Muttenz Descendants, Inc.

Family Newsletter



Winter 2008

Swiss Hospitality

By Weeta Spainhour Heath

In May of 2007 my son, Shane Baker, had the awesome experience of backpacking through Europe for five weeks. During one of his excursions he was able to get in touch with Corry Spaenhauer and she met him and his friend, Leah, at the train station.

From there they traveled back to her home where she gave them an extensive tour of the area. He has so many wonderful memories of his trip but his favorite is the outdoor birthday party that he and Leah attended at Corry's house given for another family

member. It gave Shane an opportunity to meet Andreas (Corry's son), his wife and new baby son. At the time they visited the cherries were ripe. Instead of picking the cherries and paying for them by the gallon it is the custom to rent a whole tree for the season. Whatever the tree produces is yours.

I'm sure this won't be Shane's last visit to Muttenz. It was the highlight of his European vacation.

A big thank you to Corry for embracing Shane and Leah with such warmth and hospitality. - Weeta Heath



Pictured above: Shane Baker (son of Weeta Spainhour Heath) visiting with Corry Spaenhauer of Muttenz Switzerland More photos from Shane's trip on pg. 5

MDI Cemetery Memorial Fund Established

At the regular October, 2007, meeting, the MDI Board established a Spainhower – Volck Cemetery Memorial Fund for the purpose of preserving the burial sites of Johann Jacob and Anna Catherine Spainhower.

These graves, along with some few others, are found in the historical Spainhower – Volck Cemetery in King, North Carolina, on land that was originally owned by Johann Jacob and Anna Catherine. The sites are often visited by descendants and members of related families. They are protected by a new fence recently donated by family members.

The fund proposed by the board initially hopes to raise \$2,000 to clean and re-set the two original stones in new concrete bases. In the case of Anna Catherine's memorial, the stone has been broken and needs to be restored as much as possible to its original condition.

In addition, the fund would provide permanent Georgia gray granite markers to be placed flat on the graves, in front of the standing stones, inscribed with historical information to denote the identity of those buried there, as well as their significance in the settling of this area. These markers would be similar to those found on historically significant graves in Bethania.

Johann Jacob and Anna
Catherine Spainhower's original 1774
cabin has been relocated, preserved,
and furnished in period style in
Central Park in King, the town that
has grown up in proximity to what
was once their property. Descendants and visitors are also frequent
guests of the cabin.

The importance of preserving these graves has become more apparent recently as visitors have taken notice of erosion on the stones, said to be caused by acid rain.

Shown below: visible damage to Anna Catherine Spainhour's headstone.



Pictures taken only a few years ago denote clearer lettering than is now seen. The granite being proposed would hold up as permanent markers to note the location of the graves.

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FROM The History Committee

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Verona Frances Spainhower Beroth:

In the first report on this project, we learned that Verona was the first-born of John Jacob & Anna Catherine Volck Spainhower -- rather than the last-born as previous research had concluded. We also learned that she and husband, Heinrich Beroth had nine children -- eight more than the previously known daughter, Susanna. At that time we knew very little of the Beroth family, but now, thanks to a book called "Beroth Roots" co-written by Harvey Linebach and Irene Beroth we have clarified some of our previous confusion.

The Beroth family tree begins:

First Generation:

Franz Ludwig Beroth and second wife Susanna Reuther, with most of their children, came to America on the Winter Galley, arriving in Philadelphia on September 5, 1738. The family lived first near Warwick in Lancaster County, but soon moved across the Susquehanna River to a settlement along Grist Creek in the Creuz Creek Township in York County. Still later the family moved into York City, where Susanna died. The Beroths were French Hugenots who were fleeing persecution there. The Moravian Records in York City, PA, describe them as "one of the first fruits of the Congregation of Brethren that gathered here". Franz Ludwig & Susanna are buried in the York Moravian Church cemetery.

Second Generation:

Children of Franz Beroth (1699-1778) & Catharina Renson (1701-1732)

Anna Barbara Beroth (1723-?)

Johannes Beroth (1725-1817); married Catherine Elizabeth Neumann

Anna Catherine Beroth (1728-?)

