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## From the History Committee

**At [www.muttenzdescendants.org](http://www.muttenzdescendants.org):**

**Interconnected Families Project**

My Spring Report described some results from an ongoing project to more fully explore the genealogy of 40 or 50 interconnected families who settled in today's Forsyth, Stokes, Surry & Yadkin Counties during the period 1760-1780. That report also indicated that this information is helping us to develop our understanding of the life of the pioneers in this region.

In this area of North Carolina members of those interconnected families later formed wagon trains and moved westward together. They bought farms in a developing new region of our country --- and extended those family interconnections for three or four more generations. So -- this project also helps develop our understanding of pioneer life in areas of Kentucky, Tennessee, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Iowa, Utah and California --- which contain the same collection of family surnames.

Our genealogy collections indicate that some characteristics of family life in this area of North Carolina during 1760-1780 may also apply to life in Kentucky or Indiana during 1820-1830 --- and some characteristics of life in this area of North Carolina during 1780-1800 may also apply to life in Illinois, Iowa & Missouri during 1835-1845. Our genealogy collections clearly demonstrate that our country and our family history developed together.

If you would like to more specifically pinpoint the region under discussion, get out your map of North Carolina and highlight highways as follows. Begin in Mt. Airy at the junction of Highways 89 and 601. Follow 601 southward into Yadkin County where it intersects with 421. Follow 421 eastward into Winston-Salem to its connection with 311. Follow 311 northward through Walkertown and Walnut Cove. Just north of Walnut Cove 311 intersects with 89. Follow 89 through Danbury and back to Mt. Airy. This "circle" has a diameter of about 30 miles. Inside that circle draw a smaller one. Begin at Pinnacle; include King, Tobacoville, Rural Hall, Bethania, Pfafftown, and East Bend; then back to Pinnacle. This "inner-circle" has a diameter of about 15 miles.

In the time when transportation was by horseback or horse-drawn wagons, history books tell us that folks might more or less "know" their neighbors within about 10 miles of their home but they knew each other best when they attended the same church -- which was usually within a circle of about 5 miles. We can see this general characteristic in the "frequency" of certain of our family connections. That, however, is clearly only part of the story -- because those connections clearly extend across the larger circle. The generation between 1760 and 1780 was a time of major growth in the population of this area, and the next one between 1780 and 1800 continued this process. A more complete picture will evolve as we are able to plot the times and specific places for early farms (and churches) in this area.

History teaches us that pioneer family life cannot be described in one story. First is the story of the initial settlers of a new region. These are described primarily as hunter/trappers who grow some vegetables for food and tend to live largely in small family groups. Next come the farmers who grow crops for a

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

*...Edmund Burke  
1729-1797*

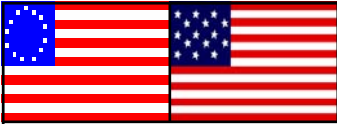
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living and who begin to develop churches and roads and towns. The towns then attract the third group of settlers which includes tradesmen and merchants. This general picture is described as being repeated over and over again as the frontier moves further westward. *But most history books do not emphasize that for each repetition, the pace of this cycle of change is both accelerated and broadened by the developing of technology in tools and in transportation.*

I read of these things in history books --- but the story becomes far more real when I see it reflected among "people I know" -- in the lives of those within our interconnected families. This project and this story will obviously be continued.  
-----James Spainhour.

## Some Major New Items for our Library

Frances Spainhour Hardee (Greensboro, NC) has entrusted to MDI what remains of a book which is printed in Old German which a visitor from Muttenz gave to her father or her grandfather. The book appears to be the remnant of a compilation of travel journals that included a trip from Bern, Switzerland, to England and then to South and North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia maybe in 1735. This book may have been at least one of the materials which enticed our ancestors to leave their homes (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
Butner, Henry Wolff	WWI	Spainhour, Daniel	WWII
Helsabeck Billy B., Sr.	WWII	Spainhower, C.T.	WBTS-USA
Helsabeck, Carl N.	WWII	Spainhower, Clarence L.	WBTS-CSA
Helsabeck, Glen W.	WWII	Spainhower, Clayton Marqui	Vietnam
Helsabeck, H. Fred	WWII	Spainhower, David	WBTS-USA
Helsabeck, John Henry	WWII	Spainhower, Eugene E.	WBTS-USA
Helsabeck, Kenneth O., Jr.	Vietnam	Spainhower, George E.	WBTS-USA
Helsabeck, Kenneth O., Sr.	WWII	Spainhower, Henry	WBTS-USA
Helsabeck, Richard E.	Vietnam	Spainhower, Henry C.	WBTS-USA
Helsabeck, Theodore L., Jr.	WWII	Spainhower, Isaac H.	WBTS-CSA
Hilsabeck, Frederick	Amer. Rev.	Spainhower, Jacob	WBTS-USA
Hilsabeck, Jacob	Amer. Rev.	Spainhower, Jacob Peter	WBTS-CSA
Kiger, Fred Oliver	WWII	Spainhower, James	WBTS-USA
Kiger, Robert Walter	WWII	Spainhower, James H.	WBTS-CSA
Moore, Robert a.	WWII	Spainhower, John C.	WBTS-CSA
Moser, John Michael	Amer. Rev.	Spainhower, John Henry	WBTS-CSA
Moser, William	WBS-CSA	Spainhower, John W.	WBTS-CSA
Shore, Ezra Eugene	US. Army	Spainhower, Lot L.	WBTS-USA
Shore, Floyd Granville	Korea	Spainhower, Marquis D. L.	WBTS-USA
Shore, Thomas E.	WWII	Spainhower, Robert	WBTS-CSA
Spainhour, Fred Odell, Sr.	WWII	Spainhower, Rufus	WBTS-CSA
Spainhour, Hershel	Span. Amer.	Spainhower, Samuel	1812
Spainhour, Allen	WBTS-USA	Spainhower, William	WBTS-CSA
Spainhour, Charles E.	WWI	Spainhower, William M.	WBTS-USA
Spainhour, David	1812	Spainhower, William M.	WBTS-USA
Spainhour, Dempsey	Korean	Spanhauer, Christian	WBTS-USA
Spainhour, Early	WWII	Spanhauer, J. Jacob	Amer. Rev.
Spainhour, Harold	US Navy	Spanhauer, Werner	Amer. Rev.
Spainhour, Henry	WWII	Spoenhauer, Heinrich	Amer. Rev.
Spainhour, Howard	1812	Spoonhour, Clarence	WBTS-USA
Spainhour, J.A.	WWII	Spoonhour, David	WBTS-USA
Spainhour, Jacob	WBTS-CSA	Spoonhour, Jacob	WBTS-USA
Spainhour, Michael	WBTS-CSA	Spoonhour, Solomon	WBTS-USA
Spainhour, Ralph Alexander	Amer. Rev.	Spoonhour, Solomon	WBTS-USA
Spainhour, Robert	WWI	Spoonhower, Benjamin	WBTS-USA
Spainhour, Sanford E.	WBTS-CSA	Volck, Andreas	Amer. Rev.
Spainhour, Solomon	WBTS-CSA		
Spainhour, Solomon	WBTS-CSA		
Spainhour, Thamer Elmo	WBTS-CSA		
Spainhour, Troy Leroy	WWII		
Spainhour, Walter J., Jr.	WWII		
Spainhour, William	Vietnam		
Spainhour, Harrison	WBTS-CSA		
Spainhour, Robert D.	WBTS-USA		
Spainhour, William Alton	WWII		
Spainhour, William W.	US Army		
Spainhour, Carl	WBTS-CSA		



