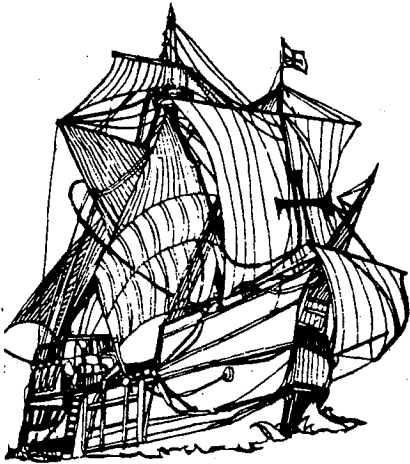


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A LOST NAFFZIGER FAMILY ;;



Every so often a letter comes to us that requires the utmost attention of all of our readers. Such is the case with a letter received from Lorraine Bartolf of Garden City, New York. If all of the Naffzigers who receive the newsletter go to work on the problem we believe that a solution can be found in a short period of time. Here are excerpts taken from her letter

"My mother died when I was very small so there isn't much information that I can pass onto you. My father, Arthur Naffziger, died in 1978. After the death of my mother, my sister, brothers and I were placed in a Lutheran orphanage in Muscatine, Iowa. Our is a long story, but my brothers and sister remain a close family, in spite of being brought up in an orphanage, both in Iowa and Illinois. My father was not able to pass on much information. However, I plan to discuss further, with my five brothers and sister, any additional information they may have. I am very curious about our family heritage and I am looking forwards to reading any forthcoming newsletters".

"It may be of interest to you to know that my father's family consisted of at least twelve children. Walnut, Illinois seems to be the family residence for awhile. We are unsure of where most of our relatives once lived".

Our readers should keep in mind that Naffzigers who tie to the family line that settled in and around Bureau County, Illinois are likely to be able to help Lorraine. Also, keep Dixon, Illinois and Lee County in mind. The two places may be important clues. I may have some information on file but it is going to take some time to dig through all of the information and identify the ones that may have lived in the Bureau-Lee County area.

Presently, I have been overwhelmed with records, papers and letters and it takes some time before I can retrieve information from the files. The idea is to help Lorraine and her family get in touch with some of her lost relatives and to help her identify her ancestors and Naffziger heritage. We are certain that with a Naffziger family of 12 children, there must be a lot of ancestors around. We hope some of them will write the News.

THE CARROLL NAFZIGER PUBLICATION ON THE CHRISTIAN NAFZIGER FAMILY LINE OF HOPEDALE, ILLINOIS IS READY FOR SALE. COPIES CAN BE OBTAINED BY SENDING TEN DOLLARS TO THE HERITAGE NEWS 120 EDGEWOOD DRIVE, GRAFTON, OHIO, 44044 .

The Carroll Nafziger publication brings home a point that genealogy can be a rather cruel hobby. Carroll worked his genealogy for many years, traveled thousands of miles, talked to a lot of people, made hundreds of telephone calls and wrote thousands of letters. When we amassed his years of genealogical effort into a publication, it did not come out to match his supreme effort - BIG.

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We are in receipt of a nice letter from Erma Nafziger of Hopedale, Illinois. She reports that her husband, Vilas (descendant of Christian N. of Hopedale) is recovering from hand surgery. Skin grafts were performed on both hands but he is doing nicely with the recovery process. Erma writes that she is a descendant of Peter H. and wife Katharina Unsicker. Their children are Valentine, Jacob, Magdalena, Barbara and Lizetta. Daughter Magdalena married Peter J. Naffziger who was a grandson of Valentine of Gauersheim. Keep in mind that Valentine of Gauersheim had a son and stepson named Peter. That is because he married a Nafziger widow with children. Given more time and through a search of Ray Noftzger's material, I believe that we can identify the husband, which I believe is Valentin of Hochheim, and thus they would be the parents which was a question that Irma asked in her letter. Peter J. Nafziger is the grandfather of Irma, our nice letter writer to the News.

