

ABOUT THIS NEWSLETTER:

The goals for this newsletter are to encourage further development of our family history and family friendship. It seeks to increase the circle of interested family members, and to assist in the sharing of information about our family heritage. In 1991 there were two issues, one in February and one in June. After that, your editor, unfortunately, required a "leave" which regrettably lasted almost 15 months. I am happy to be "back", finally, and I look forward to "getting involved" again.

PLEASE SEND ME SOME NEWS AND/OR CONTRIBUTE AN ARTICLE!

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Marquita and I want to express our sincere thanks to all of you for your patience during our "absence" and our deep gratitude to many of you for your concern and encouragement. We are many months and many letters "behind" in our personal correspondence as well as the Newsletter, so please "bear with us". We do sincerely enjoy hearing from you, and we will "catch up" as soon as possible!

FAMILY NEWS:

Esten Harriett Hardee Goldsmith, who previously had an AB degree from Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, completed her graduate work at the Washington College of Law within The American University in Washington D.C. and took her bar exam the following month. This was in January and February of 1991, & since I overlooked this news item for Issue #2 in June 1991, we are very late, in adding our congratulations! Forgive us Esten. Esten's mother, Frances Spainhour Hardee, lives in Greensboro, NC.

Darrell & Beverly Spainhower, who live in Apple Valley, Minnesota, are happy about their new granddaughter, Brittany Louise Culpepper, born March 22, 1991 to their daughter Tina and her husband John, who live in Long Beach, California. After visiting with their new granddaughter in California, Darrell & Beverly traveled to Fairmont, West Virginia, where their son Brian Scott Spainhower was married to Alice Carol Sanders on July 5, 1991. Our belated congratulations to each of these families!

New arrivals in the Texas Spainhouers, include Jake Carroll Johnson, son of Jeff & Laurie Johnson of Bryan, Texas, on January 8, 1991, and John Ray MacAree, son of Clint and Lisa Macaree of Alba, Texas, on April 28, 1991 -- both grandsons of Barbara Spainhouer Willabay (deceased) of Greenville, Texas.

Martin & Ruth Spänhauer-Thommen have three new grandchildren: Martin Spänhauer & Peter Spänhauer are twin sons born March 8, 1992 to Roger & Bridgitte Spänhauer-Stalder in MuttENZ, and Remo Spänhauer, son of Markus & Rebecca, was born March 19, 1992 in MuttENZ. Our congratulations to these three families!

Last December, Peter Spaenhauer, of Muttentz, with his children Andreas and Sandra, visited Cuba, the country where "Pedro" was born. Peter was a co-host for our 1990 reunion in Muttentz.

Richard Francis & Rachel Frances Shoaf Spainhour of Winston-Salem, celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary May 9, 1992. Rachel is a "Spainhour" by marriage, of course, but her grandmother, Melissa Frances Wall, was also the widow of Henry E. Spainhour when she married Rachel's grandfather, Auguston Alexander Fulk. Rachel's mother, Eva Irene Fulk, therefore, was half-sister to several Spainhours.

Newsletter Issue #2 had some pictures & a discussion of the family cemetery in which Solomon & Maria Conrad Spainhour are buried. That site has since been cleared of the heavy brush and some discussion has taken place regarding further clearing and perhaps putting up a fence to protect this graveyard in which several family members are buried. Francis Spainhour, Harold Spainhour, and Catherine Canter were part of this project, but others may also have been involved. A more up-to-date report will be included in Issue #4.

Freddie Spainhour (Dallas, TX) has developed a most interesting idea. His suggestion is that Elsbeth Spittler Spänhauer may have had close relatives from the Spittler family already in America when she brought herself and her four children here, & Freddie has found some records of Spittler families who emigrated before 1740.

We do not know where Elsbeth and her daughter Barbara are buried. Our records indicate that Barbara died soon after the family's arrival in Philadelphia in 1740, but Elsbeth's death date remains unknown.

