

Feb. 26, 1980

Dear Margaret:

Bonanza!!! My tedious, time-consuming chore of reading through the wills of Frederick County, Maryland is paying off again!!!!!!

Will of William Lowe p. 3

Written 29 May 1821

Probate 31 Je 1822

After naming his children and other heirs he left \$300 to.....

"Samuel Allen Ohrendorf, son of my friend Peter Ohrendorf"

You will recall the Peter Orndorff in Maryland who owned land with William Lowe and I believe is the same who had the stage coach and tavern and is (I believe) the son of Conrad Orndorff.....

This has to be the same Peter. Also the Peter Orndorff, whom I believe to be Conrad's son Peter named in Conrad's will .....married a Margaret ALLEN.

So Conrad's son Peter had at least one son. Now what can we find anywhere on a Samuel Allen Ohrendorf (Orndorff) in any of the census records. He was probably born about 1800 so should be somewhere in the 1850 censuses Hot diggety!!!

The Peter Orndorff who owned land with William Lowe was also a miller. Then he became a tavern keeper and stage coach owner.

Also witness to this will was     Robert Cumming  
  John Campbell, Jun..  
  Jno. Orndorff

Don't know which John Orndorff this was, maybe son of Peter, Jr. who did not leave Frederick County til about 1828 or else another John. Such as Herman's son who was also in the area. Or Conrad could have had another son named John or perhaps a grandson.

Do you have anything on a Samuel Allen Orndorff????? Born about 1800?

That's all for now.

P.S. I have checked and this Samuel son of Peter cannot possibly be placed in the Peter Orndorff line, not of Herman's line. Only remote possibility that this Peter could be son of John Dr. but it seems clear enough to me that he is Conrad's son. Enough evidence for the "preponderance of evidence suggests" status.

I think it is about time that I closed this letter, before this turns into a book. I am sorry that I didn't find about about you before this since I had just made a trip to your area in early May. I was staying in Reston, Va. and drove every day over to the Baltimore of Carroll Co., Md. areas. I would have enjoyed talking to you.

As Roy O. may have told you, Margaret Jaspersen and I are planning a volume of Orndorff genealogy which we hope to have ready for the centennial celebration of the first Orndorff reunion in 1885. We will be using the N.E. Register plan and would be most pleased to include your materials on ~~the~~ Virginia Orndorff line if you can send them to us some day.

I hope that the enclosed information is of help to you and will be looking forward to your reaction to it.

Sincerely,

Mrs. A. W. Berger  
19702 Crestknoll Dr.  
Yorba Linda, Ca. 92686

cc: Roy Orndorff

1681 Maple Ave  
Galesburg, Il 61401  
11 June 1980

Dear Camilla,

It was so good to meet and talk with you and your mother. The group who came to meet you was very disappointed but being genealogists did understand the urgency of the Friday courthouse meeting

I've started on the PHILLIPS family by starting with Frank Rademacher and "PHILLIPS and Kin" and some Md digging. There's a possibility that upper Va(W.Va.) might have some answers.

One of the guests that Thursday night has a Wall line in the same or nearby county in Ind. and is going to write your mother to see if there is a link.

I'm sending the papers you left and the copy of the letter you wanted and the two recipes. Glad you liked the food.

Sorry about the tornado threat.

Someone sent me the data from the the Gen, Helper.

I've written for a list of the winners of the Md Gen competition. Then I'll get them from Inter-library-loan. At this point it seems like an overwhelming idea to publish but I suppose it can be done.

Margaret

1681 Maple Ave.,  
Galesburg, Il 61401  
17 Nov. 1980

Dear Camilla,

I certainly did not intend this interlude to be this long but I have to be honest I just do not have much to contribute on the O line and it palls whenever I'm not getting additions to my data.

I did go to the REunion and fostered quite a lot of enthusiasm and many attendants promised to send the FGS but few have done it so far. I gave them a cut off date of Jan 1 1983 if they wanted to be in a publication.

Have you seen that book "W. Va. Rev Ancestors" Anne Waller Reddy 1930-1979 ?

There is a Henry Orenduff in Berkley co. in "Public Claims" Have you ever sent for any "Public Claims" Records? Do they tell anything except for what the person was paid. The above Henry is undoubtedly the the third son of Christian and Margaret (Alberts) since he lived and d. in Berkley co (W) Va

Fern Warnes said that the ex-speaker of the House Alberts was a genealogist and working on the Alberts family and since she was a desc of Margaret Hess they had exchanged much information. I have not seen Evelyn Buckingham's book in which she used her own and Fern's data and published recently.

I reestablished correspondence with a desc of David O the youngest son of Christopher and Eliz. (Phillips) and she is ferreting out the people who went to Ks and Ok. I sent for the Miami co Ks 1880 and 1870 microfilms and each was so dim I 'm certain I had to miss many. No Os and few Bryans. *that I didn't know about*

I've been working again on the PHILLIPS; have a few leads in N.C. that may lead to Wilkes Co. Ga. I'm almost ready to admit that that Christopher and Elizabeth you found as sponsors in the Chr II fam could be mine since no one else fits. Give me a little time with Ga and N.C. and I may find enough to verify it or,.....

I have Sharp now-of Md an index of sorts has been added but it is still nec, to go page by page,

Frank Rademacher who pub. "PHILLIPS and Kin" has helped some.

I did so enjoy your being here and wish it could have been longer.

As always

14 Nov 1980  
Ottawa, Ohio

Dear Camilla,

I have been quite busy since I talked to you on the phone. My aunt had time in the hospital and in the rest home. She passed away in July. In August I finally gave in and spent 2 weeks in bed. Doctor said I had done too much too long. I am fine now but it sure put me behind in my research. I did very little from Jan-Aug, 1980. I have been to Ft. Wayne last month for 2 days. It is hard to go as my mother is 82 and can't be left by herself over night.

I have been writing letters. I have just written another letter to my cousin in Pa. about the pictures and will let you know as soon as she answers. I had quite a time getting her address from her sister.

I have just read over my letter to you and I hope you could make sense out of it. I seem to be confused in writing it. I hope that was due to my hectic months. I would be glad to answer anything that is not clear.

I have found on my trip to Grant Co., In. that my grand father Joseph F. McCleary was born in Iowa. The 1840 Census of Iowa (Territory) shows a Joseph in Henry Co. Sorry I meant Joseph Ross. I am working on this line now. I have also found McCleary's in this area. I hope this leads to Caroline's death record.

I am very interested in what you have on the Orndorff's. I would be glad to pay you for a copy. Please let me know if this is possible and what the cost will be. I am enclosing a SASE for your answer.

Thanks very much for what you have sent me. The more I look the more I realize how much I have to learn.

Sincerely,

Jeanne Myers  
182 Eastland Dr.  
Ottawa, Ohio 45875

WALTER PERRY DORNAUS  
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW

August 31, 1967  
August

CHIEF COUNSEL  
KEWANEE OIL COMPANY

Box 2239  
LU 4-3481  
TULSA, OKLAHOMA

*Have copies of James & Martha  
Phillips will, which attests  
show their date, and  
did not marry over  
Christopher*

Dear Mrs. Jaspersen:

Your letter of August 28 indicates that certain mis-conceptions about Crenborg's genealogy still exist. In hopes that some of your confusion will be cleared up I am enclosing a genealogical chart showing the Crenborg line of descent from the first immigrant, Johan Christian C. - arrived in Philadelphia 1741 down to date. No. II - shown as Christopher was, according to the way he signed his will, really Christian, thus making four Christians' in a row from the first immigrant. The son listed, Thomas, was a brother of John who was born in 1796 and settled at Canton, Illinois.

*NO need to refer to Christopher*

*NO*

To correct some misconceptions:

1. There were four Christians - the last being known by family oral tradition as Christopher. *will ver. 1829. To wit 1826*
2. There are no Hamons in the direct line. This is an entirely distinct (and possibly unrelated) branch of the family.
3. The only information I have concerning Elizabeth Phillips is that Brumbaugh, Maryland Records, in the 1776 Census shows an Elizabeth Phillips, age 3, as the daughter of James and Martha Phillips, Harford Lower Hundred, Harford County, Md. All indications are that she is the party to whom Christopher (Christian) was married. *document*
4. Oral tradition tended to confuse the first three Christians - *OK* hence references to Johann Christian and Elizabeth von Mueller as parents of Christopher (Christian) rather than as Great Grandparents.
5. Christophers' (Christians) brothers and sisters were *NO!* William, Perry, Elizabeth and another sister, name unknown. His father Christian was the son of Christian II and Elizabeth Ann Hoffman. He was a Captain at the end of the Revolutionary War and served with the rank of Major, under Gen. Harrison in the Indian war in Miami Valley of Ohio. He was married to Mrs. Marie Stille. *OK*

*NO*

*OK  
has to be documented  
Christian*

Did he?

I carefully researched and documented all information available relative to seven generations of Creadorffs, from Johann Christian, the immigrant, to my maternal grandmother, Clara Belle Creadorff Perry. The information was included in a larger book (with 95 pages on the Creadorff line). I gave one copy to Glenn Dodds for filing in the records of the McLean County (Bloomington), Illinois Historical Society. I understand it is available there and suggest you read it carefully. I am sure you will find it interesting. Since all of the information, including migrations, ships, ports of entry, and the minutes of the Creadorff reunion of 1886, and census reports are included you may find it of value. Of course, from Christopher (Christian N) on my search was concentrated on his son Thomas and his direct descendants. Both Thomas (and his brother William) and Thomas' son John Perry are mentioned prominently in "The Good Old Days in McLean County" by Davis. Other mentions occur in the records of the Illinois State Historical Society.

May Mary

In regard to Thomas' brother John you may find that the County in which Canton is located also has a County history and that the records of the Illinois State Historical Society will be of help. I am sure that my genealogy (on file with the McLean County Historical Society) will give you everything necessary to cover the period from the first immigrant, Johann Christian, down to the fourth generation, Christopher (Christian N.)

I hope the foregoing may prove helpful.

Write them again & Sincerely

Perry Thomas

found that his Phillips source Perry Thomas is now not believable. That Ely b. 1773 mar. an. Archer after 1802 - see Wills in my poss of Martha & James Phillips of Harfor & Co Md - mcd. 1974 after Wash 30th

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Dear Mrs. Berger:

It has been my intention to respond to your letter of Nov. 27 for some time. Finally I have a free moment.

You are absolutely correct, there were many Germans in Russia long before the settlements along the Volga during the 1763-1767 period. However, most of the earlier settlements were in the Baltic region. There were lessor ones in the vicinity of Moscow and in the areas of Zhitomir and Kiev in the Volhynian districts.

I would guess that the names Orndorff--Orendorff--Ohlendorff--or Orlandorff most closely identified with the Baltic Regions. It is even possible that the name originally may have been prefixed by a von. Many titled Germans were called into the Baltic Region for expertise in education, medicine and other professions. Others followed as merchants and land developers for the Russian nobles. These Russian Nobles had acquired huge estates but preferred the easy court life to the more strenuous demands of making their lands productive. The native Latvians, Estonians and Lithuanians of the Baltic Regions had little respect for the Russians who had appropriated their lands and they had even less for the Germans who became their overlords, but the Germans were successful and quite prosperous in their roles. As a matter of record, when Peter the Great built St. Petersburg as a "door to the west," the first church erected was an Ev. Lutheran edifice for the many German residents.

There were other instances when Germans came into Russia for a relatively brief period under contract to do jobs, such as building railroads. Having completed the contract, some returned to their homeland. However, since there was a general movement from Eastern Germany into the USA during the middle 1800's, many chose to move on to the new world when they discovered that the situation at home was less than pleasant.

The reason AHSGR has not busied itself very extensively into this area of research is simply because most of the membership comes from a long line of settlers of the Volga and Black Sea areas. Besides, the Baltic Germans have already been well organized for a long period of time. I am told that they have a permanent Headquarters established in New York City. If you could contact them, it might prove beneficial in your behalf. On the other hand, if your ancestry identified with those who went into Russia on a limited contract basis, the research possibilities are substantially minimized.

Please rest assured that it is our intention to relate to all Germans from Russia in a meaningful way, and as such, your ancestral history will be important. At the same time, it will provide a basis of data that can be expanded for the benefit of others. Then, as these records expand, it is very possible that something beneficial to your reserach will appear.

Sincerely  
Arthur E. Flegel



Charles Orendorff (grandfather)  
Francis (Frank) Orendorff (father)  
Edgar Orendorff (May 18, 1899-  
Dec. 19, 1971)

I don't know what route  
will take to get to Chino  
could you come through  
Canyon continue east  
up Hwy 71 to Ramona Ave.  
left (North) onto Ramona  
you come to Philadelphia.  
in the Southerly Mobile

ANTHONY AHLER (German Script)  
No. 11, R. Eckhardt, Jr. Jan. 29, 1978  
ANTHONY AYLOR (OENLER).

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN

of Augusta and State of Virginia being under  
and Messory Thanks be to God for His  
to mind the uncertainty of life, and also  
pointed for all men once to Die and after Death  
institute and make this my last Will and Testament  
(To - Witt) -

and that I give it and my body to the earth from  
a Christian like manner at the Discretion  
after to be named and as to what Worldly Goods it  
in this life it is my will & Desire that it be  
Disposed of as followeth and first that all my just Debts to be paid, secondly  
that my daughter MARGARET which is deceased her three children MOLLY, BARBARY,  
and CATHERINE, I leave and Bequeath to them and their heirs forever the sum of  
one hundred pounds to be equally Divided among the said MOLLY, BARBARY, and CATHERINE  
and Thirdly I leave and Bequeath to my son JOHN and his heirs forever the sum of one  
hundred pounds, and Fourthly I leave and bequeath to my daughter BARBARY and to  
her heirs forever the sum of one hundred pounds. /i

Fifthly and to my daughter CATHERINE I leave and Bequeath the sum of one hundred  
pounds to her and her heirs forever.

Sixthly and to my son GEORGE I leave and bequeath six Shillings to him and  
his heirs forever.

Seventhly, and to my Daughter ELIZABETH I leave and bequeath six Shillings  
to her and her heirs forever.

Eighthly and to my Daughter MARY I leave and Bequeath to her and her heirs  
forever, and

Tenthly, to my Daughter MODELENA, I leave and bequeath the sum of one hundred  
pounds to her and her heirs forever, and further it is my Will and Desire that my  
lands and all my other estate which I possess at my Discess be sold off, and whatever  
overplus there is after paying off the before mentioned Legatees, it is to be  
equally Divided amongst them all except; GEORGE, ELIZABETH & SUSANNAH which is to  
be the part thereof

LASTLY I Constitute and Confirm my Trusty Friends GEORGE AHLER and TETER  
FISHBURN my Executors of this my last Will & Testament Given under my hand and Seal  
this Ninth day of April One thousand, eight hundred and one.

And one Present, TOBIAS DUNNEN ANTHONY AHLER (German Script)  
HENNERY (X) BENTER

Proved on motion of the oath of Danner & Benter and on motion of GEORGE AYLOR  
& Teter Fishburn: Wza banws rgwewub with Michael Garber Sec'y on bond of \$3000  
Certificate of Probate granted then Sept. 29th, 1801 Will Bk. 9: 211 Appraisement  
(no total) by James Sawright, John Donaghe, James Hodgson.

(SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE FOLLOWS).

A Y L O R ( I L E R , & c & c . . . Mrs. W. R. Eckhardt, Jr.

April 15, 1978

Christmas Greetings 1977 from Mr. Robert L. Iler, 2724 W. Cochran St.,  
Blaine Island, Ill. 60406, U.S.A. -

"Another year has come & gone and 1978 is right upon us. Just what lies before us we do not know. I do know, that if anything should happen, I have a faith and trust in Christ, who is my personal Saviour, and that to be "absent from the body is far greater". The longer I live the more my own loved ones and friends enter their Heavenly Home, the place where we, as Christians, hope and wait, according to the promises given in the Word of God.

What is in a name? The other day I got to thinking about this and since "Family Tree" is my interesting hobby there are thousands of names in my book. Going back to my GGG Grandfather, JACOB ILER (1771-1843) who settled in Canada 178 years ago now, in the year 1808, his name his name means "supplanter". As I look over the other names in the ILER Clan of JACOB AND ELIZABETH (SNIDER) ILER, they had an interest in naming their children after men and women of the Bible - JOHN, ESTHER, SAMUEL, MARY & JACOB JR., ELIZABETH, DAVID, SOLOMON (my GG Grandfather) -

Then my GG Grandfather SOLOMON named seven of his twelve also: JOHN, ELIZABETH, JOSEPH, ESTHER SOLOMON (my great-grandfather), HANNAH, & THOMAS. Coming to my great grandfather, SOLOMON II, he had three biblical names in his family of ten: JOSEPH, ELI & HANNAH. SOLOMON means "peaceable". His son, my grandfather, was EDGAR, meaning "a javelin or protector". His son, my father, EARL "noble" man. Bruce (surname) My mother's name was Lois meaning "agreeable" Greek, "powerful". My one sister is RUTH a Hebrew origin name. My sister Nola has a son MARK from "Marcus". "My brother Ronald has a grandson, JONATHAN DAVID and the Hebrew means "God is gracious" and "Beloved". My name, ROBERT means "strong like a ruler" (Teut) Dad's wife's name is RUTH also.

The name of the Person for whom we celebrate Christmas is JESUS, which means "Jehovah saves" or "Saviour". This is the most important name to remember. My choral group sings "The Messiah" each year and one chorus which is thrilling to hear sung, or sing, is "His name shall be called WONDERFUL, COUNSELLOR, the MIGHTY GOD, the EVERLASTING FATHER, the PRINCE OF PEACE In Rom. 9: 11, 12 "For it is written, as I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow, to me and every tongue shall confess to God." I trust that this name JESUS is a common one spoken in your family too.

"The enclosed information came to me from Timothy R. Knott, 2510 B St., Lincoln, Neb. 68502. Since a great deal of the information you have sent me seems to be in this category, perhaps you could assist him much better than I am able to do.

I checked Dr. JOHN S. EILER's book, THE EILERS, EILAR, EYLER, ILER, OYLER and ASSOCIATED FAMILIES, and did not find anything that would help.

I am enclosing Mr. Knott's self-addressed-stamped envelope for your use too. I hope you will be able to be of help to him. If not, I am not really sure who would get it unless unless Dr. JOHN S. EILER could suggest someone. His address is: 1525 Park Avenue, S.W. Albuquerque, N.M. 87104. I'll be interested to know what you can do for him. See you in March when my Glee Club is in Houston. Robert L. Iler, Assistant to the Director and Concert Manager, Conductor, Moody Men's Glee Club."

A Y L O R (Mrs. W. H. Eckhardt, Jr.,  
Sept. 20th, 1976

LORENZO DOW ILER: b. Dec. 19th 1796.  
Died April 9th, 1904, Fullerton, Nebr.  
M. Aug. 29, 1895, to Miss Hessler: b. Jan 12th, 1878 Alpaht Dorf,  
Switzerland. Children:

LEONARD ILER, b. June 13, 1898, Shelby, Nebr.  
M. Aug. 18, 1920, CLAIRE RUSTEMEYER b. Jan. 21, 1802,  
Pilger, Nebr.; d. Apr. 18, 1938.  
Children:

MARY JANE, b. J July 13, 1922  
HAZEL MAE, b. Nov. 10, 1924  
LEAH CLAIRE, b. Jan. 29, 1927  
LOU ANN, b. Oct. 21, 1929  
BOROTHEY FAYE: b. Aug. 29, 1931  
GLEE MARYLN: b. July 18, 1933

HAZEL DELORES ILCR: b. April 8, 1898, Shelby, Nebr.  
married: June 8, 1921, Columbus, Nebr.

to  
ROSS EDWARD GILLAN: b. July 8, 1898, Cordova, Nebr.

Children:

WAYNE DOW: b. July 22, 1922, Seward, Nebr.  
JEAN CLAIRE, b. Oct. 31, 1924, Howard, Nebr.  
JOHN ALLEN: b. June 17, 1920, Seward, Nebr.  
ROBERT EDWARD, b. May 30, 1935, Seward, Nebr.

ALBERTA MAE ILER: b. Mar. 25, 1900, Shelby, Nebr. married: Apr. 24,  
1920, Osceola, Nebr. to

LEWIS ALLEN HARRINGTON: b. Nov. 19, 1897.

Children:

MAJJORIE D.: b. Mar. 25, 1921, Lincoln, Nebr.  
VIRGINIA MAE: b. Aug. 15, 1924, Lincoln, Nebr.  
LOIS ALLEN: b. Nov. 23, 1926, Lincoln, Nebr.

LAURA ETTA ILCR: b. Nov. 14, 1865, Marion Co. Iowa;  
died July 6, 1924, Fullerton, Nebr.  
Married, Feb. 20, 1889

to  
WILLIAM SAMUEL PITTPENGER EYLER: b. Jan. 8, 1889 in Ill.

children:

ALICE MYRTLE EYLER: b. Jan. 4, 1890, Shelby, Nebr.  
married: June 16, 1920, Fullerton, Nebr.,  
to

HARRY WALTER BLACKMUN: b. Apr. 16, 1895, Woodburn, Ore.

Children:

BETTY JANE: b. July 26, 1921, Fullerton, Nebr.  
LAURA JEANNE: b. Mar. 31, 1925, Fullerton, Nebr.

MARGARET VIRGINIA EYLER: b. Jan. 7, 1803, Shelby, Nebr.  
Married: May, 1918

to  
FRED BOWL: b. July 12, 1890

Mrs. Wilson is the dau. of Perry Dornaus,  
the green ink lawyer, of Tulsa, Okla.

*John m m m m Clark ?*

Christopher O m Eliz Phillips

Thomas m Mary Melinda Walker

John Berry O m Nancy Jane <sup>M</sup>cCain

Clara Belle O m. John Henry Perry

Minnie E Perry m Walter J Dornaus

Walter J Dornaus m Aragene Lane

Elizabeth Ann Dornaus m Theodore Wilson

FROM - VESTRY BOOK OF UPPER PARISH, NANSEMUND COUNTY, VIRGINIA, 1743-1793:

P. 145 - In Obediende to a Vestry held in Suffolk Town Febr. 17, 1759 -  
 We, the Subscribers - to us directed - have processioned all the Land Marks Betwixt  
 the Several Freeholders within the Districk mentioned in the Sd order as under Stated  
 Viz. No. 22 -

<u>Proprietor's names</u>	<u>Persons Present</u>
SAMUEL SMITH .....	Nickolas Harmon
Nickholas Harmon .....	SAMUEL SMITH
JOHN SMITH .....	SAMUEL SMITH & STRAVEN
Job Harrell .....	" " "
Edward Baker .....	SAMUEL S, OTJ/
SAM'L SMITH, son of SAMU'L	

g. 193 - Pur. to Order of Vestry.....30 Dec. 1767 -  
 Samuel Baker's land done - JOHN SMITH, present  
 JOHN SMITH JUNR.'s land done - JOHN SMITH, present.  
 Richard Taylor land done - SAMUEL SMITH & William Pearce, present.  
 Directed March 1, 1768 -- Moses Horton  
 ROBERT SMITH.

P. 257: In Compliance with Order of Vestry - 14 April, 1784.....  
 REUBEN SMITH  
 JOHN SMITH.

SSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSS

FROM - "HISTORICAL SOUTHERN FAMILIES" (Boddie( Vol. I -

P. 179 - Martha Jane (Matt) Searcy, (2/20/1820 - 4/13/1896, dau. of Wm. Searcy &  
 SARAH SMITH m. Robt. M. Jackson (Searcys on 1820 Census Jones Co.Ga.)

ELIZABETH SMITH, widow of Matthew Dickens, b. ca 1778-81, m. Wm. Dickens, son  
 of Joseph Dickens who d. 1802.....

P. 292 - (Harris of Charles City & Isle of Wight Cos. Va." )  
 Major John Bond made his will Jan. 6, 1668; prob. 3 May, 1669. Leaves son  
 William Bond land where I now live; son John Bond another tract; leaves Frances Bond  
 furniture &c.; Wife Dorothy, Extx. Friends: Capt. Francis England, ARTHUR SMITH &  
 Richard Sharps, Overseers - John Bennett, Thomas Cook & Wm. Cook, Jr.

P. 299 - Harris Family: Thomas Harris b. ca 1644, m. Alice West ca 1634. She  
 m. (2nd) John Sojourner. Thomas Harris appears to have been in Charles City Co. in  
 1640 and moved to Isle of Wight Co. after 1650. He received a grant of land 400 acs  
 in I. of W. Aug. 14, 1652 at the head of one of the branches of Pagan Creek bounded  
 with his own land on the N.E. FRANCIS SMITH on the Southwest. Thomas Fritchard on the  
 S.W. John Davis on the N.W -- for transferring Peter Bell (C & P. p 25).

P. 346 - George Boddie b Nov. 19, 1789 d. Dec. 12, 1842, Nash County, North Carolina  
 Among children by 1st wife - Nathan Boddie married MARY THOMAS SMITH.

Mary Duke b. Feb. 8, 1800 m. Thomas Barrow, Pasquotank, Co. N.C. son of  
 Thomas & Meilea (SMITH Barrow.

1681 Maple Ave.,  
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8 Nov 1979

Dear Camilla,

You have certainly taken Joseph O out of obscurity. Obviously no one of his family came to the Reunion and obviously Eliz. C and poss her sister were the only ones alive.

Did you know that Elizabeth Finfrock m (2) Joseph REAVES? (DWO)

Now to the conch shell. Since so many of us have allied lines in the Rohrer family ( my great uncle Wm.J.m.MaryRohrer dau of Henry of Lancaster co.Pa. Nearly all of my family went to the Reunion and it could have come from Canton, 3 Rohrer ch m 3 O ch in Chr.II's fam and all go to Ky . Not too many O's from Ky went to the Reunion. Then there is the son of Hendrick of N.Y. who went to Cuba that is the most logical one to have a conch shell. However no one from the N.Y.O's seemed to have attended the Reunion. It just occurred to me that there are some on that list I haven't identified. Most of them are local Illinoisians,

Is it your Wm O he refers to when he says "two pictures of the parents of Mr. W.Orendorff whose fa was b. in Md. in 1789 and mo. in Lebanon co. in 1790."? The dates aren't correct but that is a severely garbled and typical newspaper account and the dates wouldn't be expected to be accurate.

Found some Copenhaver info that Druscilla Jones had stuck in a letter ages ago and I had forgotten about it. Nothing decisive at all. The Battdorf name appears again in this account. Hope the N.Y. researcher finds which ones left N.Y. and came into Pa . Do we know for certain the locality in Germany that Hendrick came from? I copied the entire Simmendinger report when I was in Springfield. It is interesting to note that several of the German families went to N.J. Do you have a copy? I'll be happy to photo copy a copy of my copy if you haven't. There are so many names similar to those you have found in your old records i.e. Valentine WEBER could that be Valentine WEIBEL? 3 WOLLEBER fams. Anna Badtoff, widow & 2 ch was in New Annesbury where Heinrich Ohrendorff & Anna Margaretha & 3 ch were. Wasn't it Martin Battsdorff and his mo. Anna who were in the Tulpehochen ch? The list was made in 1709 in N.Y. and he sponsors a dau of Henry & Anna Margaretha O in 1717 in Pa?(The hist of the ch you sent July 24 1976 # 17) That report says he went to Tulpehocken after 1725 so how could he sponsor a ch in Pa? He couldn't- Heinrich & A.M. are the ones who are known to stay in N.Y..

Was it Mr. Stumpf you were corresponding with early in your research about the Germans who went to Russia? Twice I've seen references to his being quite an authority on that subject.

In a D.A.R. magazine April 1971 - there is a picture of Miss Nora Lee Orendorff; she was an ex regent of one of the Wash. D.C. chapters A sweet faced woman. Wonder who prepared her papers for D.A.R.

Good night-time to quit when I'm making this many errors & erasures,

Margaret -

*Loved the account of the Battsdorff  
I'm putting it in the Hall of Fame by Joseph's  
account*

C. E. Koppenheffer,  
351 Howard Circle,  
Emporium, Pa. 15834  
March 20, 1971.

Dear Mrs. Jones:-

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Your letter to Harry O. Copenhaver, /Barkerville St., Columbia, Kentucky, was sent to me. Your letter is interesting, but I am sorry I can't help you, because my records don't go back any further than the first Copenhaver who arrived at Philadelphia, September 11, 1738. His name was Thomas Koppenhoffer (died prior to March 1738 when his estate was probated at Lancaster County courthouse). His wife's name was Anna Maria ? So, you see from the way your letter reads, it could be earlier than 1738. However, I have a theory, and I am counting on you to prove it.

Here is my theory. I think grand- Lisaback Copenhaver was related in some way. I believe she was the first wife of Captain Simon Koppenheffer. I've often wondered what happened to her. Revolution War Captain Simon Koppenheffer (b. ca. 1735; d. 8-23-1802; is buried in the old "Pat's Nest Burial Ground" at Lewisberry, Newberry township, York county, Pa., with his second wife Lovia and his bachelor son Martin Copenhaver. Capt. Simon's first wife's name was Elizabeth Battdorf and his children were all to her.

Now then, right next to the old Lutheran Church ruins in Mt. Hebron cemetery, in Winchester, there are two Copenhavers with badly faded tombstones, as well as many of their children and grandchildren, which I think were sons of Capt. Simon Koppenheffer and his wife Elizabeth Battdorf. Here they are:-

John Copenhaver (d. 11-29-1839; in his 79th year; married 1-1-1787, Margaret Hoffman (d. 11-18-1838; in 78th year. 2. 1730

Michael Copenhaver (d. 9-1-1838; in 70th year; married 3-9-1786, Margaret Price (d. 10-24-1830; in 72nd year. *Both John & Michael were blacksmiths -*

The birthdates are: John Koppenhoffer b. 11-25-1734  
Michael " b. 10-15-1759

at Christ Lutheran Church, near Stouchsburg in Berks Co., Pa., just over the county line east of Lebanon county. *Pa. then Lebanon County was formed Dauphin Co., 1814. Dauphin Co. formed into Berks Co. in 1857.* Now, I want to hear from you, and let me know what you think?

Your mention, in your letter, about Johann Christian Grndorff is also interesting to me. There are tombstones in the Lutheran and Reformed Church cemetery at Berrysburg, Mifflin township, Dauphin county, Pa. (in the beautiful Lykens Valley) for:-

Christian Grndorff (b. 6-30-1747; d. 1-1-1828), married 1-18-1802, Christiana Korner (b. 8-28-1808; d. 1-1-1864); daughter of Wilhelm Korner, married 12-31-1787, Maria Elisabeth Koppenhoffer (b. 8-1-1737). I don't have Wilhelm Korner's birth & death, nor the death date for his wife Maria Elisabeth Koppenhoffer, but they lived in the Lykens Valley and reared a large family.

Sincerely,

*C. E. Koppenheffer*

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22 April 1979

Dear Camilla,

Another thing has cropped up from the desc of Perry Dornaus, desc of Christopher of Ill. many years ago it was suggested that I write to him as he had "established" much about our Christopher and I did and rec'd the weirdest letter from him in which he refutes all that Julia Drake had so far established and that only his information was correct. I sent for the wills of the Elizabeth Phillips' parents that he mentions as with his "thorough research" he believed to be my Elizabeth's parents. That Eliz. was unmarried in 1802 and later I found that she m. an Archer in 1802.

It was a conveniently prosperous family, the mother, Martha, being one of the Paca fam. He went into SAR on his suppositions and I'm certain is quite happy (although wrong.)

Now his dau., using the same incorrect information has est. membership in the daus of the Amer. Colonists. With data we have Chr. III was b. ca 1758 (Pension papers show he was 60 yrs in 1818.) My Christopher was b. between 1774 and 1775 (census records) Eliz. Phillips was b. 1775-1780. Since they were m. in 1790/91 logic seems to say more nearly 1775. Christopher would have had to have been the first ch of Chr. III and Anna Maria (Stille) and yet Chr III's Chr. was b in 1805 a whole generation later.

How do we refute this misinformation?

(I also have a photo copy of the will of my Christopher in which he signs his name very plainly as Christopher.)

In your March 20 letter you talk about the 1798 tax asses. list for Dauphin co. Pa/ To whom are you assigning that John O and Chr. O? Chr I or Widow of Hermanus I? If it is the part that became Lebanon in 1813 would it not then be the widow?

The Eliz. O-John Spengler m. occurred in Lebanon Co-Correct?

How did the Huntington Lib research idea turn out?

I study and study your letters and am in a foggy atmosphere not knowing who to assign to whom; not knowing how to clear the suppositions and if we will ever be able to publish. Despair is the feeling.

Margaret



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Had a letter today from John K Orndorff of Lewickley, Pa. I had asked him for a 5 gen chart so I could place him correctly. He's down from Christopher of Ky.

He adds a few lines saying his line goes thus:

J.K.Orndorff  
John H "  
John Christian O  
+ra Woodrough O  
Christian O)  
Christopher O  
Johannes Christian O  
Christian O \* extra Christian?  
Johann Henrich O  
Hermann O \* new yo me  
Hermann O  
Stephan Ohrendorf \*new to me

Congratulations about Mathias and all the other deaths you found. Mathias is then b, ca 1768. Still belong to John Dr. as far as you know? He must be next to the oldest son.

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1681 Maple Ave  
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20 Jy 1979

Dear Camilla,

I have just gone back over all the references you have sent re Harmon(Herman) because I was certain we had his birthdate but we don't so I'll be going to the library soon and will calculate it while there.

You gave me # 1 and 2 documentation but forgot #3 and 4 for Eva and Henrietta Theresia. At one time we thought Herman was the youngest son of John and Margaret(Clark)O. You have taken away all the other children originally attributed to the above couple.

Had a long letter from Mrs. Bas JONES who is doing a fine job assembling the desc of the Ky Christopher. She sent material submitted by Mrs. Oakie Berg Mullin, 410 Briar Lane, Derwick, Pa 18603 to Dar and for inclusion in the O collection. She was justifiably disturbed because it is full of garbage and distortions very convenient for acceptance in patriotic societies. She said she was not going to tell of the errors and wanted to know if I did but I declined telling her your documentation would cause the DAR etc to revamp their files when it is published.

April 29th 1979 letter

I am curious about the mention of the 1798 tax list for Dauphin Co. Does it say what twp John and Chr O are in?

If the widow of Chr(I ?) is listed in the 1780 tax there may have been a pre marital agreement so that she had none of Chr I's property or she may be living away or with family etc. Daughters also got their share when they m. and were not mentioned in thw will if nothing more was given to them.

I sent a query in to Brossman's col and nothing ever came of it. I know of several families who went various places with my Christopher. . I have looked at available tax lists. There are no census for Wilkes co.Ga for 1790. Did find tax lists. Found a census for Spartanburg,S.C. and Chr had arrived before the 1800 cehsus. He left before the 1810 and went to Tenn. and no cens. for Tenn in until 1820. I have not looked for tax lists of Christian and Logan cos Ky nor for Henderson ; That is a good idea to pursue. Ky is publishing tax list at this time. I believe that Elizabeth Phillips'fa was a William and her mother was a Mary. That Chr.'s fa was a John and his mother was ? Other daus'names were Elizabeth,Rosanna and Nancy Christopher,according to his son,Joseph, was the second son. There was still a John in Dauphin Co in 1828(Pa Arch 3rd series Vol 24 pg 599) or maybe he just owned land there. The Herman Oberdorff(Overdorff) in Berks co ,Rockland twp was the son of whom?(Letter 38 Dec 1976)

I do so enjoy and profit from your letters. My frustration comes from my inability to help on research and thus further the FGS. If I could just find some tangible proof of Christopher's existence in either Dauphin co or Md.Both desc. who lived past 1880 say both parents came from Md.

Sincerely

Margaret

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2 Se 1979

Dear Camilla,

I was all prepared to go to the O reunion this year-had prepared and assembled all the data on the desc of my Christopher & Elizabeth and was going to make a dozen pleas for their going to their attics for pictures, anecdotes etc but my non-gen sister found something more interesting to do and I couldn't drive because of a pinched nerve in my right shoulder and both sons were involved otherwise so I sulked and stayed home. It is only 90 miles but no public transportation and too far to walk.

I found a Wm Orndorff in a book I purchased in order to get more on My Wm Johnson fam in Hampshire co (W) a. He was a wit in a will for a Pam Park in 1845 I believe he belongs to Phillip and Chritina (PEER) which is John and Elizabeth (Mentz) of Berkley (W) Va. They are all nested in that area. Roy probably has them catalogued.

Julie (Macpherson) Webster was going to meet me in Bloomington-her mo had the DWO ledgers in her closet those 50 yrs.)

Do you have any helpful hints about N.J. research besides the NJ Archives? I have just found out that my Sophia Johnson was b in NJ-thus her name fa, Wm and Charity had to be there and I dread any NJ research However it would be before 1768 so I may have better luck than in the 1776-1820 years.

I have been able to get a lot of Draper films from our library system from Madison, Wis. They are difficult to read but fairly well organized if the Mabel Clare WEEKS book is available for direction

I'm sending some photo copies of letters that Edna O Macpherson had in her collection. I think we have all of this but thought you might like copies sinbe it ia about the NY line and your Peter.

There is a slight chance that I might be able to meet you in St Louis if it would not interfere with your family plans. I go to Decatur for the State conf. Oct 5 & 6. I would like to see how you research and accomplish so much, and of course would like to meet and talk with you.

The Elizabeth BATTEN who m a Christian O in NY (Vol 27 # 1) bond 7 June 1770 This is before the Rev, so unlikely that it is Chr who m Anna Maria STILLE. This Christian is the only one named Christian in the NY branch if indeed he is in the NY group. (Chr III would be only ca 12 yrs at that time.

You asked me one time why I said Louisa Orndorf Miess's first name was Agnes. Mrs. Dorothy Meese COLE wrote in 1969 that in her Miess search she had found that a George Miess m a Julianna \_\_\_\_\_ and Philip m Agnes Louisa Orndorf The latter <sup>copy</sup> lived near Lebanon Town.

Are you saying that the name STILLIE = Steele ?

Found a reference about Germans to Russia and a Smith who has researched them and am sending it. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ (It is so unhandy to get copies in this town)(When I get wealthy I'm going to buy a XEROX

We have conflicting county sources for John O who had sons John, Samuel, Benj., Jacob, Henry, David (Went later to Haines & Centre cos.) Linn, John "Hist Centre & Clinton says York  
"The Commemorative & Biog Record" says Berks  
Yorks boundaries change drastically over the yrs but Berk remains the same until Schuykill is cut from it and the two never meet so so they cannot be a mutual point of residence

On No 13 1976 you said you found a m record for one Jacob O who m. Maria SEIDEW 2 May 1775 Pa (Muhlenberg Journals) Is he the fa of the Chester co Os? He is listed in the Pa Arch tax lists with Herman & Peter in 1775

Didn't I send you what I found on a film from Franklin & Marshall collection re Geo OBERDORFF & w. Eliz. & ch Daniel, John, Christina, Geo, Maria Eliz. & Catherine?  
Are we accepting the name OBERDORF?  
(The above was acasusi or Hain's Ref Ch of Lower Heidelberg twp Berks Co 1745-1805)

Didn't we decide that the John & Eliz O who d ca 1850 had to be in the John of Berks/York co Pa who went Haines-Centre co ca 1809? fam of

I've been reading a lot of Va & W Va hist and it has been interesting to see the large numbers of Md people who went or just bought land over in Hampshire (W) Va and Berkley from Md-the Mumma, Cresap et al

I've also had some remarkably bad books never a footnote or reference. Our inter-library loan set-up is wonderful and we get books from all over. I just had a copy of Drapers "Over the Mt. Men". It has been reprinted but this was a first edition and falling apart & the request was that it not be allowed from the lib. reading room. What a mess it made as the pages were turned and shredded off. It is so full of Wm. Johnsons and James Boyds that it only led to more and more wondering.

I ran across a little book listing the participants in the French & Indian wars and also one in the Ling Phillip war. People did travel a lot.

Our (Chicago) Records center now has enlarged their census and war records for borrowing so let me know what I can order and read here since I can't have access to the good old films of the LDS.

Must stop and get ready for a picnic-prbably our last this season.

*Margaret*

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15 July 1979

Dear Camilla,

Did you get a letter from Mrs. Eileen Heggen, 60 Heartt Ave., Cohoes, N.Y. 12047 re the N.Y.Os? (Just reread your last letter, so I know.) I sent her quite a lot on her line. (You had given her my name.) If she did not send what she sent me let me know.

Or rather here it is:

Henrick m Margaret-Anna Peltzer came in 1709

Frederick b 1720 d \_\_\_\_\_ m Anna Eve Getman  
b 1731 Stone Arabia  
d. \_\_\_\_\_

Frederick Orendorff b 1758 Ft Herkimer  
d ca 1830 Herkimer

Eve Ferd Orendorff b 3/8/1782 German Flats

d 9/3/2862 German Flats

m Jacob P Staring b 1 Jan 1781

d. 15 Dec 1862 German Flats

She has the children of Fred and some of Fred 3

Daniel/ David Stauring b ca 1810 Herkimer

d 30 Mar 1897 Little Falls, N.Y.

m Hannah Petrie

b 22 Oct 1823

d. \_\_\_\_\_

Lorenzo Stauring b 20 Sep 1850

d 21 Sep 1934 Ilion (NY)

m Catherine Hadcock b 30 Mar 1831 Manheim

d 27 May 1925 Scotia

Anna T Stauring b 17 Aug 1874 Herkimer

d 15 Feb 1949 Schenectady

m John Scott RUSSELL b 15 Oct 1870 Johnsbury

d 21 Se 1901 Corinth

Lester E Russell b 1 Nov 1894 Corinth

d 11 Nov 1940 Troy

m Julia Kehoe b 15 Apr 1892 Lansingburgh

d 25 Dec 1948

Mary Eileen Russell

Birger Arthur Heggen Sr

Ch B.A. Heggen b 21 Sep 1945

Russell Oddie Heggen 14 May 1948; m Janice Kelman 6 Dec 1972

Judith Marie Heggen b. 12 Jan 1954

Ch: Arron b 16 Ap 1974

Adam b 28 Apr 1977

Her letter was unkept but I asked her (tongue in cheek) if she would like to compile the N.Y.O data. Have heard nothing more from her. Hope she got the material I sent. She did not send any Steele or Mock names.

I have sent you all I have on Chr III who m Anna Marie Stille. He was only 18 when he was a prisoner - no date but I presumed it was after he came home

Several yrs ago I bought the 1800 Md cen. When I recently went to look up some one I found I bought only 3 vols (there are 4) and as soon as the new one comes I'll look up Phillips families My Eliz might have come from Allegheny co. '1880 cen says Md)

DWO lists Henry O's wife as Margaret ALBERT no b or d date.

In a compilation of the family of Christopher 's oldest dau, Polly O who m John Camron, Mrs Alice Purvine Murphy says "He (John Camron) followed the fortunes of the Rutledge from Ga to Tenn, from there to Ky then White co (Mine went on to St Clair co Ill) Later all god to Sangamon and Menard and Fulton co. The Sa(Y)le family from N.C. the Green P Rice and Baxter Bell Berry, fa was Samuel. I'm not certain that these people travelled all the way with Christopher. These all seem to have assembled from Ga and N.C. from 1798 on. My Chr cannot have been b. before 1770 so he can't be that sponsor in 1785.

I've been copying the Chr II records to send to Drucilla Jones That way there will be a second copy in existence in case of a disaster here.

You've seen the messy DAR records in their Directory 1892-1965. They have Chr b 1765 m (1) Mary Wireman (2) Anna Maria Stille

Henry b 1759 m Mary Alberts

At Salt Lake City I found a book by Annie Walker Burns- "Md Mar Rec- Page 39 6666 Michael Tawney 1784 [9B#16] Annapolis, Md 1938) <sup>N/O</sup> remarks-Dau Conrad Orindorf of Frederick Co. Md Ref. Wills-Liber GM#2 Folio 95, Frederick, Md

Christian Orindorff Eliza Cophaver 1795  
Remarks Dau Elizabeth Cophaver, Washington co. Md  
Ref-Wills-Liber A Folio 371 Hagerstown, Md ???

Orndorff, Magdalena-Jonathan Hager 1795  
Remarks-Dau Chr Senior & Elizabeth Orndorff, Wash. Co. Md  
ref Wills Liber A Folio 377-405 Hagerstown, Md.

Drucilla has sent a lot about Rohrers and Copenhavens which is filed away-I have little interest in Chr II I do have one connection with the Henry Rohrer-fa of Mary who m a great uncle in Canton, Ill. Henry ca 1800 Lancaster co. Pa, then Christian, then Cyrus a contemp. of my parents. I don't know their connection to the Rohrers who m the Ky Christopher's family or rather Chr II's. or both They came late to Fulton Co ca 1847.

There is a Clarke's Creek on that old map of Dauphin & Lebanon cos March 1816

A Teenie O m a Tyler CLARK 1872 in Columbia, N.Y. Only Clark in DWO **very late**

The old map you sent re old Churches doesn't show Stouchburg. What is the area?

I have to study your last letter and its connections and imp by going back into your letters and will do so soon.

*Margaret*



On your letter 47 25 Feb 1977 (Your Seattle trip) you talk about the Ind. mort. sch. and wonder who that Samuel is. He was the son of John and Rebecca (Garber) b 4 Sept 1817 Fred. Co. Md went to Harrison co Ohio 1827/8, stayed 3 yrs then to Stark co Ohio and in 1848 to St. Jos/Co. Ind (from Gullett's O's copy.

We had a query once about a Perry O but I can't find who sent it. There is a Perry in Ind Dear. co 1850

Anna Maria O dau of Herman m. a Josephus HEMLER. (Ch 1792-1810\*) I find Helmers in the NYOs but later. Prob 2 dif names. Also Himler

Do we know that Herman & Anna Marg (WESCHENBACH) had a son, Lawrence b 1737 before dau Maria Marg?

Do I dare make fgs on Henry ERNSTDORFF (Mrs. Cleta Smith) and John Henry Ernstorff and Elizabeth-letter 53 ? Into what fam?

Incidentally I have a fairly complete file on my Christopher from the time he first comes to Ill from the Ill archives file, until he dies in 1829. There were so few people here that everyone had to hold office, make roads etc and he joined in the activities.

Had another letter from Mrs. McLaughlin III Mich desc of Jacob ChrII. Told her to put her records on A1 and A2 forms and send. I do wish someone would assume the resp of ChrII (s lone, It is more voluminous than John of Va d. 1798-Roys's.

I personally feel that if we establish Ch I's lines I will begrudgingly have to do ChII and for some reason resent it. Perhaps it is because so much was done by DWO and John Ridgely O and it is all in DWO

Enough questions and comments  
I'll try to send both sheets

*Margaret*



1 Feb 1979  
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Dear Camilla,

It is a shame that letters don't get written every time I think of you and thus lessen my awful guilt about not writing.

It is not snowing today and that is certainly a positive attitude on the weatherman's part. We have some 30 ", can't safely see around corners, missed mail deliveries several days have few places that it can be placed when we can get through the intermittent layers of ice and snow. A bare road or walk is quite a conversation stopper.

In order to prevent going stir crazy I started to transcribe the 1860 census of Knox co onto fortran sheets for the Newbury Library Humanities project.. It worked until I ran out of fortran and am waiting for them to send more. I did get 9,000 names transcribed ready for the soundex--some 14,000 more to do. The wealthiest people were the merchants although few in number, farmers were next and numerous and believe it or not the clergymen were the next highest in personal and property wealth. So that it is not news that churches were big business even in 1860. So far we have no rural dentists. Strange were the doctors--homeopaths etc.

