

Muttenez Descendants, Inc.

Family Newsletter



Summer 2008

Final Call! **Come Visit with us for the** **2nd Annual Heritage Day Celebration!** **Saturday August 23, 2008**

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 sponsored by Muttenez Descendants, Inc. The lunch menu will include BBQ w/fixins by David Spainhour along with a variety of beverages and desserts provided at no charge (donations will be greatly appreciated).



Current plans also include a talk by local historian Robert Carroll. Solid Rock will be providing the musicality and one of our own, Richard Spainhour, will be performing a magic show just after lunch for the young and old alike.

There will be a "memorial session" led by James Spainhour to recognize and pay tribute to recent deaths. James will also host a "round table" discussion regarding the strategy of the genealogy collections and we have reserved the Shelton Room at the nearby King Public Library for him to conduct an extended "missing

limbs" discussion with any who are interested after the festivities conclude at King Central Park.

The Shore family reunion is close by on the next day Sunday August 24th. The Shore family encourages you to broaden your acquaintances and join them for their family celebration. Details about location and time will be available at Heritage Day.

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. Many of the nearby settlements such as Bethabara and Bethania are continually adding to their strategy for conservation and preservation of history and genealogy.

North Carolina continues to pursue a revival of the art of wine making with the Yadkin Valley region boasting two designated "American Viticultural Areas" made up of a number of local vineyards.

If you are a Spainhour descendant and 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.

Help us be prepared!

**If you plan to attend the
mini reunion
Saturday August 23, 2008
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King Central Park in King,
NC Please let us know by
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King, NC 27021**

Please provide the following:

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FROM The History Committee

@ www.muttenzdescendants.org

Family History & Genealogy:

An overall goal of the Yadkin Valley Collection is to identify those of our interconnected families who came into this area before 1776; and to note the time of their arrival and the place of their initial settlement. The item below by Pleasant H. Poindexter is obviously one result of that effort.

The following families in the Yadkin Valley Genealogy collection were recently updated: Binckele/Binkley --- Geiger/Kiger --- Holder -- Spainhour -- with new information from Michael Dee Spainhour

Work also continues on the Moser & Newsome families. There is nothing new to report on Jonathan-2 or Isaac-3 but research continues. New projects on Slate and Poindexter families are planned.

How Donnaha got its name:

YADKIN VALLEY PILOT

Thursday, July 6, 1916
East Bend, Yadkin County, N. C.
By Pleasant H. Poindexter,
Donnaha, N. C., July 24, 1907

The first Poindexters in North Carolina were reared near Old Richmond, Surry County, in the bend of the Yadkin River, by Thomas and Elizabeth Poindexter.

The grandfather of Thomas Poindexter was a French Protestant, whose adherence to his religious principles compelled him to leave his native land and seek shelter

under papal protection in the island of Great Britain. At this time he was the head of a large family.

The father of Thomas, who was also named Thomas, emigrated to Virginia, Louisa County. I think also the young lady who afterward became his wife emigrated from England to Virginia. It is said that from these descended all the Poindexters known in America.

They reared a large family in Louisa County, Virginia. John, who was a brother of the younger Thomas, was a distinguished Baptist preacher in Louisa and adjoining counties. For many years he was clerk of Louisa County, and filled this position until his death, which occurred in the latter part of the year 1819.

The younger Thomas and his wife, Elizabeth, entered or purchased in about 1760, a section of land, 140 acres, known as Bailey's Bottoms in the bend of the Yadkin River.

Tradition says that Thomas Poindexter's wife's (Elizabeth) maiden name was Pledge, and that her mother (Bettie) was the daughter of an Indian Chief of the Cherokee nation; Bettie Pledge's maiden name was Donahoo.

Thomas Poindexter died January 1, 1807, leaving a widow and twelve children. His wife, Elizabeth, died February 9, 1816. She was buried five-eighths of a mile from Donnaha, N. C., on the top of a steep hill in plain view of Donnaha. Her great grandson, the late Dr. Samuel Martin, of

Winston - Salem, named the village, which is opposite her grave, Donahoo, in honor of Elizabeth Poindexter's grandfather, we think, but the name was spelled incorrectly and became Donnaha.

- James Spainhour

Editor's Note: If you are interested in the history of Donnaha it may be beneficial to check out a couple of websites. The Nuluti Equani Ehi tribe has a website at www.neetribes.org where they encourage you to explore your Cherokee Indian roots.

