



Dillman *

Descendants and Ancestors

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

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**. “In Memoriam”*

In this issue, we would like to remember Dillman DNA participant Robert Franklin Dillman from Ringtown, PA.

1. “GERMANY 2009!”

The countdown is on!! Our German trip of a lifetime is just over 6 months away! September 30, 2009 will see us heading to airports to ensure we land in Frankfurt, Germany in the morning on October 1st. Preparations are well under way for our meetings with local German Dillmann/Dielmanns, etc., local historians, and areas that were and are meaningful to our Dillmann ancestors and relatives.

To view the itinerary included with the December 2008 Newsletter, please follow this link: <http://www.dillmanfamilyassociation.org/itineraryDillman%2009.pdf>

In this Newsletter, you will find a Registration Form, which needs to be returned, along with a deposit of 50% of the cost, in the form of a personal cheque, certified cheque, or money order, to the DFA Treasurer, Earl Dillman not later than May 31st, 2009. The balance is due by July 15th, 2009. The price of the trip **does not** include airfare to and from Frankfurt, which will be our starting point. Each participant will be required to make their own flight arrangements.

Also in this issue, there are short write-ups on 3 of the towns we will be visiting: Weilburg, Heidelberg, and Ravensburg. Last but not least, we have an introduction to Uli Buschmann of Buschmann Concept GmbH who will be our Guide, Translator, Teacher of all things German, and provide our local arrangements.

After tallying the response expressed by those following the December Newsletter, and taking into account the current economic climate, it is best to be conservative in budgeting. Hence, using a smaller number of expected participants to share the fixed costs means that the price of the trip is moderately higher than the preliminary figures in the December 2008 Newsletter. It must also be noted that the price to be paid is in Euros and the USD price may still vary somewhat when the final booking is made. The price per person for a **double room is USD 2,200** and for a **single room is USD 2,660**. Should the final costs end up lower, the DFA is committed to returning any difference back to participants. And remember, this price covers all hotels, ground transportation, guide fees, all breakfasts, all dinners and some lunches. Entry fees to castles, etc, are still being negotiated as the itinerary is still being finalized and are not yet included.

Cancellations can be accepted up to July 31st and a full re-imburement of funds will issued. No refunds can be provided after July 31st.

For any questions or for further information, please contact Andrew Stillman, DFA Vice-President 2008-2010 at andrew.stillman@unb.ca

Weilburg

Weilburg, the first destination for the tour, will be our resting place for 4 nights (Days 2-5 in the Itinerary) and it is set in the centre of the highest concentration of Dillmanns in Germany. It is also within easy reach of the Frankfurt Airport, Lautzenhausen (ancestral home of Dillman Family Group 5), and Bad Schwalbach (ancestral home of Dillman Family Group 4). It is a picturesque town of 14,000 set in the Lahn River Valley in the state of Hesse, which has the highest per capita income of all the German States. The town of Weilburg itself is almost completely encircled by the River Lahn and sits on a craggy hilltop with panoramic views all around and is dominated by a 16th century castle. Weilburg is also home to Germany's only ship tunnel, a 640 foot long structure built in 1847 to save river traffic having to sail around the peninsula.

