



Dillman *

Descendants and Ancestors

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

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In case any of you are wondering, YES, the DFA is planning a trip to Germany for 2015. YAY! We are still working to firm up plans with our tour guide from 2009, Uli Buschmann, who is working on an updated Itinerary. The current desire is that the time in Germany will be September 10-24, 2015 and will include some destinations that were not visited on the 2009 tour. We should have the precise schedule and tour costs and requirements in the March issue of the newsletter.

If you really want to start planning ahead, the 2016 DFA Genealogical Conference is slated for Fort Wayne, Indiana, most likely in August. The previous conference in that town included a brief tour and the use of the extensive genealogical center there which benefited several in our group.

DILLMAN DESCENDANTS & ANCESTORS

1. “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. All dates, locations and times are subject to change.

2015

Please let us know when your family is having a reunion and we will list it here in a future issue!

June, Bedford, IN

July, Chas. Group

Oct, Tamms

2. Dillman Family Association News Items

German Connections!

Anyone in the Hans Georg/Conrad Dillmann group might be interested to learn the Andrew Stillman has been in contact with a German Dillmann cousin named Ralf Brosi who is a descendant of Hans Georg Dillmann Jr's brother. While Ralf's Y-DNA wouldn't work for our project, it appears that his research back from his Dillman ancestor is correct. Additional communication with him could help us locate some male Dillman descendants to approach for the DNA project.

If you aren't in this group, I'm sure there are other Dillmanns in Europe which you may be related to that we should approach for the purpose of having them participate in our project. If you have a hunch where some of your related Dillmanns might be living, let's work on contacting some in that region.

Treasurer's report as of 11-23-14

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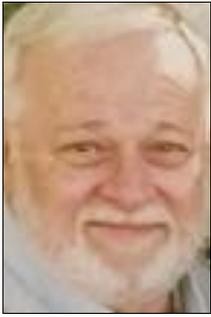
\$4,143.22 in the checking account

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From Treasurer Louise McKinney





Dennis J. Dillman May 27, 1939 - Oct. 25, 2014 SOUTH BEND - Dennis Joseph Dillman was the son of the late Marie G. (Heichelbach) and Joseph M. Dillman and passed away early October 25th, 2014. Dennis was a life-long resident of South Bend, IN. Dennis is survived by the love of his life and main squeeze, Patricia Ann Nawrot, of almost 50 years; daughter, Jennifer (Jeffrey) Schrader and son, Michael Dillman both of South Bend; sister, Joan (Dillman) Peterson of South Bend; brother-in-law, Gregory (Barbara) Nawrot of Granger, IN; five grandchildren, Elizabeth, Joseph & Zachary Schrader, and Isabella and Griffin Dillman; nine nieces and nephews; and many loving great-nieces and nephews. Dennis had a life-long love affair with cooking and telling his stories and jokes. He taught his love of cooking to his children and grandchildren. Many people savored his meals, thoroughly enjoyed his many stories and jokes he told on a daily basis and no one left the table saying they were still hungry. He loved flipping the channels between his cooking shows, the history channel and watching the occasional football game. GO Irish! GO Bears! He served 45 years in Real Estate as an Appraiser, Realtor Broker and Homebuilder. He held office in all three organizations and served on local, state and national committees. He helped train 20 local and regional appraisal trainees and they became licensed as Appraisers in Indiana and Michigan. He also served as an appointed member on the St. Joseph County Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeal. Dennis was very proud that he served in the United States Marine Corps from 1956 to 1962, receiving an Honorable Discharge. He was a life member of the Marine Corps League, American Legion Post 303 and the Military Order of Devil Dogs. He was a member of the Achievement Forum, Italian-American Heritage Society, Council Oak Lodge #745 F & AM, life member of Scottish Rite, York Rite (Chapter, Council and Commandery), A.A.O.N.M.S., the South Bend Shrine Club, a Patron and Life Member of the National Rifle Association, a Hospice volunteer for five years, Meal Committee of Hope Rescue Mission for ten years, a member of Little Flower Roman Catholic Church for 45 years, the Meal Committee of the church for 25 years, co-founding board member (40 years ago) for the St. Joseph County Big Brother Program and supported the merger between the Big Brothers and Big Sisters. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, October 30th in St. Therese Little Flower Catholic Church, 54191 Ironwood Dr. Cremation will follow with graveside services and military honors at 2:00 p.m., Friday, October 31st, in Highland Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 4 until 8 p.m. Wednesday, October 29th in the Welsheimer Family Funeral Home North, 17033 Cleveland Rd. where a Masonic Memorial Service will be held at 7:30 p.m. Dennis loved his wife, children, grandchildren, family, all children and flowers. In lieu of flowers, he requested that you send any donation to Marine Toys for Tots Foundation, Gift Processing Administrator, 18251 Quantico Gateway Dr., Triangle, VA, 22172; St. Jude's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN, 38105; or Shriners Children's Hospital, 2211 North Oak Park Ave., Chicago, IL, 60707. Or a rose or dandelion would be nice. Dennis J. Dillman (Papa Oohrah!) had a wonderful life. He will miss his family, friends and "all you all". He will watch over you and welcome you to the next life. Semper Fi!

