

*Dillman**^{*}

Descendants and Ancestors

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

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It is with sadness that we report on the passing of Bill Laukasavich of Reno, NV. He and his wife attended an early Dillman Mega-Reunion as his mother was a Dillman.

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1. Last Chance to Pre-register for the Mega-Reunion! By Don Dillman

Roanoke, Virginia—The Place to be on August 12-13, 2010

Dillmans, Stillmans, Diehmans, Tillmans (and last names with other spellings) will be gathering in Roanoke, Virginia, for the 5th Biennial Mega-Reunion of the Dillman Family Association.

The count-down is underway for our 5th biennial get-together of Dillman, Stillman, Tillman Dihlman (and other similarly named descendants) at the Roanoke Airport Quality Inn on Thursday and Friday, August 12-13th, 2010. We hope that you will be there.

Much has happened since our last get-together of the Dillman Family Association (DFA) in August 2008. Our library, assembled by Phil Dillman, continues to grow and will be on display to help participants answer questions about their various family lines. The 47th volunteer has just joined our DNA testing effort, and Frank Dillman and Andrew Stillman will have the latest on what we have learned since our last Mega-Reunion in Indianapolis, about different Dillman Family lines. Ten of our members who visited Germany last October will be reporting on what we have learned about migrants from Germany to the United States, and promise some surprises for all.

We are also looking forward to learning from Louise McKinney more about where various Dillman groups settled when they came to the United States. And, we are anticipating an exciting presentation by a special guest, Dr. Guido Deboeck, that will help us understand the potential for maternal DNA testing, which could complement the successful efforts made to date with paternal line testing under the leadership of Frank Dillman (<http://www.dillmanfamilyassociation.org/ddna/dnalist.htm>).

Most of all we are looking forward to two relaxing days of conversation and sharing genea-

logical information among new and old participants. We will be especially excited to welcome those who have not yet participated in a Mega-Reunion.

We are excited about meeting in Roanoke, VA, an area of North America where one of the oldest Dillman Family Lines settled. This family line, whose relatives we met in the Wurmberg area of Germany last Fall, can now trace its Dillman (or Dihlmann) ancestry back to the early 1500's and we look forward to sharing experiences with them. We appreciate this branch of Dillmans inviting participants in the Mega-Reunion to stay an additional day for their reunion at Hungry Mother State Park, two hours west of Roanoke on Saturday.

Some of our members have yet to identify their original Dillman ancestors in North America or other countries, and we hope that this get-together will be helpful in starting new searches, much as the previous mega-reunions in Indianapolis, Northern Kentucky, and Harrisburg (PA) have helped other members.

Be sure to make your hotel reservations by July 1st in order to get the Dillman Family Association rate (\$69.00 per night) and send in your registration to Earl Dillman (\$50, which includes the two year DFA membership from now until our next Mega-Reunion in 2012).

Information on registering is included in this newsletter and can also be printed out from our DFA homepage (<http://www.dillmanfamilyassociation.org>). Questions about the reunion can be sent to Frank Dillman (frank@frankdillman.com) or Don Dillman (dillman@turbonet.com) who are co-chairing arrangements for this year's Mega-Reunion. Please let others in your family know about the Roanoke Mega-Reunion, and we look forward to seeing you there.

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2. “THOUGHTS FROM PHIL”

