

Muttenez Descendants, Inc.

Family Newsletter



Spring 2008

Muttenez Descendants, Inc. Calling All "Cousins"!!! Come Visit with us for the 2nd Annual Heritage Day Celebration! Saturday August 23, 2008

Muttenez Descendants, Inc. is again sponsoring a "Heritage Day" celebration. Think of it as a mini-reunion with food and fellowship and some history thrown in for good measure.

Our 2nd Annual Heritage Day will be held Saturday August 23, 2008 from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at King Central Park in King, NC. BBQ w/fixins by David Spainhour, beverages and dessert will be served for lunch at no charge (donations will be greatly appreciated).

Solid Rock will be providing the musicality and we hope to have some type of entertainment for the little ones. There will be a

"round table" family discussion led by James Spainhour with time to recognize and pay tribute to recent deaths and celebrate new births. Current plans also include a talk by local historian Robert Carroll.

The Shore family reunion is close by on the next day Sunday August 24th. The Shore family encourages you to take this opportunity to expand your acquaintances and join them for their family celebration. Details about location and time will be provided in the next issue of the newsletter.

Also, for the out-of towners, we still have numerous day-trip destinations to explore. Pilot Mountain is still here and so is Old

Salem. If you've never ventured back to your roots or it's been a while since you've been here, please make the effort to come. You'll be glad you did!

Muttenez Descendants, Inc. is a non-profit organization founded in 1996 to preserve and present the history and heritage of the immigrants who came to America from Muttenez and Canton Basel in Switzerland or from the nearby areas of the Rhineland north of Switzerland.

We endeavor to extend relationships with descendants of these immigrants who settled locally.

Local Artist Paints John Jacob Spainhour Cabin in Watercolor



1875 Kernersville, NC
27285 or Verna Brewer
PO Box 2255 King,
NC 27021.

Local artist and Spainhour family member Virginia "Ginny" Wagner has completed a painting in watercolor of the John Jacob Spainhour cabin and kitchen. From this original painting she has had note cards made which are available to order. All proceeds from the sale of the cards go to MDI. They are available in packs of 5 cards for \$5.00 plus \$1.00 s/h for the first pack. Add .50 s/h per pack for each additional pack. Cards can be ordered by email at ginnywagner12@yahoo.com or by mail at Ginny Wagner PO Box

The original painting was presented to former MDI president Francis Spainhour in recognition of his work and service to MDI.

Ginny is a North Carolina native and has been painting since grade school. She taught elementary school in Guilford County for twenty-nine years and after her retirement she started painting in watercolor. She specializes in many subjects including house portraits, landscapes, children and pet portraits and currently has paintings on display for sale at the United Way and Allegacy Credit

Union in Winston-Salem. Ginny is a member of the NC Watercolor Society and Associated Artists of Winston-Salem, NC.

front of card



JOHN JACOB SPAENHAUER CABIN
Built 1773, Reconstructed 1996 in King Central Park
King, North Carolina
From an original watercolor
of Ginny Wagner © 2006

back of card

FROM The History Committee

@ www.muttenzdescendants.org

Family History & Genealogy:

The first phase of a project to update our collection on the Newsom/Newsome/Newsom family was completed. This included the discovery and addition of James Spainhour's great-great-grandparents, Hartwell Newsom & Mary Cork, (and his predecessors) to the family tree. All currently available information is now included with the exception of some of the information on a CD provided by Jerry Newsome. Because there is still confusion in some limbs of this family tree, further updating will be scheduled as a second phase of the project.

Smaller projects to update our collection on the Shamel family and the Holder family were also completed.

These three families not only intermarried with each other -- but also with many other families in our collection. Their family information also adds interesting details to the early settlements in the Yadkin Valley (before 1776).

Life in the Yadkin Valley 1900-1925:

The following is edited from "The Beroth Roots" by Irene Beroth & Harvey Lineback:

Thomas Jonathan Beroth was born on November 29, 1877. As a young man, Tom (sometimes called "TJ") sold Bibles. Tom married Cora Mae Motsinger at the Maple Springs Methodist Church in Winston-Salem on January 26, 1899. During the first twenty years of their marriage they made their living by moving about, mostly in Yadkin County, with a group of workers saw-milling timber. They spent many years in Yadkin County sawmilling at several places. Carl Beroth, their son, tells an anecdote about his family's occupation: "In those days we moved so many times that when the chickens heard the stove pipe rattle, they would all lie down for their feet to be tied."