I have been re reading all the old periodicals and came across a fascinating article in the Dec 1975 (Vol 63 #4) edition of the Nat'l Gen Soc Quart. re a family named Fouts (Pfautz). I had some correspondence with the author (John Scott Davenport) since one branch eventually came out to Buckheart twp Fulton co. Ill. But the interesting part was having recalled to me the part about an area called "Digges Choice" a Md. patent which was legally a part of and administered by Baltimore co., Md. .... note #22 says Digges Choice aside from the land dispute between Md. and Pa. numerous law suits over surveys and titles which lasted well into the 19th cen. and homicide of Dudley Digges in 1752, poses a gene. nightmare. In the period 1735-1769, terminated by the order Geo. III in council-st. the Mason-Dixon line as the final boundary between Md. and Pa. a large number of Germans were settled for varying lengths of time in "Digges Choice" After 1739 they were an island of Baltimore co. Md completely surrounded by Pa. Without moving a landholder might identify himself as of Baltimore co. Md, of York co. Pa., or Frederick co. Md. Before 1749 they were of Lancaster co. Pa., before 1745 they were of Prince co. Md. Records will be found in the above localities and Md. Provincial Court Rec, archives of both states and Phil. City Hall The author says to get John Gibson's Hist. Ed of York Co 1886 pp 78-83 "Digges Choise" I will. These Pfautz fams. were in the exact neighborhoods as the Os. Jacob was a sponsor to a son of Micharl Korr on 5 Aug 1730 at Holy Lutheran Ch. in Lancaster borough . If you don't have access to this I will Xerox it because it has many more incidents

If Conrad O was in Baltimore co in 1790 -never mind- this is too late.

A Conrad Foutz came on the "Edinburgh" Sept 1753. Our Phillip, Conrad and Johannes came (Arriv) Phil. 2 Oct 1753. Did it only take one month to make a round trip to Europe and back in those days?

*to take it the same ship - trip -*  
the names Little (Klein), Slaymaker, you would also recognize others you have encountered in your research. I found this account fascinating because it covers the same territory that the O's and allied <sup>groups</sup> did in the early 1700s, and it gives so much incidental helpful information. Let me know if you want a copy and as soon as I can be liberated I will have one made for you.

Lowell Volkell who is the Senior Archivist at the Ill. Archives does a great deal of publishing of gen. source material. Recently he and James Walker of the Wash. Archives republished the names of the men and women who rec'd bounty land grants in Ill - this time with an index. I extracted all the names of all the people who had the warrants delivered to themselves - not (Knox co) to a land agent - and we were going to follow it up at the courthouse and see how many actually came out here to settle; but that became too lengthy a process so we published it in our quarterly and let the desc. do that themselves. In doing this I found that Mich was originally designated as a bounty land area but was found unsuitable for habitation so they opened several millions of acres in La which actually turns out to be Arkansas and Mo. By 1830 Michigan was reconsidered and swarms of people came out from Vt and E. states. Have you ever heard James Walker speak? Lowell will come to Knox Gen Soc in May for an all day session workshop. Both are fascinating speakers. *copied for*

Your letter came today and was as usual full of goodies.

Do we know yet to whom <sup>belong to</sup> Christian who m. Christina Bordner-Lykens Valley-Dauphin co. Pa.? (M. 1822 so prob. b. ca 1800 so would be likely to be a gr ch of John the doctor)

You would be gratified to see the notes on many of your letters where one of us has asked a question and when it is ans. I would go back and put the ans, with the question. At one time it seemed poss. that Chr who m. Christina Bordner was a ch. of John and Bedi (Elizabeth) who were eventually part of the Haines co-Centre co Pa. group.

I will start in again on the FGS and bring them up to date.

Don't we have information that John and Margaret (Clark) O died almost too close together to have had a second marriage?

Where does the name Christopher come from in both Chr. II and John the Dr.'s family/ It might be a brother to Chr. I. Our only supposed bro is the John who came with him - correct?

Did you know that Aliens (Germans etc not nat.) could not own, buy or sell land pre-col. days in Pa? They would unrecordedly transfer it to heirs or sell it to Englishmen and have them transfer it back someday. It paid to swear in those days didn't it/

*I hope you find little morsels as I'll look in place and that you or Betty recovered. Always seem to take copy as that one thinks it will be rejected*

22 Oct. 1978  
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Dear Camilla,

Your letter certainly fits the "Good news-bad news" categories. It is quite possible to not be afraid of surgery but it is a haunting experience and never leaves one's mind very long until it is over. I have rarely been ill but do realize that before surgery unless the pains are overwhelming one feels fairly good but after they have been busy it is amazing how miserable they <sup>the Drs.</sup> ~~they~~ (the Doctors) can make you for a few days. Yes, you will be out of commission for a while. Just don't become a soap opera addict because you have strength for little else.

I looked up Uhl and White but have little in my collection about 19th century artists so will see them at the local library if possible. What a thrilling find! Anyone who has to clear a house out deserves that kind of a break. I still have boxes of old china and glassware in my basement and portierres from the old house (1869) which I have offered to the Knox Co. Hist Soc when they finish restoring their "Browning House." I hate to throw things out but I have said long enough "OH, just put in the basement until I decide what to do with it." I sometimes feel little people might be living down there and I would never find them.

Discovered a possibility for getting a copy of the German Leb. newspaper. I'll pursue it and maybe can surprise you as you come out of the ether.

I finally decided it was time to say yes when the Knox Co. Gen Soc asked a favor and am planning the next years program. It takes such a long time to get answers back from my supplications. I have been unkind in my criticisms of the local programs and if one complains one should then be willing to put a neck on the block.

What can I do re research re the Os? you are covering so much territory and I am contributing nothing. I did go to Sofd, Ill but found nothing that you had not already read. The tremendous value is coming from the old old records you can get at the LDS Room. I do wish you could talk to our group on your pursuit of the Os. They all know about you and your diligence.

There are three standard treatments for detached retinas-stitching freezing and laser. No prevention. Haste is important if it happens but hemorrhaging sometimes prevents haste because the damage can't be assessed-is obscured by the bleeding. So pr

Take care and my prayers are with you.

Margaret



4 Sept 1978  
1681 Maple Ave  
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Dear Camilla,

In the "War of 1812 Bounty Lands in Ill." Index by Lowell Volkel (Ill State Archives) and introduction by James Walker (Nat'l Arc) there is an Henry Ordolf who has warrant # 7982 sent to his address Albany, N.Y. Apr 22 1818. I looked in DWO and there he is. He m. Mary Tunicliff and lived in Columbia, N.Y. Quite a bit on his desc.

Now to my Christopher. I would like to take your find but \_\_\_\_\_  
He was b. ca 1770, the second son; He was m. 1791; he went to Md ca 1784; from Dauphin co. Pa. to Md. Eliz. Phillips b. 1774. They just can't be considered old enough to  
The entire list from the Reformed Ch<sup>h</sup>aherstown is that of Chr. II's ch. <sup>Maybe it should have read "Sister" or Sister-in-law</sup>

Recently a sympathetic researcher-sympathetic to our Orendorff needs gave me a census reading for Louisa C<sup>U</sup>. Iowa 1870  
At first I thought it was desc of a gr uncle Charles but he had no sons. The spelling is Ornduff, Wm. and Jonas. b. 1830 and 1841 resp. Since Louisa is directly north of Des Moines Co. I thought they might be your Williams peers, but I can find nothing in what I have of your lines. Do they mean anything to you?

I went the other day to have my glasses checked and was sent over to the Eye clinic at Iowa City pronto. Some disturbing changes had occurred in the retina. I go back Thurs, the 7th for more. It is a haunting feeling when there is no clear cut diagnosis like "you have a broken tibia." You will be mended in so many days etc. So if you do not hear soon just be patient because that may be what I'll <sup>be</sup> at the hosp.

Those church records are gorgeous and will make a beautiful FGS. No. I am not a latin major. My grandmother took a masters at Cornell Univ in Ithica, N.Y. but I decided to be a Textile and Design major at the Univ of Wis. and I've never been sorry. I did have 4 yrs in H.S. for what that is worth now.

I think when the dust clears we will have 2 Lawrences.  
In the obits from Md etc I noticed that John Ridgely O's fa was in the Chem dept at Cornell. I wonder if my Gr mo ever had any contact with him.

If Hermanus was b 1712 and Lorentz is his oldest son of ~~either~~  
his first marriage - ~~(We don't know which for certain do we?)~~  
then 1737 can definitely be very possible since the first dau was b. 1739. That is (now that it is down on paper) wrong. It would have to be his first m. They came in 1737 and there may never be a record of his bapt. It might be in Phila. Pa. <sup>or ship board</sup>  
The Lorentz as the oldest son of Hermanus and Catherine would have been b. 1737 to 1764 (Guardianship papers you mentioned.)  
There is a missing generation in all this.

Yes, the 1737 Lorentz could certainly be the one b. on the obean.

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Letter #38 Dec 1976

Pa Arch Third Ser. Vol 17 page 405

Lorentz, freeman 1782 Lebanon twp Lanct (He is at least 21 so b. before 1761 so he fits well into the Hermanus I family group (Will))

Henrich O of Adams Co would be the last Heinrich mentioned in the Moravian Ch report b. 1738 He would have been 24 when his first child was b. So in your letter #43 Jan 19 1977 you surmise that he is from the Chr. I's family

Did the microfilm people who made the films of Lawrence's murder ever agree to send you a copy? At this point it probably won't add too much except it might give him as the son of \_\_\_\_\_. So thr DAR is wrong again about the m. of Henry son of Chr. II. This Henry of Berks co is a different one. FMWTPS pg 255 Then in your letter 78 Mar 10 1978 pg 2 in the Albert information Margaret Albert did m. Henry O of Wash co. MD. So in limbo temporarily.

*Went*  
I have a date 20 Dec 1784 as the m of Henry O of Wash, Co. Md to Marie Margaret Alberts I don't know the source.  
Two dif. Alberts Henry, son of Chr. II was still a res. of Md at this date. page 90 FMWTPS  
Now we know that Anna Margaret (Weschenbach) O was still alive in May 1750. This may alter the list of ch in Hermanus I's will naming wife, Catherine. Anna M may have had more ch than we first thought, and Catherine fewer.

Is John O

Every time I check the German charts in Julia's last book I see more and more connections. Last one = 2 of Heinrich LOOS's daus m. 2 Os from Bottemberg. (Bottom of Pages 78 and 79.)

I'm far too foggy to analyze your last (Aug 3) letter and Aug 23. Next time.

As for your bets-you've won before.

*Margaret*

30 July 1978

Dear Camilla,

Your productivity continues to amaze me, and overwhelm me at this time. How to get these people into FGS ? I know where to start but when do we stop?

In your grandfather's letter on page 2 Mrs. "Margaret R(ebecca) (Maynard) Orendorff was the second wife of my grandfather, Henry Harrison Orendorff. We did not know our own grandmother but the above Margaret was a wonderful substitute. She had gone to Knox college here in Galesburg and did her graduate work at Cornell in Ithica, N.Y. and taught for many years in Canton, Ill-  
-atin-.

Unfortunately that is not my Christopher. He was b. ca 1770 and m. ca 1790/91. It does not seem to fit Chr. II's son either. His wife's name was Mary Thomas. \*She might have been an Elizabeth also but find no reference to that as a second name. All the other O's listed in that Reformed Church are ch of Chr. II. Johannes and Susana (Walgamuth) O had twin sons - Daniel and David who died in infancy

The~~s~~ Schneblys raised the ch of Johannes and Susana O

DWO had these records in his ledger. from the German bible\*

The m. and b. records are very helpful. Death sometimes if obit is detailed, and many are.

Just rec'd an interesting inquiry from a Miss Elizabeth K Townsend of Arlington, Va who had talked to Roy O. and wanted information about Jacob and Susan (Miller) O's desc., WM. Stevens and Susan (Adams) O from near and around Baltimore. In looking up her line I discovered that the Wm. O line from the 1850 census of Balti. is hers. So far I haven't identified the 2 Samuels. Nor John and Mary O unless this John would be the son of Christian and Mary Eva (Eck) O. John was b. 1796 (Blessed Virgin Mary Ch. (Letter Jan 31 1978)  
Mexico O belongs to the line of John of Berkley who m. (1) Mentz & (2) McElwee. Yes the "Runaways" article was very good. Noticed that Mexico had a son Christopher. Edmond is listed as Edmonia B I believe we have those KY. gens. in our collection at Glibg Lib. Velva Short had sent a great deal on this line,

I have only started to digest and catalog your last voluminous donations so want to set up some kind of a m. and death file & go on from there with comments.

Mary Thomas = Mara Thumes

*Margaret*

5 Mar 1978  
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Dear Camilla,

Are you safe? What horrible TV reports and pictures we are receiving from sunny Calif. They are terrible and very worrisome.

This is the first free Sunday that I've had since I started to assemble figures for tax data. They are at the CPA's and I hope correct. My restoration project is slowly breaking me up but finally I'm getting some returns and they are beautiful. I'm going to be much more free very soon. The atelier is to be finished this week. It is glamorous. I can see why more individuals do not do this on my scale. However if I were to start it now there would be at least a 25% increase due to inflation so I'm mildly grateful.

I started this over an hour ago and started to puzzle out the Henry O of Adams Co. Pa. birth date in relations to John's (who m. Elizabeth of Haines co. Pa. You are quite correct that the birth dates are the same. I went to an old Atlas to see if I could find Haines twp but have none with twps. I thought since Centre co. was formed from Lycoming, Mifflin No. Um. and Huntingdon in 1800 and No. um. in 1772 from Lancaster that maybe I could tie Haines ctwp and Adams co in together but no it would have to be that Haines was at one time in No-um. I will get the big Atlas at the library and see what I can deduce.

The old church map that you sent showed the Tulphocken Host ch in Berks co - this is where the first 3 ch of John and Eliz. were bapt. Could it be possible that they did not move to Centre co but the new formations of cos. put them in Centre? yes - poss.

Henry O who m. Alberts was the 6th ch and 3rd son of Chr. II and (Mary A (Hoffmann) O.

In your letter # 66, 29 July 1977 you list John and wife Elizabeth m. 1772 May 29 in Berks co. And father down Henry O and -- Alberts m. 28 Dec 1785 Alberts has been listed as Mary and Marg Eliz. The DAR has quite a garbled account of Henry. I can't locate Souchburg, Pa where church is. Do you know its location. you see I'm wondering why Henry the 6th ch of Chr II went to Souchburg to get married to Alberts. Was Julia mixed on this too?

Some time ago Roy sent info from the Pa. Archives but I don't know if your data is more recent. He listed all Os he could find in Pa.



page 2

It appears that Bethel twps in Berks and Lebanon cos were at one time one twp.

No, my step grandmother was a latin major. I was textiles and design.

As yet we have no daughters of John Heinrich O do we?

I thought it was a John who was b. on the ocean trip. (OK, I just read on and agree with your reasoning.)

You are giving Lorenz to Hermanus I .OK but why  $\frac{1}{2}$  bro? "ermanus and Ann Margretha's dau "aria Marg was bapt 22 April 1739 1st Ref Ch of Lancaster, Pa. She could have been there 2nd ch Smeday I'm going to send to GSA for Lorenzo's Rev record I don't know what it will tell me but location could help.

Where did you get Henrietta Teresia Ohrendorff? you haven't mentioned her before.

Then the above Lorenz could be the one in the Pa archives? Lorenz son of Hermanus I-did not marry, correct? Then the lady who went in on his line in DAR has some explaining to do. Just have to be married to get in on a line-common law not allowed.

I just tried to find Roy's Pa Arch. notes th at he sent and don't remember how I filed them. Don't send a copy until I locate them so you won't have to duplicate.

Soon I'll send you a check. I do appreciate all that you are doing, and want to help just as soon as I can.

*Margaret*  
Do you remember the Luffens Valley (Dauphin Co)  
church report on John & Elizabeth & their ch?  
This is also in Berks Co Longview  
on John & Eliz

29 Jan 1978

Dear Camilla,

Where do I start?

Grace Drake wrote that Geneva Woodall would take responsibility for the children of the Ky Christopher who stayed in Ky and another note to Drucilla Jones of Bowling Green, Ky sends me a most encouraging offer that she also is inspired to assemble the Ky Christopher desc so I have written them to collaborate and do the desc of Chr. II. I will finish typing the records DWO assembled on Chr II's desc and get copies to each one so they can edit, correct and add on as nec.

I wonder if Roy O would like to do John of Berkley, W, Va. and the desc of his 22 ch. It should be a separate vol unless one of the finds that Jacob is the ences and that Jacob is a brother ~~of~~ of Chr I.

I have had no correspondence with the desc of the 2 Kohrs, the Eckel or the Miess names. Advertising will help there.

I told Grace that we couldn't possibly publish before 1980 and that it might be possible to set a cut-off date Jan 1 1981. What do you think? Can we do it?

Think of the thousands of FGS we will have to fill out

Confession- I can't find the source for the Agnes in Agnes Louise O Meiss. I think it was "Notes and Queries" in that account where she and the Mrs, Spitler were admonished for slandering,

Have you reread recently that first page of the erroneous collection that Milo Custer made evidently for Cousin U.G.O.? See Lorentz-see Michael Was that Christian a son of our Johann Heinrich? Dauphin and Lebanon are still Lancaster co. Is there any place where there is a list showing geographical locations of where state militia units were formed? There are several Samuel BOYDs in the 1790 Pa census-one in Lancaster twp and he could be the capt of Michael's co. I don't have a copy of the 1790 cen for Pa here in order to locate Capt John Stone.

I will copy the Moravian report for you.

There was a family of OREN in Lewistown, Il in early 1900s. One son was a dentist in Canton, Il and rented one of our bldgs for his office. Died in the 1930/early 40s of TB.

It is very late and I'm weary so I'll follow this with comments on your latest findings very soon

*W. August*

1681 Maple Ave  
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Dec 1977

Dear Camilla,

It has been a fascinating experience cataloguing all the material that you have sent. I'm reviewing many items that had slipped away and have many questions have arisen,

First though- I like the information in your letters; don't bother to put them on cards-it would be a wasteful duplication and the postage would be very great expense.

I will send you a list of the letters-dated- with the number that I use on the cards. I'm grouping for filing and search ease all varied spellings of for example

Ohrendorff, Maria	(Letter #)	6,10,11 etc
Arnsdoff, Maria	"	3,8,9 etc
Overduff, Mary <del>AAA</del>		3,6,etc

Then I won't miss any reference because of spelling differences. This is probably not a librarian's way of doing it but it will work well for me and I won't risk mistakes and saves a lot of work in transferring all your data to new cards.

I have some 500 now-see what a prolific writer C.A.B. is-

Grace wrote that she hoped we would publish in 1978. We are far from having what we need to coordinate our known facts now into a family history.

I'm in favor of doing branches, dividing them into volumes for each branch we can verify. This will simplify the individual books for numbering, indexing and all the expenses we will entail. Ideally every branch should have a committee responsible for his second generation ancestor and we would then only have to number and index.

You have well in mind the people with whom you have corresponded who are some of those desc. I will start a list of those who have written to me for data. Some are interested only in their own direct line and will do nothing in research; others like the family history but none of the research to get it. Others will take anything handed to them right or wrong. All these can be eliminated.

I'm not even certain that I want to get involved with any except Chr I's desc but then that rules out your Peter and I don't want to do that. SO- express yourself about the lengths we should go.

Questions and comments-

- 1- Did you know that Agnes Louise Ohrendorff is the full name of the first daughter that we have any record of of Chr.I? O  
If ChrI and Agnes were m. 29 Jan 1715 in Freudenberg Pg 18(G.F.)\*  
and Louisa was b. 1721 there is a good chance that we do not yet have their older ch.
- 2- We have no documented evidence that Chr I went directly from Philadelphia to Lancaster co.Pa. He's not on the tax list of 1751 in Lebanon twp/.1752 he was a Moravian in Lebanon and taxed there He had a deed in 1749 for land from Peter GROVE pg 8 FMTPS Do we know the exact date when Chr I is listed as a member of the Philadelphia'er. Ref. Ch.? I have between 1735 and 1755.(Pa Archives.) Julia says 4 yrs(pg 4 FMPS) Ther's something I'm missing in the Berks co.O connections somewhere. It nags me.
- 3- Let's see what we can assemble for the Lorentz O b. 1737 d. 1820. Is he a younger bro of Johann Heinrich 1733?
- 4-If Johann Heinrich Ohrendorff 1661-1708 it is possible that his wife, Agnes Giesler could have come to America with Chr I and it is she who is bur in 1751 in Lebanon.
- 5-Letter 18- Where can we get the published item on Altendorffbook to see what area in Germany they come from?
- 6- See page 5 FMTPS Chr I sponsor of a Donnetheur infant 1746
- 7- Do you remember in the Moravian report that I had translated it mentions Johann Heinrich b. b. 1736 (date by Vernon H. Nelson,archivist,1970) then he goes on and on about Heinrich never again referring to Johann Heinrich . His "Bethel Catalog" report is from 1754, but the reference is also made to see Donegal report and it lists Ohrendorf as b. 1738. Is he careless or are there those two we have always thought there were- Johann Heinrich and heinrich \_\_\_\_\_ Ohrendorff?
- 8-Now is this the Heinrich you found in Adams.co.Pa with wives Elizabeth,Catarina and Veronica? or Johann Heinrich? or-?
- 9- Help me find the of Chr. ~~son of Johann Heinrich~~ is son of Hermanus I who m. Eva Eck . This documentation is the land records of Lorentz (Murdered) and his land going to Christian, correct? I found them; never mind.(I have to correct the PGS.)
- 10- #48- The Henry who m. Maria Elizabeth ALBERT is the 6th ch of Chr.II.
- 11-#54-You mention talking to an O in the San Fernando Valley who had an ancPerry O.; the only Perry I can find in DWO Vol I is the Perry son of Chr III. He was in the War of 1812 and they could find the names of his heirs-2 sons- if they used the GSA reports since they rec'd pensions from Perry's service.
- 12-Does Jacobus = James?
- 13- I can't yet find Henry and w. Eva-Wash Co. d/  
\*OGF = Orndorff/Germania  
Pam. P.S.

Letters from Camilla Anne (Orendorff) Berger

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1681 Maple Ave  
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13 Nov 1977

Dear Camilla,

What a find and what a disturbing item . We now have a different kettle of fish to stew.

Agnes could be wife # 1 mother of Louisa to John and including  
Hermanus 1  
    could be a sister m. to an O  
    could be a sister-in-law  
    could be a dau-in-law.

I can find no documentation for the statement that Elizabeth von Mueller is the wife of Chr.I and no proof that she is the mother of all we had assumed her to be. Only legend in FMWTP and "Germ Fam." She could be the wife who accompanied Chr I to find out if he could be buried in the Moravian grvyd in Elizabeth twp Lancaster co.Pa. Remembering how careless people were in correctly identifying their relatives and noting in Chr II's will I'll bet she was called the ~~mother~~ Elizabeth but no I'M being careless that was Elizabeth Cophaver mother of Elizabeth ann Hoffman  
We need a m. for Elizabeth and Chr.I. after 1751 ; He was a widower in 1759 according to the Moravian report so 1759-1772  
This clears up the Jacob bit in that he could not have been a son of Chr I by Elizabeth. He could have been Agnes' son or a younger bro of Chr I

Waschebach

I ve been trying to find your reference to finding the Weschbach name in some of your research. I am working on my card cataloging but it goes slowly.

Did you go to Acapulco? I loved all of Mexico except Acapulco.

I will write soon again commenting on your other finds.

As Always

*Margaret*

17 Sept 1977

Dear Camilla,

Roy Orndorff called the other evening to see what I had discovered from DWO'S reports on his line recently. DWO credits John of Berkley and the huge family as a son of Jacob with no substantial data to back it up. I wonder if the Jacob in Chester co could be that Jacob. He said he found nothing in following the Chester Co. leads in the Pa. Archives.

The Christian O you found in the Col Md Naturalization records is probably Chrn II although Ann Arundel is quite a distance from Fred.Co. That is 5 yrs after he is supposed to have gone to Md. I located the reference for Paul F Orndorff in the W.Va book He is supposed to have gone into SAR on the Sale side(My pat. gr gr mo.) but knowing how insufficiently they check proof I wonder about following it. I will look it up at Spfd the end of Sept. The Nat'l SAR said he was never a member. The book was "Sons of W.Va" Vol 8 by Mr. Samuel Webster PIPER pg 58 Vol 2 pg 259 but the man at Salt Lake City Lib could not help me decode the keys to the references so that is all I could get. Hope Spfd is more knowledgeable.

You are overwhelming me with names and associations with the O family. How do you do it and keep them straight? I am going to start a new system to keep up with you. See if this seems logical. I am going to start with your first letter and number the pages black marking pencil

2- number each O reference fine black pen

3-transfer each name to a card file alphabetize it for cross reference

4- list each allied name toney-tawney dany etc and cross reference so that I can keep up with your references, yet I won't have to copy sources

You are a librarian so if this is insufficient and there is a better way let me know.

I have not as yet found the Henry and EVA and their dau Elizabeth b.20 Oct 1804. I thought it had to be the son of ChrII but he was in Va at that time and his Elizabeth was b. 6 Dec 1800

The 1810 Ky cen has Conrod Overdurff Bracken 142b-21  
1820 " " " Conrod Overtirf " 26-19  
1830 " " " Jesse Orenduff Breckenridge 46

A query in our Gen pub(Knox co) from Mrs. Eugene COTTRELL 304 Old Manor Rd. Ellinwood Ms. 67526 asks for informatuon about Heinrich Anstein and Christina OBERDORFF york co Pa Anstein from Wurttemberg, Ger.

son, George W was b. 1809 York co Pa. liv in Ohio in 1830s I'll see what I can find on her Oberdorff.

I'm going to get this mailed even if I'm not through.

Margaret

19 June 1977  
1681 Maple Ave  
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Dear Camilla,

You are a jewel to keep on researching and sending materials while I am doing nothing to contribute to the O research. And to not just stop since it has been so long since I've corresponded on any kind of a schedule. I do indeed appreciate your broadmindedness.

The only item that I have is negative.-Mrs. Leroy Sanders of the Hist. Soc. of Berks Co. Pa. writes that it will cost \$20.00 to get photocopies of the O murder. Right now I can't get them but even a small windfall and I will.

Another film came from Dr. Aenstatt but was not fruitful. Only possible names were 2 Oberdorfs  
Oberdorf, Regina sponsor for an Elizabeth Zimmerman b. 30 Sept 1822; bapt 10 Nov. dau David and Magdalene Zimmerman Falkner Swamp record The Rev Tebrecht Frederick HERMAN pastor 1799-1833 P 122.

Oberdorf, Jacob son of late George m. Maria dau of John LEE 11 Dec 1791. (same church as above)

This was on film #135 It was very long and so agonizing to find nothing,

The only records I can rent from Lancaster Pa are Lutheran. Did I send you a list of the ones I ordered? The new catalog evidently is not yet out.

Are you searching for Cressman-Crissman etc because of the will of Conrad O and the direction he gave to son, Peter? about Ruth Crossman?

Yes; when you have nothing else to do" see if you can find any thing about Joseph Bonaparte Malony b. 16 Dec 1817 Carlisle, Pa.  
One William is in the tax list 1814  
We have an adm. of of one James 1811 Cumberland co, Pa.  
I do not know his bros and sisters. They leave Cumberland co in 1825 for Richland co. Ohio. Religion unknown

PIPER, John John W. b. 5 May 1783 Cumberland co. Pa. (my gr gr grandfa.)  
Father either John or Samuel.  
Samuel d. ca 1792 and mother and ch went to Lewis co. Ky by 1794  
In Pa wife in West Pennsborough twp and Newton.  
Spellings were Pipper, Pippier Piper etc.  
Siblings of John W.: Thomas b. ante 1769  
(reported) William b. 21 Feb 1770  
not proven) Samuel b. 15 Feb 1772  
Robert b. 1773  
James b. 10 Nov 1776  
John W. 5 May 1783  
Margaret



page 3 26 June 1977 ctd from 21 June(sorry)

Do you want the names and data of the ch of Aloysius F.O. from DWO?  
I know you have some misgivings about DWO's records but anytime you want me to send copies of his material I certainly will.

Page 56 of DWO's records of Chr.II's family for John H.O.

Chr.II and Elizabeth (HOFFMAN)  
Jacob and Susan MILLER  
John Henry m = Arietta WELMORE  
Ch:Wm Welmore                      Irena  
          John H                        Arietta W.  
          Susan E                        Jennie

John H. b 22 June 1795. d. June 1849  
"John was b. on his grandfather's plantation at the mills on the Big  
Atietam River near Sharpsburg, Md. He was bapt in the Ger. Ref. Ch.  
in Hagerstown 14 Jan 1796. The early death of his father left the care  
to his mother of a young family. The old home plantation and mills  
that Jacob received by will. Until her sons grew to manhood and had  
est. a flour and feed house in Baltimore where John was m. and continued  
in that business until taken from life by the cholera. It appears that  
he had bought a plantation near Trappe, the place of his family's later  
residence. (We think John H and Irene went to Balto. about 1890\*DW0)  
There is much more-factual and tidbittish - if you want it.

Lydia (Orendorff) Macpherson died 10 Ap 1977 at her home in Springfield.  
Il. It was she who had the DWO records in her front foyer closet for 50  
yrs. Her dau. Julia, has asked me to come down and help her decide what  
must be kept for research purposes. This is the family that has the  
numerous Lincoln collection that even the state archivist didn't know  
existed until Julie invited him to a vault showing. I should have all  
the apts rented by that time and will take 2 days and go down. It is  
the least I can do for posterity.

And then I'm going to go again to the records and start cataloging and  
trying to get order out of all you have sent by family group sheets  
where possible. Only after this is done can we start to assemble  
material for 1986 or after which ever we decide is the best publishing date

*Margaret* —

Back to the Os.-

Just talked to a member of the LDS-says no chance for a library here.

Notes and Queries mentions a Jacob Oberdorf and w. Catherine Berks co. Hill church sepr. 8 1754 list

Hope your cystitis is cleared by now and you are feeling much better.

Have had some corres. with Doris Neeley of Eugene Ore. A desc of John of Berkley co.W.Va, She's new at this but willing and could make an excellent person for researching that line. Had anc in Kans. Is going to send FGS soon.

Have you ever written to Mac Bickel? Desc of Ky Christopher I believe. He's done much on the Chr. II line. Grace thinks we should collaborate. I'll write him and see if he intends to publish and what he thinks about a national reunion in 1986.

I have a copy of Nora Lee Os fathers book.

You are so good about linking spellings that differ and remembering names from the far distances.

There were desc of Charles O from Kans at the last O reunion I believe.

I do not subscribe to Ridge Runners-nor does our Soc. so it isn't in the Lib.

I can't find the Joseph who came with Jacob and John.

Thanks for the Seigen map. Just read that there were or are sometimes 60 places in Germany with the same name. (Far worse condition than our postal system,)

I wonder which direction the Susquehanna river runs from Livingston Flats, N.Y. and over in Pa. by the Lebanon area. Did people pole up or float down? There has to be some connection between the N.Y. and Pa Os. What influence did Braddock's defeat have on the O migration? If the English were so nasty to the Germans in N.Y. did they go to Pa?

Please add my congratulations to the many that your daughter must be receiving. You certainly must be very proud of her. Where will she go to school next year and what are her particular interests right now?

Do you know why certain endings seem to be in certain areas? Why -dorff in the Siegen area? Is the map you sent a contemporary one?

What if the John O who went to the Donegal area was that John who came with Chr.I? The two translators of the Moravian records caused two different (by sev years) birth dates to accredited to John O son of ChrI

Have you found anything about John who m. Magdalene Zartman? I'll go back over your findings and see for myself but he had a son Aloysious seemingly unnm.(DWC)

31 Dec 1976

Dear Camilla,

It was very exciting to hear you talk last night on the phone and how I wish I had the recorder to remember all that you said.

I spent the day photo copying 41 pages of DWO material which will be most pertinent to you. From the typed index to his vols. you can see what else is available. I have marked the blank pages so that you will know I omitted nothing from his records. I started to type it all and realized it was too time consuming and that it would be better to send non perfect copies and correct them. Neither the wet nor the dry copier works as well as I would like them to. If I have failed to fill in anything just quote DWO's page on the right side (this is the page in the ledger) and I will make it plainer for you.

Roy O sent me the 1888 and the 1898 edition of the Directories and I have that thing by Milo Custer.

When I send to Harrisburg for an account of one John O who was possibly in the Pa Militia at Brandywine I'll ask about Michael and Laurentz, and anyothers who may be there we haven't caught up with yet.

The book that I mentioned last night is Ethel Williams "Know your Ancestors" Chas. E. Tuttle and Co. Rutland, Vt. 1960 (19th printing was in 1972) Lib Cong. card # 60-15252 I paid \$6.75 sev. years ago but I presume it has advanced in price by now. It is a very good book to keep by your elbow when you need directions for future sleuthing. I also use Val Greenwoods and Doans's but the latter is too amateurish by now.

On pg 211 of Williams "The dispute with Md lasted over 70 years and sometimes resulted in bloodshed, until the close of the Rev. War when the surveying of the Mason-Dixon line was completed. There were two large manors claimed by Md in the present Adams co. called "Carroll's Delight" and "Manor of the Maske" where early tracts were granted. Adams was set off from York Co. in 1800 and includes within its limits Gettysburg, site of the famous C.W. Battle. Adams co. lies directly north of Carroll County Md but was part of Baltimore county at the time of the controversy. Some Pa. records will be found in Md. Cos." Maps showing these claims are found in the Pa Arch. The Ct. claim is in Series 2 vol 18; Md claim is in Series 1, vols. 1 & 4 and series 2 Vol 16; the Va claim is in Series 3 Vol 3 "All records pertaining to the Rev period are located in one of the eleven co. seats in existence in 1775"

I find only one mention of Hildebrand in the records I send to you. I have drawn a line by it. (St Joseph's co. Ind)

Pages sent DWO's Vol 2  
67-80 (81 blank); 82-85 (86 blank); 87-93 (94 blank); 95-101 (102, 103, 104 blank); 187-193 (194 blank) 195-223 (224 blank)

*W. J. ...*

*Thank you for the church map - It is a swell  
I'll better to An Keaton Unsettled 180 old church of Tom  
I'll do it by counties and send court findings on to you*

29 Jan 1978

Dear Camilla,

Where do I start?

Grace Drake wrote that Geneva Woodall would take responsibility for the children of the Ky Christopher who stayed in Ky and another note to Drucilla Jones of Bowling Green, Ky sends me a most encouraging offer that she also is inspired to assemble the Ky Christopher desc so I have written them to collaborate and do the desc of Chr. II. I will finish typing the records DWO assembled on Chr II's desc and get copies to each one so they can edit, correct and add on as nec.

I wonder if Roy O would like to do John of Berkley, W, Va. and the desc of his 22 ch. It should be a separate vol unless one of the finds that Jacob is the ences and that Jacob is a brother  $\frac{1}{2}$  of Chr I.

I have had no correspondence with the desc of the 2 Kohrs, the Eckel or the Miess names. Advertising will help there.

I told Grace that we couldn't possibly publish before 1980 and that it might be possible to set a cut-off date Jan 1 1981. What do you think? Can we do it?

Think of the thousands of FGS we will have to fill out

Confession- I can't find the source for the Agnes in Agnes Louise O Meiss. I think it was "Notes and Queries" in that account where she and the Mrs, Spitler were admonished for slandering,

Have you reread recently that first page of the erroneous collection that Milo Custer made evidently for Cousin U.G.O.? See Lorentz-see Michael Was that Christian a son of our Johann Heinrich? Dauphin and Lebanon are still Lancaster co. Is there any place where there is a list showing geographical locations of where state militia units were formed? There are several Samuel BOYDs in the 1790 Pa census-one in Lancaster twp and he could be the capt of Michael's co. I don't have a copy of the 1790 cen for Pa here in order to locate Capt John Stone.

I will copy the Moravian report for you.

There was a family of OREN in Lewistown, Il in early 1900s. One son was a dentist in Canton, Il and rented one of our bldgs for his office. Died in the 1930/early 40s of TB.

It is very late and I'm weary so I'll follow this with comments on your latest findings very soon

*Margaret*

1681 Maple Ave  
Galesburg, IL 61401  
Dec 1977

Dear Camilla,

It has been a fascinating experience cataloguing all the material that you have sent. I'm reviewing many items that had slipped away and have many questions have arisen,

First though- I like the information in your letters; don't bother to put them on cards-it would be a wasteful duplication and the postage would be very great expense. I will send you a list of the letters-dated- with the number that I use on the cards. I'm grouping for filing and search ease all varied spellings of for example

Ohrendorff, Maria	(Letter #)	6,10,11 etc
Arnsdoff, Maria	"	3,8,9 etc
Overduff, Mary <del>AAA</del>		3,6,etc

Then I won't miss any reference because of spelling differences. This is probably not a librarian's way of doing it but it will work well for me and I won't risk mistakes and saves a lot of work in transferring all your data to new cards.

I have some 500 now-see what a prolific writer C.A.B. is-

Grace wrote that she hoped we would publish in 1978. We are far from having what we need to coordinate our known facts now into a family history.

I'm in favor of doing branches, dividing them into volumes for each branch we can verify. This will simplify the individual books for numbering, indexing and all the expenses we will entail. Ideally every branch should have a committee responsible for his second generation ancestor and we would then only have to number and index.

You have well in mind the people with whom you have corresponded who are some of those desc. I will start a list of those who have written to me for data. Some are interested only in their own direct line and will do nothing in research; others like the family history but none of the research to get it. Others will take anything handed to them right or wrong. All these can be eliminated.

I'm not even certain that I want to get involved with any except Chr I's desc but then that rules out your Peter and I don't want to do that. SO- express yourself about the lengths we should go.

Questions and comments-

- 1- Did you know that Agnes Louise Ohrendorff is the full name of the first daughter that we have any record of of Chr.I? O  
If ChrI and Agnes were m. 29 Jan 1715 in Freudenberg Pg 18(G.F.)\* and Louisa was b. 1721 there is a good chance that we do not yet have their older ch.
- 2- We have no documented evidence that Chr I went directly from Philadelphia to Lancaster co.Pa. He's not on the tax list of 1751 in Lebanon twp/.1752 he was a Moravian in Lebanon and taxed there He had a deed in 1749 for land from Peter GROVE pg 8 FMTPS  
Do we know the exact date when Chr I is listed as a member of the Philadelphia'er. Ref. Ch.? I have between 1735 and 1755.(Pa Archives.) Julia says 4 yrs(pg 4 FMPS) Ther's something I'm missing in the Berks co.O connections somewhere. It nags me.
- 3- Let's see what we can assemble for the Lorentz O b. 1737 d. 1820. Is he a younger bro of Johann Heinrich 1733?
- 4-If Johann Heinrich Ohrendorff 1661-1708 it is possible that his wife, Agnes Giesler could have come to America with Chr I and it is she who is bur in 1751 in Lebanon.
- 5-Letter 18- Where can we get the published item on Altendorffbook to see what area in Germany they come from?
- 6- See page 5 FMTPS Chr I sponsor of a Donnetheur infant 1746
- 7- Do you remember in the Moravian report that I had translated it mentions Johann Heinrich b. b. 1736 (ate by Vernon H. Nelson,archivist,1970) then he goes on and on about Heinrich never again referring to Johann Heinrich . His "Bethel Catalog" report is from 1754, but the reference is also made to see Donegal report and it lists Ohrendorf as b. 1738. Is he careless or are there those two we have always thought there were- Johann Heinrich and heinrich \_\_\_\_\_ Ohrendorff?
- 8-Now is this the Heinrich you found in Adams.co.Pa with wives Elizabeth, Catarina and Veronica? or Johann Heinrich? or-?
- 9- Help me find the of Chr. ~~son of Johann Heinrich~~ son of Hermanus I who m. Eva Eck . This documentation is the land records of Lorentz (Murdered) and his land going to Christian, correct? I found them; never mind.(I have to correct the FGS.)
- 10- #48- The Henry who m. Maria Elizabeth ALBERT is the 6th ch of Chr.II.
- 11-#54-You mention talking to an O in the San Fernando Valley who had an ancPerry O.,;the only Perry I can find in DWO Vol I is the Perry son of Chr III. He was in the War of 1812 and they could find the names of his heirs-2 sons- if they used the GSA reports since they rec'd pensions from Perry's service.
- 12-Does Jacobus = James?
- 13- I can't yet find Henry and w. Eva-Wash Co. d/  
\*OGF = Ohrendorff/German Families

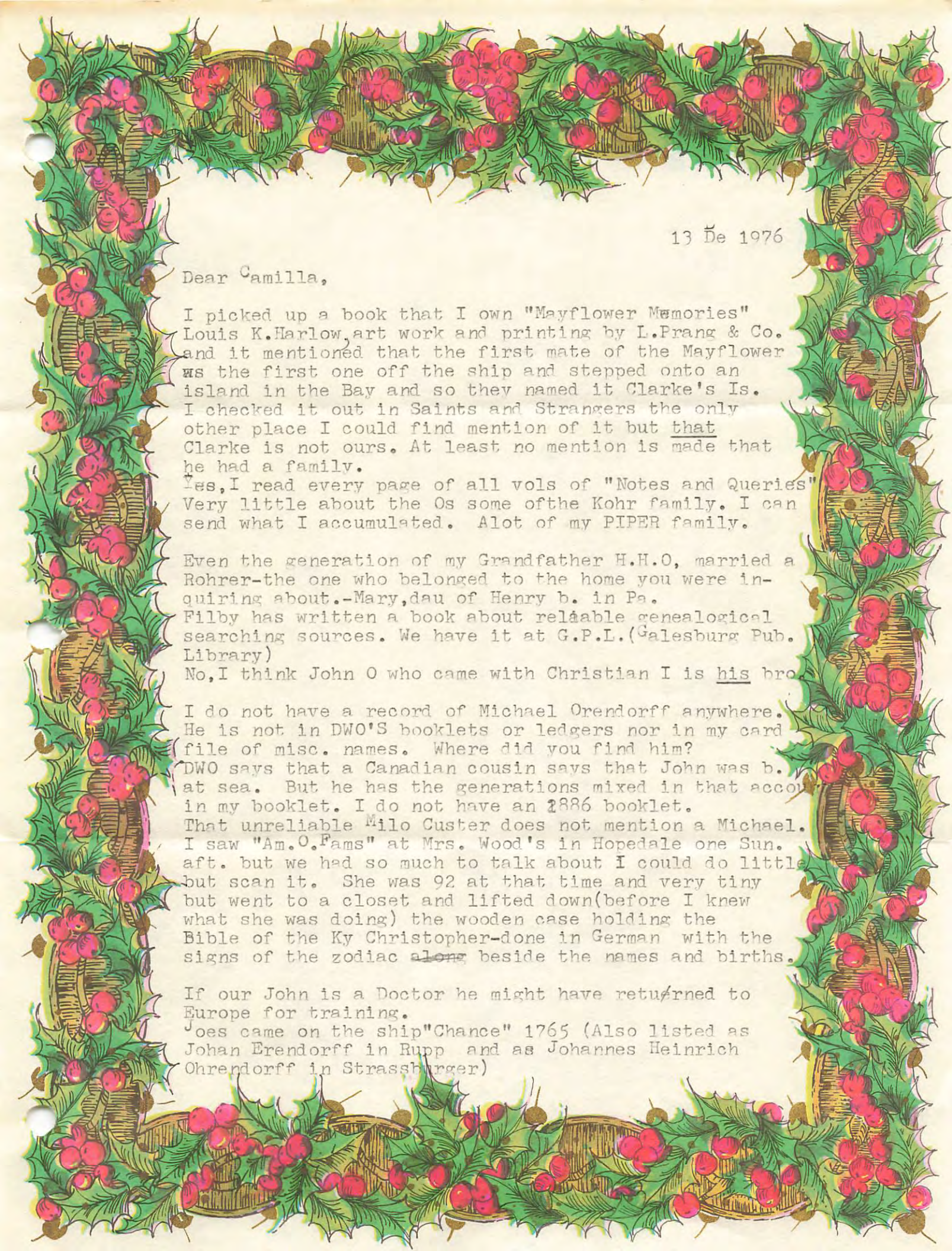
11th Dec -

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There are many Evas in the N.Y. group

- 14- One of the three sons of Hendrick of N.Y. went to Baltimore, Md. Do we know which one went? letter #55,56
- 15- Did I tell you that I wrote a Glenn E. Orndorff of Lancaster, Pa to ask about his anc and he wrote that his fa was Harry Albert O of Wiconisco, Dauphin co. Pa, killed in a mining accident when he was 2 yrs, and that Harry A.'s parents had predeceased him so he knew little about them. Later his fam. lived near Millersburg. He said his two bros. - Dr James F and John H are deceased. He is pres. of Real estate etc co.
- 16- Have been rereading DWO accounts of the N.Y.Os and there are many Conrads, Peters, and so many of the same names as we know in the Chr I fam. There has to be a connection.
- 17- Do you know who signed the deed when Chr I sold land in 1762 Lebanon twp Lancaster co.? He sold to Casper Kohr. Did a wife sign?
- 18- FMWTPS-pg 13 How do we know which Christian was naturalized? see page 255 note 25.
- 19- After you wrote that discovery about Agnes I wrote Grace and asked about the documentation for saying that Elizabeth von Mueller was the mother of the known ch mentioned in Julia's books. She could find none and sent a note from Geneva Woodall 1968 about this conflict of who is who's mother. Did she send it to you? She mentions a book by Lue A. Kress 1942. I had not heard before of her. She said in a fam bible that Elizabeth Miller is listed as the mother in Uncle Jimmies Bible. Uncle Jimmie was James V. Orndorff of Adairville, Ky. (Clarification-Elizabeth is listed as the wife of Christian II. How about that? What about the Copenhagen relationship shown in the will of Chr. II? Pick a name and use it if convenient, I guess.
- 20- I'm going to stop since this letter is getting out of hand.

Margaret -



13 Dec 1976

Dear Camilla,

I picked up a book that I own "Mayflower Memories" Louis K. Harlow, art work and printing by L. Prang & Co. and it mentioned that the first mate of the Mayflower was the first one off the ship and stepped onto an island in the Bay and so they named it Clarke's Is. I checked it out in Saints and Strangers the only other place I could find mention of it but that Clarke is not ours. At least no mention is made that he had a family.

Yes, I read every page of all vols of "Notes and Queries" Very little about the Os some of the Kohr family. I can send what I accumulated. A lot of my PIPER family.

Even the generation of my Grandfather H.H.O, married a Rohrer-the one who belonged to the home you were inquiring about.-Mary, dau of Henry b. in Pa. Filby has written a book about reliable genealogical searching sources. We have it at G.P.L. (Galesburg Pub. Library)

No, I think John O who came with Christian I is his bro

I do not have a record of Michael Orendorff anywhere. He is not in DWO'S booklets or ledgers nor in my card file of misc. names. Where did you find him?

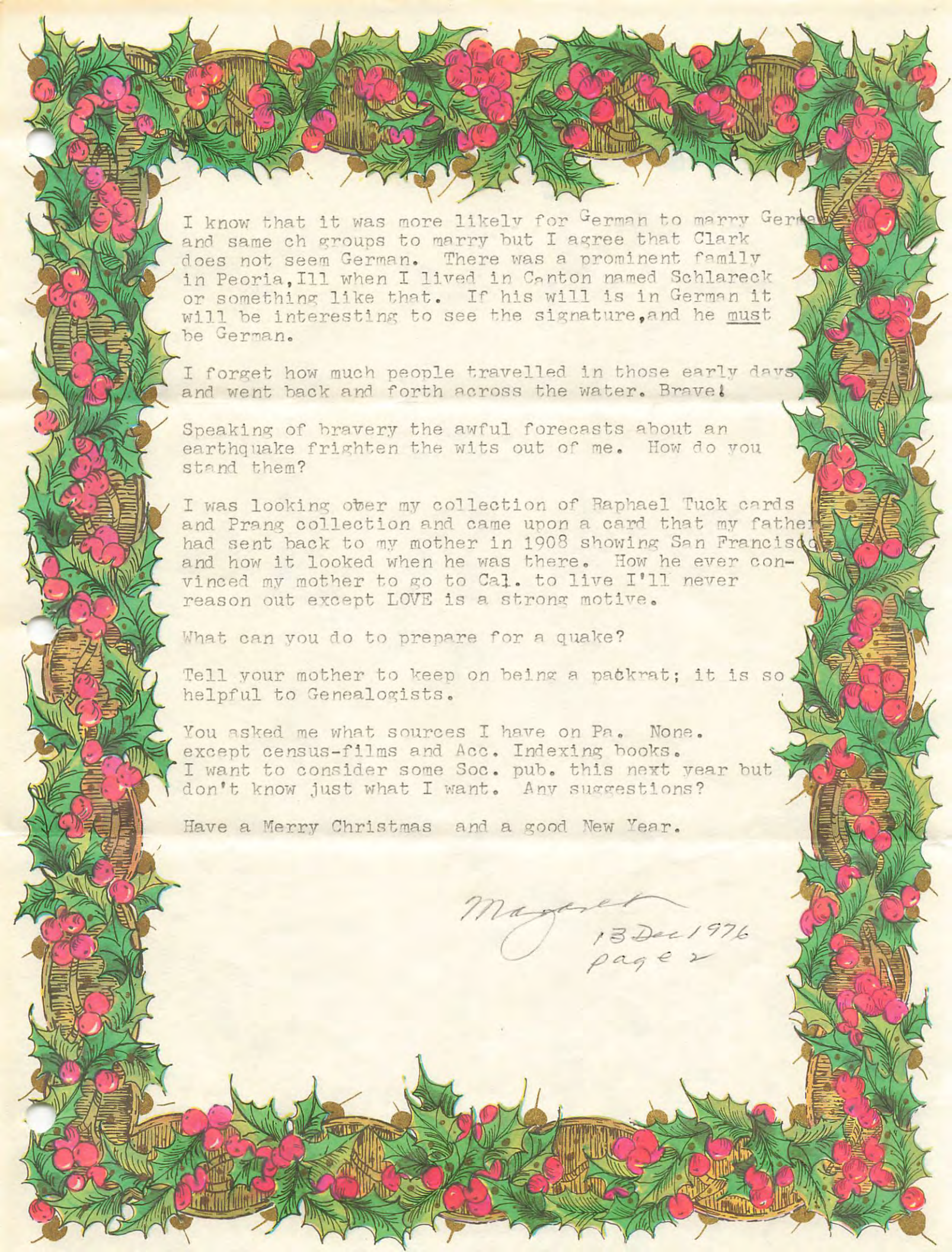
DWO says that a Canadian cousin says that John was b. at sea. But he has the generations mixed in that account in my booklet. I do not have an 1886 booklet.