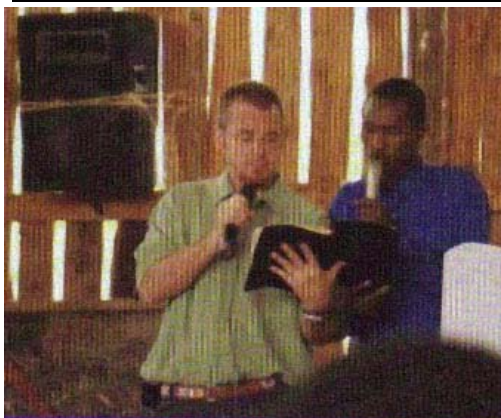
Also, Wake Forest University has a page at www.wfu.edu/wowf/2007/2007.04.02.thacker.html that discusses the 18 acre archaeological site at Donnaha being supervised by Paul Thacker who is an assistant professor of anthropology at Wake Forest. Quote: "Artifacts exhumed at Donnaha and other sites suggest to Thacker and his students that Donnaha's dwellers were shrewd and active traders upon whom other tribes depended."

Muttenz Descendants Inc. 2008 Budget

Cabin Insurance	\$ 575.00
Pest Control	\$ 82.00
Newsletter	\$2,500.00
(printing & postage)	
Heritage Day	\$ 600.00

The board of directors of Muttenz Descendants, Inc. chose to publish the above 2008 budget so that our supporters may stay informed of the expenses being incurred.

ECU Spainhour Alumni Helps Make Life in Africa Better Through Staff of Hope



Rev. Jeffrey A. Spainhour, left and Moses Pulei, right

Excerpt from a recent article published in "EAST" the ECU Alumni Spotlight Magazine

It all started in August 2000 when Jeff Spainhour ('94 alumni) was a student at Fuller Theological Seminary. Jeff asked another student, Moses Pulei, about conditions in his homeland of Kenya. After learning about the poverty there, Spainhour felt moved to do something. He told other seminarians about the needs of the Kenyan people. Soon, a group formed that raised enough money to purchase and ship a drill to Kenya so people could bore wells for safe drinking water.

In August 2001, Spainhour and Pulei formalized their efforts by co-founding Staff of Hope, a nonprofit focused on serving

the people of Kenya and Tanzania. Partnering with churches and donors, the group so far has drilled 11 wells, each serving 350 families. The group also built Oloile Secondary School in Kimani, Kenya which serves more than 200 students. They also constructed a needed dam and promoted micro enterprises to bring sustainable jobs to the community. In neighboring Tanzania, Staff of Hope is sponsoring two girls to go to college.

When he isn't in Africa, which he is about six or eight weeks every year, Spainhour is an associate pastor at Triangle Presbyterian Church in Raleigh.

Cleaning the Cemetery

This is a photo of the "Brewer Bunch" after cleaning the Spainhour-Volck cemetery. Brent (son of MDI president Verna "Spainhour" Brewer) and family were visiting recently from Knoxville, Tennessee where he teaches at Johnson Bible College and is Director of the Mission Department.

Pictured from left to right are Jordan, Brent, Lauren, Verna, and Christian. Photographer, Walter Brewer, also worked hard cleaning.



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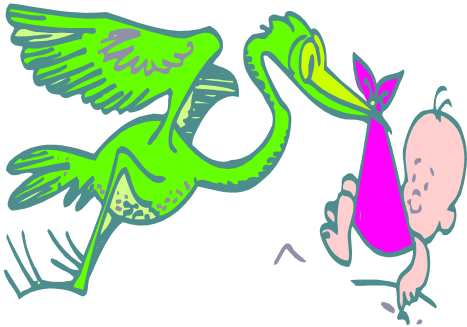
Area Day Tripping

If you're in the mood for a hike or a picnic visit **Pilot Mountain** (that's Mt. Pilot to all you May-berry fans!). The Saura Indians called it Jomeokee which means "the great guide" or "pilot". It rises over 1400 feet to a majestic granite "knob". Learn more at..... <http://www.ils.unc.edu/parkproject/visit/pimo/home.html>



Stork Report!

Tallis Christian Pierce



Introducing

Tallis "Tally" Christian Pierce

Tallis Christian Pierce was born March 20, 2008. She weighed 6 lbs 6 oz and was 19 1/2 inches long. Tallis is the daughter of Scott and Cathy Pierce and granddaughter of Mark and Cathy "Spainhour" Pierce.

