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From the History Committee

At www.muttenzdescendants.org:

Our Family History & Genealogy Program has had a long bumpy road. We accomplished far less than we might have --- because we could not find a way to effectively share information with potential contributors -- but at the MDI Board of Directors' Meeting in North Carolina on November 6, I explained that our new online system finally allows us to share family history and genealogy information very effectively, and that as a result, our family history program now has a new beginning. Our newsletters program has also entered a new beginning as a result of Judy Bodenhamer's excellent work.

On the other hand, however, we must also face a cold assessment of our current situation in both these programs. To illustrate --- there are currently 83 items on my "things to do" list for the Family History Program, and I won't live long enough to do more than about 10% of them. Anyone who gets involved will also develop their own ideas --- so there is no end to the supply of "things to do". Judy has a similar outlook for the newsletters --- and these two programs depend on each other. Our ideas, and yours, won't happen without new volunteers. Moreover, what you will enjoy in the near future will soon begin to fade away unless participation grows. You --- and/or people you know --- can help gather, organize and share what we can learn about the historical heritage shared by all our families. Judy or I will be very happy to describe many ways others can contribute.

For several projects all our volunteer needs is a pencil and paper. But if you have access to a computer --- and know how to send e-mail --- you can participate in almost every project -- so choose the ones that interest you the most.

Working on web-site projects may seem out of reach if you have no experience --- but if you can send e-mail and know how to cut and paste in a word processor using the Windows Clipboard --- you can learn enough HTML to effectively format almost any text file for use on the internet, including pictures, in about 30 minutes of study & practice. We can provide the study materials and assist in the development of any further skills a contributor may desire to use. Of course, we also need help from folks with advanced technical and artistic skills --- but the bulk of the work can be done by volunteers with no previous experience --- so come --- join in the fun and invite others to do so as well.

One long road of research has been recently concluded --- sort of --- but as research projects tend to do -- it has also raised some other interesting questions. The story illustrates why information exchange between researchers is so important.

Three or four years ago I reported on visiting at a Spainhoward family reunion in Kentucky--- and receiving the excellent research on that family done by Aaron Bradshaw, and his grandmother (Arizona) together with David Spainhoward (Kentucky). Their work centered on the family of one of the sons of immigrant Werner Spänhauer & Elisabeth Lohner --- we knew this son as Johannes who married Elizabeth Unknown.

Our Kentucky family researchers clearly documented that John & Elizabeth had four children --- not eight as indicated in published books --- and they

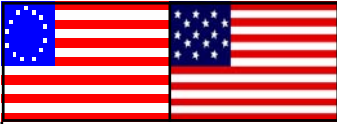
"People will not look forward to posterity who never look backward to their ancestors."

*...Edmund Burke
1729-1797*

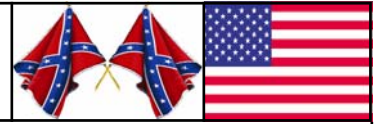
documented very professionally the descendants of one of John & Elizabeth's children --- their son Thomas Spainhoward. Our Missouri family had previously documented the family of another son, Daniel Webster --- but we thought he was in John Henry's family rather than John's. Mrs. Hupfer's book, *The Canaday / McCormick Families*, had some information on another son, John, Jr., and his family --- but we did not know much about the family of John & Elizabeth's fourth son --- Werner.

About two years ago --- I received a note from Sandra Burns who lived in Morton Grove, IL - - about 20 miles from me --- she was looking for her great grandfather --- a Thomas Spainhour born in Kentucky in 1820. Working together we found at least six Thomas Spainhours in Illinois. Which was her ggf? We had a promising candidate --- a son of John Spainhour, Jr. & Elizabeth Canaday --- so I put a discussion of this problem on our web site --- to which a lady named LuAnn Smith (Michigan, I think) responded. "No", she said, "that Thomas was Thomas J. Spainhour who married Margaret Cox --- his sister Sarah was my ggm --- who married Margaret's brother, Joseph Cox". LuAnn's arguments were convincing --- but not solid proof. --- meanwhile, satisfied that she now had identified her ggf Spainhour, Sandra Burns and I lost contact with each other.

Now enters Paul Parkhurst (California). Paul is in this late 20's, (Continued on Page 3)



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. All the persons below will only be listed by name and war in which they served except 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 is, or soon will be available on our website. Names are alphabetical by spelling of last name, then first name, then by war.

The flags above represent the flags that have flown over wars in which we have had family members participate. From the

left, 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.

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

Name	War	Name	War
Helsabeck, Carl N.	WWII	Spainhower, Jacob Peter	WBTS-CSA
Helsabeck, Glen W.	WWII	Spainhower, James	WBTS-USA
Helsabeck, H. Fred	WWII	Spainhower, James H.	WBTS-CSA
Helsabeck, John Henry	WWII	Spainhower, John C.	WBTS-CSA
Hilsabeck, Frederick	Amer. Rev.	Spainhower, John Henry	WBTS-CSA
Hilsabeck, Jacob	Amer. Rev.	Spainhower, John W.	WBTS-CSA
Kiger, Fred Oliver	WWII	Spainhower, Lot L.	WBTS-USA
Kiger, Robert Walter	WWII	Spainhower, Marquis D. L.	WBTS-USA
Moore, Robert a.	WWII	Spainhower, Robert	WBTS-CSA
Moser, John Michael	Amer. Rev.	Spainhower, Rufus	WBTS-CSA
Moser, William	WBS-CSA	Spainhower, Samuel	1812
Spainhour, Fred Odell, Sr.	WWII	Spainhower, William	WBTS-CSA
Spainhour, Hershel	Span. Amer.	Spainhower, William M.	WBTS-USA
Spainhour, Allen	WBTS-USA	Spainhower, William M.	WBTS-USA
Spainhour, Charles E.	WWI	Spanhauer, Christian	WBTS-USA
Spainhour, David	1812	Spanhauer, J. Jacob	Amer. Rev.
Spainhour, Dempsey	Korean	Spanhauer, Werner	Amer. Rev.
Spainhour, Early	WWII	Spoenhauer, Heinrich	Amer. Rev.
Spainhour, Henry	1812	Spoonhour, Clarence	WBTS-USA
Spainhour, Howard	WWII	Spoonhour, David	WBTS-USA
Spainhour, J.A.	WBTS-CSA	Spoonhour, Jacob	WBTS-USA
Spainhour, Jacob	WBTS-CSA	Spoonhour, Solomon	WBTS-USA
Spainhour, Michael	Amer. Rev.	Spoonhour, Solomon	WBTS-USA
Spainhour, Robert	WBTS-CSA	Spoonhower, Benjamin	WBTS-USA
Spainhour, Sanford E.	WBTS-CSA	Volck, Andreas	Amer. Rev.
Spainhour, Solomon	WBTS-CSA		
Spainhour, Solomon	WBTS-CSA		
Spainhour, Thamer Elmo	WWII		
Spainhour, Troy Leroy	WWII		
Spainhour, Walter J., Jr.	Vietnam		
Spainhour, William	WBTS-CSA		
Spainhour, Harrison	WBTS-USA		
Spainhour, Robert D.	WWII		
Spainhour, William W.	WBTS-CSA		
Spainhour, Carl	WWII		
Spainhour, Daniel	WBTS-USA		
Spainhour, C.T.	WBTS-CSA		
Spainhower, Clarence L.	WWI		
Spainhower, Clayton Marqui	Vietnam		
Spainhower, David	WBTS-USA		
Spainhower, Eugene E.	WBTS-USA		
Spainhower, George E.	WBTS-USA		
Spainhower, Henry	WBTS-USA		
Spainhower, Henry C.	WBTS-USA		
Spainhower, Isaac H.	WBTS-CSA		
Spainhower, Jacob	WBTS-USA		



