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Is Computer Genealogy Really Here To Stay?

By Lee Watrous

Ten years ago, when I started using one to organize several notebooks into some sort of recognizable form, the main idea was to transform them from a mishmash of well-worn sheets, on as many as three different typewriters, some with tired ribbons, items scratched out or added to in pen and make something out of it that would be of use to me. After it was retyped on computer disk and printed out, the next problem was to be able to find a name or date, which was otherwise lost in the vast forest of type.

At that stage of my life, while looking for a way to tame that data, I ran across the idea of using a computer genealogy program. Not being too sure of just what I wanted, or how to do it, I selected the Personal Ancestral File program from the LDS people. It was inexpensive and was said to be simple enough for me to understand. I then started back through my notebooks, and transcribed the names and date into the PAF program. In those days, there was no way of adding notes, sources or much other information.

PAF was improved through the years, but still suffered from problems. By this time, I knew enough about what I wanted that I started looking for something a bit more comprehensive. I purchased a couple of books, hoping that there might be some information in them that would be to my advantage. I ran across one book, *Your Roots* by Richard Eastman, which came with a CD-ROM containing a number of examples of genealogical programs. I still refer back to that book for help and information. Among the programs I played with were *Family Origins*, *Family Tree Maker*, *Brother's Keeper*, *Reunion*, *The Master Genealogist*, *Roots IV* and a shareware program called *Family Tree for Windows*.

Some of them were more complicated than I thought I could deal with; others were quite expensive or required a better CD-ROM player than I had. Experimenting with all of them, I finally decided on *Brother's Keeper* by John Steed and obtained a copy of the program. I went through several years' improvement to the program and was quite satisfied with it. This program was quite easy to operate both in DOS and Windows. It made it easy to locate persons, would handle large numbers of people, and had access to source and notes.

Finally, after purchasing a new, state-of-the-art computer, complete with CD-ROM, I realized that only by making use of CD-ROMs could I obtain some necessary information. Through the years, I have read and made notes on over a hundred books on family histories, local histories, vital records, etc. The purchase of a number books became prohibitive because of the prices involved; using the Hoyt Library helped immensely; the 'net came in handy, when there was something useful involved. To my mind, only by using CD-ROMs, which are comparatively inexpensive and available, could I ever expect to fill in the blanks in my history. So, onward to the *Family Tree Maker* and its very valuable CD-ROMs. I understand that there are other programs available that also make use of these CD-ROMs, and I imagine that they are also very good for this purpose, but since I got started with FTM, there doesn't seem to be much purpose in changing programs just to change programs. I imagine that I will be "stuck" with this program for quite a while; I can't foresee something better for me in the near future, but then, neither did my crystal ball tell me what was in store ten years later, when I got started.

Having passed the three-score-and-ten mark some years ago, I am a great

believer that simple is better. I realize that many of you are still in great shape (mentally) for operating certain computer programs. When choosing a genealogical program, keep in mind the basics – ease of use (if it's too complicated, it makes the job too hard to continue); a program which will deal with a large number of names (you'll probably add to it through the years); ability to use GEDCOM to download (if you do want to change programs or send your data to someone else this is necessary); ease of sourcing your information (lets someone else know where you found your information) and a place to store notes. Other very helpful items are lists of references used, to-do lists, and the possibility of going on-line to send your results out to others interested in your information.

I am unable to ascertain just what improvements will be made in computerized genealogy in the next five, ten or twenty years. Undoubtably there will be many changes, probably for the best. With the upsurge of information available on CD-ROM, by Bróderbund and others, there apparently is no limit to the information which will be ready for everybody to use. There may even be a newer format than CD-ROM in the future – what that will be, I have no idea, but there will be changes.

Yes, computers for genealogy are really here to stay; they are a very helpful tool and should be utilized to the very fullest.

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Submitted by Anna Mae Maday

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R929.3 M582 LABELLE Robert B 1850 & 1860 CENSUS HURON CO MI

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- R929.3 W753 ERICKSON Vernon D BIRTHS, DEATHS, MARRIAGES & OTHER GEN GLEANINGS FROM NEWSPAPERS..CRAWFORD, VERNON & RICHLAND COUNTIES WI 1873-1910
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Burying Ground Bend of Cass
Bridgeport, Mi
Sexton's Records

Bridgeport
Oak Wood Cemetery

Buried this day child of William King on Family Lot.