The photos above are of Tallis Christian Pierce and her grandmother Cathy "Spainhour" Pierce.

Tally's family line is as follows: Scott Pierce, Cathy Spainhour Pierce, Clifton, William Ernest, John Henry, Martin Thomas, Johannes, Johann Jacob, Werner.



The happy couple.....
Rev. and Mrs. Walter Brewer

The Brewer Bunch pictured are from left to right: Rick and Gaye B Dye, Verna and Walter Brewer, Edie and Brian Brewer, Kelly Brewer. Second row: Jared and Craig Dye, Jordan, Christian, Jondra, Brent, and Lauren Brewer, Luke and Erika Brewer.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Brewer of King, NC were honored by their family recently with a beautiful, well-deserved celebration in recognition of their 50th wedding anniversary. The happy couple will soon be bidding Stokes County bon voyage as they begin enjoying their anniversary present - a trip to Switzerland. Verna and

Walter will leave this fall headed to Basel and Muttentz where they will spend a few days with our resident queen of Swiss hospitality, Corry Spaenhauer, before flying to Geneva where they will see the sights and take a cruise on Lake Geneva. They will travel into France and see the French, Swiss and Italian alps. They will also see the Matterhorn, the most famous

of the alps. They will visit St. Moritz and ride the Glacier Express. Along the way from city to city there will be many castles, museums, hiking, and beautiful scenery to enjoy.

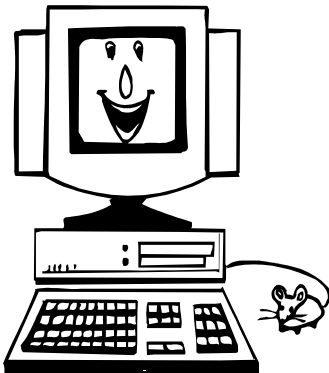
We wish them a safe, healthy and leisurely trip and ask only one thing of them.....take lots of pictures!

Hey Cuz!

This photo is of Donald Spainhour from Norfolk, VA and his sister Judy "Spainhour" Mitchell from Nicholson, Mississippi (both originally from Winston-Salem, NC) and Judy's daughter Jennifer Williams from Picayune, Mississippi. They were here visiting in the area this summer and took a tour of the family log cabin. We're glad they stopped by. Donald and Judy's family line is: Donald/Judy, Carl Clinton, Oliver Clinton, Cleyborne Clinton, Christian Theopolas, Solomon, John Jacob, Werner.



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



See the newsletters in color! Check out the databases and photo scrapbooks! While you're there, take a look around.....**Do You Have Something to Add?**

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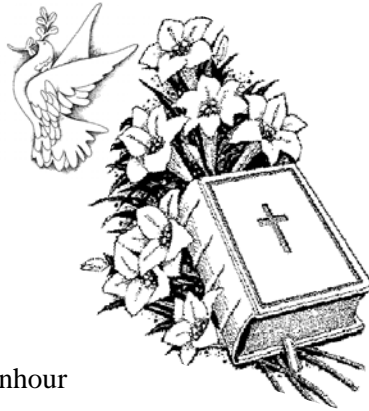
Betty & Fred Williams

Judy S. Mitchell

James & Marquita Spainhour

Cathy & Mark Pierce

in honor of her father, Clifton Spainhour
and in memory of her mother,
Betty Pfaff Spainhour



In Memory of Family and Friends

SPAINHOUR, Betty Jane Pfaff, 75, went to be with the Lord on Friday, July 4, 2008. She was at Kate B. Reynolds Hospice Home in Winston-Salem. She was born April 13, 1933, in Forsyth County to Fuller George Pfaff and Ruth McDaniel Pfaff. Surviving are her husband, Clifton C. Spainhour; two daughters, Cathy Pierce and husband Mark of Knoxville, Tenn., and Josie Spainhour and husband Charles of King; a son, Todd Spainhour, and wife Candie of King; seven grandchildren, Scott and Ben Pierce and Adam, Luke, Ashley, Audrey and Abby Spainhour; and four great-grandchildren, Eli, Carter, and Kolby Spainhour and Tally Pierce. Betty was a member of Jefferson Church of Christ where funeral services were conducted at 6 p.m. July 6, 2008 with Jerry Simpkins and Steve Cook, ministers, officiating. The family received friends after the service. Interment services were held at 11 a.m. Monday, July 7, in the church cemetery. Memorials may be made to Kate B. Reynolds Hospice Home, 101 Hospice Lane, Winston - Salem, NC 27103, or Jefferson Church of Christ, Building Fund, 8200 Jefferson Church Road, Rural Hall, NC 27045. The family would like to extend a special thanks to the staff of Kate B. Reynolds Hospice Home and to family and friends for their faithful love and support during the time of Betty's illness.

