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Descendants and Ancestors

(*Including other known variations of Dillmann, Stillman, Tillmann, Dielman, Dhyllmann, Dihlmann, Dillaman, Tighlman, Dieleman, etc.)

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NEWS FLASH!!! The DFA Board recently discussed the “reconstruction” of the DFA website, with each Board member helping with some aspect of the project. Our website manager, Andrew Stillman, will be implementing the changes and Past President Don Dillman is coordinating the project. Our goal is to have it refined within 6 months. As the story in this issue “Another Surprise via the DFA Website” shows, a lot of people locate our website and are often very excited by it. (Actually, a descendant of the Hans Georg Group just found the DFA at the end of January, but, that’s another story.) Because our site is continually getting more online hits from family researchers, we want it to be more user friendly and helpful and up to date. Please check the site regularly and let us know what you think.

We have a number of researchers that wish to be contacted by other DFA members that they are related to through DNA. Because our newsletter is displayed on the Internet, we would like those researchers to contact the current Secretary, Melissa Minke, mminke2@att.net, to request addresses for those they wish to contact.

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“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.

2013 - Sunday, July 7 Bloomington, IN  
Hans Georg/Conrad Dillmann Group

Saturday, July 13 Bloomington, IL  
Hans Georg/Conrad Dillmann Group

Saturday, October 5 Tamms, IL  
Hans Georg/Conrad Dillmann Group

2. Research Sources—Some Obvious, Some Not So Much

Family Tree Magazine listed 52 ways to discover your roots in an article by Lisa A. Alzo. While we cannot reproduce their entire article in our newsletter, I wanted to list them as some are obvious sources while others are not. Please consider subscribing to this extremely useful publication.

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3. Odds and Ends

A clever way of repairing/preserving a broken headstone. These folks used an aluminum window frame!

In warmer weather, it helps to pay close attention to the ground in any cemetery, especially when the ground appears to be moving! It took a double-take to realize that the moving ground was actually a large snake!

Information learned recently from Daniel Dillman in Minnesota and from Family Tree Magazine is that, for anyone wishing to scan/digitize your photos to preserve them for future generations, don’t save them as jpg files. The reason for this is that jpg (JPEG) files lose a lot of their quality each time the file is opened and saved. It is better to save your images as PNG, Raw, or TIFF files. One more thing to consider is the recent option of saving your images to a location that provides “cloud” storage. Thus, if your computer crashes and you didn’t back up your files, the images are out there to be retrieved. Even if you saved your files to a CD, CDs have a limited lifespan even if they are stored in a safe location.
DILLMAN DESCENDANTS & ANCESTORS

Dillman Family Association News Items

BLOOMINGTON — The Rev. Dr. Victor Eugene Dillman, 82, of Bloomington, formerly of Arcola, Kewanee and Charleston, passed away at 11:10 a.m. Wednesday (Dec. 26, 2012) at OSF St. Joseph Medical Center, Bloomington.

The funeral will be at noon Thursday at the Bloomington First Church of the Nazarene and at noon Friday at Arcola First Church of the Nazarene. The Rev. Jerry Clonch will officiate. Shrader Funeral Home, 204 N. Locust St., Arcola, is assisting the family with arrangements.

Burial will be in the Arcola Cemetery, Arcola, with military rites accorded by the Arcola American Legion. Visitation will be from 10:30 a.m. to noon prior to each funeral.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Bloomington First Church of the Nazarene, 2207 N. Towanda Barnes Road, Bloomington, IL 61704.

Victor was born in Westfield, Clark County, IL on June 21, 1930, the youngest of eight children born to the Rev. Clifford K. and Bertha May Eickelberger Dillman.

Surviving are his brother, Dr. Beryl (Grace Hodges) Dillman, Bloomington; his sister, Mary Dillman Gates, Fishers, Ind.; sisters-in-law, Imogene Dillman, Charleston, and Grace Dillman, Bloomington; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers, Rev. Craig, Keith, Clem and Newell; and one infant sister, Ruth Evelyn.

Victor graduated from Arcola High School in 1948, received a Bachelors of Science from Olivet Nazarene University in 1967, received a master’s degree in social work at the University of Illinois in 1971, and a Ph.D. of philosophy from International University ULC. Rev. Dillman had a lifetime Ministerial Ordination Credential, received on June 30, 1969.

Victor served four years in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. He was a counselor, consultant, educator, social worker, a member of the clergy and counseling therapist.