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New Additions to Military Heroes List

Harold Spainhour, US Navy, WWII

Send us the names of your military servicemen, from the past or the present. Surely we must have some people currently serving, perhaps in Iraq. Send us their photo if you can, so we may honor them here.

Mystery Relatives

If you have old photographs that you have inherited and you don't know who the people are, take a digital photo of them, scan them, or mail them to me (I will return them right away), and I will print them in the newsletter, so perhaps somebody else will be able to identify them for you.

History Committee (Cont'd)

unmarried --- yet very interested in family history.

He was researching Illinois families named Smallwood and Bennett --- and kept seeing Spainhour children living with these families. Who are they, he wondered --- and began to investigate. Paul came up with a theory --- but our online information conflicted with his ideas --- so he contacted me to see whether we could document our information. We could not, thus encouraging him to continue with the development of his theory.

In September of this year, Paul announced that he had solved the problem --- Paul has identified Thomas W. Spainhour -- a son of John & Elizabeth Unknown's son Werner and Polly Davenport --- Thomas W. Spainhour was the father of those stray children and Sandra Burn's real ggp. So our online system now contains Paul's research and that of Luann Smith and that of Sandra Burns, and some of my own --- including LuAnn Smith's picture of -- Sarah Spainhour Cox. But the story doesn't end there.

Now enter Bob & Wanda Tippi --- also descendants of Sarah Spainhour Cox --- who did not know LuAnn Smith --- but who have given us a picture of Sarah Spainhour Cox together with her husband Joseph Cox and their daughter, Mary Ellen, who was Bob & Wanda's grandmother. These are now also in our online scrapbooks.

The ability to exchange information with and between such researchers is of critical importance to our program's real and potential future accomplishments. Before we leave this subject, however, let's focus for a moment on a new question that this line of research has added to our "to do" list.

As already noted, Johannes who married Elizabeth Unknown, was a son of our immigrant Werner Spänhauer & Elizabeth Lohner. I recently read Werner's will again. In it, Werner names their children as Peter, Henry, Elisabeth, Jacob, Michael, and Eva.

Okay, we know about:

Peter -- he married Catherine Rider and lived in Lenoir, NC.

John Henry -- he married Elizabeth Dietz

Elisabeth -- she married John Adam Fiscus

Michael -- the Revolutionary Minute Man who married

Elizabeth Teague

Eva Marie -- who married John Doub

But why is Johannes who married Elizabeth Unknown not mentioned? --- and who is this Jacob?

Perhaps Jacob is Werner's son by his first marriage -- and since Johannes went west, perhaps that is why he is "omitted" --- but I suggest a different conclusion.

One of the sons of John & Elizabeth Unknown, John Jr., is now known as John J., Jr. His father, Johannes, then, was obviously Johann J. . Now, assuming that "J" stands for Jacob --- this all ties together. Johannes apparently had the same name as his half-brother -- Johann Jacob.

Now, who was this Elizabeth Unknown that he married? Perhaps we will find that marriage listed as between Elizabeth and Jacob --- rather than Elizabeth & John? During the coming months, we will be expanding our list of research topics on the MDI web site --- and adding some of our more important genealogy "dead ends".

So, let us hear from you --- come join in helping us learn more about our immigrant family of Werner & Elizabeth Lohner -- (or perhaps she was Elizabeth Cron) -- and the families of Werner's two immigrant sisters Anna and Barbara Spänhauer -- or help with one of those other 83 projects. See how much fun you can have, and how much we can accomplish with more of us working together.

