



Winter 2010

John Jacob Spainhower Cemetery Preservation Project - Bronze Markers - One Down - One to Go!

Municipal Council of Muttenez Publishes Local History Book

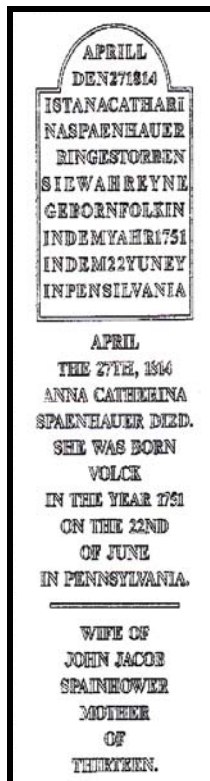
Way to go! Our current MDI cemetery project is at the half-way point. Our goal is to purchase and have installed on the perimeter of the cemetery, cast bronze replica markers of both John Jacob and Anna Catherine's grave stones. I am pleased to announce that John Jacob's bronze marker has been installed and looks great! Thanks to Carroll Memorials for a fine job! The bronze markers are "military style" and of a high quality, permanent material intended to last for decades and preserve the inscriptions for generations to come. Here are a couple of photos to give you an idea of how it looks - but it's much better to see it in person!



Thanks to Andreas Spaenhauer-Angst for letting us know that a new book has been published on

the history of Muttenez. The title of the book is "Muttenez zu Beginn des neuen Jahrtausends" which means "Muttenez at the beginning of the new millennium."

The book contains 400 pages of historical and present-day data compiled from the research works of 16 authors over a 4 year time period. It covers topics such as: nature and landscape, settlement - from farming to industry, economical development, history (including the history of St. Arbogast Church), public and social life, and spare time activities. The book is written in German and costs 45 Swiss Francs (approx. \$41.75 US dollars). It comes with a CD containing additional information. You can find more details at <http://www.muttenez.ch/>



Thanks to all who have purchased the Muttenez book from the 1990 intercontinental reunion (pg.7). Our next goal is to raise the \$1,257.92 needed to have Anna Catherine's cast bronze marker produced and installed. We'd love to be able to have it done before the next Heritage Day in August! Talk it up! Get other family members involved!

Cabin Note Cards Still Available Order Now!

John Jacob Spainhower cabin note cards by MDI board member, Virginia "Ginny" Wagner are still available.



They are packs of 5 cards for \$5.00 plus \$1.00 s/h. Add .50 s/h per each additional pack.

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

Mail order to Verna Brewer
PO Box 2255
King, NC 27021.

FROM The History Committee

@ www.muttendescendants.org

The following three projects represent a continuation of our efforts -- which have been ongoing for several years - - to expand our Yadkin Valley Families Collection to include more of the other surname families with which our ancestors were closely related.

Tuttle, Moser, Boyles connections

With many thanks to Dale Speight, we have added eleven generations of descendants of Peter Tuttle, most of whom lived in Stokes County near Meadows of Dan, Walnut Cove, & King. There were many Tuttle marriages especially with Boyles & Moser, but also with Spainhours, Hausers, etc.

Dull connections

Again with many thanks to Dale Speight we have begun adding ten generations of descendants of Hans Peter & Gertrude Dull. This is another family which came to our four-county area of North Carolina in the early years and became "cousins" to a great many of us.

Spainhour Family Updates

With many thanks to Dale Speight (for the third time here) we have been updating about 250 Stokes & Surry County Spainhour Family Group Sheets. Much of Dale's information on some lineages has been gathered after our collection was assembled. For that reason his information sometimes contains more detail (month & day instead of just the year for events such as births & deaths -- and townships in addition to just counties). But much of our collection was gathered by direct descendants, so our collection often has more details than Dale's. The point here is that combining our work provides more specific information and also more documentation for family relationships. An example of the potential for confusing family relationships is the following.

William Boyles in 1833. Susannah (#1) was a daughter of Joseph Spainhour & Elizabeth Shouse, born in Stokes County in 1814. Susannah (#2) was a daughter of Johannes Spainhour & Elizabeth Helsabeck, born in Forsyth County in 1809. Dale Speight gathered new information to demonstrate that the two Susannahs were crossed. Their family relationships are now corrected. The wife of William Boyles was Anna Susannah Spainhour (#1), and the wife of Thomas Masencup was Susannah Elizabeth Spainhour (#2).

But a similar confusion of two individuals arises within the information gathered regarding the above -- having to do with the wife of Marvin Mansfield Spainhour. Was she Elizabeth Long (#1), born 1892, a daughter of Sylvanus Long & Etta Joyner, or Elizabeth Long (#2), born 1892, a daughter of Jacob Long & Ida Wall? The lady who married Marvin Mansfield Spainhour (I conclude) was Eunice Elizabeth Long, the daughter of Jacob Alexander Long and Ida A. Wall. The marriage and descendants of Emma Elizabeth Long, the daughter of Sylvanus Long & Etta Joyner is still under investigation.