Elsbeth's two sons apparently went to work separately and since neither Heinrich nor Werner provides information about their mother in their memoirs, it seems likely that after their arrival in America, Elsbeth lived with daughter Anna and her husband (Heinrich Tschudi), or with other members of the Spittler family as Freddie suggests. She may have had relatively little further contact with her two sons. I hope we can learn much more about our immigrant family's first twenty years in America before our Reunion in 1995! Any information which you can provide on this subject will be most appreciated!

FAMILY HISTORY:

History, for me, becomes a much more exciting subject when I can correlate the developing events with lives of individual persons with whom I can personally identify myself. Thus our family genealogy became interesting to me, NOT because "who begat who" is -- in itself -- so interesting, but because I believe our genealogy record is an excellent "skeleton" upon which to build a family history.

Now that much of the "genealogy skeleton" has been assembled, I have started to develop a few ideas regarding a potential collection of "family history". We might imagine such a history to contain articles which might be grouped by "topic", three of which could be something like:

Topic I: --Blank pages upon which someday someone may write something of our family history before the year 1580 when we discover Abreast Spänhauer & his wife Anna Warmth in the village of Muttentz, Switzerland.

Topic II: -- "Swiss Family History"

Topic III: -- "American Family History"

Each of us will have areas of special personal interest within such a broad outline. For example, my own interest in our family history was generated by my late brother Benson and by my son Thomas -- yet each of us developed a different special interest. For Benson, our family history "before Abreast" was the highest among his special interests. For that reason, Topic I is part of my conceptual outline. Thomas, after discovering Spainhowers in the Salt Lake City telephone book (while working nearby for the U.S.Army), wanted to learn the "connection" between our family in North Carolina and our family in Utah. He found that information in the Mormon library.

Perhaps highest among my own special interests are the first 100 years or so of the "American Experience". Why? Perhaps because this unusual human experience was recent enough in time for me to imagine myself being part of it.

Edith Spänhauer has written a most interesting "History of Muttentz". With the assistance of Peter Spaenhauer, an updated copy of this booklet was very kindly provided to those of us who attended the Reunion in 1990. This is a major contribution as part of Topic II in the outline above.

My initial thoughts regarding Topic III are that the file should include Edith Spänhauer's description of the events in Switzerland and the Palatinate area that caused so many folks, including our own ancestors, to be receptive to the idea of seeking a "better life" by emigrating to the "New World", as well as the events in the "English Colonies" that caused the vigorous recruiting of "german farmers" as immigrants. "Topic III" might contain four or more subtopics, having "file titles" such as those below. This is just an initial outline, to encourage an exchange of ideas on the subject.

File I - Why we came to America

- The first 20 years

File II - Migration to North Carolina

File III - Starting West

File IV - Civil War & Continuing West

WHY DON'T YOU WRITE AN ARTICLE, OR A STORY ON THE PART OF OUR FAMILY HISTORY THAT'S IN YOUR OWN AREA OF "SPECIAL INTEREST". YOU SHOULD MAKE A COPY FOR OUR "FAMILY LIBRARY SHELF", AND PERHAPS YOU WILL ALSO PERMIT ME TO SUMMARIZE YOUR CONTRIBUTION IN THIS NEWSLETTER?

Mildred Irene Cooper Spainhour, for example, has written a story about the Spainhours who came to Missouri. It adds much interest to her genealogy booklet. Irene buried her husband, Raymond William Spainhour in Lone Jack Cemetery, Lone Jack, Missouri, where there are four generations of Spainhours. Raymond died September 17, 1990. Irene's story is a very welcome addition to our Library File #3. A later issue of this newsletter will focus on our family's migration westward from North Carolina, and will include much of Irene's story.

THREE FAMILY HISTORY OBJECTIVES FOR 1995:

1. Collect "chapters" to include within the topic files.
2. Collect pictures, copies of wills, memorials, etc. to give the history "personality".
3. Collect "stories" about interesting family members

FAMILY GENEALOGY:

The goal of this project was to put our collective information into a "standard" form which would allow it to serve as a good reference source for future generations. Our family-sheet format is designed for use in a reference-book. Each sheet is cross-indexed both backwards and forwards so that tracing a lineage can be accomplished easily and with a minimum of potential for confusion. This system allows additions and corrections to be made by simply substituting the revised sheet for the old one and by adding new sheets to the end of each generation. This system does require a lot of paper, but for a large collection, it also has several advantages.