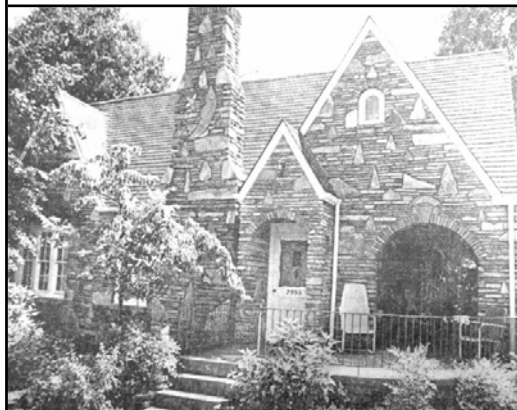
-----James Spainhour

Remembering My Dad

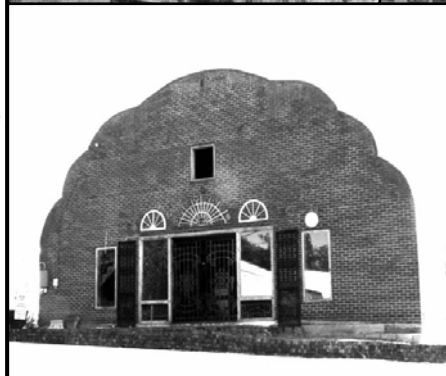
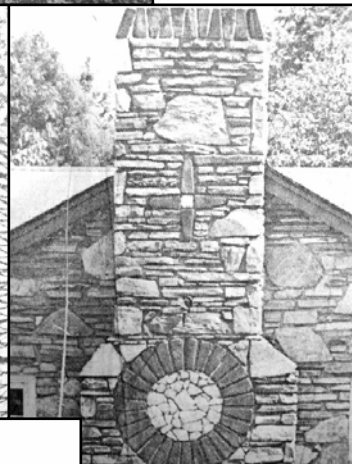
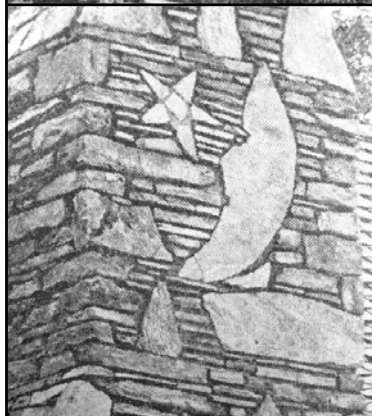
Remembering my Dad is not a difficult thing. He died on September 2, 1989, but he is always with me. He was quite a character, as so many Spainhours are. He was born July 29, 1912 to Nannie Ethel White and Oscar Lee Spainhour (John Henry, Martin Thomas, Johannes, John Jacob, Werner).

My Dad was a bright star in my life and we enjoyed many good times together, both having the same temperament. He could draw very well, though he never pursued art. He used to draw for me when I was small. I remember the year he brought one of his cousins, dressed as Santa, home to surprise us...and scared me to death! And the year he dressed for Halloween in one of those old dry-cleaning paper bags with the cellophane strip down the front, and a hat pulled down over his face...no arms...When I answered the door and had time to be frightened enough at this tall character with no arms and no face (his timing was impeccable!) he burst through the bag and I almost died of fright! I also remember when it snowed and (Continued on Page II)

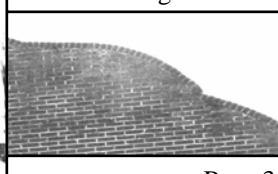
My Dad, Hunter Delos Spainhour, built the house below in Rural Hall, NC, along with a friend and co-worker/co-artist, Ben Boles, in the 1940s, according to my mother's scrap book. Detail of the



front chimney is on the lower left...note the moon and star. Detail of another chimney is below on the right. I'm not sure if that is from the same house. At the extreme bottom right is a building familiar to residents of King, as he built the scalloped



front of that building also, edging it in vertical brickwork. A detailed photo of the edge of the building is below.



Don't Forget the Website!

Don't forget to visit our website often. James has been working very hard, along with Steven, Jerry and others, to make it better than ever! There are lots of plans for new presentations and new items are being added all the time!

You will need a password to enter the database portion of the site. You may receive that by e-mailing the database manager at the link on the site.

If your newsletter is late, fails to arrive, you misplace it, or just want to give somebody else a copy....and you have a computer, or can borrow a friend's, go to the website, to the "Library" section and find the section on "Newsletters"...they're all there from September, 1992! Just print out a copy!

While you're there, take a look around....do you have something to add?

Donations Are Both Welcome And Necessary

Our thanks to all of you who have made recent donations.

We all have our favorite charities that we help support as we can, and we all have our limitations, but let us not forget our own family organization, without whose help we cannot continue our committee research as effectively, nor share it with you via the Newsletter and the Website.

Of course we also have expenses tied to the John Jacob cabin...insurance, maintenance, etc. and general costs of the operation of Muttentz Descendants, Inc., such as costs of printing and mailing newsletters, costs of the website, professional and governmental fees, etc. All officers, directors and committee members donate their time and services.

Please be generous in your contributions and don't forget possible bequests so that your generosity may continue.

Family Lands Project

We need volunteers to help with our Family Lands Project...locating and documenting sites of our ancestors farms & lands.

Are you a surveyor?

Do you work with property titles?

Do you have experience in mapping, both traditional & GPS? Are you involved with aerial photography?

Would you like to know where the old farms and lands of your family were actually located? Do you like a good mystery?

Please contact a Board member and *get involved!!!*

In Memory of Our Family & Friends

Karen Sue Spainhour, 38, Lexington, NC, passed away September 25, 2003. She was born February 28, 1965 in Rockford, IL to Kenneth Hobby and Linda Sue Thompson. Surviving are her husband, John R. **Spainhour**, two sons, Jon **Neal** of Winston-Salem and Chase **Spainhour** of Clemmons, NC, a daughter, Jamie **Neal** of Lexington, NC.

JoAnn Kreeger Beauchamp, 75, Clemmons, NC, passed away September 27, 2003. She was born March 22, 1928 in Forsyth County to William and Lottie **Nichols Kreeger**. Her husband, William Ray **Beauchamp**, Jr. preceded her in death in 1997. Surviving are her children, Perry **Hayes** of Lexington, Denise **Patterson** of Winston-Salem and Dennis **Beauchamp** of Clemmons, eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Blanche Rigsby Shore, 94, passed away October 15, 2003. She was born February 10, 1909 in Bledsoe County TN to John Alfred and Emma **Boyd Rigsby**. She married Henry Bascom "Babe" **Shore** of East Bend, NC December 20, 1934, who predeceased her. Surviving are her daughter, Pat **Shore Clark** of Winston-Salem and her son Henry B. **Shore** of Yadkinville and two grandchildren.

Mary W. "Betty" Shore, 76, Walnut Cove, NC, passed away October 18, 2003.

Lorene Shore Long, 94, Yadkinville, NC, passed away October 22, 2003. Preceded in death by her parents, Evan and Lula **Willard Shore** and her husband, George **Long**, she is survived by her daughter, Frances **Long**.

Jack Eugene Shore, 75, Clemmons, NC, passed away October 25, 2003. He was born February 3, 1940 in Forsyth County to John Henry and Nora **Bovender Shore**. He is survived by his wife, Janet **Jones Shore**, a daughter, Amanda **Shore Wilkins**, two sons, John Evan **Shore** and Jack Eugene **Shore**, Jr. and three grandchildren.

John Franklin Fulk III, 45, Winston-Salem, passed away November 11, 2003. He was born November 23, 1957 in Forsyth County to John F., Jr. and Shelby **Dickey Fulk**. Surviving are his wife, Sally **Fulk**, a daughter, Kaylin **Fulk**, New Braunfels, TX, his parents of Winston-Salem, a brother and two sisters.