Victor was commanding officer of Salvation Army Corps in Kewanee and Momence for a total of five years. Victor founded the Youth for Christ, Inc. in three locations, Fairbanks, Alaska in 1953; Sedalia, Mo. in 1955; and Kankakee County in 1962.

Rev. Dillman pastored seven United Methodist congregations in Vermillion and Fulton Counties in Illinois and was an interim preacher in Sedalia, Mo., Free Methodist Church. He had delivered many sermons and speeches and officiated several weddings and funerals. Victor was visiting professor for five summers at Pasadena Graduate College and at Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego.

Victor was a social worker and counselor at Kewanee High School. He was employed for 25 years with Henry-Stark Counties Special Education. Dr. Dillman provided consultant services for 25 years for Peoria-based Petersen Health Care Long-term Homes situated throughout Illinois.

Victor was foster parent to 15 minors in Momence and Kewanee to help them through school and onto either college or vocational training. His foster children are, Hue, John, Don, Diane, Julia, Quang, Ruyen, Ngan, Robert, Michael, Tricia, Vi, Thuong, Hein and Nghia.

For eight years, Victor was president and chairman of the board for the Quad Counties Youth Services. He served as a member of the Kewanee Drug and Alcohol Task Force. He also was CEO and president of the Henry County Youth Services Bureau, Inc.

Victor had worked on the Dillman genealogy going back as far as the 1600s. Victor’s great-great-great-grandpa, Andrew Dillman, was in the American Revolutionary War. The Dillman reunion convenes the second Saturday of July each year. Victor enjoyed gathering family and friends to reconnect and reminisce. Victor’s love for God and people was very evident!

Online condolences to the family may be sent to www.hilligossshraderfh.com.
Ancestry Day with Midwest Genealogy Center!
Saturday, March 16, 2013
8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Adams Pointe Conference Center
Blue Springs, MO

Sponsored by Ancestry.com and the Midwest Genealogy Center. Ancestry Day will be held on March 16, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Ancestry Day will feature sessions taught by Ancestry.com staff members, Anne Mitchell and Lou Szucs, and staff from the Midwest Genealogy Center focusing on all levels of genealogy research. The event will be held at the Adams Pointe Conference Center in Blue Springs, Missouri.

Sessions include: How to Use Ancestry.com, Getting the Most from Ancestry.com, Military Records at Ancestry.com and Fold3, and Using Ancestry.com for Finding Family in Local History Sources. The day will end with Stump the Experts, a panel discussion featuring staff from Midwest Genealogy Center and the Ancestry.com experts.

A welcome reception at the Midwest Genealogy Center [3440 S. Lee’s Summit Road, Independence, MO] is offered on Friday, March 15, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for attendees to network and meet the Ancestry.com speakers. Limited space is available. Register now for this free event.

Make your Ancestry Day an Ancestry Weekend. The Midwest Genealogy Center is offering FREE classes and events on Thursday, Friday, and Sunday, as well as being open for research. Check here for information on location and hours.

Early Bird registration is $30. After March 1, $35. Refunds given up to March 9, 2013. If you have questions, please call 816-252-7228 and ask for Angela or Janice or email them at ge@mymcpl.org.
These photos were taken by Valerie Dillman Wurn at a cemetery near her home in Osceola, Indiana. She transcribed the text as well as could be read.

In the forefront, there is a tall, columnar headstone for Jacob Dielman, died at Atlanta, GA, 7/21/1864, aged 21 years, 7 months, 23 days. To the right, are small headstones simply reading "mother," "father." On the left, is a small headstone with Catharine (?), 1848-1864, "mother" (again), Margaretta, 1853-1854 on the back, and Frederick, 1858-1858. Slightly to the back, is a larger, newer headstone for Philipp Dielmann, 3/2/1904, aged 90 years, Margarettie, his wife, 12/28/1858, aged 43 years, and Katharine, his wife, 3/27/1900, aged 78 years. "DIELMANN." Slightly to the right is a smaller headstone, simply, "Jacob."

This is a historically protected area by the county, however the funeral home claims to have no records/contact information for that area when I have phoned them. All of the graves are from the early 1800's to mid-1900's in that section.
The genealogical records I got from my great grandfather indicated that our immigrant ancestor was Anthony Dihlmann born about 1750 in Wuerttemberg. His father was Hans Georg Dihlmann born about 1717 and grandfather was Elias Dihlmann who was born in Nussdorf and later moved to Illingen, Germany.