*Just a  
Reminder...  
Freedom  
Isn't  
Free*

## New Additions to Military Heroes List

- Oliver Wilson Hauser, U.S. Army, Korea (served in France)**
- Byron Spainhour, POW WWII**
- Denson Gray Hauser, Jr. U.S. Army Reserves WWII**
- Clyde Aaron Tesh U. S. Coast Guard WWII**
- J. Lee Keiger, Jr. U.S. Navy**
- Charles Joseph Spainhour, WWII**



## History Committee Report (Continued)

in Baselland, Switzerland for new beginnings in the Pennsylvania Colony. Our ambition is to preserve this booklet physically as long as possible but also to preserve digital images of it --- and to translate some or all of it into English so it can be shared among our members.

Other materials relating to the advertising methods used to promote settlements in new territories across the country are also being gathered. Recruitment of new settlers demanded effective salesmanship --- and many land promoters strongly resembled those familiar peddlers of "snake oil" --- for curing any disease known to man.

Actually, many of their land pamphlets talk about the "health" of the new territory they are promoting. Nick Hennessee brought to my attention a new book which defines what folks understood by this term "health" as it was applied to a geographic area. The book is certainly interesting --- but not difficult to put down after an hour or two --- so the reading is not keeping me awake at night. As a result there is nothing much yet to report from it.

Other recent contributions to our Library are two "memories" written by ladies living in Bethania which provide first hand images of the town, its buildings, and its early inhabitants. The copies of these documents were provided to me by Peggy Oehman Mundy (Winston-Salem). The descriptions don't cover the entire history of the town from 1760 to the present --- but they are quite valuable since they describe times before I was born there in 1931. These ladies' comments were both very interesting and contained many surprises for me. Combined with related materials that are available, or which can be assembled, these "memories" should enable someone to create an interesting historical exhibit for a web site. Perhaps some members of the Bethania Historical Association will be interested in a cooperative effort toward that objective?

Another item for our Library is not new --- I have had it for several years now. It was in the form of 865 printed pages --- a daunting task to scan and place online. It was also provided to me in word-processor files --- but created using an editor program which no longer exists. Previous attempts to open the files were not satisfactory because formatting was rather badly mangled or the text included many strange and meaningless groups of characters. As a result, this material was "put aside" in favor of easier tasks.

Recently by chance I opened those old files again with a new word processor program that I recently acquired. The result is excellent. The files are now easily convertible to PDF files or can be easily formatted in HTML if desired for posting in our online Library. These files contain a 100 year collection of family member births, marriages, and obituaries from Marshall County, Iowa. In future issues of this Newsletter -- beginning with the next one -- you will hear much more about the information in these files and the dedicated effort of those who made them available to us at MDI.

*There is so very much yet to be learned from our family history. What we know so far is the result of a few dedicated contributors most of which, like me, are getting "a little long in the tooth". We've been at it a long time because we know two secrets --- that the effort to gather and write a story is far more stimulating and interesting than reading a story prepared by someone else ( though that too can be enjoyable) -- and that cooperatively sharing with others doing the same sort of thing -- is the most fun of all.*

*It isn't fair for us few to continue having all the best fun --- why don't you let one of us help get you involved. I promise that you will enjoy it --- and probably become addicted by the fun you will share. Contact James Spainhour or Judy Bodenhamer.*

At [www.muttendezdescendants.org](http://www.muttendezdescendants.org)

Our online genealogy collection continues to collect attention. Three or four new visitors from the Shore family has increased our priority for expanding the information already online for this family. One of these new members is John B. Shore, who has shared with us some new information from his efforts to extend the information in the book by Leo Jane Shore on the descendants of Frederick Schor. We have several pictures of the old Schor sites in Muttenez that we want to include (ASAP) in the online scrapbooks as well.

Hopefully you have already seen the new menu and agree that it makes navigating about the site much faster and easier. That, however, is only part of why this change is important. Unless you have experience in maintaining an evolving web site, you may not realize how much easier this new menu system will make our work as the site is developed. I won't bore you with those details --- just join me in my heartfelt thanks to Dr. Steven Spainhour (Richmond, VA), our Webmaster, for selecting, installing, and making the initial installation of the software -- and then teaching me how to use it.

There are about 5700 Family Group Files in our online system. The first 1000 and those after 4500 contain all the information available about the family group. Those 3500 files in the middle were created using a computer program which included all the available genealogy data but did not include various comments, associated biographies, etc.

Each of these 3500 files needs to be edited. During this process a list will be prepared of all persons among our interconnected families whose parents are not known. This list of "broken limbs" will be used to help guide further research. The work has now been completed on about half of the files.

*In spite of the many hours we are devoting to this program, we have a huge backlog in materials to be included on the web site. We need more folks who will help --- whether it is an hour or two a month or several hours every day --- there are many things you can easily do.*

*What do you need to have -- and to know -- to be able to help? You need use of a computer with internet access, and you need to know how to cut and paste text.*

*Who should you contact ? [jdspainhour@comcast.net](mailto:jdspainhour@comcast.net).*



**W.E. & Glida Garner Spainhour Family, Mother's Day, 1948**  
(W.E. & Glida's children are in bold print)

**Back Row, L-R:** (men & women) Vernon Wall holding Donald Wall, **Rebecca** Spainhour Wall, W. E. Spainhour, Sr., Glida Augusta Garner Spainhour, Sallie Aldridge Spainhour, **Herbert** Spainhour, Betty Jo Culler Spainhour, **Robert D.** Spainhour, **Francis** Spainhour, **Clifton** Spainhour, **Augusta** "Gusty" Spainhour, **Jacqueline** Spainhour, **John Henry** Spainhour.

**Front Row, L-R** (children): V. D. Wall, **Kenneth** Spainhour, Verna Lee Spainhour

**Missing** from photo are: **Gertrude** Spainhour Knapp (died 1939), **Hazel** Spainhour Davis & **W. E.** "Dub" Spainhour, Jr. (probably the photographer).