Rosa Elizabeth Strickland Hauser, 73, King, passed away November 17, 2003. She was born December 19, 1929 in Robertson County to Alex and Mazzie Miller **Strickland Hauser**. She is survived by her daughter, Charlene **Hauser Martin** of Winston-Salem, two sons, Steve Wesley **Hauser** of King and Jesse Ray **Hauser** of Pinnalce, ten grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Grace Fulk Kiger, 90, formerly of Rural Hall, passed away November 18, 2003. She was born in Surry County on November 7, 1913 to John Pate and Margaret "Maggie" **Stewart Fulk**. She was preceded in death by her husband, Everette Charles **Kiger**. She is survived by her son Jerry Alan **Kiger** of King and a daughter Amy Jo **Kiger** of Daytona Beach, FL.

Lorene Bishop Doub, 74, passed away November 26, 2003. She was born February 17, 1929 in Forsyth County to Oscar Lee, Sr. and Merle Wood **Bishop Doub**. She was preceded in death by her husband, Orren Edward **Doub**, Jr. and a son, Keith **Doub**. Surviving are a son, Orren Edward **Doub** III of East Bend, NC, three daughters, Susan **Rappoport** and Brenda Ann **Mayo**, both of Winston-Salem and Cynthia **Cenedella** of Lewisville, NC, six grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Celebrations of Our Heritage

Bethania celebrates its spot in history

Plaque recognizes town as a national landmark

By Victoria Cherrie
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BETHANIA

Bethania was placed on the list of National Historic Landmarks more than two years ago.

Town leaders celebrated that recognition last night after finally receiving a large bronze plaque, which they hope will draw tourists to their tiny community just north of Winston-Salem.

"There is a special character to this place, you can feel it," said LeAnn Pegram, the administrator of the Forsyth County Historic Resources Commission. "This is really saying something special."

Though Bethania only incorporated in 1995, the community can trace its history back to 1759, six years after Moravians established Bethabara.

Bethabara was the first of three settlements that Moravians built in the original 100,000-acre Wachovia tract. They had bought the land from an English nobleman.

Federal budget cuts that followed the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks kept Bethania from getting the marker until this year.

What a better time to present it than at Christmas, Mayor Deborah Stolz Thompson said.

She and about 60 others celebrated the effort during the small ceremony inside Town Hall as Boy Scouts lined Main Street with luminaries in preparation for the annual tree lighting that followed.

State Reps. Linda Garrou and Ham Horton attended the celebration along with local residents who helped apply for the national landmark status. Horton said he was proud to be involved with the process.

"You'll have a hard time keeping me away from here," he said.

The recognition, awarded by the National Park Service, is largely honorary. Bethania's town leaders hope it will draw visitors who already frequent Forsyth County's other historic places such as Old Salem and Bethabara.

The landmark status coincides with the town's efforts to preserve its history.

Bethania received \$386,000 in grants from the N.C. Department of Transportation to make itself more of a tourist attraction. Last year, officials turned the Alpha Chapel into a town hall. The old chapel was built by the congregation of Bethania Moravian Church in 1894 and used for weekly prayer meetings before being moved to the intersection of Main Street and Bethania Road.

The latest efforts to preserve the town's history can be found next door where an 18th-century house was recently moved and will be restored into a visitors' center.

Furnishings Needed

Ginny Wagner has furnished us a list of items that are needed for the John Jacob Spainhour Cabin in King, NC.

If you have items (or would like to purchase and donate items) that date from the period about 1775-1830, we need the following, among others:

Rocking Chair Small table

We welcome all items, including quilts, kitchen utensils, farm implements, quilting frames, spinning wheels, looms, etc.

These and other donated items are tax-deductible to the extent of the value for which you purchase them, or, for items you may already have, to the value that you may have them appraised. MDI is not allowed to place value on items for you.

New Mailing System

You have probably noticed that in the past the newsletters were very late....that was due to the mailing system we were using and with which we were not pleased. At the Board Meeting in November the Board voted to begin mailing the newsletters via First Class mail. This should result in more timely deliveries.

Please be sure to send us any change of address that you have as we have many newsletters returned for lack of a good address, and this becomes an unnecessary expense for us. See the address for Director Wilma Harvey on Page 11 for changes you may require.

This newsletter is late because of my work schedule and I apologize. I hope it will be delivered prior to Christmas and hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Celebrations of Our Heritage

Saturday, November 15, 2003 dawned cold and rainy, but it didn't keep a sizable crowd from gathering to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the founding of Bethabara, and to celebrate our ancestors who took refuge outside the stockade.

There were lots of re-enactors, or 'living historians' present for the affair and a large crowd of descendants. We walked a couple of miles of the original route taken by the first settlers in Bethabara, who came from Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, traveling almost six long weeks, to arrive in Bethabara on November 17, 1753.

Bethabara Park furnished tents for families and other historical groups. Muttenz Descendants had a tent that was tended by Francis Spainhour, our President, my two sisters, Barbara Spainhour and Catherine Anderson and myself. It was quite cold and misty but we had lots of visitors to our tent, passed out much information on our organization and enjoyed the company of those who stopped in to visit.

One gentleman by the name of William Kiser, from Germantown, stopped by our tent and said he was looking for some information on his deceased uncle, whom he adored, and thought perhaps we could help. We asked the uncle's name. He said, "Troy Spainhour." He almost fell over when my two sisters and I said in unison, "He was our uncle too!" Turns out that Will's mother was a sister to Troy's wife, Ruby. Troy was our father's brother. Will entertained us with many tales of growing up around Troy, what a great and gentle person he was, and all the things Troy taught him. It's a small world when you work in genealogy.

Other families that had tents were the Helsabecks and I met some cousins there that I hadn't met before, as well as one I had met. Also, the Doubs and Voglers had tents as well as several other groups, including the National Society Sons of the American Revolution and a couple of historical societies.

Walking the trail was awesome. Of course right now it covers an area that passes mowed fields and the Sara Lee Soccer Complex, but to know that it was once a trail through a wilderness, and that your ancestors had walked that very trail 250 years ago was very exciting and moving.

Bethabara Park will be celebrating this historic anniversary for a year, so be sure to go visit as there will be events throughout the year for your enjoyment.



A violinist entertaining at the Moravian Archives Tent



Some of our Helsbeck cousins

Visitors inside the Palisade sharing information and celebrating their heritage



Barbara Spainhour, left, talking with two exchange teachers from Spain dressed in period clothing. They enjoyed the celebration & asked many questions



The living historians gave a very authentic feel to the celebration as you felt the Colonial Militia was indeed with you.



Photograph of the November, 1903 celebration of Bethabara's 150th anniversary. Courtesy of the Moravian Archives.