At our reunion in September 1990, our collection contained exactly 400 family sheets. These made two "books", each about one-inch thick. Because our time before the reunion was so short, those family sheets in this first consolidation were not numbered consecutively. This occurred because the new family sheets were simply consolidated with my existing collection which at that time contained information on several different but closely related families of interest to me. For the "1992 Edition", the Spänhauer (or however you spell it) families are now separated and the family sheets and individual people, are now both numbered consecutively. An alphabetical index of individuals has also been included.

In the meantime also our collection has "grown a bit" --- actually about threefold! The "1992 Edition" contains 1,077 family sheets with 5,025 individuals within 14 generations. There are 1,223 pages in the family sheets and more than 90 pages in the index. The new edition requires SIX of those one-inch "books". Because this project will continue until the next reunion in 1995, and because I expect that our collection may double again in size by that time, you can understand my emphasis on a system that will allow for relatively easy additions and corrections.

The family sheets are now printed in a "ready-to-copy-form". I will place a copy on our "Family Library Shelf" in the Forsyth County Public Library in Winston-Salem, NC, where it will be available to any interested persons, and two additional copies will be reserved for other libraries.

I shall be happy to make a copy for any family member who wishes to have one, and who will repay my cost for having the sheets copied and shipped to their address.

The collection is printed so that each 8.5 by 11 inch sheet of paper contains two pages. This helps reduce the volume of paper and the cost of copying. If you wish, I will cut these sheets into individual pages (5.5 by 8.5 inches) and "bind" them using a plastic "comb". This is an inexpensive method, and it allows the books to lie flat when open. These "books" are reasonably durable if they are handled carefully.

My preliminary estimate for the total cost to make each set of the six books, including copying, the plastic combs, and shipping is nearly \$40.00, but it will depend somewhat on the number of copies to be made. If you wish to have a set of the six books in this "1992 Edition", please send me a note by the end of October to request your name be "added to the list".
PLEASE DO NOT SEND ANY MONEY WITH YOUR REQUEST.

I can accept no amount of profit from this project, so, after I know exactly how many copies should be made, I will get an accurate and detailed cost and then let you know your share of that cost and when your set will be shipped.

If you wish to have a paper copy of the information but in a different type size, or as loose pages, please let me know what you have in mind and I shall try to provide it.

If you are interested mainly in your own lineage from the immigrant family, then you don't want six volumes of information! Just let me know your interest and I will gladly make you copies of the family sheets in your direct lineage without charge.

If you have a computer and want the information in an electronic form, we may be able to accomplish this at minimum cost in the near-term future. Drop me a note and tell me what you have in mind. I will do my best to fulfill your needs. I already plan to enter our information into the LDS (Mormon Church) "Personal Ancestry File" Software later this year. This software is widely used, will accommodate the volume of our data, and it will run well on simpler machines, yet it is versatile, and I believe that it is still available at the bargain price of \$35.00! This software will allow a selected lineage, or selected family groups to be printed in a much more compact format than that required for my cross-referenced family sheets.

Before a new family sheet is included in our "books" it must contain an individual who is already "on our tree". This means that each of the 1,077 families in our collection are "connected together" into a single "family tree" with no "unconnected branches" or "gaps". Actually, there is one such "gap". Our Swiss Family Tree and our American Family Tree have not yet been connected through a specific individual --but that is the only gap! Those families and those individuals, which cannot yet be "connected" to one of these existing "trees" have not been included in the "books" but are kept in a file labeled: "LOST".