Johanna Barbara Beroth (1729 - 1759); married Hermannus Loesch Maria Schön Beroth (1731- ?); married (1)Johann Martin Hirdt (2) Hermannus Loesch

Children of Franz Beroth (1699-1778) & Susanna Reuther (1704-1778)

Johann Paul Beroth (1735-?)

Abraham Beroth (1737-?)

Infant Beroth (1738-1738)

Johann Jacob Beroth (1740-1801); married (1) Anna Eva Hoehns (2) Maria Schneider

Maria Elizabeth Beroth (1742-1825)

Catharine Beroth (1742-1810); married Jacob Steiner

Anna Margaretha Beroth (1744-?)

Johann Heinrich Beroth (1746-1799); married Cristian Hollibo

Third Generation:

Johann Jacob Beroth (1740-1801):

When his parents moved from Kreutzback to York City, Johann Jacob was sent to Bethlehem to learn cabinet-making as an apprentice to Brother Richter. He remained in the area near Lititz for a year, then returned to his parents in York and continued to practice his trade there. In 1771 he married Anna Eva Hoehns and the young couple moved to North Carolina in May of 1773. Upon arrival, Jacob bought 216 acres of Wachovia Land and built a house about two miles from Salem.

Jacob reestablished his business in conjunction with a nearby lumber mill. Unfortunately later that year (1773), following the birth of her second child, Anna Eva died. Anna Eva was the first married sister to be buried in the Salem Moravian Cemetery.

Jacob married Maria Schneider in 1774. This couple raised their family of nine children, and lived out their lives on their plantation near Salem.

John Jacob was a farmer on a large scale and was also involved in the sawmill business as well as in his cabinet-making trade. Johann Jacob is buried in the Salem Moravian Cemetery.

Children of Johann Jacob Beroth (1740-1801) and Anna Eva Hoehns (1749-1773):

Johannes Beroth (1772-1831); married Sarah Zimmerman

Elizabeth Beroth (1773-1840); married (1) Georg Vogler (2) Samuel Fockel

Children of Johann Jacob Beroth (1740-1801) and Maria Schneider (1752-1801)

Maria Catherine Beroth (1776-?)

Susanna Beroth (1778-1798)

Eva Beroth (1780-1784)

Heinrich Beroth (1783-1847); married (1) Catherine Hartman (2) Elizabeth Boyer

Rosina Beroth (1785 - 1849); married Joseph Elrod

Salome Beroth (1788 - ?); married Johann Hine

Abraham Beroth (1790-1796)

Johann Jacob Beroth (1792 - 1829); married (1) Maria Miller (2) Elizabeth Rebecca Miller

Anna Barbara Beroth (1794-1883); married Thomas Marshall

Johannes Beroth:

Johannes was one of the eleven unmarried men who were chosen in 1752 to go to North Carolina to begin building

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Angela Spaenhauer Graduates Basel University

Angela Spaenhauer graduated from Basel University and got her degree as a dentist on October 13, 2007. Angela (born June 5, 1980) is the daughter of Andreas and Johanna Spaenhauer from Muttenz Switzerland.



All of the 2007 graduates (Angela front row - second from left) in front of Basel University

CONGRATULATIONS



Angela Spaenhauer (at right) with 2 of her dentist colleagues at the graduation ceremony

NOTABENE Chamber Choir Member Andrea Carina Spaenhauer Sings in Roving Concert in Basel

On the first weekend in September 2007 the chamber choir NOTABENE (www.kammerchor. notabene.ch) from Basel presented an extraordinary concert. Instead of singing in the traditional way in a concert hall or church, the choir presented their songs in different buildings (new and traditional) in downtown Basel.

The audience accompanied the choir from place to place, with walks of 15 minutes in between the 5 different parts of the concert. Andrea Carina Spaenhauer, daughter of Johanna and Andreas Spaenhauer from Muttenz Switzerland has been an active member of the choir for many years.

Andrea Carina Spaenhauer was born on the 4th of July in 1978. She graduated from Basel Music Academy in 2003 and is teaching art full time at a high school in Riehen, a neighboring town of Basel. In her spare time she is a violinist in the Trirhenum Orchestra (www.trirhenum.ch), an orchestra consisting of people of the three adjoining countries in Basel: France, Germany and Switzerland.





