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From the History Committee

Family History Committee Report --- February 2003

In the previous family newsletter (November 2002) we reported on the implementation of our online system for sharing genealogy information. Seven recent additions to the collection were listed. The system numbers at that time were 4,575 family groups with 23,573 individuals. These additions have continued.

As a result of much hard work (and many trips to local cemeteries) Bettie J. Shrek of Winston-Salem has assembled a major collection on descendants of John Doub and Mary Eve Spainhour --- a daughter of immigrant Johann Heinrich Spänhauer and Elizabeth Lohner. Many of these are also descendants of John & Mary Eve's son John --- who married Margarette "Peggy" Spainhour, a daughter of Johann Jacob Spainhour and Anna Catherine Volck. This collection further demonstrates our early-family relationships with Doub, Hauser, Helsabeck, Newsome, and other families in the general area of Pfafftown, Clemmons, and Lewisville. Her generous contribution greatly expands this part of our family tree.

With generous help from Jerry & Lisa Newsome --- enhancement on our many connections with this family is ready to begin.

Our current system numbers are 5,306 family groups with 26,787 individuals. The numbers, however, do not tell the whole story, because in addition to the genealogy information we are gathering family stories and biographical information. Some of this material has already been appended to the online family group files and much more will be included online as soon as our time and energy will allow.

Now that we can effectively share the information we have --- more and more visitors are requesting passwords for access to the system --- and several of them are contributing new information to help enhance our collection. Interacting and sharing information in this manner is the capability that we have been seeking for a number of years. Our challenge --- for the benefit of our future generations --- is to keep this process going. If you are interested and want to help --- please let us hear from you!

While we have been completing the development of the genealogy information system, not much else has been done on the web site. That situation is now being corrected. We will add new exhibits and significantly expand the scrapbooks with many new pictures -- and work to update everything else.

By the time you receive this newsletter, much of this will have been done. We promise that there will be several new pictures for you to see and some interesting new information for you to read --- so visit us at

<http://muttenzdescendants.org>

---and please send us your comments and suggestions.

In addition to sharing information with our membership at large --- our ability to share information on the web site is also of critical importance to our Research Projects. A series of reports from these projects will begin in the next newsletter.

-James Spainhour

Interesting Items and Inspiration

From the Statesville Landmark (Statesville, NC) 5 December 1874, page 3:

A WIDOWER WITH NINE CHILDREN WANTED.---A particular and highly esteemed lady friend of ours is willing to marry, if she can find a good looking widower with nine children--just one number less than John Rodgers of sainted memory. We hope that she will not have to wait much longer to enjoy the glorious privilege of conducting those youthful nine through all the interesting phases of mumps, measles, and scarlet fever. For further particulars address M., Box 108, Statesville, N.C., or if very curious, call at Wallace Bros. & Stephenson's where you can buy Dry Goods cheaper than in Charlotte or New York.

"Lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lies sublime,
And departing, leave behind us,
Footprints on the sand of time."

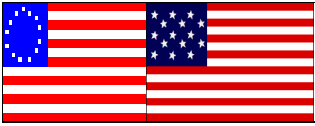
--Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

"Just don't give up trying to do what you really want to do. Where there is love and inspiration, I don't think you can go wrong."

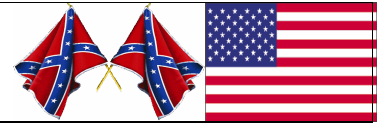
---Ella Fitzgerald

"No man can know where he is going unless he knows exactly where he has been and exactly how he arrived at his present place."

---Maya Angelou



Honoring Our Heroes



This section of our newsletter will be dedicated to honoring our Military Heroes, by maintaining a permanent list of names. We begin by listing all known who served in the military of our country, beginning with the War of the Revolution, with details of their service, as known. After this newsletter, all the persons below will only be listed by name and war in which they served; however, all new additions will include details the first time they are printed. We hope this will help those of you interested in joining some of the historical societies and it may also give you information that you may not have had on an ancestor. Full information as below will soon be available on our website.

The flags above represent the flags that have flown over wars in which we have had family members participate. From the right, the "Betsy Ross" flag representing the War of the Revolution, the flag of 15 stars that flew at the time of the War of 1812, the crossed Confederate Battle Flag from the Confederate States of America (CSA), and the current U.S. Flag representing the Federal Army of all wars during and since the War Between the States (Civil War). Let us honor them all. Many of them made the supreme sacrifice while supporting our country and fighting for what they believed in.

Below you will find the listing that we have to date on the Spainhour family heroes. Please send us information on your family that does not appear below, or contact me to correct any errant information. If you would like to add a Peacetime soldier/hero, please feel free to do so. Remember to include all information.

NAME	STATE	RANK	OTHER	WAR
Spainhour, David	North Carolina	Private	5th Regiment Atkinson's NC Militia	1812
Spainhour, Henry	North Carolina	Private	5th Regiment Atkinson's NC Militia	1812
Spainhour, William W	Stokes Co., NC (CSA)	Private	Co. D. 53rd Infantry Regiment NC	Civil
	Enlisted 09 March 1863-Died of disease 12 April 1863, Raleigh, NC			
Spainhour, Harrison	Mt. Sterling, KY (Union)	Private	Co. A 11th Cavalry Regiment KY	Civil
	Enlisted US Army 21 August 1862-Discharged 7 June 1865, Camp Nelson, KY			
Spainhour, Allen	DeWitt Co., IL (Union)	Private	Co. F, 107th Infantry Regiment IL	Civil
	Enlisted US Army 15 Aug 1862-Mustered out 21 June 1865 Salisbury, NC			
	Exchanged 21 January 1865-Hospitalized 22 Jan 1865 Richmond, VA with chronic bronchitis-Transferred 01 Feb 1865			
Spainhour, Robert	Forsyth Co., NC (CSA)	Private	Co. D., 57th Infantry Regiment NC	Civil
	Enlisted 4 July 1862 at age 18-Killed 13 Dec 1862, Fredericksburg, VA			
Spainhower, John Henry`	Stokes Co., NC (CSA)	Private	Co. I, 21st Infantry Regiment NC	Civil
	Enlisted 15 Oct 1864 in Guilford Co. NC-POW 25 March 1865, Ft. Stedman, VA-POW 28 March 1865 Pt. Lookout MD; Oath of Allegiance 20 June 1865			
	Pt. Lookout MD, Released			
Spainhour, Jacob	Not Stated (CSA)	Private	Co. I, 21st Infantry Regiment NC	Civil
	Enlisted 15 Oct 1864 in Guilford Co. NC-POW 25 March 1865, Ft. Stedman, VA-POW 28 March 1865 Pt. Lookout MD. Oath of Allegiance 20 June 1865			
	Pt. Lookout MD, Released			
Spainhour, Sanford E.	Stokes Co., NC (CSA)	Private	Co. G, 21st Infantry Regiment NC	Civil
	Enlisted 30 May 1861, Stokes Co NC at age 22-POW 25 May 1862, Winchester, VA-Wounded 25 May 1862, Winchester, VA; POW 28 May 1862, Ft. Monroe, VA-Paroled 01 Sep 1862 Ft. Monroe, VA-Exchanged 21 Sep 1862; Died of disease 28 Feb 1863, Port Royal, VA			
Spainhour, JA	Not Stated (CSA)	Private	Co. C 21st Infantry Regiment NC	Civil
	Enlisted 4 Aug 1862-Killed 01 May 1863, Chancellorsville, VA			
Spainhour, Thamer Elmo	Stokes Co., NC	Private/Staff Sgt.	U.S. Navy/ U. S. Army	WWII
	Navy Tour on USS Marblehead-Asiatic Fleet-Wounded-Awarded Purple Heart. Army Tour-Ft. Riley KS, Fort Ord, CA; Presidio, CA, England during Korean War.			
Spainhour, Troy Lee	Stokes Co., NC	Private	U. S. Army	WWII
	Glider Infantry, France			
Spainhour, Robert D.	Stokes Co., NC	Private/Corporal	U. S. Army	WWII
	Enlisted 7 Sept 1942; Discharged 6 Jan 1946. Anti-Aircraft Searchlight Radar-Australia & The Philippines. Powerplant Operator			
Spainhour, Michael	Surry Co., NC	Minute Man	United States Militia	American Revolution
	Minute Man over course of Revolution. Duty in Cherokee Nation, Surry Courthouse, Salisbury & Battle of Gates Defeat & others.			
Spanhauer, Werner	Not Stated	Private	Co B, 6th Infantry Regiment NC	American Revolution
Spainhour, Solomon	Not Stated CSA	Private	Co B, 6th Infantry Regiment NC	Civil
	Enlisted 01 April 1864 in Lenoir Co NC at age 45-POW 22 Sep 1864 Fisher's Hill, VA-POW 25 Sep 1864 Pt. Lookout MD. Died 27 Feb 1865 Pt. Lookout, MD			
Spainhour William	Forsyth Co., NC CSA	Private	Co C., 33rd Infantry Regiment NC	Civil
	Enlisted 01 July 1862-POW 14 July 1863 Falling Waters, MD-Transferred 8 Aug 1863 Pt. Look, MD. Died of disease 10 Dec 1863 Pt. Lookout, MD			