Bridgeport Oct. 5th 1886

Mrs. John White died aged 54 years - born in Macklinberg - Germany, disease Dropsy of the heart - wife of John White - buried on Lot 27-E1/2 beside her daughter.

Oak Wood Cemetery
Oct 8th 1886

Viola child of James Guratt removed from the above Cemetery and re-interred in Pine Grove" at the above date by the relatives -Family Lot having been chosen by Mr. Guratt for that purpose.

Block 5 - Lot No. L9 Pine Grove Cemetery.

Pine Grove Cemetery
Nov. 25th 1886

This day buried Ross Almeson Gregory who died Nov. 25th, 1886. Who died at the residence of his parents of congestion of the lungs - Buried on Lot 36 in Block 4 Pine Grove Cemetery - Bridgeport.

Pine Grove Cemetery
Nov. 25th 1886

This day buried the son Daniel Earl. Family Lot 18 - Block 4 Pine Grove Cemetery.

Pine Grove Cemetery
Dec. 30th 1886

This day interred the body of William Tweeddale who died in this Township of pneumonia - about twenty years of age - born in Scotland upon Lot No 51 in Block 3 in the above cemetery at the above date - "Scot Montrose" reference.

Burying Ground Bend of Cass
Bridgeport, Mi
Sexton's Records

Oak Wood Cemetery
December 5th 1886

This day interred the body of Mr. Walter A. Griffin who died in this Town of Brights Disease in the 49th year of his age - A Union soldier of the late war and for a long time a much repected and esteemed Citizen of the Township.

Bridgeport - Dec 15th 1886
Oak Wood Cemetery

This day interred the body of Reingold Laing who committed suicide in this Town at the aged of fifty-five and being resident of this Township and a Union soldier of the late war of the States had had been at the Soldiers Home in this State and returned to this Township on a furlough.

Bridgeport - Dec 26th 1996
Oak Wood Cemetery

This day interred the remains of Mrs.Elizabeth Kramer who died in this Town after a long resident of inflammation of the lungs in the 52nd year of her age. Having been born in Germany in May 2nd 1834, very much lamented by the relatives and friends.

Bridgeport - February 5th 1887
Oak Wood Cemetery

This day interred the remains of Katie the 14 month old daughter of Henry and Flora Edinger of the Town of Bridgeport who died of Diptheria on Thursday and was buried on Saturday the 5th of Feby., in Oak Wood Cemetery in this Township on the family lot of Thomas Hige - Lot 33 N.W.C.

Bridgeport - Febry 14, 1887
Pine Grove
Oak Wood Cemetery

This day the remains of Miss Edith Corwin aged 26 years who died of consumption at her residence in Bridgeport - Buried in Pine Grove Cemetery at the above date in the family Lot - funeral from the Union Church and Mr. Hynes by request preached the discourse being a Methodist.

Buyring Ground Bend of Cass
Bridgeport, Mi
Sexton's Records

Bridgeport March 17th 1887
Oak Wood Cemetery

This day buried the remains of Grasia M. Foster, infant daughter of D.F. & Frankee Foster of East Saginaw who died in the City of East Saginaw of congestion of the Brain and interred in the Family Lot in Oak Wood. Rev'd M. Noble officiating.

Bridgeport March 18th 1887
Oak Wood Cemetery

This day buried the remains of Mrs. Laura Hayes and old and esteemed citizen of the Township of Bridgeport, in the 76th year of her age of Neuralgia of the Stomach, leaving a large circle of children and relatives to mourn a kind mother.

Bridgeport March 20th 1887
Oak Wood Cemetery

This day buried the remains of John Sheffield aged sixty two years and who was born at Fort Erie, Canada, dying of Brights disease and interred in the Family Lot in Leonard Blakly Addition to Oak Wood Cemetery Bridgeport, beside his two children. Recorded March 24th 1887.

Bridgeport - May 2nd 1887
Oak Wood Cemetery

This day received record of the burial of George McGrisman - born in Rusdorf in Germany aged fifty eight years - my grand father - Typhoid fever - my brother was born the 2nd July A.D. 1857 and died 2 hours after . Stephen John Weber was his name. Record furnished by Miss McNeil. My mothers name is Anna Margarete Weber - East Saginaw Mich - N 1864 Genesee St.