That unreliable Milo Custer does not mention a Michael. I saw "Am. O. Fams" at Mrs. Wood's in Hopedale one Sun. aft. but we had so much to talk about I could do little but scan it. She was 92 at that time and very tiny but went to a closet and lifted down (before I knew what she was doing) the wooden case holding the Bible of the Ky Christopher-done in German with the signs of the zodiac ~~along~~ beside the names and births.

If our John is a Doctor he might have returned to Europe for training.

Joos came on the ship "Chance" 1765 (Also listed as Johan Erendorff in Rupp and as Johannes Heinrich Ohrendorff in Strassburger)





I know that it was more likely for German to marry German and same ch groups to marry but I agree that Clark does not seem German. There was a prominent family in Peoria, Ill when I lived in Canton named Schlareck or something like that. If his will is in German it will be interesting to see the signature, and he must be German.

I forget how much people travelled in those early days and went back and forth across the water. Brave!

Speaking of bravery the awful forecasts about an earthquake frighten the wits out of me. How do you stand them?

I was looking over my collection of Raphael Tuck cards and Prang collection and came upon a card that my father had sent back to my mother in 1908 showing San Francisco and how it looked when he was there. How he ever convinced my mother to go to Cal. to live I'll never reason out except LOVE is a strong motive.

What can you do to prepare for a quake?

Tell your mother to keep on being a packrat; it is so helpful to Genealogists.

You asked me what sources I have on Pa. None. except census-films and Acc. Indexing books. I want to consider some Soc. pub. this next year but don't know just what I want. Any suggestions?

Have a Merry Christmas and a good New Year.

*Margaret*  
13 Dec 1976  
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1681 Maple Ave,  
Galesburg, IL 61401

Dear Camilla,

In one of the publications of the Nat'l Gen. Soc "Lancaster Co. Pa. Tax lists 1751, 1756, 1757, 1758" there is on page 11-Conestago twp Assessments 1757 and a John Mondorf is listed as paying 5s. Conestago is midway down on the York co. side, maybe 10/15 miles from Elizabethtown and Mounyjoy. Not very significant but Mondorf could be another distortion.

Thank you for the cards etc from Atlanta. Yes, I'm certain that Atlanta has changed a great deal since we last visited. I understand that 5 Points was absorbed in the changes. Sad. It was the only way one could get oriented from the main hotel on outwards. It was a wheel city with many cowpaths-streets and many lost hours finding the right way to a destination. I was a resident buyer at Davisons which was the store at that time far outreaching Richs and Allens. Why we even sold bathing suits for \$75.00. And then there was Mrs J nes whose husband was head of Coca Cola who decided to go completely purple one Easter and that meant completely even to Jewels. And the Candles and one of their all green and white homes. Stunning.

No-John I's mother was Elizabeth Von Mueller. Christian I was quite old when he married the third time. Or at least between 1757 and 1772. That's not so old is it?

Look at the enclosure in your FMWTPS re the Moravian account of Christian I and family. Chr. I had only 2 sons by Elizabeth Von.M.

The Henry Aurandroffe of N. Umberland co 1790 is a son of John who was store keeper during the Rev-the report from the Centre co. Pa. History you sent.

I was glad to get the publication date because now we know when some of the ch of John were born.

John would have been b. ca 1808

John farmer and store keeper during Rev Berks co son

Henry m. Catherine Hess Henry's will prob. 1796

Ch: Samuel (Now living)

Henry was

Betsy m Mr Kleckner

Catherine

John a carpenter d. when 77 yrs-see above

Samuel still living (1883)

Benjamin was

Didn't tell very much about ~~David~~ David

More confusion if the will of Henry prob in 1796 couldn't be the father of the above John b. ca 1808

Do you really think Eichendorf is also Orendorff? How far do we go? Mondorf=Orendorff? etc.

The photocopies of the indentures and deeds for John O and Hermanus and Daniel Clark came the 20th. Vey easy to read they must be magnified 20 ts. There were 15 pages @ 25¢-thought you might be interested. Sent a check right away to keep your credit clear.

The only other possibility that this John who m. Margaret Clark could be the John who accompanied Chr.I on the ship here. I still think the Clarks gave him the 50 acres as a birth gift for John II's birthday present. (Sept 1767)

Remember that the first co hist for John and of JJO said they were in Berks co during the Rev and then ca 1790 went to Centre co.

I can't find the desc of this fam . Will reread my letters and write to her.

Telephone 309-342-3635

Monday nights not <sup>if</sup> safe to call until after 11-I have meetings on Mon. nights. I'm always up until 11 or 12

Henry O the 5th ch of Chr.II m. Margaret Alberts (DWO)  
Where did you get the names-Mary Elizabeth? DWO is often wrong.

Was Oxenreuter from the Tulpenhocken records?

Joseph, son of John and Mary Mag. (Alwine) died in St Louis 1887  
ae ca 80. His family was reported "all dead" DWO  
Do we know when John II went to Adams co? He's evidently not m.  
by 1790 or at least not his own household. Oldest dau b. 1795-Maria

I just found two names of Orendorffs who live in Lancaster, Pa  
and I'm writing them tonight to see what branch they belong to.  
O e Orendorf; one is Orndorf.

*Margaret*

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They both mention the same Os arriving and same dates with the exception that Strassburger mentions Johan Ohrendorf coming with ChrtnI in 1741 on the "St M rk" and in addition mentions Joes on page 705 list 254C on the "Chance" no date: whom I've never been able to identify. Also remember that Julia Drake said that possibly the Johann Ohrendorf who came with Christn I on the "St Mark" was Christian II but I would be willing to bet it is a brother since Chr I's fa. died before 1708 in Freudenburg, Germany. So we still have mysterious John Orendorffs. Also remember that the fa of Chr.I was Johann Henrich (Age 18 German O)

Clifford Neal Smith said that it was quite common practice to have your ch/bapt. in whatever ch was convenient in the early days and since denominations often shared the same church if the minister who was yours was away or couldn't bapt. the infant the other churchman did it and entered the name in his church records. It doesn't seem quite honest but numbers have always counted more heavily than souls.

Your letters are wonderful. Hope the typewriter has recovered.

*Meyer*

5 Oct. 1976  
1681 Maple Ave  
Galesburg, Ill 61401

Dear Camilla,

What a strange lonely feeling-a week with no letter from you- You have no idea how much of a lift your letters have given to me these weeks when I have been unable to do much research myself. I'll be brave and watch for the postman.

You giveth and you taketh away- but before you give the Clark family to a state of limbo- consider- Harmon (Herman) is supposedly the youngest son of John and wife Herman is in Lancaster Co. Pa in 1800 and 1810 His father, John, is in 1790 census of Lancaster but does not appear again in a census. (The Johns are too young and geographically wrong) Herman has a young wife in 1800 and 3 small ch. If he stayed with his father and mother in\* it might have been agreed that he was to get the real estate (\*Lancaster Co) All the other ch had evidently moved to other states and counties. I know that my Christopher was in Tenn.-Franklin co. I wish that I read Herman and could follow up on poss. newspaper account of Lawrence's murder It could be a step mother or an error about his mother being alive. (I know that I'm sounding like Julia Drake in all these suppositions)

There is an extant tax list for Pa in 1798-would the LDS library have filmed it?

TRI\*STATE-TRADER has a list this week of petitioners in North U berland co in 1757-no Orendorffs.

Lawrence is not shown in 1800 or 1810 as head of a household and according to DWO was not married. There is no widow shown in any Pa census so that the mother of Lawrence was not the head of that household. I'll get the 1820 cen again and check it out.

Later-You're letter just arrived. What a joy to have that wonderful new typewriter. How plain and handsome the type is. Nice husband to have.

So you're going to Atlanta. We lived there during WW II and loved every square inch of it. I'll always resent WW II for removing us from that HAVEN. Go to the NW section if you can. Gorgeous homes\* If you run across any good sources on Wilkes CO. Ga for the years 1790-1800 please let me know. My Christopher and his wife, Elizabeth (Phillips) were married at the home of his uncle, Christian, at Shepherdstown, Md in 1790/1 and left immediately for Wilkes co. Ga but I have never discovered why; they may have gone with Phillips kin or to Wilkes C. Ga because some of Elizabeth's family were already there. It is on a direct line of migration-the Lower Cherokee Trader's Path, Great Indian Warpath, The Buffalo Trace and the Pecos Trail. I have the N.t'l Gen Soc pub. on the land lotteries and on the Gov's passports. He went back to Spartanburg, S.C. 1800-1808 because they were acquainted with Gov Rutledge's fam and migrated eventually to Sangamon co with part of that group. Lots of Phillips on the tax and cen lists but no clues as to the names of my Eliz.'s parents.

*Candler - Coasa Cola  
developers - etc -*

Remember that Hermanus, fa of your Christena, had a son, Christian. I believe we will prove that this Christian is in Berks co. Pa

From Rev. Reinke "Register of Members of the Moravian Church 1727-1754 by Rev W.C. Reichel (1873)  
"Swatara Congregation" The members of 1749 include Ludwig Born, (an elder in the Ger. Ref. Ch) and wife, Ann Marg.; Casper Kohr (Steward) and wife, Barbara; Herman (Christian?) Ohrendorf and wife, Catherine etc. This puts the marriage earlier than we had previously thought.

In the Christian II fam  
Catherine Elizabeth of Christian and Elizabeth Ohrendorff bapt 1755 sponsors the Henry Koppenhoeffler family

From the Lancaster Co. Pa will Book B, Vol 1 page 397 signed 28 Sept 1760 prob. 2 Mar 1761 Lebanon twp - Calvin Ref Ch Lebanon Town.... will of Philip Meese - Exec: George Meese and Christian Orendorff  
Witnesses: George Reynolds, John Nicklaus, Heinricke Jo(h)annes Orendorff; Nicholas Cumfinzen, Jacob Raugh, Jno Andrew Stedtin

\*Note the reversal of the two Christian names so maybe we are correct in calling him John.

Now on to the John of Centre co. Pa -  
John of Berks Co could be the son of Hermanus -

Allowing the 30 yrs/generation

John (of Berks co before the Rev)	b ca 1750
Henry	b. ca 1780
David	b. ca 1810
John J	b 1847

If you keep my letters look up 15 May 1976 page 3 re parents of Christian and Christina O of Lykens Valley Dauphin co. Pa

Then also - The Johannes Ohrendorffs (Wife, Elizabeth) are not recorded for many years at Howerter's Church (Old Himmel-Schwaben Creek - Church near Reback Washington Twp Northumberland Co. Pa (Formed 1803) St Jacob's (Howerter's) Union Ch) when they moved with a large colony to Centre Co. Pa.... Himmel Church is the mother church of old St Jacob's (Howerter's) church of Mahantango Valley at the upper end of Schuylkill Co. Pa.

(John Orndorff d. 7-10-1846 71 yrs 8 mos (B. 1774)  
(Elizabeth " d. 5-21-1846 71 " 3 " 8 days (B. 1775)

So the John Orndorf in the Co Hist article would have to be one generation back if he were alive during the Rev War and a farmer and storekeeper. And he would have been b. ca 1750 so would he be a N.Y. Orendorff? *All wrong -*

I keep remembering that the N.Y. inhabitants wrote back not to come to N.Y. but to go to Pa.

The above John and Bedi had a son Christian, Jonathan (Jonadan) and a dau, Christina and perhaps others

Several years ago I wrote to a researcher, Mary Lontz, to ask her prices and scope of research and she answered with spelling my name wrong, re people I hadn't asked about and disclaimed knowledge about Pa Publications so I didn't pursue her talents.

I see she is still advertising. *(from Central)*  
One article says that these Os moved to Centre co after 1809. The article said 1790. but there is no Centre co until 1800 and it is

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formed from Lycoming, Mifflin, Northumberland and Huntingdon and I think from their area of Woodward it must have formerly been N.Umb.

Have you seen Rupp's History of Berks and Lebanon CO? I can try and borrow it from NEHGS.

How much do you have to pay for the films you order? I want to share the expense with you.

Back to the article re John J O you sent-This would make it poss. for the Henry Aurandorffe in the 1790 N.Umb. cen to be to be the one identified as the gr fa of John J. (A wife and two daus-Betsy and Catherine) So the sons-not born by 1790 would be younger.

DWO seemingly knows nothing about this branch

Do you have the Genealogical map of Pa for the formation of the counties? At a time like this it is a real help. 10¢ from Dept of Community Affairs

Now back to indexing and co ordinating the data you've sent. I'm way behind.

*I'm sending all I have  
about Susannah O + Grogg -  
Not much  
Returns it sometime when you  
have a thin letter -*

24 Oct 1976

Dear Camilla,

If your schedule went as you predicted you have gone to and returned from Atlanta and the letter that I wanted you to get before you went has gone to Corba Linda and returned to me because I carelessly put the wrong street on it. So you get a two-in-one this time.

Just had a letter from a Mrs Wilma Willman from Eagle Point, Ore. who is a desc from from Nancy Orendorff the youngest dau of my Christopher and a welcome addition since she can supply me with desc of Nancy. I told her about your extensive research into Pa and Md in the records you have searched and told her I did not want to spoil her research but you had gathered so much on the old Os that it would be duplication if she started on the Os. She's evidently very new since she didn't even know that her Nancy's fa was Christopher. What a lot of joy she will miss starting so late.!

On page 255 of FMWtoPS there is a mention of Maria Eva Eck, dau of John and wife of Christian O. I had forgotten about this reference.

I have searched for the list of the important parts of the Pa

archives and can't find it-either loaned it or misfiled it. When I do find it I will send it on. Meanwhile here are some clippings from Tri-State-trader which may be of interest to you. I do find it helpful. Return them when you are through.

What a tremendous number of good reference books are being reprinted by Genealogical Publishing co. Notice anew one about Wilkes Co.Ga. Must get it.

Wonder if we could feed a computer all the data about the Os if it could set up families for us.

The more I read about the Berks co Os and carefully noting dates I believe we are very closely tied if not directly to them.

Next I believe I had better make some kind of a chart of the migrations of our various Os and number them for family purposes.

Well, I will try to get this to Crestknoll instead of Crescent Dr.

Hope you had a wonderful time in Atlanta.

*Margaret*



19 September 1976

Dear Camilla,

It is always my intention to organize my letters so that material can be easily found later but I never accomplish that -However here is what I have on Hermanus and if you have any additional that I have missed add it on, please-

Christian I b.15 Aug 1693(Page 18 Am O Fam)

m 3 times

- (1) 17 Jan 1715 Agnes Waschebach (ibid)
- (2) Elizabeth Von Mueller
- (3) Unk

Ch: Wife #1 Hermanus b ca 1715/16 (Named after paternal Gr fa.)  
others?

Ch: Wife #2 Louisa b 1721 m. ante 1740 Phillip Meiss  
Anna Margaretha b.1724;m. John Herman ECKEL  
Johann Christian b.1726;m. Elizabeth HOFFMAN  
Barbara b.1728;m. Casper KOHR (CARR, COREtc)  
Magdalena b.1731;m. Michael KOHR " " "  
\* Johann Heinrich b.1733/6;m. Margareta

#3 no known issue

Hermanus taxed 1750 through 1771(Pa Archives)

Hermanus b. ca 1715/16 came to Pa. 1737 on "Charming Polly" (Strass-  
burger"Pa. Germ Pioneers" (Christian I lived near him when he came)

m. (1) Ann Margaritta ante 1737 in Germany (Strassburger)  
CH: Maria Margareta bapt 1739 Ist Ref Ch Lancaster  
Others?

m (2) Catharine

Ch: Lawbentz (Eldest); Christian: Margaret; Teresia over 14  
John; Maria Elizabeth; Anna Maria; Maria Christena  
(The above Margaret could be a daughter (under 14)  
by 1st wife) (As could those over 14)

Ch over 14 in will born between 1758 & 1764 (Hermanus ca 42 yrs of age)  
Ch. under 14 in will b. " 1764 & 1778 " 48 yrs and older)

Heidelberg, Bethel & Lebanon twps mention Hermanus

Seemingly has no son Herman at least not mentioned in will in 1778  
If Hermanus gave the Cath. Ch land in 175\*1 then we should assume he  
is either a Catholic by that time or like a paternal gr mo. of mine  
gave the land to the ch. out of the goodness of the heart. Remember  
long unusual periods between marriage and the first known ch can  
mean still births not recorded.

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This Christena seems an awfully good bet for her to be your anc m. to Mathias. Your hunch of sev, months ago is paying off.

All the names in the will of Hermanus are Orendorff names with the exception of Teresia and that could be a gr mothers name.

Casper Michenfelder could be a bro of Cathariné's or Anna Margaret's I do not know that guardians had to be relatives.

The Lorentz mentioned in the Pa Archives tax lists could be a son of Hermanus as could the Jacob or they can be brothers of Hermanus. Lawrence who was murdered was a son of Johanne Heinrich(1733-\_\_\_\_\_) Yes, I would like the copy of the land record for John O from Salt Lake.

Yes, I have John Barclay O's book and I feel it is next to worthless. No documentation, no dates to speak of and contradictory information in several places.

Do we know anything about the Philip Heinrich who came with Peter and Conrad? 1753

The Va. John O who had so many ch went to Va in 1778/9 according to his gr dau, Mrs Catharine BRILL of Rock Enon Springs, Va (DWO) (I have this John's will if you ever want it.)

People often owned land where they didn't live so why worry about Peter and Conrad not being in the 1776 Cen Fred. Co. Md.

In 1837 there was a severe economic depression so that the Tawney Ch and families might have been victims of that. It caused great migrations as do all depressions.

Yes, you sent a copy of William from the Des Moines Co. Hist William also says in the 1886 Reunion Newspaper report that (Bloomington (Photograph) that his fa was b. in Md in 1789 and his mother was b. in Lebanon co, Pa in 1799. Do you have a copy of that article? The usual newspaper errors (Would this be another William?) (not yours?)

DWO does not mention Hermanus or Christian I. He interviewed the living, bless his heart, but did no ancient research. John Ridgeley O seemed to be the researcher.

No, don't send the notes about Chr/Christopher of Fred. Co. These are the family of Chr. II

I'm so excited about the land record of John O and the mention of his wife, Margaret. I have hashed and rehashed to see if I'm assuming anything that I shouldn't (Getting the wrong John) and it has to be ours. The English call their barristers Dr. Do the Germans ever use the title for any other profession? Wish there was a list of very early Doctors in the Medical Soc. Reports.

The other ~~Johann~~ Heinrich O of Adams Co. Pa had 2 wives, Catharine and Elisabeth. Could this one be the John who came in 1765?

Can you take all of the census readings you have of Mathias and Christena and compute their relative birthdates? I have narrowed them down sev times if I have a min. of 3, and arrived at the yr date.

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For instance Mathias O is born(1800 Cen.) between 1774-1784  
I have no other actual readings for him, just index listings.

But in 1800 John who m. M.M. Alwine b. between 1755-1774(Act.1767)  
1810 "  
1820 " prior to 1775  
1830 " between 1760 &1770  
1840 "

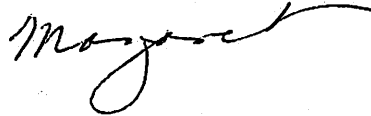
(He dies in 1841- Conewago Chapel records)

I can't get to within 10 years of this one unless I get the 1840 and 1  
1810 readings.

You have sent so much that I want you to use this check to reim-  
burse yourself for Xeroxing, stamps etc.

You spoke of twins in the O family-One lady had three sets--  
Is that one-upmanship or at least a full diaper pail.

That's all-

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "M. J. O'Connell" or similar, written in dark ink.

Information sent by Camilla Anne Berger

Pennsylvania Data re Orendorffs

ADAMS COUNTY, Pa.

Date of Letter

Christian-wife Eva Byers consort of Christian 5 Sept 1838

Christian d. ca 1820 (Not in Pa Cen 1810)

Jacob and Catherine

Mathias and Christiana-Ch: Samuel; Elizabeth; Mary; Joseph; Louisa. " " *6 Oct 1975*

John, Samuel & Peter (Conewago Chap. records) 1791-1835 and John; *4 Apr. 1976*

Mathias, Christian and Harmon. " "

Peter Jr. in German twp from 1827 till death

Eve 1806 " "

Joseph and Maria Margreda Weibel in records 1805 and 1811

Joannes and Maria Mathias 1825

### Berks County

John during Rev Co Hist Centre co.

Christian, a youth, m. Mary Eve Eck 30 Nov 1789 Bally twp *13 Apr. 1976*

Christian-Host Church at Tulpehocken twp 1759

Mary, dau of Christian and Mary b 1794

Catherine Oberdorff 1770 - belongs Chapel-Bowers

George and Catherine 1777

Valentine and John Weibel and Anna 1777

All the Tulpehocken data

*July 24*

Christian II; John and Magdalena; Eliz. and John Spengler 1816

John and Mag. Zartman-1819; Herman and Cath-1750

1717-ibid-Henry and Anna Margaret and adu., Maria Eliz.

### Centre County

John comes from Berks ca 1790-see <sup>A</sup>eroxed copy of Centre co Hist

Henry, son of above, dies 1796 His wife was Catherine HESS

Ch: John and Elizabeth-see Co. Hist report of John J. O)

### Chester County

Lewis Arandoff

Joannes Ohrendorff 1771 Church-Pikeland twp

### Dauphin County

Christian and Christina (Bordner) 1822 Lykens Valley *26 Apr. 1976*

John-1797-1878- m. Christiana Rife Pa

Pennsylvania Orendorff Records sent by Camilla A. Berger

LANCASTER COUNTY

Hermanus and w. Sysanna 10 May 1803 Mt Joy twp.  
John and w. Margaret (Clark) Hydelberg twp 1767 Sept 22  
Peter 1771 tax list Lebanon twp  
Hermanus " " " " "  
Hermanus Leb twp ante 1778-will  
John and w. Margaret Leb twp July 1771  
Herman-Tulpehocken 1750  
John and Magdalene Zartman 1819  
Elizabeth and John Spengler 1816  
Christian 1759 1759  
Christian Lebanon twp 1804  
John " " " "  
John and Magdalena " "  
Maria, dau John and Mary Mag b.1795 Mathias and Christena sponsor  
Lebanon twp  
Jacob and Catherine  
Lawrence murdered (Could be Lebanon Co if after it was formed)  
Hermanus 1803 Aug 10  
John 1771 Elizabeth twp "  
John 1851 Mt Joy twp "  
  
Montgomery co  
Jacob Oberdorff 1819 13 July

Northampton County

Charles A. Ollendorff 1778-will

Nothumberland County

George Agusta twp 1800; mo-Catherine Werfel; Bros-Peter and Jacob;  
John of Berks; sisters-Magdalena Carl Longswamp-Berks  
Catherine Hoffman Ruscom twp Berks  
John and Susan-1849

Philadelphia co  
Jacon 1775

12 Sent 1976

Dear Camilla,

Here are some F.G.Ss on the 3 Orendorff men you wanted. I hope that I have brought everyone's up to date from all the material that you sent and what little I have done these last 3 months.

Rebecca Margaret Orendorff (Conf. 1767 1st Ref. Ch Fred. Co. Md) does not seem to belong to Christian II and Elizabeth but we have seen names added to and changed etc in CH records and so can't be certain. Could she be either Peter's or Conrad's dau?

No I have looked at only those Pa. Archives series that I can rent from NEHGS and they can't send all of theirs - evidently no duplicates. I believe I may be able to get them or some of them on Interlibrary loan. N - I believe only a partial index is made. I'll look up a list which appeared in Tri-State-Trader sev. years ago about what one finds in the Pa. Archives and send it to you.

Just looked at the reproduction of Scull's map on page 4 of MWPS-Drake It is interesting. It is so reduced in size that even with a strong magnifying glass some things are not clear. But several areas you have found having ch records and marriages are there such as Longswamp and the rivers and creeks and some townships even until now

appear then-1759. The year Berks was formed, the year Christian II went to Md.

I have had some Series 2 and 3 but not all vols. Series 5 Vol 6 is all Cumberland Co. Pa War records. It seemingly is indexed in Series 6 Vol 15. A friend Xeroxed those militia records pertaining to my Piper family and I don't have readily at hand the list but will send it soon.

Have you had to read the various Ch records that you have sent in German and translate them?

I rashly said, yes, I could translate French and found how rusty I had become when confronted with doing it. - Some Swiss records and not hard at all if I had been translating all these years. And to think at one time I was going to be a French and Latin major at Wiisc.

More later.

*Margaret*

1681 Manle Ave  
Galesburg, Ill 61401  
29 AUG 1976

Dear Camilla,

Many, many items you send are very new and as I put them on the file cards and try to put them in family groups I realize how much you are contributing and adding to the total picture of the various branches. I'm grateful, thrilled excited etc.

I set up a FGS for Conrad of Baltimore just to see what I do have and it all came from you and the 1790 census and it seems skimpy yet but more than before.

NO, don't copy the Moravian records. If Nelson did a thorough search I should have all on Christian I's family. He discounts our Johann Heinrich as ever belonging to the church. I still hope the Elizabeth twp Catholic or Baltimore records of the mission will have the marriage of our John and his Catholic wife. If daughters are named after their mothers (the oldest one i.e.) John's wife should be the same as M s Weivell or the second daughter. We can't assume that there are more than 2 even with the account of Lawrence's murder because and even though Mrs. Weivell was in Md at that time or was she? She was a bit young to have been married by the 1790 census

DWO lists the John O Ch. Christopher

- 2- John b.6 Sept 1767-d.23 April 1841 (Conewago Rec)
- 3- Mrs Weivell
- 4- Mathias
- 5- Christian
- 6- Harmon

He does not list Lawrence since he had no desc. or no knowledge but he knew from 2 sources that there was a son, Lawrence and that he was murdered in 1820 and that he was unm. so can't be Frances M.O.S's and Joseph, my Christopher's son, says that his father was the second son Scanty census records of my Christopher show that he was b. between 1755 and 1774 which is no help at all. He was m. in 1790/1 and assuming he was a major that places his being born ca 1769/1770 DWO makes a small reference that he went to Md ca 1788.

I have no dates for Mrs. Weivell at all except the sponsors record you *and Joseph's will -* sent

Mathias-no birth date

Christian no birth date but his wife b. Ag 17 1771 (Eva Byers)

Harmon no birth date but referred to as "Youngest son"

All of this really means that I'm thinking we need John's family desperately in chronological order and I presume this will eventually turn up.

I read the 1810 cen Dauphin co. Pa. Have you? do you want the names? (Alwain, Piper, Stoevers, Schnabells)

In Brumbaugh's Md. Records page 288 one Peter Orrendorff D-R-Pres. Election 1796-Frederick Co. Md (D\*R\* = Democrat-Republican)

In Hist of Fred. Co. Md 1916-reissue 1967 Williams, Folger & McKinsey

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Page 627 Jacob Orendorf  
631 Peter " names on a committee of Jan 24 1775(Christian O  
was also included)

Did you know that Conrod Orondorff is twice listed in Jillson's Old Ky Entries and Deeds? 1780 & 1781 ? Jefferson Entries under "Notes" says withdrawn This was on Pottingers Creek south of Bardstown on what is now Nelson co.Ky

There were some new names from the Tulpekokken records. Mrs. Cole had evidently sent Chr.O only and I should have gone on and read the entire record, myself.

If Josephus and Maria Margareta Weibl were still in Adam Co.Conewago ChapelRecords) in 1811 I wonder when they went to Md. Or was it only their sons?

Did you get the information that a Jacob came with Chr I from DWO? Neither Strassburger nor Rupp list a Jacob coming over at all or have I overlooked his name? Roy O says he has no such record either. Yet Jacob is in Pa in 1770s He could have been very young and have come with Hermanus or under 18 and didn't have to register or could have been born in the Colonies. Hermanus had no Jacob listed in his will

Did I send you the date of Peter O Jr.'s birth as 1754 from DWO? He was wrong about Rosanna's death and doesn't give a source for his data Yes, he does, Henry, gr son. But Henry is wrong about Rosanna's birthplace.

If Father Fitzsimmons had only dated his list we would know which John O had 4 in his family John I or II. John II had 2 ch by 1801 (AConrad Alwain is in that 1810 cen Dauphin co.Pa:

--12- 112----(He's in Leb twp in 1804 financial list too)

This must be John and Mary Magdalena O(land donation record)  
I loved the map. How many times the town of Reading enters our records.

I can't place John and Nancy O 1850 cen Ohio yet  
Mathias info new.

Glad to have the 1850 Ohio Index of Os. I haven't had time to place them yet but will

WE know that Joseph Wivell was fa of George and Anthony(Fred. Co.Will books,you sent) I wonder if land records as part of the estate settlement would give Jos wife's name as "aria Margareta. DWO lists only Geo and Anthony and only a few of their desc. and says Wm son of Anthony"seems to care little about the hist of his fam" so probably one of those cases where he couldn't get any answers.

I'll soon have a dry copier available and will send you what I have typed from DWO and you can edit them etc. I don't like this ABDick its too frantic a process to use. and too expensive.

Well,lets go to Baltimore. I want to see the Winterthur Museum while in the area. And a few hundred other interesting things. Seriously I think we have all that J.R.Orndorff collected except he may have carried the Chr.II line down more fully than DWO did. past 1900

Yes,It was Mrs. Brice Smith of Kirkwood not Roselyn Wallis  
I sent on to her the O-Bordner marriage from Lykens Valley-Dauphin co. Os.  
I feel there is a link between her Christian and Christianna O and our



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The new Heinrich O you discovered in Adams Co (Lutheran Records) had a son born the same time as Mrs Brice Smith's John who was the father of her Christian (nee Elizabeth) Her C. r. was b in Northumberland co. 1797 Now to tie in Heinrich O and first wife Elizabeth to some line.

I did not know that Chr II's wife's name was Joanna Elizabeth. Julia Drake always said Elizabeth Ann Copenhagen. Not too much difference

I should get the Korr data together from all the sources. Maybe this winter. I should complete Chr I's family but I'm not too interested. The Hess work has been done and evidently Fern Warnes had to stop on her line. I haven't heard from her for a long time-she had a slight stroke and was incapacitated for awhile.

The grantor index showing John O to John Nietola SMITH 1771 has to be John I. He's alive in 1790 but I can't be certain that I can find him 1810 Pa cen. Can you? If he were to sell, his wife's name would be there. We could also go to Lancaster co and work out from there. Oh, yes, you have sent so much new information that the real problem will be to place it correctly for documented proof. I'll get it together soon. I do thank you so much.

*Morgan*

1681 Maple Ave  
Galesburg, Ill  
8 Aug 1976

Dear Camilla,

Your wonderful letters really keep me going. This long spell of not writing to you hasn't been of my choice but we're finishing the apartment project and it is requiring all my time and strengths physical and mental but it will soon be over and I can again resume genealogy.

I want to go quite a few letters back and comment upon the first and second marriages of Hermanus O-Do you have a record of the first baptismal record in the Protestant church? Was it the one mentioned on page 2 of "F M W P S"? If it is just ignore this question. He must have been m. the second time before 1752 when he gave land for St Mary's church. (between 1739 and 1752) Do we have any record of a marriage for Ann Margretta Orendorff ca 1757 Onwards? This could cause the very usual confusion of names because you sent in your July 24th letter a of the Tulphocken ch: an Anna Margaret O dau of Christian O and Wife b 16 Dec 1750. A dau of Chr. I was Anna Margarethab. 1724 in Ger. A not unusual name. Is Anna a baptismal name? (Anna Barbara and Anna Margaretha) Lotisa and Magdalena seemingly do not have their second names mentioned in any reports I have.

Speaking of names-From whom does the name Christopher come? Both Christian II and John Heinrich have sons named Christopher. There is no Christopher in the gen. charts in "Christian O Fam in Germany" But then we don't begin to know the siblings of Christian I.

I know it sounds as if my main interest was the O family but actually I work on 76 lines. You continue to amaze me with your family needs that you accomplish so much research.

Anna Orndorff, dau of Peter and Rosanna (Piper) ) m. Josiah Addlesperger. And you say (July 9 letter) that Joseph Wivell had a son-in-law John Addlesberger,

I keep trying to find the source of our calling the dau of John Heinrich (1733 \_\_\_\_\_) Betsey. In your report of the Conewago there are sponors in 1811-Josephus and Maria Margareta Weibel. Was this the Joseph Wivell whose will mentions John, Joseph, George, Anthony, Theresa, Catharine, Margaret, Mary and Molly? Once I get all this data recorded and indexed it will save time and anguish in searching the origins of the information.

Clifford Neal Smith is to be one of the speakers at the Ill State Gen Conference Oct-2. He is leaving Ill for Ariz soon after and it saddens me to think of his inaccessibility to our group.

Did you find out who Tilman Heinrich O. belongs to? I do not find the name Tilman in any of the N.Y. data that I have.

I believe that I'm getting enough misc. data on the elusive Conrad of Baltimore to chart him. Did you get the Tenn. census for Lewis' desc.?

There is a Henry (Hendrick) N.Y. who had a son, Frederick who had sons Conrad, Henry and Frederick and both Conrad and Frederick had sons Henry-all N.Y.

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(Obviously a red light should flash when I'm approaching the end of a page)

The house -picture of- that you have belonged to William Jefferson Orendorff-my gr grandfather, John's older brother. It was one of the great houses in Canton, Ill and when Wm and Mary (Rohrer) both ~~had died~~ it was sold to the local Catholic ch as a residence for the priests.

I saw it the last time I was down there and it had been gradually eroded -its beauty fading because the fence was gone, the gazebo, the roof altered and I was saddened that money had not been available to keep it as it should have been kept. It deserved a much better fate. I remember hearing my mother tell about the first time she was allowed to attend a ball when she was finally old enough to be included with the adult Os.

Jacob still remains the same puzzling person as Hermanus. They are contemporary in the Pa Archives tax lists, live near each other and I believe they may be brothers and are  $\frac{1}{2}$  brothers to the ch of Chr. I by Elizabeth VonMueller. Rupp and Strassburger do not mention his oath of allegiance so he could have been under 16 at time of entry. If the Moravian ch record is correct and complete he is not a son of Chr I and Eliz. VonMuelle#. DWO says he is a bro of Chr. II (but he is not a full brother) Lawrence, same era, could also be a bro of Jacob & Hermanus.

Do you know that the Henry Overdorff 11/17/1794 Haines (Centreco) wills of N. Umberland co Pa. could be our Johann Heinrich O#I ? It bothers me about his ch and makes me feel he is a younger man because our John I while he had ch by that name wouldn't mention only those two, unless he had given the others their share before as did my Christopher who did not mention his last-first 7 ch because he had already helped them.

No, I have not corresponded with Mrs. G.L. Lawney. I'm cataloging your wills by date and geography and where I can identify them by reference-cross. I'm keeping a record of your cen. search Where do you get the information that a Jacob came with Christian I? too

Here are various spellings I find for Orendorff- do you have others?

Orindroff	Ohlendorff (NY)	Orindulph (Tenn)
Orendorf (f)	Ohrendorff	Oxendorff-
Aurindroffe	Oræntorff	
Ehrendorf	Ahrendorff	
Overdorff	Arndorff	
Oberdorff	Ahrendorff	
Ordorph	Orintuff	

I see that MacDonald has brought out Washington co. Tenn marriages I will check it at the Ill State Hist Lib when I get down to Spfld. Have you read the book or film of the "Old Hebron Ch. book of Bethel" I have had quotes sent to me but have never seen it.

Do you belong to the Orange co Gen Soc.?

I'm sending you excerpts from a letter that I rec'd many years ago from Mrs R.A? Cole of Seaside, Ca. You will find it interesting after you read the Tulpehocken records.

Do you keep carbon copies of your letters to me? If you do number the pages and date ea page and I can then refer to them that way when commenting or answering questions.

Oh, I do hope we can afford to publish all this when and if we can make it thoroughly documented.

s Always Margaret

4, 1728.

3) Friedrich Weiser, from Schohari, born November 3, 1714, Lutheran. Wife: Anna Catharina, from Hagenburg, born February 26, 1718, Reformed. Husband received into Moravian membership, 1750. Children: (a) Friedrich, b. May 21, 1740; (b) Jacob, b. August 5, 1742; (c) Rebecca, b. April 5, 1748; and (d) Philippus, b. August 21, 1750.

4) Robert Laer, from London, born 1697, Anglican. Wife: Margaretha, from Erthon in Ireland, born 1699, Catholic. Husband received into membership, 1749. Children: (a) Henrich, b. March, 1725; (b) Robert, b. July, 1728; (c) Thomas, b. August 19, 1731; and (d) Joseph, b. March 1, 1743.

✓ 5) Casper Corr, from Nassau, born 1725, Lutheran. Wife: Barbara, from Siegen, born 1728, Reformed. Husband received into Moravian membership, 1750. Children: (a) Christian, b. January 7, 1747.

✓ 6) Philip Mies, a cabinetmaker, from Altenhausen in Wittgenstein, born 1712, Reformed. Wife: Louisa, from Kiselberg in Freudenberg, born 1721, Reformed. Husband received into Moravian membership, 1749. Children: (a) Johann Georg, b. February 7, 1740; (b) Christiana, b. November, 1742; (c) Anna Barbara, b. August 26, 1745; (d) Casper, b. June 7, 1748; and Philippus, b. September, 1750.

✓ 8) Christian Ohrendorf, widower, from Kiselberg in Freudenberg, born 1692, Reformed. Received into Moravian membership, 1749. Children: (a) Louisa, b. 1721; (b) Anna Margaretha, b. 1724; (c) Johann Christian, b. 1727; (d) Barbara, b. 1728; (e) Magdalena, b. 1731; and Johann Heinrich, b. 1733.

9) Georg Miss, from Berghausen, born 1704, Reformed. Wife: Anna Juliana, from Ambthausen in Wittgenstein, born 1714, Reformed. Husband received into Moravian membership, 1750. Children: (a) Maria Christina, b. December 16, 1736; (b) Johann Georg, b.

Heinrich, b. January 24, 1752.

10) Christian Birme, from Guggisbergburg, Reformed. Wife: Maria Sara, from Pennsylvania, born 1724, Lutheran. Bot Moravian membership, 1751. Children: (a) b. January 9, 1746; (b) Anna Barbara, 1749; and (c) Christian, b. April 23, 175

(The above article was received in photo September, 1969, from Dr. Herbert B. ...  
tive secretary of the Evangelical and R...  
ical Society, at Lancaster, Pa.)

Anstaett  
exec. secy. Evans Ref.  
Hist Soc. Lancaster, Pa -

(Grace E. Drake ✓  
Julia sent this)  
Does not agree with  
translation I had  
made at Moravian  
Archives see page 50.  
about our John  
Heinrich's birth date  
which they said was  
1736 -

N.B. - Jacob, Hermannus ✓  
Koenitz not mentioned.

(9 August 1976 MGJ)

Excérpts from Mrs. R.A.Cole's letters 1969 and 1970

(She was a Miess, Mise, Meese, Mize etc.)

"Blue Book of Schuykill Co." by Elliott has a long (Partial) list of Palatine Volunteers in Amsburg, N.Y. Expedition July 16 1711, against Canada which incl'udes on "Jno. Henry Orendorff"

The majority of those who came to Tulpehocken (Then a part of Chester co) Pa. in 1723, with the 33 original families, were from Amsburg, but several were from the villages of Queensbury and Hunterstown. I have listed of some who went to war in 1711 from all these villages and many were later familiar in the Tax Lists of Pa.

Those Palatines in N.Y. were treated so shabbily that many of them wrote back to their families and friends in Europe not to come there but to go to Pa. where conditions were much better.

Those were such turbulent times after Braddocks Defeat in 1755 when the French and Indians were burning and chasing people out of the frontier settlements, it's a wonder that we can find what we can of them.

The Moravians deserted their flock in Bethel Twp Leb. Co. Pa where some..... records are found up until 1756. There may be some records in the Schaff Lib. Franklin and Marshall, Lancaster, Pa (College) Research by a professional would be nec. there too.

From the will of Philip Meese (Lanc. Wills Book B Vol 1 pg 397) signed 28 Sept 1760; prob. 2 Mar 1761. Leb twp. Calvin Reformed Ch Lebanon twp.


"Executors: George Meese and Christian Orendorff. Witness: George Reynolds, John Nicklaus, Heinricke Jo(h)annes Orendorff, Nicholas Cumfinzen, Jacob Baugh and Jno Andrew Stedtin.

"In the past 48 months or so I have been corresponding with Miss Ruth Galon of Doylestown (formerly lived in Perkasio, Pa.).....  
"The Johannes Orendorffs (wife, Elizabeth) are not recorded for many years at Howerter's Church (Old Himmel-Schwaben Creek Ch, near Rebeck Washington twp Noethumberland Co. Pa, formed 1803-St Jacob's (Howerters) Union Church.) When they moved with a large colony to Centre Co. Pa....." Himmel Church is the mother church of Old S. Jacobs (Howerter's Church of Mahantango Valley at the Upper end of Schuykill Co. Pa...." She then goes on to give information about the John and Elizabeth and their children whom I believe are to be the ances. of Roselyn Wallis of Sprngfld, Ill They are thought to have moved after 1809 to Centre co. Pa

Did I tell you that the Moravian report I had made said that Christian I came with his second wife in ca 1772..... When he became sick at the beginning of the year (1772) .... I was asked whether he could be buried in our God's Acre..... So he was not married again the third time since he is listed as a widower in the report by Anstaett.

Soon I will send you what DWO wrote and you can edit it and that will help to straighten some items.

Goodnight



4 July 1976

Dear Mrs. Berger,

Even short vacations cut into my Orendorff time and I find so many letters asking about O material when the mail comes that it is creating a problem (time and expense) which I'll have to solve soon. I have some scattered data from the Tulpehocken Church Records but there seems to be more as shown on your index. I haven't had time to try and identify all the names--some are obviously ch of Christian I. Would you mind sending for it and extracting the data?

The New York O's were in Montgomery co. N.Y., and now you find some in Montgomery co. Pa. We should have these too.

The early will you found in Northampton, Pa in 1778 could provide a link with the N.Y. O's. Northampton is on the Delaware River and it wouldn't be too far to go from Livingston Manor in N.Y. to Northampton

Have you read Julia Drake's "The Christian Orendorff Family in America?" Chapter IV? If you haven't I'll copy it and send it. She mentions in addition to Mr. Harry Hudson Myers-- Mr. John (Carrie Bigelow) Colman at Sherburne, N.Y. I presume she means that Carrie Bigelow is his mother. Sherburne is a little town in Chenango co. N.Y. There are a lot of N.Y. O's in Rome N.Y. in the directories of 1888 & 1898. I have found that in writing newspapers in small towns I receive a tremendous amount of material in the responses.

Yes, I see that you have the above book--as I reread the account on page 62-66 I keep feeling from the data a strong relationship that may be yours. Hope Mr. Myers has done a lot of research and can fill in the gaps.

Discovered that one of your sheets of information had never left its envelope the one with Frances Orendorff Schnebly's DAR# on it. She must be an early member her number is so low. Some of the information seems to be erroneous--John Orendorff was not born in 1759 if he married Mary Magdaline Alwine. DWO says that "Frances M. Orendorff and her father, Samuel A Orendorff collected most of the records and information that we have for this work of the family of John O sr and much of the families of Mrs Wivell's and Mathias' family" Your records showed John O b. 6 Sept 1767  
d. 23 Apr 1841

This DAR record shows a John to be son of Lorentz. So is his wife not Mary Magdaline Alwine or is this a different John or do we have a new discovery about the ch of a Lorentz? Lorentz (1737-1820) (Rev War) did not apply for a pension (Nat'l Gen Soc republication 1976)

He is not listed as a son of Christian I in the Moravian records He could be son of Hermanus and second wife; He died in 1820; was he the one murdered? The DWO accounts say that the brother of your Mathias and my Christopher was the one murdered. I have not been to a place to check early newspaper lists of Lenanon co. Pa but it should be a newsworthy account in any locality at any time.

The birth dates of our John vary from 1733 to 1736 to 1738 Which gives a free year for Lorentz to be born but why is he not listed as a son of Christian I? Because he isn't. He is both a son of Hermanus and a gr son of Christian I by son John Heinrich (1733-    )  
1736 or 1738

John Heinrich is listed in the Moravians as born 1738; "souls (Mt Joy- Donegal) under our care but not members; single people (in the catalog 1754) We should by rights be calling him Henry since John is his baptismal name as was Johanne Christian O II called by his call name Christian Doesn't that open up new thoughts?

The main request from the wills and index for Lebanon co. Pa 1813-1881 would be to see if Lorentz (Lawrence) Orendorff left a will 1820

Take a minute of from the O's and tell me where Yorba Linda is. I have searched all Atlases and Natl Geog. Maps and only one mentions it and fails to put it on their map.

The Menonite O's came over in the 1830s to Somerset co. Pa and then went down into Allegany now Garrett co Md and one son Christian, came out and eventually settled in Woodford co. Ill. (In Md they were in Bittinger.)

Do we know who Henry Aurandroffe, Northumberland co, Pa 1790 is?  
1 male over 16  
1 male under 16  
3 females

We have the 1820 Va census in our library now

I have collected the line of James P Orendorff in Ind for Mrs Roach and will take it down to be xeroxed Tues. Down from John and Hannah McElwe

When you say "My Conrad" are you referring to Peter's brother?  
b 16 Sep 1722 (Yes, Of course.)

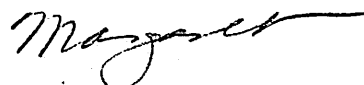
Did you know that Pa had a Federal income tax record in 1798? It is on microfilm. Md and Mass some. If it is in the GSA film directory I'll order it otherwise I'm not sure how to get it. James Walker told us about it when he spoke to us in Washington, D.C. Did you see the article about him in "People"? He is a delightful, knowledgeable person and said recently at Rock Island he will be doing very little travelling and speaking because he is writing a huge volume about Black research. It is a great experience to listen and discuss items with him.

Do you know whether anyone has ever tried to do anything about Lewis Orehdorff who went to Tenn.? I've never heard Roy mention that anyone he knew had ever investigated. I'll ask him directly the next time I write.

Is the Cunrod Ownduff Baltimore Co. Md 1790 yours?  
line 34 2-2-4-1-1

Do you realize that if we published your findings alone since Dec 1975 that it would thrill the Orendorff world? I'm going to put a Quarantine sign on my front door and disconnect the telephone and lay out all your data in family and misc groups and amend DWO's collection and see where I stand. Then where there is questionable data we'll try and solve it legally.