NAME	STATE	RANK	OTHER	WAR
Spainhour, Dempsey	Tulare, CA (U.S. Army)	E3	Not Stated	Korean
	Died of Wounds			
Spainhour, Hershel	Washington, IN	Corporal	Not Stated	Spanish American
Spainhour, Walter J., Jr.	Lenoir, NC	Rank Not Stated	US Marine Corp	Vietnam
	Hostile—Killed 09/15/66			
Spainhour, Early	Stokes Co., NC	Rank Not Stated	US Air Force	WWII
Spainhour, Howard	Stokes Co., NC	Captain	US Air Force	WWII
Spainhoward, Daniel	Jacksonville, IL (U.S. Army)	Private	Co. A 68th Infantry Regiment IL	Civil
	Enlisted 27 May 1862-Mustered out 26 Sept 1862, Camp Butler, Springfield, IL			
Spainhower, William	Lenoir, NC (CSA)	Private	Co F, 57th Infantry Regiment NC	Civil
	Enlisted 18 March 1864-POW 6 June 1864 Cold Harbor, VA -POW 15 June 1864, Pt. Lookout, MD-Paroled 17 Jan 1865;			
Spainhower, Robert	Burke Co., NC (CSA)	Private	Co. B, 1st Infantry Regiment NC	Civil
	Enlisted 21 March 1863 at age 18-Wounded (left hand) 3 May 1863 Chancellorsville, VA; Discharged due to wounds 10 Sep 1863 near Orange Court House, VA			
Spainhower, Rufus	Burke Co., NC (CSA)	Private/Sergeant	Co. B, 1st Infantry Regiment NC	Civil
	Enlisted 31 May 1861 in Wake Co. NC at age 21-Transferred 18 June 1862 to Co. S; Promoted to Full Comm? Sergeant 18 June 1862-Surrendered 9 April 1865 Appomattox Court House, VA			
Spainhower, John C.	Burke Co., NC (CSA)	Private	Co. B, 1st Infantry Regiment NC	Civil
	Enlisted 01 May 1862 in Wayne Co. NC at age 19-Died of disease 09 Aug 1862 near Richmond, VA			
Spainhower, James H	Burke Co., NC (CSA)	Chaplain	Co. S, 1st Infantry Regiment NC	Civil
	Enlisted 18 May 1861-Died of disease 18 Oct 1861			
Spainhower, Henry	North Carolina	Private	5th Regiment Atkinson's NC Militia	1812
Spainhower, Samuel	North Carolina	Private	5th Regiment Atkinson's NC Militia	1812
Spainhower, Eugene E.	Indiana (U.S. Army)	Private	Co. C, 26th Infantry Regiment IN	Civil
	Enlisted 27 Sep 1864-Mustered out 6 Sep 1865			
Spainhower, George E.	Worthington, IN (U.S. Army)	Private	Co. C 21st Infantry Regiment IN	Civil
	Enlisted 01 Feb 1862-Transferred 01 Feb 1863 Co. C 1st Heavy Artillery Regiment IN-Mustered out 13 Jan 1866			
Spainhower, James	Worthington, IN (U.S. Army)	Private/Corporal	Co. C 21st Infantry Regiment	Civil
	Enlisted 24 Jul 1861-Transferred 01 Feb 1863 Co. C 1st Heavy Artillery Regiment IN Mustered out 13 Jan 1866			
Spainhower, Lot L.	Marshall, IA (U.S. Army)	Private	Co. D., 4th Cavalry Regiment IA	Civil
	Enlisted 9 Oct 1861 at age 18-Died of disease on 13 May 1862 in Batesville, AK			
Spainhower, Jacob	Brighton, Iowa (U.S. Army)	Private	Co. K., 13th Infantry Regiment IA	Civil
	Enlisted 31 Oct 1861 at age 25-Died 30 Jan 1865 in Washington, IA			
Spainhower, William M.	Brighton, Iowa (U.S. Army)	Private	Co. D. 17th Infantry Regiment IA	Civil
	Enlisted 13 March 1862 at age 22-Wounded 16 May 1863-Disability discharge 15 Dec 1863, St. Louis, MO			
Spainhower, Marquis D. L.	Brighton, IA (U.S. Army)	Private/Corporal	Co. D, 17th Infantry Regiment IA	Civil
	Enlisted 18 Mar 1862 at age 21-Promoted to Full Corporat 6th Class 20 May 1863-Promoted to Full Corporal (1st Corpl) ; 21 May 1864-POW 13 Oct 1864 Andersonville Prison-Mustered out 26 May 1865, Davenport, IA			
Spainhower, Henry	Clinton, IL (U.S. Army)	Private	41st Infantry Regiment IL	Civil
	Enlisted 10 March 1864-Transferred 23 Dec 1864 Co. K., 53rd Infantry Regiment IL-Mustered out 22 July 1865, Louisville, KY			
Spainhower Henry C.	Clinton, IL(U.S. Army)	Private	Co. C., 41st Infantry Regiment IA	Civil
	Enlisted 10 Mar 1862-Transferred 23 Dec 1864-Mustered out 22 July 1865			
Spainhower David	Friend's Creek, IL(U.S. Army)	Private	Co A, 41st Infantry Regiment IL	Civil
	Enlisted 5 Aug 1861-Disability discharge 18 Sep 1862			
Spainhower William M.	Ohio (U.S. Army)	Private	Co. H, 186th Infantry Regiment OH	Civil
	Enlisted 06 Jan 1865 at age 19-Absent, sick 01 Mar 1865			
Spainhower John W.	Stokes Co., NC	CSA Private	Co. F., 28th Infantry Regiment NC	Civil
	Enlisted 19 Oct 1864, Forsyth County-POW 2 April 1865, Petersburg VA -POW- Pt. Lookout Prison, MD Oath of Allegiance 20 June 1865 at Pt Lookout, MD.			