Pine Grove Cemetery
March 29th 1887

Lilly Rosina Corwin.

TELLS OF MICHIGAN FIFTY YEARS AGO

John A Putnam Came to this State in Early
Thirties

Lived Here A Half Century

Drove Stage on Ice on Saginaw River

-- Witnessed Many Scenes of Early History

Sunday Jan 28 was the seventy-sixth birthday anniversary of John A PUTNAM, 900 Congress avenue, and therewith grew a story. Mr PUTNAM was born in Batavia, Genesee county, NY Jan 28 1830 and he and his father and brothers were members of that sturdy-hearted race of men who, in the early thirties, braved the wilds and dangers of the west to found a fortune and a home. Mr PUTNAM is a man of unusual interest, partly because he has an exceptional knowledge not only of this city in its early days, but of early Michigan as well, and chiefly because a remarkably retentive memory has preserved his store of facts as clearly in his mind as if they happened a year ago. He is the possessor of a wealth of fact and story, such as few men have and he relates them in a manner that is admirable.

In 1830, Michigan to New Yorkers was the "far west". It seemed farther away to them than the Rockies to us. John W PUTNAM was at that time a hustling liveryman at Batavia. The history of Genesee county bears record of a distasteful fire in Batavia in 1834 -- a fire which swept away all the earthly possessions of the liveryman except his family. It was a severe blow, but he recovered and, with a determination characteristic of the Yankee which he was, gathered his family together and turned his face westward. They took the Erie canal to Buffalo and then aboard the old steamer "Michigan" a boat which is historic on the lakes, they reached Detroit, the capital of Michigan territory, one day in the fall of 1834. There was but one railroad going west across Michigan from Detroit, the Detroit & Milwaukee, whose western terminal was Grand Haven, and that came nowhere near Saginaw. The family stayed in Detroit two months, a cholera epidemic forcing them to move to Dearborn, 12 miles out on the "Chicago

turnpike," a road on which many an adventurer lost his life traveling to the great west beyond the lakes which was just opening up. It was the trail used by nearly every emigrant.

"I can remember an uncle and aunt of mine," says Mr PUTNAM, as he tells you of the emigrants of those days, "who went by team from Genesee county, New York, to Waukesha, Wis., the trip lasting all summer. They went across from New York State into Canada, then to Detroit. From there they struck out along the "Chicago road" through Michigan. Chicago then was only a village. So was Milwaukee, which they reached in the early fall. For 30 miles beyond Milwaukee they had to cut their road with axes through the forests. My aunt was the first white woman ever in Waukesha. They settled there on a farm, where they lived and died.

The railroading in Michigan from 1837 to 1845, as described by Mr PUTNAM would be a burlesque on the railroads of today. The Michigan Central was just being laid in 1837 and Mr PUTNAM was in the heart of the railroading activity. Flat rails, similar to our present street car rails, were used. The roadbed was made by placing "sleepers" (long beams about 18 inches square) on the ground in parallel lines and the width of the track apart. Across these, common ties were placed and fixed securely. Along the ties, above and parallel to the "sleepers" long stringers, pieces of timber several inches wide and two or three inches thick were laid and on top of these, the flat rail was spiked. Thus the train ran about 22 inches above the ground. The flatness of the rails made them turn up at the ends and many times a car wheel would catch one of these up-turned ends, tear it up, bending it as it yielded, so that it finally protruded through the floor of the car. Such a turned end was called a "snake-head" and a traveler who passed the extent of the line and did not have a "snake-head" come bulging through the floor under his seat, was a lucky man. Men called "walkers" and carrying a hammer, and a bagfull of spikes would be seen walking along the track. There was a "walker" to every seven miles of track and it was his duty to walk over this beat several times a day and spike the rails to the stringers wherever they were loose. There were no conductors for the trains, but men called "captains" had charge. At each station, the ticket agent or some other

railway employee went through the train, counting the passengers in each car. He was supposed to keep an account of this and the system was supposed to prevent "captains" from stealing fares, but it was never very effective. The trains had no brakes except on the coal tender. *An iron shoe which could be applied by a lever which extended up into the engineer's cab, was over the rear wheels.* When it was desired to stop the train, the fireman jumped onto the lever which threw on the brake and kept teetering this until the cars came to a stop.