Our thanks to Alma Kauffmann of Hopedale, Illinois for writing to us. Her grandfather is Peter J. Naffziger whose father is Jacob Naffziger (married to Barbara Grabeil and son of Valentin of Hochheim but when he was married to Magdalena Spring. Refer to the foregoing letter from Irma Nafziger and keep in mind that Irma is talking about Magdalena N. who married Peter J. Naffziger. Both of the N. line traced to a Valentine But this lines trace to Valentin of Hochheim. He died in 1800 and his widow married Valentin of Gauersheim. It gets quite confusing so I had better quit while I think I am ahead.

We thought we would try to put out a newsletter without using Ray Noftzger's very valuable information. It is difficult because he has so much valuable research material on the Nafzger heritage. But we must print this bit of news for Ray. He is the father of a son, David Raymond, born in June. Tina and Ray appear to be withstanding the joys of a new arrival and the late hours that usually goes with such an arrival quite well. Our congratulations to Tina and Ray.

Information sent to us by Ruth Marie (Noffsinger) Burnett of Lexington, Missouri.

My great-great grandfather, DAVID S. NOFFSINGER died in Fincastle, Virginia. His wife was Mary Stover, who was born in 1779, approximately. Seven children are listed. (there may be more by a first wife).

Frances A. Noffsinger born June 10, 1803 in Botetourt County, Virginia. married to Christan II Moomaw. Eleven children: William II, David Lewis, Mary Catharine, John Noffsinger, Sarah A., Diana, Hiram, Eleizabeth F., Pauline J., Julia Ann, Martha Susan.

John S. Noffsinger born in 1803, Botetourt County, Virginia. Married to Elizabeth Trout. Moved to Missouri in 1856. Eight children; Susan E., Mary J., George S., Julia A., Sarah C., Charles E., Margaret F., and Newton S.

David C. Noffsinger born February 8, 1818 in Botetourt County, Virginia. Moved to Missouri in 1845. Died in Missouri June 23, 1895. Married to Mary C. Grove in Augusta County, Virginia April 5, 1839. Eight children: Frances, George, John S., Levona Eliza, Paulina Grove, Mary Margaret, Cornelia Pierce, Matilda Jane and Jessey Martin.

William Noffsinger - Born in 1808, Died in infancy.

Elizabeth Noffsinger Married John Houts or Hontz. Before the Civil War, they resided in Roanoke County, Virginia, near "Big Lick".

Catharine Noffsinger Married a Dr. Barnes of Virginia.

Sarah Noffsinger - Married a William Carlton - lived near South Bend, Indiana.

Our thanks to Mrs. Ray Svejda of Kansas City, Missouri for sending information on the John Richer family. John Richer married a daughter of Christian Nafziger whose wife and children came to America in 1847 and settled in Fulton County, Ohio. We have a good listing of descendants of sons of this family but had only limited material on the daughters of the family. Christian Nafziger is a brother to Valentine Nafziger who emigrated to America in 1837.

Mrs. Kenneth Gilmore of Northport Alabama writes us to express appreciation for Ray Nofstger's material published in the last issue of the News. Mrs. Gilmore says "He may have solved our puzzle about Elizabeth Naftzinger's parentage (see page 28, Column 2). Elizabeth Naftzinger is an early one that turns up in the very early 1800's in Ohio. Records show that she used the spelling used exclusively by children of Mathias Naftzinger of Berks County, Pennsylvania who emigrated to America in 1749. But we cannot make any connection to the family.

Our thanks to Rene Davis of Bloomington, Illinois for writing. It was nice to hear from her and we are glad for her renewed interest in genealogy.

Evelyn Martinez of San Jose, California is not much closer to identifying the Noffsinger which turns up in her line. He is Legrand Noffsinger, born 1827 in Kentucky. He married Elizabeth, born 1832 in Michigan. In 1850, they lived in Adams County, Illinois. It would appear that he died in 1949-51 period. Elizabeth's maiden name is Thompson. In 1850, they had one son, Russel and probably Elizabeth sister, Louisa living with them in Adams County. If any of our readers can help Evelyn, please write to her at 1053 S. White Road, San Jose, California, 95127.

