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Descendants and Ancestors

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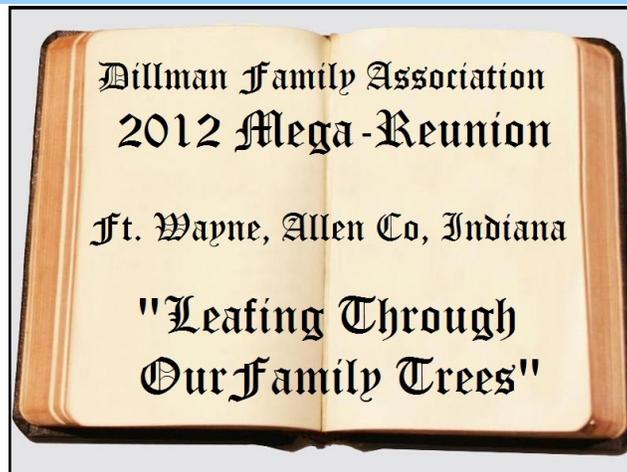
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1. Dillman Mega-Reunion takes place in Ft. Wayne

This year's mega-reunion was filled with excitement as everyone seemed to be learning something new about several of the Dillman groups represented in the DFA as well as in their own particular tree. With attendees from all over the U.S., Canada, England, and Germany, the thirty-plus members were filled with enthusiasm before, during, and after the gathering. There were a number of surprises that added to this event, particularly in the Hans Georg group. We had several presentations, each given by members of the DFA except for one given by our visitor from Germany, Bernhard Dillmann.



Our tour guide at the Allen County Library

was able to bring the Hans Georg Group further back one generation to Hans Georg's parents, Johannes Conrad and Anna Catharina Dillmann, living in Knielingen.

After that jaw-dropping presentation, we broke for lunch followed by a trip to the Allen County Library near downtown Ft. Wayne. We were given a guided tour of the facilities followed by a question and answer session before separating for individual research. Their genealogical resources are second only to the LDS Library in Utah and



Once we went around the room introducing ourselves, Andrew Stillman gave a presentation on some updates on the Hans Georg Dillmann group. One of the discoveries was the fact that, through nine days at the LDS Library in Salt Lake City, UT and some assistance from their staff, Andrew



much of their information is available online. One area that was quite impressive was the section with electronic moveable shelves.

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Many in the group did as much research as time allowed, with some planning to return on that Saturday for more fact-finding.



Thursday night's dinner together was a short walk from the hotel at the Tavern at Coventry. The food and visiting was very enjoyable.



Following dinner, the complimentary library room was opened for anyone wanting to browse and visit. Many of the binders had been updated and relabeled and placed in bookshelves for better organization. Lots of pictures and documents were copied for both the DFA library and for members

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(As a reminder, the DFA Library is always interested in copies of your family genealogy and will accept anything having to do with your Dillman/Dillmann/Dihlmann, etc. tree.)

The next day, we had a presentation by Andrew on researching through various records in Germany, including the four-generation Ahnentafel charts required by the Nazi regime during the 1930s and 1940s to prove one's ancestry was pure German.

Bernhard Dillmann, our visitor from Germany, gave a powerpoint presentation on where he lives in Germany. His English was limited but Andrew was able



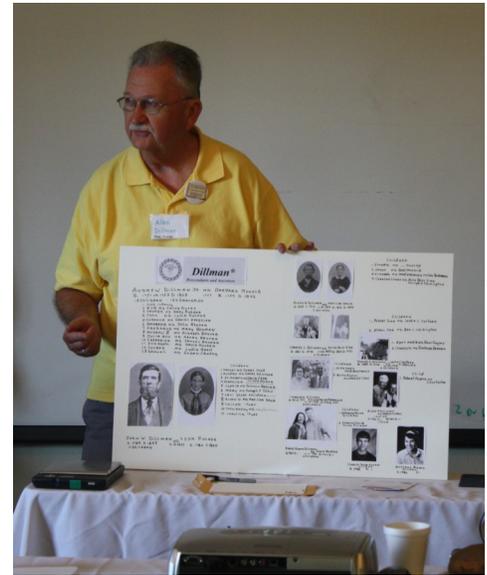
***Bernhard & Bridgitta Dillmann
from Germany***



Joye Dillman with Melissa Minke assisting



Andrew Stillman



Allen Dillman



Melissa Minke with Don Dillman assisting

to assist him. Bernard also had two copies of his dad's brother's four-generation chart from the Nazi Era which he donated to the DFA Library.

We then had various DFA members present displays they had created to showcase their ancestors through pictures and charts. Melissa Minke, Don and Joye Jolly Dillman, Allen Dillman, Phil Dillman, Louise McKinney, and Janet Eubanks, all had boards or posters to share.