I believed this information, and even visited Nussdorf and Illingen when I first went to Germany in 1991. A Mr. Dillmann who lived in Markgroenigen showed me his Dillmann-Dihlmann book which was written by Erich Dihlmann. He told me there was no Anthony in the book and I couldn’t be related. I made the trip to Pforzheim and purchased the book from Erich. The book was written in German, and I was unable to read much of it. He also said that there was no one named Anthony in it.

Fast forward to 2002 and the first Dillman Mega Reunion in Indianapolis. My information didn’t match anyone’s. We tried to make some sense with this Hans George and Illingen connection and were confused with what we were finding. A DNA project was begun, which led to the fact that although we shared the same last name, we weren’t related.

I found Anthony listed with many different parents on the internet—Andrew Dillman and his wife Barbara among others. Things just didn’t add up! Then about six years ago I began seeing where Anthony was born in Dillenburg in 1732. People who submitted that information wouldn’t (or couldn’t) give any documentation. Even when we visited Dillenburg during our Dillman Dream Trip in 2009, I didn’t feel any connection. After our Roanoke reunion, we went up to Pennsylvaniato do on site research. It was in the public library in Pottsville where I found a burial register of St. Paul’s (Summer Hill) Church. There was Anthony’s name listed, along with his birthplace as Dillenburg, Europe and his birthdate of Nov. 12, 1732. Finally, some documentation!!

I ordered the microfilm of the church in Dillenburg but was unable to find any record for him. My German friends at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City checked the film several years before and after the November date and couldn’t find an entry for Anthony.

A check of FamilySearch turned up a record for Johann Antonius Tielmann, born 26 Nov 1732 in Breitscheid, just a few miles from Dillenburg. I know that D and T sometimes are interchangeable in German, and with the birthdate so close, I figured that it must be him!

My long awaited trip to the Family History Library in Salt Lake became a reality December 2-9, 2012. On Monday morning I found the film I was looking for and found lots of Tielmanns, Thielmanns, and Tilmanns. They were the same family, but different pastors spelled the name differently. There were absolutely no Dillmans! I was excited when I found the baptism record for Anthonius! I explained the problem about the name, date and place. The workers told me not to be too concerned about the difference in the last name, but to see if I could find a marriage or death date for him. I found siblings’ baptisms, but nothing else for Anthonius. It took me awhile to get through the film because I wasn’t used to seeing so much German!

I did meet Trudy Schenk on Monday. She really had a bad cough and wasn’t there Tuesday or Wednesday. She remembered Andrew.

I continued reading film—taufen, heiraten, and tote on Tuesday and Wednesday. The parents for Anthonius were Johann Georg Thielmann and Anna Margaretha Georg. I decided that I’d better check the records for Dillenburg. I found two baptismal entries with parents Johann Georg Thielmann and Anna Margaretha. The boys were born in 1725 and 1727. Everything was working out! I just knew I had found my guy!!

Thursday morning I was so excited about my find, and my friend Barbel told me that I needed to find the marriage records to see if they were the same couple. Again, back to the films. I found the marriage for the couple from Breitscheid—1729. That didn’t go with the couple who had kids in 1725 and 1727! I was hoping the boys were illegitimate, but their records said the parents were a married couple.

I was so disappointed! I feel that I’m back to square one in my search for Anthony. I checked records from 1692-1750 for Dillenburg and did not find any Dillman names. I found lots of Tilmanns, Thilmanns, etc. I did find a burial record in 1734 #49 Dilman Christina Tillemannin. The record was for her illegitimate son. The “in” after a surname is how they sometime write a woman’s name.

Since only Protestant records for the 1700s are available for Dillenburg, I need to find out if there are any Catholic records for that time period and where they are.
8. Another Surprise via the DFA Website - by Phil Dillman

Back in September 2012, I received an e-mail from Landy, a descendant of Margaretha Murr’s brother, Andreas. Margaretha married Hans Georg Dillmann Jr. Thus, Landy is a cousin to anyone that descends from Hans Georg and Margaretha Murr Dillmann. The following are the exchanges with Landy, Andrew Stillman, and myself.

Landy - I will be happy to join your association. My paternal grandmother was a Morr/Murr and it was her copy of the Morr Family History that got me hooked on genealogy when I was a teenager.

I went with some from my family to SW Germany June 2012, but did not go to Hagsfeld! I only learned a few weeks ago that my immigrating ancestor Andreas Morr was a Murr from Hagsfeld. He was Margaretha Murr's brother - son of Johann Georg and Anna Margaretha Heil.