If you have never done this kind of research -- just think of all the fun you have missed !!

The following two projects demonstrate a continuation of our efforts to solve key questions about early members of our Spainhour families:

1. Isaac Spainhower number III --- Problem Solved

With the assistance of Lucretia Burgess & Dale Speight -- we now know that Isaac Spainhower number III does not exist. He is the same as Isaac Spainhower number II --- the son of Jacob Spainhower & Elizabeth Kreiger -- grandson of John Henry Spainhower & Elizabeth Dietz -- great grandson of Werner Spainhower & Elizabeth Lohner. At first the two Isaacs seemed distinctly different (even though both married a

named Nancy). The 1970 census listing indicated Isaac's children as: David, Paulina, Eliza, Mary, William and Henry -- whereas the 1960 census indicated Isaac's children as: Charles, Mary, and Julia. The two census families were also listed in different townships.

After efforts to find earlier records of the 1870 family were unsuccessful, we began explore the proposition that these two families were the same. One record indicating Charles as Charles D. was found, then another giving his name as Charles David. Okay Charles & David are the same person. Similarly records were found showing the Julia & Paulina were also one child, Julia Paulina. Mary in the 1960 census and Mary in the 1970 census were clearly separate -- so what happened to the first Mary? -- she must have died before the 1870 census -- so now we look for her burial record. These "connections" are convincing that the 1860 family & the 1870 family are indeed the same. In addition to solving Isaac's identity, we have also been able to include many of his descendants in our collection.

Two Jonathan Spainhowers -- Problem not yet solved:

Jonathan Spainhower #1:

We all know Jonathan #1 -- the son of Johann Jacob & Anna Catherine Fulk. He was born on March 5, 1781; who married an unknown lady around 1808-1809 (in Stokes County, NC) and they produced two sons: Noah in 1810 and John David in 1816. Jonathan married again in 1818 (still in Stokes County) to Catherine "Katy" Boose. They produced five children in North Carolina; migrated to Washington County, Indiana; and produced three more children. Jonathan #1 died in Indiana about 1844 (age about 63). (Research by Mary McCormick Spainhower).

Jonathan Spainhower #2:

In 2004, Wanda Howard, who at that time lived in Barbourville, Knox County, KY, wrote to me and suggested that we needed to revise the

MDI Financial Reporting 2009-2010

In response to the substantial support we have received by way of contributions over the past year, the board of directors thought it would be appropriate to share with everyone the organization's financial details available at the last board meeting.

Shown top right is the treasurer's report from the last Muttenez Descendants, Inc. board meeting November 7, 2009. As you can see, our funds on hand at that time were \$5,555.82. Shown below right is the 2010 annual budget that was approved November 7, 2009. Our total anticipated expenses are \$4,300.00 which includes \$982.00 for John Jacob's bronze grave marker. Thanks to your generous contributions we have been able to have John Jacob's grave marker produced and installed without having to tap into the general fund to do it.

Now our next goal is to have Anna Catherine's grave marker produced and installed. The cost will be \$1,257.92. We have received some contributions but still have a ways to go to be able to do it without tapping into the general fund.

As you can see, we need all the support we can get in order for the organization to continue to exist and accomplish important goals such as the grave markers that will preserve the details of our lineage for years to come.

Remember - Muttenez Descendants, Inc. is a 501c3 non-profit organization.

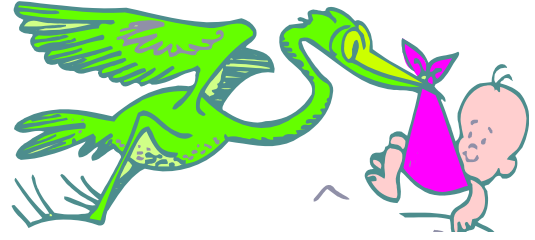
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MUTTENZ DESCENDANTS, INC. Board of Directors Meeting Saturday, November 7, 2009	
TREASURER'S REPORT	
CHECKING ACCOUNT	
Checking Balance as of April 25, 2009	\$ 1,518.06
DEPOSITS:	
Deposits - From General Contributions	\$ 275.00
Deposits - From Honor & Memory Contributions	\$ 475.00
Deposits - From Cabin Note Card Sales	\$ 13.00
Deposits - For Cemetery Fund	\$ 254.00
Deposits - 3rd Annual Heritage Day	\$ 797.00
Deposits - Purchase of Book by Edith Blanche Spanhauer	\$ 600.00
Transfer from Certificate of Deposit	\$ -
Total Deposits	\$ 2,414.00
Available Cash	\$ 3,932.06
EXPENSES:	
Expenses - Grave Marker Restorations	\$ -
Expenses - 3rd Annual Heritage Day	\$ 445.83
Expenses - Printing Newsletters	\$ 480.38
Expenses - Mailing Newsletters	\$ 150.51
Expenses - Purchase of Book by Edith Blanche Spanhauer	\$ 344.67
Expenses - Annual Cabin Liability Insurance	\$ 600.00
Expenses - Annual Cabin Insect Warranty	\$ 90.07
Expenses - Miscellaneous	\$ 108.12
Total Expenses	\$ 2,219.58
Checking Account Balance as of 11-7-09	\$ 1,712.48
TOTAL FUNDS ON HAND - November 7, 2009	
CHECKING	\$ 1,712.48
CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT	\$ 3,843.34
TOTALS	\$ 5,555.82
CHANGE IN CASH POSITION SINCE	
April 25, 2008	\$ 201.22