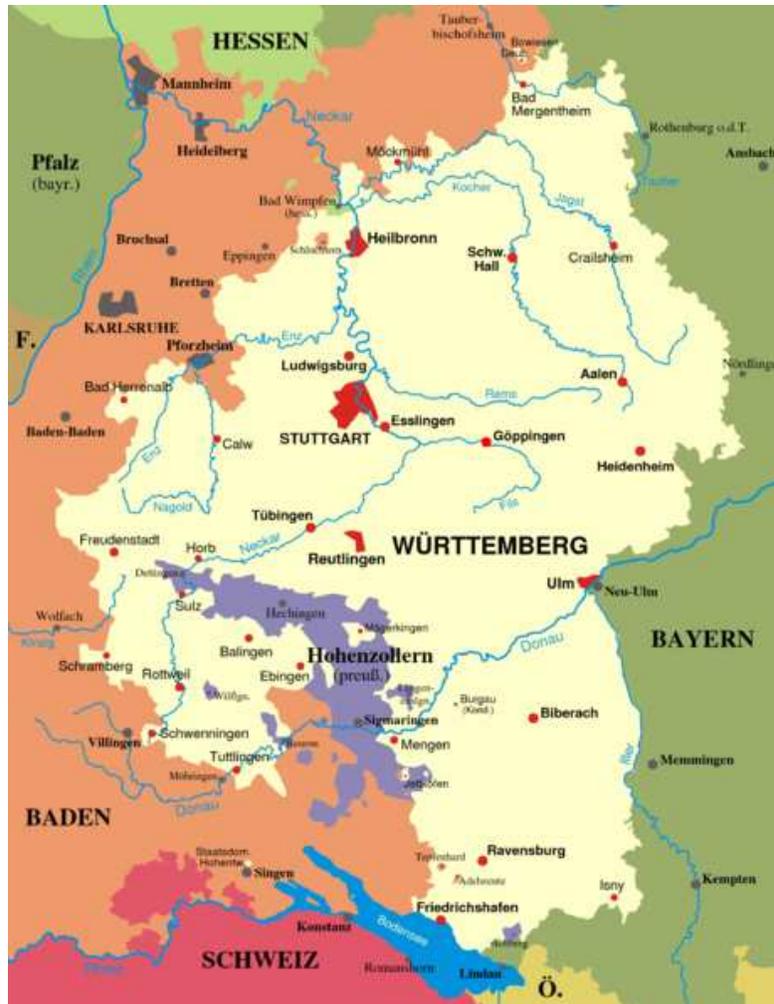


Courtyard of Weilburg Castle

Weilburg was first mentioned in records in 906 and in 912. Conrad I, King of East Francia, the elected successor of the Carolingian emperors, founded a church and abbey here. Weilburg was strategically situated and controlled trade between Frankfurt and Cologne. Weilburg's Evangelical church contains the official burial vaults for the House of Nassau during the time of their pre-eminence from 1355 until 1816 when Hesse became a Prussian duchy.



Weilburg



Southern Germany c. 1810 (F. = France, Schweiz = Switzerland, Bayern = Bavaria, Ö = Austria)

Heidelberg

Heidelberg will be visited on Day 6 of the Itinerary as we leave Bad Schwalbach (Dillman Family Group 4) and head to Pforzheim/Iltingen/Wurtemberg area (ancestral home of Dillman Family Group 3). Heidelberg is a romantic town in the Black Forest in the northern part of the state of Baden-Wurttemberg, which was created in 1951 from the regions of Baden, Wurttemberg and Hohenzollern. Heidelberg, with a population today of 143,000, is Germany's oldest and most famous university town. Heidelberg's beauty stems from its uniform red-roofed townscape architecture and its evocative half-ruined castle. 3.5 million visitors flock to Heidelberg each year. Famous 19th century visitors include Mark Twain, who began his 1878 European holiday with a 3 month stay in Heidelberg.



Heidelberg Castle

Heidelberg's roots trace back to Celtic settlements during Roman times as early as the 5th century BC. A Roman fort was built around AD 40, followed by a monastery in 863 and another in 1130. An early castle, in 1155, fell into the possession of the Hohenstaufen Counts Palatine of the Rhine. A second castle was built further up the hill by 1303, but was destroyed in 1537. The University of Heidelberg was founded in 1386 and played a leading part in the reformation, where Martin Luther was invited to defend his 95 theses in 1518. Being under the control of the Electors Palatine (formerly counts), Heidelberg was devastated during the Thirty Years War (1618-1648). Also being so close to the shifting border with France, Heidelberg was almost completely destroyed by Louis XIV in 1693 during his dynastic wars. In 1742 work began on the reconstruction of the castle, however, many outbuildings were destroyed by a lightning strike in 1764 and work was discontinued. The city was rebuilt in the 18th century in the Baroque style and has been carefully maintained as such ever since.



Old Town main square, Heidelberg

Ravensburg

Ravensburg lies 13 miles north of Lake Constance, where the borders of Germany, Switzerland and Austria meet. We will have the opportunity to visit these on Day 11 of the itinerary. We will be hosting our 3rd Dillmann family dinner with local Dillmanns in Ravensburg, with the goal of attracting those Dillmanns in southern Germany as well as those living in Switzerland. Some German researchers believe that the Neureut Dillmanns (family Group 2) originally came from Switzerland. Ravensburg is a town of 48,500 within the state of Baden-Wurttemberg which has a very well preserved old town area with 3 gates and 10 original towers still intact from the medieval fortifications. Ravensburg is in the area of Southern Germany that once formed part of Swabia where the local German dialect is called Swabisch, which even though it is rather musical is quite incomprehensible to other German speakers.