NAME	STATE	RANK	OTHER	WAR
Spainhower,CT	Forsyth Co., NC (CSA)	Private	Co. K, 52nd Infantry Regiment NC	Civil
	Enlisted 01 Nov 1864 in Petersburg VA at age 51-Hospitalized 13 March 1865, Richmond, VA;Transferred 01 April 1865, Farmville, VA -Paroled 15 April 1865, Lynchburg, VA			
Spainhower,Solomon	Stokes Co., NC(CSA)	Private	Co. D. 53rd Infantry Regiment NC	Civil
	Enlisted 22 March 1862 at age 42-Discharged overage 31 May 1862			
Spainhower, Jacob Peter	Stokes Co., NC(CSA)	Private	Co. D., 53rd Infantry Regiment NC	Civil
	Enlisted 22 March 1862 at age 21-Wounded 1 July 1863 at Gettysburg-POW 03 July 1863 at Gettysburg; Died of wounds 25 July 1863 at Gettysburg, PA			
Spainhower, Isaac H	Stokes Co., NC (CSA)	Private	Co. D., 53rd Infantry Regiment NC	Civil
	Enlisted 22 March 1862 at age 49-Discharged overage 31 May 1862			
Spainhower, Clayton Marqui	Ft. Myers, FL	Rank Not Stated	U.S. Army	Vietnam
	Died While Missing-Hostile 12/06/67			
Spainhower, Clarence L.	Fall City, Nebraska	Rank Not Stated	Co. G, 353rd Infantry	WWI
	American Expeditionary Forces			
Spanhauer, Christian	Ohio (U.S. Army)	Private	Co. E, 183rd Infantry Regiment OH	Civil
	Enlisted 17 Oct 1864-Mustered out 17 Jul 1865, Salisbury, NC			
Spoonhour,David	Muldrough's Hill, KY (U.S. Army)	Private	Co. G 2nd Cavalry Regiment KY	Civil
	Enlisted 13 Oct 1861-POW 30 Jul 1864			
Spoonhour, Jacob	PA (U.S. Army)	Private	Co A, 165th Infantry Regiment PA	Civil
	Enlisted 04 Nov 1862-Disability discharge on 13 Nov 1862			
Spoonhour, Solomon	PA (U.S. Army)	Private	Co A, 165th Infantry Regiment PA	Civil
	Enlisted 04 Nov 1862-Mustered out 28 Jul 1863, Gettysburg, PA			
Spoonhour, Solomon	PA (U.S. Army)	Private	Co. D 2nd Heavy Artillery Reg. PA	Civil
	Enlisted 22 Feb 1864-Mustered out 29 Jan 1866, City Point, VA			
Spoonhour, Clarence	Franklin, PA (U.S. Army)	E3	Not Stated	Korean
	Killed in Action			
Spoonhower,Benjamin	F.Indiana (U.S. Army)	Private	8th Veteran Reserve Corps	Civil
	30th Indiana Volunteers			
Spoenhauer, Heinrich	North Carolina	Rendered Patriotic Service		American Revolution

In Memory of Our Family & Friends

Mr. Lindsay Clay Spainhour, 88, died Saturday, September 14, 2002, in Columbia, SC. He was born January 9, 1914 in Winston-Salem to Dalton Oliver and Eva May Wooters Spainhour.

Mr. Stauber Spainhour Flynt, 91, died Tuesday, December 10, 2002 in Winston-Salem.. He was born January 15, 1911 in Forsyth County to Dr. Solomon Spainhour Flynt and Sally Stauber Flynt

Mr. William Lyndon Doub, 80, died on his 80th birthday, January 17, 2003 in Winston-Salem. He was born in Pfafftown, NC on January 17, 1923, to William Leon Doub and Ella Holder Doub.

Mr. Francis Blain Shore, 84, died Friday, December 27, 2002 in Kingsport, TN. He was born in Yadkin County, NC November 10, 1918 to James Shore and Jo Ella Hoots Shore.

Mrs. Hazel Marie Leach Spainhour, 90, died Friday, January 17, 2003 at Meadowbrook Terrace of Davie. She was born November 8, 1912 in Davie County to William and Mary Boles Leach. She was preceded in death by her husband, Spencer Hanes Spainhour.

Mrs. Margaret Louise Sharpe Spainhour, 77, died Wednesday February 19, 2003 at Forsyth Medical Center. She was born March 18, 1925 in Davidson County to Ira Alexander Sharpe and Annie Catherine Miller Sharpe. She is survived by her husband, Richard J. Spainhour.

Our Revolutionary War Hero

While we are often led to believe that all Minute Men were exclusive to the Northeast during the American Revolution, such is not the case. In North Carolina alone, during the first call for Minute Men, more than 3,000 came to the aid of the cause. One of those was Michael Spainhour, first son of Werner by his second marriage, and a half-brother to John Jacob.

Congress passed a law in 1832 allowing a pension to living soldiers of the Revolution and later laws allowing pensions to their surviving spouses if they had remained unmarried since their husband's death. Although there were no military records per se for individual men of the militia, if they could prove in court, by way of records, personal accounts of specific incidents and/or affidavits of others that they had indeed served, they could convince the War Department to allow a pension. According to these documents, Michael died in March, 1827, making Elizabeth a surviving widow. And she and her son Michael had lovingly kept mementos of Michael which have been handed down to us through the National Archives, most of them written in Michael's hand, in his native German.

Following is a translated copy of Elizabeth's application for a pension and the accompanying affidavits. I have translated them exactly as they were written and punctuated; however, I have enhanced names through bolding.

SPAINHOUR, Michael W 6149

wife **Elizabeth / Eliza**

Declaration of **Elizabeth Spainhour** (age 77 this month) – Stokes Co., NC, Mar. 2, 1838 – **Widow of Michael Spainhour, deceased**, who was a private soldier in the militia in the Rev. Michael entered service under **Capt. Henry Smith in Col. Joseph Williams Regiment** of militia in Surry Co., NC, in July or Aug. 1776 and marched up the Yadkin River to a place called the Mulberry fields and then marched back to Surry County and rendezvoused at a place called Myers old fields near Surry old courthouse some time, then after being organized marched westwardly to the Cherokee Nation of Indians where they burned their towns and remained in the nation sometime. He then marched home to Surry County; he served upwards of four months in this expedition. Michael's next service he went on horseback commanded by **Capt. Meredith** ranging after Tories and joined the company at old Richmond, then Surry Courthouse and was gone three weeks and returned. He was to be in residence as a minute man to march at a moment's warning. Several times he was called on with the company and routed the Tories in different sections of the county in the latter part of 1777 and in 1778 not long before she married Michael. He told her he had served three months and upwards "in the Several Scouts ranging after Tories." In one of the "routs" he was in a skirmish with a party of Tories at Surry court house. "When the Tories advanced when there when they were scattered about in Town & had to run from the Tories, **Col. Williams** was commander and ordered the minute men to run when one **Capt. John Crouse was wounded**" Michael's next service was as a drafted private after she was married in May or June 1780. He marched from Richmond in Surry County under **Capt. Meredith** to Salisbury in Rowan County, NC, remained there some length of time then to Charlotte and then into South Carolina. Michael was in the Battle of Gates defeat and shortly after he was discharged. He next served as a volunteer in guarding the magazine or powder wagons from Salem to some place in Virginia. He was gone 24 days.

