

HERROLD REUNION NEWSLETTER

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TO: HERROLD REUNION MAILING LIST
FROM: BILL BRENNEN, PRESIDENT & EDITOR

90th Herrold Reunion Held

Descendants of Captain John George Herrold and Anna Maria Benesch Herrold met on Sunday, July 28, 2002 at the Port Trevorton Fire Co. The Herrolds were pre-Revolutionary settlers in Snyder County after immigrating from Germany to Lancaster County in 1743.

A Reunion priority to renovate the "Old Pioneer Cemetery, behind Keller Marine, has been completed. A double split-rail fence, new steps and walkway were finished this year. John Mease, chairman of the Cemetery Committee, has been responsible for maintaining this unique cemetery, opposite Lower Herrold's School. In addition to the monument to John George Herrold, there are five Revolutionary War monuments, including John George Herrold, Jr., who was killed and scalped by Indians at Fort Freeland in 1779.

Reunion President William J. Brennien Jr. reported that funds are in place to erect a monument for Anna Maria Benesch

Herrold (1732-1801), the grandmother of all Snyder County Herrolds. The monument will be unveiled at a special ceremony by the Herrold Reunion Association in October.

President Brennien stated, "The monument will, at last, correct a long standing oversight and finally give due recognition to our Pioneer Grandmother. The public is invited to visit this one-of-a-kind cemetery and should be of special interest to the hundreds of Herrold descendants in Central Pennsylvania."

In the last several years the Reunion Association has published the "Herrold Ancestry Book", reprinted Dr. Charles Fisher's "Snyder County Pioneers" and continued to update family genealogy. Printing a supplemental ancestry record is under consideration for 2003.

The Herrold Reunion is held annually on the last Sunday of July at the Port Trevorton Fire Co. in Port Trevorton.

(SNYDER COUNTY TIMES)

Bill Brennen opened the Reunion with the following welcome in the language of our Herrold ancestors---Pennsylvania Dutch:

"Uff der achtunzwansicht daag Sundaag im Yuli Zweek Dausend un Zweek.

Willkumm zum der neinzishte yaerliche Herrold ReGemeeschaft -- noochkemmer vun Georg Christopf Hoeroldt un Maria Catherina Scheelkopf sie sin vun Deutschland im yaahr Siwwezeh Hunnert Dre un Vattzich.

Un der suh John George Herrold un sei Fraa Anna Maria Benesch Herrold, die eldre vun alliebber de Snyder County Herrolds,

Kann du Deitsch schwetze?"

OLD PIONEER CEMETERY PROJECTS

The Phase I and Phase II projects have been completed in the past year, which included a new double split-rail fence and concrete steps and walkways. Phase III, the placement of a monument for Anna Maria Benesch Herrold (1725 – 1802), will be completed in October 2002.

STOUCHBURG CEMETERY

The correction and additional inscription on the Herrold monument was completed earlier this year. The inscription of Maria Catherine Scheelkopf (1693 – 1760), the wife of George Christopher Herrold, Sr. and the mother of John George Herrold, finally gives recognition to our common grandmother.

CONTRIBUTIONS

The above mentioned projects were completed through the financial gifts of some members and the sale of "Snyder County Pioneers" to the Snyder County Historical Society who sold out their original order.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Clarence Reichenbach, of Cinnaminson, NJ, deserves special recognition and appreciation for his munificent contribution of \$1,100 to the cemetery projects. Without his support, we would have had to curtail or at least postpone the Benesch-Herrold monument in the Old Herrold Cemetery.

THANK YOU, CLARENCE!

Following is a copy of the pertinent facts concerning Benesch and Herrold:

ANNA MARIA BENESCH HERROLD (1725 – 1802)

Last year, 2002, I wrote a biography based on the best information available. Jim and Dick Herrold have discovered new information at the Tulpehocken Settlement Historical Society (1973) in Womelsdorf, PA under the biography of Jacob Kobel. **NEW FACTS:** This confirms that *Anna Maria Elizabeth Benesch* was born in 1725. Nicholas Benesch, her father, died in 1726 in Germany. Susanna, her mother, re-married Johannes Artz in 1727. They had a son, Johannes in 1727-1728. The family came to America on board the **ADVENTURE** and qualified in Philadelphia, Sept. 23, 1732.

