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A Family That Doesn't Know Its Past Doesn't Understand Itself

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SOME SCHUENEMAN COUSINS

Of

Gerhard, Lambert, Albert,

Photo from the 1998 Schueneman Reunion, August, 2, 1998 in Johnsburg, Illinois

In this 2004 issue of the Schueneman Family, I thought it would be interesting to follow up on the families of the children of Johann Heinrich and Maria Catherine. There were seven children who survived but only five have descendants today.

To refresh your memory in the back row on the left is my grandfather who I call Lambert but he never used that name and always went by John. Next to him is Albert who has many descendants. Then next is Anna with no descendants. Gerhard next to her also has many descendants. In the front row on the left is Katherine with descendants. Henry is in the middle and has no descendants. Elizabeth on the right has a myriad of descendants.

The picture on the cover is from the Schueneman Reunion which took place in Johnsburg. It was the result of the Schueneman Family book, which at that time was at the publishers.

Taking my clue from the Reunion book I sent letters to those of the five whose addresses were still current in my files. Although these files were from 1998, I had kept in contact with some of the cousins because of the Schueneman newsletter I send out each year at this time. This is the 2004 issue.

The results from my letters asking for news and pictures of family members were surprising. Marcella, a descendant of Albert, responded almost immediately. If you remember, she received the reward for being the oldest at the Reunion. She is 92 today and still a wonderful correspondent. I tried to use the addresses I had for some of her siblings but the letters were returned and I did not wish to bother Marcella further.

And my dear, dear cousin John Schueneman from Gerhard again came to my aid. Fortuitously, you will learn about a trip that was in progress while I was preparing this issue. I decided to include it in depth because it is related to the Schuenemann history book.

Unfortunately, Katherine's descendant, Marilynn Sherry, had just lost her husband so the timing was not propitious for her. However, I did have a conversation with her when she called about my letter. Her children were with her and I spoke with Timothy who had just had a new addition to their family named after Dr. Stanley Sherry who had just passed away. I was very reluctant to intrude with more questions at that time.

There was no word from Elizabeth's descendants, the Kristans, and I'm very sorry about that for I should have liked to have given you some news of that family. I do know that there is a book being published about North Chicago and it will have a chapter on the Kristans and mention of Albert's family. I tried to get a copy but those letters were not answered either.

John's descendants also are numerous. Unfortunately, Ted's family is going through a tough time with a son who is being treated for leukemia..

Obviously I could not report on all the cousins of the Schueneman Clan, which are in the hundreds by now and have grown and multiplied. This is just a small report.

MARCELLA SCHUENEMAN
FROM ALBERT

Marcella Schueneman, at age 92, a descendant of Albert, represents the epitome of all our Schueneman cousins and is the most reliable. Whenever I write her for information, she never fails me. Marcella at this time lives with her youngest sibling Sr. Margot (Rita) in a retirement center in St. Francis, Wisconsin.

Her family is enormous and this is what she wrote me about our cousins from Albert, brother to Lambert (John).

Quoting Marcella's letter, "Betty and Ray (Beyer) celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on October 7th of 2004.

Betty and Ray Beyer

In July the whole Beyer family went to Seattle, Washington to be with their son Jim and Charlotte whose son Matthew was married to Tiffanee Graff on July 10.

For new births this year we have a son born to Paula Jean (Beyer) Hietpas and Geoffery named Julian Becker on March 24.

Then Tim Beyer (son of Mike and Patricia) had a son Cole Thomas on Sept 16, 2004.

We had one death in the family, Carol Ann, daughter of Rick and Margaret Sauve. She died October 12, 2004.

I don't know who sends you information of the Rigwood family but Therese and Ed celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in July 2004.

Picture of the Edward Rigwood Family

I think that's about all the news I have for you now...."

Marcella went on to say that Linda Belski, who was a Beyer, works at Lake Forest High School. She knows Dr. Griffith but didn't make the connection that they were cousins.

Marcella did remember that Dr. Griffith handed her the prize for being the oldest person at the 1998 Reunion.

Marcella is one of nine children of her father, also Albert. The elder Albert, her grandfather, had eight children so you can imagine how many first cousins Marcella has. Marcella herself was Elvera (Nana) Schueneman's first cousin once removed. She is the one who provided me with much of the information in the Schueneman history book and obviously is someone I can still call on when I need to.