2010 Muttenez Descendants Budget Approved 11-7-2009	
Cabin Insurance	\$ 600.00
Exterminator	\$ 90.00
Newsletter Printing and Postage	\$ 1,600.00
Heritage Day 2010	\$ 600.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 428.00
Bronze Marker Project	<u>\$ 982.00</u>
 2010 Anticipated Expenses	 \$ 4,300.00

Muttenz Stork Report

It's A Boy!



Introducing Oscar Nicolas Spaenhauer.

The newest Spaenhauer for the moment is Oscar Nicolas Spaenhauer. He was born in Muttenz Switzerland on February 17, 2010. He weighed 3.53 kilograms (approx. 7 lb 8 oz) and was 50 centimeters long (approx. 20"). Oscar is the son of Andreas and Christine Spaenhauer - Horanyi and has an older brother named Arno.

Andreas is the son of Corry and Peter Spaenhauer. Some of you may remember Andreas from the 1995 Inter-Continental Spaenhauer Reunion held in Winston-Salem, NC.



Spende

Marcus und Roger Spänhauer machen Riccardo glücklich

Die Gipserei Spänhauer AG schenkt einem behinderten Jungen zu Weihnachten einen Laptop mit besonderer Tastatur.

Von Marco Studer*

Spenden an Hilfswerke sind sinnvoll und nützlich. Leid gibt es genügend auf dem Globus. Manchmal kann man mit ein paar Franken eine andere Welt glücklich machen. Diese Welt ist vor den eigenen Augen und in der Region beheimatet. Seit vielen Jahren arbeitet Giuseppe Gargano als Gipser bei der Spänhauer AG in Muttenz. Sein elf-jähriger Sohn ist auf Grund einer starken Gelbsucht als Folge einer Rhesusfaktor-Unverträglichkeit seit Geburt körperlich behindert.

Auf Computer angewiesen

Riccardo leidet unter anderem unter sehr stark ausgeprägten feinmotorischen Störungen und einschliessenden unwillentlichen Bewegungen. Er kann daher von Hand nur mit sehr viel Mühe schreiben und ist in der Schule auf den Computer als Hilfsmittel an-

Geschenk.
Die Brüder Marcus (links) und Roger Spänhauer überreichen Riccardo einen besonderen Laptop, damit der Junge trotz seiner Behinderung zu Hause seine Aufgaben erledigen kann.

gewiesen. Um auch zu Hause seine Aufgaben erledigen zu können, ist ein Laptop eine sinnvolle und notwendige Hilfe.

Laptop mit spezieller Tastatur

Riccardo hat allerdings Schwierigkeiten, eine normale Computer-

tastatur zu bedienen. Marcus und Roger Spänhauer haben sich ein Herz gefasst und dem Jungen einen neuen Laptop geschenkt. Dieser verfügt über eine besonders klar strukturierte Tastatur. Ein speziell für behinderte Menschen erarbeitetes Schreib- und Rechenpro-

gramm (Multitext) soll darauf installiert werden. «Es war uns wichtig, jemandem persönlich zu helfen und ihn glücklich zu machen», so die Spänhauer-Brüder. Eine gelungene Aktion!

*für das Spänhauer-Gipsergeschäft



FROM **The History Committee**

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history of Jonathan #1. She believed that Catherine Boose was Jonathan's first wife and that his second wife was Sally Savage (married 1825 in Stokes County, NC). Wanda concluded that Jonathan & Sally were living in Grainger County, TN about 1835; they were divorced in Knox County Kentucky about 1840. After that, Sally Savage Spainhower married a man named Howard.

Jonathan's name in the various records was confusing. Wanda explained that Jonathan's name is recorded as Spainhower, then Spoonhoward, and finally to Jonathan Spoon Howard. Jonathan S. Howard married his third wife, Susannah Hinkle, in Knox County, KY. There is a gravestone in Knox County, KY, for Jonathan S. Howard, born September 26, 1796 and died May 19, 1895 (age 98). Wanda's husband, Alva Howard is a descendant of Jonathan S. (Spoon) Howard and Sally Savage.