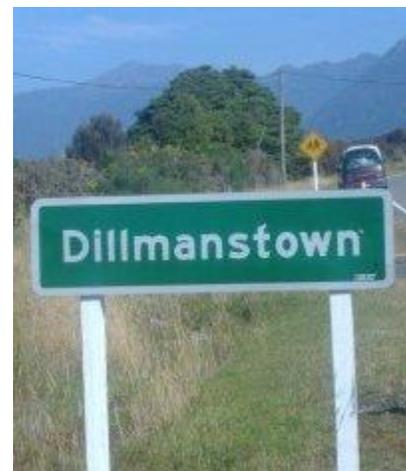
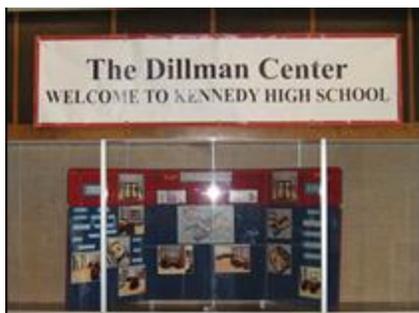
As I'm sure it is with many of you, my involvement in various projects has given me the experience and education to be willing to take on similar, additional projects. For example, my involvement in the Pepsi-Cola Collectors Club allowed me to write the newsletter for the Chicago Chapter of the club. Originally, that consisted of a typed page or two with photos cut out and taped to those pages and copying them on a copier. Eventually, I purchased my first computer and was able to compose and print with much better results. That was also about the time I started writing the Chapters News portion of the Pepsi Club's national newsletter. Once I started writing the "Dillman Descendants and Ancestors," I had about ten years experience of writing the Chapters News and several articles regarding Pepsi collectibles. The two projects have helped me learn and improve in my skills and my abilities with newer technology.

Now, things have come nearly full circle. The President of the PCCC, the one who started the club around 1983, has announced that he is stepping down after the 25th Anniversary of Pepsi-Fest this next March. A group of us created a transition team to assume all of the responsibilities that he has, although, he will still be assisting us when necessary. My role in this will be the new Editor of the PCCC Newsletter. Not surprising, eh? However, that responsibility should not interfere with the Dillman newsletter. Also, using Microsoft Publisher for the Pepsi newsletter, a program that was suggested to me by one of the Pepsi Transition Team members, was also used in creating this issue of the Dillman newsletter. Again, one of my experiences has helped me improve in the other.

Hopefully, you will all like the new look of the DD&A and, perhaps, feel inspired to compose an article for a future issue of this newsletter.

If you are already a member of GenealogyWise, the social networking site for genealogists, please be sure to join the "Dillmann Genealogy Group!"

Images found on the Internet



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3. Hans Georg Dillmann, where are you!? By Phil Dillman

As of this article, I don't believe anyone knows where Hans Georg Dillman Jr. was last living or where he and his wife, Margaretha Murr, are buried. As they were my 6th great-grandparents, I would like to know, just as I am certain there are a number of you that are also curious. I don't recall seeing a death date location for either one of them amongst all of my paperwork so I could use some help on this case.

Here is what we know:

Their youngest son, Conrad Dillman, was born in 1765 in Bethel, PA. Obviously, Margaretha was living at that time and it's likely Hans Georg was still living at that time, as well.

Their oldest son, Georg Adam Dillman, was taken prisoner by the British during the Revolutionary War and was mustered into their army in Nova Scotia, Canada. He was mustered out with the name George Stillman and he remained in Canada for the remainder of his life. Even though Marguerite Dillman's father wrote that George Adam was "fighting for the British," I don't know if anyone in the family kept in touch with him after the war. Either way, it's not likely that his parents were living with him in Canada.

Their son Andrew Dillman, the first Dillman of that branch born in America (1753), married Barbara Roush (Rausch) and their movements all the way to Bracken County, KY have been well documented. There is no mention of Andrew's parents living with them.

Their son George Michael Dillman, was born in 1764, most likely in Bethel, PA like his brother Conrad was one year later. George Michael's movements, along with his wife, Christina Heifer, were also well documents through his death and burial in Clermont Co., OH. His parents don't appear to be with him.

We know that Conrad Dillman married Mary Elizabeth Bindnagel. They moved to Summit Co., OH where he is buried there. Again, no mention

of any parents living with them.

Hans Georg and Margaretha had four daughters. Margaretha Dillman, was born in 1747 in Germany but nothing more is known.

Catarina Appolonia Dillman was born in 1751 on the ship "Brothers" during the family's immigration. She married Michael Zoeller in Heidelberg Twp., Berks Co., PA.

Anna Margaret Dillman was born in 1758 and was recorded as being Christened 11 days after her birth but nothing more is known about her.

Susanna Rosina Dillman was born in 1763 and was married to Jacob Sichrist. Nothing more is known.