Sincerely



1681 Maple Ave  
1 June 1976

Dear Mrs. Berger,

Your recent letter said you weren't certain where Mathias was in 1800 Here is the reading from the census (A word of caution-this is from Accelerated Indexing and they are very sloppy . I will soon have the original film here and will check this for accuracy)

1800 Pa Microfilm (from A.C.) printoutcopy  
Page 215 Christian 20110 30100 Dauphin  
" Herman 10010 20100 Lancaster  
99 Mathias 101001<sup>(3/2)</sup> 10110 Lancaster  
215 John 10010 20100 Dauphin

709 Orindorf, John N.Umberland  
30010 10010

818 Orindorff, John N.Umberland  
0010<sup>3/2</sup> 00001

Book of Names-Early Settlers of the Mohawk Valley-Lou D. Mac Wethy  
reprinted by the Genealogical Publ. Co. 1969

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Ahrentarff, Piter 4th Reg and Gord. from original payrolls before the  
Capitol in Albany was burned and taken from original U.S. pension  
applications.

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Orendorph, George and Peter

Page 57 New York wills

#1351 Orndorph, Peter 1786 June 20 - Aug 12. was son-in-law of Pey-  
pher, Peter of German Flats District, Montgomery Co.

Present wife, Gertrude; sons-Peter "by last wife", Andrew ? heirs  
of son, Jacob; daughters, Catherine; Dorothy; Margaret; Elizabeth, wife  
of Ellis Henry

Brother, Jacob Peypher; son-in-law Peter Orndorph

Real and personal estate

Executors-Lodowick Campbell and Harijost Shoemaker

Witness John Helmer, Thomas Cochel and Peter Marsh

This is why I feel the N.Y. Os should be investigated  
Can you get any records from the LDS reading room?

(I underlined SHOemaker because Henry Shoemaker, <sup>Orendorff</sup> son of Conrad and  
Catharine (Shoemaker) Orendorff is born 14 Jan 1782 and evidently lived  
in Columbia, N.Y. (from D.W.O's records)

Mrs. Perry F Orendorff of 450 Hickory St. Perrysburg, Ohio writes  
that her husband's gr grandfather was Peter Orendorff who died  
ca 1840-1850. Was Catholic and belonged to St Ignatius Church in  
Buchanan Valley, Pa near Fairfield.

Peter had a son Charles in Civil War

William

Joseph

Her husband-Earl's family from SE part of Pa and also across the line  
in Md.



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We have 2 LDS libraries-reading rooms in Ill. One in Winnetka and one in the Champaign-Urbana area. Both too far to go unless to spend several days

The LDS is in Ill now filming non court and legal records; I believe they call them attic collections. They will be here in Knox co about a year from now.

Glad to know about the Dr Herbert B Anstaett and his church records. That I will send for immediately. You've had such marvelous finds.

I set the Orendorff families up according to heads of families. Then my index works for a quick search.

I now have several thousands of names and must have a quick way to find and answer inquiries or I get no research done on my lines.

I've started to write the Os up and list what I have to document and what I can accept as primary sources facts. Some things I can never prove and will have to state just that.

The immediate past president of the Ill State Gen Soc is an O desc from the Mennonite line and we discussed the documentation of DWO wishing that he could have saved all those letters he rec'd but he does say in detail where they came from and dated the information when rec'd. Much came from Bibles and from people like your ancestor, Guiletta O.

I also keep a name file on 4x6 cards and sources on all cards and where I found them. If I had not had the NEHGS library to use I would have had to give up long ago.

777 —

Who is Lorentz Orendorff b 1737; d. 1820; m Caroline \_\_\_\_\_; pvt from Pa. from Patriots Index 1968 (Think I'll spend \$2.00 and see how garbled that DAR report is.)  
Did Christian Orendorff (son of John<sup>I</sup> (1733-\_\_\_) marry Eve Byers or Mary Eva Eck or both?

You are now inclined to give the murdered Lawrence to Hermanus? According to the letters written to DWO by descendants of Mathias, John, etc he was a brother of Christian, John, Mrs. Weivel, Mathias, Harmon and Christopher, and murdered in 1820. If he had two sisters in addition to Mrs. Weivel, I'll have to let that stand until the films come from Lebanon co for 1820 and see if he is listed and the contents of that family. DWO was mostly interested in his own branch and only sporadically pursued the other desc of the children of the emigrant Christian O. I believe that he is in the household of John's<sup>I</sup> wife. John evidently died between 1810 and 1820. He is on the 1790 census

#### Pa Archives

Page 130 Lawrence taxed as a non-associate in 1777 Lebanon twp  
Page 133 a Jacob a freeman-Lebanon borough  
Lorentz is a son of Hermanus and Catharine in his will page 345  
DWO says Peter Orendorff was b. 1754

Have you followed up on any references in the Hoenstine bibliography? I copied all of them but have had no time at libraries to follow through. It is too expensive to rent from him but I will try to see what is listed in the NEHGS catalog when it comes. I'm so glad they are finally giving us a listing of their holdings. I've always had to use other catalogs-Goodspeeds, Tuttle and reprint sources up until now.

I feel you should have a copy of what DWO wrote so that you can edit it even if you have all that he acquired. Shortly I'll have it proof-read and send it on. You have already corrected some data and I appreciate it because while I adore all DWO did I know that he used hearsay-he had to- and so much has been made available since 1900 in primary sources.

Yes, I have heard about the Hans Graf (Grove) connection with the N.Y. Orendorffs, Susan m. a Graf-Grove ca 1695. I'll send it later. If the Orendorff man who started you on this lovely madness could supply us with FGS and some locations we can undoubtedly help him. The Name, Jesse, automatically points to the John O in the Shenandoah Valley who a 1790 and had so many many children. (The rest of the Pa Archives notes that I have refer to tax lists 3rd series Vol 17.) I'm ordering more from NEHGS-some they can't loan but those I can get at Springfield.

I want to look at Mayhill's Lancaster Co. Pa Landholders next time at Sprfd. He shows adjoining landowners unlike previous listings and I know it will be more fruitful. I'll get all the early Pa census of all the cos we need so you do the church records because I can't.  
Thank you for the addresses for search sources.

More, of course, later.

*Margaret*

15 May 1976

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Dear Mrs. Berger,

The address of Clifford Neal Smith is

594 West Lincoln Highway  
DeKalb Illinois 60115

He is one of the most notable researchers in Germany. I have heard him speak several times and always feel he gives us so much to work on.

In your Apr 13th letter you give data on Christian Orendorff marrying Mary Eva Eck-Nov 30th 1789-Is this Christian a brother to Christopher and Mathias, Lawrence, Harmon John and the two sisters?

The St Mary's Catholic Church of Lebanon formed or records from 1789-1795 seem to have been in Dauphin co at time of the records. (Dauphin formed from Lancaster in 1785 and the only part of now Lebanon Co. formed from Lancaster was the southern strip. See map enclosed)

Bally where Christian and Mary Eva Eck were married is both a town and a twp.

How much research has been done on the early New York Os who being unhappy with N.Y. went over to the Susquehanna river and on to the Swatara area early in the 1700s? We have the N.Y. Wills at our library and I'll look in there and see if any of the names allied with the Os are in it.

I have the index for the 1800 Md census. If you have the 6 Os read would you send them? if not I'll have them read for me at Heritage House.

The Conewago Chapel is St. Peter's isn't it?  
St Mary's is the one north of the present town of Lebanon?  
So Conewago is in Adams Co. Franklin twp. But it was in Lancaster when it was formed (1752); then York until 1800 when Adams was formed from York? I'm confused about missions, churches and locations of each.

At the Graduate Library at the University of Illinois I found the following-  
"Catholic Churches in Colonial Days" John Gelmery  
Page 419-Father Greateon had closed his laborious pastorship at Saint Josephs..... His associate Father Henry Neale who had been at Conewago and Philadelphia for several years died in the latter city in 1748.

420-Father Manners was in charge of Conewago from ca 1753 and Father Steynmeyer known on the Mission as Father Ferdinand Farmer soon began his six year pastorship at Lancaster.

446-Goshenhopen 1757- While Father Ferdinand Farmer (went to Philadelphia in 1758) was at Lancaster he had 208 Irish and German 186 women in Lancaster, Berks, Chester and Cumberland counties. Father Mathias Mariner, the missionary at Conewago, had 99 men and 100 women incl. both Irish and German in York co.

(An interesting bit of trivia-Catholics were not allowed to serve in the militia in 1757) Also from another source Irish could not

15 May 1976  
M.G.D.

own land in Pa. about that same time.

Do you believe that the sponsors of Mathias and Christiana O's Maria Margaretta in "Littletown"-- Maria Margareta Weibel was one of the two sisters mentioned in the murder account of Lawrence in 1820?

Very soon I'm going to chart the first 4 generations of Christian O (1692-1772) and see how much is missing and analyze just where to go next.

When I said "Archives" I was referring to Federal Wash.D.C.

I have a request out for the rumor that John(1733-\_\_\_\_\_) was in the Battle of Brandywine. However a knowledgeable friend says if it isn't in the Pa Archives series he probably wasn't.

Yes. I get films from the Microfilm center through our Western Library service and our good librarian lets me bring them home (I have a new Xerox 1414 reader) However I do need a rental source for films other than those in the GSA filming center. Do you know of any? There was once a Texas source but Seemingly no more.

Which Mathias in in the Pa census 1800 in Lancaster co? Yours? I have sent for those early census records in Pa in the counties we are interested in to see how many ages I can establish from consecutive records and readings.

The main weakness with the county histories seems that one has to constantly remind oneself about the county formation dates since the writers mention and confuse Lebanon twp in Lancaster and Lebanon county constantly.

Have you ever found a very early list of Conewago records? 1787? Remember there is a Johannes Heinrich Erendorff who came Sept 9 1765 ship "Chance" He can be the Lutheran mentioned in the Lower Bermudian Church of Adams co.

I believe that the mother mentioned in the account of Lawrence's murder is the unknown wife of John I(1733\_\_\_\_\_) Do you have access to the Union Calendar of Newspapers? I can look when I go to Springfield next time and see if there was any about the time Lawrence was murdered. Lawrence is mentioned in the 1790 census but I do not find him in 1800 and 1810.

I did receive an ad from Area Keys but Lancaster Co is now \$18.00 so will use it at a library. It would cost me \$107.00 if I bought all i would like to have.

D.W.O. says that Christana's mother and father were both Os. no verification Do you have a list of Hermanus O's children? He was evidently married twice

D.W.O. says that John I(1733\_\_\_\_\_) married a Catholic lady and that all of his sons except Christopher and Harmon married Catholic ladies and those two married Methodist ladies and thus in one generation reverted to which church? The Moravian Church has no

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of John but said they thought he went to the Mount Joy+Donegal area.

Unfortunately first cousins did marry then as now. Lucky the family that came through all right with the descendants. Did the Catholic church forbid that ?

Hermanus Children- History of Dauphin and Lebanon Cos. page 345

Herman of Lebanon died prior to 1778 leaving a wife, Catherine, and children-

- 1-Lorentz
- 2-Christian
- 3-John
- 4-Margaret
- 5-Maria Elizabeth
- 6-Anna Maria
- 7-Maria
- 8-Teresia m. Joseph Eckworth

Julia Drake's From Mill Wheel to Plow Share says on page 92 that Hermanus and Anna Margaretta came in 1734 and had a child, Maria Margaret, bapt. 22 April 1739 Reformed Ch Lancaster Pa.

You have all that tax data from the Pa Archives and the above Dauphin co Hist don't you?

All those Os mentioned on pages 6-196 are too old to be children of of John I; some are not Christian I's children Who is the Jacob, freeman, Lebanon borough page 133? Is he the Jacob whom D.W.O.keeps saying is the third brother who came with Christian I?

I believe I found the parents of Christian and Christina of Lvkens Valley Dauphin co.Pa for Mrs Smith of Kirkwood Mo.

From Central Pa. Gen Mag mid 1968

"Burials at Wolf's Chapel Cem. Haines twp Centre Co Pa-

John Orendorff d. 7-10-1846 71 yrs 8 mos.

Elizabeth " d. 5-21-1846 71 " 3 " 8 days

John and Elizabeth Orendorff's son, Christian, was bapt at Old Himel Ch near Rebeck Wash. Co. Northumberland Co.Pa. 1797

They had a dau, Christina, bapt at Howerter's Ch 1804

" " " son, Jonathan (Jonadan) bapt 1808

About 1809 these Orendorffs moved to Centre Co.Pa.

Which Christian O is on record at Host Church Tulpenhocken twp Berks Co.Pa in 1759 It could be Christian I since the locality is very close to Bethel twp Lancaster co.


(Those maps in the 1850 cen of Pa made by Accelerated Indexing systems are very good. Too bad the records and copying were so bad.

Peter O is also listed in 1771 in the early tax list. Is that your Peter sr.?

We're getting such a wonderful collection of O data that I must invent an orderly way to store it. I may list all marriages, localities and the known parentage and see if some of this will fall into place.

Whenever I see the P.O.Yorba Linda, Calif." I know that Christmas-like feeling has come again. You are a wonderful researcher. Hope we can publish all of this some day.

Sincerely



9 May 1976

Dear Camilla,

Happy Mother's Day.

You are indeed a yeoman.  
What tremendous letters you are sending. With the new project going and me with no less than 10 hours a day on it including Sundays I'm so far behind in my indexing the names you send that I'm quite overwhelmed. But don't stop. I'll catch up by the end of June.

Called the Noecker friend and will transfer the names and places you have sent; he was quite excited because he evidently has not been in Lancaster Co. yet to search. Thank you.

Yes, I had a letter from Mrs. Mc Laughlin too.

How is the name Jacob spelled in German?  
How do you anglicize the name Ebert ?

The Kimmerling Ch in Lebanon co 1755 is only a sneeze away from Quittapahilla where we find the Kohrs just a little later.

No, I do not need the Miess names.

Wasn't there a Jacob along with Peter and ChrtmI on the 1771 Pa Tax list?

According to the 1880 cen for the only two children of my Christopher still able to report they say that their parents were both b. in Md. but Aunt Sarah O said Dauphin co. If some vitals don't turn up soon on him I'll be thinking he was either adopted, illegitimate or belongs to some other branch. Or went by another name back there. I checked all the Phillips in Md in the 1790 Cens but nothing clued me in on any of the counties nearest Washington. She could have been a servant in the families and grouped under FEMALES or down from Pa My Christopher seemingly went to Wash co ca 1788 or thereabouts. Elizabeth was very young, under 18, when she was married.

Yes, you sent the Chester co records.

When my son, Bob, and I were in Salt Lake City we took a group of Orendorf names from the Pa Archives report-3rd Series Vol 23, 24, and 25 I believe they are the same as the ones you sent but will look them up and verify.

In your April 7 letter you send names of two John Os b in 1766 and 1767 Again I am wondering what and why our John was called John. All or many sons had the name John evidently as a baptismal name.

The Johan Hermanus O has to be the one who came in 1737.  
The Ebert O his fa has to be a bro of Christian I if both had father named Johann Heinrich O. That makes Hermanus I a nephew of Christian I Would Johan Ebert O who m. Anna Catherine Arnold in 1777 (Apr 12 letter) be the son of Hermanus (listed in his will)?  
The German repetition of names in the same generation seem as confusing as the Welsh and Swedish naming patterns.  
We can go back to the Johan who was listed with Chrn I in 1741 and speculate that he might be Johan Ebert, es?

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I wrote Cumberland co about my Piper and Malony families and they said they had no records before 1868 but I believe I asked for wills and administrations not land I'll have to write again. The Civil War was hard on Cumberland Co. and I need data from 1739 for Pipers and prior to 1817 for Malonys since I don't know when they arrived in America,

Henneberry is a beautiful name. As a Californian you should have Movie connections

The only Perry O I can find is the son of Christian III of Berkley W.Va. There is no descending number in DWO's listing. His ch made a dependents claim for the war 1812 and it is poss. that this Perry could be the gr gr fa. of the San Fernando Valley O

The Mennonite Os came from Frankenberg 1839-his Risa pass said "Kurfurstliches Krisant -Kirstenthurm Hessen" I copied this from DWO and he knew as little German as I do so it may be incorrectly spelled.

In a few minutes I will write the 4th letter re the murder article. This time to Reading in Berks co where supposedly they have a complete file. Wish me luck or I'll give up about the 10th time.

Thank your children for letting you go libraries.

I'll write the DAR ~~but-if-ee~~ re Elizabeth Phillips source you sent.

I wrote Norma and David Ashbrook today to start them thinking about the hundreth Reunion in 1986. They would be very good organizers in the Bloomington area. I want them to get those attics opened up and pictures out and people there putting it down on paper any thing they can remember for a history and I want all this published and that is 9 years so we just might make it (at the rate you are going). We can hopefully identify a great many and put in genealogical form we will and get them behind us for publishing everything that has been discovered. It could be like a dictionary of Orendorffs. It seems at this time that it would be wise to put them in groups of branches similar to DWO's grouping but in the format of the NEHGS register method. What do you think? Cutoff date Jan 1985

There is to be a new Mormon ch built here in Galesburg and we all hope they will have a reading room. We are 160 miles from the Winnetka one and 100 plus from Champaign so we need a Central Il convenience,

On to 1986 \_\_\_\_\_

*Margaret*

31 March 1976  
1681 Maple Ave  
Galesburg, Ill  
61401

Dear Mrs. Berger,

It was good to get your letter and to know that you hadn't given me up as a bad cause. Your letter was on the top of those 0 letters to answer just as soon as I had the information I needed. You see, I had a chance to go and pick up all of Darius White Orendorff records-many volumes of records that he had compiled from 1885-1900. I expected to photo copy them but the paper was too old and all I got was a black response so I started to type I've finished 3 ledgers and journals and have 130 out of 276 pages finished on a 4th one with many more to go-about 8 months of typing, organizing, indexing and then I should be ready to take on the Orendorff world. (I now have 229 typed pages of material)

I'll take your letters paragraph by paragraph and -

Your Jacob Piper was of course German-mine is English from Sussex to Scotland to Ireland to America in 1739 to Cumberland Co. Pa. When I was at the D.A.R. Library I found the following about your Piper Family:

"Piper Family Genealogy-" Historical Genealogy of the Piper Family compiled by J.W. Piper 1935 (I have a comment that it was a typed copy, crudely done but big)  
Page 10-Christopher Orendorff is the executor of the will of Jacob Piper 8th Nov 1792.

Father came in 1724 from Obersetzen Siegen, Germany. He was married to Kathren Flick of Neiderschelden of the same principality. Had 10 children John, Henry, Elizabeth, Catherena, Margera, Jacob, Maidolena, Barbara, Daniel & Rosa.

John Jacob, the emigrant ancestor served as a private Capt Wm. Hevser's Co. enlisting Dec 1 1776. Elizabeth, dau of John Flick who came and served as a pvt July 20 1776 to July 23 1779 in Col Ludwig Welter's Co. went on to Wash Md. John Jacob Piper died 1813.

Yes I have heard the account of the Germans going to <sup>Russia</sup> ~~Germany~~. Clifford Neal Smith is probably the best source to help you pinpoint this if you haven't already done so.

Christopher #3 is my Christopher<sup>3</sup> O( John<sup>2</sup> Heinrich<sup>1</sup>, Christian<sup>0</sup>) Peter and Conrad are not his brothers. I just found out his siblings are John, Lawrence, Mrs. Weivell (One place says Betsey Weivell) Mathias, Christian and Harmon.

For many years many of us have wondered about the large number of Catholic Orendorffs in Pa and Md and couldn't get them into place. John Heinrich married a Catholic lady evidently in the Church you mention in Conewago. Where did you find those records? I had a letter ready to send to the Historical Society in Harrisburg to get a list of very early Catholic Churches in Pa.

Naturally the 7 children were reared in the Catholic faith. However, my Christopher and his youngest brother, Harmon, married Methodist ladies and their children were reared in the Protestant faith-Methodists I presume. My Christopher ought to have been christened in that Church and maybe I could find his mother's name.

Does that straighten out John, Christian and Mathias (Uncle Dicè)?



Now look at your Pa Cos map-Adams Co was formed in 1800 from York co.

The 1800 Pa census list- Orendorffs

Christn 026=06 Dphn LB

Herman 10=05 Inct ET

John 026B =06 Dauphn Lb

John 123 =03 Nmb1 MH

Mathias51=05 Inct EZ

1810 census

Mathias Adams Co. Mountjoy twp 128

Jno Centre Co. Haines twp 93

Herman Lancaster Mt Joy twp 361

Jesse Ornduff Greene Co. Franklin twp

I'll get the 1820 and 1830 films shortly. I also want to get detailed readings on the above-the index are very helpful but limiting.

John<sup>2</sup> Orendorff (bro of my Christopher<sup>3</sup>) whom I had thought to be the oldest son (D.W.O. places as John Heinrich's second son )

married Mary Magdeline Alwine. John is born in 1769.

( There are many Alwines in Pa in 1850-the only census I have here at home.

John was never a Moravian (from their Archives report) seemingly only Christian<sup>1</sup> and his two daughters were. The Archives report indicated that they fell out of favor with the Moravians but Mrs. Cole says that the Moravians deserted their flocks and they had to go elsewhere. Now I can see why through his marriage. The Archives report said that John<sup>2</sup> went to the Mount Joy or Dongal area; no date given.

How I wish that my Rivers and Streams map would come from Pa.

John settled on Conewago Creek. In the current day maps I see on state route #234 just north of US rt 30 the Conewago Chapel listed as 1787. So where were John's children christened. What was the earliest Catholic church in Pa in that area? I'll send that letter to the Hist Soc after all.

Conewago Creek winds around from the Susquehanna over to just below the Chapel. The chapel seems to be in Franklin twp E of Arendtsville. Not in Conewago twp.

All the names of those towns are mentioned over and over again in DWO's accounts.

John's ch-(Mary Magdeline Alwine) DWO

John jr; Samuel, Peter, Joseph, Elizabeth & Mary Ann.

Mathias's Children (Christiana and her ma were both O's-DWO) \* Catharine, Samuel, Elizabeth, Mary, Joseph, Louisa, Jacob.

Christian's Ch:

John, Jacob, Samuel & David.

\* Who is Christiana's mother? I haven't yet found her.

You may have copies of these same records that I just acquired.

Wouldn't it seem logical that that John's children were born in Lancaster Co. and there might be a Catholic Church there?

Peter Orendorff jr m Rosanna Piper b 1754; his son John 1785

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The Samuel O you found in the Ind. Mort. Sched. is the son of John O (Mar 10 1785-Aug 20 1866) and Rebecca Garber (16 Sept 1797-7 June 1868)

The above John is the son of Peter O jr and Rosanna Piper.

St Josephs co is correct

Have you read "History of Schaefferstown" by A.S. Brendle?

I will send for it from NEHGS

Dr Aenstatt says he cannot photocopy the murder article but that I can rent the film which will be available to me in about 2 months. He has put my name on the list-there are 3 ahead of me.

He sent the list of immigrants appearing in "Hist. Of Schaefferstown" page 194 but there is an intriguing part page which suggest other pertinent names which I'll copy and send you if you don't have them I'll have to get the Hist before I can copy the complete list.

He says the Hist Soc of Perks Co has a complete file of this newspaper I will write them to see if they can send me a copy.

I've had a bout of pleurisy and have travelled from heating pad to heating pad for several days. It is a miserable affliction and one only misses breathing comfortably when it can't be done.

I've heard of the excellence of the Seattle Library. You had a good day there. You're a good trouper to carry on with the bad cold.

I haven't as yet found the John Orkendorff-Elizabeth Ryan of D.C.

I must stop

*Margaret*

*Page 3*  
Peter Orendorff sr d. 1786; ch: Peter, Abraham & Maria  
Peter jr b 1754; d - Mar 17 1828 ; Rosanna d. 1848  
Ch: John b - Mar 10 1785  
Elizabeth b Sep 24 1786 d 1836; M. John Golly  
Peter b. Apr 2 1788  
Jacob b. Aug 27 1790  
Mary Elizabeth b Aug 22 1793  
Joseph b. Jan 24 1796  
Susan b. June 21 1798 m Geo Weivell  
George b. Feb 21 1801  
David b. June 1 1803  
Anna b Dec 17 1806  
Esther b. Oct 28 1808 d, Mar 1833 single

Do you have the rest of these lines?

Do you have John's data?  
Christian " " ?

Do you know who Christian O b 30 June 1797; d. 1 Oct 1878 Rife,  
Dauphin Co. Pa Is? M Christiana \_\_\_\_\_?  
I found them in an article "Church Records of Chr. Cong Church  
at Hoffman, Kykens Valley records started by Anthony Hautz 24  
July 1791.

Mrs. Brice Smith Jr of Kirkwood, Mbs a desc.

Let me know how complete your records from DWO are and I won't  
repeat as I see that I have. However better to repeat then omit.

Sincerely

*Morgan*

Since the Germans always used the second name as the call name  
our Johann/Heinrich Orendorf should be listed as Henry, shouldn't  
he?

John<sup>2</sup> O is the only son I find who named a son Christian after  
Christian! I do not have a complete list of Harmon's ch., however.

27 Feb 1976

Dear Camilla,

The photo copies that Grace E. Drake sent were interesting but John Barclay O still makes us take him on faith. He and DWO do not agree on the same mothers for the numerous ch. of John of W.VA. That is a problem that their heirs can puzzle out.

The Hezekiah O is the missing 12th ch of Phillip.

Do you believe that Conrad and Jacob are brothers? That would also make Peter their brother-correct? LBO sends his ances to W.Va many years before one of his desc says they arrived. I believe that the account of Hezakiah comes from a county Hist of ~~Wfifson~~\*Co.Kans.Rice co. Hezekiah moved more than my Christopher.

Have you seen the marriage bonds of Shenendoah co.W.Va 1772-1850? I was able to place 22 of them in the DWO records. If you don't have it I'll send you a copy. The earliest one is John(S.B. Jonathan) who m. Priscilla Fry bond-29 Apr 1799. There are 2 Lewis. The value of course is that it confirms information tat ~~these~~ told DWO

If Peter Sr.'s father's name was John could he then be the John who came with Christian I? That would back up the belief of Henry O of Baltimore pg 195 of DWO and your Guiletta's information

I'm certain there is a connection between the NY Os-the Chester Co.Os and the LancasterOs.

I'm awaiting the Films from the Schaff library-not very patiently. I'll keep you up to date on the findings.and prdering of new ones.

Grace seems to know only what was in FMWTPS -she has said many times she does not do research. She is so good to send items from Julia's collection.

What Philip are you referring to when you mention his ch as Jacob, Mathias etc Jan 7 1977 page 2 The only Phippils I have are are Phillip who m. Elizabeth Ogden, Philip m. Miss Siebert, Phillip Henrich(list 211B from Strassburger) b ca 1715(who came with who came with Johannes Conrad and Johannes Peter)in 1753,age ca 38 I see you are referring to the Eliz, Ogden ch.

Obviously the reason Holland enters the picture is because the ships that the Os sailed on was from Rotterdam

On Hinke's list of Ref. Churches I see Waldschmidt's records listed as printed. Have you read these?

1681 Maple Ave  
Galesburg, Ill 61401  
6 Feb 1976

Dear Camilla,

Very good news from Dr. Anstaett-

From the Unger Collection at the Evang. & Ref. Hist. Soc.

"Ohrendorf murder. Reading-Zeitung, July 6 1791,  $\frac{1}{2}$  col text. Describes horrible murder near Lebanon June 22 1791 at house of Lorenz Ohrendorf ca 2 miles from Lebanon, Pa."

I have sent for photo-copies and will send one to you as soon as I receive.

You will be comforted to realize that you are a good "huncher"  
One more wrong score for DWO's interviews.

I'm borrowing the following microfilms- they are \$2.00 each

Dauphin Co.

Blaser's (Now Christ Church) Elizabethtown W. Donegal twp	#135
Maytown 1765-1819-E. Donegal twp	#134
<u>Lebanon Co</u>	
St. Paul's (Klopps) 1755-1858 Bethel twp	#129
Quittopahilla (Hill) 1745-1845 Cleona near Annville	#129
St John's (Swatara) 1740-1862 Jonestown	#132
St Paul's (Millbach) 1747-1875 Millbach twp	#134
Tabor's (First) 1764-1851 Lebanon	#133
Schaefferstown 1765-1864 Heidleberg twp	#138

If I interpret the catalogue correctly there are several churches filmed on the same roll so I will get additional churches fromcos we may not suspect as being Orendorff territory.

I'm marking these churches on the map you sent-please keep me up to date on what you are ordering, so that we won't duplicate too much.

I will send you a complete list of what I find on each film.

In your 3 Jan letter you mention the possibility that there were poss. 2 Os-Johann and Heinrich Johannes. Do you remember my writing that one Heinricke Johannes O was a witness to a will by one Philip Meese in 1760 and one of the exec was Christian. Now this could be that John mentioned on the ship's list in 1741 or it could be our John who m. ?

I know that I will be as thrilled to find some mention of my Christopher-birth or bapt- as you were to find Christina.

The ugly thought occurs once in a while that I do not belong to this line at all since I can find nothing about Christopher except that supposedly he said to the sons of the Ky Christopher that Christian O of Md was his uncle. DWO and Julia "FMWTPS"

Letter-19 Jan 2nd page- Johann Heinrich O is son of Chr. I b. 1733 Moravian records. The only place I have read about the third wife of Chr. I is in the Moravian records.

The ship records-Rupp and Strassburger-are just that-ship's records not imigrants necessarily.

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Christopher was b near 1770 according to census information

Did you ever find a notice of the entry of that JACOB ?  
Yes, this could well be ROY O's line since he has had such a time  
finding them elsewhere.

Any chance that your husband would let you stop in Galesburg on that  
eastern trip? I can put you up in the Librio with all the records  
microfilm reader and plenty of genealogical atmosphere. WE could  
certainly find things for your husband to do-golf, swimming, tennis  
or I might inquire about a floating poker game or something.

Anthony Weivell's mother was most certainly a sister of your  
Christina and a dau of Hermanus I.  
I'm holding the FGS on John I and telling people why because until  
they are straightened out we just cannot scatter anymore wrong in-  
formation from DWO.

We're down to zero again and another month to go. I meant to ask you  
if you Californians would mind not sending your nice warm air to  
Canada and get it chilled and let it circle down again to us. We're  
getting a little tired of this.

Could you send me your check list of names you watch for on films  
so that I can do the same?

Good night-I have an early appointment Monday so must stop.

Margaret  
Rec'd a group of material sheets  
from a desc. of Chr. II - very wrong -  
I hate to take the time to straighten it  
out for her - but suppose I'd better.  
m -

16 Jan 1976

Dear Camilla,

It is 18 degrees below zero; cars won't start; water pipes are freezing that have never frozen before because our frost line is deeper than it has ever been. Our thermopane windows have ice on the inside of them and I'm sick of winter with 3 more months to go. We have set our humidify controls to 55% so that we can endure 65 degrees since the natural gas supply is so taxed there are bound to be serious shortages. The only thing enjoying it is or are the plants which like a cool damp house. And then I think of our ancestors and I know when I'm weal off. I wouldn't want to live anywhere but Illinois but it is brutal this winter.

Now-here's what DWO says- 1887

Re- John Orendorff's family

"Samuel A. Orendorff of Davenport, Ioa Nov 14 1887 writes-My Grandfather had a brother, Christopher, W. Uncle Dice (Mathias) grandchildren was all raised near neighbors in Adams Co. Pa. My sister, Mrs. Collins, of Two Taverns, Pa. thot that it was our Christopher that was murdered. in Lebanon, Pa, his throat cut from ear to ear.

Frances A. Orendorff of East Berlin Pa Jan 25 1885 "My Great grand father came from Germany and settled in Dauphin co. Pa. He was in the Battle of Brandywine; he was a teamster in the Rev War. His son Lawrence died in Lebanon Pa in 1820; his son, John, moved to Adams Co. Pa in 1813."

Anthony Wivell, Piney Creek, Md Jan 27 1888 "My Mother was a sister to John, Lawrence and Christian. Lawrence was murdered in Lebanon, Pa." Two of Christians' grandsons are living in Westminster, Md.

Henry Orendorff of Baltimore in his collection of family records says that Weivell's mother and Mathias were bro and sister.

George W. Orendorff of Gap, Pa Feb 14 1888 "My grandfather, Harmon Orendorff, lived near Elizabethtown, Pa. Some of his brothers moved to Adams Co. Pa. Some of their families live there yet. I think my great grandfather's name was John."

William Orendorff of Mediapolis, Ioa at the reunion in 1886 said his mother was a dau. of Uncle Dice and was raised near Gettysburg, Pa. Her mother's maiden name was Orendorff"

Mrs. W.F. Orendorff of Hagerstown, Md "My husband had a gr uncle named Christian"

There has been a tradition among some of the desc of Christian Orendorff's family Vol I (Chr. 1726-1796) "that there was a birth in one of the Orendorff families on board of their Imigrany vessel"

And a grandson of John Orendorff Jr. living in Canada writes that he had often heard his father say that his father, John jr., was born on the ocean."

DWO is wrong about the place of John and M.M. Alwine-he says Dauphin and it was Berks. (There is a subtle southern boundary chande between Berks and northern Chester between 1810-1820.)

~~John's son, John who mry Magdalene Zartman, was the one who d. in St. Louis~~ It was Joseph.

Frances A. Orendorff also writes re John and the Battle of Brandywine and of Lawrence's being murdered in 1820. (of East Berlin, Pa) -Frances A) Now if we have many Christians and Johns why can't we have multiple Lawrences? We have the Rev one; the 1771 Pa tax Lawrence and we know that these Os were inclined to name their ch after their brothers.

Oh yes, and Lawrence son of Hermanus d. 1778

I received an answer of sorts from Harrisburg-Division of Archives and manuscripts. I sent alternate spellings and it confused them and they asked me to give only one spelling-I will use Orendorff next time as the preferred sp. She says she is unable to find a record of John O, teamster, in the archives or among the original documents in her custody. I will try the county-Lancaster- next.

I have not as yet had an answer from Dr. Herbert Anstaett re the ch microfilms. I have only the old list from 1960.

You are undoubtedly correct that there is confusion between Hermanus I family and John I. In fact John I's family just almost entirely goes over to Hermanus from the listing on those hand written pages you sent. Whose handwriting is it? Remember that Josephus and Maria Margaretta Weible were in Dauphin co in 1805 and 1811 when they were sponsors of the O child of Mathias and Christiana-

In your Oct 22 letter Herman and Susanna o had a son John and sponsors Henry and Elizabeth ECHENROTH. This Herman was a son of John and Margaret (Clark) O (indenture 1767-1803) And-Herman O m. Susanna Egenroth, 1799-St Peter's-Lancaster co. So the Eckenroths must be watched. 1802

Remember the wording re the marriage of Christian O and Mary Eva Eck- Christian Orendorff youth, making him a minor? ("Of Lebanon twp") The Christian O of Tulpenhocken Host ch 1759 puts him (which ever Christian he is) in Berks co. Could Christian I be leading a double life?

In 1755 Berks extended way up to the Susquehanna R. "Freeman" also means unmarried; took an oath to state or church

Yes, Chr II had a son and a grandfather named Johann Henrich-d. 1708-er.

I do not have a Christian on Henrich O of Adams co. A Johan, Henrich, Johann and Catharina of Elizabeth and Maria Margaretha of Catarina. (from your FGS)

I think it is more likely that Hermanus I had given starts to the children of his first marr. and thus they had no claim on his estate. (Johannes)

If Henrich of Adams is a son of Chr. I then we have to build a whole new family to get your Mathias and my Christopher or find new parents. Maybe the Lutheran ch records of those films will help. I certainly need it right now.

I wonder if Lorentz, son of Hermanus I isn't the Rev War vet.?

There are some subtle boundary changes in the counties we are working in and I'll try to find a Pa. source that tells twp reallotments It can be particularly important in Berks co.

I have some references for one of the Kohr (Kor, Carr, etc) men who m. the O girls daus of Chr. I one I remember in Quitapahilla-eastern Lebanon co. (on that excellent church map you sent)

I must close this up now and get it into the mail before the post-man freezes.

*Margaret*



Mrs. Leslie G. Jasperson

1681 Maple Avenue

Galesburg, Illinois 61401

12 Oct, 1975

Dear Mrs Berger,

How wonderful to hear from another Orendorff descendant who is eager to continue the search for more ancestors!

I'll start off by answering your questions-

Yes, I'm very active in collecting all Orendorff material because I've become somewhat of a clearing house for all the lines and can usually help some on queries that are submitted.

The family reunion is somewhat of a potluck get-together and very few are interested in the past. I've been twice and will go again but I give much more than I get and I know their attics are full of help. Some 80 people attend each year, mostly from around Bloomington but some have come from Kansas.

I have a lengthy list I typed from the register of the years 1904-1954. The original years are not acknowledged-probably under some one's bed who has forgotten they exist. I suggested they be put in the Ill State Archives for safekeeping but they-the 1904-1954- are in the possession of Miss Ina Orendorff of Bloomington, Il. At least I have a copy if something destroys the original.

I saw the American Orendorff families at Mrs Wood's in Delevan.

Marius White Orendorff made a valuable effort to collect data ca 1896. I have a xerox copy of his two in 1888 and 1898. I will send your line.

I would appreciate your sending your charts and family group sheets as you have time. The more information the more I can help you and others. I find family group sheets very helpful because I can sometimes use siblings' data to trace back.

Julia Drake and her sister, Elizabeth Grace have been wonderfully helpful and Grace is carrying on but doing no research. She is at Pontiac, Il.

In the 1898 edition I see that Mrs. Sabina C and John Ballard are in Burlington, Iowa. This vol is by states.

My line is down from Christopher m Elizabeth Phillips-12 ch  
2nd son, 3rd ch- John 1796-1876 m Margaret Sale  
Henry Harrison O 1840-1910 m Ann Eliza Piper  
Nellie Charity m Samuel E. Gustine (my parents)

Anything you want to send will be most welcome.

Sincerely

*Margaret*

Do you have the Bloomington, Ill "Hartgrove" sheet? I'll send you the 1886 reunion? Don't know!

Sept. 1, 1976  
Yorba Linda, Ca.

Dear Margaret,

I sent for the film of the 1771 Lancaster tax list for Lebanon Township (film of the Pennsylvania Archives volume, not the original) and noticed Peter did not evidently own land, horses, or cattle. I wonder if perhaps he was in some kind of trade.

This would not be out of the question since we know that there was a Mr. Orndorff who had a tavern in Frederick County about 1805 and also a Peter Orndorff who ran a stage line at about that time also. So the family was not necessarily just farmers.

Peter Orndorff is on the tax rolls in 1771 but not 1772. There is a Jacob Peiffer (1 horse 1 cattle no land) in 1771 but not in 1772. A Bernhard Peiffer there in 1771 is still there in 1772.

I also noticed in Earl Township an Effenderfer name, Jno., Jno. Jr. and Jacob. The father owned 300 acres. this was in 1771.

I have a record of a Rebecca Marg. Orndorff who was confirmed in the First Reformed Church of Frederick County, Md. (records 1753-1801) in the year 1767. I found this quite some time ago but thought she is probably one of Christian II's children. I don't have any family group sheet for his children so I am not sure. Can you tell if she is the same one? Also mentioned is a Marg. Orndorff in these records but I guess I forgot to check on that particular name or else the information was not sufficient to warrant my copying it (or couldn't be found, false drop).

Did I ever give you the name of the children of Conrad O.'s daughter Christena by Michael Tany? They are Christena, Elizabeth, Abraham, Jacob. I wonder who Conrad's daughter Christena is named for.....his wife was a Catherine or Maria Cahharina.

I have ordered the orphan's court records for Herman's estate and for the John Orndorff who died in 1850. I also copied some names and pages from the index which I may check on eventually. They are for the names Wilson and Witman and Kaufmann and Gibson.

I have made an alphabetical list of the early Catholic names and often will check them to see if anything looks promising.

For example in 1796 about, there is an inquest for a Christopher Widman (several records, some say Christian, some Christopher, all in the same time period. Perhaps two different men or the recorder got the names mixed). Also there is a William Wilson. You will recall that was my g-g-grandfather's name, son of Jacob and Catharine Orndorff. That was the first time William appeared as a name, and he was the eldest, apparently, unless there was another child who died young. They married Nov. 20, 1817, he was born Aug. 15, 1819. There was time for a pregnancy before William.

There is also a Christian Kaufman (administration) in the 1790's. Also about this time an administration for a SAMUEL Kaufman. In the index for 1796-1801 there are Kaufman names Andrew, Christian, Catharine, John, in 1784-7 Abraham, Isaac, Andrew, Peter, Jacob.

I will check these if I can. I hope when I go to the temple library in L.A. (LDS microfilm, not L.A. public) they will have some of the films. It is too expensive to order all of these for all these peripheral names but they look promising.

The only other Orndorff listed in the same township with Peter Orndorff in 1771 was Herman. Since he was not listed (Peter) as an inmate (renter) I wonder if he was living with Hermanus?

Have you looked at all the available records in the Pennsylvania Archives? I am not too familiar with that series and am not sure if it is completely indexed or not. If you have any other information copied from it I would surely appreciate a copy. If there is any part of it you haven't checked or don't have access to please let me know because I think they have most or all of it in L.A. but there is so much there and I also have so little time in L.A. that I never have looked at it closely.

If you have any group sheets made up for Christian I, II or Johann Henrich, I would appreciate a copy. I have only the info I have found and sent you and that which was in the Drake books.

Sincerely,

Oct. 29, 1976

Dear Margaret,

Well, my typewriter wouldn't work because I didn't know how to change the ribbon yet. That was the problem.

This week I also checked the Grantor index, Lancaster Co. names beginning with A-C---No Arendorff, but a Christian Alsdorff which I guess I should investigate. There is also a Philip Ackert in 1755 settling to a Leonard Eaker...these sound like Eicher names to me. I find nothing for Daniel Clark and only a Mary Clark heirs in 1838.

In the grantee index A-C there is an Abraham Acre (Eicher, Philip Eckart from Peter Acre and another Peter Acre (Acker) and another Christian Alsdorff.

In the grantor and grantee indexes for Lebanon Co. Pa. 1813-1932 there are no O's under the O spelling. AAt all.....

At the 1st Reformed church Lancaster, Pa. Oct. 21, 1783 is mentioned a Herman Ohlwein.

Back to Baltimore which I mentioned but didn't give you in detail.

From F 013,702 Index to Cathedral Burial Records Baltimore Co. (Catholic)

June 15, 1871 George Weivel 73 years  
Aug. 15, 1871 Mary Wivell 27 yrs.  
Ann Wivell 6 mo.

No Orndorffs.

From F 013,700 (Lutheran Church, Baltimore

Baptized 27 Feb. 1785 Vater (father) Conrad Gamper mother Anna Barbara  
Born 29 July 1783 Child Sarah Sponsor Conrad Obendorff

Baptized 27 Marz 1785 Vater Valentin & Anna Maria Nelly  
Born Oct. 7, 1784 Child Valentin S ponsors Conrad Obendorff & wife

Baptized 26 Jan 1792 Parents JGeorge and Catharina Greshmann  
Born 16 Jan 1791 Child Jacob sponsor Conrad Ohrendorff

W. Ohrendorfts Sohn (son) al 22 Jahre (22 yrs.) Begraben (buried 15 Jan 1786

p. 242 in 1793 Mr. Ohrendorff on communicant list

p. 230 P. Pfeiffer starb d. 17 Sept beg 18 alt ungefähre 50 Jahre

(but also mentioned are other Pfeiffers from Ireland, evidently a Germanization of the Piper name

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Now from F 013,701 Index & Records of Zion Lutheran Church Baltimore 1784-1849

p. 70 Maria Rebecca born 25 Aug. (bap 26) 1799 Heinrich Altenderfer and wife

p. 60 An Flor Altendorft sponsor in 1797

Deaths: Frau Ehrendorff 6 mo. 26 Jahr (I don't have the year though will have to recheck sometime)

Laura Ehrendorft vater Christn 14 Dec 2 Jahr (year)

Marriages: Christian Eichendorf-Leonora Petre Sept. 30, 1800

Christian Eichendorff & Mellis Goldenberg Jan. 12, 1801

There may be other Eichendorf records as I noticed this spelling belatedly. I meant to look at the film again but didn't get a chance before it was returned to Salt Lake.

When you consider that the name Eicher was sometimes spelled or sounded like Ocker then there are all sorts of possibilities for this Eichendorf name

I see that from the names in the index I copied I didn't either find the names in the records or didn't finish looking. I see a Fred. Oberhuff, Fred. Oberhaft and frau, Christian Eckendorf and a Rosina Ecker.

Interesting don't you think? There is a Bill (William Orndorff) mentioned in Ann Arundel and records but I haven't had a chance to check on all this yet.

City directories for Baltimore exist from about 1786. I would like to have them checked sometime. Or better yet do it myself.

Would welcome your help in wanting the Salt Lake Films. They cost 50 cents plus 10 cents postage to rent for two weeks. Renewable at 25 cents per week and for \$3.00 they will put them on a six month loan, \$5.00 for a permanent loan to the branch library. Usually I just get them for two weeks but I now have Fred. County wills 1817-35 or so on a six month loan and also the Adams County Orphans court records for 1800-53...I found so much.

Must go now..... If you have any suggestions on what I should search next let me know.

I just noticed something else. In trying to decide whether the Henrich Ohrendorff family of York County (Adams) is the same one that was later found in Haines Twp., Center County, I just looked again at a chart I made a few weeks ago before I found the baptismal record of the earliest two children.

We have a Henry Overdorff or Orndorff dying about 1796 in Haines Twp., left wife Catharine and two children John and Elizabeth. (Center Co.)

This fits the Henry in Adams County since he had a son named John and also a daughter Maria Margaretha Elisabeth, and third wife was a Catherine.

I recall that the last county history I found said that the man's father had been a storekeeper in Berks County during the Revolution. Listed on p. 255 in FMWTPS are two marriages Henry O, 1784 and John O. 1792. They could be part of this Henry O. family. Maybe they left Adams Co. for Berks Co. and then later for Center County.

Somehow this must fit together. But who was this Henry Ohrendorff????? Another son of Christian I???? A son of the John who came with Christian? Wish I knew.

You said there is a lady who is descended from this line. Does she have access to LDS films? Maybe she could look at the land records there. If not, I'll do it eventually.

There is also a will for a Joh. Michael Ockers in the UNRECORDED wills of Northampton Co. Pa. The Ocker name is found in Frederick County, Md. and so is the first name Michael. This man had a daughter named Anna born in 1738. This is a good possibility for Peter Sr.'s wife Anna. Will have to see the will. (Ocker is an Eicher variation of course) (Adolf Gerber listemigrants)

Send me your phone number and I might call some time if I have a chance.

Just realized that the above marriages in 1784 and 1792 probably aren't children of this Henrich. The ages are wrong. Henry would have been only 12 in 1784 and John would have been just 18 in 1792. That one is a possibility (the last) but I'd say not probable.

I guess we don't know who the Henry O. m. Maria Elizabeth Albert is. Or the John O. m. Oxenreuter either. Herman apparently had not son Henrich.

Checked the Muhlenberg Journals but only thing found was a marriage for Jacob Oberdorff and Maria Seidew May 2. 1775.

From another book of early colonial laws affecting Catholics. 1743 sherriff was supposed to list Catholics in each county "every male papist age 1755 - had to pay tax. Archives of Pa. 3, 120-36. Don't know if these lists still exist.

From 1850 census Index St. Louis City, and Co., Mo.

Chr. Ohendorf 1/082

Conrad Orendorf C/486 (also Frederick, Sophia

Joseph Orendorf 6/450, also Jane, Elizabeth

Andrew Orlandorf 6/397 Also Ann, Catherine, Coblenzz, James, Louis, Maria

Among my papers is one with names and addresses of Orndorffs (OrEndorffs) in St. Louis, Mo. Perhaps some of Matthias descendants, my

b Nov. 2, 1976

Dear Margaret.

Nothing spectacular to report today ....just some thoughts on our latest findings.

Do you recall your asking me who Henry Aurandroffe, Northumberland Co., Pa. 1790 census is?

1 male over 16  
1 male under 16  
3 females

Compare with the Henry Ohrendorff in Adams County:

A son born December, 1772 (over sixteen)

A son born 1774 November (could have been under sixteen)

Two daughters born 1777, 1781

A wife probably could have been the third female.