Well, genealogy trails are often challenging, but to be accepted, this one definitely needed documentation. My first question was whether there were families named Howard living in Stokes County as early as 1796. The answer was yes, so I knew there had to be some concern about the potential for confusion.

Wanda sent me copies of original marriage records for Jonathan Spainhower & Catherine Boose -- April 5, 1818 in Stokes County --- and for Jonathan Spainhower & Sarah Savage -- June 15, 1825 in Stokes County. These dates did not fit well with documented birth dates of the children of Jonathan #1. In addition the marriage certificate for Jonathan & Sarah Savage appeared to have a witness whose name is also Jonathan Spainhower. Okay, I concluded that there must have been two Jonathan Spainhowers -- but who could have been the parents of Jonathan #2?

This question led me into searching all the Spainhower families in the census records for Stokes County between 1790 and 1840. My

hope was to identify the potential parents of Jonathan #2, assuming he was born in 1796, as Wanda suggested. There were four possibilities. It was going to take much more work to document which one.

For several reasons, my research time between 2004 and 2008 was limited. During those years, many more records have become available on the internet for genealogy research. Recently, I began to try again to identify Jonathan #2.

Here is what I can document so far:

The Stokes County marriage certificate for Jonathan & Sarah Savage is dated June 15, 1825. Jonathan's birth is noted as about 1800 in Stokes County. The corresponding record in the International Genealogical Index (IGI) indicates Sarah's birth as December 6, 1804 in Stokes County. These dates confirm that there were two Jonathans and suggests that Sarah Savage was Jonathan #2's first wife -- he was around 24 or 25 at this time and she was 20. The record indicates that Jonathan died before 1850.

Next, I found Jonathan Spainhower in the 1830 census for Grainger County, TN. Both he and the female in his household are indicated as over 20 but under 30 -- which fits with the birth dates above. This census shows one child -- a male under five years (birth 1825-1830) -- which fits with the marriage date.

Next, I found a listing on the LDS Family Search web site, which identifies Sarah Savage's parents as Jeremiah Savage and Margaret Hanna. Then, I found the 1850 census for District 15 of Grainger, TN, which includes the household of Jeremiah Savage (age 79) and Margaret Savage (age 77). In that household is also Sarah Spainhower (age 44 ---> birth about 1806 --- close enough to December 1804?). Assuming that this is Sarah Savage Spainhower, Jonathan #2's wife --- it suggests that Jonathan is now dead and Sarah is living with her elder parents.

Even more interesting are two other members of this household: McCalavin Spainhower (age 9, birth about 1841) and Zilphy Spainhower (age 6, birth about 1844). These are surely children from Sarah & Jonathan. A family group sheet from a different IGI record suggests a second daughter named Rhoda, who was born in 1845 (Grainger, TN). Sarah had a sister named Rhoda, so that seems to fit. These dates are consistent with Jonathan dying before 1850 -- and note that Sarah was 39- 41 years old when Zilphy and Rhoda were born, so these surely are the last of Sarah's children. But what about that son born between 1825 and 1830? He should now be age 20-25, so no longer being with his mother is okay --- but a son born the year after his parent's marriage (say 1827), then the next child born 14 years later suggests that there may have been 5 or 6 more children between that son and McClavin/McCalavin, born in 1841-- but where are they?

Meanwhile, other researchers have recorded that Sarah "Sally" Savage was born on December 6, 1804 but in Yadkin County, not Stokes, and that she died in 1840 in Grainger, TN at age 36 (not if she had children in 1841, 1844 & 1845!). She is also recorded as married to James Hundley on March 21, 1827 in Grainger, TN. Maybe there were two Sarah Savages with the same birthday and with the same parents (Jeremiah Savage & Margaret Doak Hanna), but I think undocumented conclusions is a better explanation. The Savage family was large and Sarah/Sally was a common first name - - so errors in births, deaths, and marriages for any one of them are to be expected. We should be able to learn more about the children of Jonathan & Sarah -- and we still don't know Jonathan #2's parents. So, the search continues.....

Again, if you are not doing this kind of research -- just think of all the fun you are missing!!

- James Spainhour

Good Times in Hard Times

(Mountain Views, Volume 22, Number 2 - March 2009)

Contributed by Jeanne DyerJuraschek

When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child.....

I Corinthians 13:11 KJV

The year 1929 marks the beginning of my childhood remembrances. The next nine years were very happy ones for me as a child, surrounded by love and caring. Even though they were years of the Great Depression, I realized no deprivation, but lots of happiness.

Most of my first six years and other intervals of my childhood years were spent on N. Anderson St. in Morganton among many Patton relatives. My kith and kin were usually around - older sisters and a brother, a grandmother, aunts, uncles, and cousins - visiting often and sometimes a part of our living situation. Grandmother Patton's front porch, several yards away, was a gathering place for relatives and visitors. As a child, I frequently listened to their talks, jokes, remembrances, and conversation while perched up in a tree near the porch.