OUR NEWSLETTER MAILING LIST:

The mailing list for this newsletter contains those who have expressed interest to me. Issue #1 in February 1991, went to 110 families; Issue #2 in June 1991, went to 195 families; and Issue #3 goes to 230 families. Our goal is to include as many interested families as we can find before 1995. SO, IF YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO MAY BE INTERESTED, PLEASE SEND ME THEIR ADDRESS, & IF YOU ARE NOT ON THE MAILING LIST, BUT WOULD LIKE TO BE, ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS LET ME KNOW. There is no charge.

The idea for a Family Newsletter came up during some discussions among several of us who were attending our "First Spänhauer International Reunion" in Switzerland during September 1990. We were enjoying that first reunion program very much, and were planning for another one in the United States during 1995. We thought that a Family Newsletter might help encourage more family members to become interested.

I volunteered start the newsletter and to "edit" it, anticipating that this could be my personal contribution to help make the 1995 reunion as memorable an experience as was the 1990 reunion. Others who were involved in those discussions in Switzerland also wanted to help "launch" this project, and made contributions toward its expenses.

Your participation and support for any and all our Family Projects is, of course, encouraged, and will be appreciated. It is also important for you to know that there is no profit involved for anyone in any of our family projects, so contributions can not be accepted beyond direct costs.

My appeal, therefore, is not for your money, but for your participation! **SHARE FAMILY NEWS WITH US, SHARE RESEARCH RESULTS ON FAMILY HISTORY WITH US, HELP US FIND OTHER POTENTIALLY INTERESTED FAMILY MEMBERS, AND -- IF YOU CAN -- PLAN TO VISIT WITH US IN NORTH CAROLINA IN 1995!**

Through sharing of family information we can all have more to enjoy, and through working together on family projects we can accomplish much more! But even if you can't help in any other way, just please let us hear that you are interested!

GENEALOGY PROJECT OBJECTIVES FOR 1995:

1. "Connect" the American & Swiss lines
2. "Connect" the "LOST" families
3. Correct errors in the current pages
4. Add new information where possible

SEVENTEEN HUNDRED FORTY:

Our ancestors arrived in Philadelphia in 1740. This was at the middle-point in the 500 year period between the European discovery of the "New World" in 1492 and today.

I have been trying to develop a "picture" for myself of what "America" was like in 1740, when our ancestors arrived. That isn't as easy as I thought it would be. Perhaps some of you know a good source of information on this subject? This will be a major topic for Issue #4. In the meantime, to help place the year 1740 into a better historical perspective for myself, I started making a list of some of the "historical events" which took place between 1492 and 1742. In case you may be interested, I'll share some of that list with you in the remaining space.

SELECTED EVENTS BETWEEN 1490 AND 1740:

- 1493 - Pope Alexander VI published an edict dividing the New World between Spain & Portugal.
- 1497 - Explorer John Cabot made the first recorded sighting of the mainland of North America (between Halifax & southern Labrador).
- 1509 - Henry VIII became King of England.
- 1511 - Michelangelo's paintings on the Sistine chapel were exhibited for the first time.
- 1513 - Spanish explorer Juan Ponce de Leon landed in Florida to search for the "fountain of youth".
- 1517 - Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses on the chapel door of the castle church in Wittenberg, Germany.
- 1519 - Florentine painter, sculptor, architect, engineer, and scientist Leonardo da Vinci died.
 - Spanish explorer Ferdinand Magellan began the first recorded voyage around the world.
- 1521 - Martin Luther was excommunicated from the Roman Catholic Church.
 - Hernando Cortez captured what is now Mexico City from the Aztec Indians.
- 1522 - Juan de Elcano led at the completion first recorded voyage around the world since Ferdinand Magellan died during the trip.
- 1528 - England & France declared war on the Holy Roman Empire.
- 1532 - The Inca empire fell to Spain when Francisco Pizarro imprisoned their leader Atahualpa.
- 1533 - King Henry VIII married Anne Boleyn & she was crowned Queen.
 - Future Queen of England, Elizabeth I, was born.
- 1534 - Conquistadores discovered the potato in Peru.
- 1536 - Queen Anne Boleyn was convicted of adultery & beheaded.
 - The city of Buenos Aires was founded in Argentina.
- 1539 - Spanish explorer Hernando de Soto landed in Florida.
- 1542 - Hernando de Soto died while searching for gold along the Mississippi River.
- 1558 - Elizabeth I became Queen of England upon the death of Mary I.
- 1564 - Astronomer Galileo was born in Pisa, Italy.
 - Michaelangelo died in Rome at age 89.
 - William Shakespeare was born at Stratford-on-Avon.