The older children, Christian and Susanna, born in the 1760's were probably married and gone by then.....this fits exactly!!!!

I am going to have to recheck the names I copied from the grantor-grantee index for York County. I never followed up on those land records.

The will for a Henry Overdorff in 1794 in that area could be this man. If he names his children that should tell us the story.

Do you suppose that Christian I could have had sons John and John Henry (called Henry)?? Or Sons John Henry and Henry John? From what I have read this is entirely possible. Remember how many Mary's we have seen? In Christian (son of John Henrich)'s family we see the name Polly (which is a nickname for Mary) and also her sister Mary Ann.

All the names in this Henry O's family fit pretty well into Christian I's line....I believe Mathias and Christopher's brother John had a daughter named Susan, although this might have come also from their brother Herman's wife.

There was also Susanna Grofff--but not enough is known about her. It would seem she should have been here even before the N.Y. O's and that she came to Pa. with the Groffs. I note also that one of Henry's wives was Veronica and this (Fronka) was also the name of one of Susan Groff's children but probably no connection there. Although there was an Adam Groff sponsor for one of Herman's children 1800's in Elizabethtown. I can't help it, my mind keeps going click, click, click with all these names.

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I have not looked at any census for quite a while. I find so much more on the other records. I really have most of the census records on my Peter O. line, at least those which I need in my direct line. Sometimes the 1880 census was difficult to read and I would like to recheck it at the archives to try and find David Orndorff (gen. 3) 's two sisters, Annie Addlesberger and Mary Wood who were supposedly still living and see what they say about their father and mother's birthplace.

I have never looked at the 1860 or 1870 census for Adams Co. or Carroll County. I will eventually. I would also like to go down to the National Archives branch and look at the 1900 census there. They have a COMPLETE soundex there, not a partial index as the 1880 soundex is. Might be very useful. But everything takes so much time.

All I have to do is check ALL the records for Adams, York, Dauphin, Lebanon, Lancaster, Berks, Montgomery, Northumberland, Center, Lehigh, etc. counties! I feel I have checked most of Adams County records and I believe just about all of their church records that are on microfilm. I just accidentally stumbled on the Henry Ohrendorff records because this film was not cataloged under Adams Co. but was part of some miscellaneous records from different counties in Pa. Makes me afraid to let anything pass me by. I looked at it originally because it had church records from the Donagal area.

I will have to write back to the lady who has the Goshenhoppen records and ask her to check for the Clark name. I recall seeing it there. Will have to check the St. Mary's records again too for it. There are also Clarks, including a Daniel, in Lutheran records.

I wonder if our John I's mother was Christian I's third wife and a Catholic? Maybe our Clarks weren't Catholic. Maybe he was younger (eldest son b. 1767 age 30+)

There is also information about the Clark name from the family history file available from Salt Lake. I looked at it once for my other Clark family in the South. Found quite a lot. They had information on many different Clarks from different areas.

We really enjoyed our visit to Atlanta. The Atlanta Historical Society was very helpful and they are collecting family group sheets and charts on various names in that area. I wish I had known because I could have checked the Archives for your names there.

The city has probably changed much since you were there. Many new buildings downtown. We stayed at the new Atlanta Hilton (on Courtland) and we also visited the new Omni complex and the Peachtree Plaza with its round glass 71 story high structure (with revolving restaurant on top). Drove by many beautiful homes in the northwest section and went out to Stone Mountain, a newly developed recreation area. Ate at Pittypats Porch downtown.

P.S. Christian II last mentioned in Pa. in 1759, first mentioned in Md. 1762--Henry O. of Adams Co. first appears 1762 in Mt. Joy Twp. Adams Co. which BORDERS Maryland and was probably considered part of Maryland at that time. Were they brothers???

*Camilla B.*



April 4, 1976  
Yorba Linda, Ca.

Dear Mrs. Jasperson,

I was delighted to receive your letter. I think I am getting the Pennsylvania Orndorffs straightened out a little better. I am also happy to be able to give you a little assistance.

I have learned a few more things in the past couple of weeks. I have just begun looking at Lebanon County's records. I usually try to look at all the records of a county at a (Over a) period of time before I go on to another county. But if the films are in the library I will go ahead and look anyway. Also had a chance to look at Egle's Histories of Lancaster County and his History of Dauphin and Lebanon Counties. There is a new separate Index for the latter which was very helpful. Both these books have information on the earliest Catholic church in the area.

This would be St. Mary's Catholic Church. Here are some quotes from the article in Egle's History of Lebanon and Dauphin County

"This Catholic Mission in Lebanon County is one of the oldest in Pennsylvania, being formed early in the eighteenth century by a few German families. Ground was donated by Mr. ARENDORF, or ORNDORF, for a cemetery and church."

...."The old block church soon became unfit for religious purposes and the small band of Catholics were invited to attend service at the house of JACOB ARNOLD...until the year 1812. The first baptism on record is as late a date as 1795....Ground was donated and Father Beshter undertook the arduous task of erecting a church for his little flock...The building committee...was composed of HERMANUS ARNOLD, George Zweir, Jacob Aurentz, and Conrad Allwein."

Some quotes from Egle's History of Lancaster Co. concerning St. Mary's Catholic Church.

...The number of worshipers steadily increasing, a mission was established in 1741, which received regular visitations from the adjoining centres of Catholicity. In the record of the Hamilton grants it is found that on Aug. 10, 1742, two lots, numbered respectively 235 and 236, being the southeast corner of what is now Vine and Prince Streets, were granted to Henry Neill, as is probable, to hold for the use of the congregation. To these was added a third lot, No. 237, granted to Robert Harding, June 27, 1761 just prior to the building of the old stone church."

The Lebanon County Historical Society has many publications and there is one article on St. Mary's Church. I have sent for a copy of it.

Regarding the Arnold family above, perhaps one of the Arnolds married an Orndorff and the Hermanus Arnold in 1814 above was possible a grandson of Hermanus Orndorff.

From H<sup>+</sup>story of Dauphin and Lebanon Co. Pa. by Egle comes this

this family group on p. 330:

John Arnolt, Sr. of Lebanon Twp. died Feb. 1803 leaving wife and Children:

Peter married Catharine \_\_\_\_\_; in 1797 was storekeeper in Bedford Co. Pa.

John

Christine married George Severn  
Hermanus

The number of Catholic families early in the history of St. Mary's church was small, so if we can even find names of early Catholics we might be able to find out who married into the Orndorff family. There are evidently no church records earlier than 1795. Note that of the above four children's names, all four are found in the Orndorff family.

Now for Adams County. The records of the John Henrich (Henrich) Orndorff in the Lower Bermudian Church which I sent you last time are not Catholic church records. This was a Lutheran church, not Catholic. I have never found any other mention of this Henrich Orndorff or his children. Maybe they were wiped out by the Indians.

Conewago chapel was the oldest Catholic Church in Pennsylvania west of the Susquehanna River. Its records go back to at least 1737. I have seen the microfilmed transcript (typed) of the Conewago Chapel records from 1737-1835. Two of John's children are in the baptismal records there, Samuel and Peter, I think. I am sending you a copy of all of the Orndorff records that I copied from Conewago Chapel records from 1791-1835. These were on microfilm at Salt Lake. I imagine you would have to write the church itself for any later records. Mathias, John, and Christian are all mentioned in these records.

As you can see my typewriter has been fixed. It was in the shop several days and I was most frustrated because I have had more information come in the mail that I knew would interest you.

I sent to a public library in Lebanon, Pa. for one of the historical society publications, an article on St. Mary's. They didn't send me the exact article I requested but sent another one on the same topic.

This one mentioned the Orndorff (Ahrendorf) name in connection with the earliest church members. We have lists of John, Christian, and Mathias's children, and I believe Harmon's were mentioned in a publication that I have, but nothing about Lawrence. It seems that Lawrence was murdered back in Lebanon County. I am enclosing a copy of the article (partial) which they sent me. Unfortunately they did not give a date for his death. This seems to have been a rather major event of the time. The article mentions two sisters, a brother and mother. He was evidently living at home with them and he probably wasn't married. I would imagine that newspapers of that period would have more information.

I have had another thought about Mathias and Christiana Orndorff. Is it quite clear that Christiana's mother and father were both Orndorffs? I was wondering if her mother could have been a daughter of Hermanus Orndorff, presumed older son of Christian I. I can't imagine first cousins marrying but if Hermanus and Johann Henrich were half-brothers that would be more likely than if she was a daughter of one of the other brothers.

Another thought-if they were at all related surely they must have had to have a dispensation from the Catholic bishop. They were in the diocese of Philadelphia at that time.

The address of the Catholic Historical Society in Philadelphia is:

American Catholic Historical Society  
263 South Fourth St.  
P. O. Box 84  
Philadelphia, Pa. 19106

Alice E. Whittelsey is the Archivist. They will not do any research there but it is open for research if you go there.

You will notice the Allwine name, (Allwayne) in the records of St. Mary's also. I believe the Orndorffs moved to Adams Co. around 1800.

I have to leave now and am anxious to get this letter off to you. Will be interested to hear from you if you have time.

By the way who is Clifford Neal Smith? I joined the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia but they have little information back that far. Most of their information covers migrations of the nineteenth century. They referred me to the Institute for the Advancement of Baltic Studies but they never answered my letter. Am anxious to pursue this line.

If I can be of any help to you please let me know.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Camilla A. Berger

It would be interesting to pin down the date for the donation of land for the first church and cemetery. If it was before 1750 then even Johann Heinrich would have been too young to have donated the land. If after that he could have done so. Perhaps Johann Heinrich married a Catholic and/or became a convert. He may have been dead by the time Lawrence was murdered since the article didn't mention him.

I imagine that Julia Drake and James Ridgely Orndorff would not have thought to check Catholic records in Lebanon County for the Christian Orndorff family. The first church cemetery is still there so maybe many of the family graves could be found if the stones are readable or the inscriptions have been copied previously.

Notice in the article also another parishioner was murdered, a man named Boyer. Christian Orndorff's wife was Eve Byers. Boyer in Frederick County, Md. was changed to BByers. Peter Orndorff, Sr. had a grandson who married a Mary BByers. Perhaps they were some relation to Eve BByers.

I am near an LDS microfilm library. Many of the records of the eastern states are on microfilm, land records, probate, etc. I have just looked at the tax lists for Germany Township in Adams County. This is where Peter, Orndorff, Jr. died. He moved there in about 1827, a year before his death. Also in this township was Eve Orndorff who owned five acres for many years. Mathias also lived there for a few years. The lists gives the value of the property, kind and number of buildings and number of horses and cows. Single men were also taxed. Children whose parents were too poor to pay the school assessment were also enumerated with their ages. Much good information here. I am going to check some other areas next.

Adams County Historical Society has many good records including an alphabetical card file of all the cemetery records in the county. I copied all the records of Orndorffs who were born before about 1875 and am sending you a xerox of it along with some other information.

They also have a card file of newspaper clippings for marriages, obits, etc. They are also getting all the probate records from the county office. They will xerox them for 20 cents a page. John Orndorff, who died in 1841, did not leave a will but you can order papers from his intestate estate from there. They had not yet received it at the time I requested it but you can try again. They also have some papers from others in the Orndorff line. I learned all this about Adams County from the Area Key book for Adams Co. Pa. I sent in your name for a free copy of their magazine for you. If you didn't know about these Area Keys you should. They are \$6.00 per county but give good information.

I am also trying to sort out the various Orndorffs in the Lebanon, Pa. and Adams Co. area. I am confused but about some things. Perhaps you can help me.

The Orndorff publications mention a John, Christian and Mathias (Uncle Dice) who were in Adams Co. Pa. Evidently they came from the Lebanon Co., Pa. area. Mathias's daughter Catherine who married my Jacob Orndorff was supposedly born near Lebanon, Pa. I have found records of these three brothers' names in Conewago Chapel, an early Catholic Church in Adams Co., Pa. The John mentioned in Conewago Chapel had a wife Maria Magdalena.

There was also mentioned in the Orndorff publications a John and Lawrence Orndorff of Dauphin Co. (Lebanon area). This John was the one who had a wife named Maria Magdalena and his children were the same as some of those listed in the Conewago Chapel records. The sponsor of one of the children of this John and Mary Magdalena was a Christian Orndorff. This was evidently the Christian, John, and Mathias group.

They appear to be the same John Orndorff (Orendorff). But the Orendorff directories list different children's names for the John of John, Mathias and Christian (one name Samuel is the same).

Both of these John Orendorffs were in Adams Co. and both came from the Lebanon Co. area and both were evidently Catholic, or in Catholic families. I feel that perhaps John, Christian, Mathias and Lawrence may have all been brothers or at least cousins. The "two" Johns, Christian and Mathias each had a son named Samuel.

Also a Harmon Orendorff had a son named Mathias and one named John. Mathias supposedly went to Sandusky Co. Ohio early in life.

HELP!!!

I will gladly refund the xeroxing cost if you have any material you can send me. I am familiar with the known Christian & ORNDORFF line in Lebanon Co. and Washington Co. Md. but these other Pa. Orndorffs are find a little confusing.

Naturally I will check more Catholic church records in Adams and Lebanon Co. but if you can shed any light I would be grateful.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Camilla A. Berger  
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March 25, 1976  
Yorba Linda, Ca.

Dear Mrs. Jasperson,

It has been quite some time since I have sent you my first batch of family group sheets. I have been accumulating information at such a pace that I have decided to wait a little longer until I have completed some portions of my research in the Maryland area.

I previously sent you a family group sheet for Abraham Orndorff. I have found the records of his children's births in St. Mary's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Westminster, Md.:

Joh. Georg	April 14, 1793	
Catherine	Jan. 29, 1795	(She married June 25, 1818 Emmitsburg, died December 5, 1867, Fayette Co. Ill.)
Nancy	March 8, 1797	
John	Aug. 31, 1801	

(Barbara FinFrock Orndorff's parents were Henry and Catherine Finfrock)  
I hope you will be able to update the group sheet I gave you with these new dates.

I have also been in touch with two other persons working on the Orndorff line. One I believe I mentioned before, a descendant of Abraham Orndorff through his daughter Catherine. The other was a Mrs. Barbara Hannum. I believe she may have written to you already. I now have xerox copies of most of the Reunion Association Publications which Roy Orndorff and Mr. Theron Elder have kindly sent me. I also located and have seen an Orndorff publication dated 1886. It is essentially the same as I have in the other editions. I found this at an Orndorff relative's in Iowa. These Orndorffs are great-grand children of Jacob Orndorff and his wife Catherine(Orndorff)Orndorff. They also have an old daguerrotype picture of Jacob and Catherine taken probably just a few years before they died in the late 1860's. They have sent me a copy of it and I was just thrilled to get it. Jacob was my ancestor, too, and a son of Peter, Jr.

I have discovered that in documenting the Peter Orndorff line I must also sort out the other Orndorffs who were in Adams Co. Pa. They are rather tangled up with the Peter Orndorff line.

I believe I have found an Orndorff who wasn't mentioned in the Orndorff publications. I am sending you a group sheet on him. He appears to have married twice. (I have had problems with my typewriter, please excuse my typing)

This Henrich Orndorff was a Protestant and perhaps was the same Johannes Heinrich Orndorff who was on a passenger list in 1765.

April 26, 1976  
Yorba Linda, Ca.

Dear Mrs. Jasperson,

I realized that I had not answered all the questions you asked of me in your last letter. So I will try to do that now.

First of all, it appears unlikely that the Jacob Piper associated with Christian II at Sharpsburg was the father of my Rosanna Piper. I believe this Jacob's daughter was too young to have married in 1784. There is another Piper family (Pfeiffer) in the German church records at Silver Run, very near Taneytown. Also in that church records are Abraham Orndorff and the Finfrock family. Rosanna Pfeiffer is listed there, and also a Joacob Pfeiffer and a Peter Pfeiffer. Either Peter or Jacob could have been her father. Peter's will does not name his children specifically. Jacob didn't leave one but I must check the administrations for him. Thank you for the information from the DAR library though. It sure looked like a promising lead for a while.

I should very much like to know how to get in touch with this Clifford Neal Smith. When I went to the Los Angeles Public Library recently (they have probably the finest genealogical library on the west coast) I browsed in some German genealogical periodical indexes. I found the name Tillman Henrich Ohrendorff on a list of some kind. Not having the time to translate the German then, I xeroxed it and brought it home. From what I can tell it is some kind of a matriculation from an apprenticeship or assistantship to the Supreme Court at Weklar. The date for Tillman was 1728. There were eight or ten names each year. Haven't translated it all yet. Anyway it appears some of the Ohrendorffs were well educated. It did give the town of Schlangenbad besides his name. Evidently this is his home town. I am told it is a small spa in southwestern Germany. I know the first rule in trying to cross the Atlantic is to gather all the information possible in this country first. I have not done yet with this task.

A correspondent in Carroll County Md. tells me that there is an 84 year old Orndorff man in Emmitsburg who knows all about the Orndorff family history. My correspondent is going to visit him there. I sent along some group sheets and other information. Maybe he can fill in some missing pieces for me. I strongly suspect that the man is a descendant of David Orndorff, one of the youngest sons of Peter, Jr. He could be a great-grandson of David or even a grandson. There are a great many Catholic Orndorffs in that area. David was a Catholic.

I have no data on Christian or John other than the records I sent you last time. Now there are so many Christians and Johns it's going to be difficult.

I do have a complete copy of the 1898 or 9 edition and also the 1887 or 8 edition. I have seen the 1886 edition of the Darius W. O. publications. I have no other information on these families other than what I sent you before I assume that Mathias was born in the 1770's, judging from his position in the family, but I have found no will, administration, cemetery records or anything for him or Christianna. Perhaps they moved back to one of the other counties.

I do not know who Christian O. b. 30 June 1797; d. 1 Oct 1878 Rife Dauphin Co. Pa. is. It is interesting that he married a Christianna. I know there is a town of Christianna, Pa. I wonder if there is any connection with that name.

I believe as far as descendants in the Peter Orndorff line go, I don't think that DWO's records have too much more to offer me, as I probably have a great deal more than you do on them. DWO knew nothing about Conrad's family. I am told that the tombstone for Conrad Orndorff at the German Reformed cemetery in Taneytown is very large and impressive, "the most imposing I have ever seen, as finely chiseled and visible today as it was then when it was erected". I am going to obtain a picture of it.

I imagine it will be quite a job to untangle ~~ORNDORFF~~ Johann Henrich's children from Hermanus's descendants.

Here are some more notes I took in Los Angeles:

from the index to History of Cumberland and Adams Co. Pa.:

p. 234 Charles Orendorff, Adams Co. Pa.

p. 272 Eve Buyers O. and John O.

Among first settlers in Brecknock Twp., Lancaster Co. were Michael Finrock and Christian Acre (Eicher) both names associated with Peter O. family.

York County (Adams after 1800) show know Orndorff records before 1800 in their index to land records, grantor or grantee. Perhaps the Johann Henrich there was a renter and moved on after a while.

I will send you information as I obtain it on the Pennsylvania Orndorffs. I am very interested in them

Sincerely,

Camilla A. Berger



The Jesse Ornduff you mention in the 1810 census is probably one of the "Virginia" Orndorff family. Roy O. tells me that the Orndorffs in Greene Co. were the Virginia branch.

Did you know that you can borrow any of the census film from the National Archives (except 1900) through interlibrary loan and use it at your own library? How much of the 1850 census of Pa. do you have?

In our family record I do not show Jacob as a son of Mathias. In an old ledger there is listed at the top of the page Mathias Orendorff, Christianna Orendorff and then children Catharine, Samuel, Elizabeth, Mary Joseph, Louisa, Gettysburgh, Pa. above Mathias's names is the At the top of the page is the notation grandma's parents. Probably was written by my great-grandmother Alma Sybil (Eletcher) Orndorff). Her daughter Guiletta and her father-in-law William Orendorff of Mediapolis attended the 1886 reunion and I imagine much of the information on the Our branch came from William O. of Mediapolis. He was still living at the time this information was written down (about 1890). His son, the husband of Alma Sybil Orndorff, had died in 1881, and Alma Orndorff was writing about her husband's family, it was he who was a grandson of Jacob and Catharine. Perhaps there was some confusion since Mathias had a son-in-law named Jacob. There are two Jacobs in the census, one mine and the other probably Christian's son. Of course Mathias may have had a son Jacob that died young. At any rate, that's all I know.

I have sent you a page of information I copied from a county history on the Catholic Church in Lancaster. It was evidently a mission or branch of the one at St. Mary's. I have ordered the film for St. Mary's early years but it has not yet come. I am quite anxious to see it of course, for it might contain the marriage of Christianna and Mathias. It is exactly the right years-goes up to 1795. Catharine was born in 1796.

I was glad to get the list of John, Mathias and Christian's children. Also Johan Henrich's.

By Archives report do you mean Pennsylvania Archives?

I did not have a birth date (year) for Peter, Jr. Rosanna O. did not die in 1848 but in 1842. Burial record from Trinity Evangelical Lutheran church, Taneytown). I do have a list of birth dates for all Peter, Jr.'s children which I believe I sent you on a group sheet. Some dates differ with yours. I found two of the children's births listed in Trinity Ev. Church, Taneytown. George, Feb. 21, 1801 which is correct. Anna Maria (whom you have as Mary Elizabeth) according to church records she was born Feb. 15, 1793 and not Aug. 22 of that year. She is probably the one called Mary who married into the Wood family.

Dear Margaret,

The will abstracts of Lancaster Co. Pa. 1731-1820 finally came (F 383,292)

Christian Orndorf is mentioned as executor for estate of Christopher Noacre, will dated Sept. 7, 1757, probated Oct. 24, 1757. Co-executor is Catherine Noacre. Heidelberg Twp.

Besides wife Catherine are mentioned children: Catherine, Christian, Mary, Elizabeth, John, Eva, Frederick

Also there is a George Arnold, will dated May 30, 1782 with a daughter named Catherine.

Daniel Clark will dated Oct. 30, 1793 probated Dec. 17, 1793. Executor Christian Krall, Elizabeth Twp. wife Anna Maria, child Catharine. This must be the brother of Margaret Clark Orndorff.

Also an Edmind Snebley Apr 15, 1767, June 1, 1767. Executors Barbara Snebely and Christopher Copenhagen Bethel Twp. ....this must be the ancestor of the lady who sent in the DAR information on Lorentz.

Also picked up some Finrock information for the descendants of Abraham O.

Also looked at F 014,078 Frederick County, Md. Guardian Bonds 1778-1823

Eva Orendorf, John Mathias and John Elein (Clein?) appointed guardian for Jacob, Joseph, Samuel, Mary Ann and David O. Aug. 24, 1818. So Christian Orendorff must have been dead a little earlier than we previously had thought. Guardianship then changed in the Adams Co. record after Eva remarried later.

That's all for now. Had a letter from a Mrs. Mc Laughlin a descendant of the Christian II family wanting to tell me all about FMWTPS. Also another lady, Sally Black, with some connections with a Hagan? (Hagar?) connection. Also telling me about that great book which seems to be just what I should have! I placed a free query in Maryland Gen. Bulletin and this must be in response.

I have a feeling that the indexing and abstracting done on the above wills is not entirely reliable for no mention is made of Christian Orndorff as executor for that Meas-Miess estate. But it is a helpful tool anyway. There is also a will for a John D. Noecker but not in the abstracts or index. Maybe it is in German. Also in 1757.

That's all for now. Want to get this in the mail.

Oct. 22, 1976

Dear Margaret,

I just got back from Georgia at three this morning. I am dragging somewhat but want to get this letter off to you anyway since there was some interesting news in the mail.

I had written to St. Peter's in Elizabeth town but hadn't heard from them. Now I have. They are just now in the process of translating these old records which begin in 1795, I believe. They said they are in Latin and it takes hours to just translate one page. They sent me what they have found so far:

Herman Ohrendorf married Susanna Egenroth May 23, 1799 by J.W. Blichter in St. Peter's Church. Witnessed by Adam Groff.

Baptisms:	Children of Herman Orendorf and Susanna:	John
	by Lud. Barth	born June 3, 1802
	Sponsors Henry & Elizabeth Echenroth	bapt June 13, 1802
	by Lud. Barth	Herman
	no sponsors named.	April 12, 1800 (born and baptized same day)

(Perhaps this child was sickly at first and was baptized immediately in case he might die, or perhaps because the priest might be leaving the area soon)

I expect there will be more records later on.

I also found the following in the Index to wills and orphans court records of Union County (later Snyder Co.) Pa.

Date written 9/15/1823 probated 11/22/1823 Harman Oberdorf (Beaver) wife, Rosina Children George, Rebecca, Mathias, Polly (Mrs. George Becker who had Catherine & Rebecca) Sally (Mrs. John Treaster, Catherine (Mrs. Christ. Knouse) Lydia (Mrs. Michael Block

I also noticed in the same area a will in 1819 for a David Seebold, wife Susan Children John, Peter, Elizabeth, David, Susan, Catherine, Polly, Jacob, Rebecca, Solomon

Also the Eckhart names, Jacob and Michael in Pettery Co. 1850's and a Jacob Eckhart will probated 1809 Mahantango (wife Christianna, children Jacob, Rosaina Meiser, Mary Meiser, Elizabeth Miller, Barbara Eberhard, Christina Livengood.

An article on St. Mary's Church in the Lancaster Historical Society Journal says that there are evidently no records prior to about 1787 and these are scattered until around 1795. Ground rent for St. Mary's Lancaster 1773-1786 paid by Caspar Michenfelder, Catholic layman. Other part of this article said that in 1742 Father Wappeler complained that because they had no regular priest who could minister to them in their native tongue some of the German Catholics attended Lutheran or Calvinist churches and were married and baptized in them sometimes.

Aug. 24, 1976  
Yorba Linda, Ca.

Dear Margaret,

Today I had a little extra time down at the microfilm library so I looked up some of the Orndorff names I found on the 1850 census of Indiana. They have almost the entire 1850 census of the U.S. there.

One name I couldn't find in that county, but I did find one of the Virginia Orndorffs (Oringderff) and also the Mathias, son of Harmon and brother of John, I believe, who is mentioned in one of the Reunion publications as having gone to Sandusky County Ohio early in life.

Just before Mathius's name was part of a Meyer family. The first part of this group was on a different census roll which I didn't check. I copied the Myers family which was adjacent to Mathius (and after him & also since they were both butchers, and also another nearby Mayer name because his first name was Mathius.

Perhaps Mathius O. and George Myers were neighbors and partners in a butcher business. I recall Myers as a name in Pa.

I also noticed that there were microfilmed records available of the Moravian church at Elizabethtown in the Donegal area where Johann Henrich lived. Do you want me to order them?

I also coied the following information off of a film someone else had ordered. They had ordered the wrong number and this was an entirely different film, but I spptted an interesting note, although its veracity is not without question:

"Pennsylvania Dutch Nomenclature" from a genealogy column 1956

When a name is preceded by the name Johann and followed by another name as Johann Adam it means there is another who need not be the father named Adam and the one called Johann Adam is the younger. When the older dies the younger drops the name Johann from his name and it is also the custom for a son to take the initial of his father to follow his own name if it is not the same as his own.

e.g. Father Frederick  
Son Adam

Adam F. M. Shellabarger

St. Johnsville NY "Enterprise" newspaper genealogy column

Mrs. BE Shellabarger 1504 E. Prospect St. Seattle 2, Washington  
The name of the man who submitted information on John Orindulph

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m. Melinda Miller in Washington County Tennessee is:

Mr. Charles F. McNeill (researching the  
336 So. Temple Apt. 1 Miller name essentially)  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84111

He has evidently done personal research in Tennessee. He did not give a source for the marriage (documentation)

I have ordered two of the Orndorff land records (Herman 1803, John 17 something or dother) from Lancaster County, Pa.

Was any of the Trinity Tulpehocken data I sent new to you?

How about the other materials?

Sincerely,

Sept. 14, 1976

Dear Margaret

I have to keep on writing to keep you up to date. I'm afraid I'll forget something important. Myspace bar is broken so must use half-space. This will be short.

Liber 3 p. 44-46 Sept. 5, 1838 Between Eve Byers, widow of Christian O. (evidently remarried says NOW Eve Byers. She had paid some of late husband's debts out of own money. I hear it custom for tombstone inscriptions to indicate husband by whom she had children especially if children put up the stone. Christian died about 1820 according to tax list Mt. Joy Twp. Adams Co. Pa.

Big news today: Lancaster Co. Pa. deeds Book O-1764-1774 p. 487 Indenture made July 29 1771 between John Orendorff of Lebanon Twp. Lancaster Co. Pa. & Margaret his wife & John Nicholas Smith. John O. is mentioned as a DOCTOR.

Conveys land in Elizabeth Twp. adjoining Michael Shenk, Mathias Kroll & John Clark 50 acres - & allowance - all household goods & all improvements

John Orendorff - seal

Margaret - her U mark Orendorff seal

Recorded July 30 1771

Interesting sidelight from Mt. Joy tax list:

Poor children in 1838	1840	Adam P. Tawney	age 11
		Charles S. "	9
		Christina M.	7
Adult Tawney's on rolls		John	
		Abraham	mason
		Adam	mason

These are surely grandchildren of Christina O., Conrad's daughter. She married Michael Tawney son of Adam. Had a son Abraham.

Mathias & Christianna sold their land Adams Co. about 1822. Where did they go? West with a child maybe? Can't find record after 1820.

The above John O. land record opens some doors I think. But what ever happened to the John O. who emigrated in 1765 I think. Where did he go?

Do you want copy of deed /?

German-American Genealogist. It is EXCELLENT. For instance gave the name of a German genealogical periodical where you can send \$2 to place a query. You can write in English and they will translate it for you! (Into German). Think I will do that soon asking for Peter, Conrad and Philip Henrich. Knowing Conrad's birth date will help quite a bit in distinguishing persons of the same name.

Back to Christianna or Christena. She and Mathias were evidently married by 1791. She must have been born sometime between about 1764 and 1778. I have in one of my notebooks a page which says that Jacob was born 1795 and Catherine 1796. But an exact date gives Jacob's birth in 1790, not 1795. So probably the 1795 date was wrong. But if this one record was correct in that Catherine and Jacob were born a year apart then Catherine could have been born about 1791. Her parents were certainly married by then. She is shown as the eldest child in my list. I think this is quite possible. It's not likely her parents had their first child five years after they were married. Not impossible, but not probable.

I have been looking at more Frederick/Carroll County, Md. land records. The Christopher Orendorff I mentioned before turned out to be Christopher in the index but CHRISTIAN in the actual deed. Nothing earthshaking in it. I have notes if you want them.

Another interesting thing, when Conrad O. bought his land in 1771 (Historical Society said 1767 but deed date was 1771) the recorder first wrote Christian O. and then crossed out the Christian and put Conrad above in the first two places where his name was mentioned. Perhaps it was someone who knew Christian Orendorff or the name well.

Also looked at more Peter Orndorff deeds. Apparently the Peter Orndorff, miller who bought the land with William Lower in 1800 is the same Peter who was in Anne Arundel County in 1805 for he sold him (Peter to William) his interest in it then and he is mentioned as being of Ann Arundel County, Md. In 1809 a Peter Orndorff (the same, probably) sold a stage coach, four horses, and all his household furnishings to this William Lowe. There was an Orndorff in Ann Arundel County who had a tavern, and an Orndorff in Libertytown, Fdk. Co., Md. who had a tavern (1800 census shows 2 Peter Orndorffs, one in Libertytown). Could this same Peter Orndorff have been a miller, tavernkeeper, and run a stage line all in this same decade? And this doesn't even take into account the deeds in Baltimore County for a Peter about this time. I have a hunch this was Conrad's son and perhaps he went west at this time for the family (mine) didn't know anything about him.

I think that's all for now. I think that's enough! What did DW0 say about any of the early Hermanus names?

I finally got my book on St. Mary's Church in Lebanon. There is a little more about the Orendorffs but not too much.

The book claims that :

"One of the early Catholic settlers in this area was Christian Orendorff (1692-Nov. 16, 1772). When he settled is not certain. However, by warrants dated Jan. 3, 1752 and Feb. 15, 1753, and by an attachment dated October 12, 1753, his son Herman Orendorff (sometimes spelled Arendorff or Auendorf) acquired three tracts of land comprising over two hundred and twenty seven acres in the area now proved as North Lebanon Township"

First baptism in the records:

Born 27th day of Oct. 1795 and Baptized Feb. 27, 1796, Maria daughter of John and Magdalen Arendorf. Sponsors were Mathias and Christine Arendorf (Louis DeBarth)

There is also a map of Lebanon 1740 (township) and shows Hermans O. house and also John Arnold's. In 1806 John and Magdalena Orendorff evidently donated land for a new cemetery, and eventually church (it is supposed).

A chronology places the erection of a log chapel and cemetery on the land of Herman Orendorff in 1753. The property donated by John Orendorff is the present church property.

There is a list of donors of the present church and I see many Arnolds, Allweins and Hartmans, Zewers and some of the other old family names.

Some of the Catholic records are found in Baltimore and some in Philadelphia previous to the records kept at the church from 1796 on. I have sent for the Philadelphia records.

It also states that when the previous materials were published by John J. Foster on this church, he did not have access to the parish archives which they do now.

I have a sneaking suspicion that there is more information on the Orendorff families in the archives of this church. How I would like to see them.

There is also a bibliography which I am going to check on further.



I have also been looking at some more land records from Frederick County, Md. Peter Orndorff is mentioned in about 1809 as being a miller. I don't know if this Peter, Jr. or Conrad's son. You will recall that the Eichers had a mill (listed in a 1794 map of Frederick County). Of course the Christian Orndorff family were millers too.

I wonder where the publishers of this book (1975) got their information of Christian Orndorff? They have either jumped to a lot of conclusions or else they know a few things that ~~whedoda~~? It would be nice to be able to prove that Hermanus was Christian's son.

That's all for now.

Sincerely,

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Incidentally the Herman Orendorff m. Susanna Echenroth is the same Herman w Susanna who was son of John Orendorff and Margaret Clark. Land record says that Herman's wife named Susanna. So we have learned quite a lot. Is this Herman born 1800 the one who had children John and Mathias (Mathias went to Sandusky Co. Ohio. Or is it the older herman, wife Susanna. Maybe we will turn up a baptismal certificate for Mathias yet.

I heard finally from Roy O. He was interested in my find in Chester county. I found a book in Georgia on Pennsylvania Iron Manufacture in the 18th century by Arthur Cecil Bining. It lists all the old mining areas and was also indexed. (Of course Roy's John I was said to have a possible connection with that industry). I found mention of a Valentine Eckert from Hanover who owned the Windsor furnace in 1768 Windsor Twp. Berks County.

Also Pa. Archives Sixth Series V. 5 p. 288 1790-1800 Return of 1st and 2nd classes of militia of Dauphin Co. Capt. Christian Leep Company  
1st class Conrad Eckert - exempted  
2nd class John Orendorff gone

From orphans court records of Adams Co. Pa. p. 188 March 1, 1831 Gabriel Byers, lately married to Eva Orendorff, widow of Christian O.

Christian left children John, Polly (married Walter Coaker) Jacob, Mary Ann, David, Samuel. Eve appointed guardian of Samuel, Mary Ann and David. This David probably the David O. of Mrs. Barbara Hannum. Right age. What about the Elizabeth born to Eva Orendorf? Is Polly a nickname? Or did this child die? Or maybe Christian not the father? We are certainly learning a great deal more.

I am so tired I am going to quit now. Had a grand time in Georgia. Went to the state archives and found a good Pennsylvania collection.

Will write again

a farm in Maryland but that his father lived in Virginia. That has always puzzled me. Roy O. didn't put much store in that one but perhaps there is some explanation. Only two of Peter, Jr.'s children were baptized in the Trinity Evangelical Church at Taneytown. Why not the others? Possible explanations.. they may have been baptized in the REFORMED church there whose records are apparently not extant. Peter is not a member of the Exangelical Church, he may have been Reformed. Or perhaps they did not always live at Taneytown. This, too, is a possibility. More work needs to be done.

I am very interested in the mention of Conrad O. in Kentucky records. I have not seen that record before. I'll have to see if the LA library has that book. Do you think that the deed is still listed in the deed books? It might give us a clue as to where he was from. It could be my Conrad..or an unknown Conrad, Jr. or perhaps one of the NY O's. Henrich of Baltimore seemingly disappeared. No will for him there..only the one land record. I should check the German church records of Baltimore and see if I can find him. There is SO MUCH I could do.

I realize that I am very fortunate to have all these LDS records on microfilm at my disposal. I surely would never have accomplished so much if I had not

I will check the land records for the Wivell's.

My last letter fro Roy O. (in return to my mention of Henry O. of Baltimore) reminded him of some unexplained Henry's he has turned up. In the 1790 census of Virginia was a Henry Orendore in Fairfax County which is near Washington. Then Christian Hines in his EARLY RECOLLECTIONS OF WASHINGTON CITY tells of Henry Orandorff who lived on 7th St. between B Street (now Independence Ave.) and Maryland Ave about 1802 or 1803. In the 1810 Census of Va. there was a Henry Orendorff in Amherst County and Henry Oringduff in Jefferson County. In the 1820 census of Ohio, there was a Henry Orndorff in Muskingum County (he was a hotel operator and stage line agent for many years) and another of the same name in Perry County. He had not been able to identify any of these Henrys with his line.

I thought Christian II married Elizabeth Ann Hoffman, not Copenhagen. I never ran across that name before. Is this a second marriage? Couldn't be.

I checked my records again and that was the Margaret O. and Hess marriage date. I have the exact date for it, and I notice that the FMWTP book only had an approximate date (a year off). I suppose this has already been found. Her name must have been Rebecca Margaret, I guess.

I haven't looked at the 1810 census of Pa. for John O. How can you be certain he was called John and not Henry? Either is possible.

Which reminds me, have you seen the new periodical (began 1975)

May 13, 1977

Dear Margaret,

I hadn't heard from you in so long so I called to make sure you were not sick or something. Was glad to hear you were just busy. Sounds like quite a project. Just got your letter yesterday.

Some good news. York Co. Genealogical Society (Pa.) is indexing and abstracting the York County Wills. There were never any Orndorff names listed in administrations or wills but I'll bet there are some who were witnesses or beneficiaries or executors of estates. Hope we can turn up something on Henry O. of Adams Co. I am looking forward to checking on this.

I did a little survey yesterday on information I could find on the Chrisman-Christman-Cressman-Crossman name in books in my local genealogical library. I copied information on early Christman names.

Wills and Administrations Northumberland Co., Pa.

1805 Michael Christman adm.

None in Index to Wills & Adm. Lancaster Co. Pa.

Philadelphia Index of Wills and Adm. 1682-1810:

Quite a few from 1749-1799, Henry, Philip, George, Jesse, Daniel, John, 8 in all.

Index of Wills and Adm. Records, Northampton Co. Pa. 1752-1850 but I only copied to 1815

1774 on, Henry, Jacob, John, Christopher, Mary, 6 in all.

Only one Crissman named in History Lancaster Co. by Ellis. Too late.

Index to Berks Co., Pa. Wills & Adm. Rec. 1752-1850

1780 Michael Christman Eliz. & Peter Adm. 3/285

a Daniel mentioned in 1835

1815 Elizabeth C. Adm. 8/15

1812 Peter C. Will A/11 5/296

NOW THIS NEXT IS MOST INTERESTING:

Index to Chester Co., Pa. Wills & Intestate Estates 1713-1850:

There were 16 Chrisman/Christman names in Chester Co. 1795-1843. Seven of these were in Vincent or Pikeland Township where the Orndorffs are found.

1795	Felix Chrisman	Vincent	Intestate Estate
1812	George "	Pikeland	Int
1804	East Na"	East Nanneal	Int

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From Pennsylvania German Pioneers:

Frederika Cressman age 32 (V. II, 204) from Marbach in the Kingdom of  
Wirttemberg, of middle size, emigrated 1807

Joh. Henrich I, 327, 329

Mathias Chrisman I, 687 "Success" 1763  
Charles Chrisman " "

Daniel Christman I, 34, 35, 36 1730 "Alexander and Ann" all three lists

Frantz Christman I, 724 1769 "Nancy & Suckey"

Henrich I, 317, 8, 9 age 35 "Europa 1741

Jacob Christman I, 163, 5, 7 age 25

John George Christman 1771

Joh. Philip Chrisman 1749 (with other passengers Hess, Mayer, names found in  
John Michael Christman " Ft. Herkimer Church with N. Y. O's) Michael age 18

John Jorg Paulus Christman "Chance" 1765 - on the same ship with Joes. Orendorff  
also with a Johann Gottfried Gampffer  
(Conrad O. of Baltimore sponsor for a  
Gamber or Gomper child)  
Also at the head of this list, about  
6 passengers up was a Jacob Guth,  
Reformed schoolmaster. Other names  
on this list, Philip Henrich Mayer, John  
Klein

John Michael Christman (M) 1779 Wirtembergers

There was one family of Christmans Paul Christman in the 1776 census of Md.  
Frederick County, Elizabeth Hundred but much of the Frederick County and all  
almost all of Baltimore County is missing, unfortunately. About half a dozen  
or so had applications for revolutionary service pensions so will check on  
those.

Jacob seems to be spelled just Jacob in German records, occasionally Jakob.  
Jacobus I have also seen, but this is the Latin.

Another lady and I put the Kimmerling Church records (Michael Orensdorffer)  
on a permanent loan. also has

No, the Johan Ebert m. Arnold 1777 could not be the son of Hermanus. They  
were in America (Herman was) and this was in Germany. Also the son John  
in the Administration record was under 14. in 1778.

I keep remembering the talk about an Orndorff named John (supposedly the father  
of John m. Allwine) being born on one of the emigrations. This could possibly  
be John m. Clark if he was a son of Christian I and was born in 1741. That  
would mean he possibly married Margaret Clark around 1760's at the age of 25  
or 26 (in 1767). Entirely possible. There is just too much we don't know.

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must learn more about the Orndorffs on the ~~German~~ side of the Atlantic.

Keep in mind that that little article on the Moravian Pioneers in the Swatara area which was enclosed in my book on Christian O. in Germany and mentions Christian I and his family including Johann Henrich b. 1733 .....this is a list of MEMBERS of the Moravian church.

You have told me of some other records you had translated which mentions John O. as under "should not under our care" and evidently never a MEMBER of this church, and that he went to the Donegals area early.

This may be an indication that Christian had a son John AND a son Johann Henrich. Which certainly fits with what we know... a John in the Donegal area and a ~~Johann Henrich~~ (Henry O.) in Adams Co. whose childrens names, John, Joh. Henrich, Christian strongly imply relationships to the Lebanon County group. g

Wanna bet?

There are some abstracts of wills and ~~deeds~~ in ~~Adams~~ ~~Co.~~ on microfilm, I believe, at my local library. Want me to check for Piper and Malony? Give me names.

My newsletters from Palatines to America gives some examples of name changes from Germany to English. Clerk to Clark is one, so our Daniel is pretty surely German. Especially since his son left a will in German. But he evidently came too early to be listed in PG Pioneers.

In our library is a little booklet on the history of the Fort Herkimer Church where the N.Y. O's were. It mentions a Nicholas Chrisman who was an early pew renter but not a patentee of land there.

I notice that Herkimer County Census records 1810 show a William and a Peter Orndorff. Contemporaries of the William and Peter of Baltimore and Howard Counties, Md.

I surely hope that they will have a branch library for you at Galesburg, Ill. Start plugging for one.

A centennial celebration of the First Reunion in 1986 is a MUST. I have already told my husband I am planning to go.

Yes, the NEHGS Register method would be excellent. I was already planning on that eventually. I wonder if a cutoff date of AFTER the 1986 Reunion might be better, in case we turn up more information then. What do you think? And we need branches, probably by the immigrant ancestor, if we can ever figure out who some of those were!

I copied the O's from the Carroll Co. 1870 census. Will have to sort them out.

This was only going to be a short letter.....

April 12, 1978

Dear Margaret,

Just in case you didn't get the enclosed information I am sending you a copy. Isn't the article on RUNAWAYS absolutely marvelous! Now we know for sure that the Chester Co. Pa. and Virginia Orndorffs are the same. I also found a mention of baptisms of children of a John Arndorff (just a mention, not the baptisms) in the record of the Coventry Church in the township of that name in Chester Co. Passed it on to Roy O. and maybe he can check on this. I will also send a copy of the RUNAWAY article to Nora Lee O.

Here are the church records of early St. Joseph's in Taneytown (Catholic) sent to me by Mrs. Cosgriff, along with my annotations:

Baptism - October, 1827 (birth) of Francis H., child of John and Mary Orendorff. Baptismal date was 21 Oct. 1827. Godparents were Anthony Arnold and Louisa Ann.

Same parents. James Edwin born 22 April 1831 bap 15 May 1831

~~Same~~ parents. Thomas born 10 May 1833 baptized 19 May 1833.  
Thomas and Mary Wells were godparents

4 Marriages (I believe that 1825 above is Orendorff) Orendorff whose children were baptized here may be the John who was a son of Christian Orendorff (m. Eck). This may also be the same couple who married in Conewago Chapel Feb. 10, 1825--Joannes Orendorf m. Maria Mathias. However John m., Allwine also married a Mary somebody or other. These two Johns were both born about the same time, within a year or two, so the census records don't give us much help. However in St. Joseph Church there is also another Orendorf-Mathias marriage, possibly to this John's brother Samuel, if he is indeed the son of Christian. St. Joseph's Church served the area of Westminster at that time and that was where these people lived. In the 1850 census there is a John and Mary in the Westminster District with a son Josephus and younger children. This Josephus is exactly the age of the Josephus in the Orndorff-Buckley bible records I found at the Carroll County Historical Society. Christian O. was said to have had two grandsons living in Westminster, Md. and this Josephus and his brother Francis fit the specifics. But I need more proof. However, if the John O.-Maria Mathias record is not the same couple above, but the son of John m. Allwine, then that couple married a couple of weeks AFTER the birth of their first child, whose birth date is given in DWO. It's possible, but less likely. We need more information. This Josephus was born about 1836 or so and Mrs. Cosgriff only asked for records up to 1835. Also a death certificate for Josephus who died in 1806 would help. I sent for it once and got one for a Joseph who died in 1908 who was a son of Jacob O. (of Christian). )

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Marriages:

Jacob Orendorff-C. Poader 8 Feb. 1825 John Orendorff and P. Poader were witnesses

(This is undoubtedly the "other Jacob" who could be confused with my Jacob as they both had similar life spans and wives named Catherine. He married a second time later in life to a Sophia \_\_\_\_\_.)

David Orendorff married Appolonia Topper and April 1827 William Orendorff was witness.

(This is most interesting. It is obviously Peter, Jr.'s son here for sure. But who is the witness William Orendorff? Not my g-g-grfther as he was only 8 years old.)

Samuel Orendorff-Maria Mattias (sic) 25 Nov 1834

(Married ~~too late~~ the right time to be the couple in the Baltimore 1850 census but something doesn't seem right as in 1834 the Baltimore couple would have been age 12 and 14. It is NOT the Samuel of Matthias as I have two other marriages for him and his children. John's son Samuel married a Sarah Harlacher about 1833 and Christian's son was born 1801. Haven't figured this one out yet. Probably a son of one of these.)

I almost made my trip to Wash. D.C. last week but am glad my husband's business trip was cancelled. My son came down with an eye infection. Well, I will get to go pretty soon, anyhow. I have made up a list of about 30 or 40 death dates that I want to check for obituaries in newspapers, plus many other items at the Maryland Historical Society, Hall of Records, and historical societies there. And of course, phone Orndorffs when I can.

Am enclosing some census records. I'm wondering who the William Orndorff b. 1809 is? Must write to Roy O. because of the spelling. But it says he was born in Maryland. So much we don't know, but we are gaining on them.

I must go now. By the way, I hear the 1900 census will be available at LDS in about June or so. You can probably order it thru your library now, also. I want to look at Maryland. They have a good soundex for it, better than the 1880.