## In Memory of Our Family & Friends

- Ruth Spainhour Bruton**, 79, of Charlotte, NC, died January 6, 2004. She was born in Tobaccoville on August 13, 1924 to John William Spainhour & Blance **Newsome**. She was predeceased by her husband, R.V. Bruton, brother, Evander **Spainhour**, and her sister, Carol Spainhour **Weaver**, who died March 11, 2004.
- Mary Gladys Renegar Shore**, 86, of Bethel Church Road, passed away Monday, April 12, 2004. She was born December 20, 1917 in Yadkin County to Maude Ethel **Renegar Reavis**. Active in her church and community, she was preceded in death by her husband, George James **Shore**, a sister, Mae **Jarvis**. She is survived by her children, Shirley **Wiles**, Donald **Shore** and Larry **Shore**, all of Yadkinville, six grandchildren, eight great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.
- Oliver Wilson Hauser**, 74, of Shoals, died Tuesday, April 13, 2004. He was born November 13, 1929 in Surry County to Oliver Franklin and Lucy **Allen** Hauser. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in English in 1951 from High Point College and a Master of Arts degree in education administration from Appalachian State University in 1971. He was a U.S. Army veteran during the Korean conflict. Very active in his teaching profession as well as community activities, Mr. Hauser is survived by his wife, Dolly **Caudle** Hauser, a son, Greg of Pinnacle, four daughters, Cindy Hauser of Shoals, Sharon Hauser of Winston-Salem, Michelle **Kirkley** of Shoals and Ami Hauser of Kannapolis and Melun, France, two granddaughters and a sister.
- Bettie Cockerham "Hazel" Shore**, 99, of Yadkinville, died Thursday, April 15, 2004. She was born July 5, 1904 in Surry County, to Clarence and Ida **Shores Cockerham**. A graduate of Women's College of the University of North Carolina, she was a teacher for many years, and was active in her community. She was preceded in death by her husband, Carl Isaac **Shore**, Sr., three sisters and a brother. Surviving are three sons, Donald of Matthews, NC and Robert and Carl of Yadkinville, six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.
- Alice Ruth Doub Goins**, 79, of Pfafftown, died Monday, April 19, 2004. She was born in Pfafftown September 11, 1925 to John Fletcher and Alma **Tate Doub**. She was active in her church and her community, and was predeceased by her husband, James Abraham **Goins** and two sisters. She is survived by two daughters, Judy **Dewar** of Denver, NC and Shirley **Farmer** of Pfafftown, a son, Ricky Goins of Winston-Salem, five grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, four sisters and four brothers.
- Annie Helsabeck Kapp**, 94, died Monday, April 19, 2004. She was born February 27, 1910 in Boone, to Henry O. and Minnie **Cook Helsabeck**, but she grew up in Rural Hall. She was active in her church and her community. She was preceded in death by her husband, H. Dee **Kapp**, three sisters and two brothers. She is survived by a son, John H. Kapp, two grandchildren a great-grandson, a sister and two brothers.
- Lawrence Martin Shamel**, 73, of Tobaccoville, died Wednesday, April 21, 2004. Born April 23, 1930 to Ammon Wiley Shamel and Della Leanna **Martin**, he was retired from Eastern Airlines and was active in farming and in his community. He was preceded in death by a sister. He is survived by his children, Dawn Shamel **Douglas**, Lynne Shamel **Vogel**, Lauren Shamel **Hutchens** and Christopher S. **Shamel**, four grandchildren, a great granddaughter, and his wife Heidi.
- Sarah Shore Ruffin**, 75, of Winston-Salem, died Thursday, April 22, 2004. She was born August 31, 1929 to Robert Dicks and Marie **Merritt** Shore. A graduate of Hollins College, she was active in her church and community, and served on several boards, including the Garden Club of America, NC School of the Arts, Hollins University, Salem Academy and College. She is survived by her husband, Dalton D. Ruffin, a daughter, Saree Ruffin **Pitt**, three sons, Dalton Ruffin, Jr., of Charlotte, John Ruffin and Jim Ruffin, both of Winston-Salem, and nine grandchildren.
- Clyde Aaron Tesh**, 82, of Clemmons, died Wednesday, May 5, 2004. He was born in Forsyth County on July 18, 1922 to Charles Romulus and Eva **Doub** Tesh. He was a member of the U.S. Coast Guard during World War II and was retired from the U.S. Postal Service. He was active in his church and community activities. He was preceded in death by his wife, Carolyn **Lonsford**, and is survived by two sons, Don, of Houston, TX and Steve, of Winston-Salem, four grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, two great-granddaughters and a step-great-granddaughter.
- Lillie Schaub "Billie" Swaim**, 97, died Friday, May 7, 2004. Born January 5, 1907 in surry County to Thomas Ashby Schaub and Anna **Robertson**. She and her husband operated Swaim Furniture for many years. She was active in her community and an avid antiques collector. She is survived by her husband, Gray Coy **Swaim**, of Brookridge Retirement Center, a brother, two nieces and a nephew.
- James Thurman "Bud" Calloway**, 61, of King, died Saturday, May 8, 2004. He was born January 24, 1943 in Stokes County to Thurman Lee and Grace **White** Calloway. He was owner of Calloway's Welding, Inc. He was active in his church and community. He is survived by his wife, Betty **Badgett** Calloway, four daughters, Lori **Schamay**, of Clemmons, Lisa **Saunders** and Gina **Kight**, of Winston-Salem, and Joni Calloway of King, three grandchildren, a sister and brother. **Note of Nick Hennessee: "Bud was honored by Muttentz Descendants, Inc. with membership in the Arbogast Society to recognize his significant contributions to relocation and reconstruction of the John Jacob Spainhour cabin."**
- Avis Newsom Doub**, 92, of Pfafftown, died Tuesday, May 11, 2004 in King. Born July 30, 1911 in Stokes County to Henry Walter and Lillie Alice **Hendrix** Newsom, she lived in Forsyth County most of her life. She was active in her church. Preceded in death by her husband, James Worth **Doub**, a sister and a brother, she is survived by a son, Bobby Worth Doub of Pfafftown, two grandsons, and four great-grandchildren.
- Denson Gray Hauser, Jr.**, 56, of Winston-Salem, died Wednesday, May 26, 2004. He was born January 16, 1948 to Denson Gray and Mildred **Bass** Hauser. He earned degrees in both Latin and History from Wake Forest University and was a member of the U. S. Army Reserves. After his father's death in 1978, he took over the family business, Hauser Rental Service. He is survived by his daughter, Elizabeth Dayton Hauser, a son, Denson Gray III, his mother, Mrs. D.G. Hauser and a sister, Janice Hauser, all of Winston-Salem
- J. Lee Keiger, Jr.**, 80, of Winston-Salem, died Saturday, June 26, 2004. He was born July 8, 1923 in Forsyth County to J. Lee Keiger, Sr. and Mamie **Spainhour** Keiger. After graduating high school, he was a member of the U.S. Navy, after which he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Commerce from the University of NC at Chapel Hill, in 1950. He was employed by Old Town Telephone System, a company founded by his father, now owned by Alltel. He was active in his church and community. He is survived by his wife Martha **James** Keiger, three children, Jane Keiger **Gehring** and J. Lee Keiger II of Richmond, VA and Charlie Frank Keiger of Charlotte, four grandchildren, three step-grandsons, and two brothers.

Thanks to Nick Hennessee for providing most of this information to our newsletter

## 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?

## Furnishings Needed

Ginny Wagner has furnished us a list of items that are needed for the John Jacob Spahnour 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.

## 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 Muttenz 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.

## Wedding Announcement

June 20 *WS Journal* reports wedding of James Allen Shore Jr. of Siloam, NC, and Kelly Ann Hazelwood of Galax, VA. He is son of Mr. and Mrs. James A. "Pete" Shore of Siloam and grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Sidney J. Shore. A graduate of East Surry High School and Surry Community College, he is an architectural draftsman for Technology and Training Services Inc. in Chapel Hill. They will live in Rocky Mount, where she (a graduate of Galax High School, Emory & Henry College and the Wiggins School of Law at Campbell University) is an attorney in the law office of Jessica C. Williams.