Pictured top left: The NotaBene chamber choir at a Music Festival in 2003 in Bourdic France. Andrea is second from the left. Pictured bottom left: The Trirhenum Orchestra at a Music Festival in 2006 in Ravenna Italy. Andrea is at the right in the violin section. Pictured below: Andrea and the director of the chamber choir at the concert in Basel in September 2007.



You've Got the Cutest Little Baby Face!





Photo above left: Neela Kaul born December 27, 2006. Photo above right: Arno Spaenhauer born March 23, 2007 along with his cousin Neela.

These photos were sent in by Corry Spaenhauer, our resident Swiss hospitality agent, to bring us up to date on her family in Muttenz.

Corry is the wife of the late Peter Spaenhauer who many of our

Peter Spaenhauer who many of our readers will remember from the international reunion trip to Muttenz. Corry and Peter have two children, Andreas and Sandra. Sandra married Adesh Kaul and they are the proud parents of a little girl, Neela, and big brother Adil. Andreas married Christine Horanyi and they are the proud parents of baby boy Arno. Arno is the reigning youngest member of Corry Spaenhauer's family in Muttenz. Corry also tells us that in January Andreas began working in a hospital in Luzern as a deputy in pediatrics. A "deputy" is equivalent to our "chief of staff".

A big "Thank You" to Corry for sending us this information.



Pictured above: Adil Kaul, big brother of Neela Kaul, born April 22, 2005.



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Stork Report!



A New Spainhour Arrives.....

Jackson Davis Spainhour was born May 3, 2007 in Austin, TX to proud parents George "Cole" and Paula Spainhour. Jackson weighed in at 7 lbs 4oz. and was 22" long. He is off to a good start and already competing with his older brother Riley.

Cole is an attorney in Georgetown, TX and Paula is an executive with HP in Austin, TX.. Beaming grandparents are Aaron and Bettye Spainhour of Ringgold, LA.

Congratulations!



Belated "Happy Birthday" wishes to Edith Spanhauer who turned 80 and Margrit Schmid who turned 94 in 2007. While Margrit enjoys entertaining guests at her home, Edith prefers to travel and ventured to Solothurn where she and a party of 20 friends and family enjoyed a guided tour of an 18th century castle followed by a luncheon at a historic tower overlooking the beautifully shaped roofs of the town.

Pictured to the left: Back row from left: Andreas, Corry, Adesh. Front row from left: Christine holding Arno, Corry's mother, Karla Noor (87 years old from Holland), Sandra holding Neela, and Adil standing.

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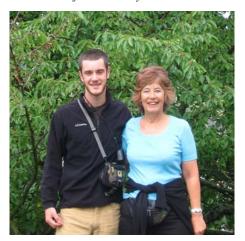


Above: Shane and Andreas Below: Shane and Corry.





Above: Shane, Corry, and Leah. Below: Shane and Corry in front of the cherry trees.



Century Catastrophe Floods

Rains of August 8th and 9th 2007 Cause Flooding in Muttenz and Basel

Much of Switzerland and the central plateau region found itself under water after 48 hours of torrential rainfall on August 8th and 9th of last year.

The heavy rains caused the Birs river and the Rhine river to overflow their banks and flood the cities and towns. Residents of Basel placed over 4000 sandbags around their homes attempting to shield them from the invading water.

Boating and swimming in the Rhine were forbidden due to the risk of injury. Residents experienced the worst rainfall in a century. Many

describe it as the biggest flood within living memory.

Animals at the Bern's zoo had to be evacuated and moved to higher ground. Train service between Bern and Fribourg was suspended and replaced by bus service. Train service to much of central Switzerland was disrupted by several land-Shipping on the Rhine in Basel was at a standstill until the threat that the river would breach its banks had passed. Many areas saw more than four inches of rain in a 24 hour period.

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Muttenz, im Oktober 2007

Nach einem reich erfüllten Leben ist Unsere Mutter, Schwiegermutter, Grossmutter und Urgrossmutter

Irma Spaenhauer - Richter

geb. 19. Mai 1916

In Frieden entschlafen. Ihrem Wunsch entsprechend haben wir in aller Stille und im engsten Familienkreis von ihr Abschied genommen.