After a short break, we were entertained by Louise McKinney's report of Dillmans in the news. These were primarily newspaper articles from the past few centuries that have been archived at several online websites.

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Louise McKinney

Following Louise was Joye with a presentation on her recent experiences in researching her family and obtaining some much-needed documentation so she could join the DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution). Besides her own family, she was able to present her husband's Dillman information for those of us that would consider join the DAR or the SAR (Sons of the American Revolution) or many of the other societies.

We were able to get the entire group to pose for a photo before leaving for individual lunches. One



Joye Jolly Dillman

of the hotel employees was willing to take the photos of the group as we posed on the stairs in the lobby (see the next page for the photo).

After lunch, Robert Dillman discussed the results of the nominating committee and that three of the four positions had people willing to accept their nominations. After learning that Christina Dillman had agreed to stay on as DFA President

for another term, the other positions that were going to change ended up switching back, thus, the entire board is serving a second term to which nobody objected. Thus, Chris is still the President, Phil Dillman is still the V.P., Melissa Minke is still the Secretary, Louise McKinney is still the Treasurer, and Don Dillman is still the Past President. It doesn't get much easier than that!

Don Dillman addressed the group to explore what we hoped to accomplish through the DFA in the future and where we would be interested in meeting



Don Dillman

as a group in two years. The general consensus was that the Midwestern U.S. seems to work the best for the majority, with the exact location to be decided soon. One change is the changing of the name from "Mega-Reunion" to the "Dillman Genealogical Gathering".

The last presentation was again by Andrew Stillman, updating the group on changes and developments in the Dillman DNA Project in the past two years. The results are on page 13.

After that, we held an open house for any local visitors that wanted to see what we were about.





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3. Hunt for Hans Georg Dillmann's Ancestry - By G. Andrew Stillman, UE

It will be remembered that Hans Georg Dillmann Sr., the ancestor of the Dillman Family Association's family group known as the Hans Georg group or Family Group 2 (G2 group) lived in Neureut, Baden-Durlach, Germany.

To our knowledge, Hans Georg first appeared in local records in 1706 as being listed as a new citizen in Teutschneureut (as the Lutheran German section of Neureut was then known – for more background on Neureut, please refer to the article titled "Insights into the Heritage of Hans Georg Dillmann Jr. and his wife Margaretha Murr" which appeared in Dillman Descendants and Ancestors, Vol.1, no.4, June 2009, available on the DFA Website)¹. He was further listed in 1709 as being a local citizen of Neureut² and by this time he was already married to Euphrosina Stober, as they had a son, Johannes Michael on the 11th of August 1709³. Johannes Michael was baptized on the 12th of August 1709⁴ in Eggenstein, as the Protestant Church in Neureut was only rebuilt in 1720 following destruction during the War of the Palatine Succession (1688-1697). Several other children followed including Conrardt in 1711⁵, Anna Barbara in 1715⁶ and Anna Maria in 1717⁷, all baptized in Eggenstein. When Hans Georg's occupation was listed, it was shown as baker. More children came along including Euphrosina in 1721⁸, Hans Georg in 1724⁹ and Maria Salome in 1728¹⁰, baptized in the new Protestant Church in Teutschneureut. In 1732, Hans Georg Sr. passed away in Neureut on the 1st of June at the age of 50 years and 2 months¹¹ leaving behind a wife with 7 children. Until now, this was the extent of the knowledge we had of Hans Georg Sr.

Clearly, there are many unanswered questions which we would like to address. The first is Hans Georg Sr's birth record. We can deduce from his death date of 1 June 1732 and his age of 50 years and 2 months that he was born approximately 1 April 1682. We would also like to know his parents' names as well as pinpoint the location of his birth. The date of his marriage to Euphrosina is a key date we are also missing. We know that they were married by the time Johannes Michael was born in 1709. A marriage date of 1706-1708 would not be unreasonable considering that in 1706 Hans Georg was new to Teutschneureut. Finally, it would also be interesting to know why Hans Georg relocated.

The objective of this article is to address many of the unanswered questions.

As I was researching in Salt Lake City in April 2012, I happened to strike up a conversation with a kindly Baden-born researcher by the name of Sr. Trudy Schenk who had been researching German records for over 30 years. She suggested several possibilities for me to explore. First, she believed that Hans Georg could have a Swiss origin. Alternately, it was possible that he could have come from Wuerttemberg.