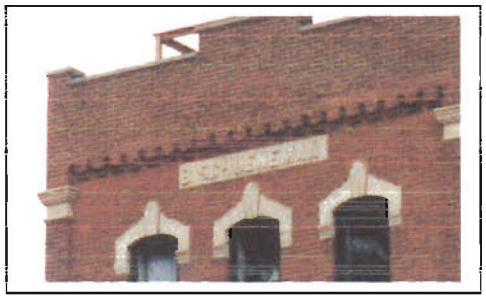
In a small way, this is a little tribute to Marcella, a Schueneman who can be depended on for whatever is asked of her. I am very proud she is my cousin. She is a lovely lady.

ULRICH VISITS THE U.S.A.
JOHN FROM GERHARD

This name won't ring a bell with you until I explain. No, Ulrich Holscher is not a cousin but he is the one who was such a tremendous help for the Schuenemann history in Ochtrup. Ulrich is the one who wrote the Foreword in the History and who was instrumental in my securing so many of the old records of the families.

Ever since John Schueneman, descendant of Gerhard, visited Ulrich in Germany they have been making plans for Ulrich's first visit to the U.S. One night I received a call and it was Ulrich with John in Waukegan. Of course it was wonderful to talk with him again but he would have no time to come to Texas.

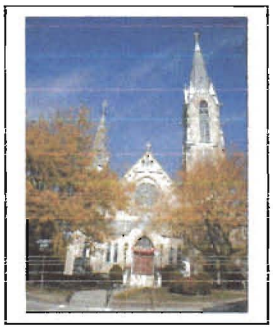
However, John arranged for him to see some of the places of the Schuenemans. For example, they went to Chicago and saw the Schueneman building on Milwaukee Ave. and maybe the one erected after the Chicago Fire, by Bernhard , brother of Johann.



Above: Bernhard's Building. →
: Leo's Building.

They also went to the Johnsburg Cemetery. Ulrich sent me these pictures, which he took of the cemetery .

St. Johns →



Gerhard's tombstone at the cemetery
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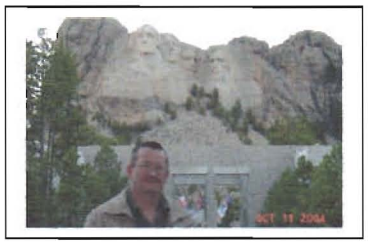
Probably the highlight of his trip was the drive west to the house John was constructing in South Dakota. Before they arrived at the Black Hills they drove through several States on the way so Ulrich was able to see much of the north of the U.S.

John and Ulrich on the trip

This is John's account of their trip. "The second week of the visit we headed west to the Black Hills of South Dakota....stopped at the Badlands National Park for a view of what the moon must look like. Then it was on to Mt. Rushmore at sunset. We caught it just right to view the Presidents in

daylight and hang[sic] around for the nightly lighting.



Ulrich at Mt. Rushmore

The nightly lighting of Mt. Rushmore

The only other notable things we did were to have dinner in Deadwood and tour the Number 10 Saloon where Wild Bill Hickok was shot dead. And tour Devil's Tower National Park where Ulrich had to get a picture of a prairie dog.

We have five grandchildren from 4 to 14 years old. Every Fourth of July we take them all to South Dakota for a week's vacation. The highlight is always the local Belle Fourche [sic]parade and real cowboy rodeo."

I also asked John for information about all his uncles. This is the answer I received.

"Getting information from my uncles isn't going very well, but here's what I can report. Raymond John "Jay" and wife "PR" still live in Ft. Myers, Florida. Jay has recovered from so many health issues and they say he's getting by just fine. Jay is 74.

Joseph Thomas and wife Judy both just retired from lay service to the Catholic Church where they had been running a retreat center near Danville, Kentucky. I haven't confirmed the rumor that they purchased a fifth wheel trainer to tour the country and visit their kids but it sounds right up their alley. Joe is 71. He's got so many grandchildren, I've lost count.

Daniel retired from the chemical business on 9/30/2003. He and his second wife DeeAnn still reside in Moline, Illinois. Dan is 66 and has seven grandchildren.

Michael and his wife Pat live in Antioch, Illinois. Mike is 63 and recovered from a near death illness last year. He had a main vein in his chest rupture without warning and almost didn't make it.

Other Gerhard descendents include Robert. Bob was still playing his horn in the band and accompanied by his daughters Rita and Nancy, lovely voices.

As for me, the semi-annual CT scans haven't found any new tumors...I feel great.