Ravensburg Town Hall.

Ravensburg was first mentioned in records in 1088. It was founded by the Welf family, who were rivals to the Hohenstaufen family for control of German territory and election as Holy Roman Emperors in the early Middle Ages. Within 100 years, Ravensburg and its castle came into the hands of the Hohenstaufens. Shortly after the family became extinct in 1268, Ravensburg became an Imperial Free City, meaning it came under the direct control of the Holy Roman Emperor. As order was restored, Ravensburg became a major trading centre for linen and later on, paper as well. Sadly, Ravensburg suffered, like much of Germany, during the Thirty Years War when the Swedish army destroyed Ravensburg Castle and the flourishing economy stagnated. In 1810, the city was incorporated into the Kingdom of Wurttemberg as part of the reorganization of Europe during the Napoleonic era. The Kingdom continued in existence until the end of first World War. The absence of new building since the Thirty Years War has been a blessing as the old town has been faithfully conserved and preserved as it was.



Ravensburg from the air

Host for the Dillman Family Trip of a Lifetime

The host for our Dillman Family Trip to Germany is “Bushman Concept GmbH” a company owned and operated by Ulrich “Uli” Bushmann, located in Cologne, Germany. The DFA officers voted to work with Uli because of the many trips of this nature that he has organized.

We talked with a number of references, who experienced different kinds of trips organized by Uli. One was a family group of 18 wanting to learn more about their heritage and origins of their family name. Another trip involved a van group of 8 who visited a partner city in Germany. The third person was on a travel agency from which three different staff had gone on several trips to Germany organized by Uli’s company. All were enthusiastic about Uli.

They talked about how impressed with the reports of care taken in organizing and carrying out the details of their trips, and Uli's personal involvement in making them so comfortable as well as enjoyable. "He knows his Germany history and is fluent in English," was the observation of one person who was born in Germany, but has lived in the U.S. since 1950. I met with him in Cologne in October, and found him enormously helpful in thinking through what kinds of experiences would be appreciated by those of us who are able to go to Germany in October.

You might enjoy hearing about Uli in his own words:

, "In 1970, a young German man, having completed his military service, started his studies at a German university. His plan at the time was to become a teacher of English at a German "Gymnasium" grammar school – like thousands of others. As his family's financial means were limited he had to earn his keep, and started free-lancing for a company in Cologne that specialized in educational travel. Within a short time, the excitement of designing and shaping meaningful journeys began to take over, while the prospect of being a well-paid but state-regimented school master faded away.

Ulrich "Uli" Buschmann, the man in question, changed his aspired university degree into that of a "Master of Arts", and while one day attending a lecture he designed his first brochure, which told about his innovative ideas in American student travel to Germany. The flyer went out to several thousand US teachers of German. A few months later he and his future wife found themselves preparing for their first five groups from across the big pond.

And so it continued. The Buschmann company added educational travel from Germany to Great Britain to their portfolio. They have worked for a great many High Schools; the American Association of Teachers of German chose them as their overseas partner; churches are entrusting them with their travel plans in conjunction with the current Luther decade and the Passion Plays in 2010. And every once in a while, an unusual travel request arrives on their doorstep – like building a trip around a certain German family name.

The Buschmann company is a long standing member of the German Chamber of Commerce; their trips have appeared in publications of the German National Tourist Office; they support the association of Luther descendants and donate to other worthy causes; they have exhibited at trade fairs. And so on. But before anything else, as they are planning a group travel project they are doing it with the same enthusiasm as always, striving for that little bit extra that can make all the difference in an overseas travel experience. A list of references is available."

We are looking forward to Uli creating a wonderful experience for all who go on the Dillman family trip to Germany.