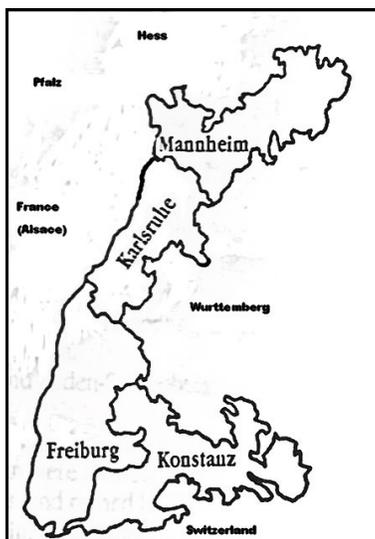


Fig 1. Map of the Grandduchy of Baden circa 1918 showing the component Oberamts (districts). "Lands of the German Empire and before" FHL # 943 E3u

A refresher on the history of Baden would be useful at this point. Baden, being on the Rhine River which served as the border with France, was subjected to many invasive wars. Baden turned protestant in 1556 when the Margrave converted to Lutheranism. The Thirty Years War (1618-1648) saw catholic kingdoms (France, Spain, Austria) wage war on protestant kingdoms (Prussia, Sweden, Netherlands, England) and the field of battle was primarily the principalities making up modern Germany. While fighting was concentrated in the north of Germany, war also deeply affected southern Germany and the citizens of Neureut fled to Durlach in 1636. Territory from Eggenstein to Knielingen was occupied by mainly French troops. The ruling family of Baden was exiled. The area known as the Kraichgau (northern part of the territory of the Margraves of Baden) lost more than half of their population. Hence, after the war, the local rulers invited Swiss Germans to settle on the de-populated areas. There was a

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mass migration of Swiss Germans up the Rhine at the invitation of the local rulers to resettle from Baden all the way to the Palatinate and even Hesse. The Swiss experience in Baden was not always positive and in many instances further migration ensued after one or two generations. It has been estimated that 40% of the population of Baden in the 18th century was Swiss. Hence a Swiss origin for Hans Georg Sr. could not be ruled out.

Further the War of the Palatine Succession (1688-1697) during which Louis XIV King of France sought to expand his territory after the son-in-law of King James II of England inherited the Palatine Electorate (a powerful seat as the holder was entitled to be one of the 7 electors of the Holy Roman Emperors), saw Baden invaded in the fall of 1688. The citizens of Neureut again fled to Durlach for the period of the war. The towns of Pforzheim, Durlach, and Baden were all destroyed. Margrave Friederich VII (1677-1709) sought to repopulate the area. French Huguenots settled in Welschneureut (1699) and were known as Walloons).

Returning to Sr. Trudy's suggestions, I investigated Swiss immigration into Baden. I consulted the text "Schweizer Einwander in den Kraichgau" FHL 943.46 W2d. I didn't find any Dillmanns amongst the recorded emigrants. I also looked at "Register of Swiss Surnames" FHL 949.4 D4f 1989 v. 1 copy 2. I found that in Geneva, there was a Dillmann family listed in 1947. Also one was in Winterthur in 1916. The book also indicated that there were Dillmanns in the parish of Vattis (Canton of St. Gallen) from before 1800. Switzerland seems to be a possible source for Dillmanns but the Swiss records didn't show conclusive evidence of a Dillmann moving during the timeframe in question.

I next considered the Wuerttemberg angle. I checked the "The Wuerttemberg Emigration Index" FHL 943.47 W22st. I found several Dillmanns/Diehlmann/Dihlmann's leaving Wuerttemberg (remember that special permission from the local ruler was required – but not always requested - prior to emigrating) consisting of 9 Dillmanns (and variants) in Volume 6 and 19 Dillmanns (and variants) in Volume 7. In Volume 6, the Dillmanns/Diehlmann/Dihlmann's were from known Dillmann locations of Wurmberg, Leinzell and Wiemsheim and departed in the mid 1800's. Volume 7 emigrants were from Nussfong/Vaihingen and left Wuerttemberg in the late 1800's. While these were not the correct timeframe for my ancestor, I nonetheless searched the name index at Familysearch.org for Dillmanns in Wuerttemberg and found a significant concentration in Gornhofen. I spent a day extracting the baptisms, marriages and burials from the local church records (a topic of a future article) and determined that the naming patterns were inconsistent with the Dillmanns I was looking for. Neither was there an appropriate candidate for Hans Georg Sr. Additionally, the Dillmann's located in Gornhofen were catholic while my Dillmanns were protestant. I was advised by Sr. Trudy that it would have been impossible at that time for a minister/priest to marry a catholic to a protestant. The official would have simply refused to perform the ceremony.

Hence, I turned back to a local Baden origin for Hans Georg Sr.