I visited and played with my many Patton cousins after school and during most of the sunny summer vacation days. I loved the summertime when we spent long hours in a nearby pasture damming up the branch, catching crawfish, and swinging on grapevines over the branch. No supervision, just freedom to enjoy the outdoors for hours at a time.

I walked nearly everywhere - to school, to the dentist. My mother, Maud Patton Anthony, walked to school with me when, by chance, we happened to be in the same one. At other times, I walked to school with other neighborhood children, or alone. We regularly attended First Baptist Church where

Sunday School, church services on Sunday and Wednesday nights, and Vacation Bible School were vital parts of my life. I walked everywhere I needed to go, unless ice or deep snow prevented. I ran errands in town, mostly for my grandmother. I got my haircuts at a barber shop uptown. And there were those dreaded yearly trips to the dentist (I was accompanied by an adult for this traumatic event.) I often walked to the big new library (built in 1935). Mrs. McVey always found good books for me, mostly animal books like *Uncle Wiggly and His Friends*.

I was intrigued by uptown sights. There were the "Dentyne Girl" or the "Camel Cigarette Man", with their small samples. Mrs. Della Edmondson, in her big black car, who always parked in the same place uptown, was just fascinating to me. Her car had fresh flowers in wall pockets, and curtains at the windows to hide what people said was her chamber pot. She was always dressed to the nines, in high-heeled slippers, a flowing white dress, a fancy hat, and lots of jewelry draped down from her neck atop her dress.

At home, sewing was a prominent element in life those days. The treadle sewing machine turned out my wearing apparel, from skin out. Mama adorned my special dresses with embroidery. Clothes from my older sisters were made over and mending was important to keep those socks and mittens in good order. It was exciting to get a new pair of shoes each Easter!

I was often in the garden with my mother, who raised most of the food we ate. We picked those wonderful dewberries, cherries, apples, and plums to be made into pies or "put up". Mama always raised chickens, and I loved catching those "little biddies". We had chicken every Sunday, along with

vegetables she canned.

We moved around quite a bit. When I was about the age of four, my mother took me with her to remote "Piedmont" on Upper Creek. We lived in the one-teacher school for two summers. While she taught the children, my beloved "Aunt Ella" took care of me, as she had done since I could remember. The two of us were mostly outdoors where she cooked and washed clothes while I played at the nearby creek or in the yard.

When I was seven, we moved to Rutherford College for three years. Aunt Ella came too. These were the happiest years of my childhood, packed with fun things I liked. During second grade at the Rutherford College School, I ran back to the college each day for lunch in the dining room. Although I rode with my oldest sister to Drexel for the third grade, I returned to the college each day. The next year, we were back and forth between Morganton and Rutherford College, and I was in fourth grade at Morganton Primary School.

The students at the college were so much fun to be around. One of the girls made lots of clothes for my doll that Santa brought. I wore that doll out changing her clothes. There were football games on the campus. I loved the farm, seeing the animals, and sometimes feeding a baby pig.

When we were driving back to Morganton, which was fairly frequent, I always begged for a penny ice cream cone when we reached Valdese. The place there prepared cones the size of your thumb. They were so good!

My brother came to Rutherford College from Washington, DC to live near the campus, and I liked being with his two little boys.

After we left Rutherford College, we settled down for a while again in a house on N. Anderson St. I was in school in Morganton from then on. We spent two summers at

Mills Home, the Baptist orphanage in Thomasville, where mama was writing a pageant about Mills Home. Aunt Ella went too. I loved being with all those children, especially on Sunday evenings, when there was "Singing on the Green".

In about 1937 we moved to the Lackey house on Bost Road, living with my sister and her family in the house belonging to her mother-in-law. By now, I was in high school, no longer a young child.

"When I became a man, I put away childish things" I Corinthians 13:11 KJV

I had friends and relatives who lived in the same house for years. In my older childhood, I thought that would be nice. I know now why we moved around so much: my father died in 1928; mama lost our house about 1932; and she needed to provide food, shelter and clothing for her two youngest children. Fortunately, my mother was intelligent, superbly educated (8 years of Latin, for instance), and she knew how to use her creativity and ingenuity. By 1928 she already had earned a reputation as an educator *par excellence* in Burke County; therefore, she was never out of employment. But there was no Social Security in those days, and teachers were paid only for the months they actually taught - eight or nine months.

It was a sign of the times in those days to "pool your resources" with relatives. Thus, I understand now why we lived with relatives or they lived with us during those difficult years. And why my brother came from Washington to help mama.

Barter was a big part of life during that decade. Aunt Ella was an integral part of my life for five or six years. But for her, I'm sure it was, in reality, food and shelter in exchange for baby-sitting chores. I was grown before I figured out that the dentist, Dr. Winchester, came regularly for

eggs and chickens in exchange for our dental work. Tramps often came to ask for food, I recall, but mama required them to chop wood or perform some other outdoor chore before she served them with a plate of food on the back steps.