After their marriage, Tom changed his Church Membership to Methodist. Around 1910 he purchased 150 acres of land in Forsyth County and built the Beroth home which still stands on Beroth Circle at the end of

Robinhood Road. Brookstown United Methodist Church was only a short distance away - so they could hear the bell ring on Sunday mornings.

Sometime during the decade of 1910, Tom Beroth & Bolton Yarbrough set up a sawmill on Pilot Mountain and cut the timber. They lived in little crude shacks at the foot of the mountain during the week, coming home on weekends. Around 1922 or 1923 Thomas and his brother Victor Beroth, along with Bolton Yarbrough, started the Vienna Lumber Company. Thomas kept his farm in top-notch condition. He kept one or two tenants on the farm to cultivate the fields and also used outside help. At that time farming was the main source of income for most families. They harvested the wheat and corn, taking it to the mill to be ground into flour and corn-meal.

Thomas was a very hard-working man, keeping in mind at the times, the importance of the growth of the community and the importance of the advancement of Brookstown United Methodist Church. Treva, his oldest daughter, who died 15 March 1973, said that if the house needed a roof and the church needed a roof, the church roof was taken care of first, then the house. Tom worked for several years surveying land for the building of Robinhood Road. He said the Yadkin County people and the local people needed a shorter route into Winston-Salem. The job was completed about 1940. Tom's mules were used for some of the work on the road.

Before the next part of the story, let me introduce the two oldest children of Thomas and Cora Mae Motsinger Beroth:

Daughter Treva Lavada Beroth was born in Bethania on January 24, 1900 -- where her parents lived before moving to Yadkin County. Treva fell off a bench at about five years old and broke her hip. At that time, setting of bones was not a common procedure. Her parents had her ready to have the operation but decided not to have it done. As a result, Treva walked with a crutch all her life and her leg became shorter and shorter. She was a very energetic and creative person --

always accomplishing what she set out to do. She was very active in the work and promotion of Brookstown United Methodist Church. She served as President of Missionary Society; President of Intermediate Class; President of Epworth League; and helped organize the class called the Young People's Class. She served as Chairman of the Centennial Committee and was Treasurer of the church for 34 years.

Treva taught school for a few years, then became bookkeeper for Vienna Lumber Company, holding that job for about 20 years. Her last public job was bookkeeper at Old Town Country Club in Winston-Salem. She loved flowers -- so the Beroth house was flanked on both sides with seasonal flowers. She was also a good seamstress, making many dresses for the family -- and she made many dried flower arrangements which are still in the family.

Treva donated in her will, a Registry Desk and Memorial Desk for placement of a Book of Memory -- these to be placed in the vestibule at Brookstown United Methodist Church. Daughter Pearl Lillian Beroth was born on August 9, 1902 in Yadkin County, near today's village of Vienna. She married John Joseph Conrad in 1919, and with him, produced 8 children.

High School in Yadkin Valley ~1910: From Pearl Beroth Conrad's "I Remember"

There were very few high schools in those years. One was located at Lewisville. The first buggy Papa owned was one to take Treva and me back and forth from Vienna to Lewisville to High School. The first little horse that we used to pull the buggy was unpredictable. One day Treva got in the buggy and I was trying to hook up the reins. I lacked one shaft getting it hooked up when the horse ran away with Treva. Papa then decided to use one of his mules to pull our buggy. Now that mule had a stiff knee and sometimes it fell down in the road --- as the knee would give way --- so I would have to get out and try pulling the mule to his feet again.

I remember a very scary morning -- this morning was unusually cold, so Mama heated a brick put in the buggy to keep us warm on our way to Lewisville. We had just got to the far branch -- there were two branches to cross -- one at the bottom of the first rather steep hill -- then you went up

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A Family Treasure

The Civil War Diary of Rufus Spainhour

contributed by his great-grandson Al Spainhour

October the 1st

Moved down to Mt. Sidney and encamped a day or two. About the 7th, landed at New Market. The Yankees gone but left but little for the farmers save their dwelling and farms, scarcely a barn or mill was left and the amount of wheat destroyed is past calculation almost.

We remained there but few days until we moved down the valley to Fisher's Hill where we were encamped about the 15th of the month. On the night of the 18th General Gorden of Georgia took three divisions and crossed the Shenandoah near Strasburg and passed ground under the end of Masimot Mountain, and just before day crossed the river again just behind or in rear of the Yankee camps and just at daybreak, contacted them and completely surprised them took their camp and drove them from their encampment on Cedar Creek Hill beyond New Town. We captured a great deal of everything, but late in the evening the fortune of the day was reversed and our troops left the field in great disorder, and that night moved off in the direction of New Market. During this engagement General Ramseur, a brave little officer, was killed. I think the bright part of this day was the laurel of General J. B. Gorden. We remained at New Market some time.