Thanks to Nick Hennessee for this happy news!

## Heinrich Spanhauer's Threads (Part III...Final)

We know that Ephrata established contacts with the Moravians in 1736 and that Conrad Beissel and Moravian Bishop August Spangenberg became well acquainted --- and that Moravian leader Count Nicholas Von Zinzendorf visited Ephrata in December 1741. While this relationship was not a warm one, [their two "economies" were competitive with each other to some degree] the groups would have been generally aware of each other's activities.

We also know that during the later half of the 1740's there were more or less regular contacts between the groups at Ephrata and Mahanaim --- and between these and similar religious groups at Germantown and in York County.

Heinrich Spänhauer later mentions Gerhard Zinn as a good friend. Gerhard Zinn and his wife Margaretha also later (in 1762 or 1763) became Moravians at Bethabara and are buried in the cemetery there. According to Gerhard's memoir, he and Margaretha were married in 1725, and emigrated to America in 1735. They lived 13 years in Pennsylvania and three years at Ephrata --- then moved to New River --- presumably in 1751. Since Gerhard joined the group at Ephrata from Germantown --- perhaps he and Heinrich Spänhauer knew each other while both were living in Pennsylvania.

[According to Margaretha's memoir, however, the Zinns emigrated to America in 1743, lived two years at Ephrata and then moved to New River --- presumably in 1745 -- where they lived for 15 years --- presumably until 1760. We know that this couple had nine children. Margaretha's memoir says they emigrated with their first four --- so, accepting her marriage in 1725 (she was born in 1702) --- immigration in 1735 fits, but 1743 does not. We know that the Zinns fled from New River following the Indian attacks in July of 1755 --- that Margaretha was injured during the journey, and that the family brought her to Bethabara for medical treatment. They clearly did not remain in New River until 1760 -- so the dates in Margaretha's memoir -- or the translation -- are doubtful.]

While we do not know exactly when, where, nor from whom Heinrich Spänhauer learned of the Virginia settlements, we can see that there were several opportunities. Perhaps he knew as early as 1744 when Patton was visiting at Ephrata or perhaps in 1749 upon his return from Switzerland.. He may also have learned of them through contacts in Germantown or after his relocation to York County. We know only that Heinrich moved to Virginia late in 1752, that he bought his 90-acre farm from Emanuel Eckerlin in January of 1753 (part of the lands that Eckerlin and his brothers acquired from Patton), that Heinrich and his family moved into their new farm cabin in June of 1753, and that they escaped to Town Fork in North Carolina in July of 1755.

We also do not know the specific reasoning that motivated Heinrich to leave York County -- perhaps he was, once again "leading the way" for family and friends. Since a significant number of new settlers arrived in New River in 1753 -- Heinrich did not come alone. Perhaps if we can learn about other families who migrated at the same time, our understanding will further improve.

## More "Facts" From the 1500s

Houses had thatched roofs. There was nothing to stop things from falling into the house. That posed a real problem in the bedroom where bugs and other droppings could really mess up your nice clean bed. Hence, a bed with big posts and a sheet hung over the top afforded some protection. That's how canopy beds came into existence.

Bread was divided according to status. Workers got the burnt bottom of the loaf, the family got the middle and guests got the top...or "upper crust".

# Jonathan Spainhower's Family Journey & Lineage From North Carolina to Indiana to Pennsylvania to West Virginia

By Charlie T. Spainhour

The story below is a very interesting journey of the descendants of John Jacob and Anna Catharine Volck, through their son, Jonathan, sent to me by Charlie Spainhour of Aiken, SC. Charlie was instrumental in, and worked untiringly to move and reconstruct, John Jacob's cabin in King Central Park.

Jonathan Spainhower was the son of John Jacob Spainhour and Catherine Fulk Spainhour. John Jacob being the first male child of the Spainhour family born in the United States. John Jacob's parents were Werner and Verona Wister Spainhour. John Jacob was born November 7, 1750 in Yorktown, Pa. His father along with their mother, two sisters and brother Henry, born August 2, 1716, in Muttentz, Switzerland, had come to the United States aboard the ship "Friendship" into the port of Philadelphia in 1740. Other members of their family were aboard the ship. They had set sail from Rotterdam, Holland for a new life in America. Their trip was a treacherous one, many becoming ill or died before reaching the port of Philadelphia.

After living in the Yorktown area for several years the brothers Henry and Werner wanted to move on to find new lands for their families. Their mother had died by then, in 1750, and is buried, I believe, in the old cemetery section at Saint Jacob's Old Stone Lutheran Church at Yorktown, Pa. (Note this record I found many years ago in a film from LDS Library of handwritten notes of the minister of the church, her name was Elisabeth in the records).

Henry married Elizabeth Lum, August 17, 1742. Their children were Anna Elizabeth, Heinrich, unnamed infant, John Henry, Jr., unnamed infant. He was the first of the brothers to migrate, first traveling down the Great Wagon Road, or Wilderness Road by wagon train with other families and neighbors, to the New River Valley area of Virginia in 1755. Land was mostly granted to newcomers of Scotch-Irish or German descent. The Indian raids were often and unmerciful. After suffering the killing of many friends, Henry moved from this area to be close to the Moravian settlement in N.C., They lived in the fort at the mill in 1759. Henry was a Cooper, or Barrel Maker, by trade and also a farmer. In 1760 the town of Bethania was laid out and he moved there in February 10, 1760.

His brother Werner soon followed him through Virginia to the Bethania area and settled there with his family. Henry was active in the Moravian Church holding various positions within the Church. Henry died at Bethania in 1822 and is buried at "God's Acre" at Bethania.

Werner's first wife, Verona Wister died shortly after the birth of their first and only child, John Jacob. Werner married Elizabeth Lohner in 1752. They had six children. Michael, Mary Eve, Heinrich, Maria Elizabeth, John and Peter. John Jacob, born 1750, married Catherine Fulk and they had thirteen children. One of whom was Jonathan, born on March 5, 1781 on his father's farm near King, N.C.

Jonathan married and had two sons. The name of his first wife is unknown but she had died by 1820. His first son was **Noah**, born 1810 in N.C. His second son was **John David**, born in 1815 in N.C. Jonathan married Catherine Booze, April, 1818 in N.C. They had eight children. **Salome, Edgar, Aaron, Peter, Alfred, Charity, Noah and John.**

Shortly after 1830 Jonathan removed to Salem, Indiana. Several of his cousins moved to Indiana about the same time. Jonathan was well known in the county for his making of "Paw Paw" Brandy. Fruit was of short supply in the area but there were many Paw Paw trees. (a fruit shaped like a banana with the taste of a mango). His plot of land in Salem was next to that of his daughter Salome and her husband Levi Fulk. Jonathan died in

Salem, Washington Co., Indiana sometime after 1840.

**Noah**, son of Jonathan was a wagon master and married Mary Stone, May 1, 1834. They had five children, **George, Sarah, Permelia, Dorinda and Mahala.** **Mahala** married Abel Knotts, December 20, 1866 in Benton Co., Indiana. Noah moved to Coffeyville, Kansas with his family and died at an unknown date. His children went to different locations.