The student who made the doll clothes received some help she needed in return. I'm certain it was not money.

Those two summers at Piedmont made it possible for mama to recover from a "nervous breakdown", while at the same time getting paid to teach in a getaway place, while providing those children with a measure of education.

Writing the pageant provided mama with a job to tide her over for those two summers. Often she tutored a few private students during

the summer. Those three years at Rutherford College provided us with food and shelter, but it also provided students who could not have furthered their education otherwise, with a work-study program in an accredited school setting.

Mama chose not to discuss finances or the lack of money with me until in her sixties, when she said to me, "For the first time in my adult life, I'm out of debt."

Now that I look back on those hardscrabble years, I think, "What a woman my mother was!" It was her ingenuity and strong faith that carried us through such a time. It was due to her that my childhood years during the Great Depression were such carefree and happy years.

**The article below was read to the
Wilkes Historical Society
in February 1955
by Lucy Hubbard Critcher**

The Moravian Falls Academy was established in 1876 and was run successfully as a boarding school until 1906. The idea of an academy really began in the one-room log school, Edgewood, near Moravian Falls on the Lenoir road. The building is standing today and has been used as a tenant house for years. Edgewood served as a school during the week and a community church on Sunday. The church was non-denominational and the people of the community worshipped together in fine fellowship. Mr. Houston Steelman came from over on the river each Sunday bringing his Melodeon strapped to the back of his buggy. He played the Melodeon and Mr. Joel T. Gilreath lead the singing. The favorite song books used were *Sweet Fields of Eden* and *Christian Harmony*. In connection with the church and school was a temperance organization which met one evening

during the week. A newspaper named *The Mountain Star* was published each week and read to the school on Friday afternoon. I have a copy of the paper dated October 8, 1875. Among the early teachers at Edgewood were Joel Gilreath, Milas Crouch, and J. F. Spainhour. There was a pronounced thirst for learning among the pupils and with the idea of meeting the needs of the community, plans were drawn for the Moravian Falls Academy.

With the wholehearted support of the patrons of the school, among whom were R. A. Spainhour, T. P. Parlier, W. H. Hubbard, Joel Gilreath, S. H. Bobbitt, Coffey Laws, Daniel Leach, R. L. Hix, Joel Spainhour, and others, the academy was erected and upheld in a civic-minded manner.

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Wilkes Historical Society reading by Lucy Hubbard Critcher

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Those who were able gave money and materials, others gave of their time and labor. The building was a large, two-story structure containing six rooms - a chapel, library, society hall, study and recitation halls. The building was situated in a grove of trees and the schoolyard was cleared by boys who were thus punished for their misdemeanors. The minimum scholastic fee was one dollar per month. The fee increased in accordance with the number of subjects the student desired to take, however, the maximum tuition was not more than four dollars per month. The school grew steadily and its reputation soon attracted the attention of other sections of Wilkes and surrounding counties. Every available room in the village was filled and it was necessary to build small houses which were called "offices" to accommodate the young men and women who enrolled in the school. Furnished room and board, including fuel, lights, and laundry could be found in the best of homes for six or seven dollars per month. Students wishing to board themselves could rent a room accommodating four persons at a rate of fifty cents per month.

Mr. J. F. Spainhour taught the last term at old Edgewood and the first term at the newly constructed academy. In 1878, Mr. Spainhour accepted a position with a law firm in Morganton and later became one of the most prominent lawyers in Burke County and for fourteen years held the office of solicitor. Dr. George W. Greene was elected principal to succeed Mr. Spainhour. Under the management and aggressiveness of Dr. Greene, the academy took great strides in the educational field. The faculty was

increased and a broader course of study was available. The academy then boasted a literary society, the Philomatic Debating Society, music department and military training. The faculty was composed of the following: Miss Janie Gilreath, teacher of the first form; Miss Amanda L. Greene, teacher of the second form; W. R. Hendren, teacher of the third form; M. L. Kesler, teacher of the fourth form; G. W. Greene, principal and teacher of the fifth and six forms; Miss Mattie Winchester, teacher of instrumental music. At that time there were approximately 200 pupils enrolled. Much time and energy was spent on the commencement programs which lasted for one week. If the weather was favorable, the stage was built outside and the widows were taken out and the openings used for stage doors. This was necessary because the building would not near seat the tremendous crowds which flocked in during this season. One commencement program was particularly pretty as the girls were dressed in pink chambray which lent an air of gaiety to the occasion. The following is taken from a school catalog published in 1883: "The discipline will not be burdensome to those who wish to study, but those who desire only amusement are not encouraged to come. The principal will inform parents when their children fail to improve their time. It is desired also to surround the student with influences favorable for the cultivation of the heart as well as the mind. The neighborhood is remarkable for the morality of its citizens and for freedom from demoralizing tendencies. The school is opened every morning with reading the scriptures, singing, and prayer."