Dillman Family Association

3. Local Dillman Reunion in Tamms, IL - By Phil Dillman



Sharing pictures with the grandkids is now as easy as pulling them up on the cell phone.



Three cousins that each descend from a different son of Frank and Minnie Dillman. Phil descends from yet another son.



Yet another annual reunion for the descendants of Frank and Minnie Walker Dillman has come and gone. There were roughly 70 attendees and more food than everyone could consume. Reunions such as this often follow the expected pattern of people having passed away, new cousins having been born, and some cousins showing up that you've never previously met. Fortunately for Phil, there are always family members there that are interested in the family history. The cousin that brings the professional photographic equipment recently started using a "green screen" background so that she can insert various backgrounds behind the family portraits.

For those that aren't sure of the connection, Frank and Minnie Dillman were Phil's ggGrandparents (that's 2 greats). Frank's (1864) lineage is John Wesley Dillman Jr (1830), John Wesley Dillman Sr (1783), Andrew Dillman (1753), Hans Georg Dillmann Jr (1724), Hans Georg Dillmann Sr (1682), and Conrad Dillmann (abt 1660).

A non-genealogical observation that surprised Phil was that it takes him 5 1/2 hours to get from Homewood (about 30 miles south of Chicago) to Tamms, IL while his cousins from Tupelo, MS are an hour closer!



4. Miscellaneous Tidbits, Requests, & Suggestions From Phil

Penn-Dutch/Deutsch - Recently, a cousin of Andrew Stillman's contacted the DFA because she was researching her lineage and had traced it back to a George Dillman born in 1765 in the Netherlands. Once I saw the information and realized that she was, in fact, a cousin through Andrew's branch, I had to ask him if there were, in fact, some Dillmans that were living in the Netherlands that some folks were supposedly tracing their lines back to. Andrew explained to me that, in "early, early" Canadian census records, a person's ethnic origins were often listed as "Dutch" as in the Netherlands. HOWEVER, this was actually a misspelling of the word "Deutsch" as in German. This same confusion happened in Pennsylvania records. Thus, Pennsylvania Dutch were actually Pennsylvania Deutsch. Personally, I had no idea.