Elizabeth married Michael Spainhour on August 4, 1778, in Bethania, then in Surry Co., NC, by Michael Houser, Sr., J.P.

Michael Spainhour died in March 1827.

Elizabeth was too infirm to travel to the Court.

Signed by mark [x]

Affidavit of **Joseph Houser and Magdalena Houser, widow of George Houser** – Stokes Co., NC, Mar. 2, 1838 – Both residents of Stokes County. They were well acquainted with **Michael Spainhour and Elizabeth Spainhour, who was Eliza Teague**. They were present when Michael Houser, J.P., married the couple at Bethania Town. They recollect that Michael Spainhour was in service under **Capt. Meredith** and believe he served as a minute man with **George Houser** ranging after Tories at different periods and also a tour of three months to South Carolina and was at Battle of Gates Defeat. **Joseph Houser** further states that Spainhour went with him on one of the guards of the magazine from Salem NC to Henry Co., VA, three weeks at least in January 1781. Spainhour died ten or eleven years past not far from Bethania. Prior to the marriage of Michael and Elizabeth, he served four months at least under **Capt. Henry Smith** to the Cherokee nation in the expedition of 1776 with **George Hauser, Magdalena's husband**. Affidavit of **Joseph Banner** (a pensioner) – Stokes Co., NC, 5 Mar. 1838 – He and **Spainhour** served a tour of four months together under **Capt. Henry Smith in Col. Joseph Williams Regiment** of Militia on an expedition to the Cherokee Nation in 1776. Afterwards he saw Spainhour in service in **Capt Meredith's Company** as a minute man at Surry Court House and also later at Salisbury on his way home from the Battle of Gates Defeat. "He said he had been in said battle."

Affidavit of **George Kregar** (pensioner) – Stokes Co., NC, 30 Aug. 1838 – He was well acquainted with **Michael Spainhour** as neighbors during the whole of the Revolutionary War. He served in the same company and was mess mate with Michael nearly two tours of duty in the militia. There was a call and General Muster at old Richmond, Surry Old Court House, in 1778 by **Col. Martin Armstrong under Capt. Jo Philips. Spainhour, Krigar, and William Apperson** with about 100 men were enrolled as minute men to range after the Tories. A detachment was marched to the lead mines on New River and brought lead for Gen. Rutherford's Army and deposited it as said courthouse, then marched back to New River to a **Capt. Nalls** to route the Tories. Then through the mountains to Reddy's River, then down to the Mulberry Fields, then to the Brushy Mountains (continued on Page 6)

Where an express met us that a battle had been fought at Ransoms Mills, then marched back to old Richmand and encamped there a few days. **Col. Wm. Shepperd** commanded in the Route, then marched to Salisbury and Anson County, NC, to Rocky River, and at a place called Golsons old fields we had a battle with some Tories and we took ten prisoners, when **Col. Davidson was wounded, then Col. Lock took command, where Michael Spainhour**, having served over three months, volunteered himself and joined **Gen. Rutherford's** Army and left our company.

Spainhour was marched toward the South through Charlotte and to Camden, SC, and was in the Battle of Gates Defeat, where he lost a nice rifle gun of his own property in the battle. Some three weeks after the battle, returned home after serving more than six months. He remained on and off at intervals with him as minute men at least four months when they parted at Golson old fields and **Spainhour joined Rutherford's army.**

Signed with mark [x]

Declaration of **Elizabeth Spainhour** – Stokes Co., NC, 30 Aug. 1838 – She found a paper purporting to be Michael's discharge for one month's service dated at Henry Courthouse, 20 Feb. 1781, and signed by **William Reynolds, Military Stores**. Also enclosed certificate of Michael taking oath of allegiance.

A book of family records shows that **Michael Spainhour was born Feb 2, 1753, in Pennsylvania, and removed with his parents to NC when he was ten years old**, and died in Stokes Co., 13 Mar. 1827.

Elizabeth Teague was born 10 Mar. 1761 and married Michael 4 Aug. 1778.

Elizabeth Spainhour, their oldest child, was born 18 Mar. 1780 – living

Henry, their 2nd child, was born 10 May 1783 – dead

Michael, the 3rd child, was born 20 July 1786 – living.

Affidavit of **Christopher Eaton** – Stokes Co., NC, Feb. 19, 1839 – He was well acquainted with **Michael Spainhour** in time of Rev. and lived not far apart in Surry County, NC. Eaton served a tour with Michael in a campaign in spring and summer of 1780 under **Gen. Rutherford and Gen. Gates** and was in Gates Defeat near Camden, SC, when Eaton was taken prisoner but made his escape after the battle. Spainhour joined Gen. Rutherford's army at headquarters near Salisbury, NC, under Capt. Wm. Bostick in the same company as Eaton. Spainhour related he had a few days before he joined our company been in a battle some place near Rocky River called Coltsons or Cobs old fields and killed and taken a parcel of Tories and British and remained at Salisbury headquarters several weeks, then marched through Mecklenburg County on to the Cheraw Hill in SC and then to Santee River and then to a place called Rusleys Mills, where headquarters was held about three weeks or longer under Gen. Gates when a detachment was sent by Gen. Gates to aid Gen. Sumpter near Cataba River when our **Capt Bostick** and Co. Michael Spainhour and the rest of our company was along but before we reached **Sumpters Army** we received news that Sumpter had defeated the Tories. We returned to headquarter and in a few days were engaged in the Battle of Gates defeat when Eaton was taken prisoner by the British and never saw Spainhour any more until he returned home. This deponent deserted from the British the next night after the battle and aimed for hom and met with Gen. Green's Army near Salisbury but he and his fellow prisoners were permitted to go home, having been in service nearly a month over their three-month term. **Michael Spainhour told Eaton** that he had escaped narrowly in the battle and had to leave his gun, a good rifle, and run for his life.

Affidavit of **William Merritt** (pensioner) – Stokes Co, NC, Feb 19, 1839 – He was a militia soldier and served with **Christopher Eaton and Michael Spainhour** and well acquainted with them during Revolution and since. He was in the regiment with them at Salisbury headquarters in May 1780 and marched with them as far as the Cheraw Hills. Near this place Merritt's Capt Hill received a severe wound from the fall of a tree. **Merritt** was ordered to nurse and return home with this captain and three other soldiers. Thus he was separated from Spainhour and Eaton some time previous to the Battle of Gates Defeat.

Bible records: Michael Spainhour's handwritten records of birth of three children in German

Oath of allegiance, Michael Spenhower, before **Michel Musser [Hauser?] J.P.**, Surry Co., NC, July 11, 1778.

Discharge of Michael Spainhour, militia soldier, one month service, at Henry Courthouse, 20 Feb. 1781, by **William Reynolds**, C. Military Stores. Declaration of **Elizabeth Spainhour** (age 80) – Stokes Co., NC, Aug. 10, 1843 -- **Widow of Michael Spainhour** Also of Nov. 1, 1839 – her state pension certificate was destroyed by fire when **Charles Banner's** house burned.

