# Muttenz Descendants, Inc.

# Family Newsletter



# **Elsberry**A New Related Family

Why "Elsberries" -- (1) They migrated to the Yadkinville area - inside our 30 mile circle and marriage connections soon linked them closely with the Arney, Fulk, Hauser & Speas families. (2) They were part of the migrations of Arney, Fiscus, Fulk, Hauser, Spainhour, Speas (and several others) to Indiana in the early 1800's and (3) they have left us some interesting stories which describe important aspects frontier living. This family story provides insight also into interactions between the various German-speaking settlements in early colonial America.

#### Voyage to America

Following the 30-years war (1618-1948) the Palatinate Provinces became subject to the Catholic House of Newberg.

Protestants in this area were severely persecuted. Following an invitation from Queen Anne, about 12,000 of them came to Holland in 1708-1709 seeking passage to America. About 4,000 of these boarded a fleet of ships



(later called the "German Wonder Fleet") which sailed on December 25, 1709.

About 1,700 of the 4,000 died on the voyage or within a few days of their arrival and encampment on Governor's Island in New York during June 1710. Some of these folks found their way to the German settlements in Pennsylvania, and some stayed in New York. The oldest Lutheran Church

in America is St. Matthew's. The pastor of this church in 1710 was Reverend Justus Falckner. Records within church this provide a passenger list for this "German Wonder Fleet". Among the passengers was a man named Engleburtus Walbach, his son Christopher, and another son whose name we do not know (his name was not listed, because he was still a minor).

#### **The First Generation**

Engleburtus Walbach is listed as under debt to the British (see "Elsberry" pg. 2)

## A Muttenz Winter Wonderland

A Refreshing Thought in the Middle of Summer



Thanks to Corry Spaenhauer of Muttenz for this great picture 14 more are available for viewing in color on the Muttenz Descendants Website at

<u>www.muttenzdescendants.org</u> SCRAPBOOKS --- FAMILY FACES --- SPECIAL EVENTS

# **FROM The History Committee**

#### @ www.muttenzdescendants.org:

#### **Family Histories:**

Most family histories include one or more specific family groups who migrated from one place to another. As we investigate such migrations we learn that these hazardous movements generally not done in small family groups as is so often suggested by the family stories, but many family groups would plan and move together. These migrations usually organized shepherded by agents of land speculators. Safety and the need mutual assistance encouraged traveling in large groups. The previous issue of this newsletter contained part of a history story about the Hauser family and their migration to North Carolina. This issue contains part of a similar story about the Elsberry family and their migrations. Family histories for more of our interconnected families are being gathered and These stories will be edited.

included in a new section of the MDI web site. When several of these have been completed, our goal will be to integrate them into a collective historical narrative about these families as a group -people who settled and became interconnected with each other in the Yadkin Valley of North Carolina -- and then migrated westward together. A similar story will hopefully also be assembled about those families who also emigrated from Muttenz during the same period time, but who remained in Pennsylvania and migrated westward from there, rather than coming first to North Carolina. (See comments - next section).

#### On muttenzdescendants.org:

Major updates to our online genealogy system for Shore, Arney, Hilsabeck, and Speas have now been extended to include Fiscus, Fulk, and Elsberry. The

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## **Elsberry**

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Government (probably for part of his passage), but he was apparently not very heavily in debt because Reverend Falckner soon records the marriage of Engleburtus Walbach (widower from County Newstadt, Dutchy of Mark in Brandenburg area of the Palatinate) and (a young Dame named) Anna Barbara Dipples (daughter of the late Phillip Dipples of Flammborn, County of Alzey in the Palatinate). Anna and probably her late father were also Page 2 passengers on the ships

of the "German Wonder Fleet". Walbach The remained in the New York area for three or four years, then moved to Wilmington, Delaware where Holy Trinity Church ("Old Swede's Church") records the baptism of Engleburtus and Anna Barbara's two sons Peter and Aldoph -- and the burial of Engleburtus Walbach on April 1, 1715. With the death of Engleburtus and the second marriage of his widow, Anna Barbara, this first generation

leaves our story -- which now centers on their elder son Christopher Walbach. Okay -- now we need to get Christopher Walbach married -- so the second generation can begin to create the third generation -- but are we talking about Walbachs or Elsberryies? Just keep reading!