Perhaps, Muriel Oliver of St. Petersburg, Florida and Azalia Nofstger Hill of Union, Missouri hold the record for paid up subscription to the NHN. Our records show that they are paid to the year 1990. We appreciate their confidence in us. We hope to be around that long and still publishing the newsletter. We are sure that there will be lots of good Nafzger family information in the year 1990.

Mrs. Alice Baker of Lexington, Kentucky is a descendant of Lydia Noffsinger who married Abraham Sink in 1815 at Montgomery County, Ohio. We do not have much information on this family. We hope that Mrs. Baker will be able to update the line. Rudolph had at least two grand daughters named Lydia. We do not have any information on either one. The most likely connection is that Lydia is the daughter of John Noffsinger who married Catherine Koontz. The family moved to Montgomery County in about 1800. John and Catherine are buried at the Noffsinger Cemetery in Montgomery County near the church which he helped established. John was born in 1751, the son of Rudolph Noffsinger who emigrated to America in 1749. Lydia was born in 1775. All of the great grandchildren we have listed for Rudolph was born 1810 or after making it unlikely that she could have been a great grandchild. It is almost certain that this line will trace to Rudolph Noffsinger because that is the only line who lived in Montgomery County during this period and spelled the name "Noffsinger". We hope this information will be of some help to Mrs. Baker who is seeking data on the parents of Lydia and Abraham.

Our thanks to Lowell Z Nosker of Yellow Springs, Ohio for writing. He was visiting in the Cleveland area and almost decided to come to Grafton for a visit. We are sorry that he did not do so because I am sure that I would have enjoyed his visit.

The following information was sent to us by George Nafziger of West Chester, Ohio. George Nafziger sent the information for the benefit of relatives who requested information on the Gunerich family lines that may have married Nafzger lines. We hope John Byler of Mercer, Pennsylvania and Bessie-Anna Smelser Fillmore of Cottonwood, Arizona take note of the crossover of the two families in Germany. The nice list was prepared by Herman Guth, a long time friend of the News. Also, please note the crossover of the Holly, Roggy, Ehresmann, Schwarzentruher and other families that also occurred in the U.S.A. after their arrival.

Auf den Spuren der Mennoniten-Höfe

Ein Fahrplan für die Straßburger Amerikafahrer

km	Fahrstrecke	Eingerückt wahlweise anzufahrende Orte	Hinweise auf Sehenswürdigkeiten und Namen ehem. menn. Bewohner
0	Straßburg-Autobahn		
16	Brumath-Landstraße		
12	Hagenau		Ehemalige deutsche Reichsstadt, Residenz Kaiser Barbarossas, Reste der Stadtbefestigung Großes Waldstück, dahinter auf Nebenstraße
	Hagenauer Forst		
10	Surburg Sultz i. Wald (Sultz sous forêts)	Kutzenhausen	(Güngrich)
6	Ingolsheim	Birlenbach	(Nafziger)
3	Riedseltz	Diefenbacherhof Willenbacherhof Steinseltz Schafbusch Geisberg	(Dettweiler, Schmitt, Hüngrich) (Roggy, Müller, Schowalter) (eingegangen, Nafziger, Holly) (Güngrich, Nafziger, Jotter) alte Mennonitengemeinde (Lehmann, Schowalter Sitz einer menn. Gemeinde (Hirschler, Ehresmann, Hege, Schowalter, Kreienbühl) mit eig. Betsaal im ehemal. Schloß (1870 und 1944 im Krieg zerstört)
6	Weißenburg (Wissembourg)		Alte deutsche Reichsstadt mit Resten der Stadtbefestigung und hist. Bauten (s. oben)
2	Weiler		In der Stadt Abzweigung nach (Hoier, Schenk) Langenbergerhof (Schantz) Auf dem Vogelsberg (Mont d'Oiseaux) jetzt mennonitisches Kinderheim
1	Grenzübergang St. Germanshof	(Joder)	
8	Niederschlettenbach		Abzweigung rechts (Nebenstraße)
6	Erlenbach		Burg Berwartstein (Bärbelstein) früher auch Bärbelsteinerhof (Nafziger, Holly, Schwarzentruher, Rinkenberger, Hochstätler, Roeles, Oesch, Wirtz)
10	Bad Bergzabern		heute Heilbad, früher Amtstadt der Herzöge von Zweibrücken, sehenswerte alte Gebäude (s. oben)
		Kaplaneihof Deutschhof Hafelhof	heute Mennonitengemeinde (Schowalter, Eymann, Andre) Dettweiler, Schmitt)
26	Landau		ehemal. deutsche Reichsstadt, später franz. Festung, heute Gartenstadt, frühe Taufergemeinde
		Mühlhofen	(Holly, Danner)
5	Essingen		ehemals Besitz der Herren von Dalberg, auf deren Hof Ältester Hans Nafziger, 1759 und 1779 Versammlungen mennonit. Abgesandter (Bürky, Vester, Güngrich, Nafziger, von Huben) Rückfahrt über Knöringen (Zehr) nach