Andreas Murr was also on the ship Brothers in 1751. With him was Michael Weber who married Anna Barbara Murr in Germany. Their first child Johannes was born 5 days after the ship landed and baptized in Philadelphia. Johannes and Catarina Meinzner were sponsors.

Phil - I am part of that same group so I'm happy to hear from yet another cousin! Our cousin, Andrew Stillman (ancestor was a Dillman, name got changed), found the information that took Margaretha's ancestry back an additional 8 generations on at least one branch. I found that very exciting. I don't believe we have a copy of the Morr genealogy and should probably get one for our Dillman Library.

Andrew - Hi Landy, I hope you are doing well. Phil Dillman, our DFA Newsletter Editor forwarded your e-mail on to me as I was the one who helped to organize the trip to Germany in October 2009 you referred to. Here are some photos from Hagsfeld. Basically now the town is a bedroom community of Karlsruhe, back in our ancestors time, they were quite separate and, in fact, Karlsruhe was only founded in 1715. Hagsfeld is very modern now with little historic feel to it. Even the church looks quite modern from the outside, although the interior may preserve some of the original structure from the early to mid 1700's. The cemetery, however, was quite interesting and there were graves from several Murr's there. German practice of renting graves means that they are reused every 20-30 years, no truly old stones were to be found. I am not sure if you have looked at the Hagsfeld Church Records (Kirchebuch) as it is very inciteful. In it, you can easily trace the Murr family back several generations and, in one branch, back to nearly 1560!

Here is a piece on the Margaretha Murr's ancestry I wrote for the Dillman Newsletter. As you may have seen from the website, the Dillman Family Association has 15 distinct Dillman families across the globe. While we specialize in Dillman research, a majority of our members are from the Hans George and Margaretha (Murr) Dillmann line. We would be happy to have you a member in any case. It is always nice to make a family connection! If you have any questions, please do let either Phil or I know.

Landy - Thanks for the fast response! I was so excited to find that issue of the newsletter with all the Morr/Murr data. Wow! And yes, isn't it great to know that we have cousins all over the world that we didn't know about! And thank you, Andrew, for the Hagsfeld pictures! Perfect.

When I was in Germany this summer I went to a town where my ancestor Michael Dieffenbach lived. He died in 1610. As we went in to photograph the church where he must have belonged, a woman was coming out. She turned out to be a descendent of a different son of Michael Dieffenbach, and she showed me where he lived (next door to the church). Best yet, my daughter and the translator she found noticed that we looked alike. We are 10th cousins! (Catharine Dieffenbach married John George Morr, son of Andreas the immigrant.) (photo attached) My point is that we distant cousins are much more connected by DNA than one
would think. (Perhaps all of us humans are more connected than we think.)


The second book is only valuable if you are interested in descendents, there is no new history.

Based on the first Morr book, I thought that the Morr's had changed their name from Mohr, and thus I could never find them in Germany. Recently some researchers had listed Hagsfeld, but I had no idea about the Murr name until I went back to the 1751 Brothers ship list.

I see that your Hans Georg Dillman was directly above Michael Weber. Michael Weber married Anna Barbara Murr - sister to Andreas and Margaretha Murr. Andreas Murr is just below Michael Weber. Below him are Johannes Meintzer (wife Catarina) and his sons. Michael Weber's mother was Margaretha Barbara Meyntzer. So there are family ties everywhere.

Andrew, I read with great interest about the *Hagsfelder Familienbuch*. I am also descended from the Weber/Weavers, so I want to know their history as well. Is the book translated into English? Does one have to go to Salt Lake City to research in it? Perhaps I could hire someone there to do for the Webers what you have done for the Morr's? Help, please.

Thanks for everything. Landy
Welcome to the Dillman DNA (DDNA) Project. This project was started in October 2002 and is hosted by the Dillman Family Association (DFA). The DDNA continues to grow in membership and importance to all Dillman researchers. As of May 2012 the DDNA currently has 50 members, two of which have tested mtDNA, and 15 distinct Dillman family lines.

FamilyTreeDNA has placed their web pages in Deutsch, Italiano, Espanol and English for our European cousins.

**Project Objectives:**
- To assist in identifying the origins of all Dillman families worldwide.
- To sort out the various Dillmans who emigrated to North America, Latin America, South Africa, Australasia.

To scientifically validate and complement written documentation about the Dillman families.