A handwritten document on aged paper, likely a certificate of oath-taking. The text is written in cursive and is enclosed in a rectangular border. On the left side, there is a bracketed section containing the location and date: "North Carolina", "Surry County", and "July the 11th 1778". To the right of this, the main text reads: "This is to Certifie that Michael Spenhower has taken the oath of Allegiance to the State of North Carolina according to act of Assembly before me". The name "Michel Musser" and the initials "J.P." are written at the bottom right of the document.

The oath was required to be taken by all inhabitants who stood for the independence of the United States. Without signing this document a person was considered a Tory and was subject to being ejected from the state and losing all their possessions. It says: "North Carolina-Surry County-July the 11th 1778 This is to Certifie that Michael Spenhower has taken the oath of Allegiance to the State

The bearer Michael Spoonhouer Militia Soldier having duly and Faithfully served one Month the time for which he was draughted. is hereby Discharg'd from the Service of the united States.

Given under my hand
 at Henry Courthouse 20th day of Feby 1781

The above soldier has not yet rec'd. paym't for his months service W. R.

William Reynolds
 C. Military Stores

The document above is Michael's discharge referred to in the affidavit. It says, "The bearer, Michael Spoonhouer Militia Soldier having duly and Faithfully served one Month the time for which he was draughted [drafted] is hereby Discharg'd from thee Service of the united States. Given under my hand at Henry Courthouse 20th day of Feby, 1781." William Reynolds, C.Military Stores.

"The above soldier has not yet rec'd payment for his months service. W.R." The document below is where Michael kept a record of the birth of his children. Translation of the first one reads, "On the 18th of March, in the year 1780, at five o'clock in the morning, was born my daughter Elizabeth, and, on the 26th was baptised, at Bethany [Bethania] by Jacob Ernst. Witnesses of baptism Werner Spanhauer & Elizabeth". Signed Michael Spaenhauer. It looks as though there are some interesting age calculations on it as well.

Anno 1780 Den 18ten März Um 5 Uhr Morgens ist meine Tochter Elisabeth zu Dinsda Welt geboren Und Den 26^{ten} im Luffania bey Jacob Ernst getauft Zeuif Zwiigen Werner Spanhauer und Elisabeth

Michael Spaenhauer

Anno 1783 Den 23ten Novembur ist meine sohn Johanspauier zu Dinsda Welt geboren und getauft den 23 ten Infaligen bey Jacob Ernst im Luffania bey Zwiigen Spanhauer und sein frau

Michael Spanhauer

Anno 1786 Den 20ten Februr ist meine Tochter Elisabeth zu Dinsda Welt geboren und den 19^{ten} September in obigen Tafe getauft bey Rübri Elm Muffatid Franzen

Michael Spanhauer


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Early Family Relationships.....

From the below letter from the Moravian Archives, we have explored the relationships of the people listed. With regard to the birth & baptism of **Elisabeth Hilsbeck** (Helsabeck) that her father was **Johann Jacob Hilsbeck** (b. 1762 in PA) but her mother's maiden name is not given; however, we know it to be **Eva Maria Fiscus** (b. 1762 in NC), daughter of immigrant, **Frederick Fiscus, Sr.**, from Ober Saulheims, Germany, and his second wife, Eva Maria [unknown]. [**Anna**] **Cunigunda Hauser** (b. 1734 in Germany) was also a daughter of **Frederick Fiscus, Sr.** and his first wife, Elisabeth Schwind. **Michael Hauser** (born 1731 in PA or MD) was the son of immigrant **Martin Hauser, Sr.** (b. 1696 in Reichenweir, Germany [now France]) and his wife **Maria Margretha Schaeffer**. The elder Hausers died in Bethania in 1761 & 1775 respectively. **Maria Eva Fiscus** was also a daughter of Frederick Fiscus, Sr. and his first wife Elisabeth Schwind.

From the record of the birth & baptism of **Johannes Spoenhauer**, we see his parents are **John Jacob Spoenhauer** (b. 1750 in PA) and once again the wife's maiden name is omitted; however we know that **Anna Catherine Volck** (b. 1751 in PA) was the daughter of **Andreas Volck, Jr.** (b. 1722 in NY) and his wife **Maria Margaretha Romig** (b. 1722 in PA). Maria was the daughter of **John Adam and Agnes Margaretha (Berndt) Romig**. **Andreas Volck, Jr.** was the son of immigrant **Andreas Volck, Sr.** (b. 1678 in Germany) and wife, **Anna Catherine Merckel**, (b. 1680 in Germany). **Andreas Volck, Jr.** would have been this witness. He died in 1790. **John Adam Volck** (b. 1753 in PA) was the son of Andreas, Jr. John Adam's wife, **Maria Sara Moser** (b. 1755 in MD) was the daughter of immigrant **John Leonard Moser** (b. 1718 in Germany and the recently deceased in this diary entry) and second wife, **Maria Sarah Binkley** (b. 1733). Johannes Spoenhauer married Elisabeth Hilsbeck December 20, 1806.

In the third birth & baptism record, we find the son of Johann & Elisabeth, **Martin Thomas Spoenhauer**. His sponsors were brothers **Joseph Hilsbeck** (b. 1795 in NC) and **John Hilsbeck** (b. 1791 in NC) with his wife, **Catharina Volck** (b. 1791 in NC), probably a daughter of Andreas, Volck, Jr. Both John & Joseph were brothers to Elisabeth Hilsbeck Spoenhauer and sons of John Jacob Hilsbeck & Eva Maria Fiscus. John & Catherine Hilsbeck migrated to Indiana in 1817 with **John Adam Fiscus**



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Dear Mrs. Weaver:

In response to your request of July 13th, we have searched the Bethania Church Book and have found the following in the baptism records, listed under "Children of Friends and Neighbors".

(Translation)

Elisabeth - Johann Jacob and Eva Hilsbeck, little daughter, born 8th July, 1782, baptized 14th July in an open meeting in Bethania by Br. Joh. Jacob Ernst. Sponsors were Michael and Cunigunda Hauser and Maria Eva Fiscus.


Johannes - Johann Jacob and Catharina Spoenhauer, little son, born 19th June, 1782, baptized 18th July in an open meeting at the widow Moser's new place immediately following her husband Leonhard's burial, by Br. Joh. Jacob Ernst. Sponsors were Andreas Volck, Joh. Adam and Maria Sara Volck.

Martin Thomas - John Spoenhauer and his wife Elisabeth, m.n. Hilsbeck, little son, born 31st March, 1817, baptized 13th April, 1817. Sponsors were the married couple, John Hilsbeck and his wife Catharina, m.n. Volck and the single Joseph Hilsbeck. The baptism took place at Joh. Jacob Spoenhauer's by Joh. Peter Kluge, pastor.

You will note that Eva Hilsbeck's and Catharina Spoenhauer's maiden names are not given, although in the baptism record of a later child, Catharina Spoenhauer's name is preceded by "Anna". The practice of listing the mother's maiden name was not begun until some years later, as in the record for Martin Thomas.

We find no mention of the name John Walden other than the diary entries translated in Records of the Moravians in North Carolina.

I hope the above baptism records will provide the proof that you need. If you have further questions, we'll do our best to answer them.

Sincerely,

 (Mrs. R.S.) June Laurence
 Assistant, Moravian Archives

(b. 1759 in PA), brother of Eva Maria Fiscus Hilsbeck above, and his wife **Elisabeth Spainhour** (b. 1762 in PA), twin sister to Heinrich [see below]. John died in Indiana in 1847. Catharina died in Iowa in 1865.