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8	Albersweiler		Einfahrt ins Annweiler Tal, alte Mennonitengemeinde (Eicher, Affolter)
		Eußerthal	ehem. Kloster mit mennonit. Pachthöfen
		Pfalzhof	(Güngrich, Eger, Koch, Uhlmann)
		Vogelstockerhof	(Eger, Jotter, Rees, Schneider, Steinmann)
		Geilweilerhof	(Nafziger, Baumann)
		Gräfenhausen	mit Rothehof (Nafziger, Ehresmann)
6	Annweiler		alte Stadt mit drei hist. Burgen
	Rinnthal		darunter Abzweigung nach rechts ins
	Wellbachtal/Hofstätten		(Habecker, Imhof)
15	Johanniskreuz		Luftkurort, Mittelpunkt des Pfälzer Waldes, Möglichkeit zum Mittagessen
5	Trippstadt		ehem. Dorf der Herren von Hacke, Schloß, heut Luftkurort
		Wilensteinerhof	alter Mennonitensitz mit Mennonitenfriedhof (Imhof, Zehr, Zuck, Roggi, Göngrich)
		Lauberhof	Roggi)
		Schmalenberg	(Schwarzentruber, Schenk)
18	Waldfischbach		Industriestadt (Schuhe) am Rande des Wasgaus
12	Pirmasens		Abzweigung links nach
10	Hinterweidenthal		Abzweigung rechts nach
10	Dahn		Luftkurort mit Burgen und Felsbildung Jungfernsprung.
		Bärenbrunnerhof	alter Mennonitensitz (Güngrich, Guth)
			Abzweigung Richtung Lemberg über
		Glashütterhof	
		Stephanshof	
		Ransbrunnerhof	alter Mennonitensitz (Guth, heute Herzler)
20	Eppenbrunn		mit großartiger Felsbildung Altschloß
	Fischbach		
	Schönau		
22	Hirschthal		Grenzübergang
		Burg Fleckenstein	
		Fleckensteinerhof	(Nafziger, Güngrich)
12	Lembach		von hier über Wörth-Hagenau oder über
	Niedersteinbach		(Frönsburgerhof, alte Mennonitengemeinde (Steiner, Schantz, Guth, Güngrich)
	Wineckertal		
		Windstein	mit Günstalerhof, Sulztalerhof (nicht zugänglich)
		Nehweiler	(ehem. Guth, Christner, Ösch, Zehr, Unzicker, Zimmermann, Müller) und Köhlerhof (Eyer, Holly)
12	Reichshofen		
18	Hagenau		
29	Straßburg		
ca. 300 km			

We want to thank all of the Nafzgers who invited Rolf Nafziger of Ludenscheid, West Germany to their homes for a visit. As most Germans discover when they visit the USA, our public transportation system is not very economical or convenient. Also, the USA is a large place and it takes a great deal of funds to move from place to place via our not so good transportation system. This is an explanation of why it was not possible to Rolf to visit with many of you who extending an invitation to come to your home.