Germany 2009 Tour Registration Form

Registration Forms MUST be returned with the deposit, in the form of a personal cheque, certified cheque or money order, to arrive no later than May 31, 2009, to the DFA Treasurer. Please note that the form is not complete unless signed below:

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Email Address: _____

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	<u>Number</u>		<u>Price*</u>		<u>Extended Price</u>
Number of persons for double rooms:	_____	x	US\$2,200	=	_____
Number of persons for single rooms:	_____	x	US\$2,660	=	_____

(1) Total =====

(2) Deposit now due (50% of (1) above) _____

Balance due by July 15th (1) – (2) =====

*** Prices do not include airfare to/from Frankfurt.** Participants are responsible for arranging their own flights. Final price per person may vary based on final number of participants and exchange rates. Adjustments will be advised to all participants when the service providers have been paid.

The Dillman Family Association undertakes no liability with respect to the provision of services by Buschmann Concept GmbH. The DFA is merely acting as a funds transfer agent on behalf of individual members of the association.

By signing, I acknowledge that the DFA has no liability with respect to Germany 2009 Tour.

Signature of lead contact: _____

**** The purchase of Travel Insurance is strongly recommended ****

Please retain a copy for your records

2.

“THE DIHLMANN / VIRGINIA DILLMAN GROUP”

In 1998, I received an invitation to attend a Dillman reunion at the Hungry Mother State Park in Marion, Virginia. The announcement flyer featured a drawing of a bare tree with various Dillmans on each branch. At that point, they could only trace their tree back to George Washington Dillman. I couldn't make the trip down there but I contacted the person named on the flyer. Her name was Betty “Betsy” Dillman Ross. We exchanged our genealogical information but couldn't find a connection to each other. During the next couple of years, they had traced their tree back two more generations; Samuel D. Dillman, who married Polly Zechman and, his father, Christopher Dillman, who married Anna Marie Schulz. I continued to receive their reunion flyers and eventually created a binder for their family tree and labeled it “Virginia Group.”

Since that time, a lot of information has been found regarding their tree and mine, the Hans Georg Dillmann group. While the two groups are not related, the Dillman DNA Project has helped considerably with furthering the research of these two groups as well as many other Dillman family trees. One of those other groups was the one which Erich Dihlmann from Germany was part of. Erich had researched his family tree many years earlier and had published a book and created a Website featuring his findings. The 350 page book was titled “Dillmann / Dihlmann Family Register, 1536-1986.” It contained 350 families with 1,850 people who were descendants of Michael Dhyllmann, born between 1500 and 1520, who was a lancer / pike

bearer / spear carrier and was registered in 1536 in Vaihingen / Enz as a citizen of Wurmberg. The name appeared as Dilman, Thilmann, Duellmann, Dillmann, and Dihlmann. The book is out of print but can be found for viewing at a few locations in Germany. It is believed that Martin Dillmann, who was born before 1485, was the father of Michael Dhyllmann but this hasn't yet been confirmed.

One of the big news items at the 2008 Dillman Mega-Reunion was the recent discovery by Betsy Dillman Ross that her tree actually connected to Erich Dihlmann's family tree! Betsy stated that she and Erich “found” each other because of the Dillman DNA project in which her brother, William Joseph Dillman, had participated. His DNA matched Erich's. Upon notification of a match from the DNA bank in 2007 along with the help of Frank Dillman, Betsy made contact with Erich. He spoke no English and she spoke no German. However, through the use of internet translators, they communicated. Erich was in his 90s but had updated his information as recently as 2006. As they were both looking for a transatlantic connection for their families and since Betsy had one piece of information which she felt was the probable connection to Erich's group, they exchanged information. She was put in contact with another Dillman researcher named Judi Dillman who took Betsy's information and searched in the Decatur, Illinois Genealogical Society Library and found a book entitled “Pennsylvania Births, Philadelphia County, 1766-

1780.” It listed Georg Friedrich Dillmann, son of Johann Jakob, as being the father of five children, one of whom was Betsy’s ancestor, Christopher! It took Betsy a while to absorb the fact that

Christopher’s parents had finally been found along with many generations beyond them. Sadly, Erich passed away just a few months before verification of the connection to Betsy’s tree.

3. “ART DILLMAN / JOHANN MICHAEL”

Johann Michael Dillmann, son of Johann Dillmann and Maria _____, was born about 1754 in Lautzenhausen, Rhein-Hunsrueck-Kreis, Rheinland-Pfalz, Germany, and died before December 1821 in Harrison, Indiana. He immigrated in 1785, entering the United

States with his wife, Elizabeth LeGrand Dillmann, on June 14, 1785. He is believed to be the father of Michael, Christena and, possibly, Catherine. There are indications that there was another son, as well.