- 1565 - A Spanish expedition landed at what is now St. Augustine, Florida, and established the first "permanent" European settlement in what is now the United States.
- 1577 - Sir Francis Drake began his voyage to become first Englishman to sail around the world.
- 1578 - Our first known ancestor, Arbogast Spänhauer was born in Muttenz, Switzerland.**
- 1579 - Sir Francis Drake landed on the California coast.
- 1584 - The first potatoes arrived in England.
- 1586 - English colonists left Roanoke Island, NC, after failing to establish England's first permanent settlement in America.
- 1588 - The Spanish Armada - 130 ships - left Lisbon to attack England. The English Fleet under Sir Francis Drake destroyed the Armada in a battle off the coast of France.
- 1601 - **Arbogast Spänhauer married Anna Wartmann in Muttenz.**
- 1602 - Cape Cod was discovered by English navigator Bartholomew Gosnold.
- 1603 - French explorer Samuel de Champlain sailed for the New World & explored the St. Lawrence River.
- The crowns of England & Scotland were combined under Scotland's James VI, who began his reign as James I.
- 1606 - Rembrandt, the Dutch painter, was born in Leiden.
- 1607 - Captain John Smith led the colonists who established the first "permanent" English settlement in America - Jamestown, Virginia.
- 1609 - English navigator Henry Hudson discovered Manhattan Island, Delaware Bay, & sailed into the River that now bears his name.
- 1610 - The first Dutch settlers landed on Manhattan Island.
- A Dutch East India Company ship brought the first tea to Holland.
- 1614 - Pocahontas, daughter of Indian chieftain Powhatan, married John Rolfe in Virginia.
- **Our ancestor Hans Spänhauer, fourth child of Arbogast & Anna, was born - our second generation began in Muttenz. .**
- 1616 - William Shakespeare died on his birthday at age 52.
- 1618 - The Thirty Years War began as Bohemian rebels attacked the regents in Prague's Hradcany Castle.
- Sir Walter Raleigh was executed in London for treason.
- 1619 - The first representative assembly in America met in Jamestown. They made laws against idleness, drunkenness & gambling.
- 1619 - The first Africans arrived in America. These were indentured servants, not slaves.
- 1620 - The Mayflower left Plymouth, England, with 102 passengers.
- 1621 - Dutch West India Company received a charter for Nieuw Amsterdam (now New York).
- 1622 - The Papacy adopted January 1 as the beginning of the new year, replacing March 25.
- Jamestown, VA colonists were killed in the first Indian massacre of European settlers in North America.
 - America's first commercial brewery was established in the Dutch Colony of Nieuw Amsterdam by Peter Minuit.
- 1625 - Clergyman William Blaxton established on Boston's Beacon Hill, America's first apple orchard.
- 1626 - Dutch explorer Peter Minuit landed on Manhattan - which he then purchased for \$24 worth of trinkets.