Karlsruhe Oberamt (district) shown above in Fig. 1, is further subdivided into several Amts (sub-districts) as in Fig. 2, Krieses in Fig 3 and many protestant parishes (Fig. 4)



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Fig. 2. Karlsruhe Obertamt showing the Amts (sub-districts). “Lands of the German Empire and before” FHL # 943 E3u



Fig. 3. Karlsruhe Amt showing the Kreises (regions). “Lands of the German Empire and before” FHL # 943 E3u

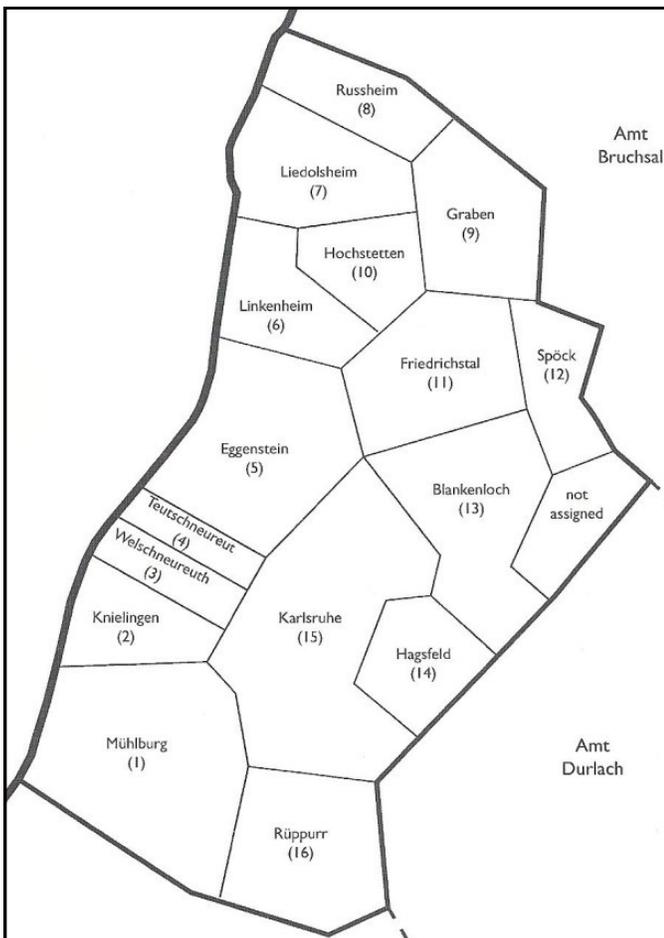


Fig.4. Karlsruhe Kreise showing the protestant parishes. Map Guide to German Parish Registers by K. M. Hansen 2nd Edition.

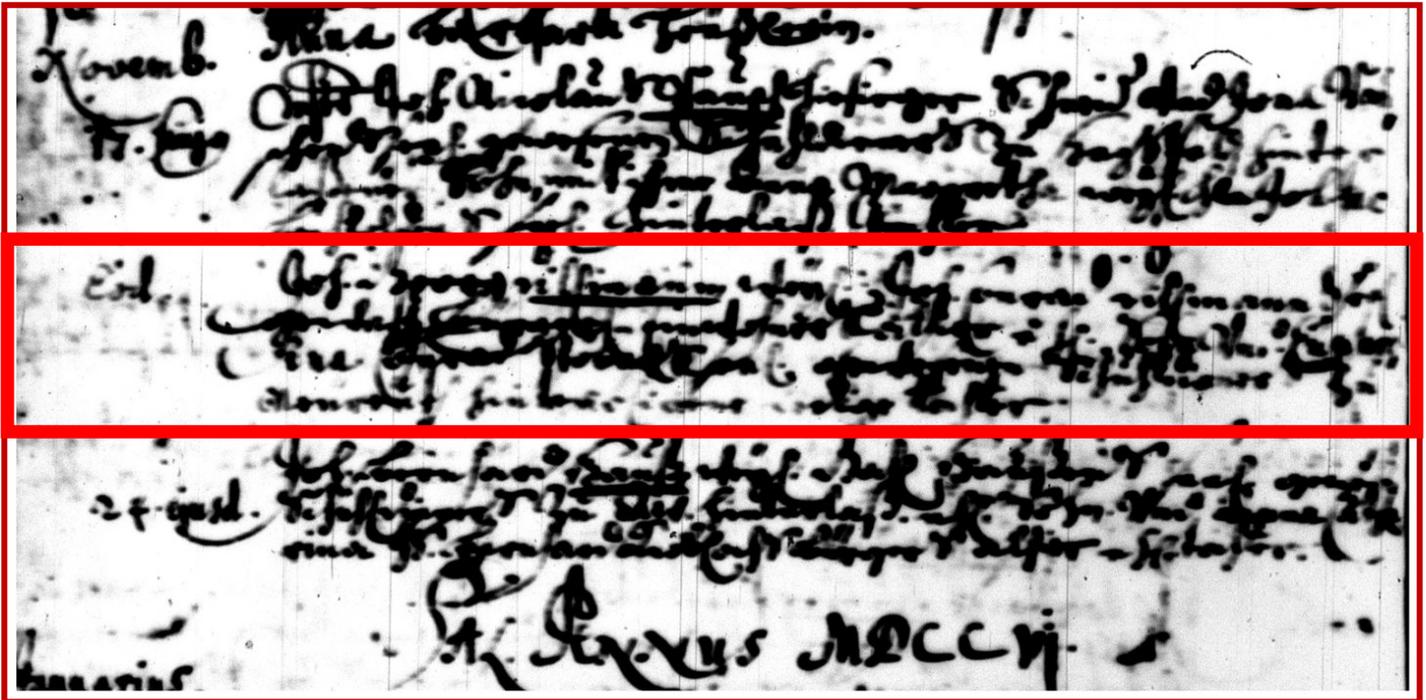
I recalled that the town of Karlsruhe itself was not founded until 1715. I searched the surrounding parishes without much luck. Some of the parishes had books which had transcribed the church records, making for easier searching.