A number of documents in the Harrison County Clerks office seem to indicate that John Dillman, as he was then known, had made various purchases up until November 1, 1821, including medicine for himself, his wife and children. One month later, an administrator had been hired and an appraisal had been submitted for the Estate of John Dillman.

Many of the Dillmans from this group lived in Crawford County, IN and many of them are buried in the Dillman Cemetery there. This group of Dillmans associated with the Landis family in Crawford County. Meanwhile, a Frederick Dillman married a Catherine Landis in Lawrence County, IL in 1843. This is interesting because, after Johann’s (John’s) son, Michael Dillman, born 1810, died 1879, passed away,

Michael’s son, Peter, moved his family to Lawrence County, IL. It’s possible that Frederick was his uncle.

This information was compiled by Clarence “Artie” Dillman, a native of Crawford County. While researching another name in his family, Art learned of an old, abandoned cemetery called “Little Flock” in the town of Elizabeth, IN. None of the townsfolk knew of the cemetery but, with the help of his niece, they located the cemetery on a secluded ridge of land on private property. With permission, he and his wife began clearing the thick underbrush from the cemetery which had seen its last burial in 1893, 41 years after the church there had been dissolved. They first suspected the cemetery contained 15 to 20 graves but, together with his colleagues, had documented 170 as of a few years ago. That’s when the Corydon Democrat newspaper wrote an article regarding a rededication ceremony that was being held in honor of the pioneers that are buried there, some of whom were soldiers in the Revolutionary and Civil Wars.

Some of the people researching this group of Dillmans are: Dan Dillman and his parents, Dana and Eve Dillman, from Saint Cloud, MN, Larry Lee Dillman from Ft. Wayne, IN, Roger Dillman from Paoli, IN, and Linda Bradley on Genforum in 2001.

4. “DILLMAN LIBRARY / ARCHIVES and MEMORABILIA” Part 1

The DFA Archives contains binders of printed materials and photos about many different Dillman families. Development of the Archives was begun before the first Mega-Reunion in 2002. At each of our mega-reunions the archived materials have been displayed so that those who come to the reunion can look at materials, find errors and add new information. Going through this archival material has become one of the most enjoyable and useful activities associated with our biennial reunions.

We see the Archives is a work in progress, with changes and improvements being made as new information has come to light and old information has been verified for accuracy. Listed below are some of the materials included in the Archives. In the next Newsletter, more items will be listed. We appreciate very much new material being submitted by those who wish to share and preserve their Dillman heritage

DFA Library Addendum – Binders in Collection (blue letters indicate Phil Dillman’s lineage)

- 1) [Hans Georg Dillmann](#) – Neureut, Baden, Germany – 1682
& [Hans Georg Dillman](#) – 1724
- 2) George Adam Dillman/Stillman - 1749
- 2) [Andrew Dillman](#) – 1753 & Barbara Roush
(minus John Sr.,
minus Andrew & Eliz. Bruner,
minus George & Mary Rhorer)
- 3) [John Wesley Dillman Sr.](#) – 1783
(minus Samuel & Sarah Hook
minus John Jr.
minus Andrew & Sarah Kilander)
- 3) Andrew Dillman & Elizabeth Bruner
- 3) George Dillman & Mary Rhorer
(plus Eli Dillman
Plus Marguerite Dillman)
- 4) Samuel Dillman & Sarah Hook
(plus Frank R. Dillman)
- 4) [John Wesley Dillman Jr.](#) & kids
(minus Frank Dillman)
- 4) Andrew Dillman & Sarah Kilander
(plus Kilander genealogy
plus Dillman, Indiana info)
- 5) Jonas Rhorer Dillman & kids (s/o Samuel & Sarah)
- 5) [Frank Dillman](#) & kids (s/o John Wesley Jr.)
(minus Covey)
- 5) Clear Creek, IN, Williams, IN, Dillman Farms
(descendants of Andrew Dillman & Elizabeth Bruner)

5) Iowa Dillmans, Ray Eugene Dillman,
Life and Times of Peter Dillman (photocopy)
(descendants of Andrew Dillman & Elizabeth Bruner)