#### The Family of Joseph Elbro

This family was from western England. The name is a contraction of "Eldborough", which was derived from "Old Borough". English law required the estates of persons who died at sea to be probated in London -the books include on November 2, 1709, the estate of Joseph Elbro, late of Maryland, who died aboard the merchant ship "Dover" (part of that "German Wonder Fleet"). With Joseph on that ship were his son Thomas and his daughter Lydia. There are records of Thomas Elbro in Oueen Maryland --County, presumably his sister Lydia was also living there -- and this is but a short distance from an estate called Bohemia Manor.

#### **The Second Generation**

In the records of St. Stephen's Parish, Bohemia Manor, Cecil County, Maryland, we find the birth of Gotfrid Walbach

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# Elsberry (cont'd from pg. 2)

(Woolbark), son of Christopher Walbach and wife Lydey, on August 29, 1715 -- and the birth of Christopher Walbach, son of Christopher Walbach and wife Lydey on March 13, 1718.

Okay -- we are missing a few details -- but we obviously now have Christopher Walbach married to Lydey or Lydia Elsbro and the third generation is being created on their farm in Bohemia Manor -- but before we continue with the genealogy, lets explore a little more about this Bohemia Manor.

#### **Bohemia Manor**

When Lord Baltimore began his efforts to settle his land in America, he needed a good description of the place and an accurate map to show prospective colonists how to get to any part of it. In 1660 he came across a potential map maker, so he offered this man the job -- and a grant of 5,000 acres of the land just to take the job -- with more land to follow when he had finished it.. That cartographer was Augustine Herrman.

Augustine Herrman was born (1621) in Prague. Son of a city councilman, he received a good education (spoke German, Dutch, French, Spanish, English, and Latin), was a surveyor by profession and skilled in sketching and drawing. He migrated to the Netherlands and there entered the services of the Dutch West India Company. He prospered well as a merchant and traveled widely, including to America. He developed business planting profitable

indigo in New Amsterdam (later New York) and settled there in 1643. He owned at least one ship which was a privateer, making profitable raids on Spanish vessels.

He visited Virgina in 1660, and claimed to be "Founder of the Virginia -Tobacco Trade" Herrman's first land-grant -- those inital 5,000 acres -- was in what is now Cecil County, Maryland (named after Cecil Calvert, the second Lord Baltimore). His land patents called the tract Bohemia This tract is in the Manor. northeast corner of Maryland about 20 miles from Wilmington. He moved his family (wife, two sons & three daughters) there in 1661 -- along with their servants, slaves, etc.

The settlement was governed like a feudal estate. There were no English speaking settlers there at the time, so Dutch was the language of their little colony for the first several years. Many of the settlers were "Moravians". These connections will prove important later. It took 10 years for Herrman and his assistants to gather the data and for him to draw the map. He sent it to England to have it engraved and copies of it printed (it measured 2.5 by 3.0 feet printed on four adjoining sheets). English King Charles II declared it to be the best map of any country-- and it was the basic map of Maryland for the next 100 years! Lord Baltimore was so pleased with the map and Herrman's varied services to the colony that over the years, he gave Herrman an estate which totaled about 30 square miles of the most fertile land on the Atlantic Coast; making him the largest landholder in America.

#### **Back to the Walbach** family story

Christopher Walbach (second generation and husband of Lydia Elsbro) apparently died at Bohemia Manor about 1725, and his widow, Lydia, married again -to a man named Edmund Tyler. Tyler's will is dated July 23, 1733.

#### **Creation of the Elsberrys**

After the death of her husband (and of her brother Joseph Elbro), Lydia Ellsburry Walbach Tyler stated in an affadavit that she had no kin in America except her three children. Lydia wrote their surname in the European manner as Ellsburry-Walbach. The Walbach part was later dropped and their surname became Elsberry.

#### The Third Generation

Christopher Ellsburry married Henrietta Mary Ward in Bohemia Manor about 1736. He died in May 1747 at age 29. Benjamin Ellsburry married Francena Luckey there about 1740. They had five children: Benjamin, Michael, Joseph, Nancy, Jacob, and Lydia. [We leave this family group here, but may return to them later}.