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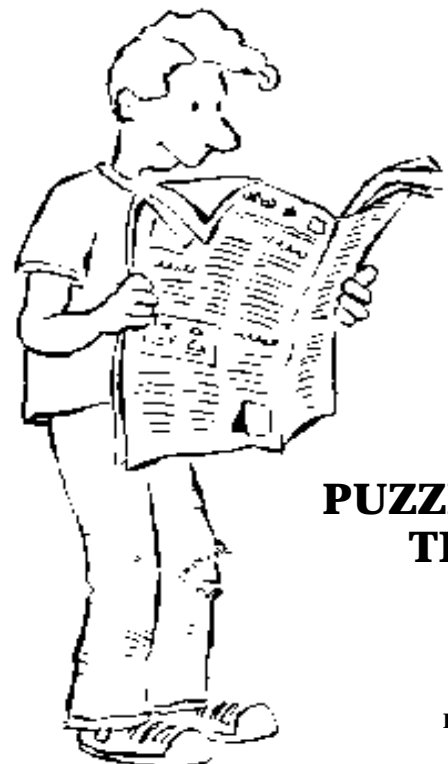
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Thanks to Andreas Spaenhauer (Sr.) of Muttentz Switzerland for sending us another "Spainhour" Sudoko puzzle he created himself.
Hope You Enjoy!



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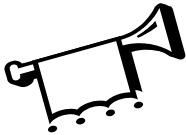
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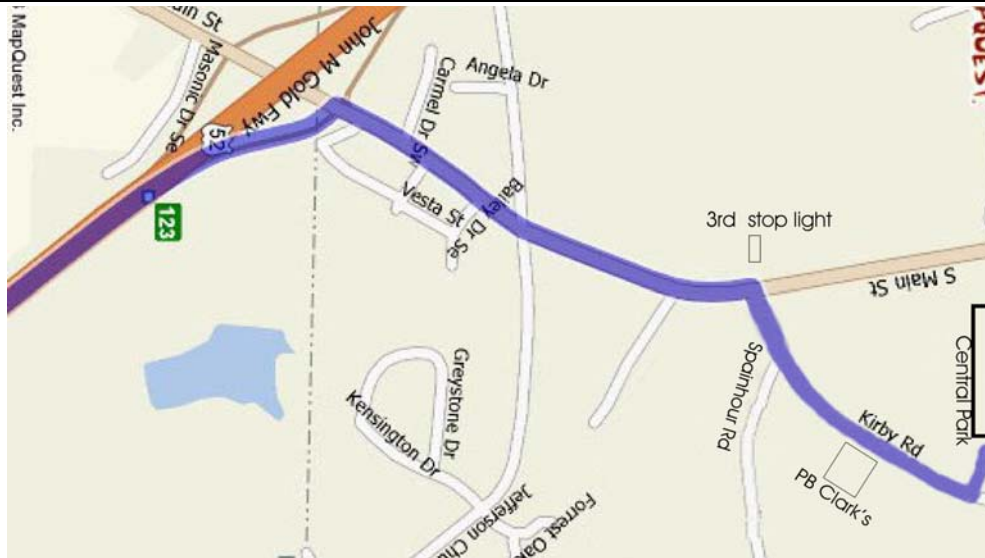
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Final Call! 2nd Annual Heritage Day Celebration!



Looking forward to a
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Hope to see everyone there!

Hwy 52 North to King-Tobaccolville exit #123
Right at light at end of ramp
Go thru next light (Jefferson Ch Rd on right)
Turn right at next light (Kirby Rd) - BB&T on right
Go approx 1 mile to King Central Park entrance on left

Hwy 52 South to King-Tobaccolville exit #123
Left at light at end of ramp
Go thru next 2 lights (Jefferson Ch Rd on right)
Turn right at next light (Kirby Rd) - BB&T on right
Go approx 1 mile to King Central Park entrance on left

Please make donations payable to **Muttenez Descendants, Inc.** and mail directly to **Treasurer, Michael D. Spainhour.**
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(See pg. 7 for contact info). Thank you!