**Project Benefits:**
- Ability to compare your test results with those of other participants.
- Access to the Project's high quality analysis and interpretation of results.
  - Build possible bridges to gaps in documentation, brick walls.
  - Challenge poor documentation corroborate existing documentation.
- Give an opportunity to discover relatives and families who would like to share their genealogical research.
- Provide an opportunity to participate in leading edge research while enjoying a group discount through FamilyTreeDna.

**Project Requirements:**
- Sign the Release form provided by FamilyTree DNA.

For our web page submit a list of known ancestors in the direct male Dillman (or variant spelling) surname line and spouse with dates and locations of birth, deaths, and marriages. Having only a few generations should not discourage you from investigating and joining the DDNA.

The privacy of participants will be protected by the administrator in addition to all members. Participants will only be referred to by their DNA test kit number. As is standard practice, only information on ancestors who were born prior to 1910 will be posted on the web site.

The National Geographic Society, IBM, geneticist Spencer Wells, and the Waitt Family Foundation have launched the Genographic Project. This is a five-year effort to understand the human journey: where we came from and how we got to where we live today. This unprecedented effort will map humanity's genetic journey through the ages. The DDNA project has two members from this project and we expect many more as 40,000 kits have been completed in the project's first five weeks - an amazing boost to all genealogists using DNA.

9. Dillman DNA Pages to copy and hand out to other Dillmans you meet.
DNA Kit Facts

Ordering your DNA Kit

Upon meeting the minimum requirements for membership the project administrator will email you a link so you may order your kit on-line. If you choose to order a test without this link you will be charged the higher non-project rate. FamilyTreeDNA has one of the easiest shopping carts available. However, if you prefer, the project administrator will place your order.

Group Discounted Prices

FamilyTreeDNA provides a discounted price list to the DillmanDNA Project for the many tests they provide. The Dillman Family Association and the DillmanDNA project are staffed by volunteers therefore all of your purchase price goes directly toward FamilyTreeDNA's lab and processing - we enjoy sharing in your results. The DDNA tests are the Y25, Y37, and Y67. Adding up a few on-line subscriptions, traveling, corresponding, and wait time, this is a deal.

What is in the Kit

The FT-DNA kit contains an Instruction Sheet, a Release Sheet to be signed, three tiny bottles containing a soapy solution, (preservative type solution), and three "cheek scrapers." An invoice and a self-addressed mailing envelope is also enclosed.

How the Sample is Obtained

The cheek scraper is about the size of an ordinary Q-tip. You remove the scraper from the sterile package and then scrape the inside of one cheek for about 60 seconds. Then the end of the scraper is ejected into the small glass bottle containing a soapy solution. Eight hours later, you do the same thing to your other cheek using the second scraper and bottle. Repeat the same process with the third scraper and bottle. The three bottles, your check (if you requested to pay by invoice and not a credit card) and signed release is then mailed to the Texas laboratory in their self-addressed padded mailing envelope.

...And be Patient

Your results will be emailed to you normally between five to seven weeks.

Order your kit from www.familytreedna.com and mention the Dillman DNA Project!

This photo was taken in Elkhart, IN. The store is one of several owned and operated by Dillmans based out of the Logansport/Peru, Indiana area. This group of Dillmans is from the Dillman/Dayga group which includes the Bluegrass banjo players Dwight and Derek Dillman.
DILLMAN DESCENDANTS & ANCESTORS

“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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The DFA newsletter, “Dillman Descendants and Ancestors,” is available by e-mail to all paid members of the Dillman Family Association. Membership is available to any individual with interest in the activities of the Dillman Family Association for $25.00, which covers the two year period between mega-reunions (August 2010-August 2012). Membership in the DFA entitles individuals to receive an e-mail copy of each newsletter, and information on other DFA activities. Membership dues should be mailed to Louise McKinney, Treasurer, at 1510 W. Delmar, Godfrey, IL 62035 (merrielouise@yahoo.com).

You can now join the DFA ONLINE through Paypal! Log into Paypal at www.paypal.com, set up a personal account and use the Send Money feature to deposit your payment into the DFA account using this e-mail address: merrielouise@yahoo.com

Members may request receiving copies of the newsletter by postal mail instead of e-mail. Donations of $10.00 per year to cover the cost of printing and mailing such copies will be greatly appreciated.

Phil’s Phamily Tree Phunnies

by Phil Dillman

I THINK IT’S TIME
FOR OUR FAMILY
ASSOCIATION’S LIBRARY
COLLECTION TO GO
DIGITAL!

OKAY! LET’S ROLL!

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