Mr PUTNAM says that the trains, even the "fast mails," would stop anywhere to pick up a passenger. Once, when a boy, he was riding from Detroit to Ypsilanti in the engineer's cab. His hat, a fine straw weave, purchased in Canada, blew off. The engineer stopped the train and told the boy to go back and find his hat. He did so, looking in vain for some minutes and was about to return to the engine, when the engineer waved him to go back farther, in spite of the delay to the train. The search was in vain, and as several eastern travelers who were used to fast trains were poking their heads out of the windows and giving vent to loud oaths, the boy climbed on the engine and the train went on. When it overtook the next "walker" it was again stopped and the engineer instructed him to look for the hat and hold it for the return trip the next morning. Sure enough, the next day, the "walker" nailed the train and passed in the missing hat which at most was not worth \$1.50.

When the railroad was building, many pieces of wood, which could be used as firewood, were left along the track. When a man living near the track wanted firewood, it was the custom to hitch a horse to a flat car and drive along a mile or two picking up splinters by the way. Many a time a passenger train would be delayed by one of these cars, having to wait until the wood-car came to a switch. The section men of that day used little cars pulled by one horse. At half dollar or 75 cents a day was the wages paid to the men and the "boss" usually received \$1 a day.

In 1837 the PUTNAMs moved from Dearborn to Ypsilanti, then a village with a few houses. Some time later they moved to a farm south of Owosso, where four years were spent. In the winter of 1850, the final move to Lower

Saginaw, what is now Bay City, was made. Mr PUTNAM's first visit to Saginaw and the impression it made on him are very interesting. The journey from Owosso was made, of course, with teams and oxen. The family had three horse teams and one yoke of oxen and all the household goods could be piled on one wagon. Yet the roads of those days were so bad that it took three whole days to drive from Flint to Saginaw City, the present west side, a distance which can be driven today in less than eight hours. There were little taverns every five or six miles, and sometimes travelers would progress so slowly that, when night came, they would be compelled to go back to the inn where they spent the former night for lodging.

Traffic between Saginaw City and Bay City was thus carried on entirely by steam boats on the river. The lake boats were able at that day to ascend as far as the Tittabawassee river. When the ice stopped the boat traffic in the winter of 1850, the elder PUTNAM started a stage line from Saginaw to Bay City, and young John was put on the box. When the ice was strong enough, the road between cities was made on the river. When the river was open the stage was compelled either to go to the west side and take the present Bay street road, a state line then newly put in, or take the longer road east through Blumfield. One trip was made each way during the day and the stage was kept up until 1865 when the father died and the line was abandoned. Some times the ice broke and the passengers were spilled out. The fare charged was 50 cents to 32 a head, according to the road traveled. At that time woods lined Washington avenue, Bay City, and in Saginaw, there was scarcely a house between Saginaw City and East Saginaw. The traffic between the two towns was carried on along the "Old River Road," the present Niagara street, which ran winding along the western bank to Genesee avenue. Passengers were then taken across by means of an old pull-ferry operated by James DAVENPORT, father of the late George DAVENPORT. That was when Saginaw's lumbering days were just beginning. There were only one or two mills along the river. The business grew with stupendous strides, however, and money was as free as water. During his life, the elder PUTNAM purchased a large amount of real estate in and around Saginaw, Bay City and Vassar. Where the Melborne of today is located, he owned 75 acres of prairie land. In the winter

the prairie hay was drawn to Saginaw. The standard price for hay was \$16 a ton on the farm. When drawn to Saginaw and delivered, the standard price was \$20 a ton, and one winter, it soared to \$22 a ton.

