County, Virginia, 73-74. This document is not a will, but is bound in the first will book for Spotsylvania County, whose courthouse at that time was located at the site of the original Fort Germanna, where Governor Spotswood had built his commodious residence that William Byrd dubbed the "enchanted castle."<sup>9</sup>

<sup>9</sup>Holtzclaw, *Ancestry and Descendants of the Nassau Siegen Immigrants to Virginia 1714-1750*, 161.





# West Coast Germanna Gathering



Approximately 40 Germanna descendants and spouses met at the Village Inn in St. Helens, Oregon on 20 October 2012 for the first West Coast Germanna Gathering.

Most guests were from Oregon or Washington, however some came from as far as Tennessee and Pennsylvania.

Germanna families represented included: Barlow, Blankenbaker, Broyles, Clore, Crisler, Garr, Klug, Weaver, Wilhite, Yager, etc.



During the morning program, **John Blankenbaker** gave the main presentation “*Germanna: An example of German emigration*” and **Cathi Clore Frost** gave a short presentation on “*The Frantz-Broyles Family: Early Settlers of St. Helens, Oregon.*”

John Blankenbaker’s presentation provided basic information on the Germanna Colonies and how they came to be as well as where the First and Second Colonies originated and where they settled permanently.

“*The Frantz-Broyles*” presentation outlined the migration of both families west and eventual merging in St. Helens with the marriage of the widow Susannah Frantz to Germanna descendant Aaron Broyles.

Eleven Broyles or Frantz descendants and spouses were among those in attendance, several being childhood friends of Trustee Cathi Clore Frost.

The afternoon program consisted of a short presentation on “*The Clore Family*” by Cathi Clore Frost and John Blankenbaker’s presentation about “*Life in Germany in Times Past.*”

“*The Clore Family*” outlined early documents identifying the family of the immigrant Hans Michael Klaar (Michael Clore) and his children as well as the family of his grandson Michael “Big Mike” Clore, as the dozen Clores who were in attendance all descend from Big Mike.

During the final presentation, attendees learned what “*Life in Germany in Times Past*” was like for their ancestors, illustrated by photographs of Germanna ancestral homes and villages.

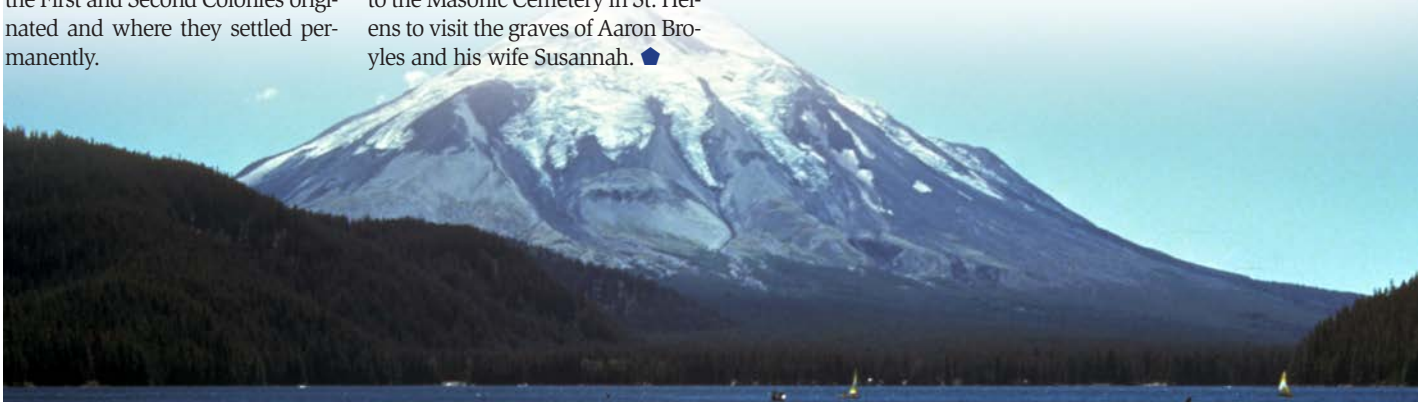
Following the afternoon program, a small group braved the weather and the quarter mile climb to the Masonic Cemetery in St. Helens to visit the graves of Aaron Broyles and his wife Susannah. ♦



Pictured are descendants of Susannah Quick Frantz Broyles at her grave. At the top is the panoramic view of the Columbia River toward Portland from the cemetery; unfortunately, it was cloudy and the mountains were not out.