Nov the 17th

Still in the vicinity of New Market with but little news, we made another trip to New Town but fought none save Cavalry. The remainder of the month passed off without anything to molest our quietude.

December

Nothing of interest until the 10th when a deep snow fell and

caught us in rather a bad condition being without quarters. On the morning of the 14th we moved in the direction of Stanton. The roads were in desperate condition. We got to Stanton the evening of the 15th and that evening we took the trains and landed at Richmond the next morning about 8 o'clock where we remained until evening and went down near Petersburg to Swift Run and built winter quarters. We were occasionally called off to the line, but with that exception we were quiet during the remainder of the month. The month closed without a ray of hope for our future, yet I hope that the ensuing year may bring good tidings of great joy.

1865

January the 1st

Though the year has just dawned on us in its infancy, yet we are called on to look forward to its future, however, whether its garments are to be stained with blood, or whether this is to be the year of our deliverance. These are problems that cannot be easily solved.

January the 3rd

Received a Christmas dinner today, a present from the (?) people of Richmond, Petersburg, and the country generally. This month passed off without much interest.

February

This month passed without much of interest except piquet duty. Early in March we were separated from our Division and placed on the line the to left of Petersburg and the latter part of the month we moved down on the peninsula between Appomattox and Swift Run, and about the 31st moved to a position at the west end of Halifax Street near Butterworth bridge.

April the 1st

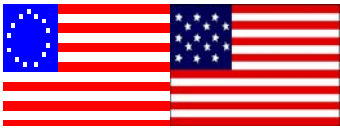
But little going on today, until about 10 o'clock at night when a heavy cannonading commenced, and continued through the night

April the 2nd

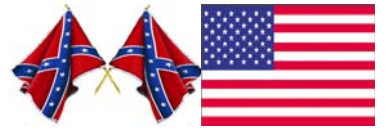
As day dawned the fighting continued to increase, and our lines were broken in front of Petersburg, and at an early hour, the lines on the right of the city were taken, and about 2 o'clock they succeeded in reaching the south side R.R. This caused great fear in the city and some flames from tobacco?? could be seen rising at different places in the city, we were then sure that the noble old city would have to be evacuated, the scene was one I shall never forget. Many ladies weeping, some for their sons, some for husbands, and many for their dear homes that they knew must soon fall into the hand of the enemy. Crowds of citizens could be seen hurrying from the spot most dear. ...moving from the place, and about 12 o'clock the troops followed and proceeded to the north bank of the Appomattox to see those lovely ladies weeping as if their hearts would brake, was to too much for even the heard hearted soldier to endure without shedding tears. This day has cost us the lives of many able men, among that number is Lt. Gen. A. P. (?) Hill. He was called to the right, or west of Petersburg.

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Honoring Our Heroes



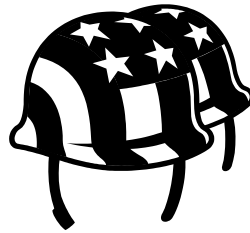
This section of our newsletter is dedicated to honoring our military heroes, by maintaining a permanent list of names. We begin by listing all known who served in the military of our country, beginning with the War of the Revolution, with details of their service, as known. Those who rendered patriotic service during the American Revolution are also listed with a "PS". They furnished goods to the 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 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 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

Ellis E Kiger
Corporal, US Army
WWII

Willis M "Wick" Kiger
Sergeant, US Army
WWII

Fred O Kiger
Tech 5, US Army
Purple Heart Recipient
WWII

Roger W Kiger
S Sergeant, US Army
WWII

NAME	WAR
<u>Butner</u> Henry Wolff (General)	WWI
<u>Dyar</u> Annette Paul John "Jack" Wilmer Eugene	WWII WWII WWII WWII
<u>Hauser</u> Oliver Wilson Denson Gray, Jr. Willie Junior "Jeff"	Korea WWII WWII
<u>Helsabeck</u> Billy B., Sr. Carl N. Glen W. H. Fred John Henry	WWII WWII WWII WWII WWII
Kenneth O., Jr. Kenneth O., Sr. Richard E.. Theodore L., Jr.	Vietnam WWII Vietnam WWII
<u>Hilsabeck</u> Frederick "PS" Jacob	Amer. Rev. Amer. Rev.
<u>Keiger,</u> J. Lee, Jr.	U.S. Navy
<u>Kiger,</u> Fred Oliver Robert Walter Ellis E Willis M "Wick" Fred O Roger W	WWII WWI WWII WWII WWII WWII
<u>Marshall</u> T. Wayne, Esq.	Desert Storm
<u>McGee (MaGee)</u> Harmon	Amer. Rev.
<u>Moore</u> Robert A.	WWII
<u>Moser</u> John Michael William	Amer. Rev. WBS-CSA