Saginaw had two hotels, the Stevens house, which stood on the southeastern corner of Tilden street and Genesee avenue, then the heart of East Saginaw, and the Webster house, the largest and finest hotel in this part of the state. It stood on the corner of Michigan avenue and Cleveland street where is the present residence of Mrs J Y HOOD. It had about 40 rooms. The Stevens house was burned down one Fourth of July morning and the scene of the Saginaw's primitive fire department, with buckets and hand pump at work, was witnessed by Mr PUTNAM from the bow of a river steamer on which he was coming from Bay City to spend the day here. In the afternoon he attended a dance at the Webster house. Dances were then all the way from \$2 to \$5 and there was plenty of dancing at that. At a dance at the Stevens house on one occasion, Mr PUTNAM drew a clock valued then at \$15. That was a half-century ago and the clock keeps good time today.

Fortunes were being made and spent in Saginaw those days. At Kawkawlin, the late James FRASER had erected a mill and was turning out millions of feet of lumber. His great crowd of men received their pay every Saturday night, went to Bay City or Saginaw every Sunday and went back Monday morning without a cent. James DAVENPORT operated a small mill at the western end of The present Genesee avenue bridge. He sold it to Chicago parties. The E K EDDY purchased it and held it for many years. In time, log and shingle mills sprang up all along the river, but today there is scarcely one standing. The railroads came in later years, the old Flint and Pere Marquette being the first to enter the valley, and the Michigan Central and Grand Trunk followed some years after.

Late in the sixties, Mr PUTNAM went west into Wisconsin for a time, but returned in 1871 and Saginaw has been the family home ever since. In spite of his many years and the inroads that time and sickness have made on his hardy constitution, the old gentleman is still hearty, jovial and active and still carries the responsibilities of the presidency of the Saginaw

Broom Co for which he has built up a very profitable business through years of work, and it now sends its wares to every corner of the state.

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BURIED IN BACK YARD

**But Police Have Ordered Baby Disinterred
and Buried in a Cemetery**

Arbide BLONDIN residing at 315 Eddy street, has been ordered to disinter an infant which he buried in the back yard of his residence at 315 Eddy street. The child was stillborn and application for burial permit at the city Clerk's office gave the police the clue on which to work. The child after birth was buried in the back yard of the residence. BLONDIN claims to the police that the owner of the house in which he lives gave her consent to the interment on the property and accordingly he buried the little one. This is in strict disobedience of the health laws and the police have given him until Monday to take the body up and have it properly interred in a cemetery.

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MRS J S PETERS DEAD

Loveable young Woman Passed to Great Beyond Sunday Morning

A gentle spirit went back to the Maker Sunday morning at 10:15 o'clock when the Grim Reaper stopped in and brought to an earthly end the uneven struggle Mrs Joseph Seemann PETERS has for six days waged for life. Christmas morn a little daughter was born and from this time is dated the illness which had the fatal termination. For days the many friends of the family have hoped that the life of this lovable young woman could be prolonged and Friday last these hopes were very bright. Saturday a change came for the worse and the life light gradually became less until Sunday morning it flickered out.

Mrs PETERS was Miss Sarah Montgomery LANGLEY. She was born May 11, 1880 in Constantine, Mich. and was the daughter of Mr and Mrs James P LANGLEY. At the age of 9 (?) years Sarah came to Saginaw from Kalamazoo, where the family residence had been. This city was always afterward her home. She attended the local public schools and in 1896 entered the Pope-McCutchson school at Detroit, from which she was graduated in 1898.

Oct 9, 1901, Miss LANGLEY was united in marriage to Joseph Seemann PETERS, who with two daughters, Elizabeth Ann, aged about 3 years, and an infant born Xmas day, survive. Mr and Mrs LANGLEY, Margaret Elizabeth LANGLEY and John LANGLEY, of Detroit, and Ralph Simmons LANGLEY, of Chicago, also survive.

The death of this estimable young woman has come as a shock to friends and as a cruel blow to those of her family. Only a week before her taking away she had been in excellent health and giving a characteristic attentive care to the Christmas season, planning and preparing the gifts that would bring so much cheer to her friends. On that day the Xmas tree at home had been decorated and Mrs PETERS had gone with Mr PETERS to the home of the latter's parents, Mr and Mrs Charles H PETERS, and there assisted them in the Christmas decoration. Sunday evening the first symptoms of the illness became manifest.

A saddening circumstance is connected with this unusually distressing death. Four weeks ago Mrs PETERS' grandfather, John W SIMONS, of Constantine, passed away and Sunday was the 75th anniversary of his birth. For years the family has been

hoping to have a grand reunion upon this occasion, the death of Mr SIMONS changing all the plans.