Lydia Ellsburry Walbach Tyler assigned all her property to her oldest son Frederick on April 1, 1748. Frederick Godfrid Walbach-Ellsburry was clearly the leader of the Tyler-Walbach-Ellsburry family. He married Mary Dugwell about 1743, and after (date unknown), Mary died Frederick married a lady named Rebecca. Frederick spent all of his life on their 76-acre tobacco farm in Bohemia Manor.

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# **Honoring Our Heroes**



This section of our newsletter is 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. Those who rendered patriotic service during the American Revolution are also listed with a "PS". They furnished goods to Continental Army or the militia. 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.

The flags above represent the flags that have flown over wars in which we have had family members participate. From the "Betsy Ross" flag the left, 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 and to the right 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.

#### New Additions to Military Heroes List

Henry Benjamin Newsome Civil War 9th NC Calvary

> James Newsome American Revolution

Emmanuel Moser Civil War 52nd NC Regiment, Co. K

#### You've Made A Difference!

We know your load is heavy You feel forgotten and alone... It's in your every email... In your voice when you call home

Please know you are our heroes... You're in our prayers each day... It's been that way consistently, Since you went away

Your duties aren't easy... Your burden weighs a ton... So grateful is your country, For all that you have done!

You're part of every heartbeat...
As we pray throughout
each night,
Asking of our Father,
That all will turn out right

We pray to God in Heaven
For your safe deliverance...
And praise you for your efforts...
You've made a difference!

-Janeane Bolton 2003

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Hauser Oliver Wilson Denson Gray, Jr. Willie Junior "Jeff"	Korea WWII WWII
Helsabeck Billy B., Sr. Carl N. Glen W. H. Fred John Henry	WWII WWII WWII WWII
Kenneth O., Jr. Kenneth O., Sr. Richard E Theodore L., Jr.	Vietnam WWII Vietnam WWII



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Frederick "PS"	Amer. Rev.	Jacob	WBTS-CSA	Christian	WBTS-USA
Jacob	Amer. Rev.	Kenneth Hinkle	WWII	J. Jacob "PS"	Amer. Rev.
		Michael	Amer. Rev.	Werner "PS"	Amer. Rev.
<u>Keiger,</u>		Ralph Alexander	WWI		
J. Lee, Jr.	U.S. Navy	Ralph Alex., Jr.	WWII	<u>Spoenhauer</u>	
				Heinrich	Amer. Rev.
Kiger,		Richard P., Maj.	U.S. Army		
Fred Oliver	WWII	Robert	WBTS-CSA	<u>Spoonhour</u>	
Robert Walter	WWII	Robert D.	WWII	Clarence	WBTS-USA
		Sanford E.	WBTS-CSA	David	WBTS-USA
<u>Marshall</u>		Solomon	WBTS-CSA	Jacob	WBTS-USA
T. Wayne, Esq.	Desert Storm	Solomon	WBTS-CSA	Solomon	WBTS-USA
		Thamer Elmo	WWII	Solomon	WBTS-USA
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Elmer Pearson	Span. Amer.	Daniel	WBTS-USA		
Jacob Calvin, II	Amer. Rev.				
Nicky	Vietnam	Chainbawar			
Theodore Windsor	WWI	<u>Spainhower</u> C.T.	WBTS-CSA		
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1812

Robert

Rufus

Samuel

William

William M.

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WBTS-USA

WBTS-CSA

1812

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WWII

Harrison

Henry

J.A.

Howard

Jack Bryan

Just a Reminder... Freedom Isn't Free

### Category F3 Tornado Damage May 9, 2006 near Westminister, TX



Eleven year old Dalton Willis looks at the remains of a Honda Civic wrapped around a tree from 200 mph winds



The above two somber photos were sent to us from Chana Gail (Spainhour) Willis daughter of Freddie Spainhour of Dallas, TX. Chana's family is OK and their home was spared major damage. Many of you will remember Freddie as being instrumental in the promotion of the 1990 Spanhauer Reunion in Muttenz. He has also been a key figure in the protection of the John Jacob Spainhour Family Cemetery in King.