6) Covey Dillman & kids #1
(plus grandkids)

6) Covey Dillman & kids #2
(plus grandkids)

7) All about Phillip Dillman

2) George Michael Dillman – 1764

2) Conrad Dillman – 1765

(plus Bradford Dillman

plus Will County, Illinois)

- Anthony Dillman, Peter Dillman, John Cormick Dillman/Pennsylvania
Frank Dillman (Alabama), Cline (Kline) Dillman (Bechtold)

- Erich Dihlmann web pages, Martin Dillmann genealogy from the web
Virginia Dillman group (Betsy Dillman Ross)
(recently combined with Erich's info. They are related)
- Bangor, MI / Bluffton, OH / Peter Dillman born 1805 in Germany
- Dillman Bread family info from Genforum, Verona N.Y. Dillman genealogy
- William, George - born 1790, Joseph – born 1834, Perry County, PA (Silas Dillman)
Henry Dillman from Norka, Russia, Dillaman info
- Samuel, Vachel Dillman group (Clay Co., IL)(Prairie du Chien, WI)
- Johann Michael Dillman (Art's and Daniel's group)
- Dillman-Dayga/Degen/Dagga, Preble Co., OH, Miami & Cass Co., IN
- Augusta Dillman Thomas Research
- Dillman Station, WI (Bayside, Milwaukee Co., WI), Milwaukee area Dillman(n)s
- Dillmans in/from Canada, Dillman's Lodge in Wisconsin, Nova Scotia Dillmans

- Unplaced Pennsylvania Dillmans (minus Perry County)
- Address, Phone Number and E-Mail lists from phone books, reunions, Internet, etc.
- Unplaced Genforum Queries
- Individual Dillmans to be connected, various lists, obits
- Dillmans on the Web, Dillman places and businesses

- 2002 reunion correspondence
- 2002 CD set correspondence
- 2004 reunion correspondence
- 2006 reunion correspondence
- 2008 reunion correspondence

- Dillman DNA kits and correspondence
- Dillman DNA Charts
- Family Tree DNS "Facts and Genes"
- Various Marguerite Dillman papers – research and correspondence

- Lots of paperwork regarding Marguerite Dillman's other family lines

5. "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.

2009 – Saturday, June 27, around 11:00 AM-3:00 PM Eastern Time

Descendants of Andrew & Elizabeth Bruner Dillman

Near Bloomington, IN

Saturday, July 11, around 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM

Descendants of Rev. C. K. & Bertha Eckleberger Dillman

(Samuel & Sarah Hook Dillman)

Bloomington, IL

August 1-3 Friday Saturday & Sunday *for additional information email: j-lee@live.ca*

Descendants of Peter abt.1789 (Martin & Agatha Dillman)

Prince George, British Columbia, Canada

Saturday, October 10, 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM Central time

Descendants of Frank & Minnie Walker Dillman

Tamms, IL

2010- DILLMAN MEGA-REUNION #5 Date and location to be determined

6. "MORE DILLMAN BUSINESSES"

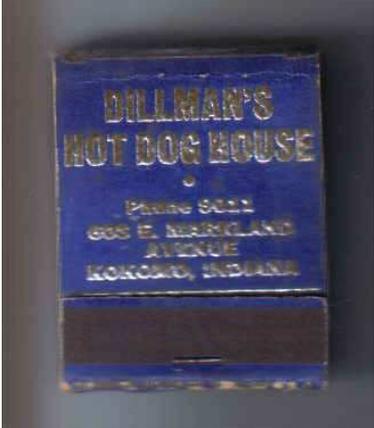
We will continue to feature photos and business cards for Dillman businesses, past and present. If you have anything from a Dillman business that you'd like included, please send it to my e-mail address. Thanks!

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Dillman's Furniture Factory Outlet

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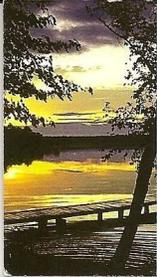


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Please let us know your reactions to this issue of the DFA newsletter. Are there any particular features you would like to see in future issues of the newsletter?

“FUTURE ARTICLES”

We would like to include any Dillman-related stories and/or photos that you would like 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 \$10.00, which covers the two year period between mega-reunions (August 2008-August 2010)

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.com.

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