Family Affairs...Congratulations!!

60th Anniversary

John Evan and Wilma Fulk Hauser of Pfafftown celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary October 11th with a dinner at the Carriage House in Winston-Salem.

The hosts of the celebration were the couple's children and their spouses: Nancy & Tim Brown, Hugh Hauser and Norris and Sandy Hauser, all of Pfafftown.

The couple have five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Mr. Hauser retired from the Post Office. Mrs. Hauser retired from Ogburn Electric. They were married October 14, 1943.

Hennessee Baptism

Baptized November 30, 2003, was Aidan Patrick Hennessee, son of Mary Holleran and Scott Hennessee of Pittsburgh, PA, and grandson of Betty Spainhour (Ralph Alexander, Charles Alexander, Charles "Carl", Johannes, John Jacob, Werner) and Nick Hennessee (member of Muttentz Descendants, Inc. Board of Directors), of Winston-Salem, NC.

Shown L-R: Scott, Mary, holding Aidan, Aidan's brothers, Sean and Ryan, and grandfather Nick.



The baptism was part of the First Sunday of Advent Mass at Saint John Neumann Church in Pittsburgh's North Hills.

Share your precious moments and celebrations with us. See Page 11 for addresses & numbers of your Editor.



Congratulations to all of you on your splendid events and Best Wishes to you all!!!

Wedding Bells

Celine Anne Mack of New York City and Linwood Layfield Davis, Jr. of Raleigh, NC were united in marriage on October 18, 2003 in Cincinnati, OH.

The groom is the son of Linwood Layfield Davis, Sr. of Winston-Salem (a member of the Muttentz Descendants, Inc. Board of Directors) and Mrs. Davis, a grandson of Egbert L. Davis, Jr. of Winston-Salem, and a Yadkin County Shore descendant.

Harold Spainhour Honored

The North Carolina State Bar celebrated at its 2003 annual meeting the 50 year membership of Harold Ingram Spainhour (Ralph Alexander, Charles Alexander, Charles "Carl", Johannes, John Jacob, Werner), according to a report in the *Winston-Salem Journal* November 24, 2003.

Harold practiced law in High Point and served as President of the High Point Bar Association. In retirement he resides with his wife, Frankie, south of High Point at 2601 Beckerdite Road, Sophia, NC.

A native of Winston-Salem, he is a son of the late Viola Ingram and Ralph Alexander Spainhour, Sr. He was graduated from R. J. Reynolds High School in Winston-Salem, Mars Hill College, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and the UNC Law School.

During World War II he was an officer in the US Navy. Before locating in High Point he was a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

Harold has been an active supporter of Muttentz Descendants, Inc. and Spainhour history and reunion projects. He assisted in the reconstruction of the John Jacob Spainhour home, he arranged for the drawing of the cabin used in Muttentz Descendants publications, and on display in the cabin is part of his collection of arrowheads that he found in the King-Tobaccoville area of Forsyth and Stokes Counties.

Marriage in Muttentz

Andreas Spaenhauer & Christine Horanyi were united in marriage on September 6, 2003 in the church of our ancestors, St. Arbogast Church in Muttentz, Switzerland. Andreas is the son of Peter & Corry Noor Spaenhauer and is a physician on staff at Children's Hospital in Basle, Switzerland.



Heinrich Spänhauer's Threads

Editor's Note: This is the first in a series written by James Spainhour. Together they lay the foundation for the migration of the Spänhauer family down the Great Wagon Road and into the North Carolina Piedmont, as well as those of most of our related families. This route through the Shenandoah Valley was basically the area now covered by Interstate 81. As you probably know, first were the animal trails (buffalo, etc...yes, there were buffalo in the east then!), secondly, the Indians followed the animals, followed by the early settlers, wagon roads, then country dirt roads, then country paved roads, and finally interstate highways. These articles by James give us a more capsulized version of the historical frontier events and persons that came to shape our lives.

Introduction:

About 10 years ago while visiting at the Wilderness Road Museum in Newbern, Virginia, I purchased a book dealing with some of the history of that region. The book's jacket contained a list of other books by the same author about the early history of western Virginia. When I asked the Museum staff where I might get some of these other books, I was directed to a bookstore in Prices Fork --- just south of Blacksburg.

When we arrived there, the store was open --- the lights were on and the door was unlocked --- but there was no one inside. Next door there was a house -- perhaps they would know when the store owner might return -- so I knocked on the door.

The lady who answered my knock informed me that the bookstore was hers. "Okay", I said, "do you know anything about other books by Patricia Givens Johnson?" "I know everything about them", she said. "I'm Patricia Johnson".

When I told her what I thought I knew about the history of our Spänhauers who lived in that area during the early 1750's, she suggested that I needed to read more of the local history and do a bit more research -- because some of my conclusions were almost certainly wrong. We spent a bit over two hours in her home, discussing some aspects of the local history and purchasing three more of her books --- which she generously autographed for me. After reading them, I understood which of my previous conclusions were wrong.

When composing her scripts for a stage drama about our immigrant Spänhauer family, Patsy Ginns asked me many interesting questions for which I had no answer. Not only could I not forget some of her questions -- what was worse -- I had no ideas about where to look for answers. Recently, I decided to read Mrs. Johnson's books again --- and was rewarded by now being able to see at least some connections between people and events that previously seemed unrelated.

Some years ago a man named James Burke put together a series of programs called "Connections" on Public Television -- in which he demonstrated how a new invention in a given subject was often created by connecting two or more threads of technical developments in seemingly unrelated subjects. The story of Heinrich Spänhauer and his family migrating into New River Virginia in 1752 fits this "threads" pattern. Much of this story comes from two of Mrs. Johnson's books, James Patton and the Appalachian Colonies, and The New River Early Settlements.

In colonial times, the settlement of a new area required a partnership possessing: political clout, money, folks to organize its operations, **and a supply of immigrants.** Our story intends to describe how these forces came together in western Virginia, and how Heinrich Spänhauer later became one of their customers.

Robert Brook, Jr. --- a Knight of the Golden Horseshoe

When Alexander Spottswood became acting governor of Virginia in 1710, there was already pressure on the colony to expand. Spottswood was immediately authorized to send an exploratory party westward. That party climbed to the crest of the

Blue Ridge and looked out over the Shenandoah Valley --- but did not descend into the valley itself.