Joseph Hilsbeck married **Susannah Spainhour** (b. 1796 in NC), daughter of **Heinrich Spainhour** (b. 1762 in PA) and **Louisa Dietz** (b. 1766 in NC). Heinrich was a half-brother to John Jacob, and son of Werner.

Interestingly enough, one of Martin Thomas' sons, John Henry (b. 1856 in NC) married Martha Ann Elizabeth Moser (b. 1862 in NC). She was the daughter of William (b. 1833 in NC) & Virginia Walton. William's parents were John Jacob Moser (b. 1799 in NC) and Sally Fulk (Volck). John Jacob Moser's parents were John Michael (b. 1759 in MD) and Katherine Koller (Culler). Michael was a Revolutionary War soldier, member of the German Dragoons. He was at Valley Forge, Brandywine, White Plains & other noted battles and he was the son of Leonard, the deceased.(above).

Did you Know???

In the 1500s:

Baths consisted of a big tub filled with hot water. The father got the first turn—hence clean water. Next was the mother, and finally, the children. Last of all was the bay. By that time the water was so dirty you could lose someone in it—hence the saying, "Don't throw the baby out with the bath water."

.....and More!!

If the previous page didn't confuse you, this one will!

Information for the graphic, right, and the letter from the previous page comes from many sources. Obviously the letter itself is a proven document, but the data has been ferreted out by so many wonderful people down through the years....Mr. Julius Kreeger, Mr. Thomas Rider, Rosemary Faulk Lovell in her "Owen County [IN] Cousins", David B. Trimble in "Moser of North Carolina", by Barry & Kirk Helsabeck and many other individuals. They have searched diligently and then been generous enough to share their knowledge with all of us, who combine it with our own research and put the pieces together.

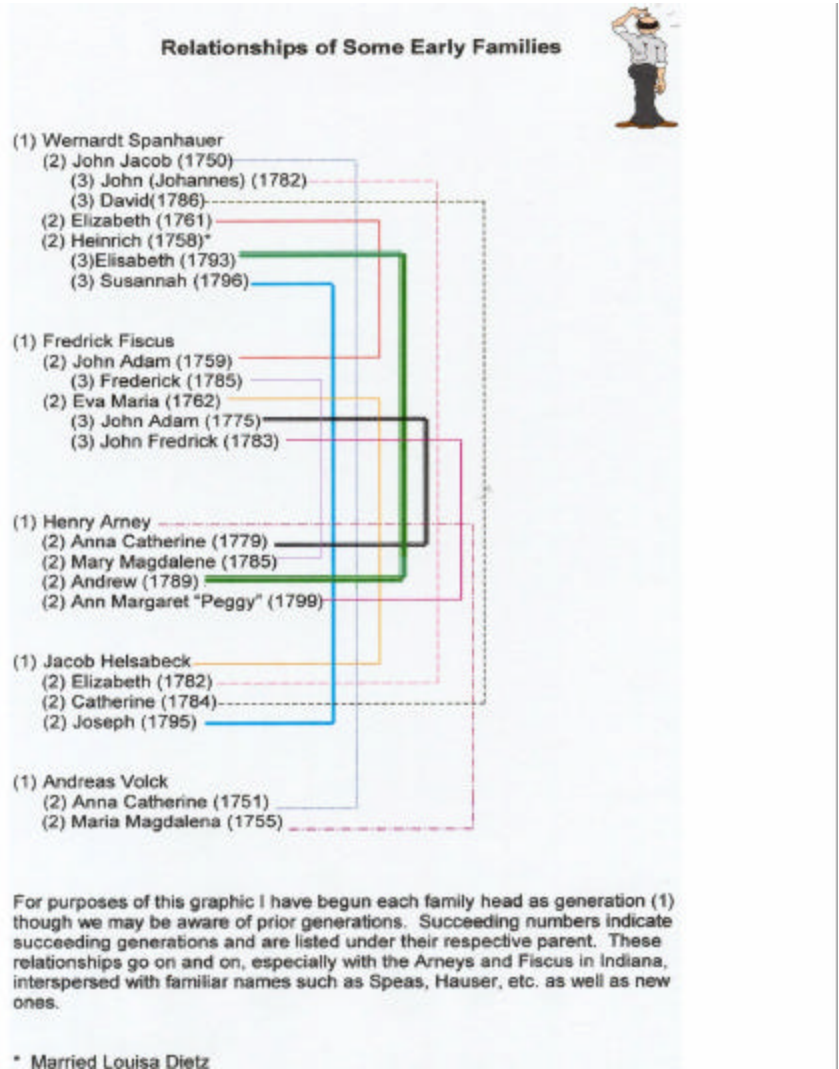
Slowly, as a puzzle, the pieces begin to fall into place and history emerges once again as though it were alive and breathing.

Our heartfelt thanks to all the wonderful members of all our related families for the wealth of information that we have compiled on our history, our origins, and our heritage.

Now our challenge, though the search for more answers is still in process, is to instill in our children and grandchildren a love for this history so that not only the knowledge, but the love of it, will be passed down for generations to come, when we ourselves have become a part of that history.

"History is the witness that testifies to the passing of time; it illumines reality, vitalizes memory, provides guidance in daily life, and brings us tidings of antiquity"

—Marcus Tullius Cicero (105-43 BC)



On Becoming One's Own Kin

In the "old days" many strange and interesting family alliances were made. Ours was no exception. It was not unusual for a widowed man or woman to marry a brother or sister of their deceased spouse. Indeed, why not? How better to know a person's character than to have known them in a close family relationship for years? Who better to care for your children than an aunt (or uncle)?

Lewis Baker Edwards was born on Long Island Sound, NY, lived in Buffalo, NY and Ohio, and had owned and managed several newspapers when he came to Greene County, Indiana to care for his aging parents about 1838. He was one of the first schoolteachers of the County and was also an associate judge and an active member of the Presbyterian Church.

Lewis Baker Edwards had one daughter, Sarah Starr, by his first wife, Marcia Starr, who died in 1836.

Francis Lewis was the only child by Mr. Edwards' second wife, Caroline Bennett, who died in 1845. Not to be without wife, Mr. Edwards married a third time to Sarah VanVorst, who died in 1856, leaving him two daughters, Caroline and Sarah C., and a son, John H.

Mr. Edwards' fourth and final wife, who outlived him by only seven months, was Charlotte Spainhower, sister to Abraham and Jeremiah Spainhower, all children of David Spainhower (and Maria Catherine Helsabeck), son of John Jacob and Anna Catherine Volck. Mr. Edwards and Charlotte had no children.

Mr. Edwards' daughter, Sarah C., married Fred Whittaker. His son, John H., drowned in the White River in 1874. His daughter Caroline married Riley Spainhower, son of Jeremiah, and nephew of his mother-in-law, Charlotte!

Thus, Riley became his own first cousin!

Letters Home

A Collection of Family Letters from the War Between the States

The following letter, and the others that will follow, one or two per newsletter until depleted, and the associated history, paint a story of a family who was interested in the education of their children and well respected in their neighborhood. Like so many other families of the times, they were required to withstand the horrors of a war that would cut them deeply and leave their family torn apart, with the loss of two promising sons and a son-in-law. You will notice that Michael's mother died during the war as well and only two years after the war they lost a twelve-year old child. One can only imagine the enormous sorrow and struggle to maintain their family economically, physically and emotionally.