Knowing that the Dillmanns traveled to America with a number of families that were friends from the old country and many of these friends served as witnesses at their children's baptisms, there is a good chance that they continued living near some of those friends near Bethel, PA. It's also possible that they lived with, or near, one of their daughters and their family. There is an outside chance that they lived long enough to live with one of their grandchildren. We know that Hans Georg had cousins in America that he may have been aware of as there was a George Michael and John Dillman, both born in Kentucky around 1815 and probably brothers, that had to descend from an uncle of Hans Georg Dillmann Jr or even a generation or two before that.

In any event, if they were buried and had headstones, they might not be legible as is the case of their son Andrew's original stone in Bracken Co., KY.

So, Hans Georg and Margaretha...where are you???

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4. Our Lembach, France experience **By Andrew Stillman**

One of the more interesting parts of the Fall 2009, trip to Germany for me was our drive through Alsace, the part of modern France which forcibly passed between German and French oversight many times over the course of history. Despite being part of France, modern day Alsatians continue to be ruggedly independent, claiming that their first allegiance is neither to France, nor Germany but to Alsace. We were there in search of information about the ancestors of Chuck Dillman, 2006-2008 President of the Dillman Family Association.

Once we had crossed the near invisible border into France on October 8th, 2009, our only clue that we were in a different country from the one we had been in for 8 days was the language on the road signs was now French. The landscape along the Rhine was very similar to that which we had been driving through on the German side. The small towns were just as beautiful with so many several hundred year old half-timber houses dotting the streets, all decorated with gorgeous window boxes and vibrantly coloured fall flowers.

We hurried along the roadway to Lembach

for our midday appointment with a local resident and Dillmann descendant, Jacqueline Chabrier, at the local Hotel-de-ville (Town Hall – see Pic. 1 below). We were directed to park around the side and readied ourselves for the introductions. Mme. Chabrier spoke both German and French, as well as the local Alsatian dialect that is quickly disappearing as children and grandchildren abandon it for French, but no English. After a few tense moments, my 12 years of being immersed in French at school in New Brunswick, Canada came back. That was the beginning of a wonderful afternoon, as the conversation and details began to flow.

I had spoken to Mme. Chabrier on the phone several days earlier and she was surprised to learn that there were Dillmann descendants in the United States as she believed that the Dillmanns had all remained in France and produced very few sons to carry on the surname. Thus, I had brought along genealogical information on Chuck Dillman's family, who originated in Lembach, to share with her.



Pic 1. Lembach Town Hall

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Mme. Chabrier, as she told me later, was concerned that a group of Americans wouldn't be interested in the small town of Lembach. However, she soon realized she had nothing to worry about as we were deeply interested in the Dillmann heritage and the history of the area. Mme. Chabrier, born Jacqueline Muller in 1931, spent her whole life in Lembach and was the granddaughter of Julie Dillmann. She brought along 3 others to meet with us. The first, Mme. Christiane Ehrstein, was the wife of a grandson of Caroline Dillmann. Both ladies are distant cousins of Chuck Dillman. The remaining two were Lembach residents who spend their winters in Arizona and were asked along by Mme. Chabrier to provide assistance in translating to English.

After our introductions, we began a walking tour of the town which led to the main church, which was Protestant, and had been around for many centuries (see Pic. 2). We viewed the interior of the church and then wandered around the churchyard where we passed several grave markers, each of us keen to see the name Dillmann but there were none. While there were a few older graves, many were relatively recent, due to the practice of reusing graves after a period of time.



Pic. 2. Protestant Church in Lembach, parts dating from the XIVth century.

We proceeded down laneways with Mme. Chabrier pointing out historic buildings, many of which were photographed and published in a book on the Wissembourg area. Sadly, it was out of print inasmuch as several of us were keen on acquiring a copy. We were shown the Fleckenstein Manor House, where the Fleckensteins who had survived the ravages of the French Revolution remained after their castle down the road was destroyed. We were told that an early Dillmann married one of the Baron Fleckenstein's daughters and how several Dillmanns later served as officials and administrators to the Fleckenstein family.