Six years later a second expedition was authorized. Sixty-three horsemen rode out of Williamsburg -- led by Spottswood himself, dressed in a green velvet suit, Russian boots, and a jaunty hat with a blowing plume. After a tough climb, they reached the summit of Swift Run Gap on September 5, 1716. Here, along with the view, they enjoyed a few toasts to King George --- and several more for all the members of his royal family --- then started down the western slope into the valley. After seven more miles, some of which required them to wade through grass and pea vines as high as their horses, they arrived at a river which was named by the Indians as Shenandoah --- "Daughter of the Stars".

Crossing the river, they made camp. At this point they were about half-way across the plateau which lies between the Blue Ridge and the Alleghenies. Here they enjoyed a dinner of deer and turkey with grapes, currents, and cucumbers which were growing abundantly around them. They finished by emptying several more bottles. Gov. Spottswood wrote a claim to the land for King George, put it into one of those empty bottles, and ceremoniously buried it. The next morning, they returned to Williamsburg.

After they returned, Spottswood dubbed his 63 "valiant gentlemen" as Knights of the Golden Horseshoe --- giving each a golden emblem inscribed Sic Juvat Transcendere Montes -- "Behold, we cross the Mountains".

Spottswood's expedition did not lead to immediate settlement of the valley --- actually it probably had little practical impact on the colony --- but one of those Knights, Robert Brook, Jr., observed that the land contained plenty of springs with clear mineral water and many excellent sites for farms, homes, and towns. The area was also rich with buffalo, elk, deer, panther, fox, wolf, and beaver. Robert played a key role in its development.

Dr. William Lynn --- a Respected Physician in Fredericksburg

Robert Brook, Jr. formed a partnership with Dr. William Lynn, a prominent physician in Fredericksburg. Together, they petitioned the Virginia Colony in 1727 for 50,000 acres on the Headwaters of the James River -- "200 miles from any landing".

James Patton --- a Ship Captain

James Patton was born in Newton Limavaddy, Londonderry about 1693. He was the fourth or fifth child of Henry & Sarah Patton of Springfield Manor in Kilmacrenan, Donegal County. As one of the younger sons, James would not inherit any of the family estates -- so he went to sea at a young age. Some years later he became a merchant ship captain transporting emigrants to the American Colonies.

John Lewis --- a murderer -- who became an Innkeeper

James Patton's interest in the lands of western Virginia may have grown out of a murder. His double first cousin -- Margaret Lynn and her husband John Lewis -- were living on the estate of Sir Mingho Campbell in Northern Ireland. When this old Irish Catholic laird died, his son, who inherited the estate to become the new laird, demanded that the Lewis family leave. When they resisted, he came with a posse to drive them away. In the argument which followed, John Lewis's brother, Charles Lewis, was killed and Margaret was wounded in her arm --- whereupon John Lewis killed the laird.

Knowing that he was in deep trouble, John Lewis hid until he could get himself onto a ship to America. He sailed first to Portugal, then to Virginia in 1729 (Continued on Page 10)

Letters Home

A Collection of Family Letters from the War Between the States

Point Battery, Va.
Dec. the 11-61

Dear father and mother,

In response to the few lines from you, I can inform you that I am quite well, and trust that this little epistle may [find] you all, thus blessed. I do not know that I ever enjoyed better health in my life than I have since I got well of my last little spell of the chills. We thought last night that we were attacked by the Yankees certain, --about nine o'clock the pickets commenced firing, and all the sentinels to calling the corporal. I had not gone to bed, but was soon found with a loaded musket in hands, the remainder of the company did likewise, both sick and well, and we were soon marched out to the river. But nothing was there to disturb us. I believe that the pickets saw a little boat. Our company was sure that the Yankees were upon us.

Our regiment has been sent off down the river, but I cannot say how long they expect to stay.

We have just finished our cabin, with the exception of a shutter or two, and it is a very comfortable little cabin.

I think, Father, that if you can get that money by sending to Avery that it would be the best. You said that you wanted to know what I lacked of having money enough to pay James's debts in this country. I only lack about six dollars of having enough to pay all except the Thomas Eller note which is in the hands of James Eller, and I will draw two months pay before long. I payed out \$119.25, and have \$18.00 yet to pay out, and that will be all except the Eller note. Estes and Webb are quite well, but Payne is in the hospital at Fredericksburg.

Mother, I have bed clothing plenty. John Pennell and myself have put blankets together and sleep very warm, more bed clothing would be useless. I believe I will move our cot into our new house tonight and then we will not need so much. I also have clothing plenty. I believe that I wrote you that I bought two woolen knit shirts in Salisbury as I came on, and yesterday we drew overcoats and today two overshirts, and upon the whole we have clothes plenty.

And as for eatables we have plenty. There was over two firkins of butter, a keg of molasses, dried fruit, etc., sent to our mess, and we have a great deal of it yet.

Several of our boys have the yellow "ganders", which is very common in the army.

I believe I have about given you the news, so I must hush a while, but Joe, how are you and Mary and Mag getting along? Are you learning fast? You must give my best respects to your school mistress, and tell her to whip you if you get too bad.

Father, you must write often for I write to some one of you every three or four days.

The drum is beating for roll call. Good night

R. A. Spainhower

I have moved, and expect to sleep in our new cabin tonight.

R.A.S.

Brooks's Station, Va.
Feb. the 12th, 1862

Dear Father, Mother, etc.,

I have not heard from home since I left. I will therefore drop you another line which will inform you that I am now entirely well, and feel quite well. The health of our company is quite good, and I hope will remain so. Dowman [?] is with me tonight, and will carry this letter for me to Isard's Station. He has been on visit to Evansport.

Father, I sold my boots today for \$8.00, and would be glad if you would have me a good pair of shoes made, and send them by Columbus Webb, and I will send money to pay for them by Estes when he comes home, and if he does not I will send the money that I want to go home by some one to John in Wilkes. You will also please send my watch by Webb, and what money I send home you can dispose of as in the past, except enough to pay for my watch and shoes.

We were paid off today for two months. How is Beck and the two Mrs. Anthonies? Give me the news in general. This has been Ration day and I have been very busy.

Wm. Vannoy, our orderly sergeant, started home yesterday, to see his brother who is about to die. I will close and hope to hear from home soon.