Girl Scout Reunion: Leader Carlene Clore, Lori Quinn Fawcett, Cindy Perrizo Sharek and Cathi Clore Frost.





### Patricia Ann Thomas (1956-2011)

Patty, as her colleagues, friends, and family knew her, was born in Richmond, the daughter of J.E. Thomas, Jr., and Mary Weaver Thomas, and worked at Capital One. She was a granddaughter of Thomas Jefferson Weaver, a descendant of Peter Weaver of Gemmingen of the 1717 group and his wife Annie Frances Hoffmann, who descended from John Hoffmann of Eisern, a 1714 settler. Patty was proud of her Germanna heritage and traveled to Germany with her cousin Judith Mahanes on the 2008 trip. She was buried in Madison County, like generations of her ancestors before her. The Germanna Foundation is the beneficiary of a generous bequest from Patty that will make possible a new website, work at Fort Germanna, and work in the Salubria gardens, as she had a strong interest in gardening.

### Richard Flender 1929-2011) and Norma Fast Flender (1931-2012)

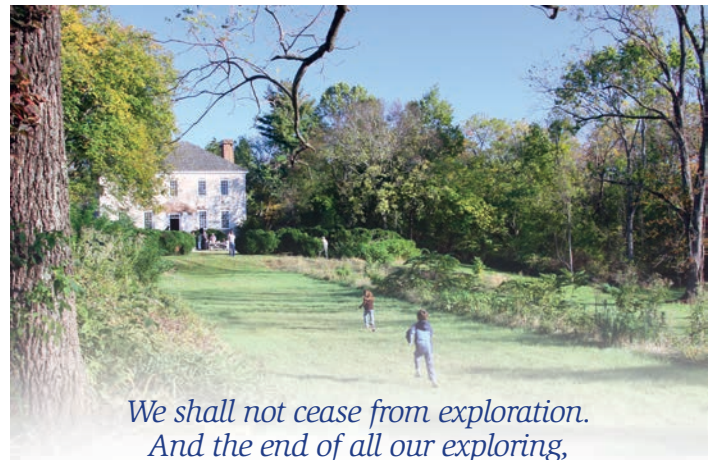
Richard Flender, of East Hampton and Manhattan, died on October 26, 2011. He was the son of Ernst Flender, a Siegen native and key figure in the creation of the Memorial Foundation of the German Colonies in Virginia, Inc. in 1956. The Flenders descend from Tyl van Fiske, circa 1420, ancestor of most 1st colony descendants. Ernst Flender, the father, first visited Germanna when he traveled across Route 3 (now Germanna Highway) on the way to visit his son Richard, then a law student at the University of Virginia, and worked with Charles Huffman and John Wayland to found our organization. Richard Flender was a banker with J.P. Morgan for 35 years, following in his father's footsteps. He served on the boards of several charitable organizations and was an avid sportsman.

Richard and his wife Norma Fast Flender, a celebrated pianist, were married for over 50 years. They are survived by their son Charles Flender and wife Kathryn, grandson Richard, also by their daughter, Sylvia Scott Flender, granddaughters Nina and Elizabeth (Zizi) and grandson, Gage.

### Thomas Earl Wheat, Ed.D. (1936-2013)

Professor Wheat, a native of Allen County, Indiana, died in Venice, Florida on February 8, 2013. Through his father, John Wilbur Wheat, he was a descendant of John Jacob Rector and his wife Elisabeth Fishback, and also of Pastor Haeger, through their son John Rector, who married a Haeger granddaughter. Tom, who earned his Doctorate in Education from Ball State University, was a professor in the College of Education at Northern Illinois University and director of the university's Literacy Clinic. Tom traveled to Germany on the 2005 Germanna trip, along with his grandson, Winston. His survivors include his three sons, J. Marc Wheat, President of the Germanna Foundation; Chris Wheat of Venice, FL., and Thomas Wheat of Irvine, California, and their families. The family has designated the Germanna Foundation as a recipient of contributions in memory of Dr. Wheat.

- **Jocelyn Proust** of California, participant in 2005 Germany trip, died 8/4/2012
- **Sally Burton**, died 4/30/2012
- **Linda Coons** of Texas, wife of Gordon Coons, 2006 Germany trip, died 2/13/2013
- **Wilfried Hoffmann**, brother of Werner Hoffmann-Gassner of Eisern, died 2/21/2013
- **Edwina Blankenbaker** of Charlottesville, VA, wife of Fr. Walter Blankenbaker and twice participant on Germany trip



*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

## Planned Giving to Preserve Our Heritage

Leave a trail back to where it all began – include the Germanna Foundation in your will or living trust.