NAME	WAR	NAME	WAR	NAME	WAR
Newsom		Spainhour (cont'd)		Spoonhower	
C. Newell	WWII	Sanford E.	WBTS-CSA	Benjamin	WBTS-USA
Dale	Korean	Solomon	WBTS-CSA	Tesh	
Elmer Pearson	Span. Amer.	Solomon	WBTS-CSA	Clyde Aaron	WWII
Jacob Calvin, II	Amer. Rev.	Thamer Elmo	WWII	Tuttle	
Nicky	Vietnam	Troy Leroy	WWII	Michael	Vietnam
Theodore Windsor	WWI	Walter J., Jr.	Vietnam	Volck	
Thomas Turner	1812	William	WBTS-CSA	Andreas "PS"	Amer. Rev.
		William Alton	US Army		
		William S.	Vietnam		
		William W.	WBTS-CSA		
Portaro		Spainhourd		Friends Are Born – Not Made	
Daniel Alan	Vietnam	Carl	WWII	<i>We all came together, Both young and old To fight for our freedom, To stand and be bold.</i>	
Sam Anthony	WWII			<i>In the midst of all evil, We stand our ground, And we protect our country From all terror around.</i>	
Shore		Spainhowerd		<i>Peace and not war, Is what some people say. But I'll give my life, So you can live the American way.</i>	
Ezra Eugene	US. Army	Daniel	WBTS-USA	<i>I give you the right To talk of your peace. To stand in your groups, and protest in our streets.</i>	
Floyd Granville	Korea			<i>I'm harder than nails, Stronger than any machine. I'm the immortal soldier, I'm a U.S. MARINE!</i>	
Thomas E.	WWII	Spainhower		<i>So stand in my shoes, And leave from your home. Fight for the people who hate you, With the protests they've shown.</i>	
Spainhouer		Eugene Beverly	WWI	<i>Fight for the stranger, Fight for the young. So they all may have, The greatest freedom you've won</i>	
Freddie Philmon	WWII & Korea	C.T.	WBTS-CSA	<i>Fight for the sick, Fight for the poor Fight for the cripple, Who lives next door.</i>	
Spainhour		Clarence L.	WWI	<i>But when your time comes, Do what I've done. For if you stand up for freedom, You'll stand when the fight's done.</i>	
Allen	WBTS-USA	Clayton Marqui	Vietnam		
Byron	WWII	David	WBTS-USA	By: Corporal Aaron M. Gilbert	
Carroll D.	WWII	Eugene E.	WBTS-USA	US Marine Corps	
Charles E.	WWI	George E.	WBTS-USA	USS SAIPAN,	
Charles Joseph	WWII	Henry	WBTS-USA	PERSIAN GULF	
David	1812	Henry C.	WBTS-USA		
David H	Vietnam	Isaac H.	WBTS-CSA		
Dempsey	Korean	Jacob	WBTS-USA		
Early	WWII	Jacob Peter	WBTS-CSA		
Edwin S.	WWII	James	WBTS-USA		
Fred Odell, Sr.	WWII	James H.	WBTS-CSA		
Harold	WWII	John C.	WBTS-CSA		
Harrison	WBTS-USA	John Henry	WBTS-CSA		
Henry	1812	John W.	WBTS-CSA		
Hershel	Span. Amer.	Lot L.	WBTS-USA		
Howard	WWII	Marquis D. L..	WBTS-USA		
J.A.	WBTS-CSA	Robert	WBTS-CSA		
Jack Bryan	WWII	Rufus	WBTS-CSA		
Jacob	WBTS-CSA	Samuel	1812		
Kenneth Hinkle	WWII	William	WBTS-CSA		
Martin Thomas "Tom"	U.S. Army	William M.	WBTS-USA		
Michael	Amer. Rev.	William M.	WBTS-USA		
Michael Reed	U.S. Army	Spanhauer			
Ralph Alexander	WWI	Christian	WBTS-USA		
Ralph Alex., Jr.	WWII	J. Jacob "PS"	Amer. Rev.		
Richard P., Maj.	U.S. Army	Werner "PS"	Amer. Rev.		
Robert	WBTS-CSA	Spoenhauer			
Robert D.	WWII	Heinrich	Amer. Rev.		
		Spoonhour			
		Clarence	WBTS-USA		
		David	WBTS-USA		
		Jacob	WBTS-USA		
		Solomon	WBTS-USA		
		Solomon	WBTS-USA		