Yours truly,

R.A. Spainhower

Brooke's Station, Va.
Mar. the 15, 1862

Dear Mother,

This dreary evening among the tumults of camp, I have concluded to write you a few lines, by which you will learn that I am well, trusting that this may find you all well. There is great excitement here now. Our troops have retreated from the Potomac and left us exposed to the Yankees, and I would not be surprised if they come forward to meet us very soon. I heard this evening that they have landed, and are now about eight miles from here. If this be true we will have to meet them soon, but I am not certain that it is so, though the people are constantly moving out of this part of Va. We received word yesterday that a fight was going on between our artillery and some tug boats on the river, and we were ordered to be ready at a moment's warning, and we carried our knapsacks out on the drill ground with us, expecting to be ordered off, but we were not. We have sent off everything that we cannot carry on our backs, to Fredericksburg. This whole country is now almost one barren land, except here and there a regiment is stationed. Mother, I have been very sorry indeed for the poor women and children who have to leave their homes such weather as this and seek homes somewhere else. Our troops have commenced fortifying along the Rappahannoc, and if they prove too hard for us here, we will fall back to the river. I have received Father's and Mat's letters since I commenced writing to you. (Continued on Page 10)

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Let me know how Webb is coming on for I have not heard from him since he got home. J. L. I. Estes is very well and lively. Mother, I want to hear from home soon. I will write to Mat in a few days. I did write to her a few days ago. I must close for my leaf is full.

Yours truly,

Rufus A. Spainhower

Camp McIntosh near Goldsboro, NC
May the 19th, 1862

Dear Friends at home,

This beautiful morning I have concluded to write you a few lines which will inform you that we are moving on as usual. I have been a little unwell for several days, but feel much better this morning. My eye is sore yet, also my mouth, fever blisters have come nearly all over my face. John is quite well and as gaily as he can be almost. He is well satisfied. Lafayette is here, and will remain in this company, I suppose. I think he will like very well when he gets acquainted. We had a considerable kick-up this morning in camp. One of our boys by the name of Tinsley stole a watch, and this morning they found it out and rode him through the Regiment on a rail; they then commenced blacking him, and intended riding him round again, but about the time they were putting him on the rail, the Captain came up and stopped it.

We have no news of interest now, our sick list is large now, mostly with the flux. We have an excellent Chaplain now to our regiment, his name is Howell. We also have several excellent colporters in our brigade. Uncle Joe, you want my cap, do you? Well sir, I won't sell it to you.--but you may have it; I will give it to you, and I think it will last you as long as the war lasts. I did not intend wearing it any longer, and Bill, I wish I had one for you, and then Father could have two little match soldiers in the cornfield. Which of you do you think would be the easiest whipped by the weeds? Instead of getting flour, we get loaf bread. Our fare is about as usual. It will do very well when a man is well, but it does not suit for sick persons. I fear you cannot have sufficient force this summer, but hope you may.

I believe that I have nothing more to write. I trust that all things may move on well at home and also with us, and that we may be freed from the troubles soon. Write to me soon.

Your affectionate son, Rufus

N.B. Father, I heard that the Yankees have sent Dr. Braddus to Fort Lafayette, because he would not take the oaths.

Heinrich Spänhauer's Threads (Continued)

probably aboard one of James Patton's ships.

Patton's merchant ships, upon arriving in Virginia, would anchor in a deep pool on the Rappahannock River, which was called Dobb's Hole -- next to the present-day city of Tappahannock. The merchant trade here had become so heavy that the Virginia General Assembly, in 1730, ordered public warehouses to be built there to accommodate it. Around these warehouses, the sea captains would chat with local planters and merchants --- while their merchandise was loading & unloading. Planters also often entertained the sea captains at their homes.

Margaret Lynn Lewis, together with their children and several other members of the family, joined John Lewis in America in 1732. Dr. William Lynn, the Fredericksburg Physician was Margaret Lynn Lewis' brother --- and thus both were double first cousins to James Patton. Clearly under Dr. Lynn's inspiration, John Lewis and James Patton also formed a partnership seeking lands in western Virginia.

William Beverly --- a Member of the House of Burgesses

William Beverly's plantation, called Blandfield, was on the Rappahannock a few miles from Hobbs Hole. James Patton and William Beverly became friends --- and Beverly was a valuable addition to the Patton-Lewis land partnership because he was also a member of the Virginia House of Burgesses and he was already deeply involved in land speculation west of the Blue Ridge.

Beverly was in need of money and he needed help in importing settlers to buy his lands. Beverly offered Patton ¼ of his 30,000 acre grant on the Calpasture River for doing his "utmost" in recruiting those settlers.

George Hume --- a surveyor -- who became a college professor

William Beverly's land grant had been surveyed by George Hume and Robert Brook -- Dr. William Lynn's partner. The deal with William Beverly, together with a steady decline in the shipping trade, led Patton irreversibly toward his own settlement in Virginia. As a result, the Patton family, and their cousins the Prestons, arrived aboard the ship Walpoole in August of 1738. They landed at "Bell Haven" or "Belhaven", on the Potomac River near Alexandria where there was a small settlement of Scotch merchants around a new tobacco-inspection warehouse. Patton was now 46 --- an age at which many men of that time were preparing to retire --- but James was beginning a new career.

The Patton Partnerships:

Patton also landed his Scotch-Irish immigrants at Belhaven. Here they packed their belongings onto pack horses and headed across Prince William County to the wilderness. There are three gaps in the Blue Ridge --- then known as Ashby's, Swift Run, and Rockfish. Crossing one of these they followed streams to the South Branch of the Shenandoah. Their destination was Lewis Creek & Chrysties Creek where John Lewis had a small log settlement. John's duties to the partnership included acting as "innkeeper" for the incoming settlers who were to settle on "Beverly Manor".

In addition to being "innkeeper" for all incoming settlers, Lewis kept accounts, collected quitrents and payments on notes. He performed these services so well that Beverly & Brook agreed to discharge his debt of fourteen pounds for more than 2,000 acres. In 1739, Patton began to pay Beverly for the 1700 acres in his allocated portion of Beverly Manor. Patton hired Geroge Hume to survey his part of the Beverly grant. Hume's experience would stand him well when he returned to Fredericksburg --- where he became an instructor of mathematics and surveying. One of his students was a young man named (Continued on Page 11)

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George Washington.

James Patton and his impressive circle of friends and cousins would continue working together to develop their interests in lands speculation. The plantation that the Patton family established at Chrysties Creek on the South Branch of the Shennandoah -- was called Springhill. A frequent visitor at Springhill-- John Harvie -- was a lawyer from Albemarle who came to Augusta to attend the court. Harvie was the executor of Peter Jefferson's estate and of some influence to his son Thomas Jefferson --- who later appointed Harvie's son as registrar of the land office in Virginia.