Those who have know Sarah Langley PETERS have loved her. In her beautiful character were blended all of the elements of true nature that make the perfect woman and mother. Here was a life of gentleness, of patience, truth and charity, of good deeds, kindness of thought and action and a love that overspread all else. Such a character as hers must live with her friends forever and while death has made it impossible for the loving hands and cheerful heart to continue to give the gospel of happiness and good will to all, the influence of this good life and the remembrance of what it had done in a short twenty-five years will always be known, and felt. Only in the days of mortality was this life brief, for ever were the thoughts turned in loving remembrance of those who needed and were not recipients of a full share of fortune's allotment. In manner gracious, sweet and kind, Mrs PETERS has endeared to herself a large circle of friends and those will ever feel most keenly the loss of her company. To Mr PETERS the loving sympathy of a legion of friends is extended and for Mr and Mrs LANGLEY their many Saginaw friends feel most tenderly their severe affliction.

No arrangements have yet been made as to the funeral services and an announcement will be made later.

SAID LAST FAREWELLS

Mrs Joseph Seemann Peters Buried in Forest Lawn Wednesday Afternoon

The funeral of Mrs Joseph Seemann PETERS was held at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon from the residence, 817 South Weadock avenue. Rev Nelson R BRADLEY of the First Congregational church had charge of the services which were unusually beautiful and impressive. The number of friends who attended was large, and the great number of flowers, which came from every part of the state, showed what a large circle of friends Mrs PETERS had and how deeply her death is felt. During the services only one song was sung, that being "Nearer My God, to Thee," by J S SYMONS. The pallbearers were Messers J S SYMONS, Russel THAYER, Arthur R TREANOR, Emmet

T BOWEN, Arthur BEESE and Norman RUPP.
Interment was in Forest Lawn cemetery.

Man attended from out of the city,
among them being Mrs YOUNGLOVE and Mrs
HARVEY of Constantine, Mich, sisters of Mrs
PETERS and Miss SHERWOOD of Kalamazoo.

CITY CHAT

Born to Mtr and Mrs McCULLEN,
Dearborn street, a son Jan 1

Born to Mr and Mrs Peter LAMB, 171
Bay street, a daughter, Jan 1

Born to Mr and Mrs Joseph
GOODEMAN, Saginawtown, a daughter, Jan 2

Miss Ada LEACHER, of Detroit, has
been the guest of friends and relatives in this city
for the past week.

Mrs George LAIDLEY, 1023 Lyon
street, will entertain the Dickinson W C T U
Thrusday afternoon of this week.

The final order of determination was
filed Tuesday in the matter of the Price drain in
Jonesfiled and Lakefield townships

Judge William G GAGE has granted a
divorce in the case of Mattie TEBO vs Peter H
TEBO on grounds of extreme cruelty

Bark "SOPHRONIA" From Hamburg

to Wisconsin destinations
dated September 18, 1843.

STIEG, Carl	42	Shoemaker
Christine	41	
Ferdinand	18	
Carl	16	
Louise	10	
Wilhelm	8	
Herrmann	4	
WEGNER, Wilhelm	27	Weaver
Dorothea	25	
GRUENDEL, Carl	32	Blacksmith
Juliane	29	
DUSJOCAB?, Johan	31	Farmer
Margarethe	24	
SCHMIDT, Georg	31	Joiner
KORFF, Wilhelmine	20	
Maria	20	
HORSCHFELDT, Jacob	19	Bonnetmaker
NEUMANN, Isadore	19	Tailor
TUBERT, Markus	34	Merchant
KRAAK, Wilhelm	30	Nailsmith
BURMEISTER, Wilhelm	21	Tarwer
RUBEN, Hersch	42	Merchant
KNORR, Heinrich	27	Glazier
NISSLER, ?	20	Clerk
KALBERG, Samson	23	Merchant
STEFFENS, Albert	28	Dressmaker
(?)HUBER, Franz	34	Farmer
WESTPHAL, Carl	29	Harnessmaker
SPANN, Wilhelmine	33	
WEGNER, Louis	32	
GROSSMAN, Rudolph	21	Bookbinder