If anyone has anymore information on Noah please contact the website at [www.muttentzdescendants.org](http://www.muttentzdescendants.org).

Jonathan's son **John David** lived in Salem, Indiana for about six years. Then he moved to New Albany, Indiana. On December 15, 1842, he married Drucilla Hand in New Albany, Indiana. He had learned the trade of brick making and had his own company in New Albany, Indiana. They had five children: **Deborah**, who married Christopher Weissinger, **James David, Rebecca, Mary**, who married Edwin Crandell and had four children: **Baby Crandell, Ida, William and Edmon.** **Edward E.** married Minnie Sands and they had the following children; **Nellie, Minnie, Willam, Luella, Scott Ringo, Charles and Dan.** By his second wife, Lena Upinghouse, he had a son **Chester.** By his third wife, Cora Pritchard, he had no children.

John David, his wife Drucillia, their sons James David and Edward are buried at the Fairview Cemetery in New Albany, Indiana.

**James David**, son of John David, married Margarette Elizabeth Phalen in 1875, New Albany, Indiana. They had three sons. The first one **Allison** died at birth, March 8, 1876, **David Lee Royne**, born March 8, 1878, **Charles Martin**, born July 22, 1880. In 1882 James David and Margarette divorced. After James David died in 1895, Margarette and her sons moved from New Albany, Indiana to New Eagle, Pennsylvania about 1900 where they obtained work in the glass making industry. Their grandmother Phalen (who was born in Ireland) came to Mass bringing other small cousins who had lost their parents during the potato famine. Her maiden name was Margaret Gilligan. She moved with them and died there at an unknown date. Margaret Phalen Spainhower is buried at the Spring Hill Cemetery in Charleston, WV as well as some of her descendants.

**David Lee Royne** married Mary Aubuahan and they had nine children, **Lee Royne**, born December 7, 1906, died 1969; married Ann Frances Hoffman, October, 23, 1935; **Mary**, born January 8, 1908, married Calvin Peal; **Lillian**, born February 23, 1909, died April 17, 1988, married William Bergdahl, October 16, 1933; **David**, born October 22, 1910. He married Ernestine Hastings; **James**, born September 23, 1910, died January 23, 1936; **Sylvian**, born June 29, 1916, died February 16, 1999, married Maxine Walton; **Francis**, born February 2, 1918, died May 20, 1928; **Josephine**, born March 7, 1921, married Click Coleman and one stillborn child.

**Lillian** Spainhour Bergdahl had one son, Harold Eugene Bergdahl, born January 23, 1936.

**Sylvian** and Maxine Spainhour had the following children: **Constance**, born August 23, 1939, married Thomas Jones and had Thomas, Jr., Christopher; **Jonathan** and **David.** **Richard** Spainhour, born May 31, 1941, married Alice Myers and had Lisa Jo, Robert Alan and Gregg Spainhour, born June 5, 1956.

**Charles Martin** married Anna Snoddy, October 3, 1906 in Pennsylvania. They had four children. **John Martin**, born September 8, 1907, died January 14, 1968, married Mildred Sullivan, December 21, 1929. **Anna**, born February 22, 1909, married Joseph Krosky, February 22, 1930. (Their children were: Joseph, Anna and Mark). **Elizabeth**, born April 22, 1911 married Clyde Woodall. **Charles Joseph**, born June 11, 1912, died in WWII in 1943.



Charles and Anna moved to Charleston, WV. Where he worked at the Libby-Owens Ford Glass Company . Charles Martin died April 3, 1963. Anna died January 3, 1973. They are buried at The Spring Hill Cemetery in Charleston, WV along with their son, Charles Joseph.

**John Martin** and Mildred had four children: **Martha**, born November 4, 1911, married Bud Hamilton and had one daughter, Roberta Hamilton. **John Martin, Jr.**, born November 28, 1932, married Mary Ann Lawrence and had four children: John Michael, Robert Douglas, Susan Kay and David Lee. **Mollie Rachael**, born October 21, 1935, married Dallas Selbe and had one daughter, Julia Marie and **Charles Thomas**.

**Charles Thomas**, born March 31, 1938, married Mary McCormick, September 7, 1957. They had three children, **Charles Thomas**, born October 23, 1958; married Rhonda Drummond, June 6, 1983, and had two children: Bradley Joseph, born September 29, 1987 and Kristina Marie, born June 12, 1990; **Charles Thomas**, born November 17, 1960, married first Alan Heller and had two sons: Jonathan, born April 15, 1979 and Michael Alan, born November 8, 1985. **John Andrew**, born May 20, 1965, died August 19, 1965.

*\*Note*-Jonathan used Spainhower as the spelling of his surname as did his descendants until Charles Martin moved to WV when he changed it to Spainhour. Some of Edward's (son of David James) descendants in Indiana. changed the spelling to Spainhoward.

## Tribute to A Hero

By Mark Lee Spainhour

In honor of his recent birthday, the following is the tribute read by Mark Lee Spainhour at the funeral of his father, Thamer Elmo Spainhour (Oscar Lee, John Henry, Martin Thomas, Johannes, John Jacob, Werner), a true hero and winner of a Purple Heart for his heroic deeds and wounds received during World War II.

*"This is a brief history of the man I was proud to call my daddy.*

*Thamer Elmo Spainhour (Boomer-a nickname given to him by his older brother Dee.)*

*Born: June 16th, 1922 to Oscar Lee and Nannie Ethel White Spainhour as one of nine children. He is preceded in death by his mother and father, his brothers Troy Leroy, Hunter Delos, Oscar Branson and Elbert Spainhour; also by his sister Hassel Lucille Spainhour White.*

*Died: September 4, 2002. He is survived by his wife Betty Jean Isherwood Spainhour, his daughters Sara Jane Spainhour, Susan Lynn Spainhour Hardy and Shelley Jean Spainhour, his son Mark Lee Spainhour, his sisters Medea Evelyn Spainhour Burrow Cardwell, Fannie Opal Spainhour Lawson and Nannie Estelle Spainhour Pope.*

*A week prior to his eighteenth birthday he told his sisters, Opal and Estelle that "...next week I'll be in Norfolk VA sitting in the cool ocean breeze and you all will be here chopping corn."*

*A native son of Stokes County, NC, he proudly served aboard the USS Marblehead in the Asiatic Fleet at the onset of WWII. He and his ship came into harm's way in February of 1942 in the South Java Sea as a result of an attack by Japanese Dive Bombers. E-Mo, as his shipmates called him, received a Purple Heart as a result of injuries sustained during this battle. Through valiant efforts of the crew, Boomer and his ship returned safely to the Brooklyn Naval Shipyard. FDR referred to the Marblehead in one of his radio addresses to the nation as "the ship that wouldn't sink." After repairs Boomer served aboard the Marblehead in the South Atlantic for the remainder of the war.*

*Married in 1947 to Betty Jean Isherwood, Boomer transferred from the Navy to the Army to finish his military career and to start his family. To them were given three daughters and a son. In 1962 he retired with 22 years of active duty service at the rank of Master Sergeant. Boomer returned to the area of his birth and settled in Winston-Salem and then Welcome, NC. He worked with the*