Thomas und Ines Spaenhauer, Buchs ZH Andreas und Johanna Spaenhauer-Angst, Muttenz Silvia und Hafis Rüefli-Spaenhauer mit Miriam, Muttenz Corry Spaenhauer-Noor, Muttenz Brigitte Spaenhauer-Schaffhauser, Zürich Andreas und Christine Spaenhauer-Horànyi mit Arno, Muttenz Sandra und Adesh Kaul-Spaenhauer mit Adil und Neela, Münchenstein Stephan Spaenhauer, Zürich Claudia Spaenhauer un Philippe Hagen, Zürich Andrea Spaenhauer, Basel Angela Spaenhauer, Basel Freunde und Anverwandte



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North Carolina Census Families Project

By James Spainhour

First, there was Jonathan Spainhower #2 -- born about 1795 -whose parents we have still not been able to identify. More recently there came Isaac Spainhower #3 -- born 1814 -- whose parents are also a mystery. Both were clearly born in western North Carolina.

How could our many family researchers have overlooked two North Carolina Spainhowers who were born that early? How do we find out who were their parents?

Hopefully to assist in such searches, this project's goal is to build a census collection that exposes any differences between what the census records say about each of our Spainhour family groups and the information on each group that we have in our genealogy collection.

Step one is to develop a list of all family groups in North Carolina for each census year; step two is to collect the appropriate census records for each of those years; and step three is to make those comparisons -to see where any differences exist.

The results from this proc-Page 6 ess for the first census (in 1790) are reported below. **February**

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In 1790 only one Spainhour from our first generation in North Carolina is still alive -- Elizabeth Lohner Spainhour.

In the second generation we have six family groups:

2.01 = John Jacob, son of Wernhardt& Verona Wister Spainhour

2.02 = John Henry, son of Heinrich & Elizabeth Lum Spainhour

2.03 = Michael, son of Wernhardt & Elizabeth Lohner Spainhour

2.04 = John Henry, son of Wernhardt & Elizabeth Lohner Spainhour

2.05 = Johannes, son of Wernhardt & Elizabeth Lohner Spainhour

2.06 = Peter, son of Wernhardt & Elizabeth Lohner Spainhour

We find five census records in 1790:

A. Henry = 12100

B. Henry = 23500

C. Jacob = 16600

D. John = 21100

E. Michael = 21300

The numbers in order left to right report: males 16 & up, males under 16, females, other free persons, slaves

Record C fits family group 2.01

Record B fits family group 2.02

Record E fits family group 2.03 if we include Peter & his widowed mother (Elizabeth Lohner Spainhour) from family group 2.06 in Michael's household -- which seems reasonable since Michael is Werner's oldest son, and while Peter is > 16, he is not yet married

Record A fits family group 2.04

Record D fits family group 2.05 if we add an unknown male over 16

The unknown male >16 in Johannes' household is too old to be a son -- so is perhaps a farm worker & not part of the family group. Perhaps he was an unknown brother of John -or a first cousin?

Everything is okay so far -- but stay tuned -- the results for 1800 will contain many many questions!!

Cemetery Memorial Fund

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Newsletter recipients are invited to join with the board members in remembering family members and loved ones by supporting this Cemetery Memorial Fund. Forms for responding are provided on this page. It is hoped that this work can take place within the next year before more deterioration of the stones occurs.

Steve Carroll, of Carroll Memorials in King, is working with board members to plan the preservation of the cemetery.