- 1630 - Massachusetts Bay Colony folks tasted their first "popped corn" as Indians shared their first "Thanksgiving Dinner".
- The village of Shawmut, MA, changed its name to Boston.
 - The first execution in the future U.S. took place in Plymouth, MA, as John Billington was hanged for shooting John Newcomin.
 - John Winthrop of Massachusetts introduced the fork to America.
- 1631 - **Our ancestors Argogast & Anna Wartmann Spänhauer both died, ending our family's first generation in Muttenz.**
- 1632 - The French & English claims to territory in America were divided by the Treaty of St. Germain.
- 1632 - The English King Charles I, granted the land which is now Maryland to the second Lord Baltimore.
- 1633 - Astronomer Galileo arrived in Rome & was "detained" by the Inquisition.
- 1635 - The Boston Latin School, the first secondary school in North America was founded.
- 1636 - Harvard College was founded in Cambridge, MA.
- 1638 - Rhode Island was purchased from the Indians.
- Swedish colonists founded Fort Christina, now Wilmington, DE.
 - British settled at what is now New Haven, CT.
 - France's King Louis XIV was born.
 - **Hans Spänhauer, son of Arbogast, married Elsbeth Süß in Muttenz.**
- 1642 - Astronomer Galileo died at age 78.
- Harvard College held its first commencement.
 - Dutch navigator Abel Tasman discovered New Zealand.
 - Sir Isaac Newton, the physicist, mathematician, & astronomer who "discovered gravity" was born in Woolsthorpe, in Lincolnshire, England.
 - The Saugus Iron Works, Saugus, MA, started producing the first cooking utensil made in America - a small (one quart), three-legged cast-iron pot with two handles, and a cover.
- 1647 - The first recorded execution of a "witch" occurred when Achsah Young was hanged in Massachusetts.
- 1648 - The Peace of Westphalia ended the Thirty Years War.
- 1651 - **Our ancestor, Wernhardt Spänhauer, sixth child of Hans & Elsbeth, was born in Muttenz. Our third generation began.**
- 1655 - The Dutch took over that Swedish colony of Fort Christina, DE.
- 1658 - The first police force in America was established in Nieuw Amsterdam (now New York).
- 1662 - Connecticut was granted a Royal Charter by King Charles II.
- The Virginia assembly declared black slavery as "hereditary", indicating the value of their cheap labor to the plantation owners.
- 1663 - Charles II granted clergyman Roger Williams a charter for RI.
- Canada became a Royal Province of France.
- 1664 - New Jersey became a British Colony as Charles II made a land grant to his brother James, Duke of York.
- The Dutch surrendered Nieuw Amsterdam to the British, who named it New York (for King Charles' brother James).
 - The Dutch also now surrendered that Swedish Colony in Fort Christina, DE, to the British.
- 1666 - Congregationalists from Connecticut founded Newark, NJ.

- The great fire of London started & destroyed 13,000 homes.
- 1669 - The first tea arrived in Britain when an English East India Company ship brought 143 & one-half pounds from Bantam in Java.
- 1670 - Hudson's Bay Company was chartered by King Charles II.
- 1673 - Father Jacques Marquette & explorer Louis Jolliet became the first white men to see what is now the "Chicago" area.
 - The Dutch recaptured New York and New Jersey from the British, including that Swedish Colony of Fort Christina, DE.
- 1676 - New England's most destructive Indian war ended with the death of the Wampanoag Chief, "King Philip", near Mt. Hope, RI.
- 1677 - Maine became the first American colony to pass a law against liquor sales.
- 1679 - New Hampshire became a British Crown Colony.
 - **Our ancestor, Wernhardt Spänhauer, married Barbara Seiler in Muttenz.**
- 1680 - Pueblo Indians drove the Spanish from Santa Fe.
- 1681 - Charles II granted William Penn a charter for what is now PA.
- 1682 - William Penn, with 100 English Quakers sailed for America aboard the ship "Welcome". They landed at Chester, PA, but many had died of smallpox during this voyage.
 - French explorer Robert Cavelier Sieur de la Salle reached the Mississippi River.
 - The Dutch lost that Swedish Colony of Fort Christina, now Wilmington, DE, to the British again!
- 1683 - William Penn signed a friendship treaty with the Indians. It was kept by both sides for 60 years!
 - Thirteen families from Krefeld, Germany arrived in Philadelphia. They established Germantown, PA.
- 1685 - French explorer Robert Cavelier de la Salle established the first European settlement in what is now Texas.
 - Composer George Frederick Handel was born in Halle, Germany.
 - Composer Johan Sebastian Bach was born in Eisenach, Germany.
- 1686 - Physicist Gabriel Fahrenheit, who introduced the mercury thermometer, was born in Danzig.
- 1688 - **Wernhardt Spänhauer, fourth child of Wernhardt & Barbara Seiler Spänhauer was born in Muttenz. Our fourth generation began.**
- 1689 - Iriquois Indians attacked Montreal & killed its 200 inhabitants.
- 1690 - The first paper money in America was issued by the Massachusetts Colony - to pay its soldiers fighting the French in Quebec.
 - "Publick Occurrences" of Boston, the first American newspaper, published its first (and only) edition.
- 1692 - Five women & a clergyman were executed as "witches" in Salem, MA.
- 1693 - College of William & Mary at Williamsburg, VA, was chartered.
- 1696 - James Oglethorpe, founder of the Georgia Colony was born in London.
- 1701 - Captain William Kidd was hanged in London for Piracy & murder.
 - Yale College was founded in New Haven, CT.
 - A city charter was granted to Philadelphia, PA.
- 1704 - Indians attacked the colonists in Deerfield, MA.
- 1706 - Benjamin Franklin was born in Boston.