Oct. 26, 1976

Dear Margaret,

Just what we really DON'T need right now is still another Christian Ohrendorff born in the 18th century. But ready or not here he comes:

From the church book of the Evangelical Lutheran Congregation, Germany Township (this would be Adams County)

1765 Domineca IV post Frenct

Henry Ohrendorff: Veronica (wife I presume

1. Susanna d (born) 4 Dec. 1762 in Mount Joy Township (this would be Adams Co.)  
Testes Henry Klein and wife Catherine

2. Christian natus d. 4 June 1765 Testes Joh Nicol Lhilie (Thilie? couldn't make this out) amd Margaretha Kälinen by de legit (single, unmarried)

Also a Michael Tawny wife Barbara had a child Mary Magdal 24 Dec. 1788, Baptized 10 Feb 1789 sponsors Mar. Magd. Bechtelin, single. Henry Bechtelin

Henry born May 1791, baptized 8 Nov. 1791 also to this couple.

Christena Ohrendorff married a Michael Tawny but this must be a cousin because he died in about 1786.

Also in 1783 appears the name Henry Ohrendorff in large letters at the top of a page along with the date (1783) and the inscription as usual in the year of our lord etc. The paragraph preceding a list of names says that this was a communion list and that it was a list of communicants of the church of so-and-so (didn't copy all of this) but no Henry O- Was he a minister of this church? or at least a prominent layman...it seems likely.

A note says "Remnant of the first and oldest church record of the St. Johns Ev. Luth. Church one mile from present Littlestown from which it seemed members of the Reformed church also had membership"

This is JUST across the county line from Frederick County (Carroll County) and in Germany township.

Also in this church in 1791 Jacob Pfeiffer was sponsor for evidently twins Joh George & Johannes born to a Jacob and Elisabeth Fischer.

I guess we must now revise our speculations that this Henrich was the one who emigrated about 1765. He is obviously not if he were here in 1762. Maybe one of the N.Y. O.'s? Possibly.....but a son Christian?

Notice the wife's name is different than the other two we have found. He either went

Aug. 11, 1976  
Yorba Linda, Ca.

Dear Margaret,

I don't have a record of a marriage for Ann Margretta O. ca. 1757 on. All I have I have sent to you or found in the Drake books.

Someday someone should go to Baltimore and see what James Ridgely O. left in that 40 boxes of materials he left to the Maryland Historical Society. They say he was planning an Orendorff genealogy but never finished. That really should be checked out as soon as possible. I hope my husband's professional society has a convention there soon. That's about the only way I ever get to the east coast.

Seventy-six lines!

I believe it was you who mentioned the name Betsey to me. It is probably a nickname for Elizabeth. Perhaps Johann Henrich had two daughters, remembered the account of the murder.... Johann Henrich might have named her Elizabeth for Elizabeth von Mueller. I don't know if the Joseph Wivell of the will is the same as the father of George and Anthony but I suppose it could be and even probably is. He could have married a second time and that might explain the different names.... of Betsey could be a nickname for Mary Margretta even. He didn't mention his wife's name in his will.

I don't know anything more about Tilmann Henrich O. I haven't been back to the L.A. library.

You say you are getting enough misc. data on the "elusive" Conrad of Baltimore to chart him. What information did you have on him in addition to what I sent you? Do you think he might be a son of Henry O. of Baltimore rather than my Peter's brother? I know that "my" Conrad's son Peter married a Margaret Allen of Baltimore County (license Balt. Co.) and a land record definitely showed a Peter with a wife Margaret and stated that the land was that he had inherited from his father Conrad O. (this in Fred. Co.) along with his sister Barbara.

I found it interesting that Conrad's daughter Barbara was not married until after 1795. In his will Conrad named "my daughter Barbara O." and a couple of years later in the land record she is named as the wife of John Frick. Peter, Conrad's son married also about the same time. Their sister Christena must have married much earlier for she was a widow in the 1780's, and had several children.

More spellings: Antorf  
Oringdurff

The xerox record of the Christian I, Mies, and Corr families I already had a copy of. It came with my copy of the book Christian Orndorff family in Germany.

I believe it was you that mentioned a DWO account of another son Jacob who came with Christian I.

I didn't realize that there was a Lawrence contemporaneous with Christian II, Hermanus, and Jacob. There were sure a lot of Jacob's around.

Your last letter last page mention of Roselyn Wallis is mistaken. Roselyn is a descendant of Abraham O., son of my Peter

I have been corresponding with a Captain Haines who had published a book on the Haines family. Joseph, son of Peter, Jr. had a son William Henry O. who married a Haines. So I wrote to him and gave him the info that I had on this group and he sent me what he had. We were able to supplement each other some and will try to do so in the future. I must try to check on other names this way to fill in the blank spots.

I also had a letter from Roy O. who hopes to check the records of indentures made in search of his early Orndorff line. You might ask Clifford Neal Smith about this. Roy O. says he heard they are quite scattered and not really well indexed so they will likely be hard to find.

Roy O. also mentioned (I wrote him about Henry O. in Baltimore 1762) some other Henry's he couldn't connect to his line in Virginia and Washington D.C. area.

My local University library has the entire run of the Pennsylvania Magazine of Biography and History and I am wading thru it a little at a time.

I am also trying to pin down those Eichers...some of the Frederick County Eichers may have come from Philadelphia. There were also Eichers in Western Pa. and near now W.Va. in the 1750-70 period. I am on the alert for this because of the remark in the Iowa county history on William Orndorff being descended from the branch which settled in Virginia.

I'll try to get those wills as soon as possible. I have them ~~ordered~~ haven't checked anything else in Tennessee but will find out who has an Orndorff line there.

Dear Margaret,

Sometimes I think this research is something like education, the more you learn the more you realize you don't know.

I have been looking at more land records.

Lancaster Co. Deeds Book 3M p. 570-2      1802-3

Indenture made June 25, 1767 between Daniel (& wife Mary) Clark of Hydelberg Twp. County of Lancaster (he a yeoman) and John Orendorff of Lebanon Township, doctor.....for NO MONEY they deeded him 50 acres of land in Heidelberg Twp, part of a larger tract, 300 acres, surveyed for Daniel earlier..Margaret, John's wife was the daughter of this Daniel Clark. Recorded May 11, 1803

This is a good example of why we are told to search deed indexes for a rather wide period of time. This wasn't recorded until about 36 years later.

The very next deed, same book, p. 572-575 is between Hermanus Orndorff and wife Susanna to John Newman. Hermanus of Mount Joy Twp., Lancaster County, yeoman and Newman of Elizabeth Twp.

John Orndorff & Margaret his wife have since died intestate leaving Hermanus their heir at law to whom the said estate tail descended and in him became vested. Sells land at corner of Michael Schenck near Christian Gralls, Christian Royers.

I believe the land sold in the 1771 John Orendorff doctor deed was adjoining a John Clark, probably a son of Daniel. It is probably part of this fifty acres

So now we have a John Orendorff, dead by 1803 and his wife Margaret also dead, with a son Hermanus. Obviously not the father of the Lawrence murdered in 1820 because his mother was still living. His only son or child seemed to be Hermanus because he died without a will (unless there is some legal agreement giving the other children their shares early, and if so, it should turn up somewhere in the records)

So.....now that I have found out John O.'s wife's maiden name it also appears he probably isn't our John.

I had only checked the grantor indexes so I was looking for the Hermanus deed and noticed this one before it. The Orndorff name just jumped off the page and hit me!

I will have to check the grantee indexes soon. There is so much to do!

I looked at one record in the Orphan's Court for a John Orendorff who died around 1850 but it was only a sale of his land to someone. Land and house Conoy Township (formed from West Donegal and bordering York County) adjoining Abrm. Musselman (Catholic name and I think that is what it was, couldn't read the first letter very well), James Ruymon, sold to Jacob Ream.

There is more on this John O. in other records which I haven't seen yet.

I also have a correction to make on the Orphan's Court record of Hermanus O.'s estate, father of my Christena died prior to 1778. Lawrence is listed, not as the eldest, but as the eldest SON. Therefore Theresa or Margaret could have been older and Theresa could have been over 21. He (Lawrence) may or may not have been the eldest child. I copied wrong from my notes. I try to be careful in copying but once in a while I goof.

Tax list 1829 shows Christian O.'s land (husband of Eva) transferred to Jacob O., probably his son.

I have sent for ~~more~~ copies of the deeds for John O., doctor and his son.

I am going to L.A. to the big library downtown hopefully next week. I read an article by Dr. Milton "Rubincam recently on Pa. gen. research. He mentioned that an often overlooked, but excellent source, was the Journals of Henry Melchior Muhlenberg V. 1, 2, 3. He was the man who organized the German churches in the mid-eighteenth century in Pa. and surrounding areas. I have located the book at the LA public library, not in the genealogy room but in the philosophy section there and I will check it.

I sometimes check periodicals down there too, they have a good collection, but there is never enough time. Can you tell me what periodicals you have access to which cover the Pa. area? If I know what ones you have already checked, it might save me some time. I never have enough time down there anyway, I only go about twice a year and that's not enough to check periodicals.

Well, what do you think about all this?

Jan. 3, 1976  
Yorba Linda, Ca.

Dear Margaret,

I occasionally read through the FMWTPS book to refresh my memory about some things. I have somewhat taken Christian I's known children for granted but sometimes things pop up occasionally and I want to make sure that I know all the names. This time I came up with something new. A connection that I didn't make before.

I have felt for some time that the Henry O. of Adams County must be somehow connected with this Christian O.+Herman O. group. Now I have found some evidence that supports this, tho it is far from conclusive.

Henry Ohrendorff and wife Veronica had a daughter Susanna born 1762 in Mount Joy Twp. Sponsors were Henry and Catherine ~~Klein~~.

Now look in FMWTPS on page 19 in the material on Anna Barbara Kohr. In May 1749 she was sponsor of an infant, Anna Barbara KLEIN.

Doesn't this look rather interesting to you? Maybe there WAS a Johann Heinrich AND a Heinrich Johannes. Or something like that....

I have had the Foster information duplicated and am sending it to you along with the Peter Orendorff information which I have also copied. I notice that Hans and Susanna O. had a son Peter..... Christian O. I bought some of his land from a Peter Grove. There was also a Mathias Grove mentioned in one of the FMWTPS deeds. Also the name of one of Hans and Susanna's children. See p. 11 Mathias Groth-Kohr's mill ....I am certain this is the Groff, Grove name (Mateus Grove-Groff). almost

The "John" mentioned on p. 255 (bottom) in FMWTPS might be the John Kochenderfer name we see in the records.

I wonder if the Christopher Ziebolt is the source for the name Christopher in the Ohrdorff family....I really think this is the Seibel name.

I just noticed the a Margaretha Klein was sponsor for Henry O.'s son Christian along with a Joh. Nicol Lhlie or Thilie name.

I am sending you a lot of copy when you send those DWO records so send me the bill. I will be glad to have them.

There is more film in for me at the LDS library. Hope it is the Dauphin County records. I guess I am going to eventually have to check the wills of Lancaster County AGAIN for the Klein, Kochenderfer, Christian Miller, and other names we have now picked up. Oh, yes, and John Nicholass Smith, who was associated with John, doctor. Can't over look him. My this whole thing is really mushrooming.

Dec. 9, 1978 p. 1

Dear Margaret,

While browsing in my local genealogical library I made some interesting discoveries.

FROM REVOLUTIONARY CENSUS OF NEW JERSEY

1773-4 List

SUSSEX CO. - OXFORD TWP+

Lister, John	LEISTER	Conrad O.'s daughter married #2 Daniel Leister
Marks, William	MARKS	Adjoining landowner of Peter O., Sr. 1786 (Peter M.)
Woolever, Counrod	WULLENWEBER	Wilhelm Wullenweber next to Conrad O. 1753
Mires, Joseph	MAYER	SEVERAL CONNECTIONS OF THIS NAME TO O. branches
Smith, Moses	SMITH	NAME OF SON OF MARIA ORNDORFF SMITH (wife of Jacob)

SUSSEX CO. - GREENWICH TWP.

Woolwever, Willi		
Woolever, Peter		
Haines, William	HAYNES	ASSOCIATED WITH CONRAD O. IN CHURCH RECORDS (JACOB)
Mires, Jacob		
Smith, James		

SUSSEX CO. - KNOWLTON TWP.

Tawney, Lodowick	TAWNEY	NAME OF CHRISTENA O.'S FIRST HUSBAND (Michael)
Smith, Henery	SMITH	Peter O., Sr. bought his land from HENRY SMITH

BURLINGTON CO. -- N

Sullivan Cornelius (the only Sullivan listed for this time period)	SULLIVAN	Cornelius Sullivan signed the will of Peter Orndorff, Sr. in 1786.
Phifer, John	PFEIFFER	Alleged maiden name of wife of Peter O., Jr.

The Wullenweber and Cornelius Sullivan names are the most interesting. Also this part of New Jersey is at the extreme northern end (SUSSEX CO.) up near the N.Y. border.

I was able to hear Mr. Hank Jones speak on the N.Y. Palatines last Saturday and he was very interesting. I believe he said that he had made copies of all of the relevant German church records from 48 church books in N.Y. which pertain to the N.Y. 1709 emigrants. That would include the Ohrendorff name. I think he said he copied up till about 1760 and put them in family groups as well as he could. I may try and see what he has there. It might be better to pay him a few dollars to search his material on the N.Y. O.'s than to search 48 church books in N.Y. myself, especially since I know he pays researchers to

Oct. 14, 1977

Dear Margaret,

This is just a quick note to keep you up to date.

I found the Adams Co. Pa. mortality schedule for the 1870 census had been ordered by someone so I had the opportunity to look at it.

Year ending 1st June 1850

Sarah A. Orndorff 5/12 died in September (1849) of weakness ill 30 days

Elizabeth Phillips 65 widow b. Pa. d. Dec. unknown cause sudden death

The 1850 mortality schedule for Adams Co. Pa. was also there but no Orndorffs.

I also had ordered some Burlington, Ia. records of 1st Congregational Church there, figuring I might find my g-grandmother Alma S. Orndorff whose mother or father were probably Congregational as she was married there. I did find them and the birth records and baptismal entries for three of Alma's children, but not my grandfather's record. He was born in Chicago. The record DID say that they had been dismissed to the Plymouth Church in Chicago so I do know where to look! There has been no birth certificate found for him in Chicago so far. There seems to be a variation in the birth date of my grandfather's brother William Harlan Orndorff--church record says Dec. 5, 1872 but my record shows 1871. Church record was well after the birth ~~as it was a baptismal record~~ and he and his older sister were entered into the record at the same time. No date of baptism was given so maybe they were baptized elsewhere. A most interesting bit of information came to my attention. In the membership Alma S. Orndorff was entered as a member Nov. 4, 1869 from the Presbyterian Church in Birmingham, Pa. and then dismissed to Plymouth Church in Chicago Dec. 11 1873!!! Now she and William H. Orndorff were married in 1866 in Burlington Iowa, both having come to Iowa many years before. Evidently William H. Orndorff (Jr.) had gone back to Pa. in his early married life. That would explain their absence in the 1870 census. Guiletta's name in this record is spelled Gayletta. My these people did get around. I wonder if my g-grandfather was in the Civil War and perhaps served in Pa. and then went back there after he married in 1866. I just read the vital statistics in these church records. I must also go back and read the minutes which will take more time. Very interesting. These records were just recently filmed. I also found more Fletcher information and more sources to check. F 956,362

Birmingham, Pa. was in Huntingdon Co., Pa.

Had a letter from another O descendant, this one son of John, of John & Mary Magd. Alwine, I believe. I gave her your name to write to. Her line is listed in DWO records. I'm sure you will be hearing from her.

*she was born there*



DEC. 19, 1977  
Letter #74

Dear Margaret,

It is always so nice to get a big fat letter from you. I will now comment point by point as best I can in this busy season.

1 - No, I don't think I did know that the name of Chr I's first daughter was AGNES Louise Ohrendorff. From what record did you get the name Agnes?

2 - We will have to check that Ger. Ref. Ch- in Philadelphia for the record of Christian O. I don't recall seeing it when I looked before at those records, but perhaps all they had on the film was the Baptismal, Marriage and Death records. Regarding the tax lists, he may have been living with a daughter... We have only a church record (1738) of Herman in Lancaster Co. until about 1749 also. I will check for the names on the deed of 1749.

3 - I don't know of any Lorentz b. 1737 d. 1820 except the one mentioned in the DWO records and I believe that is erroneous. I know only of Herman's son who died 1791. I believe the DWO story said that the Lorentz d. 1820 was the one who was murdered... so they just have his dates wrong. There is nothing to indicate that there were two of them.

4 - Yes, it is possible that the Agnes Ohrendorff d. 1751 is the mother of Christian I. I will check the index to the Freudenberg records to see if I can find her.

5 - I am pretty well convinced that the Altendorff name is not relevant here but will try to check on it.... All these other names... Oberdorff, Altendorff, Aldorff - are different names. Only possibility is Ollendorff - and some of these came from East, not West Germany.

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7 - You keep talking about that Moravian report you had translated but I have not seen a copy so it is difficult for me to comment intelligently. However, you earlier referred to these reports mentioning both a JOHN and a JOHANN Henrich... but in your last letter you mentioned it as referring to a Heinrich and a Johann Henrich. From what I have learned Henrich and a Johann Henrich would almost CERTAINLY refer to the same person. You also mentioned the various dates as 1733 and 1736 NOT 1738. Which is correct? We have 1733 from the Pennsylvania Dutchmen article.

8 - I think that the names of his male children (Christian, Johann, Johann Henrich) strongly suggest that the Adams Co. Pa. Henry O. is the son Johann Heinrich of Christian I. The York County wills are being indexed, I understand, and surely Henry O. must turn up somewhere in it as he lived in the area for at least 20 years.

Aug. 3, 1978

Dear Margaret:

Comments on your letter:

Now why can't that be your Christopher? You don't have a really firm birth date for him anyhow and he could have been married quite early, say about age 17 or 18. You said once that Elizabeth married at a tender age. He could have been in that church record in 1785, already married, and born in 1767-8 which is not too far off from 1770, especially when you know so little.

I agree that this does not seem to be the Christopher who married Mary Ann Thomas. So that doesn't leave many possibilities, does it?

As far as I can see there are the following possibilities for parentage of your Christopher:

1. An unknown son of Conrad O.
2. A child of a second marriage of Christian II
2. A son of Henry of Adams Co. (after all he could have migrated down into Maryland from Adams Co. about the time Henry O. moved to Centre Co. (1782).
3. An unknown son of Conrad O. (unlikely, but a possibility)
3. A son of one of the early Baltimore O.'s about whom we know very little---Henry O., mentioned in 1762 or William, with children in 1790's.
6. A son of John, Doctor
7. A son of Johan Henrich (if he is not John Doctor or Henry of Adams Co.)
8. A son of the John Orendorff & wife Elizabeth in the Berks Co. church record of 1772----or a son of
8. A son of the John Ernsdorf and wife Elizabeth in Berks Co. 1770 church record.

Incidentally, I am wondering if the John Ernsdorf and wife Elizabeth in 1770 Berks Co. are not the same as the John Orendorff and wife Elizabeth in the same county in 1772. The Lancaster Co. Ernsdorf names which are found early are later seemingly in Philadelphia, but not John Ernsdorf. Did the name change to Orendorff around 1772? Could be the ancestor of the Dauphin Co. Orendorffs. After much soul searching and debating the evidence on hand, I am about to discount the possibility that the Dauphin Co. O's are direct descendants of Henry O. of Adams and Centre Co. In other words, The Berks Co. John who married Elizabeth Oxenreuter in 1794 is and is later found in lower ~~Northern~~ ~~Berks~~ ~~County~~ (but NOT THE PORTION WHICH BECAME CENTRE COUNTY) and had son Christian who m. Bordner in Dauphin Co. later on----he is not the John who was the son of Henry of Adams/Centre Co., even though they both had wives named Elizabeth. There are too many parallel readings in the early censuses listing two John's up there (too early for them to be children of that same name). If I can ever find the birth date of Elizabeth Oxenreuter I can compare it to the tombstone inscription at Haines Twp. Centre Co. (Wolfs Chapel).

I also don't think that the John Brendorff and wife Elizabeth in 1772 is the same as our John Doctor with a possible second wife. There is

a land record for John Doctor in 1771 mentioning wife Margaret. Unless she died the next day, he married after a week or so and immediately had a 7 month baby (or something like that), they can not be the same people.

I am also beginning to suspect that the Michael Brensdorffer, Michael Gransdorf (sic), records that we have found in York/Philadelphia Counties may be a variation of the Ernsdorf name. In both, the extra "s" is common. Orensdorff and Ernsddrf are both in Philadelphia in the same approximate time period. I'll bet you.

I wondered how that "Gransdorf" name could have been corrupted from Oransdorff. But I'll bet that the German "E" was misread "G". That German script is horrible to read. Must check the original some time.

I have not been able to identify the Samuel age 28 in the 1850 Censu in Baltimore (with wife Mary). There was a Samuel who m. Maria Mathias in Baltimore in 1834 whom I thought might be Christian's son but he was born about 1801--I think. They had a daughter Maria Louisa b. 1839 at Taneytown that might be the Mary age 12 in Baltimore.

Need a lot more study on this matter.

I have unwittingly taken up the study of the children of Herman's sons Christian and John, as well as my Mathias---there were so many Samuel's and Joseph's at cetera. May as well know them all. In my search for material on Mathias and Peter's family I seem to have unearthed all kinds of hitherto unknown information on Christian's family in the Taneytown-Westminster vicinity. And precious little on Mathias.....

That John O. and wife Mary M. (parents of Josephus) I am convinced are the parents of the Josephus O. of later times in Westminster whose bible records I have obtained from the Historical. Have great information on this line! Yes, I believe he was son of Christian m. Eck

I have absolutely no birth, marriage, or death dates for Mathias or Christianna. NONE. Must get to those Catholic church records in Gettysburg sometime. They never answered my letter.

Thank you for the check--but what was it for??? Maybe will you it to help check some of the Lancaster Co. tax lists that were NOT in the Pa. Archives. See what we can turn up.

Now tell me again----why CAN'T that be your Christopher?????????

Don't forget that the Philips family in that area was associated with the Ridgely family---and one of the Christian II line married into that line early. (NOAH PHILLIPS) You MUST get to Baltimore sometime. I must beg BACK.

Have a marriage and two children (daughters) for John m. Allwine's son Joseph who went to St. Louis. All died by 1890 or so according to DWO.

Am putting all I have (finally) on group sheets and will see what's left over for the unplaced section. Am doing pretty well--Peter's line is no problem but those Johns, Josephs and Samuels---what a nightmare

July 18, 1978 p. 1

Dear Margaret:

Marvelous news! From Roy Orndorff the information that a lady working on his line, a Mrs. Cleta Smith, has found a will in Chester Co., Pa. for Philip Arndoff! It was NOT listed in the index that I had seen, and I checked it carefully several times. It was evidently listed in another index done by the DAR. Enclosed is a copy of it and other information of interest. She also looked at the First Reformed Church Records of Philadelphia. I had only seen the extracts from those. Much good info here including confirmation of my Herman's marriage to his first wife.

ALSO - by studying that passenger list in 1753 I believe we can establish that Philip Henrich Arndoff is almost certainly the Philip of Chester Co., Pa.

1. His will says I, Philip Arndoff, ....Taylor... Taylor is probably "tailor" which must have been his profession.
2. Right next to Philip Henrich on the passenger list is an Andreas Sneiter. In German Schneider means "tailor" from the verb schneiden which means "to cut".
3. Also on the list are other Sneiters, including a Hieronymus Sneiter. One of the alternative variations on the name Hieronymus is the name Cronomus (derived from Geronimus--this found in PENNSYLVANIA GERMAN PIONEERS - Index of Christian names).
4. Listed in the will of Philip Arndoff of Chester Co. is his son-in-law Cronomous Taylor.

There is so much else, I hope I haven't forgotten anything.

I wrote to a lady who was a descendant of my Joseph Orndorff, son of Peter, Jr. and brother to my ancestor Jacob. She knows of someone who has bible records. Told you on the phone.

I may have sent the following records before....I'm not sure. Here they are again, if so.

Church Record Hoffman Reformed Church Lykens Valley, Dauphin Co. 1781-1855

Wilhelm Bordner Elisabeth	Michael b. Sp 29, 1799	Sp: Michael Koppenhoffer & Catherine
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Wilhelm Bortner Elisabeth	Eva Christina b. Ag. 28, 1803	Sp: Michael Koppenheber* wf. Eva
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\* the name Hans Mich'l Koppenhavish (age 42) is found on a 1754 passenger list. The surname Moll also on this list, as well as Eyeger (Eicher)

July 18, 1978 p. 2

Christian Orendorf Christina	Johannes b. Ag 4 1822 bap Oc. 6, 1822	John Orendorf Elisabeth
Shnei	Sarah b. No. 4, 1826 bap. Dec. 24, 1826	Sarah Herman single
same	Susanna b. Je. 13, 1833 bap. Agg. 25, 1833	Parents

Catechumens confirmed April 5, 1822 and admitted to Holy Communion:

Christian Orendorf, married

Communicants April 27, 1822: Christena

Communicants 1840: Christian Orndorf, John Orndorf

Communicants 1842: John Orndorf, Elizabeth Orndorf, Sarah, Orndorf

In reviewing the birth records I copied from the Freudenberg index, I noticed that my Herman Orndorff had younger brothers named MATHIAS, JOHANN HENRICH, AND JOHANNES. Johann Henrich and Johannes were much younger. Johannes was 19 years younger than Herman! When we consider that the John of Elizabethtown PROBABLY had sons named Herman (for sure) and Mathias, we can see that this would dovetail nicely with Herman's family. Wonder if John, doctor is the 1765 Joes. O. immigrant. Perhaps two of Herman's younger brothers followed him west that year. They certainly were tied into Herman's line somewhere. Mathias and Christena were perhaps first cousins. Not too unusual.

A Johannes Orendorff who was born in 1731, possibly attended university in German, could have emigrated in 1765 at age 34 and joined his brother in Lebanon Twp. vicinity, perhaps he and ~~both went to~~ his son, both went to the Donegal's and he married Margaret Clark there. Johann Henrich might have moved on to Adams Co. †

Well, I am going to close now. I know there is more to say, but I am just going to xerox a lot of records for you now.

Sincerely,

March 10, 1978

Dear Margaret: -

Yes I am safe! We live on the top of a hill, but in the center of it and the homes on the perimeter of the hill have had some slides in their back yards. About half a block from me, one family has lost a considerable portion of their rather steep bank-- a large hole about the size of two home swimming pools. A lot of hillside homes have had slides in their yards.

What is an atelier?

I don't know about John and Elizabeth, whether or not they moved to Centre County from Berks Col-~~of~~ if this is just a boundary change. I also wonder if this is the same John O.-Elizabeth Oxenreuter couple mentioned in FMWTPS. I will try and locate someone knowledgeable of the Oxenreuter name to see if this Elizabeth's birth date matches an Elizabeth Oxenreuter.

I could also write to Carl Albert who has studied the Albert line there (yes he is THAT Carl Albert). I know I found a deed once in Berks County, I think, mentioning the Albert name and it did mention the Orndorff (Henry) in Maryland. I will check my notes on this.

I can't find Stouchsburg, Pa. but it evidently is in Berks County as the Genealogical Society has it cataloged there.

It is Roy Orndorff's information from the Pa. Archives that I referred to. I'll send you a copy of you can't find yours. Note the HENRY ORNDORF names and how he disappears in York County and then appears in Northumberland.

No, we have no daughters of John Henrich O.----but we don't even know for sure who JOHN HENRICH O. is yet. I am interested in the Hannah Ohler that one of Mathias's children called "aunt".

There is no question in my mind that Lorentz belongs to Hermanus I. The reason I say half brother is this:

We know that Herman was married at least twice--once in Germany to Anna Marg. Weschebach and they had a daughter born after they came here. If--Herman was born on the ocean, then he also belongs to this couple. Now in 1749 we find Herman mentioned in a church record with wife Catherine. Then in 1778 we have the administration record which mentions, along with his other children, a John under age 14. Therefore IF Herman was born in 1737 he would be a half-brother to John. I notice that none of the others (John, Christian or even the girls) seemed to have named a son after him. Perhaps he was not well liked by the rest of the family.

I sent you a copy of the church records that were sent to me from St. Mary's in Lebanon, Pa. Didn't you get them? A Henrietta Teresia Ohrendorff was a sponsor to one of Mathias and Christena's children. Please let me know if you didn't get this and I'll send you another copy.

Yes, I think that the Lorenz listed in Pa. is the son of Herman. In fact I think he is listed as a non-associate with the war. Many Catholics were.

But I see he had a military record in 1781: Lorentz Orndorff listed in (or subject to) 6th Company 2nd Battalion, Lancaster County Militia. (From Roy O.'s notes).

I think I will order the Berks Co. will abstracts and look through those next to see what I can find.

I see in my notes that in the Dauphin Co. Deeds 1801-05 p. 36 a deed Orndorf Henry & wife...Catherine, Eve and Margaret children and co-heirs of Jacob Albert late of Bethel Twp. Dauphin Co. (will July 10 1792) gave son Nicholas the plantation, Catharine m. George Swingee, Eve married Jacob Rossell, Margaret m. Henry Ohrendorf- (George of Frankline Co. Peter Twp., Henry O. of Washington Co. (Md., I presume)-if it were in Maryland, I would have noted this.)

But it would probably take more research to determine if it was definitely the son of Christian who married this Albert. Recall that there was that church record just west of Hagerstown of an Elisabeth born to a Henry O. and wife EVA. This Margaret Albert had a SISTER named Eva. She married a Rossell but could have been a widow by 1805. Wouldn't have been too unusual to marry a sister of a dead wife.

WE need more info on all of this. Henry, son of Christian II (according to FMWTPS had already moved to West Virginia at this time yet in this deed 1801-05 (don't have exact date), he is mentioned still in Washington Co. There is so much to do.

FMWTPS says Henry O. and Maria Elizabeth Albert while this will says her name was Margaret.

The Church record says 1785 Dec 28 Henrich Ohrendorf-Maria Elisab. Albert I have in my notes that I can't find it on original. I was going to check to make sure of the name. There are other unidentified Orndorffs in this record...1772 John O. and w. Elisabeth, 1796 Jacob Flauer-Margareth Ohrendorf and 1792 John Ohrendorf-Elisabeth Oxenreuter.

That's all for now.

Sincerely,

February 1, 1976

Dear Camilla,

It was so very nice talking to you on the telephone. I appreciate very much your taking the time to call me and your efforts to help me.

As a matter of fact, your encouragement has moved me to go to the LDS branch library, something I've been thinking of doing for so long. I did order the Silver Run film you mentioned as well as some Pipe Creek Vital Records and Hilda Chance's "Western Md. Pioneers". I don't know what I shall find on the others but am most anxious for them to arrive. I know it will be much easier to make subsequent trips over there!

This week at the Illinois Historical Library I found this:

1879 - Fletcher, Sarah T. Mrs. house 5 Owasco  
Orndarff, Wm. H. house 5 Owasco  
Ornduff, Wm. F. livestock 78 Exchange Bldg., Union Stockyard, house  
108 S. Western Ave.

(this from the 1879 Chicago City Directory)

Sarah and Wm. H. were not in 1880. I did not have your letter with me and forgot the son's name but will look it up on my next trip.

Other news--Grandma did call some Finfrock's. She tried three--the first two did not answer but the third, a man, seemed most pleased to talk to her and gave her the name and address of his sister in southern Illinois who is working on Finfrock history! Don't know just what that will lead to but sounds interesting.

Thanks much for the copy of Peter's will. I will type a copy for Grandma. All for now.

Sincerely,

*Roselyn Wallis*

Roselyn Wallis  
901 S. Glenwood  
Springfield, Illinois 62704



Nov. 16, 1976

Dear Margaret,

I have long wondered about some Orndorff (Orendorff) names I found on a slip of paper along with the other family things I have. While at the LDS library today I noticed an 1850 census index of Missouri and decided to check it since these Orendorffs were in Kansas City, Mo. The names I have are a Stella Orendorff, Burl Orendorff, J.C. Orendorff, and Samuel Orndorff. Addresses are given also.

The LDS library had a new 1850 census index for Missouri and I found some Orndorff names listed in the St. Louis area so I investigated them since they looked promising today when I went to the local LDS library.

In the city of St. Louis ward 1: a Chr. Ohlendorf who was born in Germany. I see I forgot to copy his age so will get it next time but I remember he was young, 20's or 30's.

City of St. Louis Ward 6:

		Occupation:	Born:	page 397
James Orlandorf	54	none given	Russia	
Louis	22	Laborer	Russia	
Catherine	19		Russia	
Anne	16		Russia	
Maria	14		Russia	
Coblentz	7		England	
Andrew	3		Mo.	

Joseph Orendorf	39	Saddlemaker	Pa.	page 450
Jane	34		Ky.	value of real estate
Mary	10		Mo.	\$8,000
Elizabeth	7		Mo.	notation on side (left
Conrad Allwine	29	Collar maker	P a.	boarding com.
etc.		more <del>saddle</del> makers here		
		in same household		

Dist. 82 in St. Louis County:

C onrad Orendorff	40	Farmer	Germany
S ophia	29		Germany
Frederick	7		G ermany
Frederick Darcher	2 ==	laborer	Germany

I wonder if it was this Orlandorf family that was the German Orndorff family from Russia....notice how close they are to the Joseph Orendorf family of Pa.....in the same ward. I wonder if this is Mathias's son Joseph. Or maybe one of his cousins.

I still don't know who my Kansas City, Mo. Orndorffs are for sure will have to check the 1880 census there.

I checked the other film we had in the LDS library for St. Louis and the had some marriages for the City 1881-88. I found two Ohlendorff marriages: Heinrich and William. If I go to St. Louis, Mo. with my husband for the conference in three or four more years I'll check more on these people in the records. I also have some other people there, including an illegitimate child who was my grandfather's first cousin. Quite a wild tale there. His (the child's) father was murdered by his mother's brother in 1877. The father was being tried for seduction...got a change of venue...and the brother was mad and shot him point blank. A lot of information on this event was given in the newspapers in Iowa where it happened. I found a home town account (his) and her home town account and then his former home town account. Five or six juicy long articles....since he and his father had been rather prominent in the town. Quite a scandal. Had been hushed up in my family. My aunt knew something had happened but didn't know what. What fun to uncover it! How sad to have happened but it provided marvelous information on that family (the baby's father was a brother of my g-grandmother who married William Orndorff Jr. I wrote to the town library where this man had lived and the librarian turned over my letter to a local genie bug. She found all these newspaper accounts (with my date of death I found in a Civil War pension record (his widow claimed he died due to injuries or disabilities connected with his service in the war!)), and only asked to be reimbursed for the copying costs. Even had a friend check records in another town for me and found my g-g-grandmother's death in a mortuary record.

I looked at the grantee index for Lancaster Co. L-QR. There was a deed for Herman Orndorf-Jacob Meily et al Book R/430 made Oct. 12, 1753 recorded Aug. 13, 1779. I have sent for it.

Also some Oberdorff names, including a Daniel Orndorff-Jacob Miller deed in 1834, recorded 1859 Two more deeds at the same time between Daniel Orndorff and two other Millers, John and Julian. They are transfers.

Also a Conrad Ottendorf, 1871 and a Catherine Overdorf, 1883, a George Overdorff, 1830 Manor Twp. and several for a John Oberdorff, 1818 Manor Twp. Conestoga Twp. 1850.

Also a deed for a Jacob Ocker-Jacob Rorer in 1750 Rapho Twp. Rorer is a name associated with the early Orndorffs.

Lancaster wills book F came but the Daniel Clark will was written IN GERMAN and is unrecorded. It is mentioned in the record though. He was of Elizabeth Twp. and the witnesses were Henry Roland and Abraham Neff.

One of the witnesses for Peter O. Sr.'s will in Frederick CoBnty was a Philip Shreiner or Schreiner. In 1793 there is a will for a Philip Shreiner Manheim Twp. Lancaster Co. He had a number of children, one a daughter Catherine deceased who married Nicholas HESS (they had children Catherine, Philip Mary Ann, Elizabeth, Michael) and a daughter Margaret (married Frederick Hoffman). One daughter Mary m. Fehmer lived in York Co. Newberry Twp.

Darius White O. did a lot for Orndorff family history but he reaped (or rather I did) some unexpected benefits. No doubt the interest in the Orndorff family history encouraged my g-aunt Guiletta's mother to write down information about her side of the family because I have quite a lot.

Hermamaiden name was Fletcher. She listed her father's family, all his brothers and sisters and all the sisters' MARRIED names. Also listed her grandparents and their burial place in Hinckley, Ohio. Also found a scrap of paper listing a Flechere marriage date, place and names in London, England. Probably her g-grandfather and the immigrant. There are also enough middle names that sound like surnames to give the maäden names of the wives.

Her mother's maiden name was Anthony. She listed not only her father and all his children and who the girls married...but also her grandfather's children..first AND second wives and who the women married. From an old letter (obituary-1833) I had I knew they had gone to Ohio. Indexes to county histories gave me information that they went to Clinton Co. and they had been Quakers. From there I went to the Hinshaw Encyclopedia of Quaker Genealogy and took this family back into the 1600's on a number of lines. Other sources provided more information. Not only did she list the grandparents but also the Maternal grandparents and maternal g-grandparents. This line has been worked on quite a lot in Virginia. I could tie right in and add some to what has been done. Would have taken me years otherwise. She even listed some names and addresses in Ohio with notations such as "Lucy Wilcox, eighty years old\$ still living...and her address.

You asked me about the boundary lines between Pa. and Maryland. There is a good discussion in Jan. 1976 Genealogical Helper in the Pa. article and also the Pa. Area Key has a good amount of information. The Pa.-Md. border finally settled about 1760 but officially 1767. Virginia's claim to s.w. Pa. not settled till 1780. The Connecticut issue not settled finally till 1782.

Yes, Mt. Joy Twp. was originally part of York County and incorporated before it became Adams Co.

What is Filby?

Do you think that the Johann O. who came with Christian I might have been a brother of Christian I?

Who is the Michael Orendorff who is mentioned in the early Pa. records and in DWO's writings? I guess we have only that one mention in the military records.

Do you suppose that our John I might have been the one who was on the ship to Philadelphia in 1767? Maybe he went back to Europe for a visit or schooling? Remember DWO mentioning John and Lawrence and that Lawrence was supposedly born on the high seas (according to a cousin in Canada and who is that???) Do you have copies of all the DWO publications? I have several. The 1886, 1888 or 9 and the 1898 edition, I believe. plus I've seen American Orendorff Families. One of my distant cousins in Iowa has a copy and I've seen a photostat of it which her brother in Chino has.

Since we know that John m. Allwine was born in 1767 and we know there was an Orendorff on the passenger ship in that year (I forget whether it was Joes. or Bohann Henrich but he could have been called either one, isn't it possible that our John went back over to Germany for a visit or some reason?

There was a date for the ship Chance wasn't there? I can't put my hand on my notes from Strassburg-Hinke or Rupp but Orendorff Genealogy by Milo Custer names a Johann Erendorff, passenger on ship Chance Sept. 9, 1763. I recall a 1767 date and a 1765 date for the two, Johanees and Johann Henrich but I don't remember which was which off hand.

I have ordered the Daniel Oberdorff and the Herman O. land records. I guess I will have to write for a copy of the Daniel Clark will and it will take some time to decipher. I looked at some of those old unrecorded German wills one time and they are sometimes in poor shape. I remember scanning all the ones with GERMAN sounding names. Don't remember a Clark. That doesn't very German but you can't tell.

That's all for now.

July 24, 1976  
Yorba Linda, Ca.

Dear Margaret

I finally got around to checking the index to land records for Frederick County, Md. for the years 1803-1843. There were quite a few Orndorff names, Peter, Jr., Abraham, John(Orendorff), Christian Orendorff. There were two deeds between a Peter Orndorff and a Christian Ocker (Ocker is an Eicher name variation). I am quite interested in those naturally.

There is also a land transaction between a Christopher Orndorff and a John Hawn Aug. 29, 1809 Liber 35 Folio 456. I thought you might be especially interested in that one. Did you know that your Christopher had been in Frederick County? This is probably in the section that later became Carroll County since there are no deeds after the 1830's (Carroll County established 1837 or so). Also a deed in 1813 between Christian Orendorff to Steven Shumaker, a name connected with the N.Y. Orndorffs. Do you want me to look at the deed for Christopher? I am going to the big LDS library in West L.A. soon so let me know. Do you think that this is your Christopher or a different one?

I had the opportunity to see the Tulpehocken Church records 1748-1864 in San Diego and so took some notes on Orndorffs:

Baptisms:

Parents

Christian O.

Child

Christopher

bap Oct 15, 1752

Sponsors

Christopher Noecker &  
wife Elizabeth

Christian O. &  
w. Eliz.

Catharine Eliz.

b. \_\_\_\_\_  
bapt Feb 3, 1755

Henry Linn  
Elizabeth Ferrer

Christian O.  
Elizabeth

Anna Barbara  
b. Aug 31, 1759  
bap Sep 2, 1759

Casper Colbr  
Anna Barbara

John Oberdorf  
Magdalena

Elizabeth  
b. Jul 10, 1820  
bap Oct 25, 1820

Jacob Musselm  
Susanna

Christian O &

Anna Margaret  
bap Dec 16 1750

Herman Orndorff & wife

Marriages:

Marriages:

John Spengler & Elizabeth Ohrendorff Aug 25, 1816

John Oberdorff & Magdalene Zartman between Mar 2-28 1819 (256)

Misc: Christian Orndorff installed as deacon Feb 15, 1754

Also from another film: Wed. Apr 6, 1938 New Enterprise & News  
of St. Johnsville (?)

**"Other Early Tulpehocken Settlers"**

Martin Batdorf came to Tulpehocken <sup>after</sup> Jan 10, 1725 but before Sept 1727. He was possibly the son of widow Anna Batdorf who is listed with 2 children in the Simmendingung Register about 1715. According to Koetherthal Records ...Martin Batdorf, single & Maria Elizabeth Walbiern, single were sponsors for Maria Elizabeth, daughter of Henry and Anna Margaret Ohrendorff June 9, 1717 Martin's wife may have been Maria Elis Walborn.

Jan. 16 1750 Johann Jacob Hecker, Quitapahilla (Lebanon Co.) near Herman Orndorff 6 years age indentured daughter Caroline Charlotte to Johann Conrad 1st ....wants present whereabouts

Jacob Pfeiffer 3 miles from Lancaster Nov 16 1754

Conrad Seibel Feb. 1, 1752 at Sheppard Montg Co. (perhaps this is the father of the Conrad Seibel in the church records in Frederick Co. in the 1770's. Conrad O.'s wife was sponsor to a child.

Sewers Newspaper August 11, 1760 Christian Orndorff Heilberg Twp. Lancaster Co., now Lebanon

There were no Orndorffs listed in the wills for Lebanon Co. I did not yet check the "A" spellings of the name, only the "O's". I believe I will check all the names of Catholic families. I ran across the Arendt name Jacob A<sup>ndt</sup>. His son-in-law was Peter Arnold, another Catholic name. It might be worth while to check them out. I have made an alphabetical list and it won't take long.

I checked the computer microfiche to see who has Orndorffs in Tennessee. I found a marriage of a John Orindulph in Washington Co. Tenn. in about 1835. Have sent for the film to get the person's name. There doesn't seem to be anyone in New York working on Orndorffs.

That's all for now. Will look at the Tulpehocken records more when my film comes. There are many Seibels, Eckarts, Pfeiffers there.

Sincerely,

Gankila A. Berger



This means that Mathias probably married Christena, daughter of a Hermanus who died in 1778. The question in my mind is now..... is the Herman who died about 1778 the same as the Hermanus who came in 1737 and had a wife Anna Marg. and later a daughter Maria Marg.?

Is the Casper Michenfelder the husband of an older daughter of Hermanus of 1778 who isn't named in this record... or perhaps the husband of a sister of a Hermanus, Jr.....

So the children of Hermanus, whoever he was, are now much younger than we might have thought. Are these all by a second wife, the others grown and gone....or by a different man. At any rate here is a family of A Hermanus which is younger than we might have imagined. Lorentz, being the eldest of all and of the three who were over 14 had to be at least sixteen years of age but not more than 20. That would place his birthdate between 1767 and about 1773. Better check my numbers for me because I am never quite sure about them. w

I just checked the dates of Lorentz who was murdered, (1737-1820) and if this is correct, than this Lorentz is not the one who was murdered, so what happened to him?

Also if Christena is a daughter of Hermanus by his wife Catharine, which seems likely, then my Catharine (who married Jacob O.) was likely named for her grandmother, she seems to have been the eldest child (listed first in my records). Then Hermanus must have married a Catharine Orendorff for his second wife? or.....? Did he convert to Catholicism then? Not if the Catholic church records about his donation of land for the cemetery and mission are correct..he did this in about 175\_ but evidently didn't marry until probably the mid 1760's. (Marry Catharine) Of course she may not be the mother of all these children listed. We have no way of knowing without more proof.

Sometimes I feel that when we find out a little more information we find it raises even more questions.

I will try and have sent to you a microfilm copy of the land record for John O. in 1771 from Salt Lake. It shouldn't cost more than about 75 cents or so and I'm sure you would want to have it. They will bill you. I am too lazy to copy it verbatim and I know you will want the whole thing. They send it direct to you with the bill.

I have also been interested in Roy O.'s line since they might have a connection to mine. I noticed a couple of German churches in Pikeland Twp. Chester County, Pa. where Lewis Arndoff was mentioned (in John Barclay O.'s book --have you seen it?). Any way, I ordered the films and one of them came today. The records only start in 1771 but I found a Joannes (Johannes) Ohrendorff listed as one of the subscribers to the new church payin 0/2/0 towards it.



a farm in Maryland but that his father lived in Virginia. That has always puzzled me. Roy O. didn't put much store in that one but perhaps there is some explanation. Only two of Peter, Jr.'s children were baptized in the Trinity Evangelical Church at Taneytown. Why not the others? Possible explanations.. they may have been baptized in the REFORMED church there whose records are apparently not extant. Peter is not a member of the Exangelical Church, he may have been Reformed. Or perhaps they did not always live at Taneytown. This, too, is a possibility. More work needs to be done.

I am very interested in the mention of Conrad O. in Kentucky records. I have not seen that record before. I'll have to see if the LA library has that book. Do you think that the deed is still listed in the deed books? It might give us a clue as to where he was from. It could be my Conrad..or an unknown Conrad, Jr. or perhaps one of the NY O's. Henrich of Baltimore seemingly disappeared. No will for him there..only the onëland records I should check the German church records of Baltimore and see if I can find him. There is SO MUCH I could do.

I realize that I am very fortunate to have all these LDS records on microfilm at my disposal. I surely would never have accomplished so much if I had not

I will check the land records for the Wivell's.

My last letter fro Roy O. (in return to my mention of Henry O. of Baltimore) reminded him of some unexplained Henry's he has turned up. In the 1790 census of Virginia was a Henry Orendore in Fairfax County which is near Washington. Then Christian Hines in his EARLY RECOLLECTIONS OF WASHINGTON CITY tells of Henry Orandorff who lived on 7th St. between B Street (now Independence Ave.) and Maryland Ave about 1802 or 1803. In the 1810 Census of Va. there was a Henry Orendorff in Amherst County and Henry Oringduff in Jefferson County. In the 1820 census of Ohio, there was a Henry Orndorff in Muskingum County (he was a hotel operator and stage line agent for many years) and another of the same name in Perry County. He had not been able to identify any of these Henrys with his line.

I thought Christian II married Elizabeth Ann Hoffman, not Copenhagen. I never ran across that name before. Is this a second marriage? Couldn't be.

I checked my records again and that was the Margaret O. and Hess marriage date. I have the exact date for it, and I notice that the FMWTP book only had an approximate date (a year off). I suppose this has already been found. Her name must have been Rebeccar Margaret, I guess.

I haven't looked at the 1810 census of Pa. for John O. How can you be certain he was called John and not Henry? Either is possible.

Which reminds me, have you seen the new periodical (began 1975)

This might be his John who was in Virginia in 1782. I know Roy O. will want to know about this so I am having a microfilm copy made (they have a poor copier here but it's only one page so I am trying it...I couldn't wait all those weeks to send to Salt Lake) It should be ready Tuesday and I will write and send it immediately to Roy O. I am glad to find something for him. He has been very helpful.

I am anxious for the other record to come because it starts much earlier, the 1740's I believe.

I guess I had forgotten about that Peter O. record in the Williams book on Frederick County, Md. I have read that thing from cover to cover.... it and Scharf's History of Western Maryland (not indexed). I about went blind doing it.