Wills - *(I actually wrote this for the latest issue of the Pepsi-Cola Collectors Club newsletter of which I am also the Editor. The same idea can easily apply to all of our family research/genealogy/photos, etc., except, maybe, the part about selling it off! HA!)*

Naturally, we all like to believe that we will live to a ripe old age and will be able to enjoy our retirement and can sell off our Pepsi collection investment to pad our Social Security income. But, what if the unforeseen happens and we meet an untimely fate? I don't mean to be a downy-clowny. At almost 53 years of age, I hope to live a couple or three more decades, especially as a member of the *Pepsi Generation*. However, when that day comes, will our family members or friends know what to do with our collections? In most cases, not likely. They might throw it away or give it away not knowing what any of it is worth. And, just telling them what you want done with the collections might be forgotten or could be challenged legally. If we want these items to be placed into other collections or to at least be kept from getting tossed into a landfill, we need to add a current list of our collectibles to our wills. Photos of the items would probably be useful as well as instructions as to what you want done with all of it. Honestly, I need to make a will for those same reasons. Having the collection sold or auctioned off could help offset those expensive burial costs. If it gets donated, your heirs might still be able to write off the donation on their taxes. How many of you have children have told you that really don't want the burden of going through your things once you've passed? How many of you have several children who each want the same items? We need to make out our wills while we are still able to think rationally. I'm still hoping to be cryogenically frozen so I can attend the festivities for Pepsi's 200th Anniversary, though!

Memorabilia Request - If you have copies or originals of Dillman family photos, stories, items with the Dillman name like pens, pencils, letterhead, business cards, books, magazine articles, signs, birth/death/marriage certificates, etc that you would like to donate to the DFA Library & Archive, please send them to Phil Dillman, 18351 Cowing Ct., Homewood, IL 60430. Phil will add the items to the traveling display cases or binders plus he can always use Dillman items for future newsletters. Likewise, if you would like to share some Dillman family stories, send them along for inclusion in a future issue of Dillman Descendants and Ancestors. Thanks!

Promote the website - Tell your relatives to check out the DFA Website. Portions of the site are currently being revised and upgraded and we are working on a members-only section for posting anything that we think is valuable to keep available for members only, such as current newsletters, our collection of primary source records (from the CDs and other sources, photos, family history files, minutes from the executive meetings, etc. There is the Dillman Forum there with questions about various Dillman ancestors. With 16 current unrelated groups of Dillmans in the Dillman DNA Project, that alone could pique your family's interest in their own lineage. The address is www.dillmanfamilyassociation.org.