#### Send Us Your Info

Many thanks to those who have contributed to this and past issues. To everyone else, we still need your input. Please announcements: by sending birth, anniversary, etc. wedding, We'd love to print them. I would love to have some new military information to print for a Veteran's Day focus newsletter. Pick someone in your family that you feel deserves recognition and send us the info. We'd love honor them for their service to our country.

- your editor newsomes@alltel.net

# Support MDI With Donations

Our thanks to all of you who have made recent donations to our family organization, without whose help we cannot continue our committee research as effectively, nor share it with you via the Newsletter and the Website.

We also have the expenses of the John Jacob cabin...insurance, maintenance, etc. and general costs of the operation of Muttenz Descendants, Inc., such as costs of printing and mailing the newsletters, website. the 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.

# **News from Our Swiss Cousins**Contributed by Miss Edith Spanhauer

Christmas 2005 note from Miss Edith Spänhauer in Switzerland to Betty Spainhour Hennessee of Winston-Salem, the "first American 'cousin' I met," includes these updates for all of her American cousins that she hopes might be in the next Muttenz Descendants newsletter:

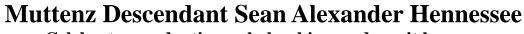
"My dearest cousin Rosli (the one who grew up in the Spänhauer farm house) died last March from a heart attack. She was only 67, and I miss her a lot..."

About "old faithful" relatives Mrs. Margrit Schmid-Wirz and Mrs. Frieda Spänhauer,

she wrote: "The two brave ladies have turned 92 this year. Whereas Margrit still socializes, walking about her apartment with her trolley, Frieda withdrew to her own four walls (as we say) and is rather frail, but still very clear in her head. She still recites endless poems and has an excellent memory of olden times. Margrit, who was born second generation in Moscow...has stacks of letters that were written at that time by both her father and grandfather to their family in Switzerland. She was asked to read those letters onto a tape (they are written in the old German script that the younger generation can't read anymore). It was a great challenge

to her, as her eyesight has deteriorated – but she did a marvelous job. One of her grandsons transferred the tape onto CD and had a number of copies made which Margrit offered at Christmas, one also to me. I listened to it a couple of days ago - it lasts 75 minutes. Quite a remarkable job of Margrit's which did tire her out but also makes her happy for the applause she gets. Besides, she is now a proud greatgrandmother. She knitted a little frock and cardigan for great-granddaughter..."

Edith's address is: Munzachstrasse 1 CH-4410 Liestal



 ${\bf Celebrates\ graduation,\ scholarships,\ and\ merit\ honors.}$ 



Sean Alexander Hennessee, of namesake his greatgrandfather, Ralph Alexander Spainhour, celebrated in May not only his graduation from University High School in Morgantown, WV, but also college scholarships and merit honors. They include:

\*\* Stanford Fund and Stanford University General scholarships

and admission to Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA, with plans to major in engineering and/or physics. He favored Stanford over three other university scholarship offers.

\*\* Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship from the U.S. Department of Education and the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission for outstanding academic achievement and potential.

\*\* Thomas Howes Memorial Science Scholarship from the Morgantown Surgeons Association.

\*\* National semi-finalist winner of laptop computer in American Society of Civil Engineers/West Point Military Academy Bridge Design Competition.

\*\* Sectional honors scholarship, American Chemical Society.

\*\* Commended Student, National Merit Scholarship.

\*\* National Honor Society.

Sean was also on his high school tennis and water polo teams. Prior to his family move to Morgantown last summer, he attended the North Allegheny schools in suburban Pittsburgh, PA. He is eldest son of Scott and Mary Hennessee, brother of Ryan and Aidan and grandson of Betty Spainhour and Nick Hennessee of Arbor Acres in Winston-Salem.

## **Elsberry**

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Frederick was greatly influenced by a Methodist clergyman named Whiteside and following Frederick's death, his widow, Rebecca, married the Reverend Whiteside in September, 1772. Some of their children later became leaders in the Methodist Church.

#### The Fourth Generation

Frederick Elsberry's children included John, Benjamin, Mary, William, Lambert, Lydia, Elizabeth, Letitia, and Rebecca -- who are mentioned in the documents settling his estate. How many were from first wife, Mary Dugwell, and how many from the second wife, Rebecca, is uncertain.