In 1887, Dr. Greene was

elected professor of Latin at Wake Forest college and he served in that capacity for three years. He went to China in 1890 as a missionary and remained there until his death in 1920. Professors Patton, Hendren, Allen, Beach, Weaver, and Surratt were principals in turn. All of these men carried high the banner of education and its precepts. In 1906 the academy was discounted for the reason that up-to-date schools supported by the state were being erected.

Many of the fine leaders of the state and county went to school at the Moravian Falls Academy. The late Mr. Archie Allen who served as State Superintendent of Schools went to school there. While not all made outstanding records, however, most of the pupils became fine, law-abiding citizens in their communities. There was one student, Walter Griffin, from Columbia, South Carolina, whether he became famous, no one knows. However, he had one distinction that none of the pupils failed to notice. He had a blue eye and a blonde eyebrow and a brown eye and brown eyebrow which created a startled look on his face. The late Mr. C. D. Coffey told me that it was a bit of a shock to him every time he saw Mr. Griffin. Mr. R. Don Laws wrote a poem about the boys at the academy. The poem was written on April 22, 1888, when he was a student there and is called *A Stack of School Boys*.

The building was used until 1926 when it was torn down and replaced by a brick structure. Everyone believed the old building was about ready to fall. When the wind hit it with a hard blast, it would sway, creak, and pop like it would go over any minute. However, when the workmen razed the building they found it to be no little task as the old timbers were sound and put together with wooden pegs.

New Hope Academy
Wilkes County NC
Spainhour Biography
from www.newrivernotes.com

JAMES HENRY SPAINHOUR
- by Frank B. Hendron

James Henry Spainhour was born in Burke county in 1835 and came to Wilkes county in 1858. New Hope Academy in Lewis Fork township, had just been completed and was in quest of a principal. Maj. Jas. H. Foote recommended Mr. Spainhour to the position and he was elected. He remained in this position until the outbreaking of the war, when he enlisted in Company B, Capt. Stokes., which company was attached to First Regiment N.C. Volunteers. Mr. Spainhour being a licensed minister of the Baptist church, was appointed Chaplin of this Regiment in which capacity he served until his death at Fredericksburg, on the 17th day of October, 1861.

It was under Prof. Spainhour's principal-ship, that New Hope Academy enjoyed its brief period of ascendancy among the schools of this county and had its. career not been cut short by the war it would doubtless become one of the leading institutions in the western part of the state. It was located in what was justly considered at that time the most progressive community in the county. The Academy was burned during the war and after that unhappy struggle still-houses took its place and the community long suffered from their blighting influence. Recently, however, the Academy has been rebuilt and the community, which contained some of the best people in the county, is regaining some of its old time activity and progress.

The late Maj. H. Bingham, as well as many of the leading citizens of this county, of the older class received their education of New Hope Academy.

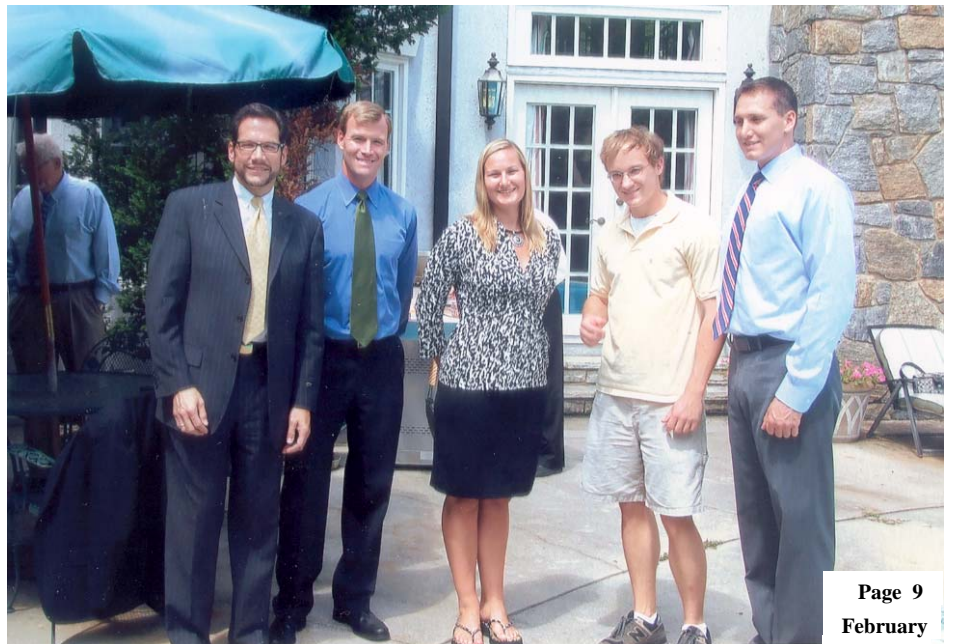
Descendants of *Peter Spaenhauer
Candid photos taken at the memorial service of
Ruby Hattie Spainhour James Mills
July 29, 2009