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Focusing my attention initially on the older established parishes of Mühlburg and Knielingen, I again searched without much luck.

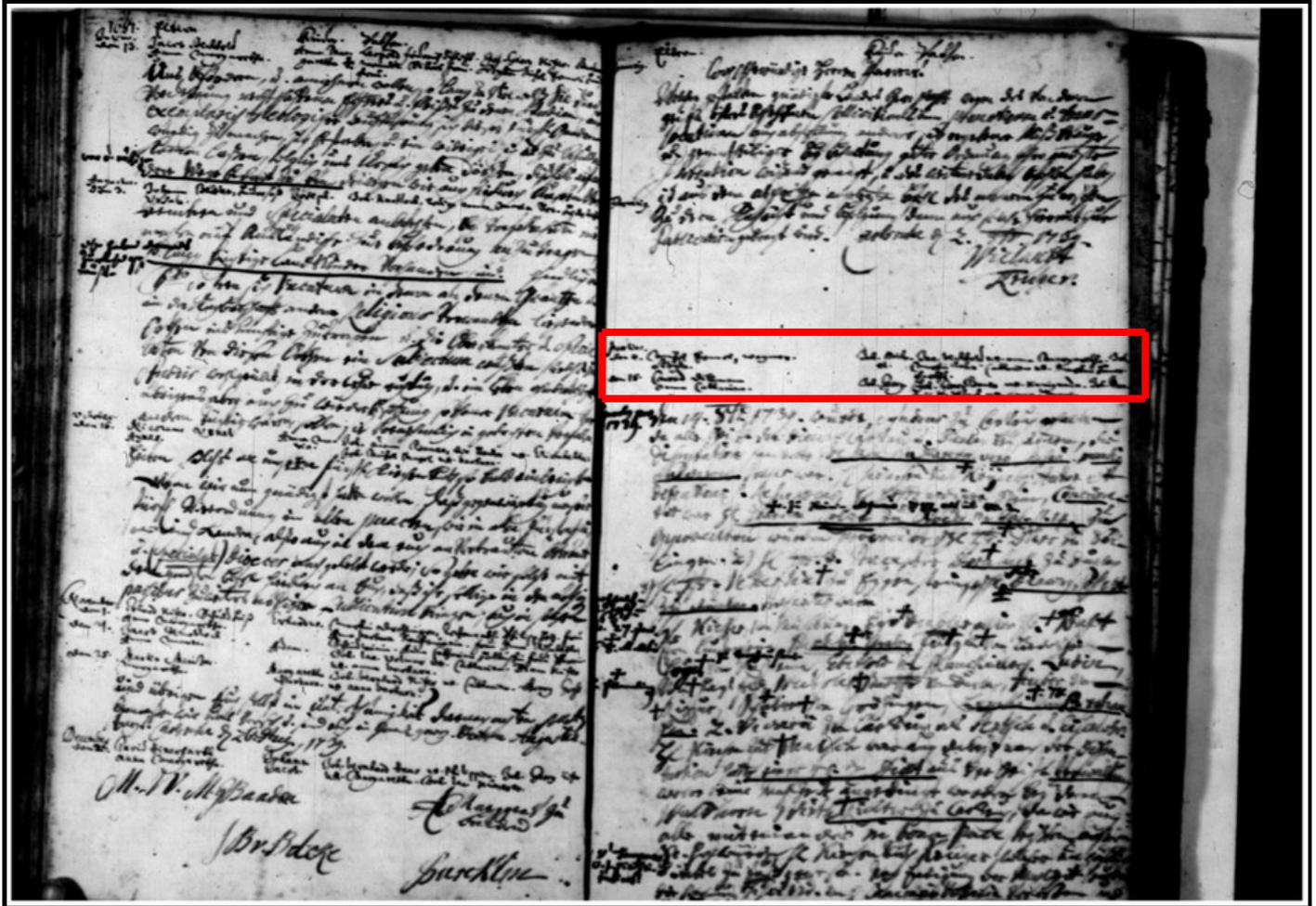
On my third run through the parish records for Knielingen, I located the following marriage record in 1705:

Which reads: “Nov 17th (1705), Joh.[Johannes] Georg Dillmann, legitimate son of the deceased Johannes Conrad Dillmann, citizen, and Catherina his wife, with Euphrosina, the unmarried daughter of the deceased Conrad Stober, schoolteacher of Neureut.¹²” Finally, here was the long sought after marriage record. This record was quite rich in information, telling us that Johannes Georg Dillmann’s parents were Conrad and Catherina Dillmann. It also told me that Conrad was a citizen of Knielingen. Also listed were Euphrosina Stober’s father, Conrad, his occupation being a schoolteacher and their residence/citizenship in Neureut. This record alone made my trip to Salt Lake City worthwhile. If I didn’t find anything else, I still would have been ecstatic.

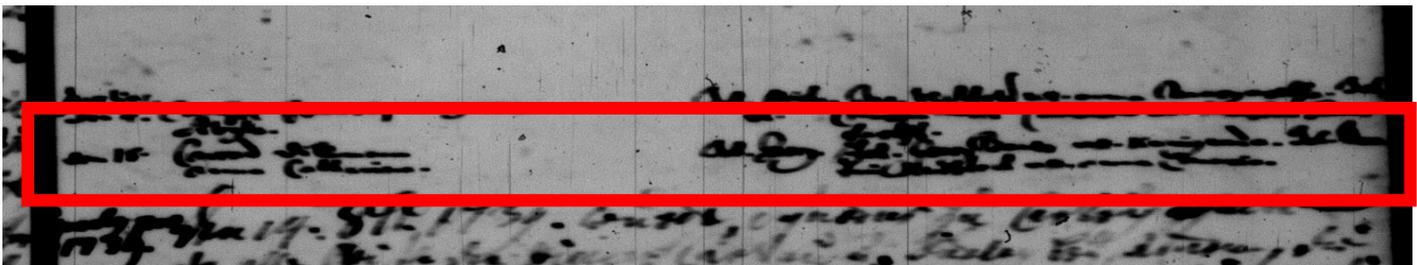


Now that I had this marriage record and knew definitely that Hans Georg Sr. was from Knielingen and was married there, I returned to the search for the birth record. This proved to be quite a monumental task. While the index for the film indicated that baptisms were on this roll going back to 1664, I had great difficulty in locating that part of the film. I knew they were supposed to be the third item on the film, but they were not readily visible. I again was aided by Sr. Trudy Schenk who managed to, after several tries, locate the births. When we realized what had happened, we were both heartbroken. The original births were written in very small print in a standard template form which left quite a bit of room between the entries which were arranged according to the month and year of birth. About 100 years later, probably due to lack of writing paper and/or its high cost, the minister had overwritten the births with minutes of parish meetings/visitations in the space left between the births in a much larger and darker ink. Incredibly, I was able to pull out the birth for Hans Georg Sr.

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The birth record indicates that Joh. [Johannes] Georg Dillmann was baptised March 18th, 1682 and was the son of Conrad Dillmann and Anna Catherina. Unfortunately, the sponsors were not legible and in fact the entire record was quite difficult to read (larger version of the record appears below)¹³.



Additionally, there were birth records located for two daughters and another son of Conrad and Anna Catherina Dillmann. They were Anna Margaretha, baptized Sept 29, 1685, Johannes Conrad baptized in 1689 (month and day were unreadable), and Anna Barbara baptized in Sept 1693 (again the day was unreadable)¹⁴. No further children were located for Conrad and Catherina. Also we know that in Nov 1705, Conrad Dillmann was listed as being deceased at the time of Hans Georg Sr.'s marriage. Hence, it can be surmised that Conrad died between 1693 and 1705. Also, it must be that Conrad was over 20 years old at the time of Hans Georg's birth. (In fact, normal age of marriage was 25

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years old and the marriage of Hans Georg Jr. required special permission as he was just over 22 at the time.) Hence, Conrad Dillmann was likely born before 1662, 20 years prior to Hans Georg's birth. This fits with the records as the baptisms for Knielingen begin in 1664 and showed no entry for Conrad.

The exhaustive search for Hans Georg Sr.'s parents is now at an end.