Not mentioned in this listing was another son of Frederick and Rebecca (under six years old at this time), whose name was Jacob Elsberry. At Rebecca Frederick's death, apparently decided that their young son Jacob (having three older brothers) would not benefit much from his father's estate. So. at an early age, Jacob was bonded to a Moravian saddlemaker named Miller, who soon took the boy to York County, Pennsylvania. Our story now centers on this Jacob Elsberry.

#### **Jacob Elsberry**

Jacob Elsberry was still quite young when Miller, along with other Moravians, moved from Pennsylvania to North Carolina. Miller's new home was about four miles from Salem -- where he and Jacob cleared the land and farmed.

While Jacob was a teenager, the call came in Surry County for volunteers to serve in the Revolutionary War. Miller sent Jacob in his place, and Jacob apparently preferred this to serving longer under bondage to Miller, whom he considered as rather cruel.. Jacob Elsberry served four separate enlistment terms in the Revolutionary Army. His first included the battle at "Horsepens" in Virginia. second term included a march to the Dorchester Encampment near Charleston, where they lived on rice mush made with river water (it was so full of sand that they could not chew it). At this time Jacob was very thin and worn-out from the long marches and shortages of food.

Soon. his second enlistment was completed -- and he found himself standing almost naked before Colonel George Washington to ask for his discharge. "Never mind, my little man", said George, "Tish for the war! -- you shall soon have some clothes!". Cornwallis captured Charleston, but perhaps Jacob did get some clothes because he re-enlisted for a third term. This third service took him to Crowder's Ford and King's Some of Jacob's Mountain. brothers and nephews from Maryland also fought at Kings Mountain.

Jacob's fourth enlistment was with a Company commanded by Captain Daniel Wright (Daniel's daughter married Isaac Elsberry, a nephew of Jacob). This Company was one of mounted infantry assigned to Wilmington, North Carolina, near Cornwallis' headquarters. They fought in the Battle of Guilford Courthouse. (Also at this battle

was John Adam Fiscus, who married Werner Spainhour's daughter, Anna Elisabeth. John Adam & Anna Elisabeth Spainhour joined in the migration to Indiana in 1818).

After the war, Jacob Elsberry married Mary Hudspeth (Mary 1, 1788) and they farmed on Deep Creek near the farms of some of Jacob's brothers from Maryland who had also come to North Carolina about this time. indicate that Records Elsberry brothers were quite affluent. They held civic offices and were called upon to take part in land surveys, town meetings, etc. -- but not Jacob, who had considerably less. The Elsberry Meetinghouse, later the Elsberry Methodist Church, is ten miles west of Yadkinville. It was built on land donated by Jacob's older brother, John Elsberry.

Catherine Elsberry (daughter of John, niece to Jacob) married Sidney Maxwell. This couple moved to Ashe County, North Carolina about 1800 -- they were among the very first settlers along the New River in that County. Sidney became one of the richest men in the region, owning land with at least nine corn mills, and some forty slaves.

Catherine's father John and his wife, Sarah, also moved to Ashe County, purchasing land adjacent to that of Sidney Maxwell. One of John's tracts included the area where the town of Creston now stands, and another tract was near what is now Clifton. There is a private family cemetery -- just outside the boundary of the Elsberry farm near Clifton -- where all the Elsberrys of Ashe County are buried.

This is what we have of

the North Carolina part of the story so far -- but there are several interesting aspects which demand further research. Note that their successful tobacco farm in Maryland provided the Elsberry brothers (except for little Jacob) with money enough for them to take good advantage of the frontier. Some did well in North Carolina and others did well in Georgia.

The next part of this story centers on the family of poor little Jacob Elsberry and his wife Mary Hudspeth, and their migration to Indiana along with many North Carolina cousins.

What about relationships between Elsberrys and our other families?

#### The Fifth, Sixth, & Seventh Generations

Jacob and Mary Hudspeth Elsberry had seven children by 1803 and the 1810 census shows them with nine (five under age 10). Their eldest child was son Benjamin who married Charlotte Winters. The first child of Benjamin & Charlotte Winters Elsberry was Ayres Hudspeth Elsberry who married Martha Arney. Martha had brothers and sisters married to Hauser (two), Moser, and Fulk. Ayres and Martha Arney Elsberry had 11 children -- two married Speases, two married Hilsabecks and one married a Fiscus.