**Peter Spaenhauer was the son of Jacobus Wernhardt (Werner) Spaenhauer and his second wife Elizabeth Lohner and the step-brother to Johann Jacob Spainhower*



Pictured above left to right: First cousins - Ginny Wagner, Erwin Spainhour, Betty Williams, Kay White, Esten Goldsmith, Robert Hardee, Dee Ginn, William Mills

Pictured below left to right: Rob Spainhour, David Wagner, Jeanne Lambert, William Mills, Rob Lambert



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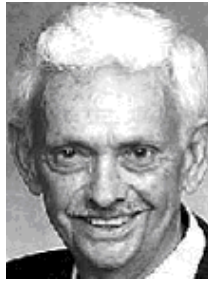


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***In Memory of Family
and Friends***

TUTTLE - Mrs. Audrey Spainhour Tuttle, 76, died Thursday, October 1, 2009. She was born October 9, 1932 in Forsyth County to Charlie Derman and Mary Evelyn Southern Spainhour. Audrey was a member of Mountain View Baptist Church where she had served as church treasurer and on several various committees over the years. Along with her parents, she was preceded in death by a son, Pete Tuttle, five brothers, Jack, Ralph, Fred, Kenneth, and Michael Spainhour, and a sister, Elsie Spainhour. She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Grady Lee Tuttle; a daughter, Sandra (Bill) Kiger; a son, Donald (Nancy) Tuttle; five grandchildren, Julie (Adam) Tackett, Karen (Joe) Brickey, Lori (A.J.) Wall, and Austin and Audrey Kiger; four great grandchildren, Brittney Brickey, Dillon Wall, Zackary Tackett, and Cameron Wall; two sisters, Rachel Hicks, and Deborah Trivette; three brothers, Melvin, Tony, and Keith Spainhour; a sister-in-law, Polly Spainhour; and a special friend, Marie Alberg. Funeral services were held 3 p.m., Sunday, October 4, 2009 at Mountain View Baptist Church with the Rev. James Saul officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery. Memorials may be made to Mountain View Baptist Church, P. O. Box 1569, King, NC.



SPAINHOUR - Mr. Johnny Howard Spainhour, 81, died Monday, February 15, 2010 at the Kate B. Reynolds Hospice Home. He was born May 16, 1928 in Forsyth County to Albert Vestal and Mattie Jane Gunter Spainhour. Mr. Spainhour retired from AT&T in Winston-Salem. Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers, Hobson, Walter, and Donald Spainhour. He is survived by his wife, Beulah Mae Collins Spainhour of the home; a daughter, Angie (Steve) Tucker of W-S; a son, Rolland (Debbie) Spainhour of Wallburg; a sister, Sylvia (Arvil) Jester of Pfafftown; four grandchildren, Wesley Spainhour, Meredith Triplett, Kyle and Alyson Howell; three great-grandchildren. A memorial service was held 1:00 p.m., Thursday, February 18, 2010 at Slate Funeral Home in King, with the Rev. Jenna Grogan and the Rev. Charles Penley officiating. The family received friends following the service. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Kate B. Reynolds Hospice Home, 101 Hospice Lane, Winston - Salem, NC 27103.

SPAINHOUR - Essie Pratt Spainhour, age 93, of King, widow of the late John

Walter Spainhour, passed away on Thursday, November 19, 2009 at Priddy Manor in King, NC. Mrs. Spainhour was born in Surry County on September 1, 1916 to the late Nathaniel and Elvia Lane Pratt. Essie is survived by a loving daughter, Julia Spainhour of Winston-Salem; two wonderful granddaughters, Jenifer Lynn Hart of Burlington and Allison H. Lancaster of Richmond, VA; one great-grandson, D. Gray Messer; three sisters, Avis Bottoms, Ernestine (Richard) Boner, Frances (Alvin) Fulk; and three brothers, John (Dorothy) Pratt, Grady (Joann) Pratt, Delmar Ray (Inita) Pratt; Amy Pratt and Louise Fulk Pratt. Essie was preceded in death by her parents; husband; two sons, John A. and Bobby Charles Spainhour; four sisters; and four brothers. A Graveside Service was held on Saturday, November 21, 2009 at Jefferson Church of Christ Cemetery at 10:30 a.m. with Minister Jerry Simpkins officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Mountain Valley Hospice and Palliative Care of Mt. Airy, 401 Technology Lane, Ste 200, Mt. Airy, NC 27030. The family would like to extend their sincere appreciation to the staff of Priddy Manor in King for their love and care.

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Some details are still in the planning stages but we do have a special speaker scheduled. Who? - Well, he's a well-known local TV personality and author and regional history and genealogy enthusiast. More details in next newsletter.....