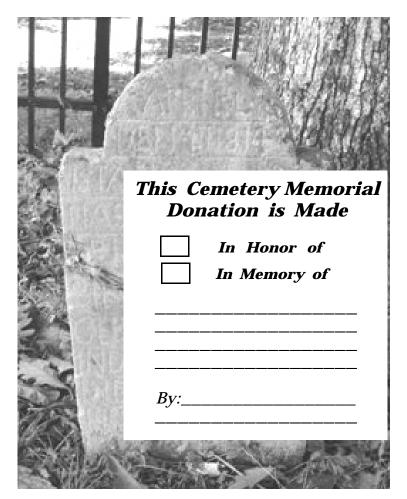
Shown above: Current condition of John Jacob Spainhour's headstone

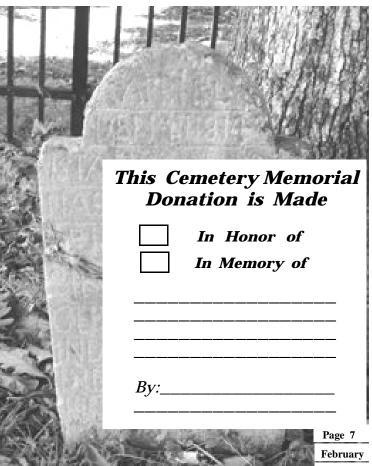
2nd Annual Heritage Day Celebration! Saturday August 23, 2008

Start making plans now to attend the 2nd Annual Heritage Day Celebration to be held Saturday August 23, 2008 at the John Jacob Spainhour cabin in King Central Park in King, NC

Sunday August 24th will be the annual Shore Family Reunion and since our two families have a lot of common ties, we decided to coincide the two activities so that our traveling guests wouldn't have to pick between the two - you can do both!

More details will follow in the next newsletter!











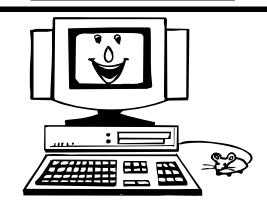
Where's the Spainhour?

Could This Be You?

- Do you have family in Conway, Arkansas?
- Were you in the military?
- Did you serve in the "Korean Conflict"?
- Did you serve in the Navy?
- Are you originally from England, Arkansas
- Is your name Ronnie Spainhour?

If you are Ronnie Spainhour or know how he can be contacted, please contact a board member or visit the Muttenz Descendants website at www.muttenzdescendants.org and let us know. A naval buddy named Ken Hayes is looking for Ronnie.

Don't Forget the Website! www.muttenzdescendants.org



Don't forget to visit our website often. There are lots of plans for new presentations and new items are being added all the time! You will need to request a password to enter the database portion of the site 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?

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the Moravian settlement in Wachovia. They left Bethlehem on October 8 and arrived in Bethabara on November 17, 1753.

Johannes returned to Pennsylvania in November of 1757, and on July 29, 1758, he married Catharina Elizabeth Neumann. They spent the winter in Pennsylvania, and in May of 1759, they joined some other families on the road back to Wachovia. They were among the founders of Bethania, moving into their new home there in April of 1760. His health was failing, so in 1797 he gave up his home to his son-in-law Johann Georg Keller. In July of 1808 they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. In that same year, after Johann Georg Keller died, Johannes & Catharina moved 7 miles north to the Spainhower settlement where they lived with their son Heinrich and wife Verona Frances Spainhower Beroth.

In October 1814 Johannes was struck with palsy, after which he was physically week and his mental health was also undermined. It now became too much for Heinrich and Verona to care for him properly, so in 1816 Johannes & Catharina moved to Friedland, where they lived with their grandson Christian Wageman. Here, Johannes & Catharina both died and were buried in the Friedland Moravian Cemetery.

Children of Johannes Beroth (1725-1817) and Catherine Elizabeth Neumann (1733-1819)

Johann Beroth (1760-1760)

Christian Beroth (1762-1768)

Anna Rosina Beroth (1765-?); married (1) Johann Georg Wagemann (2) Joseph Gambold

Johann Ludwig Beroth (1768-1771)

Johann Heinrich Beroth (1770-1822); married Frances Verona Spainhower

Maria Gertrude Beroth (1773-1773)

Elizabeth Beroth (1775-1854); married (1) Johann Georg Keller (2) Heinrich Ripple

Johann, Christian, and Johann Ludwig Beroth are buried at Bethania Moravian Cemetery.

Fourth Generation:

Children of Johann Heinrich Beroth (1770-1822) and Frances Verona Spainhower (1773-1818):

Anna Catherina Beroth (1803-1803)

Johann Jacob Beroth (1804-1838); married Susan Snyder

Johanna Rebecca Beroth (1805-?)