William Kenneth Spainhour



Introducing William Kenneth Spainhour

William Kenneth Spainhour was born March 6, 2008. He weighed in at 8lbs 8oz and was 21 1/2 inches long. William is the son of Kevin and Laura Spainhour and grandson of Kenneth and Dianne Spainhour.

The photo above is of William Kenneth Spainhour and his siblings - sisters Hannah and Brianna and brother Peyton.

William Kenneth's family line is as follows: William Kenneth (Kevin, Kenneth, William Earnest "Bill", John Henry, Martin Thomas, Johannes, Johann Jacob, Werner).

Stork Reports!

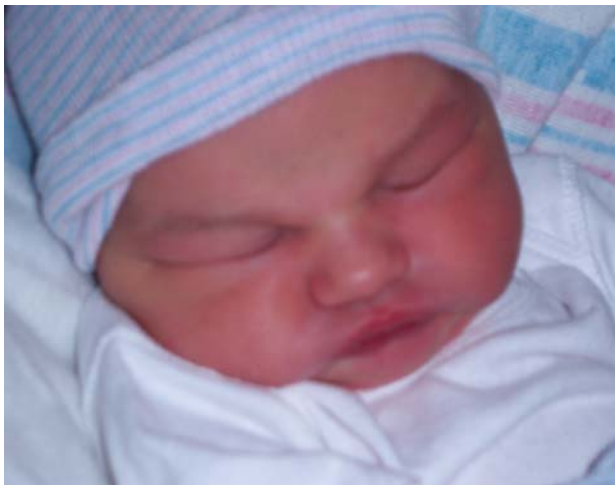


Introducing Carter Wayne Spainhour

Carter Wayne Spainhour was born May 8, 2008 at 11:35 p.m. He weighed in at 8lbs 14oz and was 21 3/4 inches long. Carter is the son of Adam and Shanna Spainhour and grandson of Charles and Josie Spainhour.

The photo below is of Carter Wayne Spainhour and his big brother Eli. Eli is very excited to have a new baby brother and is sharing his teddy bear "Mr. Bojangles", his stuffed dog, and his blanket with Carter.

Carter's grandparents were both Spainhours. His family lines are as follows: Line #1 - Carter (Adam, Charles, Reggie, Luther, Augustas, Solomon, Johann Jacob, Johann Heinrich, Werner). Line #2 - Carter (Adam, Josie, Clifton, William Earnest "Bill", John Henry, Martin Thomas, Johannes, Johann Jacob, Werner).



Carter Wayne Spainhour



another little hill and came to the second branch which was usually referred to as the far branch. Well, by the time we reached the far-branch, the heated brick had caused the lap robe to catch fire. What did we do with the burning lap robe ?-- we threw it in the branch!

More of Pearl's "I Remember":

I remember -- when I was a little girl and we lived at the end of Shacktown Road in Yadkin County. Papa was running a sawmill near there. This was about 1905-1910. They ran a steam-boiler for the power to saw the lumber. They would burn the slabs to make the steam. After felling the trees and sawing the lumber, it was hauled to Rockford -- a railroad junction north of there -- and loaded on freight cars to be shipped out to be sold.

I remember going to the store located right across the road from the Todd house and run by Mr. Cornelius Todd. (The store is still standing on Shacktown Road, also the little school house which we attended has been converted into a house). Carl went to sleep under the porch of the store one day and was found after a frantic search.

I recall also that about this time sister Treva was getting old enough to wear a corset. Now I had a little pet hen and Mama made me take the hen to the store and exchange it for a corset for Treva.

Mama was a very good cook. She could make a meal out of practically nothing. It was an everyday task -- cooking for the sawmill workers. One night at the table when everyone had about finished eating, I saw a few greens which had been left in the dish. (I was very fond of greens) so I just helped myself to the remaining greens. After eating the last of the greens, I turned to Mama and said "Don't cook any more of these".