We went along a quiet road for a short time and ended up at the home of Mme. Ehrstein, who with her husband and son, live in a complex that once was an operating sawmill. The buildings were beautifully preserved and surrounded a cobblestone courtyard. We saw the picturesque river Sauer passing underneath the Mill buildings, which now formed her son's quarters. Mme. Ehrstein pulled me to one side. She wanted to take me on a special tour to see the stone coldrooms which held up to 40 people during the worse of World War II fighting and was now used for apples and barrels of cider and wine. She chuckled when she realized that everyone else had followed us in as well!

We made our way back into town and across the Sauer river. We turned the corner into another street full of centuries old half-timbered houses with Mme. Chabrier pointing out houses that belonged to her grandparents, Georges and Julie (Dillmann) Muller and another one that she believes was where close relatives of Chuck Dillman lived many many years ago. We stopped at a large house (see Pic. 3) with an even larger barn in the back which was built in 1790 for the then Mayor of Lembach in Jean-Louis Dielmann. (Most of these half-timbered houses have engravings near their eaves to indicate when the houses

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Pic. 3. Side view of house built for Jean-Louis Dielmann in 1790.

were built, initials of whom the houses were built for as well as initials of the builder themselves – see Pic. 4).



Pic. 4. Recording of the German form of Jean-Louis Dielmann's name (Ludwig Dielmann - LWD) followed by Gorg Heinrich Clausz (GHCsz) and the year the house was built, 1790, on the home of Jean-Louis Dielmann.

In this case, the house was built by Gorg Heinrich Clausz, who later married Jean-Louis' daughter, Catharina Magdalena as commemorated by the text above the barn door (see Pic. 5).



Pic. 5. Inscription above barn door commemorating marriage of Gorg Heinrich Clausz and Catharina Magdalena Dilman in 1802.

This house is now occupied by none other than Mme. Chabrier who invited us inside to take a closer look. It was such an honour to walk through the reception rooms of the house where Jean-Louis Dielmann resided. It wasn't until later that we learned of his tragic end in 1794 when the foreign armies led by the Austrians entered France following the murders of the French Royal Family during the French Revolution. (con't.)

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Later in the day, we went by car to the ruined Fleckenstein Castle, high in the nearby hills. We enjoyed tea and cake in the visitors centre amidst an afternoon rain shower that prevented us from walking around the ruins themselves. No matter, Mme. Chabrier had brought along many papers, pictures, and magazines for us to go through including a copy of the marriage record of Chuck's immigrant ancestors, Jacques Dillmann and Louise Bauer in 1835. She also unrolled several family tree charts she had copied for us outlining her ancestry and showing how she is related to the Dillmann family. Also, she was very proud of the fact that her third cousin (in the Muller line) is Rusty Schweickart, born in

1935 in New Jersey and a member of the Apollo 9 mission to the moon. Rusty is also a 5th cousin of the DFA's Chuck Dillman (in the Dillman Line). Rusty visited Lembach twice following his Apollo 9 Mission. The visits were written up in the local magazine and he was given a hero's welcome both times. He visited with his local cousins (his grandfather emigrated in 1899) and had many photos taken. Mme. Chabrier was on hand for the visits and provided us with a copy of the magazine to take away with us. The afternoon passed all too quickly. Once, we finished our tea, it was time to continue our journey. We quickly visited the nearby Maginot Line, and then said our "Au revoir"s to our new friends.



Mme. Jacqueline Chabrier



Mme. Christiane Ehrstein

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Photo provided by Mme. Jacqueline Chabrier – also appeared in the magazine ‘l’Outre-Forêt’ (Beyond the Forest) in fourth quarter 2004 in honour of Rusty Schweickart’s visit to the homeland of his ancestors. Taken in 1913 in front of the Muller residence, the people in the photograph are identified as follows: a) Frédéric Muller; b) Caroline Muller, wife of Frédéric; c) great-grandmother of Rusty Schweickart, Madeleine (Schmidt.) Schweickart; d) Madeline Muller, sister of Frédéric.