The problem with the mention of Peter O. there in 1775 is that I never know whether this is Peter, Sr. or Peter, son of Conrad. I don't know the latter's age. He could have been born as early as 1723 or so or as late as the 1770's (he didn't marry until the 1790's or is this a second marriage?). I can't be sure it is MY Peter. Even Peter Jr. was 21 years old in 1775.

However, neither Conrad O. or Peter of any age is listed in the 1776 census of Frederick County...yet Conrad owned land there from about 1767. Perhaps he got around a lot.

Oh, yes - and a land record in 1809 showed that Peter O. sold his stage line and all his household possessions to a William Lowe.

This fits the census records then because they show TWO Peter Orndorffs, the cousins, in 1800 and in 1810 only one. I believe it is the Peter Orndorff of Libertytown district who is gone and he is probably the one. The other Peter is near Abraham and is probably MY Peter. At Libertytown in the <sup>same</sup> decade there is mention of a Tavern there (Mr. Orndorff's tavern) so possibly this Peter also had a tavern in conjunction with or addition to his stage line. Also a Peter Orndorff subscribed to a newspaper in Hagerstown, Md. about this time. The stage line went to Hagerstown.

I'll have to check the 1810 census a little more carefully to determine which Peter is gone. That should tell me a lot. I think I have only looked at the printed indexes for the 1810.

Add of course, we aren't forgetting the mention in the same decade (1800-1810) of a tavern owned by an Orndorff in Ann Arundel Co., Md. They did get around, didn't they?

I must also consider that Peter, son of Conrad's property which he inherited from his father was not far from Peter, Sr.'s land. Perhaps in the same enumeration district.

Did I ever send to you a copy of the page from the county history of Iowa telling about William Orndorffs (of Mediapolis) ancestry? In it, you will recall, that he said his father Jacob was reared on

April 25, 1977  
Yorba Linda, Ca.

Dear Margaret,

I got back from my San Francisco trip to discover I had mistakenly written Drive instead of Place for your address and your letter was returned to me. Since there was some interesting news in it I am sorry it took so long to get to you since I am interested in what you will have to say about it. You should have it by now.

Even though I did take the kids along to San Francisco, I did get to ~~see~~ libraries. With some good results. The kids enjoyed riding the cable cars around all day so I gave them plenty of quarters and lunch money and they went happily.

From: TENNESSEE RECORDS - BIBLE RECORDS AND MARRIAGE BONDS c. 1977 Cullum & Ghertner, Nashville, Tenn. compiled by Jeannette Tillotson Acklen Volume 2

P. 424 Marriage Bonds - Lebanon, Wilson Co., Tennessee:

NAME	TEST	SURETY
Joseph Orondoff	H. L.	Joseph Orondoff
Nelly Harlen	Douglas	Tom Bradley

Feb. 7, 1811

1840 Tennessee Census Index:	238	Wash	no twp	John Orndorf
	239	Wash	no twp	John Orndorff

Maryland 1830 Census Index Accelerated Indexing

Orendorf, Joseph	Fred.	221	Dist. #7
Orendorf, Susan	Balt.	506	12th Ward
Orendorff, David	Fred.	248	Dist. #7
, John	Fred.	205	"
, Peter	Fred.	247	"
Rosanna	Fred.	248 ;	"

NO ABRAHAM

I also saw a book of Maryland DAR ancestors (Directory of MD DAR and ancestors) I don't know if you have ever seen it but in case you hadn't I copied down the call number. These are some Phillips's mentioned, and a couple of them had daughters named Elizabeth whose marriages were unaccounted for (pp. 575, 6) If you wanted this information you could write to the S.F. Public Library and have them xerox these pages. Call number 929.352 D265d. Send them a couple of dimes and an SASE and I'm sure they would do it.

From NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY QUARTERLY V. 180 #4 Dec. 1960 p. 180

Freeholders of City and Co. of Albany 1763 Falls: Frederick Grandorff  
Hendrick Orendorf

(Frederick was listed about three persons away from Henrick Orendorf, I imagine that the name was transcribed incorrectly)

I have a Wilder family that I intent to research eventually in the Albany area and at that time I will look for Orndorff records in Albany, too.

From Pa. Germ. Folklore Society V. XII

The German origins of many of the Oberdorff emigrants are given, Philip Jacob, Adam, Balthasar, Casper, Barbara, Johannes....all from Wertheim area. Can send these papers to you if you want them, but I don't think these are really Orndorffs, but a different name.

The California State Library at Sutro is famous for its family history and local history collection. These had some old Baltimore City Directories there and I xeroxed some pages:

WOODS BALTIMORE CITY DIRECTORY 1860:

Orendorf, Ensey & Co. wholesale grocers, 325 w Baltimore  
Orendorf Samuel, (O., Ensey & Co. ) 201 n Howard)  
Orndorf Andrew, carter 21 Port al  
Orndorf Christian, milkman, 308 Eastern av  
Orndorf Thomas, clerk, s e cor Eutaw and Pratt  
Orndorff Henry, carpenter, 7 Grundy  
Orndorff Wm. engineer N. C. Railway, 7 Grundy

WOODS BALTIMORE CITY DIRECTORY 1865-66:

Ohlendorf, J. C. apothecary, n e cor Howard and Saratoga  
Ohlendorf Wm. G. fancy and variety store 86 n Howard  
ORENDORFF & BEAM, (S am). Orendorff, Geo. T. Beam, ( groceries, wines and  
liquors, we cor Howard and Baltimore  
Orendorff Bernard, laborer 7 Canon  
Orendorff John T M. clerk, 127 Park  
Orendorff John, 135 n Calvert  
Orendorff Samuel, (Orendorff & Beam,) 127 Park  
Orndorff Mrs. Arietta, 135 n Calvert  
Orndorff Henry, carpenter, 7 Grundy  
Orndorff John H. 135 N Calvert  
Orndorff Wm. W. superintendent Catonsville-Railway, dw 679 w Fayette  
Orndorff Wilson, engineer 228 Preston

WOODS BALTIMORE CITY DIRECTORY 1873:

Orendorf Annie, carpet rags, 21 Guilford al  
Orendorf John T. M. (J.T.M. & Co.) 130 Cathedral  
ORENDORF J.T.M. & CO. (J.T.M. AND S. Orendorf) wholes, liquors, 7 Commerce  
Orendorf Jos. C. (S. O. & SON) 127 Park  
Orendorf Joseph, carp. 1 Byrd  
ORENDORF SAMUEL & SON, (S. and J.C. Orendorf, John Tully, Wm. S. Ramsey)  
wholes. grocers and liquors, 27 s Howard  
Orendorf Saml. (J.T.M.O. & Co. and S.O. & Son) 127 Park  
Orndorff Henry, carpenter, 230 Franklin

I was only able to get through in two hours because I only checked baptismal records up through about 1830 or so. NONE of the records were indexed.

I did find some Orendorff records that I don't believe that we had before:

From Washington Twp. Northumberland: Church Record of Schwaben Creek or Himmel Lutheran and Reformed Church 1774-1845:

Joh. Orendorff and Elisabeth: CHRISTIAN born July 30, 1797 bapt - - - sponsor  
Jacob Oschenreiter

JOHN PETER born Feb. 22, 1800 baptized Apr 20 1800  
Sponsors: Jacob Oschenreiter and wife Barbara

also:

George Furster and wife Catharina: Jonathan born Dec. 24, 1804 - Sponsors  
JOHANNES OHRENDORF AND WIFE ELIZABETH

There were also many Pfeiffer names in this church, including given names similar to my Pfeiffers in the Carroll County-Adams Co. area. But they stayed there too long to be the same group, maybe related.

The above records probably belong to the John Ohrendorff who married Elizabeth Oxenreuter April 22, 1792 in Christ Lutheran Church, Southsburg, Berks Co. ALSO in that church was a Henry Ohrendorf who married Maria Elizabeth Albert in 1784. I'll just BET these are the sons of Henry O. of Adams Co. He had sons John and Henry Henrich. If so, then John would have been about 18 years of age when he married, and Henry about the same. Quite possible...

WRONG Just counted numbers and the Henry or Johan Henrich born to Adams Co. Henry would have been only 14 years of age when Henry O. married Maria Elizabeth Albert in 1784 in Berks Co., can't be the same man. So the mystery continues. Still, John is conceivably the right age to be the same, but a little on the young side. Back to the drawing boards..... I DO wish we could fit the pieces together. We're getting closer with every record we find.

In the records of the Homelsdorf Host Church Berks Co.:

Oct. 15, 1754 Peter Riehl-Elizabeth Catharina Altendorf I can't figure  
out if this is the Alderfer name or an Ohrendorff variation. Probably the former.

But also in the same church:

Isaac Meyer and wife Catharina: Anna Maria born Jan. 5, 1759 baptized March 25, 1759  
sponsors Christian Oxendorff and wife. (This was from a typewritten record and I bet this was miscopied, probably the x is really an r.)

In this record there are also Piper names, Peter, Jacob, George and others.

Must get this in the mail.

P.S. I have written to locate the Dunker records of Piper Creek, Md. Peter O. Sr. COULD have married into this group. Bought land from a Henry Smith (name in Dunker records) and grandson married one of them. Lived in their midst.

April 7, 1977  
Yorba Linda, Ca.

Dear Margaret,

Anytime we turn up a new record of an 18th century Orndorff I feel we have made progress. Here is another one:

F 020,352 1st Ref. Church Philadelphia Vol. II 1774-1831

Michael ORENSDORFFER and Anna Maria: John Michael born 19 Mar 1781  
Baptized July 8, 1781 Sponsors John Geuler, Barbara Geuler (M)

There were a great many other interesting records on this film. I am a little confused, for although these records are listed in the 1st Ref. Church records, they might not all have been from Philadelphia. The list has code numbers but I can't find the key to them. There is mention that these are not all in the Philadelphia church. I will have to look at these records again further. I spent over four hours today looking at this one film.

Also part of this record was "Extracts from Consistory Records  
First Ref. Ch: Philadelphia 1748-1800

Many names here that we recognize, Nicholas Hess, Dewalt Diehl, (Dewalt a Finrock name, Diehl name - John Diehl Noecker (d. 1757) Seibel, Schaeffer (baptismal sponsor with Chr. O.), Schob, John Hen. Käein, Henry Klein and wife Catherine in 1753 (seems to me this was the couple sponsoring child of Henry O. of Adams Co., Eckard, Schreiner, etc. Albert

Andrew OBERDORFF and Maria Barbara: Maria Esther baptized Jul 1 1759  
Sponsors: Abraham Wild, Barbara

Martin Weisbach 1759, copied this because it is wlightly reminiscent of Washebach, Christian O's first wife but probably isn't.

John Henry ERNSTDORFF&Elizabeth: John Henry b. Nov. 5 1766  
baptized Mar 20 1766 no sponsors named

John George ERNSTORFF and Elizabeth: John George b. June 21, 1767  
baptized Je 22 1767 no sponsors given.

Andrew Oberdorf and Esther: Elizabeth b. 4 weeks old bap Sp 28 1768

Martin Reinhard and Maria: Martin b. Je 5, 1771 bap Aug. 17 1771  
Sponsors Michael Pfeiffer and wife Catherine (this is interesting because in my Rosanna Pfeiffer line in Maryland there is also a Pfeiffer-Reinhard marriage in the late 18th century.

April 7, 1977 p. 5  
(would you believe?)

I don't know what to think about that Ernstdorff name. It was in Lancaster County, too, remember. I didn't find it in the Pennsylvania German Pioneers book at all. I wonder if he is related to M. Orensdorffer.

I am now quite tired and think I'd better quit. Oh yes, had a nice chat with Roy O. and he invited me to come and talk with him if I get back to the east coast this summer. He says he will be free of professional duties after July 1 (retiring I guess?) and will have more time for genealogy. Did he ever send you a copy of those Pa. records? Did I? I am looking forward to having him investigate the Chester Co. Pa. records. He is a very thorough and meticulous researcher once he gets going. He is going to investigate the indentured servant angle among other things. I have been sending him the names of books I found on that subject. I also tell him about all our major findings.

Note that the Ernstdorf name could have been the Orndorff (Bah. Henrich) who emigrated in 1765.

HAPPY HUNTING! Wish I had a microfilm reader at MY house.

Mar. 2, 1977  
Yorba Linda, Ca.

Dear Margaret,

My films still didn't come in yet at the LDS library but I went down there anyway to see what others had ordered. I only had a couple of hours to spend and there were a number of Pa. films. I spent ALL my time looking at just one, Reformed Church records of Eastern Pa., various counties.

F 020,355 containing:

Upper Salfort Twp., Montgomery Co., Pa.: Church records Old Goshenhoppen Lutheran Church 1751-1828

Tulpehocken Twp., Berks Co., Pa. Zion's, Straustown, Zion's Blue Mountain 1767-1863

Warwick Twp. Church Record of Lutheran and Reformed Church 1754-1789

Washington Twp., Northumberland: Church Record of Schwaben Creek or Himmel Lutheran and Reformed Church 1774-1845

Weissenburg Twp., Lehigh Co., Pa. Church Record Weissenburg Lutheran and Reformed Congregation 1757-1862

West Cocalico Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa.: Swamp Reformed Church or Little Cocalico 1788-1882

West Donegal Twp. Lancaster Co.,: Blasiers Reformed Church 1752-1809

West Manchester Twp. York Co.: Wolf's or St. Paul's Reformed Church 1764-1936

West Manheim Twp. York Co., Pa. St. David's or Sherman's Lutheran and Reformed Church: 1763-1869

Windsor, Berks Co., Pa.: Reformed Church Records of Windsor's Zion Church 1762-1842

Windsor Twp., Berks Co.; Baptismal Record St. Paul's or Smoke Church Congregation: 1766-1875

Witpain Twp., P(county? missed I guess) Protocol of Evangelical Reformed Congregation 1764-

Womelsdorf Berks Co., Pa. Records of Host Church 1748-1855

Worcester Twp. Montgomery Co., Pa. Collection Book of the Reformed Congregation 1763

Worcester Twp. Montgomery Co. Pa. Church Record of Wentz's Reformed Church 1763-1858; 1763-1863, 1765-1850

Worcester Twp. Montgomery Co. Pa. Church accounts Wentz's Reformed Church 1763-1792



They evidently were not brothers or father and son, but cousins from the same little hamlet of Eichen. That is IF this is the right Hermanus. I have a lot of work to do on that film. I think I am going to have these records put on a permanent loan so that they will always be available to me. This costs about \$5.00. Since I will probably cash that check you sent me to do this you can be sure it is going to a worthy cause!

I can then take my time and copy all of the Orndorff records I find and browse through the other names in the records as well. Who knows, the Finfrocks and other names might be there. I recall seeing a Christopher Orndorff so I will have to check on that.

I did NOT see the name CONRAD, JOHANN CONRAD, or PHILIP HENRICH, although I did see Philips and Henry's. I am a little disappointed in that. Perhaps they came from a different area, maybe Wuerttemberg.

I sure hope that this is my same Herman Orndorff. I think the chances are very good, although I realize this is not enough proof.

The 1737 emigrant Herman came with a wife Anna Marg and although the passenger list named children, there were none for them. The marriage of a Herman and Anna Marg in 1734 at Eichen fits this pattern, a young couple. Perhaps they had a child with them that died on the journey.

I wonder if there are any WILLS over there in Germany for these Orndorffs.

I will have to check further to see if this couple at Eichen had any children and if they are mentioned in the records after 1737. If they are that rules them out. If not then there is further circumstantial evidence.

I saw the name Jacob Orndorff, too. Also a Michael. It will take me a long time to copy all these names, but it will be fun! Of course you will get a copy.

The Cumberland County, Pa. grantee and grantor indexes 1750-1950 showed no Orndorff names until about 1930. The Dauphin county deeds are there, but I haven't looked at them yet.

I am going to San Francisco next week. Will look at the library there. My husband has decided we should take the kids so that will cut into the library time, but the kids deserve it.

I had some marvelous luck on one of my other lines recently. Just started researching my grandmother's maiden name, Henneberry, a rather uncommon surname. Found a couple in the phone book. First one I called said, oh yes, someone in the family had written the family history a few years ago. A nun back in Iowa who did it when she retired (a former registrar of a college there). I have written to her for information. The second Henneberry I called turned out to be the widow of a man my family had talked about, my grandmother's cousin. He just died last YEAR and the family thought he had been dead for years. I could have TALKED to him and missed the chance.

April 12, 1977

Dear Margaret,

I usually order a little film at a time, 2 or 3 rolls a week so it doesn't pile up on me, but lately there have been few film deliveries and now all at once I must have at least a dozen films to look at in that library!

**BUT GOOD NEWS!** The church records from Freudenberg came. They are really indexes to the birth, marriage, and death records from very early dates until later one in the 19th century (or even later, I don't remember). ~~They are~~ listed alphabetically by surname so the list is easy to check. Within each surname, names are listed chronologically according to the record. Besides the year given, there is another number, perhaps page number or something like that. I'll have to check on this further. Then the place of the record is given....and then there is a place or section for "remarks". This seems to contain perhaps the father's name for the births, the spouse's name for marriages, and is usually blank for deaths, except perhaps to say whose widow it was or so on.

I felt just like a kid in a candy store. After two years of looking for the Orndorff name and perhaps finding only a tiny mention after looking at miles of film, it was pure joy to look at page after page of the Orndorff name in nice, plain legible handwriting (no script).

There are many Orndorffs, needless to say. I found the name of Tillman Henrich Ohrndorff (remember the university graduate list I found in a German periodical?). There were also a great many who went by the Ernsdorf name, so I assume this is a variant. The Seibel name is also prominent in Freudenberg, and there is at least one Ernsdorf, Seibel marriage in Freudenberg. There is a Philippe Orndorff and also a marriage of a Johan Ebert Bhrendorf and Anna Catharina Arnold in 1777.. Remember that Arnold was one of the principle names in the Catholic records of St. Mary's Lebanon and they lived quite near the Orndorffs. There was a Hermanus Arnold in Lebanon.

**BUT my BIG FIND** of the day was a Johannes Hermanus OHRNDORF of Eichen marrying Anna Margretha WASCHENBACH. Now this is the surname of Christian I's wife Agnes in that same hamlet.

There is also a record of a Johan Hermanus Orndorf both at Eichen who was a son of Ebert Orndorf. Now if you will look at those charts on p. 78 of Chr Ohrnd. Fam. in Germany, lower right hand corner, you will find an Ebert Orndorf, son of Johann Henrich Ohrendorf, Eichen. Now look at p. 18, Johann Henrich Ohrndorf, lived at Halmenhof, later at Hof Eichen. Perhaps these are the same and might explain the relationship of Herman and Christian

He had been in the movies and had played Lincoln in BIRTH OF A NATION years ago. His wife was most gracious and wants to meet me. FUN, FUN.

Also called another Orndorff out in the San Fernando Valley. Says his grandfather was a Perry Orndorff (make that great-grandfather) who died in about 1934 at a very advanced age...80's or 90's. Perry O. is buried in California but was from Kansas. I mention that the 1898 directory a Perry Orndorff (Orndorff) in Walden, Kansas, probably the same. It says he is Vol. 1 (Christian O. line). Do you know his parentage? Must have been born around 1850. Also lived in Texas before coming to California. Maybe other places. The family is very interested and I said I would try to find out more. They will supply information on their relatives for me. I collect all I can. The family thought that the Orndorffs had come from Hamburg in the 1800's. Could this be the Mennonite line instead perhaps, or are they wrong? Also mentioned Perry Orndorffs family connected with the Oklahoma land rush and someplace in Illinois. A little foggy there but Springfield, I think it was.

Well, that's it for now. THAT'S PRETTY GOOD FOR ONE DAY, I think.

How long till you think you will get the newspaper article on Lorentz? Can hardly wait.

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MARRIAGES Mar. 13, 1808 Nicholas Heye & Catherine Oberdorf  
OLNEY HILL CHURCH (ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH) PIKE TWP. BERKS CO. 1754-99  
COMMUNICANT LIST: JACOB OBERDORF, WIFE CATHARINE  
CONFIRMATION 1756: Elizabeth, daughter of Jacob OBERDORFF

ALSO a Michael Altendorff married Anna Sweinhart May 20, 1783. This is in marriage records Falckner Swamp at New Hanover, Pa. but not in the original Olney's.

Originally I ordered this film to look at the records of St. Jacob's or Kimmerlings' Reformed Church 1754-1887. It is typical to find more on accidentally ordered film than what you originally ordered!

But although St. Jacobs or Kimmerling's had no Orendorff names, it had some items of interest.

Herman ECKEL	Magdalena Barbara	b. Sep. 12, 1755	Lodwig Michel, singl
Anna Maria			Barbara Schlosser

There are many Mese, Meese, Mess, Misch names here. I copied some. Let me know if you want them. Included in one Mese baptism is a Maria Weschenbach, single as sponsor (Wasebach?).

The Wevell name is here, also a Christian Borgner (Bardner?)

Michael KORR	John Christian	b. Mar. 23, 1780	William Rauch
Anna Barbara		May 7, 1780	Anna Barbara

In 1780 Anna Barbara, wife of Christopher Koppenhever was sponsor for Schwarm child

Jacob HETTEUCH	John Philip	b. Mar 8, 1783	Michael Kor
Anna Maria		Mar 20	Barbara

In 1783 Frederick Noecker and w. Eva Catherine were sponsors for a Berry child

Michael KOR	Susanna	b. Feb. 19, 1784	Nicholas Weiss
Barbara		Mar 11, 1784	Barbara

ALSO on this film: CHURCH RECORD OF SCHOLLORES OR UNION REFORMED AT UNIONVILLE, NORTH WHITEHALL TWP., LEHIGH CO. 1765-1846

Nothing much here though.

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I think it is great that you found someone interested in the Noecker name. I copied a few tidbits from the Lancaster Co. Pa. Deed Abstracts and Oaths of Allegiance, Books A-M 1729-1770 that you might use to further your acquaintance with them. I think you will be interested in this too:

D/185 Martin Noaker: X & w Magdalene: X of Heid Tp. rel. enf. to Philip Briddeback (Bridenbach) sadler of Heid. Twp. 35-8/6d (amount of sale) Christopher Noaker, John Hawks, Martin Noaker witnesses.. Part of 115a which John Noaker and w. Catherine 20 Oct 1750 gr to Martin Noaker & is also part of 208a which Casper Wistar & w Catherine granted to John Noaker 5 May 1742

17 Aug 1754, witnesses Adam Harber, Robert Areane, Carl Shally J43 recorded 21 Nov 1754 Delivered to Casper Hoover 7 Jan 1955

E/187b Casper Wistar & w Catharine of Phila rel to John Noaker of Tulpehocken 83-4/- 208a on Tulpehocken Cr: John Hawk, John Lein, Thomas Copenhagen, Hans Moser, Valentine Hergelrude, Nicholas Miller Part of 3,080 acres Thomas Penn rel 10 Nov 1737 to Caspar Wistar 5 May 1742 W 16, W46, John Rouse of Phila J12 24 Oct 1757

Margaret, right now I am very irritated with myself. When I went to the library last Saturday and copied the above information I also xeroxed some pages that were too much to copy. Some were census indexes but I think I also copied one of the Deed Abstract of Lancaster pages. At any rate, I turned up a NOECKER name associated with a PHILLIPS name. I think it may have been as a witness to a NOECKER deed or something like that. Anyway I am really mad at myself for losing those pages. Maybe they will turn up or else I will copy them next time I go. I was thinking of your Elizabeth PHILLIPS who married your Christopher Orendorff. Wonder if there is any connection. I believe this was in the general vicinity of the Tulpehocken area so I also copied some early Philips in the Index of Berks Co. Wills and Administrations 1752-1850:

1837 Phillips, Jacob Peter & Henry Phillips ADM 13/34  
1767 Philips, Casper Nicholas and Christina Filibs Will (Book 2/page 34)  
1723 Philips, Henry Adam Phillips ADM 9/78  
1791 Fillibs, Nicholas - Christina &..... Will A/220

Now from the Index to Lancaster Co. Wills and Administrations

Phillips, John 1817 ADM George Phillips 1816 WILL M/1/68  
William 1757 aADM  
William 1749 ADM

By the way, it was an ADMINISTRATION, not a will for John Diehl Noecker in 1757. Will have to check on that.

Thank you very much for the check. After this don't send any more because I know you have to rent film also, and yours is more expensive than mine. I hope to start on the Berks Co. deeds and other records pretty soon and let you concentrate on the church records. Maybe those deeds will tell us something about where these people came from.

Andrew Oberdorf Maria b. Deb. Dec. 1722 17A8am Taber  
Maria Jan. 1703 17E9a

DEATHS:

Aug. 13, 1761 Susanna d. Andrew Oberdorf, 7 mo. 12 days  
A pr 22, 1766 Esther Overdorf, 1 yr. 3 mo.  
May 4, 1766, John Henry Ernsdorf, 8 weeks  
June 24, 1767, John Michael Oberdorf, 5 mo. 2 weeks  
Sept. 27, 1768, Catherine Ernsdorff, 56 years, 2 mo.  
May 14, 1775, Dorothy Oberdorf, 6 mo.  
Apr. 13, 1777, Andrew Oberdorff, 6 yrs.  
Aug. 14, \_\_\_\_\_ wife of Andrew Oberdorf, 44 yrs.  
June 7, 1783, Catherine Imdorff. (?)

MARRIAGES 1756, Abraham PHILLIPS, bachelor

May 9, 1756, Abraham Phillips, bachelor fr. Witpen Twp. and Catherine  
Rees, spinster, Norrington Twp., Phil Co.  
May 29, 1783, John Adams and Catherine Oberdorf,  
June 10, 1783, Michael Rommel & Christine Dorffer (?)  
June 19, 1783, John Milles and Elizabeth Ernsdorff

LIST OF COMMUNICANTS 1759 REF. CH. PHILADELPHIA

Elizabeth Frick  
Henry Ernsdorff  
Anna Catherina Ernsdorf

LIST OF COMMUNICANTS 1771 1st REF. CH. PHILADELPHIA

Henry Ernsdorf  
Maria Oberdorf  
John Frick (CONRAD O.'S DAUGHTER BARBARA MARRIED A JOHN FROCK. THERE ARE  
TWO OF THEM HERE)

BAPTISMS:

Andrew Oberdorf Babbehea b. Oc 21, 1774  
Babbehea No 13, 1774  
Peter Conver Annharine b. Aug. 4, 1775 Henry Ernsdorff & parents  
Babbehang.

CATECHUMENS CONFIRMED 1880: Elizabeth Ernsdorff.

July 7, 1977

Dear Margaret,

I have done nothing myself for a couple of weeks on the Orndorff line, at least. We have torn down a whole wall of built in cabinets 12 feet in length where we have a ~~swain~~ center and office center built. We just got finished building it back again, changing some of the dimensions, especially making it much deeper to hold our file cabinets which my husband uses for his business and I also have a couple of drawers for my genealogy. So now I am back in business.

Regarding that newspaper article....maybe I can try to find a source for it. Can you send me a list of the places you have tried? Maybe I can turn up something. All that library training has to be good for something. I will try to find another source a little less expensive.

Will check for your Malony name. I know ~~will~~ have a film of some abstracts of Cumberland Co. wills for a certain time period and they are well indexed.

Yes, I sent Doris Neeley your name and also Roy O.'s.

Have not written to Mac Bickel.

I know that the N.Y. Germans came down the Susquehanna to the Lebanon-Berks area. Don't know much more though. I suppose they went up the river as well.

Have not found anything about John O. m. Magdalene Zartman.

Don't know why so many dorf endings in the Siegen area. The map was on the flylead of the Dautches Geschlechterbuch and had not date.

I already have the DWO information on Aloysius F. O....you had previously sent it to me.

So that is who John Henry O. m. Welmore is. Glad to know it. Wonder if anyone ever uncovered that Ann Arundel Co. deed before. Gives a lot about the Welmore background. Anyone researching this line? Would Mac Bickel be interested? Give me his address and I will write to him.

I didn't know that Lydia Macpherson died in Springfield, Ill. That is where Roselyn Wallis lived. I am sure Roselyn would have enjoyed meeting another Orndorff if she would have know-.

My daughter is going to Calif. State Univ. Fullerton this fall and will study accounting there.

That is all for now. I have been looking at the 1880 census searching for Orndorff-Henneberry-Wilder-Fletcher in Chicago, Ill. You can imagine what a job THAT is. The Soundex didn't turn up my family because they had no children under 10 (the Henneberrys). I know the Orndorffs are there but am not particularly searching for them because there just isn't anything

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Keep in mind that one of the names closely associated with this Henry O. was KLEIN...a name also associated with Anna Barbara Ohrendorff Kohr.....and it was a Peter Little who was closely associated with the Peter Ohrendorff line. But the original version of that name was Peter KLEIN and there were KLEIN'S in the same church with Henry O. of Adams Co.

I am going to write to Mr. Groff in Lancaster Co. and see how close Peter Orndorff was listed to Herman O. on that 1771 tax list.

9 -

10 - o.k.

11 - I will pass this information along.

12 - Mo - Jacobus is LATIN for James. You should know better!

14 - We don't know for sure but we have an unidentified Henry O. there in 1762.

15 - Re Glenn E. Orndorff and Millersburg.....the Millersburg name rings a bell somewhere. Seems that one of the other O. descendants mentioned relatives in that area. Maybe I will check my notes. I could be wrong but....

16 - Yes, I think it quite likely that Conrad and Peter knew Chr. I line. I hope to have that area thoroughly checked in Germany.

17 - Will check

18 - We will never know which Christian was naturalized, I guess.

19 - We really need to check all original sources, including that bible and forget whatever assumptions have been previously made. Yes Mueller and Miller are the same name.

I just read through a very excellent book titled, I believe NAMES IN THE 1790 CENSUS OF THE U.S. It gives analyses of different kinds of names, including sections on the German names. You might want to tell your friends working on the Bordner that the alternate version of that name is Portner also. They also talked about many changes in German names...VERY interesting.

My husband is being set up in his own business by a computer software firm. He will do their installation work for them. We may get a terminal in our own home. If so, I may be able to put this information on a computer yet.

I have had a THIRD letter from the archives of the Church of the Brethern, the past two being unsolicited and very helpful. Their archivist is on the ball.



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She sends the following obituary of John Orndorf which she found in the GOSPEL VISITOR. Vol. XVI. No. 10. 1866. P. 320

Died in the Baugo Congregation, Indiana, August 20, brother John Orndorf, age 81 years, 5 months and 10 days. Funeral services by Elder David Miller and others.

C. Wenger

This tells us little new (except the fact that he was evidently a member of this church as well as his wife and the name of the congregation). It does confirm the information that we have showing that he was indeed born in 1785. One of the Orndorf descendants of John's still lives in that county in Indiana. If there are records there, I will try to have him look at them. The archivist xeroxed the page and there are several other obituaries. This John had no sons who survived him or left children so the Orndorff name ended with him in that branch but there are several lines in the female descendants.

I had a phone call from a man named Oren who lives in Burlington Iowa. He ran into one of the other Orndorff descendants who gave him my number and address. The story is that his g-g-grandfather left York Co., Pa. for Iowa shortly before 1850. Story goes that he had murdered a man in a tavern brawl and skipped down. He wonders if possibly the name was originally Orendorff (first name was John) and he shortened it later, perhaps to escape his pursuers. He has had trouble finding the name Oren. However, in the latest Genealogical Helper I see the name Orin mentioned. Will write to him.

I have read about 200 pages of the Frederick Co. wills but have not found anything. I have a long ways to go.

I have copied so far only one entry from the 1850 Maryland Census:

Baltimore 2nd Ward Dwelling 1789

Andrew Orendorffer	Age 29 M	Laborer	b. Germany
Ann	" 32 F		"
Frederick	5		Maryland
Matthias Stapp			Germany

Looks like he emigrated before 1845.

From HISTORY OF CHESTER CO. PA. Vi 1. p. 210 (Futhey, Smith & Cope, Gilbert Philadelphia, Everts, 1881)

Landowners 1774 Philip Arndorf p. 210

a Frederick Henken still there in 1846 (p. 297

HISTORY OF HERKIMER CO.....Benton, Lathan S., Albany, Mussel, 1856, p. 285

May 31, 1809 William Orendorf, Oneida Co. N.Y. tried and convicted for rape - sentenced to life in prison.

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Marriage Records of Sandusky Co., Ohio (printed)  
at Western Reserve Hist. Soc.

Mary Ann Orndorf - Peter Reed. by James Rose, J.P. June 4, 1848

Mathias Orndorf - Elizabeth Hurst by G. Peter, Priest Apr 23, 1860

Mathias Orndorf - Catherine Baker - by J. Snyder, J.P. Aug. 3, 1861

I have a note from an article on the Brethern in Pa. and Md. that the KLEIN'S were strong Brethern believers. Other Brethern names Meyers (Peter and Abraham, sons of Jacob) and also John and Abraham Groff in Lancaster Co.

I know there was more I wanted to say but it's getting too late in the evening to think straight.

Before we decide exactly what we will publish we should probably wait and see what turns up. We have plenty of time. I am hoping that SOMEONE will come along and be interested in the New York Orndorffs. I don't have the energy or inclination to sort all of them out, although I will probably have to search those early church records looking for Peter and Conrad, just to be sure. Perhaps Roy O. will do the Virginia line, at least as much as has been uncovered.

We could label a series ORNDORFF GENEALOGY Volumes 1, 2, 3, or whatever. We might decide to put one or more volumes bound together in one depending on how much material we have. I will cover the cost for the Peter line and share in Chr. I and probably also cover the cost for Herman. Each immigrant could be a separate volume (except for fathers and sons). Thus we would have the Chr. I line (including Chr. II), the N.Y. Henry (but we would leave this to be published by someone else later), the Peter O. line, the Conrad O. line, the Herman O. line, and if proven, the Philip Henrich line. We should also have one for the Jess. Ohrendorff and Joh. Henrich Ohrendorff who came in 1765. This leaves a potential for eight volumes covering immigrants who came before the Revolution. There is very little in the Conrad O. line as I find no grandchildren bearing his name in the male line so probably Peter and Conrad could be lumped together, particularly if we prove they are brothers. So that would be seven volumes. OF course we would not compile the lines of the 1765 immigrants either. We don't even know who their descendants are or where they settled. They could be the BERks Co. O's.

The only problem is that we don't know where to place John O. of Elizabethtown. Can you send me a copy of that Moravian report that you had translated? Will gladly pay the copy cost. Wonder if there are more records in those archives in Bethlehem...

Hopefully Roselyn Wallis would take on Abraham's descendants. I believe I already asked her about this. In the male line, I believe only his son John who went to Indiana left any children.

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We don't really know too much about them. I believe they are the same as the "George" of Carroll Co. mentioned in the DWO records who were "unplaced" in his volumes. We need to know more about them.

I will, of course, take responsibility for Peter, Jr.'s line and probably much of Herman O.'s. The question is...how far do we go? To the 1850 time period? 1880? 1900? We might set a minimum date and then carry it forward where we have the information. Since later, more recent information is easier to obtain, we might do a better service to concentrate on sorting out the earlier lines.

We might want to have an addendum somewhere for some of the miscellaneous records we have found on later Orndorff emigrations. Is anyone working on the Mennonite O's? Would there be enough to fill a volume for them? Or should we just keep it strictly geared to the pre-Revolutionary families?

I will send soon for the newspaper article from Berks Co. Hist. Soc.

Well, that's about all for now. I'm not getting ~~bank~~ done now due to the Xmas season. Am building a gingerbread house this morning, the one on the cover of Better Homes and Gardens for December.

Merry Christmas!

2005 JAN 10 AM  
EMILY R. III-C  
BOLTON 1981A

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Margaret, I know have the 1850 census record for Hannah Ohler

Adams Co. Union Twp. p. 275 Dwelling 163 Family 169

Eve Kuhne	age 54	born Pa.
Hannah Ohler	age 70	born Pa.

If seventy is her true age then she would have been born about 1780--long after Herman died and thus not a daughter of Herman. If the age is wrong, she would have been one of his youngest children. But in the court record they seem to have been mentioned in the order of birth and Anna Maria was 3rd to last and mentioned as being under 14 in 1778.

I recall also that on one of the deeds after Herman's death (in 1787) Catharine Orendorff is mentioned so she did not remarry. Since we have a listing of a Herman and Catharine Orendorff as early as 1749 it is clear that she would not have been of an age to bear children after 1787 if she did remarry after this time.....

The other possibility is that she (Hannah) was a sister of Mathias. We'll have to see what other sources turn up.

I have had that will for some time but hadn't made all the connections with my census records. I thought that this Mary was the wife of an Orendorff but instead this was her maiden name. Possibly three of Mathias's daughters never married. We need more Catholic church records from there.

I almost forgot the best news of all. Hank Jones kindly consented to asking his researcher to watch for Peter, Conrad and Philip in the church registers. She is going back to the Siegen area. If they are found, I will be sent the bill...which I would gladly pay, otherwise no charge. He ordinarily won't do that for anyone, but since I had already had some work done by him, and Orendorff is one of the names she is searching, he agreed to it.

That's all for now.

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search ONLY the original records---researchers who are specialists in the 17th and 18th century handwriting. The Nassau-Dillenburger emigration lists for the period covering 1753 and thereabouts indicate that some of the emigrants went to N.Y. and N.J.

Naturally, I will search further in N.J. records, maybe the church records. The before mentioned census was 1773---Peter and Conrad would have already left there by that time, if indeed, this is where they were.

I taped the speech by Mr. Hank Jones. It was an hour speech and I got so absorbed that I forgot to turn over the tape part way through and lost about 10 minutes or so. But if you would like to hear it I will mail it to you. It is a Cassette. 45 minutes on one side and 5 or so on the other. He is quite young---we were all so surprised. Looks about 25 but is probably in his 30's. He is an actor--works for Disney studios.

I hear that the N.J. records for the early years are lousy---not even the 1790-1800 censuses exist. Only about 1/4 of the deeds still exist.

In going over some of my other papers--some Adams Co. wills and Orphans Court papers it appears that I found some information on Mathias's family.

I gather that his daughter Elizabeth had a son named Andrew McIlvaine---

Mary Orndorff in her will names my "sister's son Andrew McIlvaine"---and also a sister Lucy (probably Louisa)

On the 1850 census I found	Andrew McIlvaine	23
living together.	Elizabeth Orendorf	45
	Louisa Orendorff	20

I wonder if this indicates an illegitimate birth for Elizabeth. Louisa is exactly the right age to be Maria Ludovica baptized in Conowago Chapel. Later on a Louisa Orendorf is mentioned as guardian for child of Joseph Orendorff deceased (Mathias's son). She is named as his aunt. I don't know if she married.

This Mary Orndorff who died about 1852 and names Andrew McElvaine, her sister's son.....also names an aunt named Hannah Oler--there were also bequests to a Preacher Cotton, Gettysburg Chapel, Conewago Chapel to her sister Lucy, but the bulk of the estate went to Andrew McElvaine, her sister's son! How interesting!!!!!! And who is this Hannah--she had to be an Orendorff! She could have been an aunt--or a great-aunt, I suppose. Since Mary's mother and father were both Orndorffs--she had to be an Orndorff. I think Hannah could be also ANNA. I think I've seen this variation. Could be a sister of Christena O. named Anna Maria. We don't know what happened to her. I will have to find her on the census.

On to New Jersey!

August 8, 1978

Dear Margaret:

I was quite worried to hear about the problem with your eyes. I do hope that everything goes well. Drop me a postcard if you can when you know.

Comments on your letter of 4 Sept. 1978.

I guess we need to know a lot more about your Christopher. What documentation do you have for his and Elizabeth ages? Census records and DWO? These are not entirely reliable so still think they Maryland couple might be yours. If Christopher, son of Christian II, had a sister Elizabeth would she have been married by that time? If you she could not be that Elizabeth Orndorff. You ought to thoroughly ransack the town and county where Christopher settled in Illinois for any records.

Yes, you did say that is Christian II's children in that Ragerstown church, but didn't you say that Christopher & Elizabeth were married at his uncle Christian's?

The Louisa County, Iowa Orndorffs are most likely a branch of the Virginia Orndorffs. The spelling of the last name alone suggests this. I believe I have had some mention of them from Roy O. One of the Orndorff sisters ~~in~~ Burlington, Iowa told me one time in the early 1900's they learned of another Orndorff family some miles distant. They went for a ride one day to visit them but could not establish any relationship. These sisters were grandchildren of William Orndorff (of Mediapolis, my g-g-gfthr) brother Frank Orndorff. One of the sisters died recently. Their brother Frank lives not far from me.

Textile and design must have been a lot more fun than Latin. My mother and father both had talent in the art field--my father did cartoons and my mother went to dress designing school after graduating from high school (age age 16). She was offered a job at \$100 a week during the depression, but gave it up to stay home with her sick mother.

There is something bothering me about Herman and wife Catherine. Some time ago you sent me a mention of a Herman (Christian?) and wife Catherine mentioned in a list of church members in 1749.\*..... Well we have another record of Herman and wife Anna Marg. in 1750's. Would like to verify that first church record. It has occurred to me that we might have TWO Hermans. I don't THINK so, but unless these records are in error, it is possible. Land records trace Herman ~~and~~ Catherine couple back to 1753. Even if Herman had son Lorentz or Herman born in 1737 he would have been only 16 and too young to own land in 1753. Remember there were other children listed on their ship's list in detail, but none for them.



DWO records say this John had a brother George who had one son. Guiletta's chart shows he died single. One says died 1864, one says 1859. There is an unexplained George Orndorff La Grange County, Indiana 1850 census age 32 who could certainly be a son of his brother George. Born in Ohio. That would be quite a find. Would love to complete Abraham's family.

And now for a tidbit from Clifford Neal Smith's latest book AMERICAN GENEALOGICAL RESOURCES IN GERMAN ARCHIVES (AGRIGA) p. 332 under heading MORAVIAN BRETHREN.

There are some archival materials which were once located in German archives but were lost at one time or another during the war, presumably. But they were photocopied by Library of Congress. Among them are interesting items such as a Travel diary 1735-56: visits to Pa., Va., New England Maryland, New York 1742-56. and other misc. materials all connected with America. Nice to know they are in Library of Congress, but we can't get at them ourselves, and they would be in German and probably couldn't read them anyhow. It would take someone knowledgeable, but they might be worth investigating sometime.

Would help share expenses if we could find someone competent someday.

That's not much new, but I will spare you the 1900 census reports. You would drown.....but if you need anything from them, I've got them.

Also read somewhere that many German immigrants of 1750-1753 went to Nova Scotia. I wonder if any went via Pa.

In October we are going to Guadalajara and also Miami, Bermuda, Barbados (I had a Quaker family there) and Virgin Islands.) I hear they have a good gen. library in Miami.

Will pray for you. Write when you can.

I pretty much have the results of my Maryland trip down on group sheets now (with a few loose ends, of course). It is amazing how much information I picked up in such a short time.

I still haven't gotten that newspaper article about Lorentz yet. It is about time to try that again.

As I looked over the guardianship papers for Herman (1778) again, it seems that ALL the children were minors, except possibly for Teresa who was not given a guardian because ~~she~~ she was married. She could have been over or under 21. Teresa sounds more like a CATHOLIC name, though.

The important thing in this guardianship records though, was that it showed Lorentz getting a double portion, as I recall, as the eldest son. Now if he wasn't the eldest son, he wouldn't have gotten the double portion, even if the eldest was given a stake earlier.

If the forementioned church records are BOTH correct, then my assumption that there was only one Herman is wrong. We would have two.

But if there is only one Herman, then he had no earlier sons living at the time of his death.

Of course, we have all those unknown Berks Co. O's so closely connected to these families. We know that John Doctor also lived in Lebanon Twp. as well. Who knows? We also have a couple of loose 1765 immigrants to tie in. They must fit there somewhere. Wish we could find a signature of John doctor somewhere to compare with the passenger list.

Did you see the latest Newsweek magazine and the article on the General Services Administration Scandal. They show a picture of the National Archives Building at Laguna Niguel--a monstrosity resembling the pyramids. That's where I finally went to look at census film recently. Made two trips. They allow you two hours on the machines if there is a waiting list, and there usually is. It is best to get there by 8 a.m. (I leave my house about 7:15). Last time I was lucky...got to stay on about 6 hours straight. The machines are electric, real nice if they don't heat up too much. They have all census there including 1900. But the catch is that it is subject to interlibrary loan and sometimes the roll you want is gone. But I can always look at something different. It is my ambition to copy all the 1900 Soundex entries for Orndorffs, but I might limit it to those from Md. and Pa. or in Midwest and West as I don't need all those jillions of Virginia Orndorffs. I copied about 45 entries from Maryland and have not finished copying the Pa. entries yet. At least 100 of those, I estimate. I found one Md. couple with triplets followed a few years later by twins.

I also have been checking on the John in Indiana (Churubusco gang) whom I believe (not proved yet) to be son of Abraham. Found him in several censuses thru 1870 (1880 census was out). He supposedly died in 1879. If he died in the latter half of that year he might be in the 1890 mortality schedule for the county. If so, it would name the birthplace of his father, presumably Abraham. That might help me in tracing Peter's footsteps. I would dearly love to find a tombstone showing this John's birth date. He is exactly the right age for Abraham's son John. We have a baptismal record and birth date for him already. This would clinch it. Or maybe a mortuary record of death record or even obituary. Am also checking on township histories... he lived there for some time.

April 24, 1978

Dear Margaret:

Well, I finally made it to Phoenix. Didn't get to Maryland yet and right now I don't know when or if I will as my daughter's wedding is June 3 and time is getting short. Also my husband doesn't know if he can get away to Maryland for more than a couple days at a time and it wouldn't be worth while for me to go along unless he could stay longer.

But Phoenix was worthwhile. The first thing I do in a strange city is look up the largest genealogical library. This was the L.D.S. microfilm-Book library in nearby Mesa, only 7 miles down the street from where my hotel was located. Very easy access. It is a very good library--13,000 books and many analytical entries in the card catalog (entries for PARTS of books). There were also many reels of microfilm but I concentrated mainly on the books since all the film is available to me on loan anyhow.

There was an Eisenhower Genealogy so I looked up the Orndorff name as there were previously two Orndorff-Eisenhower marriages in Dauphin County, Pa. in the 1850's. It seemed that there were two sisters. One married an Eisenhower and a year or two later she was killed in an accident. Not too long after, her widowed husband married her sister. They were daughters of a John Orndorff.

Also, another analytical entry:

JOHN HOPKINS OF CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS, 1634 AND SOME OF HIS DESCENDANTS by Timothy Hopkins, 1932 ( Stanford University Press)

p. 628 Edna Mae Huffman b. 30 April 1896 at Sycamore, Pa. m. at Waynesburg 20 Dec 1916 William Herman Orndorff b. at Hopewell, Pa. 27 April 1894 son of William Henry Orndorff b. 17 Jan 1855 and Martha Ullom b. 9 Jan 1858. Heris a farmer of Sycamore, Pa. and a Republican.

Children: Reed David b. 13 Jul 1913 Sycamore, Pa.  
Sarah Mildred b. 23 Aug 1920 Hopewell, Pa.

From HISTORY OF WILKES-BARRE AND WYOMING VALLEY V. 1 (This was the Pennamite War ) p. 633

...Mar. 20, 1770.... pWarrant . . . Indictment...Sneriff to take and convey before court (Northampton Co.)....Shoemaker, Smith, Mack or Mock, Haines, Brown (and others) Mill Creek

All these are some names connected to the Orndorff lines. Narrative sometimes mentions certain names and then says (also some Germans..... Orndorff name never mentioned.

Co. Pa.

Many of those involved in the Pennamite War came from Northampton and N.J.

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There were disputes in the Pennamite War in the Mill Creek-Fort Durkee area in 1770-1771 and also a great flood in 1771. You will recall that Peter O. appears on the Lebanon Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa. tax list in 1771. Some of the incidents in this dispute involved persons who lived in Lebanon in 1770.

Some references to the various events were from the journals of Moravian missionaries at "Friedenshuetten (Myalusing) V. 1 p. 443.

This whole thing is very interesting as Peter seems to appear at a time and a place which is consistent with the history of this dispute.

Last, but not least in my Phoenix report is another of the analytical entries found in the card catalog...mentions of some Orendorffs in the series HISTORICAL AND BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES OF KENTUCKY V. 2 & 3 on pp. 844 and 1078. The first is, I'm sure, on the Christian II line and probably the second is also. Mentions he is from a prominent Orendorff family of Virginia and Maryland.