That's it from this cub reporter..."

Ulrich writes from Germany. "I did have a great time. ...It was very beautiful in South Dakota."

This is my report from Gerhard's descendants. I would say if you meet any one with the name Schueneman he could be one of John's uncles or nephews.

The men all seemed to have outlived their sister Joan who died two years ago. I don't have any information about it.

MITZI'S PHOTO JOURNEY VISITING COUSINS IN SAN DIEGO AND ILLINOIS

MITZI FROM LAMBERT JOHN

Mitzi Griffith, from Lambert John, decided to take a hiatus from work in Austin, Texas and visit family in San Diego and the Chicago area. The following are some of the pictures she took of the cousins during her trip. Here she is with Howard, her son, and his cousin, Carolyn Northrup. Mitzi had great fun visiting all the cousins. The next picture is the newest cousin with Suzanne Kauss.

Suzanne is holding Benjamin Northrup, born August 5, 2004 youngest of all the Lambert John cousins.

No photo journey would be complete without a picture of the father of the baby, Christopher Northrup. Christopher is holding August, his first son.

And here Mitzi's picture shows us the Griffith cousins.

There is Susan, the wife of Howard, and their two children, Jonathon and Paris, plus Amanda, daughter of Tom Griffith. Of course these are cousins of the aforementioned Northrup and Kauss family.

My favorite of Mitzi's pictures is below of the Anderson twins, Hunter and Logan, engrossed in watching Paris play the piano. Hunter and Logan are grandchildren of Suzanne (children of her daughter Christine and her husband Tom).

After seeing all the cousins in San Diego, Mitzi headed to Chicago where there were a myriad of others. But her picture taking in Chicago was mainly of the Griffith family. The following pictures are of her family in Chicago. These are all cousins to the others mentioned.

The two Debbies

Brian and Melanie

On the left, Durland, Debbie and Idonna at their Chicago home.

On the right, Mitzi and Rebekah

And back to Austin after her visit. The picture below is of David and Ellen's wedding. In it are many more cousins but still some are missing, but Mitzi is back home in Texas with all the cousins in Austin. Mitzi sent many more pictures of her trip but I couldn't use them all. I do thank her for replying to my request for cousins.

MARY'S MESSAGES

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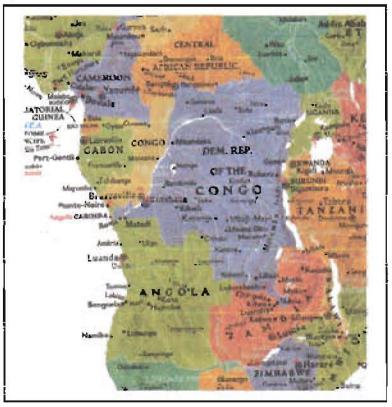
I know this issue is all about our Schueneman cousins but since this is the last one for 2004 I want to mention another cousin from another family. In the past I found a couple of Elson cousins in Illinois. One of them when visiting another in Waco, Tx recently rented a car and drove to San Antonio so that we could compare notes on our Elson heritage. She was only here overnight but it was fun to get together and talk about the Elsons.

I include her picture and that of the cousin in Waco and the other in Illinois. The one who visited me is on the left, Marianne Morgan, the one from Waco is on the right, Jan Starwalt, and the one in the middle from Illinois is Rowena Drennan. Marianne and Jan are third cousins to me once removed and Rowena is a second cousin to me, once removed. They are from Turner Elson who was a brother to our Mary Elizabeth Elson Free. Mary Elizabeth is the grandmother of Harry Elson Durland. I hope I didn't confuse you too much and I apologize to all the Schuenemans who do not share this heritage.

I have just received an email from Mara Caudill about the new assignment Mike has after they are married. I include a new map for your information. It will be in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. On old maps it is the country of Zaire. You will hear all about it at the wedding reception May 7, 2005.



Other family weddings in 2005 are Michael Griffith at the end of May and Patrick Smith in the fall. I knew once all these grandchildren of my sisters grew up new families would start. Mara is my last grandchild to get married but the others are just beginning.

This is the final newsletter of 2004. Nine years ago I began these newsletters specifically to acquaint all of you with the families whose genes we have inherited. I hope through the knowledge of these families you have a better understanding of who you are and where you came from. Today with the mobility of our families and changes in life styles, we can still remember that our ancestors were special and that makes all of us who follow special.