A gift in your will – of specified amounts of cash, securities, real estate, or other property – provides a welcome and much-needed gift to the Germanna Foundation after your death.

Many other options, including annuities may also enable you to retain and enjoy current assets during your lifetime and save on estate taxes later.

Another popular kind of planned gift is the purchase of a life insurance policy in any

amount you choose, naming the Germanna Foundation as the beneficiary.

Planned gifts are enduring gifts. They can endow projects, operations, and outreach programs to

the rising generation, or provide crucial funds for unanticipated initiatives. Our community of memory will celebrate your legacy into the future.

If you are considering including the Germanna Foundation in your estate plans, or would like more information, please contact President Marc Wheat through the Germanna Visitor Center office at (540) 423-1700.







# The Germanna Foundation Descendant Database

Germanna Foundation Trustee and Genealogist Cathi Clore Frost maintains the database of the Germanna Colonists, their ancestors, their descendants and related individuals.

Cathi is working at entering individuals from published sources as well as adding corrections, new lines and additional documentation.

Due to the sheer size of the project, it will always be a work in progress and users should evaluate the sources cited. Corrections and additional information on any family line are always welcome.

Currently the database contains approximately 93,000 individuals and may be accessed by Foundation members in two places, the Germanna Foundation website and Ancestry.com.

To access the database on the Foundation website as well as other premium content, members must have a user account set up with the Foundation office. If you wish to set up a user account, please contact Barbara Bounds at the Foundation office.

The database as accessed from the Foundation website is searchable for persons and has browseable images of documents and photographs.

Due to the nature of the software used, updates must be manually uploaded and only the editor may upload images.

To access the database at Ancestry.com, members must be invited by the database editor. Please email Cathi Clore Frost if you wish to be invited.

An Ancestry subscription is not required to view the database however links to Ancestry-owned content such as census record images will not be viewable to non-subscribers.

This database is searchable for persons. Document or photograph images are linked to individuals as well as browseable in the media gallery.

Users may also link to other Ancestry trees that include individuals in which they are interested. A wonderful new feature synchronizes content updates

## Sample database page from the Germanna Foundation website:

[http://www.germanna.org/genealogy\\_database](http://www.germanna.org/genealogy_database)

To set up a member user account email Barbara Bounds: [bbounds@germanna.org](mailto:bbounds@germanna.org)

**Michael Souther Wilhoit**  
b. 1819

Birth: 04 Apr 1819, Culpeper County, Virginia P. [1, 2]  
 Gender: Male  
 Person ID: 82348, Germanna  
 Last Modified: 19 Nov 2012 | Edit

Father: David Wilhoit, b. 13 Jun 1788, Culpeper County, Virginia P., d. 10 Dec 1842  
 Mother: Mary Souther, b. 13 Oct 1788, d. 20 Apr 1883  
 Married: 20 Dec 1808, Madison County, Virginia P.  
 Family ID: F14928, Group Sheet

Family: Margaret Ann Crumb, b. 16 Apr 1827, Brownstown, Indiana P.  
 Married: 21 Dec 1857, Jackson County, Indiana P. [1]  
 Children: 1. Sarah Julia Wilhoit, b. 23 Dec 1860  
 2. Clara Ada Wilhoit, b. 23 Dec 1860  
 3. Mary Alice Wilhoit, b. 24 Mar 1859, Indiana P., d. 23 Aug 1943, Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio P.  
 4. Edward Morton Wilhoit, b. 29 Jun 1864  
 Last Modified: Edit  
 Family ID: F25514, Group Sheet

Sources: 1. [S2212] Ohio Death 1908-1953, (Name: <http://pilot.familysearch.org/recordssearchstart.html#i>), Death Certificate of Alice Clore, location only  
 2. [S1163] Genealogy of the Descendants of John Gar, or More Particularly of His Son, Andreas Gaar, Who Emigrated from Bavaria to America in 1732, John Wesley Gaar and John Calhoun Gaar, (Name: Cincinnati, OH: Published by the Author, 1894), 87, 149, date only  
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## Sample database page from Ancestry.com:

<http://trees.ancestry.com/tree/43599817/family>

For invitation email Cathi Clore Frost: [cfrost@germanna.org](mailto:cfrost@germanna.org)