Sophia Elizabeth Beroth (1807-?); married James H. Keller

Maria Theresa Beroth (1808-1872); married (1) Christian Keller (2) Otey James

Infant Beroth (1810-1810)

Gertraut Salome Beroth (1811-?)

Maria Verona Beroth (1813-?)

Christian Thomas Beroth (1817-?)

Suzanne Beroth (1818-?)

Several members of this family joined migrations across the mountains to the west. Johann Jacob & Susan Snyder Beroth, along with James & Sophia Elizabeth Beroth Keller are buried in Wabash County, Indiana. Christian and Maria Theresa Beroth Keller also moved to Wabash County. Maria married her second husband there in 1836, but she (and presumably her second husband) died in Warren, Iowa.

Robert O'Neal Beroth:

Robert Beroth, who started me on this story, has crafted a "diary" of the journey that his gggg grandfather, Johannes Beroth (1725-1817) made with those other ten Moravian pioneers from Bethlehem, PA to Wachovia, NC in 1753 -- and of their founding of Bethabara & Bethania. Robert loaned

me his personal copy of "My Journey to Bethabara", which provides us with a realistic and almost day-by-day image of what their historic trip was like. The journey of Heinrich and Elizabeth Lum Spänhauer and the Conrad families to New River Virgina in the previous year must have been a similar experience -- so I found a double joy in reading Robert's book. I am most grateful.

Robert & Jane Wall Beroth live in Clemmons. Robert has also written a detailed and inspiring history of the Clemmons Moravian Church -a copy of which the church gave us when Marquita and I became new members. Robert is currently working toward getting a historical marker placed at the site where the survey of Wachovia began -- and, of course, ended -- near where Highway 158 crosses Muddy Creek. He and I obviously share a strong interest in North Carolina history. Perhaps we can entice him to write an item for this newsletter.

One more note:

That Spainhower settlement 7 miles north of Bethania was, of course, the plantation of Johann Jacob & Anna Catherine Volck Spainhower -- now part of the city of King.

Our organization has been working for some time to preserve the cemetery in King where Johann Jacob and Anna Catherine are buried. This cemetery is about 1/2 mile (as the crow flies) from the original location of their 1774 cabin -- which our organization has relocated and restored in King's Central Park. A current project has a goal to learn more about this cemetery and hopefully to identify several more of the 30-35 people who are buried within it.

Whatever your particular connections, come join in with us and share together the fun of new discoveries about our mutual historical heritage.

- James Spainhour

In Memory of Family and Friends

SPAENHAUER, Irma 91, of CH-4132 Muttenz, Switzerland, died Thursday, October 11, 2007. She was born May 19, 1916 and was the widow of Friedrich Spaenhauer. Irma played an active role in the 1990 Spainhour Reunion in Muttenz Surviving are a son, Thomas Spaenhauer and his wife Ines Stoop - Spaenhauer; a son Andreas Spaenhauer-Angst and his wife Johanna; a daughter, Silvia Rüefli – Spaenhauer wiith husband Hafis Rüefli; a daughterin-law Corry Spaenhauer - Noor, widow of Peter Spaenhauer; grandchildren Stephan and Claudia, children of Thomas and Brigitte Spaenhauer-Schaffhauser; grandchildren Andrea and Angela, children of Andreas and Johanna Spaenhauer-Angst; granddaughter Miriam, child of Silvia and Hafis Rüefli-Spaenhauer; grandson Andreas Spaenhauer - Horànyi, child of Peter and Corry Spaenhauer-Noor with wife Christine; granddaughter Sandra Kaul-Spaenhauer, child of Peter and Corry Spaenhauer-Noor with husband Adesh; 3 great-grandchildren Adil, Neela, children of Sandra and Adesh Kaul - Spaenhauer and Arno, son of Andreas and Christine Spaenhauer -Horànyi.