I remember that while we lived over in Yadkin County, we would go over to Forsyth to visit Grandpa and Grandma Motsinger. Grandpa Motsinger lived just across the Silas Creek bridge on Robinhood Road over on the hill to the right. There was a big chestnut tree on their farm. We had to cross the Yadkin River on a ferry. Papa would

have to hold the bridle reins to keep the mules from jumping off the ferry.

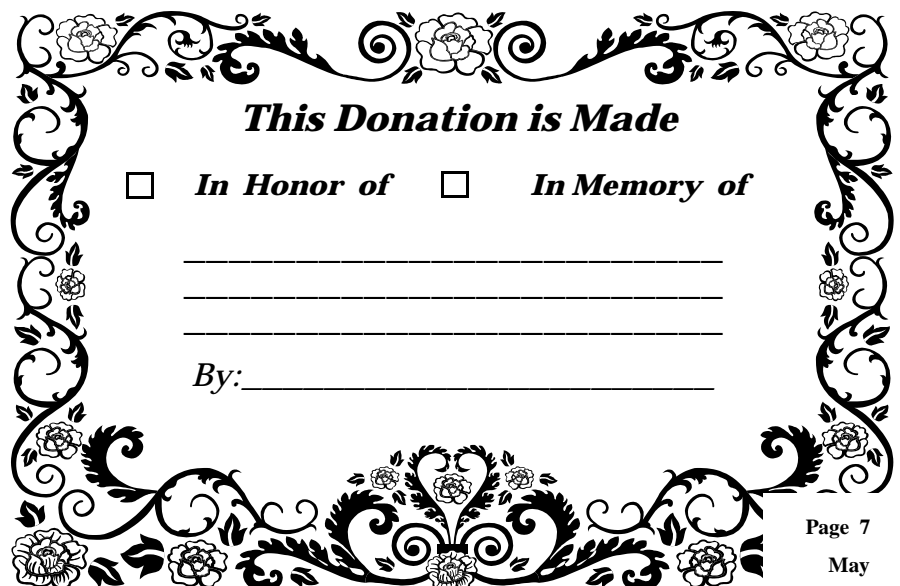
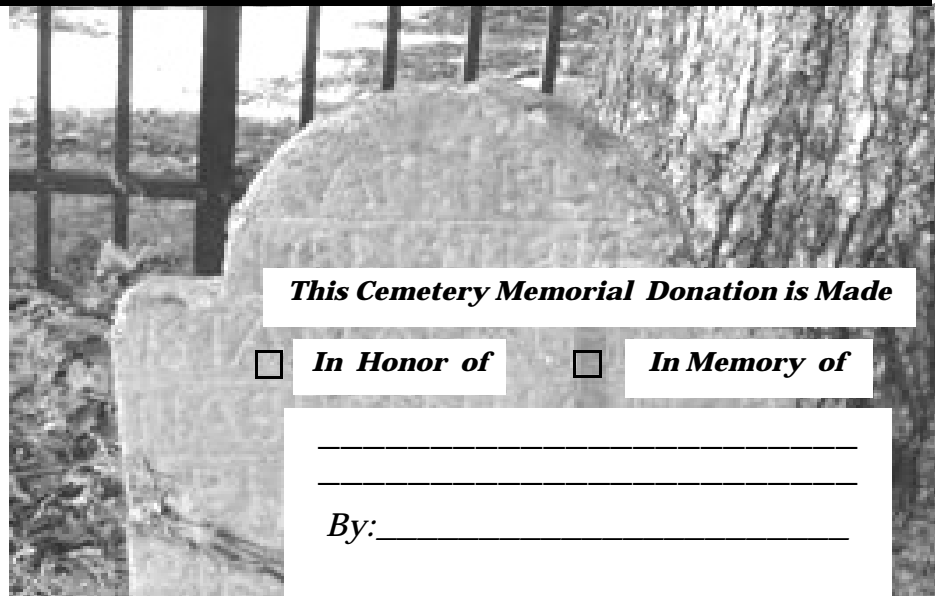
I remember that everybody used to go to Olivet (the old Olivet Church) for Christmas Love Feasts. Mama and the other ladies would make the Love Feast buns at home. There were two large wash pots which they used to make the coffee. They would carry the water from a nearby spring. We rode in a wagon with two horses. (Horses were used on special occasions -- going to church or visiting, while mules were used to plow the fields -- they were work mules). At the Love Feast, they would sing songs, then Rev. Walter Grabs would preach the sermon -- his deep quick voice bringing the Christmas message. Then the lighted candles were passed out which had been made by the ladies. Uncle Alex had a

buggy and he would drive it and bring Grandma Melvina Beroth to the Love Feast. The Christmas Day Love Feast was a very special event.