It also seems likely that Hans Georg Sr. moved to Neureut to take up employment as an apprentice to a master baker. The life of a baker was tough, having to wake up by four every morning to ensure that the bread and other fresh baked goods were ready to sell to customers. Also, being a baker, and not a master baker, likely meant that he had little money to buy land to support his family. This potentially led to Hans Georg Jr's lack of a decent sized landholding to support his family and his subsequent emigration from Germany.

Postscript:

Additionally, at Salt Lake City in "Auswanderungen aus Baden und dem Breisgau" by Konrad Theiss Verlag, FHL book 943.46 W29h (Emigrants from Baden and the Breisgau), page 287, Hans Georg Jr. is listed. He is noted as being born on 29 Feb 1724 married on 22 Mar 1746 and he married 3 years too early before legal marriage age (25 years) and was given dispensation to do so. He had 500 Florins in cash when he applied for permission to emigrate to Pennsylvania. The Margrave of Baden did not grant permission. Due to the time that elapsed between the submission of the application to leave and the denial of the request, Hans Georg did not plant any crops on his land. As such, when the permission was declined, his family suffered hardship and had to sell the land to buy food and provisions to feed his family which consisted of 2 children. In his second application, he stated that he did not blame anyone for his current difficult situation except himself. He was given permission the second time around and Hans Georg Jr. asked for a lower fee to cover taxes owed to the Margrave.

FOOTNOTES:

1. Letter to author from noted local archivist and historian, Wolfgang Erb, Karlsruhe, Baden-Wurttemberg, Germany. September 2009.
2. Verein für Computergenealogie, "Teutschneureuter Einwohnerverzeichnis 1709," *GenWiki* (http://wiki-de.genealogy.net/Teutschneureuter_Einwohnerverzeichnis_1709: access date March 2010), entry for Hans Jerg Dillmann.
3. Evangelische Kirche Eggenstein, 1702-1962, item 4, FHL microfilm # 1272877.
4. IBID.
5. IBID.
6. IBID.
7. IBID.
8. Evangelische Kirsche Teutschneureut, Taufen (births) 1721-1738, items 1-3, FHL microfilm 1238234.
9. IBID.
10. IBID.
11. Evangelische Kirsche Teutschneureut, Toten (deaths) 1721-1738, items 1-3, FHL microfilm 1238234.
12. Evangelische Kirsche Knielingen, Heiraten (marriages) 1703-1754, item 4, FHL microfilm 1189869
13. Evangelische Kirsche Knielingen, Taufen (births) 1664-1703, item 3, FHL microfilm 1189869
14. Evangelische Kirsche Knielingen, Taufen (births) 1664-1703, item 3, FHL microfilm 1189869

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4. DILLMAN DNA PROJECT UPDATE

This is a comparison of changes that have taken place or have been discovered in the Dillman DNA Project between the 2010 Mega-Reunion and now. We have added several new participants, with two of those being unrelated to any of the previous 13 family lines. Groups 4 and 10 may also be split into additional family lines since their DNA strand mutations (don't worry, all male DNA has occasional mutations) are not as close as originally believed.

This project is certain to keep growing, adding more participants, possibly adding more family lines or being added to existing lines, and adding excitement to our ongoing gathering and sharing of our Dillman/Dillmann/Dihlmann, etc. knowledge with other researchers. Stay tuned and check the website often!

Updated Results

● 2010 Mega Reunion

- 13 distinct Dillman families
- 3 German participants
- Michael family - 4 part. with 37 or more markers (1 German part.)
- Ancestors from Germany, France, Sweden, Russia, Switzerland, Belgium

● August 2012

- 50 Y-dna participants; 4 German; 8 mtDNA participants
- 15 distinct families
- Group 13 – German participant stemming from the German tour
- Group 14 – German participant ancestry from Ettlingen
- Group 15 – ancestry from Russia
- Group 4 – 5 individuals very low probability of being related.
- Group 10 – 4 individuals two of which are related.

DFA Mega Reunion Aug 2012

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5. Local Dillman Reunion the Western Canada Way!

Here are some beautiful photos showing the location of the past reunion held every three years by Christina Dillman's family. This time, they met in Drumheller, Alberta, Canada, about 90 minutes Northeast of Cargary. Chris is beginning her second term as President of the DFA and submitted these pictures as teasers. A full story regarding her group's reunion will be in the next issue of Dillman Descendants & Ancestors.



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6. Local Hans Georg Dillmann group Reunions attended

Sunday, July 1st, 2012, saw the annual reunion of the Bloomington, Indiana group. This year, they met in a public facility in Bedford, IN. Two years earlier, they had about 30 people attend and last year was cancelled due to tornado damage. This time, they met on a Sunday and planned for 50 people but had 60 show up! This prompted Keith Dillman to hold a meeting to see if Sundays worked better for everyone. Most said yes.