SPAINHOUR - Earl H. Spainhour, 85, of Richmond, Va., died Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2007. He was born February 3, 1922, to Hobart and Martha Vaughn Spainhour. Mr. Spainhour was a graduate of NC State University and served with the U.S. Air Force during World War II. He worked as an engineer at Western Electric, subsequently AT&T until retirement. He was preceded in death by his former wife, Bertha Jane Spainhour. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Doerr Spainhour; his son, Dr. Stephen E. (Donna) Spainhour of Richmond; his daughter, Lisa Spainhour (Ken) Barna of Mooresville; his stepchildren, Curt Doerr of Durwood, MD, and Brett Doerr of Virginia Beach, VA; his grandchildren, Erin Michael Spainhour of Richmond, David, Christine, Katherine and Lauren Barna of Mooresville; also Page 10

his brothers and

Norma Cox, Bonnie Sue

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sisters,

(Orlice) Speas, Henry "Hank" Spainhour and Raeford (Shelby) Spainhour; and numerous nieces and nephews. The funeral was conducted at 10 am Monday, December 10, at Antioch United Methodist Church in Rural Hall, with the Rev. Charles Penley officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Editor's Note: Mr. Earl H Spainhour was the father of MDI board member Stephen Spainhour and the brother of MDI board member Bonnie Spainhour Speas.

SPAINHOUR - David Newton Spainhour, Jr., 54, of Creston, N.C., formerly of State Farm Road, Boone, N.C., died Saturday, Nov. 30, 2006, at his residence. He was born Dec. 13. 1951 to the late David Newton Spainhour, Sr. and Nane D. Spainhour of Kingsport, TN. David was a landscaper and was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Boone. Survivors include his wife, Marina Spainhour of Creston, NC; three sons, Joseph Spainhour, James Spainhour, and John Spainhour, all of Jefferson, NC; his mother, Nane Spainhour of Kingsport, TN; two sisters, Dee Spainhour Ginn of Kingsport, TN and Elizabeth Spainhour Wilkes of Athens, GA. Memorial services were conducted Friday, December 8, at 11:00 am at Warrensville Methodist Church with the Rev. Greg Plot officiating. Burial was at the Lenoir Cemetery in Lenoir, NC.

LUPTON - Helen Lackey Lupton of Chapel Hill, NC died peacefully after a long battle with respiratory failure on April 18, 2007 at UNC Memorial Hospital. Helen was born in Morganton. NC on May 2nd, 1933 and was pre-deceased by her mother, Margaret Anthony Lackey, her father, Dixon A. Lackey, Sr. and her brother, Dixon A. Lackey, Jr. of Atlanta, GA. Helen attended grade school in Morganton until her family moved to Asheville, NC where she attended high school until her marriage in 1953. Helen attended UNC Greensboro and was a graduate of Meredith College in Raleigh. The wife of R. Hector Lupton, Jr. for 53 years where she lived with her family in Raleigh before retiring to Chapel Hill in 1997. Her family included son, Davis Roderick Lupton and wife, Tammie Griffin Lupton of Apex; daughter, Patton Hollowell Lupton of Lake Tahoe, CA as well as four grandchildren, Robert Racoosin, Davis Roderick Lupton, Jr. and Alexandria Helena Lupton. Helen was very active in Christ Episcopal Church in Raleigh for many years being a member of the alter guild of the church. She was a member of the Woman's Club of Raleigh and the Junior Woman's Club of Raleigh where she served as president. She was also active as a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, The Burke County genealogical society, the Daughters of the Confederacy and the Republican Party. Helen was a member of the Mordecia Historic Society where she served as a docent as well as the North Carolina Museum of History and the North Carolina Executive Mansion where she also served as a docent. She was also a docent at the Joel Lane Museum House in Raleigh. Helen was an avid UNC Tarheel fan and attended all football and basketball games with her husband Hector and family. Helen was an avid water sports fan and swimmer and also a snow skier for the past 30 years skiing with her husband, children, and grandchildren in the mountains of North Carolina and Colorado. Helen was also a world traveler with her husband Hector having traveled extensively and made a trip around the world on their 40th anniversary. Helen was a loving and devoted wife and true friend and companion for her husband Hector as well as a loving and caring mother and grandmother. There was never a more beautiful and wonderful person than Helen, we will all miss her greatly. Services were held at Christ Episcopal Church in downtown Raleigh on Edenton Street on Friday, April 19th at 2:00 p.m. Entombment followed in the mausoleum at Raleigh Memorial Park.

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