Mexico Orendorff of Breckenridge Co., Ky. born May 18, 1812 son of Jesse and Mary E. Cashmen Orendorff.

Some of the children  
Henry  
Christopher  
Edmond  
Taylor T.  
William  
Thomas J.

This family belonged to Methodist Episcopal Church

The account mentions that Mexico died in the prime of his life. There is a very nice picture of him on one page. This was a book which was on microfilm and I didn't have it copied. It could probably be done somewhere from the hard copy.

The xerox machine was broken down there but they will later send me xerox copies of the pages from the Eisenhower genealogy which I will send to you. A nice man there volunteered to do it for me.

You can pass this info on the Kentucky O's along to those concerned with them. I'm sure they can find the book at a library somewhere.

That's all for now.

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One of the Schaeffers was also sponsor for an Albert child.

Interesting to find so many surnames in this church with Orendorff connections. Obviously the Fursters knew the Orendorffs and the Pfeiffers well, so it is assumed that the Orendorffs and Pfeiffers also knew each other. This is the Orendorff group that wen to the Lykens Valley area later.

So this is the fourth group of Ohrendorffs to have association with the Pfeiffers:

1. N.Y. O's - a Peter Peyper had a son-in-law Peter Orendorff
2. Jacob Piper was a friend of Christian II
3. Peter, O., Jr. married Rosanna Piper
4. The Himmel Church Pipers-Pfeiffers friendly with the Orendorffs and Fursters

Mrs. Naomi Cosgriff also sent me some mentions of the N.Y. O's that she found in a history of the Columbia N.Y. vicinity. It shows one of the old Orendorff family homes and one of the old Orendorff men in front of it. I'll copy it off sometime and send it. Am swamped with things to do wight now.

We had some exciting news yesterday. I have been disposing of my mother-in-law's belongings since she went into a nursing home. A whole household full of them. There were two paintings. I had them appraised. One is a portrait of a woman by the American artist (19th century) S. Jerome Uhl. It is a portrait of the artist's wife done in Paris in the 1870's. I am told it is worth about \$5,000.00. Some of his work is hanging in the National Gallery in Washington, D.C.

The other picture is a floral arrangement done by Edith White, also a 19th century American artist, done in 1892. It is also fine picture but worth "only" \$2500.00. I am having them both cleaned and restored, well worth the \$400.00 investment. We will probably hold onto them until Grandma either needs the money or she passes on. They appreciate in value faster than money in the bank these days. Am having them INSURED, of course.

That's all for now. I am sure glad to hear your eyes are o.k.--at least for now. Do be careful and watch out for any symptoms. Can it be prevented if it starts happening?

Sincerely,

Oct. 18, 1978

Dear Margaret:

Now it is my turn to go to the hospital. On a routine pelvic exam recently they found a cyst or tumor on my left ovary and some other growths on my uterus and other ovary. So they are going to do a complete hysterectomy on me Oct. 27. I will be out of commission for a while.

I looked at some microfilm for a couple of hours yesterday. Nothing too much new, but went over again the Schwaben Creek or Himmel Luth. Church records in Northumberland County and copied some references to the related families there along with the two children of John & Elizabeth O. (John Peter and Christian).

I noticed there were many Pfeiffer references. Also a Peter Albert. And many of the Oschenreiter name. Also some Koppenhever.

Sometimes the references alone do not mean much, but put together, may have some significance:

Baptisms:

George FÜRSTER & wf. Catharina	Jonathan b. Dec. 24, 1804	Sp: Johannes OHRENBORF & wf. Elisabeth
George FÜRSTER	Catharina b. Nov. 2, 1800 bap. Sept. 1, 1800 (?)	George PFEIFFER & wf. Magdalena

There was no one by that name listed in PENNSYLVANIA GERMAN PIONEERS but there was a Johannes Fürst on the ship with Christian Orrentorf in 1741.

I copied just about all the baptismal records for the Pfeiffers and Oschenreiters. Then I did a little detective work in Pennsylvania German Pioneers:

Associated with the Pfeiffer names with the following (sponsors):

Johannes Schaefer (sponsors and grandparents for daughter of George Pfeiffer & wf. Eva Maria & Magdalena Pfeiffer) <sup>1/2</sup>

~~John~~ George Schaefer and Susan Pfeiffer, single, sponsors for son of John ~~George~~ Pfeiffer and wf. Magdalena.

Now----on the ship Hope in Sept. 27, 1773 are listed:

Johannes Pfeiffer  
Jn Geo. (\*) Sheffer  
Johannes Schaeffer

Ja. 29, 1979

Dear Margaret:

For some time I have been meaning to reorder the Conewago Chapel church records and look at them more thoroughly. I checked the names in the index at the time but didn't look through them as thoroughly as I wanted. Recently, I saw the film at the LDS library and so I went through it again, this time looking at each individual entry.

I learned that the index had indexed only the names of the child baptized and not parents or sponsors! I found many more Orndorff records and now I believe that we have the marriages for Herman's two other daughters mentioned in the administrations records and also possibly two daughters for John, Doctor: You will see on the accompanying records which I copied from Conewago Chapel the maiden names are given in many cases of the mothers of the baptized child. This is a big help!

We had no marriages for Herman's daughters: Anna Maria or Maria Elisabetha. But now we do!

Anna Maria  
Anna Maria Orendorf-Josephus Hemler

~~Georgius Widman~~ Orndorf-Georgius Widman

There is also another Orendorf marriage:

Josephus Weaver-Magdalena (Orendorf)

Can this be a sister of Mathias???? Also mentioned as a sponsor for an Arentz couple is a Henerica Orendorff (Henrietta Teresa?). Possibly this is the same Henrietta Teresa mentioned in Lebanon Co. Pa. Catholic records as a sponsor for Mathias and Christena and I'll bet that she is a sister of Mathias.

Of course, we have no proof of any of this--that Anna Maria Hemler and Maria Elisabetha Widman were Herman's daughters. They could have been John's or someone else's. We need more proof. But temporarily I'll give them to Herman.

Possibly some of the other couples on the list have Orendorff maiden names. Not all the entries gave the maiden names of the mothers, only some. But I noticed also that some of the maiden names were given of the SPONSORS, too.

I also uncovered a baptismal for Mathias's son Joseph which I didn't see before because I didn't check the "A" spelling in the index. I had found so much at that time and was so excited at finding the marriage of my Jacob and Catharine, I must have forgotten to check the "A's". So now I lack only two baptismal records for Mathias and Christena's children, but unfortunately my Catharine was one of the two.

Sehr geehrte Frau Berger!

Herzlichen Dank fuer Ihren freundlichen Brief von 4.1.79, den mit  
meine Frau nach Wildbad (wo ich Pf. anlaseelich einer Dadelsuer bin)  
nach gesandt hat. Ich waere gern beseit, fuer Sie

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I think we can now draw up a list of possible children of John, Doctor thus:

Christopher married Elizabeth Phillips  
Mathias Married Christena Orndorff  
Herman married Susan Eckenrode  
Hannah married \_\_\_\_\_ Ohler  
Magdalena married Weaver  
Christina? unmarried Diefenthal (this is just a wild guess!)  
Henrietta Teresa

It is also possible that the Henrietta Teresa (or Henrietta) is possibly a widow of John, Doctor....being a later second wife.

Probably John had additional children. He must have had an Elizabeth, or a Catharine, or Margareta.

We also may not know all about Herman's first family. But we do know that Lawrence was the eldest son, getting a double portion under the law, and even if Lawrence had an elder brother who had gotten his share before his father's death, that wouldn't entitle Lawrence to a double share. Also all of these children, with the possible exception of Teresa, were under age in 1778 being born before 1758 or so. When you consider that Herman married Anna Margareta in Germany in 1734 it is likely that she is not the mother of these children. And Teresa is possibly the oldest, yet Teresa was such a Catholic name.

Also note the entry for the death of a Gaspar Michelfelder. This was the name of the guardian for Herman's children in the 1778 administration record! Now we know what happened to him. Perhaps he left a will which will tell us something. Records in the southern part of Germany where Capper came from (Zeutern) are supposedly quite good and we can easily find out of birthdate parentage, and if he had a sister Catherine. This was a Catholic area.

We had some bad news lately. We use to be able to order microfilm for \$.70-- now it will cost \$2.20 per roll. However, the price for putting a film on a 6 month loan (\$3.00) or indefinite loan (\$5.00) will not change. But it will put a crimp in my researching.

There is another possibility I should mention concerning the Conewago Chapel Orndorff women. Some or all of them could belong to those Berks Co. Orndorffs about whom we know so little.

The Conewago Chapel records for baptism copied on this film end in 1815 and the other records in 1835. I know Hist. Soc. of Pa. had records from there till 1910 so must see about having them checked. Must be more records there for us. This was like Christmas!!!!

I have written to and had a reply from Germany. Hans Schmeck will do research for 10 DM per hour (about \$6.00 at current rate) plus expenses. He seems quite competent and already has some Orndorff material on the Orndorffs of Eichen in his notes which he will send. Roy O. has kindly offered to share the expense of searching for Conrad, Peter and Philip and I will take him up on it later on but this time Mr. Schmeck will be looking for Hermans records as well and of course Roy O. has no connection to him.

Jan. 28, 1979

**Both of these**

The film that I looked at was a transcription, not the original. I am wondering if on the original I might find the maiden name given of Christina Orendorff on one of the baptismal entrées. Perhaps the person that transcribed these documents saw the name Orndorff repeated twice and did not realize it was her maiden name and therefore only copied it once. It would be worth checking on.

I also copied a few of the other records which looked interesting, including a couple of Pipers. I wonder if this George Pfeiffer was the one who was more or less cut out of Peter Piper's will with a small sum. Perhaps it was for marrying a Catholic.

Note the name of Cornelius Sullivan (the name of a witness to Peter O., Sr.'s will. Also as sponsor was Joseph Taney.

The Christian Tapper name is probably Topper---remember David Orendorff (Peter Gen. 3) married Appalonia Topper and she was Catholic.

Mathias and Christina seemed close to the Abraham Diefenthal (Christena) couple. I wonder if this Christena could be a daughter of John, Doctor.

A few of the entrées are repeats of what we already had.

On this same film was a different transcription of a film I had looked at before-- the one which gave the children of Henry of Adams Co. This film also gave more than I first found, including the following:

Mr 24 1774 Ag 14 1774	Elisabeth	Michael Acker Christina	Henrich Orendorff Elisabeth
No 26 1776	Elisabeta	Joseph Pens Catharina	Henrich Orndorf Elisabetha
Ag 20 1778	Joh. Henrich	Lorentz Schweitzer Sybilla Cath	Henrich Ohrndorff Cath.

There are also some Eicher/Ecker/Acker entries including a baptism involving Michael Acker and Joseph Pens. Because of the above records---and other records I have recently found, I can connect the Mayer, Eicher, Pens/Bentz, Pfeiffes and Orndorff families together in this area (also other names, Moll, for example. These people have a connection to the Pfeiffers and others of the Mayer, Pfeiffer, Acker, Moll, etc. surnames of Northampton County, Pa)

And we now have Henry of Adams Co. connected directly to an Acker/Eicher name as well as Peter Orndorff, Sr. having a direct connection. I don't know what this all means but it is fascinating!

I have written to Schmeck and told him to search a certain number of hours, and not more than that at this time so that I won't have a staggering bill. I also told him there would be more work for him later.

I hope we can eventually find Christian I's children. It may be that he will be found with Peter and Conrad, whoever that is. That could answer a lot of questions. The connections between the names Orndorff (Peter O. and Henry of Adams Co.) and the Acker/Eicher, Pfeiffer, Mayer, etc. names suggests certain connection to the Lebanon Co. or Christian I family for both of them. One of the other connections that I have uncovered is the name Klein/Little.

Both Conrad and Peter mentioned the name Little in their will. This is derived from the name Klein (German for Little). Littlestown, Pa. is named for this family, particularly the Peter Little of Peter O., Sr.'s will. Also Christian O's daughter in Lebanon, had a Klein connection.

Henry Orndorff in one of his childrens baptisms has for a sponsor Henry Klein.

Henry was contemporary with Peter O. and it must be assumed that they knew one another. They lived so close together.

I have a feeling I should go back over the Northampton and Lebanon records again to see if I can make any other connections. Perhaps something new will turn up.

That's all for now. But that's also enough for now.

I must also go thru the Conewago Chapel records again, because by the time I found those Orendorff women I might have missed earlier records on them.

Nov. 1, 1978

Dear Margaret :

Well, I was all prepared to go in for surgery last week but went to the doctor's for a pre-operative check up and he found that the cyst or tumor had gone down in size, meaning that it could be what they call a functional cyst and they may not have to operate. They are going to check it monthly for 3 months and then decide.

So here I am.

Looked at some film of St. Jacob's Lutheran and Reformed Church (Howerter's) Upper Mahonoy Twp. Northumberland Co. Pa. 1803-1880 F 020,374

I found the baptismal records of John & Elizabeth Ohrendorff's children which were referred to in the Himmel Church record as being in 1804 and 1808. Now we have the exact dates.

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Johannes Ohrendorff  
& Elizabeth

Christénaa  
b. 13 March 1809

Sponsors: Georg Hoerst &  
Catherina

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Johannes Ohrendorf  
& wife Elizabe

Jonadan  
b. 19 March 1808

Nicholaus Rybolt &  
wife Magdalena

Also:

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Jacob Bauer  
& Bena (Filibena from  
other list)

Elizabeth  
Aug. 20, 1809

Daniel Bauer  
Bedi Orendorf

p. 86 Oxenriter name also other places

p. 46 Confirmation list 1817

Peter Ohrendorff  
Catha. Ohrendorff

Also on lists around 1812 are several Flauer names, including a Jacob Flauer (remember Berks Co. record Jacob Flauer-Margaretha Ohrendorff marriage?). Jacob does not have a wife listed as the other males do, so this one may be a son. Perhaps related to the Berks county group.

That's all for now.

Feb. 1, 1979

Dear Margaret:

Right now I am very excited about some interesting possibilities for research.

At my local LOBSmicrofilm library I talked to the lady who had ordered the Conewago Chapel film to see if we had any people in common. It seems that we did.

Her ancestor was a sister of the Joseph Weibel who married Herman's daughter Maria Margareta whose family is mentioned in DWO ledgers! She also has Eck ancestry and some vague connectionsj to other related families.

She gave me a group sheet on her Weibel ancestor listing Joseph's siblings and his father, Valentine Weibel. It seems Valentine was a very early settler in Berks County and an early Catholic. I recall also that there was an Adam Weyble adjacent to Christian Orndorff in Lebanon, Pa. But he is not mentioned in these records.

She had also sent to Hoenstine for the volumes of the American Catholic Historical Society that have the earliest Catholic sacramental records up to about 1785 and she had xeroxed them all. She let me borrow and xerox them-about 110 pages in all, but at 4¢ per page that wasn't bad. She also GAVE me an extra booklet she had on the early church history of the Bally Church, Berks Co., a very good one.

These records were not late enough to catch the marriage of Christian and Maria Eva Eck or other Orndorff records there, but perhaps I can get them from another source. There was one baptism for Joseph and Margaret Weibel though. I am making up a group sheet on them and will send it later on. She also gave me the name of a man who has information on the Weibel and Eck's family. Joseph Weibel's mother was an Eck.

Also the man who wrote the history of the Bally church is interested in all the early Catholic families so I will write to him.

I now want to quote to you some of the information from the book Catholic Colonial Conewago by John Poist Keffer:

"The earliest sacramental registers and other records of the Parish of the Sacred Heart at Conewago have either been lost or, as some surmised, were destroyed in the disastrous fire which burned to the found the old Jesuit mission known as St. Thomas Manor in Md. There is some evidence, however, that they were in existance as late as the very early days of this century since John T. Reilly, in his various "Collections" quotes information on births, deaths, baptisms, and marriages which could hardly have been obtained from any other source. One cannot help but wonder whether they lie in some attic among his books and manuscripts or in the archives of some house of the Society of Jesus, dusty and uncatalogued."

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Since the yearly Protestant records of Lebanon, Berks and Lancaster County are in such good shape and we find little or no mention of Herman's and John's baptismal records or marriages, we would have to assume that they would have been recorded by the Conewago mission circuit records (lost now) or by other missionaries from Maryland. There are also a few missing church records from Bally: at critical times:

Baptisms	1747 to 1765 Fragmentary	Herman's children born between about 1758 and 1775 possibly and John's we don't know but some should have survived. if here.)
	1786 missing entirely	
	1787 missing up to October	
Marriages	1748 to 1758 missing entirely (Herman's second marriage would be here)	
	1780 to 1784 missing entirely	
	1786 missing entirely	
Deaths	1772 no deaths recorded	
	1786 and 1787 missing entirely	
	1788 Fragmentary	
	1789 no deaths recorded	

There records range generally: (Printed sources)

Baptisms	1741-1819; 1819-1864; 1864-1935 (and to date no printed )
Marriages	1741-1819; 1820-1831 (and I suppose to date) not printed)
Deaths	1765-1819; 1820-1845 (and I suppose to date not printed)
	1786 and 1787 missing entirely
	1788 Fragmentary
	1789 no deaths recorded

Observations: not unusual for one of the sponsors of even both to be non-Catholic.

Father Ritter (1770) had extensive powers of dispensation especially in cases of consanguinity)

At least one instance of marrying two non-Catholics

Because of persecution and oppression Father Schneider was often forced to travel in disguise as a layman. He was skilled in medicine, so often made his journeys as a physician. I wonder if there is any connection to John, Doctor here.

Father Schneider died rather early 1764 age 62.

I wonder if your state library at Springfield has any of the other books of John Timon Reily. Do you ever go there. They might be in a Special Collections of Rare Book room. They were not listed at the Newberry Library in Chicago, although they might have acquired them since the list I checked is decades old. If you ever get to Chicago or Springfield, you might check.

That's all for now.

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He goes on to tell about the various locations of the sacramental registers which begin (Baptisms from 1791, marriages from 1796 and deaths from 1791.

I have seen a transcription which was made in 1962 which covers:

Marriages and deaths to 1835  
Baptisms to 1815.

I noticed recently that the Historical Society in Pennsylvania has on their accession list the record of Conewago Chapel 1791-1910 so perhaps I can have a search made there. Unless these are recent transcripts I will have to find someone who can read the Latin.

Last but not least, the volumes mentioned as Reily's "Collections" are rare books and very hard to locate. There is one copy of a volume called Conewago-Collection of Catholic Local History out here at the Huntington Library. I don't know if you know what the Huntington Library is out here but it is sort of a Smithsonian for books and the like. It is a very difficult place to get into to do research. You have to have at least a Masters' degree and two references who are aware of the research that you are doing. I phoned them and they are sending me an application for research privileges.

I won't dare say that I am doing this for genealogical researches for some librarians are quite prejudiced against this kind of work. Besides they'd have had our genealogist over there all the time---- if they only knew how to find out what they had and how to get in there. I think I can pull it off. If necessary I'll ask Mrs. Banks, director of the graduate library school, to write me a reference letter, and I know some people in the history department there too. Or I could use some of my Pa. correspondents from the parishes who wrote the local histories.

I will have to call it "A Historical Study of the Early Catholic Settlements of Southeastern Pennsylvania, and especially the Counties of Lebanon, Berks, and Adams, Their Origins, Migrations, and Religious Customs!" Do you think that will pass muster?

I could also say that I was working on a bibliography of this subject... and I might well do that and publish it.

There are other volumes as well of Reily's works. I am not sure just what they contain but there are nine in total. Much, much local history and families even though the titles are deceptive "Recollections of the Life and Times of Cardinal Gibbons" and titles like that.

From what I've heard about the early Catholic records, the Bally records are the earliest Catholic records in existence for Pennsylvania. The only earlier ones would have been the Conewago records which are apparently lost, although Mr. Keffer has some doubts that they actually burned. Maybe some day they will turn up.

Feb. 21, 1979

Dear Margaret:

I received page one and two of the letter 1 Fe 1979. But it ended at the bottom of the page in the middle of a sentence.

Comments on your letter:

1. Yes, It is possible that the Rorig Ohrendorf d. 29 No 1676 could be a brother of Johann Henrich O. bapt 1661.

It is also possible that John, Dr. couldn't record the land because he wasn't naturalized. Had to be here at least 7 years to be naturalized, I believe. Probably just neglected to record it as did so many. Also Catholics couldn't own land, but this wasn't always enforced.

Peter O. who died 1840-1850 Buchanan Valley near Fairfield is the son of John O.-Mary Magdalen Allwein.

I don't know anything about the Jacob m. Marie Seidew being part of ChesterCo. Pa. O's.

John Oberdorff-Magdalen Zartmen is NOT AN ORNDORFF RECORD.

Concerning the John Orndorff-Maria Mathias marriage Fe 10 1825 in Conewago Chapel: Not certain, but I believe that this is Mohn, son of Christian (son of Herman). Her name was Mary M. Mathias, and would be a daughter of John Mathias and Catherine, if father obit ~~is in the book~~. 1/2

This John's brother also married another Maria Mathias in the Taney town Catholic Church--Samuel Orndorff-Maria Mathias 25 No 1834. It was her father who was Jacob Mathias and Samuel and Maria's daughter was the Maria Louisa born 1839 and died in 1940. She was a sacristan at Baltimore, Md. for many years. Should be a good obit on her somewhere.

Letter 52 mention of the John Mathias guardian for Chr. & Eva O.'s children 1818---I only know that apparently two of the Orndorff men married into Mathias families.

3. Regarding: wills of my Peter 1786  
wills of NY Peter 1786.

Yes, I have a copy of my Peter's will 1786. I believe I sent you one also a long time ago. I believe the will of NY was for a Peter Peyper and only MENTIONS a son-in-law Peter Orndorph. You found this originally.

I don't think that the Conrad of Baltimore is the unnamed son of Henry of NY unless his son went to Germany and came back. Possible, of course.



REASONS:

1. Conrad of the passenger list age 30 matches the age on the tombstone in Carroll Co., Md.
2. Conrad of Carroll Co., Md. is apparently the same man as the Conrad in Baltimore, wife had same name (although the NY Conrad had wife Catherine too, but born too late-was a grandson rather than son). Conrad in Baltimore associated with same names as Conrad in Carroll Co., Md.
3. There was a Henrich Orddorff mentioned in Baltimore 1762, a much more likely time for a son of NY Henry to be found there. My Conrad not in Baltimore till 1780's.
4. I just don't think that Conrad or Peter are sons of Henry unless they went to Germany first from NY. It is quite apparent that my people are the 1753 emigrants. But most likely are related somewhere.

Yes, You already mentioned that the Samuel was son of John and Rebecca (Garber) Orendorff).

Don't know wnything about Perry O.

Don't think that the Helmer has anything to do with Hemler. Himler possible.

Herman and Anna Marg (Weschenbach) apparently did not have a son Lawrence b. 1737 before dau Maria Marg. All women and children were named on the passenger list and there was no child. Alsonnone in the church records of Germany. IMPORTANT NOTE: I found the birth date of Anna Marg. Weschenbach in the German records and she was born 1700----12 years older than Herman. She could not have had many children after about 1745 or so. The murdered Lorentz, son of Herman, was UNDER 21 in the Orphan's Court record of 1778. This is important because it indicates that probably ALL OF HERMAN'S SURVIVING CHILDREN WERE BORN AFTER 1750 (Last mention of Anna Marg. was in 1750) and would therefore belong to his second wife Catherine. Probably time of marriage to Catherine 1750-1758. Remember that the second eldest son was Christian and he was born c. 1761 from church death records in Taneytown. Lorentz was older and almost certainly Teresa and possibly Margareta Weibel were older. Teresa was married by 1766. Child of Joseph and Teresa (Orndorff) Eckenrode born March 1776. Order of birth probably Teresa, Lorentz, Margaret, Obhista, etc. and Christian was born 1761. It is fairly clear that Christian was either the 3rd of 4th child of Herman and Catherine.

Herman and Catherine could have had a son Lawrentz born and died at sea.

Don't bother with group sheets on the Ernstorf names. Apparently these are different, even in the German records, although they intermarried.

Do you subscribe to Schuyler Brossman's column in the Berks Co. Newspaper? My friend does and I have been reading them. Will subscribe myself I think. All Pennsylvania queries and they are free to anyone. Deals heavily with Berks-Dauphin-Lebanon-Lancaster area. Many references to Miess-Spengler-etc. names associated with Orndorffs.

Lorentz was  
ELDEST son.

You asked once what you might be able to do:

How about getting a copy of the Philip Miess will (ask for original, not typed copy) to check that reference to Henrich Johannes O. who witnessed it.

How about getting a photocopy of the Moravian record (original German) which gives the birthplace of Louisa O. Miess (Sonnenberg) and also mentions the reference to Christian and Louisa coming from Kiselberg in Freudenberg. My German friend tells me there is no KISELBERG in NASSAU-SIEGEN. Perhaps the reference is to Freudenberg AND Kiselberg. Will have to do more about this. Perhaps Sonnenberg was misread as Kiselberg. The different transcriptions of this vary, as you once pointed out.2

With a photocopy, I could send it to my German correspondent or have someone here with a good knowledge of script evaluate it.

Now for some interesting news. This may prove to be a breakthrough in identifying your Christopher:

Recall first the following item from Christ Lutheran Church Soudsburg: Berks Co.:

John Ohrendorf  
Elisabeth

Elisabeth  
b. 19 My 1772  
Bap. 16 Je 1772

Sponsor: Elisabeth Scharf

Also please note that there was a record of John Orndorff, Doctor, in which his wife Margaret signed also in Lancaster County 30 J1 1771. Recorded by John O. 1785/8 (can't quite read it).

The only way that John Doctor could be the above John with wife Elisabeth would be if Margaret died almost immediately after signing the document and then he immediately remarried. I think it quite likely that there are TWO John Orndorffs, either one of which could be a father of your Christopher (as could also the Henry Orndorffs we have found in Pa.).

But consider the following record out of Pennsylvania German Pioneers:

There are only about 4 or 5 Scharfs who were early enough to belong to the Berks Co. Scharf families. None of the names on the passenger lists ring any bells except one. Passengers on the ship:

Ship "EDINBURGH" 283 August 1750 Passengers: Johannes (+) Philips  
Johann Christophell Scharff  
(these two names are adjacent)

Also on the ship are found these other surnames, all names of families which 18th century Orndorffs of Lebanon, Berks, Lancaster County married into:

Flowr (Flauer  
Spengler  
Widtmann

Of passing interest also are the names (adjacent to each other: Daniel Klein and Jacob Schaefer. These were sponsors to baptisms of the Cressman family in Pa. and Md. associated with Conrad Orndorff--but probably no connection to the Philips Scharff families--no near them on list.

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It would well be that the John Orndorff of the 1772 baptismal record married an Elisabeth Scharf, perhaps a daughter of a Christopher and Elisabeth Scharf. They might well have named a son Christopher after Elisabeth's father. He may have been a sponsor for his baptism.

Your Christopher, might have married a daughter of an old family friend or relative Johannes Philips. They might have migrated to Maryland together. Wasn't your Christopher supposed to be from Dauphin Co.? This area is right on the line between Lebanon and Berks County and Christ Lutheran Church recorded some records from other churches and parishes.

You should subscribe to that Schuyler Brossman column too. I recall seeing the Scharf name frequently there. It is published at Rehersburg and this is exactly in the area (immediate area) of Stouchsburg church. Mr. Brossman has extensive knowledge of many surnames there and also has a good cemetery collection (of records).

Who this John is remains a mystery. Was he the John O. of 1741? If a son of Christian I, why not mentioned in Moravian records as was Christian II who was not even Moravian either? Perhaps a brother of Christian I?

The puzzling thing is that both records of these Johns pop up after 1765 when we have a Johannes Orndorff on a passenger list.

I believe that you now have something to go on for your Christopher. More records must be searched. I have not seen all the Berks Co. church records. I have not looked at the Orphan Court records for Berks Co. either, I believe, so must do that.

Will look for Scharf and Philips records after this.

I believe that this John O. connected with the Scharf name is probably the father of the John O.-Elizabeth Oxenreuter connected to the Dauphin Co. O's later. You may well be of this line. Christopher may be his brother.

Things all for now.

PS Don't make up any group sheets on all those records I sent you. Let me send you a copy of what I have done. Then you can check them over. It took me hours and hours and hours.....Copying is cheap

Dear Margaret:

Remember I told you I was placing a query in Schuyler Brossman's genealogy column in Berks County???? Well, I still haven't received my copy of the paper yet--it takes a while to be mailed--but I have had two letter in response to it.

One of the letters didntt help much. But the second one was very interesting. It was from a Mr. Willard Z. Francis of 326 E. Willow ST. Elizabethtown, PA 17022. His father compiled an unpublished history of the Light family in Lebanon County about 50 year ago.

He xeroxed for me the pages on which the Orndorff name appeared. These were the deeds by which Lorentz buys the land, from the rest of the family, dies and the land is transferred to Christian, Christian sells to John, and later John sells to the Light family in 1806.

Well, a later deed in the Light family (1833) mentions a deed of 1810, describing lands they were conveying to other members of the family land adjoining George Bayler, dec., by land of LAWRENCE SPENGLER ALIAS ORNDORFF, by Michael Beyer, by Martin Imhoff. etc.

Evidently there was a Lawrence Spengler/Orndorff living there in the early 1800's. Could he have been an illegitimate son of Lorentz murdered in 1791? Illegitimate children did not inherit under the law.

This also raises more questions. We have still the Elizabeth Ohrendorff-John Spengler marriage to fathom (in 1816) Trinity Tulpehocken Church.

Now I must go back and see how Lawrence Spengler got his land, census records, church records and so forth. A new angle. Well, I was going to investigate those Spenglers anyway.

He also copied the following paragraph:

"Christian Brandt on Apr. 2, 1852 bought of the executors of Jaacob Light the farm of 134 acres, 132 perches immediately south of him, about 122 acres thereof included in the patent of Sept. 18 1766 to Conrad Renninger for 122 3/4 acres and allowances....about 3 1/2 acres part of 218 acres granted to Christian Orndorf by warrant of May 15, 1758, since patented."

I have also been looking at the 1798 tax assessment for Dauphin Co., Pa. It gives an unbelievable amount of information....gives owner of land, occupant (renter) nearest neighbor, and more, for instance:

Jn Ohrendorff: 1 barn stone, 60x86, 11 still house 12/18 133 acres 120 perches  
2 story house logs, good house gravel land  
Ohrendorff Christn 1 barn stone 54x24, 1 still house 18x20  
1 story house logs Midlin good house gravel land

The widow Koppenheffer and a George Hander of Kander the younger lived on land of Christian Ley, adjacent to George Spengler, Jacob Deckert, George Mace (Meese?), John Moyer

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Part of Christian's land is listed in a different township, so perhaps they were on the boundary. Land was owned by Christian Orendorf but occupied by Joseph Worrel. A Peter Pfeifer lived on land owned by John Mease.

Listed here in Bethel Twp. was a John Arzt (means doctor in German). Maybe John Orndorff, doctor even.

Next to the Light family was a Miller family (Christ. Next to Noakers was Copenheffer. Next to one of the Millers was a Jacob Phillips. All this in Bethel Twp. I think Light's and Orndorffs land was on the boundary between Bethel and Borough of Lebanon.

Margaret, I am so far behind in my correspondence--I must get on with other letters.

Will try to write more next time.

November 1, 1979

Dear Margaret:

Enclosed you will find a group sheet on Joseph Orndorff, the fruits of my St. Louis research (partial fruits). Considering that I started only with his census (1850) listing and marriage license, I think I did pretty well. Certainly I have a good accounting of his family by his wife Jane Talbott thanks partially to the Talbott genealogy at the St. Louis Public Library.

I was able to go to the genealogy first, and there found the whole family. With their death dates, looked up obits on Joseph and Jane. Found Jane's. Gave Calvary Cemetery as burial place. Called up Calvary on telephone and they told me all the O's buried there. Went out and copied the stones (just before the rain began and while my taxi waited)). Went to vital statistics and checked their indexes to deaths. Ordered the death certificates (which took 5 days and I had mailed to my home). Checked the city directories and BINGO found yet ANOTHER Orndorff there, a John Orndorff in the 1850's and later. Could he be Joseph's brother? Or could he be a son by a previous marriage. ~~Not~~ old to be a son of Jane Talbott. This is very mysterious because he was at one time listed at the same residence as Joseph and had the same occupation.

(infant 8 days old)

There is also a death certificate for a William Orndorff in 1879, too late to be a son of Joseph and Jane O. and all of Joseph's KNOWN sons died young and unmarried. Really need the 1860-~~80~~-80 census readings. I checked the addresses in the city directories against the ward maps and am better armed for census searching now. I looked in the wrong place before because Joseph did not live out at the fair grounds until later. He first lived down by the river (walking distance from the hotel where I stayed).

I visited the Old Cathedral where he married. I also went about crazy studying up on the history and evolution of the Catholic parishes in St. Louis where he lived. He married in the Old Cathedral, at least one of his children was baptized in another parish, 3 baptized in St. Charles, MO. and others probably elsewhere has this was a hotbed of Catholicism and new and ethnic parishes sprung up all over in the 19th century.

Joseph's home across the street from the fair grounds is long gone and now a car wash. City directories indicate that he was at first a saddle and harness maker and later a druggist. All children are buried in Calvary Cemetery, although I lack a couple of the daughter's death dates, but I suspect they may have been moved from another cemetery (at least one or two might have been, the early ones) as there is a common headstone for Joseph, Jane and the young children--probably put up by one of the married daughters later on. It is in very good shape.

The Historical Society at Jefferson Memorial was small but very good and very cooperative. I never even had time to check the mortality schedules. But checked many church records (F&MND some) and some directories the city library lacked. Also Kansas City, MO directories on those Kansas City Orndorffs whose addresses were in MY family papers and whom I have not yet identified.

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So, I did pretty good with Joseph--not much in the way of loose ends unless he had a previous marriage. One point- his wife's death date on certificate says July 30 1904 but all other accounts giving the 31 of July. Newspaper obit says Sun. 3 a.m. July 31, burial Tuesday Ag. 2. I think it was probably July 31...And someone who filled out death certificate latge remembered that it was Saturday night, but forgot that it lasted over into Sunday Morning.

Do go to the St. Louis Public Library. It is fantastic for New England and Midwest. Good for Pa. and Md. also. Very large and extensive collection. Best I've ever been to.

I also found some data on the above Kansas City, MO Orendorffs. There was a Robert there about 1805 or so. He died not long after. Need to do more research on them. They don't seem to be Catholic. Had son Charles. Robert died 1874 leaving widow Martha A..

I had a Stella Orendorff workingr of J.E. Vincent Co. and I found a J.E. Vincent Hair & Millinery Co. there. A Robert Orendorff was a lawyer there in 1876. Must do more research. Oh, well, I hear that Kansas City is a possible conference sightin the next five years. Next year is L.A. (yuck, no trip) but after that is Boston.

As I indicated my trip had other results. I finished the work on Joseph Orndorff in about 3 days total. So kept on searching with the following results on the children of Abraham Orndorff:

You will recall that my descendant chart and DWO ledgers indicated Abraham's daughter Elizabeth married Jacob Finrock but no census record was after found for them in 1850. Now I know why.....

DIVORCES AND NAME CHANGES IN MARYLAND BY ACT OF LEGISLATURE 1634-1854  
compiled by Mary Keysor Meyer c. 1970

Chapter 152, 1Session (of legislature year 1831 FINROCK, Elizabeth of Frederick County divorced from John Jacob Finrock. The executor of Henry Finrock, late of Federick Co. deceased, to pay over to Elizabeth Finrock, granddaughter of said Henry, amount due her from Henry's will. 1 March 1832.

Of course the name is FINROCK, not Finrock, but this is a marvelous find. Because the will of Henry Finrock names her as his granddaughter Elizabeth Orndorff, I now have=proof of their marriage! Heppfully, the entire account of the divorce action which I have sent for will give more detail, perhaps even their original marriage date. Never thought I'd find this one.

For some time I have been trying to prove that the John Orndorff line of Churubusco and Eel River Twp. (Allen Co.) Indiana is the John, son of Abraham Orndorff. Since I had John's birth date from his baptismal record I thought that a tombstone giving his birth date might be conclusive proof. I found the tombstone but the results are mixed:

<u>Eel River Cemetery</u> ( Collection of Cem. Insc. of Allen Co. Indiana -NSDAR)	
p.991 John Orndorf	Barbara, wife of John Orndorff
died Mar. 5, 1879	d. June 16, 1866
age 79 y 11 m. 23 d.	age 67 y 20 d.
George Orndorf	Eva Orndorf
1824-1894	1824-1922

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earlier research gave his birth date as 11 Ap 1799. He should have been 80 when he died. However, some of the census records show him as being this age. But still the days are wrong----but then the number of months is correct!

I think he is the same man. Will have to have the tombstone checked. Perhaps it is not too legible, or perhaps it was mistaken.

Unfortunately he is dead a few months too soon to have been included in the mortality schedules. Darn.

I think he married a second time to a Rebecca something or other. Also in the grantee indexes for Allen Co. 1829-1873 is listed a JOSEPH Orendorff. Now who on earth is he? Will have to send for deeds.

I have also written for township and town history type of information. This might help.

Well, I am tiring now. Only one more comment. Can you find out just which branch of the family brought that conch shell to the 1886 reunion? What was the story behind it? Remember one of the Orendorff (Chr. I) women who married a Miess said she was born in Christiansted. There would be more than one Christiansted but there is one in St. Croix, Virgin Islands and Conch Shells are found in this climate----and not any climate between Germany and Pennsylvania. I copied from the phone book some of the early churches addresses and will write them some time. I have my fingers stuck into all the pies.

That's all (that's ENOUGH) for now.



April 29, 1979

Dear Margaret:

Don't pay any attention to Mr. Green Ink. Don't worry about refuting this misinformation. We will document what we do or clearly state that we are speculating or don't know. When people look at both our materials eventually, they will have to accept ours.

Speaking of documentation, I am sending you new group sheets on certain of the Orendorff families. Just throw away the older ones, please! I am trying to be very careful about documenting every piece of information by coding it to references above. People will be able to judge the validity of our information. I am one by one redoing the group sheets in this form. I will have them all this way eventually, Live and learn.

The 1798 tax assessment list for Dauphin Co. lists John O. and Chr. O. These would no doubt be the two sons of Herman Orendorff as they are adjacent. Yes this is in Lebanon County.

The 1780 tax list of that county which lists a widow is most likely the widow of Hermanus who died in 1778. A widow of Christian Orndorff should have also appeared if she still lived or owned property. Lorentz was listed in 1781 tax list as a freeman, meaning just turned 21 among other things. I think that this is correct. But his mother was still head of family and owned the land before that. Children got their shares when 21.

One correspondent has suggested that the mysterious "Lawrence Spengler alias Orndorff" might be a child from an earlier marriage of Herman's wife Catherine. Very possible. There was an early Peter Spengler who emigrated with other Catholic families and is listed in 1742 in St. Paul's. Then no more records for him. He could have died and Herman could have married his widow. A child of this Spengler couple could still be alive in 1810 or so when that deed was written. How strange that a clue could turn up 60 or so years later. If it weren't for Brossman's column I would never have turned that up. You really should send in a query on the Philips families. I KNOW there is a connection, Margaret. Even if Christopher married in Maryland, it was probably to a girl from a family that migrated with him. I wonder if there isn't a will or something for Christopher's father John in some Southern county where Christopher lived. Have you ever checked the censuses where Christopher lived before Illinois to see if certain surnames travelled along with him?

Yes, I went to the Huntington Library and read the book on Conewago. But no news, some good background material though. There are also a number of other volumes which I CANNOT find on the West Coast.

The Elizabeth Ohrendorff-John Spengler marriage occurred in the RECORDS of the Christ Lutheran Church at Stouchsburg, Berks Co., Pa. but the actual ceremony likely occurred elsewhere. Remember this was the MOTHER church for many other churches, about 8 or 10, and the minister would record the event when he came HOME. I have never found any Orndorff records in Berks County (except the Catholic Church). No tax lists, no deeds, no wills, no nothing. But they obviously travelled in that area, and maybe even went to that church. It was not too far away. That particular Elizabeth Ohrendorff m. Spengler might even have been a widow or is the right age to be a daughter of Henry Orndorff of Adams and Centre County if they had visited relatives in the Berks County area.

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I don't know what to think about that Ernsdorfer name in Berks County. There were certainly Ernsdorffs about this time over in Philadelphia in the church records there. There certainly could have been a son of that Henry Ernsdorff a friend of Herman's who also came from Freudenberg, settled in the Southern states and then migrated north in the 1750's.

We need more data.

But DON'T DESPAIR. Look at all we have learned, and we are far, far ahead of anyone else doing research. All that one researcher did in Germany was to obtain the same records available in the CHR ORNDORFF FAMILY IN GERMANY book. Only new item was maiden name of Rorig Waschebach's wife (ACHENBACH).

We might take a family vacation back east in June and/or July. Williamsburg, Washington, D.C., Monticello, Lancaster County, Boston, New England, New Orleans, and Virgin Islands. But with the family along I won't be able to do any research, unfortunately. Will try to get a few pictures of places tho.

Must go now.

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Can you do an identity graph on your Christopher as I have previously done for Peter and Conrad? List all records found for that name chronologically giving time, name, place, event, source. Helps put things in perspective and weed out conflicts.

Regarding John Orndorffs (UNIDENTIFIED) in Pennsylvania 18th century we have the following:

1741	Johan Ohrendorff	on ship with Christian I and Christian II
1765	Joes Ohrendorff	emigrates to Pa. same month as Joh. Henrich O.
1767	John Orndorff Doctor wife Margaret	Deed from Daniel Clark and wife Mary parents of wife Margaret land in Lancaster County, Heidelberg Twp. (later Elizabeth Twp.)
1770 19 No 1770	John Ernsdorfer & wife Elizabeth	sponsors for child of Martin Hoag and wife Elizabeth at Church of Maxatawny Berks Co. Pa.
1771 22 Ag 1771	John Orndorff, Doctor & wf. Margaret	Both sign mortgage to John Nicholas Smith, Lancaster County Deeds
1772 19 My 1772	John Ohrendorf & wife Elizabeth	daughter Elisabaeth born 19 My 1772 baptized in June 1772. Sponsor was Elizabeth SCHARF. One Scharf emigrated to Pa. with a PHILLIPS family. Perhaps this is the father of your Christopher.
1790	John Ohrendorff	Census - Lancaster County Elizabeth Township
1792	John Ohrendorff wife Elizabeth	Marries Elizabeth Oxenreuter Christ Lutheran Church Berks County. Probably a son of John Ohrendorff and wife Elizabeth and brother of Elisabaeth born 1772. Maybe a brother of your Christopher. They went to Northumberland, then Dauphin County, but I think he is next generation, not John doctor.

Now if that is really an Ernsdorf name, and not Orndorff, then we may have just one John Orndorff to deal with. But if that Ernsdorff name later was changed to Orndorff, or written down wrong in the first place, then John Orndorff, doctor could not be the same John who had wife Elizabeth and daughter baptized in 1772. He may not be the same anyway, if you count on your fingers. Margaret would have had to die, and John Doctor remarry, right after that deed was signed and recorded.

I am not counting the sons of Henry of Adams and Centre County because they were too young anyway and I think he is Christian's son anyhow. They are relatively identified but we need to know more about them anyway. That's why I work on the Dauphin and Centre Co. O's, so that we know who they are, and who they are NOT.

July 23, 1979

Dear Margaret:

Thank you for your letter 15 July 1979. I have had several letters from Mrs. Heggen. I wish she would compile the NY O's as I don't really want to do that. She has sent me a great deal of material that she copied from the state library. I will send you a copy soon, next time I go to the copy shop. She has copied a lot of the church records. Hope she takes an interesting compiling the NY O's since you sent her all that DWO data. I am glad to have a copy also. She has sent me much more than she sent to you. But I will send you the rest.

In the same mail with your letter was the following marriage records from City of St. Louis, MO.:

Joseph Orendorff and Jane Talbot married at St. Louis Aug. 1, 1839 by Fr. B. Jamison.

This was probably at the Old Cathedral in St. Louis, the only Catholic Church there.

I have also had a letter from a lady in Colorado Springs whom I found in a genealogical periodical put out by the Church of the Brethren (associated) genealogical association. She is a descendant of John O., eldest son of Peter, Jr. who went to Ohio, then to St. Joseph Co., Indiana. She had placed a query, and I knew from the names that she was a descendant of one of the daughters. She was startled and very pleased to get my letter. She had nothing on John O except the name and sent me a \$5.00 check to xerox all I could! She did have some things I didn't, such as marriage records for some of John's daughters and also for his son John, Jr. I didn't know that he had married, but he died in 1849 and we have his date from the mortality schedule of 1850. His widow apparently married again and I have that record. Will have to check the 1850 census for her married name and see if she had an infant named Orendorff.

She is very anxious to research this line, and I believe has some family back in the Indiana area. She had also written to Jack Miller of this line, but he never sent her the information that I gave him!

I still think that as long as you must rely only on census records for your Christopher's age, that you must consider that couple in Maryland "Christopher & wife Elizabeth" to be yours. If they aren't, then who ARE they? They have to be explained.

How did you like Salt Lake? In regards to that book by Annie Walker Burns, I wish I could see that. Do you have bibliographic information? All these records are taken from the Wills of Maryland and we had this information any how. Unfortunately the will of Christian Orendorff which mentions mother Elizabeth Copenhaver ASSUMES that Copenhaver was Christian's wife's maiden name and does not consider the possibility that her mother was a widow who remarried.

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One of these days I will start putting down my Peter line in the N.E. Gen. Register form and see how much I have so that we will know how much of a book to plan for. I will also do Herman's line the same. It would be nice if we could do a book that would include all the immigrants up to 1765 but it might be too long. Problem is we don't know the parentage of Mathias and Christopher, although it might probably be that John Doctor. I have ordered some more church records that I hope will help us.

We will still have a difficult time proving that her is the 1765 immigrant, or another Orndorff.

I still remember that DWO material on John (m. Allwine) descendants who said John was born on the ocean. His tombstone says born 1767 which is pretty close to 1765 when the Joes. Orndorff immigrated. It is possible that when those land transactions took place (Herman's land) that Christian, son of Herman, sold his land to a John Orndorff who was NOT HIS BROTHER. I don't like to think about that. I just don't feel we have definitive proof of this and will keep my mind open, yet attribute him to Herman in the meantime.

It is also possible that this legend "born on the ocean" was really referring to another John in the family who was born on the ocean, possibly the John who married Elizabeth Oxenreuter and went to Northumberland County. I would very much like to find a birth date on him, possibly from a tombstone. Perhaps my new correspondent and descendant on this line will help with this. If he was born in 1765, then he might have been the one.

I think a book should cover as much as possible of the early immigrants, even if it is not complete and has to be entitled "preliminary genealogy", but I do think we should have something ready by 1985 or before.

I will be going to St. Louis in the fall and hope to wrap up the Joseph Orndorff son of John m. Allwine then. I think he only had daughters. I HOPE so.

I have been attempting to pinpoint the location of Peter's land in Maryland and I think I'm getting close. I have it within a probably 5 mile radius. I have been poring over topographical maps. Would like to include a little map of this in any book. One source says in 1837 Rosanna ORNDORFF was living in a stone house. Some houses were in the minority. It is possible it is still standing, many are. Want VERY much to go back there. I'm going to St. Louis in October and hope to get up to Burlington, Iowa then. That's not far from you, is it?

We have many questions left to answer, particularly in Pennsylvania, parents of John m. Oxenreuter, Mathias, and Christopher which we MUST find. Also find out exactly who Henry of Adams Co. is. The Historical Society of Centre Co. (Henry of Adams Co.) has a collection of information indexed, and they have about forty references to the Orndorf name in the index, one of the references is to a Christian Orndorf. Would like to check these out sometime. I still think he was Joh Henrich.

I am beginning to think that John m. Oxenreuter was also a son of John Doctor. There just aren't enough records of two different John O's. I think there were only one, or else that Johann Henrich who immigrated might have left some loose ends (children) around. It's so frustrating. Must keep looking. Will send you an updated group sheet on many families soon.