Exactly how James Patton and John Lewis persuaded those settlers to come to Beverly Manor is unknown, but it is known that they placed 36 families there in a rather short period of time. Most of these were probably brought on his ships directly from Ireland. By 1742, Beverly Manor was full --- so land-seekers had to look still further southwest into the valley.

Patton and his associates were well positioned to assist in (and earn additional profits from) this continuing development of these lands within western Virginia. Thus, Patton became an agent for the James & Roanoke River Company about 1741, and also began selling land for that business -- whose tract was near where the

Remembering My Dad (Cont'd)



I was confined to bed with Mumps. He built a snowman outside my window. We moved to central Florida when I was eleven years old. Daddy worked in construction, mostly stone and block, not so much brick in Florida.

Later, when I was in college and I would tell him what grade I made on an exam, he always smiled and said, "Did anybody else make a grade that high?" That was his way of inspiring me, challenging me to do my best. I always hoped to say, "No, they didn't." We used to fish together in Florida, in the backwaters on Saturday mornings.

This article is a tiny tribute to my Dad and what he meant to me. He was pretty laid back and very much a prankster, always in on a practical joke on somebody and enjoying the jokes played on him.

2003 Board Meeting

The Annual Board Meeting for Muttentz Descendants, Inc. (MDI) was held on Thursday, November 6, 2003.

At that time the Board regretfully accepted the resignation of Stephen Spainhour of Greensboro as Vice President and a Director.

There were several new Directors installed. They are:

Virginia P. Wagner
Omni Grabs
Bonnie S. Speas
Jerry Newsome

Re-elected to three year terms as Directors (ending in 2006) were:

James D. Spainhour
David W. Spainhour
Michael D. Spainhour
M.N. "Nick" Hennessee

Officers re-elected were:

Francis Spainhour, President
Lisa Newsome, Treasurer

New Officers elected were:

David W. Spainhour, Vice President
Virginia Wagner, Secretary

The resignation and all elections and re-elections became effective at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting. Several significant Board decisions were made.

Among them:

- > the decision to begin sending newsletters out on a First Class Bulk Mail basis, offering much quicker delivery;
- > the challenges accepted by David, as the new Vice President, to increase funds available for projects of MDI; and
- > to recruit more volunteers to participate in the various projects.

To that end, we would like to encourage all of you to begin thinking how you might volunteer your services to our organization, even if you live outside NC, as James, Steve and I do, in Illinois, Virginia and Georgia respectively.

Computers, e-mail & faxes are responsible for our being able to be very involved without being physically local.

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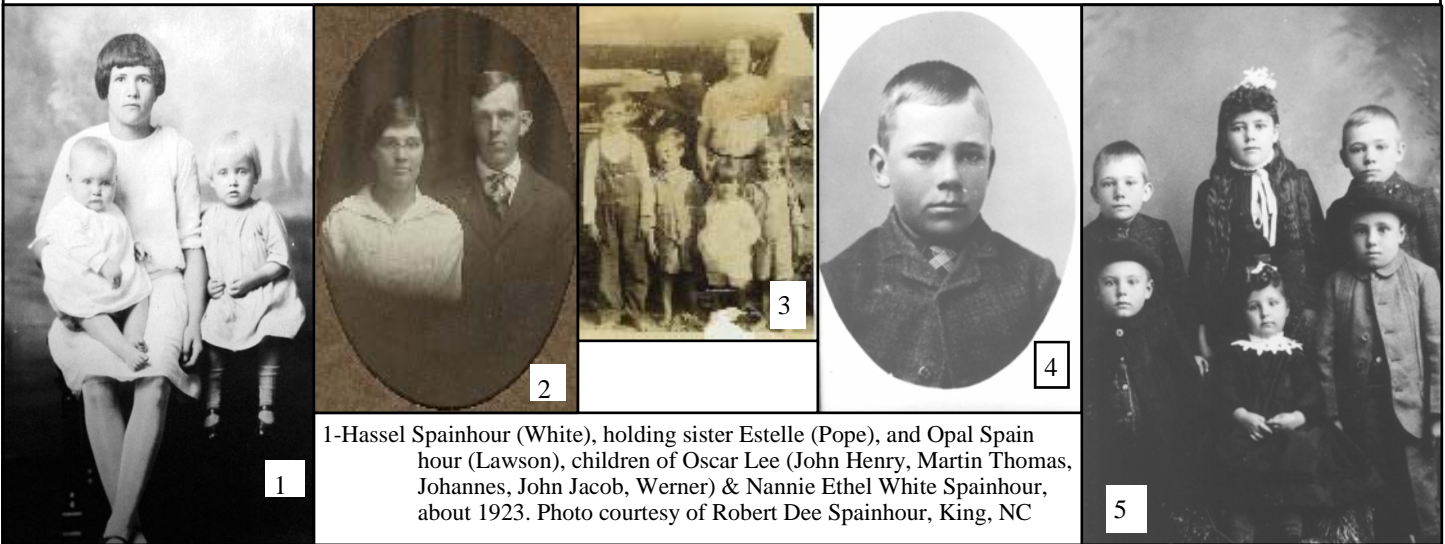
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1-Hassel Spainhour (White), holding sister Estelle (Pope), and Opal Spainhour (Lawson), children of Oscar Lee (John Henry, Martin Thomas, Johannes, John Jacob, Werner) & Nannie Ethel White Spainhour, about 1923. Photo courtesy of Robert Dee Spainhour, King, NC

2-Theodore Theophilus (Julius E., Theopolas, Solomon, John Jacob, Werner) & Ruby Iowa Crawford Spainhower wedding photo, Hampton, Iowa, April 17, 1917

3-Family of Theodore Theophilus & Ruby Iowa Crawford Spainhower about 1926. Photos 1 & 2 courtesy of Willys Spainhower, Kingman, AZ

4-Louis Henry Spainhower (William Henry, John Henry, John Henry, Heinrich, Werner) Spring Lake, UT, about 1890.

5-Back Row, L-R: William John, Matilda Ann "Annie", Louis Henry. Front Row, L-R: Orrin Willard, Maude Vernell and Joseph Lawrence. All are children of William Henry (John Henry, John Henry, Heinrich, Werner) and Matilda Elizabeth Zabriscki Spainhower, Spring Hill, UT, about 1892. Photos 3 & 4 courtesy of Don Spainhower, Spring Hill, UT

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