- 1713 - **Wernhardt Spänhauer (third generation) died in Muttentz.**
- 1714 - **Wernhardt Spänhauer (fourth generation) married Elsbeth Spittler from nearby Pratteln, Switzerland.**
- 1716 - **Johann Heinrich Spänhauer, second child of Wernhardt & Elsbeth was born in Muttentz. Johann Heinrich was the oldest of our fifth generation in Muttentz to become an emigrant to America.**
- 1718 - French colonists arrived in Louisiana.
 - William Penn died.
 - "Blackbeard", English pirate Edward Teach, was killed in a battle off the coast of VA.
- 1719 - The first recorded sighting of the Aurora Borealis took place in New England.
 - **Wernhardt Spänhauer or "Werner Spoenhauer", third child of Wernhardt & Elsbeth, was born in Muttentz. He was the second brother in our fifth generation who became an emigrant to America.**
 - The first potatoes in America arrive at New England.
- 1722 - Count Nicolaus Zinzendorf provided Christian David and his "Moravians" a refuge on his German estate.
- 1727 - Sir Isaac Newton, died in London.
- 1730 - The first Jewish congregation in the U.S. consecrated its synagogue in New York City.
- 1732 - George Washington was born on his parent's plantation in Westmoreland County, VA.
 - Austrian composer Franz Joseph Haydn was born.
 - America's first paid librarian, Louis Timothee, was hired by the Library Company of Philadelphia.
 - Benjamin Franklin began publishing "Poor Richard's Almanac".
- 1733 - James Oglethorpe and 130 English colonists arrived at Charleston, SC, enroute to settling in what is now Georgia.
 - Joseph Priestly, who discovered oxygen, was born near Leeds.
- 1735 - Paul Revere was born in Boston.
 - John Adams, our second president, was born in Traintree, MA.
- 1736 - Claude Emile Jean-Baptiste Litre joined his mentor Pierre de Maupertuis (from Paris) on an expedition to Lapland to measure the earth's curvature. Claude's family owned a wine bottle manufacturing business & their bottles bore the family name - hence the name for the metric volume of one litre or liter. Claude developed a lifelong friendship with Swedish scientist & astronomer Andre Celsius inventor of the temperature scale.
 - James Watt, inventor of the modern "condensing-steam" engine was born in Greenlock, Scotland.
- 1736 - Ann Lee, founder of the Shaker movement in America, was born in Manchester, England.
- 1737 - Ethan Allan, leader of the Revolutionary War's "Green Mountain Boys", was born in Litchfield, CT.
 - John Hancock, first signer of the Declaration of Independence, was born in Braintree, Massachusetts.
 - Revolutionary writer Thomas Paine was born in Thetford, England.
 - Violin maker Antonio Stradivari died at age 93.
- 1740 - Our ancestor family, along with a group of other emigrants from Muttentz arrived in Philadelphia aboard the ship "Friendship" under Captain William Vetterly. this family included Elsbeth Spittler Spänhauer, widow of Wernhardt & their four living children: Heinrich (age 24), Werner (age 21), Anna (age 20), & Barbara (age 17).**