The letters have been carefully transcribed from letters sent to me in the 1970s by a person now forgotten, but to whom we owe much. The letters are from three of four brothers who served in the Civil War from Burke County, NC. The brothers were sons of Michael Spainhower (15 April 1807-27 Feb 1889) and Letty Estes.

Michael was the son of Peter Spanhauer (25 August 1769-1 August 1854) and Catherine Elizabeth Rider (9 April 1777-12 May 1864). Peter was son of our immigrant ancestor, Wernhardt Spanhauer and a half-brother to John Jacob.

Michael was the fifth of ten children of Peter & Catherine. His children were as follows:

- 1) James Henry (14 January 1834-18 October 1861) Chaplain in 1st NC Regiment, died of disease 18 Oct 1861.
- 2) Martha Elizabeth (2 Sept 1837) She married Israel Lafayette Hemphill (often referred to in the following letters alternately as "Hemphill" and "Lafayette"). Lafayette Hemphill was killed in battle in Virginia 12 May 1864.
- 3) Rufus (5 October 1839-?) He survived the Civil War, probably because he spent most of his years in commissary stores, where he apparently learned the ins and outs of good business practice as he became a self-made man and merchant of means in Wilkesboro, NC. He married 5 Sep 1866 Miss Mary Jennings.
- 4) John C. (18 Jan 1842-9 August 1862) from disease while a soldier, near Richmond, Virginia.
- 5) William R. (18 Oct 1844). Married 3 July 1881 Jennie Parks. She died 10 August 1884, leaving two children, Ruby (27 April 1882) and Jesse (19 Jan 1884). He then married Ida Hardin. William was taken prisoner of war 6 June 1864 at Cold Harbor, VA and confined to Point Lookout, MD, Union Prison until paroled 17 Jan 1865.
- 6) Julius Noah (14 Feb 1847-5 Dec 1849)
- 7) James Felix (7 June 1850-1939). Married 26 Sep 1883 Sue Parks. He was a lawyer, State Senator, local judge. He lived at Morganton, NC and fathered six children.
- 8) Mary (9 Nov 1852-11 May 1873). She married John Sisk (b. 1854). They had four children.
- 9) Ennis (2 June 1855-1 Sept 1867)
- 10) Margaret A. (1 June 1858-19 June 1950). Married 6 Jun 1877 Robert Logan Patton, a Baptist Minister.

The "Estes" referred to in many letters was obviously a relative of the boys' mother, Letty. The name "Parks" was also mentioned several times, and were apparently family friends, with William R. and James Felix both marrying Parks ladies after the war.

We are fortunate indeed to be able to take a look into their lives during a terrible time for all Americans. May their struggle and endurance inspire us during times of trouble.

Note: Notations in parenthesis () are those of the original copyist who transcribed these letters from the originals apparently...see the description of letterhead on James' second letter...and was obviously done prior to the advent of copying machines. My notes are in brackets []. We will cover the letters of each person in turn, beginning with James Henry (J.H.), the eldest.

(Copyist's note; The letter below written by J. H. Spainhower to his father was written on one side of a sheet of paper, and the letter to the same person from James McNeill was written on the back of this same sheet of paper; hence the same procedure is followed here.

N.H. (New Hope) Academy
March 9th, 1861

Dear Father, Your letter was received last mail. We are well except colds. I have a severe cold at this time. Some of the students have been so low with mere colds as not to be able to attend school. This county voted almost unanimously for the union and against the Convention. I did not go to the election. I cannot accept your invitation to deliver an address at "Spainhower's Academy" at the close of the winter session. I have several reasons. One is it did not come from the proper authority, another that you close at the wrong time, when the weather is too cold. I fear that the accommodations will not be sufficient to accommodate the crowd.

Nothing new has occurred here lately. We are anxiously awaiting the next mail, to see what position Mr. Lincoln has taken against the South. Many inquiries arise with us now. Has he declared in favor of coercion, with the New England Abolitionists? Or will he agree to let the states leave peaceably, and let them take again to themselves the power they delegated to the United States? May the end be such as to prevent civil war.

As your school has closed, I think that if you wish to employ a young lady to teach boys and girls, and young ladies through the summer in a three or five months school, that such a one can be sent to you from Wildes if you can make her a paying school. Let me know by return mail, and if necessary I will send an article with a recommendation for a young lady who has been here at school and will make a good teacher. I have not consulted her on the subject, but will if necessary.

Truly Yours, J. H. Spainhower

(Note on the back of the above: March 16th, Brother McNeill failed to go to Burke; as I expected to send this by him it is therefore delayed a week. He was detained unavoidably, but will be there he says at the next appointment

We are all well. Come down in May.)

Parlier's Creek, Wilkes Co., N.C.

Sept. 15th, 1861

Mr. Spainhower,

Dear Brother: I seat myself to drop you this note which will inform you that we are all well. John is getting on quite well I think in his studies. Some new students have come in of late. I passed through Burke as I went to the Roan Mountain Association,--heard you were gone to see the boys. I suppose you are at home by this time. I also heard that Mary cut her toe off, which I was very sorry to hear.

I thought when I passed through Burke that I would return the same way, but I found it nearer through Watauga. I hurt my mare's back so I could not come to Smyrna. I will make an appointment at Smyrna on Thursday, the 10th of October. It will be the day before your Association. I will go to Smyrna as I go to the Catawba Association. Please to let the people know that I will be there at 12 o'clock. If any church business is wanted it can be done on Tuesday night, the 15th of October, 1861, as Brother Collis will preach at Sister Hemphill's as they come to the United Association.

I now remain, Yours in Christ,

James McNeill

(Typist's Note: The above letter was written on the back of the letter of James Spainhower, on the same date, to his father, Mike Spainhower)

Stationary heading: A picture of a cannon and a flag of the Confederacy. Also the quotation: We Stand firmly by your cannon, let ball and grapeshot fly, and trust in God and Davis, But keep your powder dry."

"CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA"

(Letter No. 2 of J.H.S., his last letter)

Camp Bee, Wed. Evening,

Sept. 4th, 1861.

Dear Father,

After wishing you a pleasant trip home, permit me, on the evening of your arrival home, to drop you a few lines, believing that you will be more anxious on your arrival home to hear from us. We are here just as we were when you left, only my cold is better. Rufus is well. He rests today, having guarded the General's quarters yesterday.

We can boast here of excelling in one thing. We can have more reports in circulation than you can imagine, without any knowledge of the origin of any. Among the false rumors (or at least such as we suppose to be false) that have been in circulation since you left are these: that our forces under Beauregard have attacked Arlington; that Beauregard was killed; that the 12th North Carolina Regiment has disbanded; that the Yankees have taken possession of Plymouth and Washington, NC, and were expected to advance on Edenton. Our camp streets have been alive with such reports, and sometimes we are almost persuaded to believe them, but when the papers arrive we find it to be a mistake.

Cannon are about to be planted it is supposed at Evansport, fifteen miles above us. These are the cannon that passed a few days before you came here. Three other guns came up this evening and will be planted somewhere. Of course you know that I cannot say all this I know, about these things, but I suppose that Evansport will be well fortified.

Thursday Morning, Sept. 5th: I did not get to finish writing last night. I stopped to drill, then after drill went up on a high hill one and a half miles distant to see the river and get some fruit. I hear no new reports this morning. I hope that I will not hear any more until I hear the truth. I will drop a line to Mother.