*US Postal Service for 15 years. He and his living wife, Betty, raised their four children. In 1977, after retiring with over 35 years of civil service and getting his three daughters to move out of the house, he, his wife and son moved to Topsail Beach, NC. It took another 2 1/2 years, but they finally got their son out of the house. "Tom" (Betty called him Tommy) and Betty remained at the beach for another six years before moving again. This time they settled in Gold Hill, NC for twelve years. During this time he took up a number of jobs including selling used cars, working at a body shop and traveling around the country with his wife buying and selling antiques. At the age of 65 he took up golf. Golf was always a topic of conversation during the phone calls I would have with my daddy. In 1996 Boomer and Betty moved to Rockwell, NC where their home is today. He also filled the role as father to four of his grandchildren during this period of his life.*

*From my earliest memories my father and mother were active in the Church. "Never met a stranger" is a statement I often heard my mother use to describe him. Prayer before each meal and attending Church Service during the week was part of the family routine. At least one weekend a month was spent visiting family members. "Let's go up the country" as daddy used to say. Pies, cakes and coffee were always available on these visits so daddy's sweet tooth was always satisfied. Occasionally around Christmas holidays he might even have a drink of Uncle Bill Cardwell's home made wine. The only "vices" my daddy had was smoking cigarettes, which he gave up in the late 70's, and fishing. He would often say later while trout fishing at the beach that he could smoke a Winston that was three feet long, but when offered one he would say "no, thanks".*

*My daddy loved his family with no reservations. I could not have wished for a better father. It was many years after moving out into the world that I realized that not everyone was raised and loved like my sisters and I were. He and mother put a lot of love and energy into their grandchildren as well. They went above and beyond what would be considered normal grand-parenting. They did this on an as requested and sometimes un-requested basis.*

*I hope that these few words have somehow expressed what a wonderful man you were to so many people, daddy. We all love you and are going to miss you terribly. We all know that you now reside in paradise and suffer no more. This is not goodbye, daddy, but we will see you yet again some glorious day."*

**Following is an excerpt from the many websites honoring the USS Marblehead and the men who lived through that terrible day, from the "Dictionary of American Naval Fighting Ships," (1969) Vol. 4, pp. 230-231.**

"About 24 November 1941," her war diary reported "the Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Asiatic Fleet sensed that the relations between the United States and Japan had reached such a critical state that movement of men-of-war . . . was indicated." The next day, **Marblehead**, with TF 5, departed Manila Bay for seemingly "routine weekly operations." She anchored at Tarakan, Borneo, 29 November and waited for further instructions. On 8 December (7 December in the United States) she received the message "Japan started hostilities; govern yourselves accordingly."

**Marblehead** and other American warships then joined with those of the Royal Netherlands Navy and the Royal Australian Navy to patrol the waters surrounding the Netherlands East Indies and to screen Allied shipping moving south from the Philippines. On the night of 24 January 1942, **Marblehead** covered the withdrawal of a force of Dutch and American warships after they had attacked, with devastating effect, an enemy convoy off Balikpapan. Six days later, in an attempt to repeat this success, the force departed Surabaya, Java, to intercept an enemy convoy concentration at Kendari. (Continued on Page 11)

# Meeting Alex Spainhour Leader in The Arts

Many of you have already met Alex Spainhour. You may remember his concert at the International Family Reunion in 1995. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend that reunion because I had just started a new job and inherited a very unhappy staff, who would have seen my early furlough as a bad sign.

I first had the pleasure of being introduced to Alex and his lovely wife, Ellen, by my cousin, Joey Preston, Anderson County, SC County Administrator.

Joey's great-grandmother, Vassie White Preston and my grandmother, Ethel White Spainhour (wife of Oscar Lee Spainhour [John Henry, Martin Thomas, Johannes, John Jacob, Werner] ) were sisters. Joey invited Jim and myself to Anderson for their annual *Freedom Weekend Aloft!* hot air balloon festival. He invited us to dinner the first night we were there, and brought Alex and Ellen, along. Joey and Alex have been good friends for several years. Since I was related to both of them, I was called "the missing link".

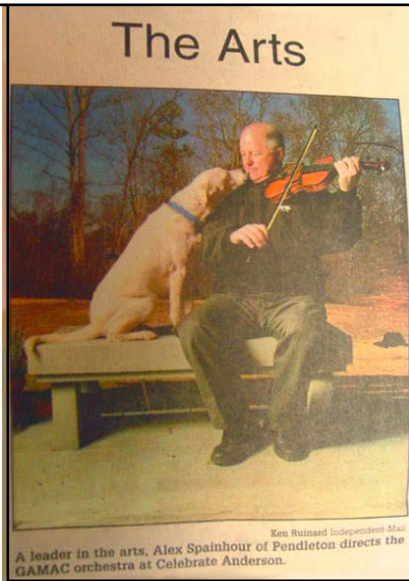
The *Anderson Independent Mail*, Anderson's newspaper of record, by way of an annual leadership survey, names the top ten leaders in Business and Industry, Government and Politics, Education, Community Service, Religion and the Arts. Alex was named Leader in the Arts for 2004. Joey was named Leader in Government and Politics.

Alex is the Executive Director, Greater Anderson Musical Arts Consortium. He teaches string instruments at Anderson College and Erskine College. He is a freelance musician of GAMAC and is a member of the Greenville Symphony and Anderson String Quartet.

Alex and Ellen Spainhour, sitting on a bench in downtown Anderson, SC that was designed by their daughter, Erin, and donated to the city of Anderson



L-R: Joey Preston, Judy Spainhour-Bodenhamer & Alex Spainhour in Anderson, SC during the *Freedom Weekend Aloft!* hot air balloon festival.



He was educated at Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, FL and at the University of Memphis. His community activities were listed as the Anderson Rotary Club board; Director, GAMAC chamber orchestra; Arts and Basic Curriculum Steering Committee Member, orchestral clinician throughout the Southeast, and co-founder of the Anderson Symphony Orchestra.

I might add, from (now) personal experience...he is a great guy! He has that Spainhour outgoing, upbeat personality, with that characteristic sly grin that makes people thinking we're trying to pull one over on them, and he has a great sense of humor.

The photo at the top left is from the *Anderson Independent Mail*, February 15, 2004. Alex and Ellen have a very interesting and gifted family and it was a pleasure to meet them. I hope to see them again on my next trip to Anderson.

Oh! By the way....you should make the trip to Anderson for the festival next year. It's great fun....four days of fun, activities and concerts



over Memorial Day Weekend.....and, yes....Jim and I did take our first ever hot air balloon ride, in the Hooters balloon. It was wonderful! Peaceful, quiet, graceful...we highly recommend that you give it a try!



# Letters Home

## A Collection of Family Letters from the War Between the States

Camp near Fort Royal, Va.  
Feb. the 14<sup>th</sup>, 1863

Dear Father,

This Saturday I have concluded to write a few lines home. This little note leaves me well and jogging along at the same old gait. Hemphill and Estes are well. I went yesterday to the 6<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> N.C. Infantry and saw many of my old acquaintances. Lieutenant G. W. Turner is well. I also saw Noah Shuffler, who is also well, and many others too tedious to mention; it is the first visit of the kind that I have made since the war commenced. The two regiments are leaving here, but it's not known where they are going, and, in fact, they may not be leaving at all.