Photo provided by Mme. Jacqueline Chabrier entitled “Dillmann Family”

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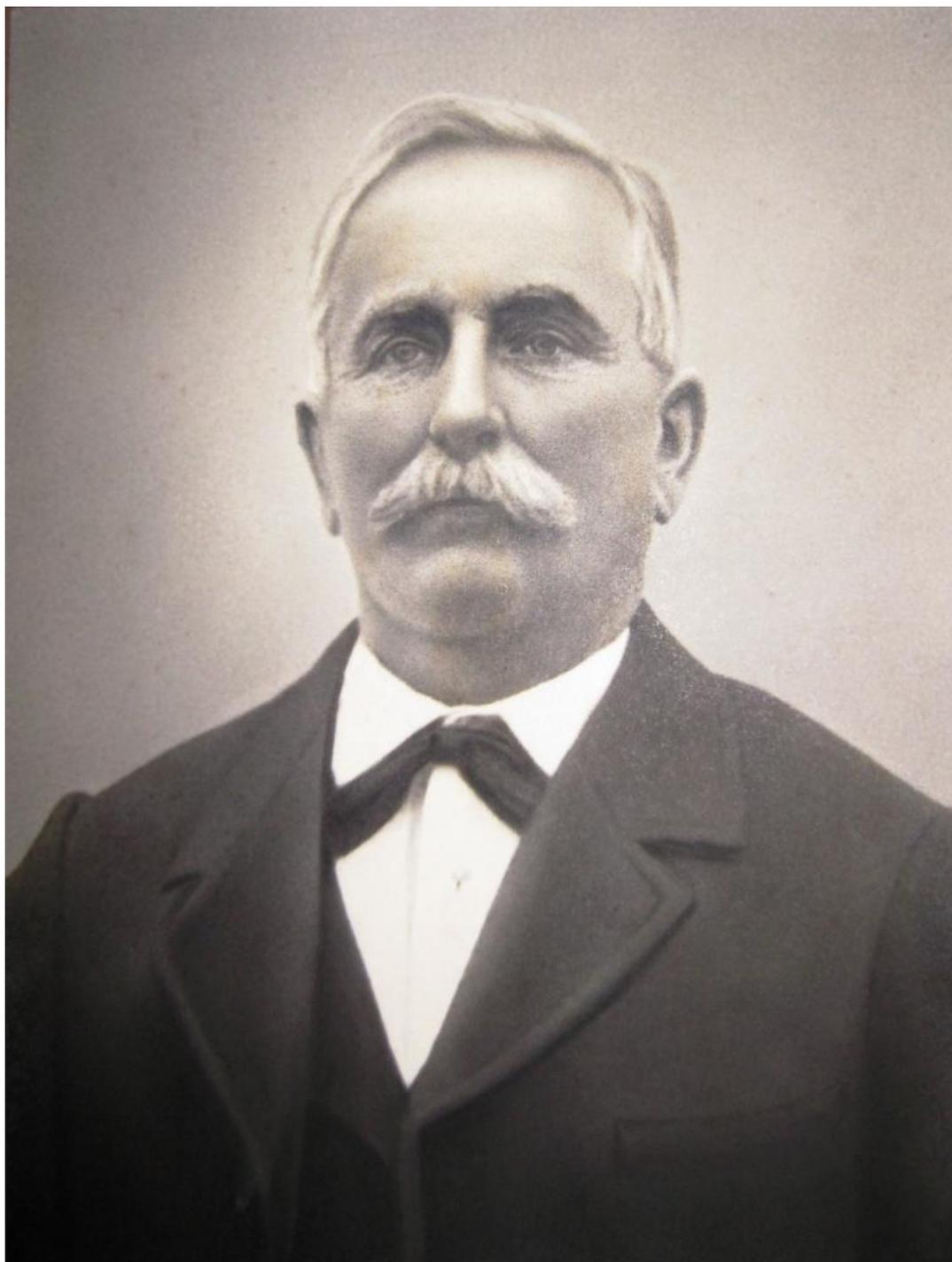


Photo taken by Andrew Stillman of a photo in the possession of Mme. Jacqueline Chabrier of Jacques-Louis Dillmann, former Mayor of Lembach, 1896-1919. (not to be confused with Jean-Louis Dielmann, also a former Mayor of Lembach, 1745-1794).

End of Article

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5. Andrew Dillman's Valley Forge Muster Roll

I found this on the Internet and thought some of you might be interested in the information for your records or for joining the DAR or SAR or any of the other similar societies. Joye Dillman stated recently that 82 people have used Andrew Dillman on their membership applications for the Daughters of the American Revolution. Phil

Welcome to the Valley Forge Muster Roll Home page. This page is dedicated to the 30,000 plus men who served at the Valley Forge Encampment under General George Washington during the period of Dec 1777 to Jun 1778.