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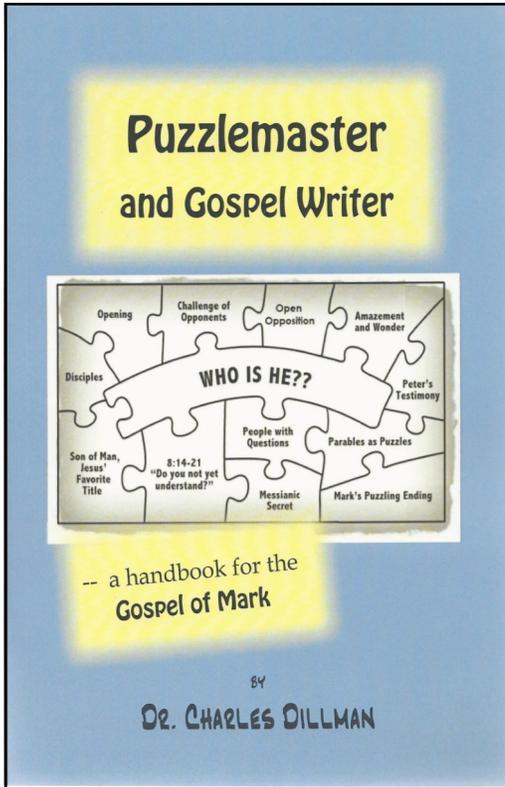
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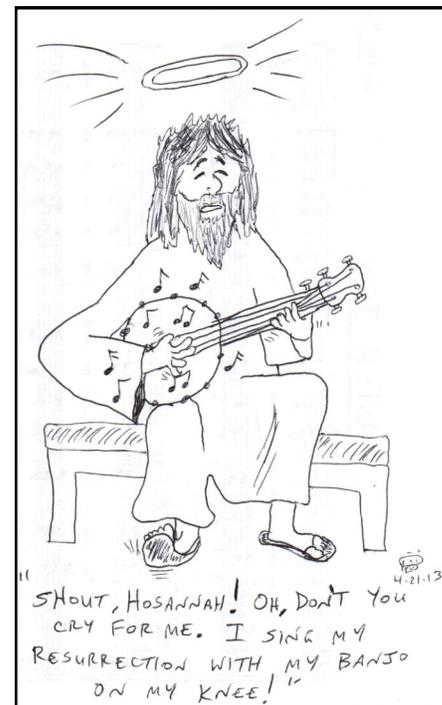
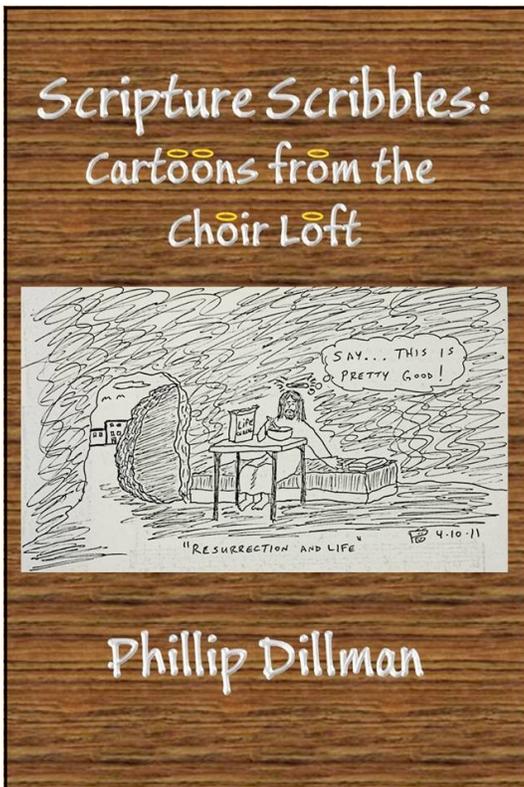
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Phillip Dillman is a man of faith, music and cartoons. Each Sunday, Dillman sings in his church choir and sketches cartoons about the day's sermon. Dillman's scripture scribbles, which are conceptualized and drawn in a span of about 15 minutes, add a humorous twist and perhaps a bit more appreciation to the traditional Bible stories. In case you might think this is a heretical work, think again as the foreword was written by Dillman's pastor. Available from Amazon.com

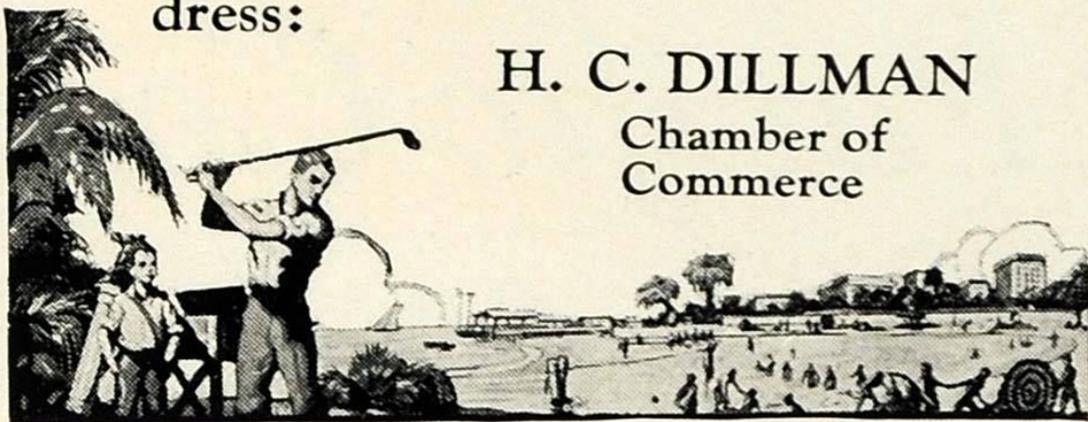
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by Phil Dillman