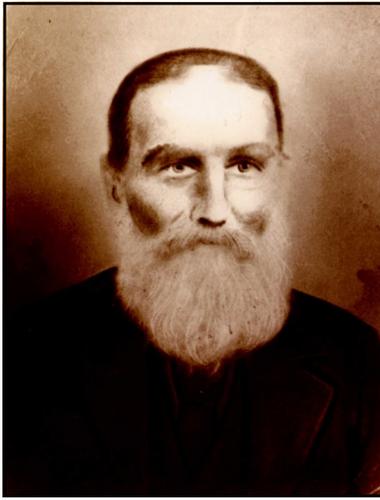
Besides lots of food, there were lots of old family photos on display.



Saturday, July 14th, 2012, was the date for the Charleston Dillman group annual reunion, held this year at Roger & Eve Dillman's home in Hoopston, Illinois. The large home easily accommodated the 75 attendees and the amount of food was tremendous. Following tradition, the descendants of each child of C. K. and Bertha Dillman posed for group photos on the front porch of the home. Their group holds an annual meeting to review the costs for the reunion host, remember those members that had recently passed away, and discuss other family issues. Victor Dillman has been the keeper of the gavel for several years and still attended this year after a recent heart attack.

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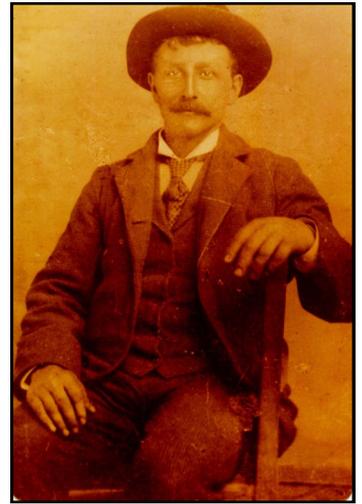
**7. AN INTERESTING STORY FROM THE CHRISTOPH GEORGE DILLMAN LINE
FROM HALIFAX AND MEAGHERS GRANT, NOVA SCOTIA - as told to Michelle Edmunds**



**Kenneth Dillman - father of
Jane and Lewis**



**Charlotte "Jane"
Dillman**



Lewis Dillman

Jane was Michelle's ggg grandmother on her mother's maternal line. She was married to Peter Doyle (he was at least 30 years older than her). She might have gotten pregnant by Doyle, but the rumour is that Jane's own father got her pregnant and they forced her to marry Peter Doyle because he had money and needed a wife.

Peter Doyle owned a farm and had some hired help. One of the help, William Preeper became Jane's lover. Jane and William killed Peter Doyle - shot him in the back on a Sunday on his way home from church. She apparently had also tried to poison him by putting fly paper in his tea. There was a big trial in Halifax and neither of them were convicted. No one could prove who actually pulled the trigger!



Elsie - Michelle's mom

**Christoph George Dillman
b. abt 1752**

Louis Dillman b. 1802

Kenneth Dillman b. 1829

Jane Dillman b. 1859

Maurice Doyle Byng b. 1881

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8. "DILLMAN REUNIONS"

Several groups of Dillmans hold reunions in different locations each year. In this part of the newsletter, those reunions will be posted with times and locations updated as they become available to us. If you would like your Dillman reunion listed here, please send us the appropriate information. All dates, locations and times are subject to change.

2012 -

Saturday, October 6

Descendants of Frank & Minnie Walker Dillman

Part of the Hans Georg Dillmann group

Tamms, IL

2013 - Complete list coming in the next issue!

TREASURER'S REPORT

August 31, 2012

INCOME

Membership	25 x \$25	\$625.00
Reunion fee	20 x \$25	500.00
Shirts	11 x \$25	275.00
	2 x \$ 2	<u>4.00</u>
		\$1,404.00

REUNION EXPENSES

Supplies	\$ 25.00
Food	30.14
Supplies	20.00
Buttons	71.30
Door Prizes	100.00
Shirts	<u>247.52</u>
	452.96

Deposit (Luxbury Inn) 239.40
\$732.36

Luxbury Inn has NOT yet returned
our deposit!!

NEWSLETTER EXPENSES \$ 333.98
TOTAL EXPENSES 2010-2012 \$1,066.34

1st MidAmerica Credit Union \$2,159.42
Savings Credit Union 30.10
Pay Pal 983.81

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“FUTURE ARTICLES”

We would like to include any Dillman-related stories and/or photos that you might wish to submit for upcoming newsletters. We will try to include your submitted stories/photos as quickly as possible.

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Phil's Phamily Tree Phunnies

by Phil Dillman