There is nothing new on the Rappahannoc now. Mrs. Jarvis is in Richmond and following her old occupation, that is, tending in hospitals. Her daughter ran from town the morning of the fight.

Dr. Broadhurst is staying at Col. Wright's, eight miles below here. Chaplain Gaultney has gone home on furlough. He started this morning. He told me he would bring a small box for me if I would have it sent to Statesville. I would be glad if you could send a small .....[illegible].....molasses, butter, fruit, and a ham or two, if you wish, but you need not put yourself to much trouble. If you send it at all, try to have it at Statesville by the last of the month.--leave it in the care of the agent in Statesville to be called for by Rev. Wm. R. Gaultney. Try and make the box in trunk form, and not more than a tolerable weight. I must close, hoping to hear soon from home. Have you many molasses now? The prospects for a visit home this winter is rather bad. Father, do you expect to come out this spring? When will William be here? We are tolerably comfortable here. Every mess has some kind of a fireplace. I must stop for it is late Saturday night.

Your devoted--

Rufus A. Spainhower

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[illegible] Neck, Virginia  
March the 19<sup>th</sup>, 1863

Dear Father,

Again I have seized my pen to tell you I am well. I thought a few days ago that I would get a furlough and come home, but now they have stopped furloughs and unless they commence it soon again I will not get off. There has been heavy firing up the river for several days past, and there is a rumor that General Fitzhugh Lee was killed yesterday. He was a son of General Robert Lee. I hope the rumor is not true, but I fear it is. We had orders to be in readiness to march, but I think the Yankees have all gone back again as all is quiet now. I hope they will resume the granting of furloughs soon.

I sent one up for approval of 20 days, but it is wounded, I suppose. Lafayette is well. John Estes is well, in fact our boys are generally well and in good heart, I think. If the Yankees cross now they will be sorry of it. Our Regiment numbers about 650 men at present. Father, I enclose a little piece of poetry that I sketched a few nights ago. Give it to some of them that will save it for me.

I must close by hoping to hear from home soon as it has been a considerable time.

Your devoted,

Rufus A. Spainhower

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N.B. Fitzhugh Lee was not killed, though several other noted characters were.

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Camp near Orange C.H. Virginia  
August the 11<sup>th</sup>, 1863

Dear Father,

The first letter that I have received from you for some time came to hand a day or two ago. I was pleased to hear from you and hope that all are well now.

I am well, and have been during the summer. I have decreased only ten or twelve pounds.

We have no news of interest in camp. We are very pleasantly situated near the Rapidan. I hear that William is at Raleigh, and Dr. Neill speaks of sending him in to his regiment, though I hope he may get back home and stay until the summer is ended at any rate. We have inspection today.

With regard to me getting a discharge, I have no notion of that so long as I remain in the commissary department, for I think I can endure it, as I am allowed to ride upon a march; and should I leave that department, I shall endeavor to go to Cavalry rather than get a discharge. And it may be possible that I could stand marching, if so I should not object to go back to ranks if required.

I should be glad to know who were killed and wounded of our neighbors, at Gettysburg. I heard several were. Let me know all you can about William. I saw several of our neighbor boys. I see Turner, Marler, and Kerley frequently, as they are in our corps. You say the weeds are about to whip you. You ought to call up all your reinforcements and flank them if you can't whip them by a pitch battle.

We are getting pretty well up to flank more .....[illegible]

Father, I must close hoping you may not delay so long any more before writing. Give my love to all

Your devoted son,

Rufus

N.B. I have to frank my letter for want of postage stamp.

Rufus

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# Letters Home (Continued)

Camp, 1<sup>st</sup> N.C. Infantry  
December the 5<sup>th</sup>, 1863

Dear Father,

Some time has elapsed since I wrote you, and as some very important events have been transpiring, you will doubtless be pleased to hear. I will first say that I am quite well. Hope God is thus blessing you all.

Last Friday morning was a week ago our Division left this point and marched down the river towards Germania Ford where the Yankees had previously crossed the river, and not many miles had been traversed before our Division was engaged with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Yankee Corps, which they whipped badly but not without the loss of many good men. We lost six killed, and several others mortally wounded. We had about forty killed and wounded. Lt. Col. Brown was wounded in the hand. Our army was then formed in a line of battle two miles back, where they fortified, but the Yankees refused to advance. Prisoners say that three corps were ordered to charge our fortifications, but refused. At any rate Meade has withdrawn to the other bank without fighting but little. One battle fought with the pick and shovel. We were absent from our camp just one week, and then returned to the same. I had just finished me a cabin just before I started which is a very good friend now. Tell Lafayette that Lyndon Welbourn was killed, James Mitchell thought mortally wounded, Deed Woodruff slightly. Lucius Witherspoon badly in foot, and several others slightly. Estes is here yet but is looking for his papers every day.

Chaplain Gaultney has not returned yet though we have been looking for some time. I am looking for Lafayette every day. I believe his furlough is out today. How is William satisfied? I think Estes will be with him soon. I believe the furlough system has been commenced again, and you may be sure I will get one as soon as possible. Though I cannot get off soon, I think some time in January.

I must close, hoping soon to hear from home. It seems like you have all quit writing of late. I have not received a letter from William since he started to school, neither have I from Joe or Mary. I hope you will all be more punctual in the future.

May God bless you all is the wish of your

Devoted son,  
Rufus

Postage stamps out at present.

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Camp near Petersburg, Va.  
Dec. the 28<sup>th</sup>, 1864

Dear home folks,

Some days have elapsed since I had the chance of writing home, as we have been quite busy preparing shanties, but I am now in a tolerably good little shanty, and comfortable except there is considerable firing in front which keeps me a little uneasy; we are in reserve about three miles in rear of Petersburg, liable to be moved to any point of the line where most needed.

Father, I received your letter some days ago; it gave me much satisfaction to hear how you are getting along. I am truly sorry that the miserable Tories have treated our good citizens so badly, but I do humbly trust that the day is not far when such miserable conduct will be done away, and the bright morning of peace may again dawn upon us, when friends will be no longer parted, and dear ones meet to part not till their career on earth is ended.

The clouds of war seem to hover more darkly over us than ever, yet I know that our Great Law Giver causes all things to work together for good to them that love and serve Him. This dark hour may be just before the break of day; at any rate I will content myself it is all in His hands. I am sorry that Lafayette is certainly dead. I will get his final statement as soon as possible and send it to you. I would have sent it before but the Company Books were not commutable.

Mother, I hate to bother you but would be glad you would send me some socks by the first chance. They are very hard to get. If I have a chance to get a box brought through, I will write for a few other things.

I received a letter from Mr. Gauntlet a few days ago; he is unwell and speaks of resigning soon. The boys are all well and gayley. I must close. If you have a chance send me a Minute of the Association, and I would love to have some reading matter, but you can't send me any handily. May our Heavenly Father protect us all, and if we meet no more on earth, may we meet in Glory.