**Germanna Foundation Descendant Database** Tree pages

Michael Souther Wilhoit  
 Birth: 04 Apr 1819 in Culpeper County, Virginia  
 Death: [Redacted]  
 Edit this person

Search records, View his family tree, View family members, View relationship to me, Print, More options

Overview, Facts and Sources, Media Gallery, Comments, Hints, Member Connect

**Media Gallery** + Add Media  
 No photos, stories, audio or video have been added yet.

**Timeline** + Add Fact

- 1819 Birth, 4 Apr, Culpeper County, Virginia, 4 source citations, Add Media
- 1857 Marriage to Margaret Ann Crumb, 21 Dec, Age: 38, Jackson County, Indiana, 2 source citations, Add Media
- 1880 Residence, Age: 61, Taylorsport, Boone, Kentucky, United States, 1 source citation, Add Media
- 1900 Residence, Age: 81, Magisterial District 1, Bullittsville, Burlington Precincts, Boone, Kentucky, 1 source citation, Add Media

View Details

**Family Members** + Add Family Member

Parents: David Wilhoit (1788 - 1842), Mary Souther (1786 - 1883). Show siblings

Spouse & Children: Margaret Ann Crumb (1827 -), Mary Alice Wilhoit (1859 - 1943), Clara Ada Wilhoit (1860 -), Sarah Julia Wilhoit (1860 -), Edward Morton Wilhoit (1864 -). View Family Group Sheet

between the online tree and the master database maintained on the editor's computer so the latest updates are available to users immediately.

Users may upload and add document and photograph im-

ages however only the editor may change database entries.

Cathi wishes to thank the many individuals who have already contributed to the Germanna Foundation Descendant Database. ♦





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## Sunsets at Salubria Concert Series

This year, The Germanna Foundation launches the Sunsets at Salubria concerts featuring six of the region's best bands.

Held on the first Sunday of the month, from May through October, the gates will open at 4:00pm, and the music will start two hours before sunset.

We invite music and history fans of all ages to bring a picnic supper, folding chairs and join us for a delightful evening 'rocking the boxwoods' with the recipients of Washington Area Music Awards (WAMIES).

Admission is \$15.00 for adults, \$5.00 for Germanna Foundation members and students. Children under 12 are free. All proceeds will support our research and restoration projects at Salubria.

■ **May 5, 2013:** The **Ted Garber Band**. Ted Garber is a genre-bending multi-instrumentalist whose "BluesAmericanaRock" combines classic showmanship with a captivating singer-songwriter sensibility. He is a two time winner of the Washington Area Music Awards Pop/Rock Recording of the Year.

■ **June 2, 2013:** The **Robbie Limon Band**. Robbie Limon of Middletown, Virginia is an award-winning entertainer who mixes solo and band appearances with acting/singing roles at professional theaters and brings his love of '70s-era songwriters to each performance.



**Ted Garber**

■ **July 7, 2013:** **Melodime**. The band's name means "musical arrangement of thoughts, emotions, and experiences" and describes the experience of listening to this southern fusion rock band.

■ **August 4, 2013:** **Texas Chainsaw Horns** came together 10 years ago in Northern VA. Their main focus is the tight, five piece horn section. The band draws on influences from Ray Charles and James Brown to ZZ Top and The Tower of Power.

■ **September 1, 2013:** **Jeff Watson and The Downtown Band**. Before the Blues Brothers, the Big Chill, and the Commitments, there was Downtown. Anticipating the resurgence of classic R&B and the soul explosions of the 1960s, these talented singers, musicians and songwriters established a musical powerhouse.

■ **October 6, 2013:** The **Smallwood Brothers**. This regional favorite classic rock cover band features award winning guitarist, Gary Smallwood. Gary's style of music consists of classic rock, soulful blues rock or just "flat out guitar rock." ♦

## Join or Renew your Membership in the Germanna Foundation

As a new, or renewing, member of The Germanna Foundation, you will receive all the benefits of membership:

- Preserving the historical legacy of those who blazed a trail in the frontier of colonial Virginia
- Post messages on the Germanna Message Board
- Access to important premium data and genealogical reference material on the Germanna website
- A listing in the Germanna membership directory
- Future benefits as they become available to members

Your membership dues support the operations of The Germanna Foundation, a non-profit 501(c)3 organization sustained primarily by the volunteer efforts of its members.

Membership dues are only \$35/year single membership or \$45/year family membership. Fill out the below form or join securely online at: [http://germanna.org/join\\_germanna](http://germanna.org/join_germanna).

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