Dear Mother, I am much obliged for the pair of socks that you sent me. I have not worn them as I had two good pairs besides, and also one or two pairs that had holes in them. I am well provided in that respect, as well as in any of my clothing. I have two summer, and one winter, coat, two summer and one winter vest, one pair of pants, two pairs of drawers, and four shirts.

I think you would enjoy a supper with us very much, but for the awkward appearance of our cooks. We have our choice between corn and wheat bread. I generally prefer the latter. We have beef, coffee or water, and sometimes potatoes molasses, and butter. So you might envy us our supper. And as to dinner and breakfast, they do not differ materially from the supper.

We are in pretty good health. I have a cold and have the sneezes occasionally, but I seldom complain of a cold.

It rained last night and it is now very damp, and raining a little still.

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I put my head in a cannon yesterday evening, and hardly touched it with my nose. I think if it had been two inches less I might have put my head in it even then. This will give you an idea of the sort of guns we use here. One of our men was down as a guard at the general headquarters the other day. When he came back he boasted that the General had treated him. Some one wished to know what he treated him with. "Why", said he, "he treated me with contempt".

It has now commenced to rain very hard, and looks very much like it will be a wet day.

I suppose that I would better close.

Your, etc.,

Jim

P. S. I expect to try to get home as soon as the war closes, if I am not killed in some battle, or die of disease.

New Editor

Hi Cousins!

My name is Judy Lynn Spainhour Bodenhamer, and I am your new Newsletter Editor. No, James hasn't gone anywhere... (we wouldn't let him do that!) he is very, very busy renovating and enhancing our website.

I was born in Winston-Salem to Hunter Delos "Dee" Spainhour & Agnes E. Collins. My grandparents were Oscar Lee Spainhour and Nannie Ethel White, my great-grandparents John Henry Spainhour & Martha Ann Elizabeth Moser, my gggrandparents Martin Thomas Spainhour & Elizabeth Aldridge, my ggggrandparents Johann Spainhour & Elizabeth Helsabeck, my gggggrandparents John Jacob Spainhour & Anna Catherine Volck (Fulk). John Jacob's father was the immigrant, Werner Spanhauer, born in Muttenz, Switzerland in 1719.

My parents moved to Florida when I was eleven. After marriage I lived in Rochester, NY for about 10 years, then back to Florida. I received my BBA at St. Leo University, (St. Leo, FL) with a minor in Marketing. I have lived in Kennesaw, GA, just north of Atlanta, since 1990. I hold a Federal license as a Customs Broker and work as an International Trade Consultant from my home. I am also President of Rhodes Family Restoration & Memorial, Inc., a non-profit, tax-exempt corporation formed to save my great grandfather Austin C. Rhodes' home in Lawsonville, NC and turn it into a museum, following the fine example of Muttenz Descendants, Inc.

I have two children by my first marriage...Rhonda Lynn Weaver Welfley Caruana, born October 29, 1962 and David Dewey Weaver, born October 12, 1967. I also have a grandson, Kevin Edward Welfley, born April 1, 1993 and two granddaughters, Nicole & Gabrielle Caruana, 12 & 14 respectively. They all live in central Florida.

My husband, Jimmie Lee Bodenhamer, was born in Kansas City, KS,. He is Chief, Operations Plans, Forces Command (FORSCOM), U.S. Army, Ft. McPherson, (East Point)GA. Jim is the great-grandson of W. Caustin Bodenhamer who was born in Abbott's Creek, just south of Kernersville, NC in 1805. Caustin went to Illinois in 1831 and eventually migrated to Missouri & Kansas, where he died in 1885. The Bodenhamers came from Germany to America in 1747, and to NC in 1774.

Both Jim & I are avid genealogists and lovers of history. We are very strong supporters of Muttenz Descendants, Inc. and its goals. We congratulate all the former and current Board Members and all of you who have worked so hard to help with the restoration of John Jacob & Anna Catherine's home; the sharing of your personal history, enabling us to use them in our data base, and your monetary contributions, without which this organization could not have done all the wonderful things that it has.

With your support we can continue to secure our heritage for our progeny. What a wonderful tribute to our ancestors!

I want you to please send me your family stories and lots of photographs, some of which will be in the newsletter, and all of which will go on the website. I love hearing from family and all the wonderful stories that help us understand the lives of our ancestors and the world in which they lived during their time. We want to acknowledge and honor their existence for our progeny.

In our newsletter we will be honoring our Military Heroes, both dead & living, celebrating our happy events...births, graduations, etc., and mourning the loss of dear ones. We will also print prayer requests and family success stories, so keep me posted on both the great and sad events of your life so we can share them with all your family.

We have lots of great stories to share. One of our goals is to bring more of our associated families into the mix, with their stories, photos and news, so please do not feel limited to your Spainhour/Spainhower information, but also to the families into which they married.

I am looking forward to this challenge and looking forward to hearing from YOU! I hope you will enjoy the newsletter as much as I will enjoy writing it! My e-mail address is myway@mindspring.com if you would like to send news, history, photos, etc. by that medium. See list of Board Members for my home address & phone.

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FUND RAISING APPEAL FOR 2003

As you may have noticed, the last newsletter included a message detailing the financial requirements needed to support the activities of the MuttENZ Descendants organization for the year 2003. The Board of Directors have adopted a budget of \$10,000 for 2003. This covers annual expenses and fees including that required to maintain the cabin, pay insurance premiums, print and mail the newsletter, and communicate upcoming special events to the general membership. In addition, the budget for 2003 will help support education projects, complete furnishing the cabin (which now includes a separate kitchen addition), fundraising mailings, and a proposed cabin dedication / mini-reunion.

This letter represents a **direct appeal** to all on our mailing list who support the activities of this organization and wish to contribute financial support. If you wish to make a contribution, please fill out the form below and return your check or money order in the envelope provided. All contributions of any amount would be greatly appreciated. Please support our work for generations to come.

Contributions to MuttENZ Descendants Inc. are deductible from taxable income to the extent permitted by the national, state, and local revenue laws that apply to the contributor. MuttENZ Descendants is a non-profit corporation operating under the laws of the State of North Carolina. The corporation does not provide goods or services in whole or partial consideration for any contributions it receives.

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Return this form with your check or money order (made out to MuttENZ Descendants, Inc.) addressed to Lisa Newsome, Treasurer, MuttENZ Descendants, Inc., P.O. Box 1051, King, NC 27021.

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Some Great Websites for Research

Following you will find several websites for doing family research, both by name, by war and general searches.:

The **Helsabeck Family** has two great websites; however, you need a temporary password to access the sites. If you will e-mail me I will send you an invitation with a temporary password and the website address.

www.fmoran.com is a site that has genealogies of many families from the Stokes County/Forsyth County area.

www.usgenweb.com a general search website covering census records, cemetery records, deeds, wills & various other records

<http://www.tcarden.com/tree/ensor/Kingsmountainroster.html#H> lists men who fought at Kings Mountain

www.ancestry.com General search info by individual, census records, state & local public records

<http://www.firstchoicepro.com/ken/> is a site for Stokes County Veterans Killed in Action of all wars

<http://www.duke.edu/web/chlamy/> a site hosted by Elizabeth Harris (a Spainhour descendant)

www.rootsweb.com a general search website with links to county archives & history