Your son, Rufus

Since I commenced writing a cannon has fired every minute.

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This completes the series of "Letters Home". I hope you have enjoyed them. I recently received an e-mail from one of Rufus' great-grandsons. Al Spainhour, who says he has a copy of Rufus' diary, that he also sent me. I will be printing the diary at a later date. A portion of it has already been printed in a previous newsletter. Al is trying to locate the person who has the original diary as apparently his photocopy is incomplete. If you have the original, or know who may have it, please let me know so that I can connect Al to this person.  
.....Editor

## No Complainin'!

Years ago a Missouri grandmother gave a new bride the following recipe for washing clothes. It was found in an old scrapbook. Despite the spelling, it has a bit of philosophy.

1. Bilt fire in backyard to heat kettle of rain water.
2. Set tubs so smoke wont blow in eyes if wind is pert
3. Shave one hole cake of lie soap in bilin water
4. Sort things, make 3 piles, 1 pile white, 1 pile colored, 1 pile work britches and rags
5. To make starch, stir flour in cool water to smooth, then thin down with bilin water

6. Take white things, rub dirty spots on board, scrub hard, and then bile. Rub colored, don't bile, just rinch and starch
7. Take things out of kettle with broomstick handle, then rinch, and starch
8. Hang old rags on fence
9. Spread tea towels on grass
10. Pore rinch water in flower bed
11. Scrub porch with hot soapy water
12. Turn tubs upside down
13. Go put on clean dress, smooth hair with hair combs. Brew cup of tee, sit on a rock a spell and count your blessings. We are so fortunate to have all that we have.

The Japanese convoy, however, sailed soon after, and the Allied force changed course, anchoring in Bunda Roads 2 February. On the 4th, the ships steamed out of Bunda Roads and headed for another Japanese convoy sighted at the southern entrance to the Makassar Straits. At 0949, 36 enemy bombers were sighted closing in on the formation from the east.

**Marblehead** successfully maneuvered through three attacks. After the third, an enemy plane spiraled toward the cruiser, but her gunners splashed it. The next minute a fourth wave of seven bombers released bombs at **Marblehead**. Two were direct hits and a third a near miss close aboard the port bow causing severe underwater damage. Fires swept the ship as she listed to starboard and began to settle by the bow. Her rudder jammed, **Marblehead**, continuing to steam at full speed, circled to port. Her gunners kept firing, while damage control crews fought the fires and helped the wounded. By 1100 the fires were under control. Before noon the enemy planes departed, leaving the damaged cruiser with 15 dead or mortally wounded and 34 seriously injured.

**Marblehead's** engineers soon released the rudder angle to 9 degrees left, and at 1255, she retired to Tjilatjap, steering by working the engines at varying speeds. She made Tjilatjap with a forward draft at 30 feet, aft 22 feet. Unable to be docked there, her worst leaks were repaired and she put to sea again on the 13th, beginning a voyage of more than 9,000 miles in search of complete repairs.

Still steering with her engines, she made Trincomalee, Ceylon, on the 21st. Repairs could not be made there or anywhere in India for several weeks. So **Marblehead** departed for South Africa 2 March. After touching at Durban and Port Elizabeth, **Marblehead** arrived at Simonstown 24 March. There she underwent extensive repairs and on 15 April sailed for New York. Steaming via Recife, Brazil, she arrived New York 4 May and immediately entered drydock at the navy yard.

On 15 October 1942, the rebuilt **Marblehead** again put to sea. Attached to the South Atlantic Force, she operated against the enemy in the South Atlantic from Recife and Bahia, Brazil, until February 1944. Returning to New York 20 February, she operated along the convoy lanes of the North Atlantic for the next 5 months. She then sailed for the Mediterranean. Arriving at Palermo 29 July, she joined the task force then staging for operation "Anvil," the invasion of southern France. On 15, 16, and 17 August, the cruiser bombarded enemy installations in the vicinity of Saint Raphael, where Allied assault troops were landing. On the 18th, she withdrew to Corsica, her mission complete.

**Marblehead** returned to the United States, conducted a summer training cruise for Naval Academy midshipmen and then entered the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard, where she decommissioned 1 November 1945. Her name was struck from the Navy

Register 28 November 1945 and her hulk was scrapped 27 February 1946.

**Marblehead** received two battle stars for World War II service.



**Thamer Elmo Spainhour (1922-2002)**

"We Thank You For Your Service"

Photo on left courtesy of Medea Spainhour Cardwell



## USS Marblehead

### "...Adapted To The Times"

"Take sound ripe acorns, wash them while in the shell, dry them and parch until they open, take the shell off, roast with a little bacon fat, and you will have a splendid cup of coffee".

*Confederate Receipt Book: A Compilation of Over One Hundred Receipts, Adapted to the Times*, West & Johnston, Richmond, VA, 1863. Reprinted by the University of Georgia Press, Athens, GA 1960, page 26

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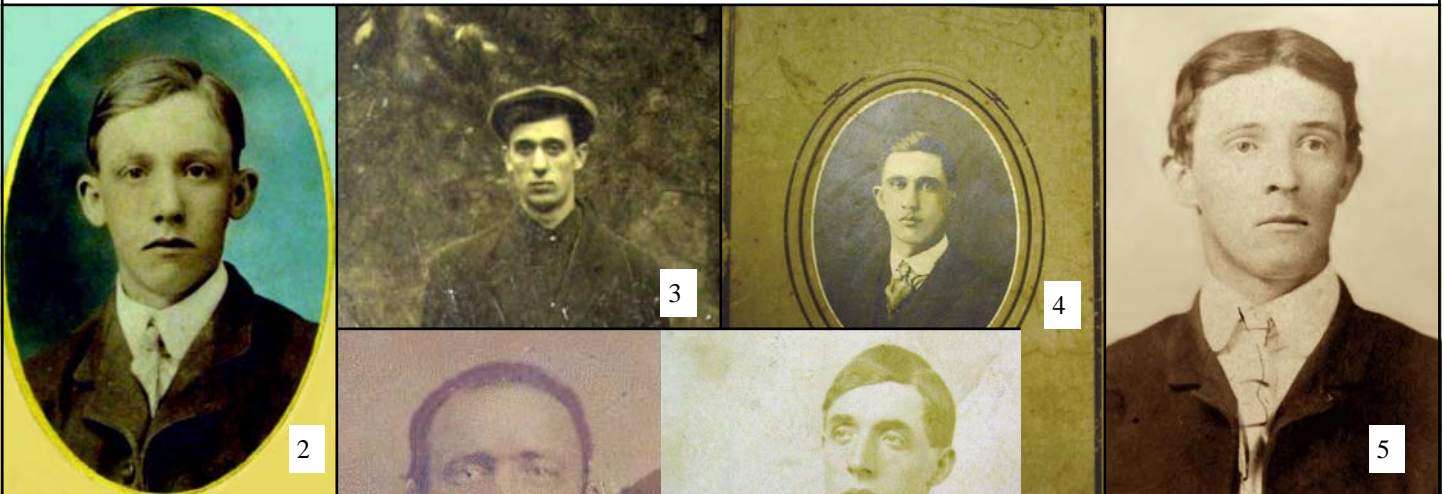
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