A Family Treasure
The Civil War Diary of
Rufus Spainhour
Contributed by his greatgrandson Al Spainhour
To be continued Next Issue

## **FROM The History Committee**

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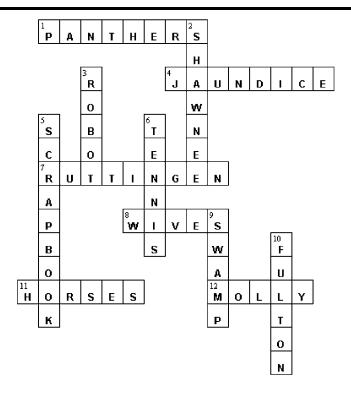
The emphasis has been on our family lineages in Indiana and Iowa. Our goal in this effort (in addition to updating our genealogy collection), is to collect information which will help us better understand the important westward migrations of our families especially during the years 1800 -1820.

Contributions ofnew information from web-site visitors regarding families of Shore and Spainhour have also been received and included into the online collection. A recent contribution covering several generations of a lineage within the Brodbeck family has also been received. Hans Heinrich and Elsbeth Spänhauer Brodbeck and four of their children emigrated to America aboard the "Friendship" in 1740. For some time we have discussed learning more about the many other families who came from Muttenz (or very near-by)

but who remained in Pennsylvania rather than migrating to North Carolina. This new contribution initiated an active project effort to implement that idea.

Because current our database collection is already very large, and because many of these new family lineages developed rather independently from those in our current collection, we have decided to create a separate database for those families which did not migrate to North Carolina. Thanks to Stephen Spainhour, this new database system is now on the web site and James has begun to upload individual database records and family group files to it. This new collection will soon be available for access under the terms as the current database -- but access to each will system be provided separately.

- James Spainhour



# 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 to be issued a password to enter the database portion of the site. You may receive a password 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 someone 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?



# Stork Report!

Adil Kaul son of Sandra Spanhauer-Kaul and Adesh Kaul and grandson of Corry Spanhauer of Muttenz Switzerland was born April, 22, 2005.







#### MORE PHOTOS.....

See these photos and more all in color on the Muttenz Descendants Website @ www.muttenzdescendants.org

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Thanks to Corry and Chana - keep'em coming!





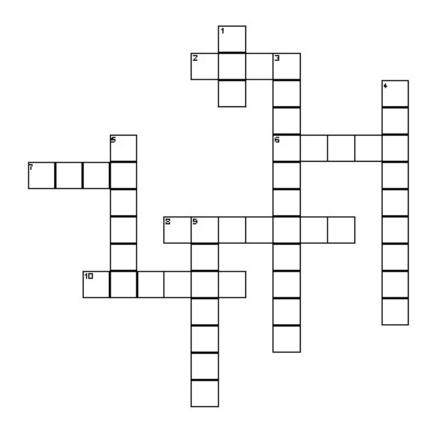


#### **News from Muttenz**

Corry Spaenhauer Muttenz Switzerland wrote me on March 5, 2006 to tell of the unusually l-o-n-g winter they were experiencing this year. She said they had gotten 50cm (roughly 2 feet) of snow in a 24 hour period and were without tramways, buses, or taxis. The snow storm stranded overnight in Oberwil near Basel and the next day the usual 28 minute trip took her 3 hours to walk to get home. During her walk home she noticed so many strange hills on the streetside and discovered that under the hills were the cars!

# Across 2. What Conhidden to

- What Corry Spaenhauer found hidden under the strange snow hills.
- 6. The merchant ship aboard which Joseph Elbro passed away.
- Sidney Maxwell owned at least nine of these mills
- 8. "\_\_\_\_\_ Manor"
- 10. "German \_\_\_\_\_Fleet"



#### Down

- What Augustine Herrman was hired to make for Lord Baltimore
- Jacob Elsberry was bonded to a Moravian \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. The battle Jacob Elsberry fought in during his first enlistment in the Revolutionary War.
- 5. What did Augustine Herrman plant in New Amsterdam?
- 9. Where Corry Spaenhauer was stranded overnight in the snow storm

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