Page 2 Cont'd list from SOPHRONIA:

HOPFNER, Fredrick	48	Farmer
Caroline	43	
Johanna	19	
Auguste	17	
Wilhelmine	15	
August	12	
Albertine	9	
KRUGER, Johan	28	Shoemaker
Christiana	28	
Wilhelmina	3	
Ferdinand	2	
SCHULER, Godfried	50	Tailor
Marie	48	
Wilhelmine	19	
Ferdinand	16	
Johanna	6	
Wilhelm	5	
WEGNER, Gottfried	43	Weaver
Christine	43	
August	17	
Fredrich	9	
Christine	7	
Elisabeth	5	
Wilhelm	2	
MITTZ (MILTZ, MEITZ?)		
Christian	61	Weaver
Dorothea	50	
Maria	25	
Louise	20	
Christian	16	
Gottlieb	14	
Michael	8	
Otto	6	

PRUSSIAN BRIG "SIR ISAAC NEWTON"

from Hamburg

J. C. Wienholz - Master

arrived October 30, 1843

One cabin Passenger: Evers, Mathias - aged 32
a clerk from Librieth to New York

Steerage, Prussia to Wisconsin, Farmers unless noted,
spelling as deciphered.

HASELEY, Wilhelm	26	SCHULTZ, Johann Carl Friedrich	34
----ina	18	Dorothea Elisab.	32
		Dorothea Louise	2
WENDT, ----ich	27	Caroline Wilhelmina	1
-----lm	10	KUHBARD, Louise	20
HASELEY, Charlotte	59	WOLF, Frederike	20
.....ich	30	BRÜSSEL, Dorothea	17
..male	24	HILDEBRANDT, Dorothea Louise	59
..male	16		
WALCK, Male	28	BEAN, Cristian	43
Wilhelmina	26	Henriette	45
Christian	7	Ernst Friedr.	17
Elisabet	1	Bertha	12
Eufrosine	49	Wilhelm	10
Johann	22		
Friedric	19	WEGENER, Cristiana	43
Elisabet	14	Ernst Gottlieb	16
		Maria Dorothea	8
WENDT, Elisabet	16	Johanna Cristine	6
KÖHN, Cristof	45		
Maria	50	HASSELEY, Cristian	34
Michal Friedr.	19	Charlotte	42
Wilhelm	17	HASELEY, Carl August	10
August Gottl.	13	Wilhelm Julius	7
Ernestine	15		
Louise	10	FAHRENWALD, Maria	44
Cristine	7	Ferdinand	18
Justine	10	Herman Gottfr.	16
HARTWICK, Friedrick	35	BECK, Friedricka	23
Maria	28		
Friederike	7	KUHNE, Carl Wilhelm	38
Louise	5	Michael	71
Dorothea	2		
Christian	7 mo.	LENARD, August (Tailor)	22
BEUTEL, Christina	64	WENDT, Christian Friedr.	42
		Sophia	42
		Friedrich Wilhelm	17
		Ernestine Wilhelmine	14
		Elisabet	10

Page - Cont'd Passenger List of Brig "SIR ISAAC NEWTON"

HINTZ, Martin	46	
Maria	52	
Sophia	18	
Muller, Christian	61	
Louisa	51	
David	22	Weaver
Christian	19	
Daniel	17	
Friedrich	14	
GRONING, August	17	
Wilhelm	15	
BESNER, Ludwig	30	Clerk
COHN?, Marcus Selig	27	Farrier
LEIFER, Abraham	19	Tailor
KASUBE, Johann	51	
Cristina	49	
Friedrich	21	Weaver
Johann	18	
Wilhelm	13	
Christian	10	
Wilhelmine	4	
Friedericke Wilhelmine	16	
GLODE, Johann	46	Weaver
Christina	44	
Wilhelm	19	
Louise	17	
Wilhelmine	14	
Friederika	11	
Johann	2	
Friedrich	9	
NITSCHKE, Ernest	27	Shoemaker
Hermine	18	
August	1	
DOBSCHALL, Carl		
Friedrich	30	Carpenter

BAVARIA TO BUFFALO

BAMBLER, ..male..	42	Miller
Barbara	30	
Anna	11	
Joseph	9	
Leonhard	5	
Frank	1	

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