Personal ID: **PA33141**

Last Name: **Dillman** **First Name:** **Andrew** **Suffix:**

Rank: **Private** **Rank Type:** **Rank and File** **Ethnicity:**

Brigade: **1st PA** **Company:** **Captain Stoy's**

State: **PA** **Regiment:** **2 PA** **Division:** **Wayne's Division**

Monthly Muster Roll Status

December 1777:

January 1778:

February 1778:

March 1778:

April 1778:

May 1778:

June 1778:

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6. “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.

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Last Saturday in June – the 26th

Descendants of Andrew and Elizabeth Bruner Dillman

Part of the Hans Georg Dillmann group Near Bloomington, IN

2nd Saturday in July – the 10th

Descendants of Rev. C.K. and Bertha Eickelberger Dillman

Part of the Hans Georg Dillmann group Kansasville, WI

DILLMAN MEGA-REUNION #5 Thursday and Friday, August 12th and 13th

Roanoke, VA.

Saturday, August 14th

The Virginia/Erich Dihlmann group Hungry Mother State Park, Marion, VA

Saturday, October 9th , 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM Central time

Descendants of Frank & Minnie Walker Dillman

Part of the Hans Georg Dillmann group Tamms, IL

7.



**Dillman Family Association
5th Biennial Dillman Mega Reunion in Roanoke, Virginia
August 12 - 13, 2010 (See tentative agenda for details)**

Hotel Reservations: Must be made by calling Hotel Directly

Quality Inn Roanoke Airport Hotel
2226 Thirlane Road
Roanoke, VA 24019
voice: 540-366-8861 fax: 540-366-1637

Information about hotel: <http://www.qualityinn.com/hotel-roanoke-virginia-VA411>

The special group rate for the Dillman Family Association is \$69/night, and includes breakfast. Be sure to ask for it. To get this rate, reservations must be made by July 1st!

Dillman Reunion Reservations:

Registration for Mega-Reunion is \$50 if submitted or postmarked by July 22, 2010. (Registration includes Mega-Reunion attendance, 2010-2012 family membership in the Dillman Family Association, receipt of quarterly Newsletter to one email address, and right for one person to vote on DFA decisions).

Registration after July 22nd or at door: \$75

Membership only: If you are unable to come to the Mega-Reunion, but would like to be a member of the Dillman Family Association, 2010-2012 dues are \$25 and you will receive quarterly Newsletter by email, other DFA updates, and have the right to vote on DFA decisions.

Members who want to receive Newsletter by postal mail please add \$1.00 per issue (or \$8).

Two ways to pay:

Electronic: 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: ed37dillman@gmail.com. Then, either send your completed registration by email to that address or by postal mail to Earl Dillman at the address below.

(Or) **Send Check and Registration Form** to Earl Dillman, Treasurer, Dillman Family Association, 14 Fellview Drive, Pittsford, NY 14534-4014. Please email Earl if you have questions.

-----Registration Form-----

Name: _____

Guests: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

Earliest known Dillman ancestor (Name and Date of Birth) _____

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Please let us know your reactions to this issue of the DFA newsletter. Are there any particular features you would like to see in future issues of the newsletter?

“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 2008-August 2010). You may now make that payment through the DFA website with your Paypal account. The instructions are on the reunion registration form.

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 Earl Dillman, Treasurer, at 14 Fellview Dr., Pittsford, N.Y. 14534-4014, ed37dillman@gmail.co.

Members may request receiving copies of the newsletter by postal mail instead of e-mail. Donations of \$1.00 per issue to cover the cost of printing and mailing such copies will be greatly appreciated.



***Headstone ordered by Phil for his ancestors buried in Beechwood Cemetery in Mounds, IL. Phil’s ggGrandparents—Frank and Minnie
Their daughter, Mary, and her daughter, Nevedith
Their sons, Hosie and Orville
Minnie’s mother (Phil’s gggGrandmother), Mary Jane Peters***