I remember that Papa had to travel back and forth from Yadkin while he was having our new house built in Forsyth County. Sometimes he would ride a mule over to Forsyth and sometimes he would catch a ride to Rockford where he would catch the train down to Donnaha and then walk to the house. When we moved to Forsyth it was all woods except where they had cleared to erect the house. Gradually it was cleared and the timber cut until finally Papa could sit on his front porch and see the corn and wheat growing.



- James Spainhour



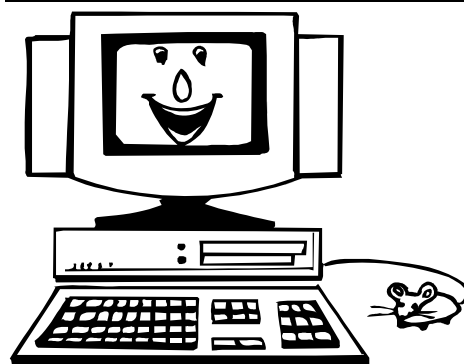
NOTABENE Chamber Choir Member Andrea Carina Spaenhauer Sings in Roving Concert in Basel

The 2008 Winter Newsletter listed Andrea Carina Spaenhauer as second from left in error. She is pictured second from the right.

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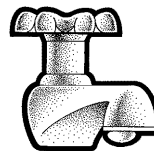


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While you're there, take a look around.....

Do You Have Something to Add?



Newsletter

Contributions...

HELP!.....

My reserves have all but dried up.....Keep the contributions coming.....we've gone from a trickle back to drought again! **We need your input to keep the newsletter going!** Don't forget the announcements! Wedding, birth, graduation, anniversary, etc. We'd love to print them. Send'em in to your fading editor @ newsomes@alltel.net

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Thank You!

A Family Treasure

The Civil War Diary of Rufus Spainhour *(con't from pg 3)*

contributed by his great-grandson Al Spainhour

Monday April the 3rd

We continued our retreat all day Monday in the direction of Amelia C.H. which place we reached late Tuesday evening by traveling without sleep since we left Petersburg.

Wednesday April the 5th

Our trains moved quite early this morning and they had not proceeded far before the Yankee Cavalry attacked and burned(?) about one mile.

Thursday April the 6th

This morning the Yankees made a desperate effort to capture our trains but did not succeed, they were driven away by artillery, but late in the evening we pressed very hard and we abandoned many wagons, and then moved to the high bridge near Farmville, which we passed about midnight, and landed at Farmville next morning. Here the Yankees again pressed us quite hard and we had to destroy a large portion of our trains, and late in the evening made other hard effort but failed, we then passed through a desperate Swamp which detained us a long hour. On Saturday we moved without molestation and got within four miles of Appomattox C.H. where we got some ? (blank)

Sabbath April the 9th
(wrong date?)

Long before day our troops were moving in the direction of the C.H. We had scarcely come in sight of the C.H. before the fighting Commenced. Gorden's troops in front attacked the enemy in front and drove them beyond the C.H. about a mile but for want of troops on our flanks the heavy columns of the enemy swung around on our flanks and forced our corps back to the C. H. The enemy were all this while moving heavy bodies of troops to our flanks, which rendered our condition very critical as they had heavy forces in our rear and about 11 o'clock Gen. R. E. Lee surrendered his Army to Gen. U. S. Grant, and fighting ceased. It was a trying time for us, and many unaccustomed to shed tears were bathed in tears at the thought of giving up the hopes of our country and causes, but I suppose an all wise Creator directed it for the better thought it seems hard to us, that we should sacrifice so much and then be left in a worse condition than when we commenced. The remainder of the day we spent near the place. Gen. J. B. Gorden made a fine a speech to his corps as I ever heard. He gave them good advice.

Monday and Tuesday
the 10th & 11th

We spent about our camps, the Yankees were constantly over among us and allowed us to do as we pleased.