We are sorry to learn of the death of Donovan C. Jacoby, age 60 years. Died October 25, 1984 in Wilmington, Delaware. Survived by his wife, Janice Kline Jacoby, daughter of Galen E and Ruth L. Kline of Carlisle Pennsylvania. Burial at Price Church, Waynesboro, Pennsylvania. Ruth L. Kline died February 13, 1985, age 83 years, survived by Husband, Galen E. Kline and Janice K. Jacoby, Eugene E of York, Pennsylvania and Richard M. of Indianapolis, Indiana. Burial at Price Church Cemetery, Waynesboro, Pennsylvania. Galen Kline is a long time subscriber of the News He is the son of Minnie E. Nofziger Kline, daughter of Jacob Plank Nofziger who is a son of Valentine Nofziger, emigrated to America in 1831. Our sympathy to Galen who we consider a fine friend and family historian.

Our thanks of Lisa J. Nafziger of Lancaster, California for writing. She received a copy of the Christian Nafziger book of the Hopedale, Illinois family She was pleased with the information.

Muriel Oliver of St. Petersburg, Florida writes to tell us that Elmer Moseman Kennel died January 7, 1985. Elmer was 92 years old and had been ill for only six months. Memorial services were held in Lakeland, Florida. The Kennel family crosses Nafziger families a number of times including some in Europe prior to the emigration to America. In the U.S.A., most of the connection appears to be with Valentine Naffziger of Gauerheim.

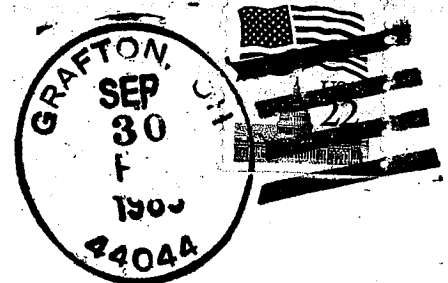
Excerpts from letter of Marjorie Gautsche - In Vol. 9 No. 3 I was very interested in the information of birth records for Valentin Nafziger's family. Is there any way I could get a copy of the record of birth for Jacob son of Valentine. He is an ancestor of Charles Gautsche. I would also be interested in a copy of the record of death for Madeline Nofziger and Peter himself, if they are the parents of Valentine. (The Peter may be his brother) If both of these, Madeline and Peter died in 1827 was Peter the father or son?

What a find it is for me that Ray Noftzger has found our that Christian and Valentine are brothers. Charles is a descendant of Valentine; I am a descendant of Christian.

If the record states that Peter Nafziger born in 1731 was born and died on the same estate where he was a tenant---isn't there records of his father's name? Could the Peter Schanz of Merenbergerhof anmed in Vol. 14 No. 1 as being one of the four families living in 1775 in the Weilburg area in Hesse-Nassau. From the Records of John D. Nofzinger, Peter Schantz was the father of his wife Catherine Schantz. The dates would about fit. I do not know my Germany geography well enough to know if this is possible. It would be a lead for us in the ancestors another generation back. (those of us who are in the Christian Nafziger family.

Editor's Note - I will have to ask Ray Noftzger of Philadelphia, Pa. to help us with most of the answers to questions raised by Marjorie. Obtaining records in the U.S.A. is easier than in Europe. In the U.S., one can go to the courthouse which houses the public records and obtain a copy. For the most part, they do not have a courthouse found in every county as we do here. The process of obtaining copies of most European records can be very expensive. For example, I obtained birth records of the Peter Nafziger family of Illbach and it cost me \$45.00. Cost of getting such copies prohibit us from adding them to our collection. The death record of Madeline and Peter should be found in the Wayne County courthouse. However, it may not be a certificate as we find now. It could be just a listing in a book kept at the courthouse. Also, it was not necessary to record every death as they do today. So many of the deaths in that year were never recorded. Another problem may be when Wayne County was formed.

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