You will note the following ship's listing (actual spelling):

Credelass Bennech, age 18; Margaret Elizabeth Benesch, Born 1714;

Merreless Bennech, age 7 (born 1725); Anna Maria Benesch (our grandmother); & Simmon Bennites, age 13 (born 1719)

BENESCH HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

The Benesch family originated in Bohemia, a section of the present day Czech Republic. Dr. Charles A. Fisher alluded to the former Premier of pre-World War II Czechoslovakia... Eduard Beneš (pronounced BEH-nesh), as being a descendant of the same family as *Anna Maria Elizabeth Benesch Herrold*, mother of all Snyder County Herrolds.

They lived in the area about 40 miles west of Prague in the general area of Rakovnik which is located about 40 miles from the eastern German border.

Since the Benesch family was Lutheran, it is assumed they must have migrated 500 miles to Western Germany during or shortly following the Thirty Years War between Protestants and Catholics. Western Germany, with Martin Luther, was a hot-bed of Lutheranism which offered them protection after Bohemian Protestants were defeated in 1620. Europe was devastated. Thousands of people left Europe, especially Germany, to emigrate to America to build a new life.

only child mentioned was their son Henry, who was just approaching his majority. Jacob also left a daughter, Anna Catherine, who married John Simon Binitsch (Benesch) at the Tulpehocken (Christ) Lutheran Church on June 26, 1744. Simon was the son of Nicholas Benesch, who died in Germany about 1726, and whose widow married John Artz and came with him to America on Sept. 23, 1732. The record mentions Simon as the stepson of Artz. Simon's mother was Susanna Orttz, born about 1693, and died in the Tulpehocken area in September, 1772. Simon is believed to have been the brother of Anna Mary Elizabeth, wife of John George Herold (Herrold), who came to the Tulpehocken region in 1743. John George was an ancestor of the compiler."

(Compiled by Dr. Charles A. Fisher)

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 Although the writer checked the index numerous times in "Pennsylvania German Pioneers", including a variety of spellings, I was unaware of the Benesch-Artz relationship, which obviated the connection, until Jim Herrold uncovered these facts in the Tulpehocken Historical Society.

HERROLD ANCESTRY BOOK UPDATE

The book, published in 2000, will not be reprinted. Just a few orders, in response to a previous mailing, and inordinate production costs for minimum quantities, killed the effort.

However, we are continuing to discuss the possibility of a soft cover book, completely updated, at a guess-timated cost of \$50.00. To proceed, we should have at least 25 orders. *(See reverse for "Order Form Survey")*

Return the "Order Form" if you are interested, even if you responded to the previous survey.

**THIS WILL BE THE LAST CHANCE TO PROCURE A
 "HERROLD ANCESTRY BOOK" !!!!**

Adventure 1732

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Alizabeath Winkleplankin	36	Evan Ditto D ^r .	8
Mardelena Colomerrine	36	Hanna Margrett Mosser	12
Wally Hannah Lipsine	24	Anna Marx D ^r .	10
Marcas Rigline	23	Anna Margreite D ^r .	8
Katterena Shoulca	31	Allena Marger Ollseller	11
Margerate Olver	44	Marrea Boble	9
Katterena Kanteren	38	Anna Margreite Glance	9
Merrelca Portzeren	37	Suzanna Ossell Trumpf	12
Margreite Nyden	25	Anna Barberer Ditto	8
Katterena Paulterca	25		
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Johan Maria Lissine D ^r .	11	Hance Lennord D ^r .	6
Marrea Martine Kanten	4	Jerack Adam Stiger	9
Hanna Mela Portzeren	8	Hance Micall Peter	11
Hanna Miere Shoulca	6	Hance Felter Haverlewe	8
Katterena Ditto	4	Fassions Sheule	9
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Hanna Boble Ditto	7	Larrance Lessen	6
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Katterena Fisher	13	Simon Bennites	13
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"At the Courthouse aforesaid, Sep^r 23^d, 1732. Fifty seven Palatines, who with their Families, making in all One hundred & forty five Persons, were imported here in the Ship Adventure, Robert Curson, M^r., from Rotterdam, but last from Cowes, as by Clearance thence." From the Minutes of the Provincial Council, printed in *Colonial Records*, Vol. III, p. 455.



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BOOK ORDER SURVEY

Yes, I am interested in ordering _____ copies of an updated soft-cover
HERROLD ANCESTRY Book at an approximate price of \$50.00 each.

I realize that printing the book is dependent upon the *number of responses to this
survey. I am sending no money now but will pay prior to the printing of the book.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

*(We must have at least 25 bona fide orders to print.)