Wednesday April the 12th

This morning we marched in front of the Yankees and stacked our arms, and then started for home every man took his own course, after his parole was given to him, a portion of my company and myself, went by way of C. H., over (the) bridge and crossed the Stanton at Toles Ferry. From this point marched through a portion of Pittsylvania, Henry, and Patrick counties and into Surry N.C. and passed near the Pilot Mountain, and crossed the Yadkin at Rockford. I then came out a few miles and stopped to see my old schoolmate, Socton(?). I stayed with him a few hours, and then went 8 miles farther towards ?nesville to Mrs. Ginnings, who had two boys in the same company. I saw a nice time there; Mollie having been an old schoolmate, I spent the next day there and on Saturday I went to Wilkesboro.

Editor's Note: This concludes the Civil War Diary of Rufus Spainhour

Spainhour Family Photo Collection

Thanks to Charlie Spainhour of Aiken, SC for suggesting that we start a family photo collection. If you have photos that you would like to see documented so that they might be preserved for future generations, please email us a copy. Please include a description of the subject or the full name, age, date of photo and lineage of the person or people.

You may email them to newsomes@alltel.net until we are able to determine what kind of response we're going to see and until

we decide how to "house" the collection.

Too many times I've seen family photos auctioned off as "stuff" at estate auctions. It makes me sad because this "stuff" is tangible history of somebody's lineage. But often no one knows who the picture is of.

Please take the time now to record the person's name, age, and date of photo on the back of pictures you take today so they won't become "stuff" when you're no longer here to identify the subject.



Thanks to Bonnie Speas for sending this photo of the Thomas Hobart and Martha Catherine "Vaughn" Spainhour homeplace taken as it was being dismantled so that some of the logs might be used in the reconstruction of the John Jacob Spainhour cabin in King Central Park.

In Memory of Family and Friends

HARDEE, Frances "Spainhour"
Concord - Mrs. Frances Spainhour Hardee, 95, died on Wednesday, May 14, 2008 at Hospice House. Funeral services were held Saturday May 17, at Wilkerson Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Randy Wall officiating. Interment followed at Maplewood Cemetery in Durham. Frances was born on December 25, 1912 in Lenoir, NC and raised on Mimosa Farm in Burke County NC. She was the daughter of Ralph Harrington and Hattie Wills Spainhour.

Frances Hardee was married for 37 years to the late Rev. Robert M. Hardee, who was a United Methodist minister. She was

a graduate of East Carolina University and an elementary school teacher for 30 years. Mrs. Hardee had traveled to all 50 states and to her family homeplace in Muttentz, Switzerland. Being one of 14 children, she loved her large and loving family. During her active years she was a member of West Market Street UMC in Greensboro, NC. She is survived by her daughter, Esten Hardee Goldsmith of Concord, NC; and a son, Robert M. Hardee, Jr. (wife Kathy) of Columbia, SC; four grandchildren, Katie Hardee, Rob Hardee, both of Columbia, SC, John Goldsmith currently working in China, and Will Goldsmith (wife Carrie) of Mt. Pleasant, NC;

four great-grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Ruby S. Mills, formerly of Concord, NC and many nieces and nephews. Memorials may be made to High Point University - Robert M and Frances S Hardee Endowed Scholarship, 833 Montlieu Ave, High Point, NC 27262 or to Greensboro College Hardee Scholarship, 815 West Market St, Greensboro, NC 27401 or to Hospice and Palliative Care of Cabarrus County, 5003 Hospice Ln, Kannapolis, NC 28081

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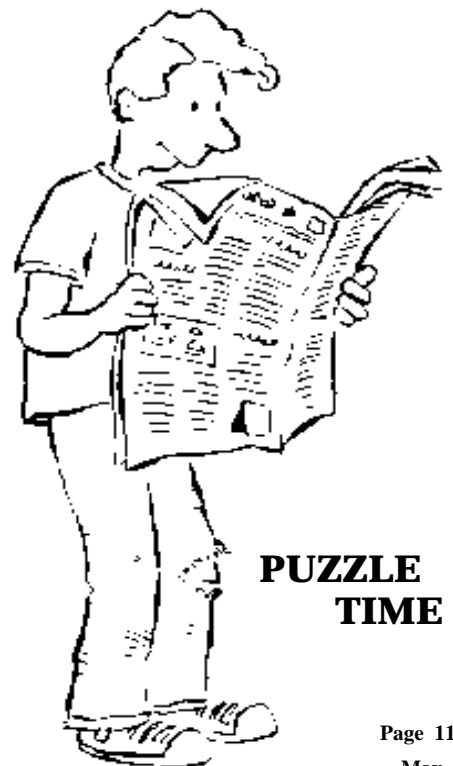
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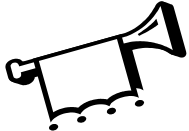
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