

The Lippoldt Genes

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The efforts of many help develop those important links

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Reunions

There are three reunions that I have information to share. I am counting on someone at each gathering to send me the highlights of these family get-togethers for my next newsletter.

HELSTROM (Spivey) Family Reunion scheduled for Saturday, May 24, 1997 at Lake Fairfield, TX. Contact person is Jeri (Helstrom) Campos at 486 N. Crooked Creek Rd., Lorena, TX 76655.

MEYERHOLTZ (Lippoldt) Family Reunion scheduled for Sunday, June 1, 1997 at Huntingburg, IN.

TEVAULT (Lippoldt) Family Reunion scheduled for Saturday August 16, 1997, at the Armstrong School in Cynthiana, IN. The cost is \$10.00 per family. Contact person is Anita Williams at 13320 Stuttgart Fahren, Wadesville, IN 47638.

Census Search & Soundex

One of the most valuable records for the genealogist is the federal census. Although the U.S. government has conducted a census of each state and territory every 10 years since 1790, it wasn't until 1850 that information was listed for everyone in the household. Subsequent census include more useful information that helps determine

ancestry. By checking each census, you also see the families' migration pattern. These records are on microfilm and I have ordered a couple to use through the Family History Center here in Sarasota. This is a two-step process, you get a film to see what county and enumeration district your relative was in at the time of the census and then you obtain the film for that particular county. Slow going until April 12, when I made my first visit to the Special Collection Department of the Tampa-Hillsborough Library. They had just that week greatly expanded their holdings of census records on microfilm. They now have all states through 1920!! The films are not indexed, so you need to either find a printed index for the early census records or use the Soundex system for the 1880, 1900 & 1920 records. The soundex is a coded surname index based on the way a surname sounds rather than how it is spelled. For example the code for Lippoldt is L143, for Tevault it is T143, Fink is F520, White is W300, Fielding is F435, and Spivey is S110 (just looked on my driver license for that one!) There is a separate film for a soundex grouping for each state and each of the three census that have that indexing. Well that is the long and short of attempting to use the Census Record "gold mine". I do think I hit pay dirt or the "father" lode when I found the listing for what I

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am sure is my great-great-great grandfather, Henry on the 1850 Census Record film of Elizabeth Township, Lawrence County, Ohio.

No ship, but

I think we have found the first U.S. Census that lists Frederick and his family that came to Ohio from Hanover, Germany. The 1850 Elizabeth Township, Lawrence County, Ohio census has Henry Lipwold, age 66, Louisa 56, John 25, Martin 23, Frederick 15 and Jacob 6. That would mean Jacob was a newborn making the trip from Germany and his mother was almost 50 when he was born. Occupation was indicated as laborer for Henry and his 3 older sons. All six had Germany as birthplace. In the printed index of the 1850 Ohio census, there are Leopolds, but no Lippoldt families. The Lipwold is the closet match I could find in the county we knew they were living. The 1860 census of Pike County, Indiana shows Frederick as head of the household with his wife, two young boys and his mother, Elizabeth Lippoldt in the home. In 1870 there are four children and his wife in the home, but his mother is not. The 1880 census lists the couple with seven children. The 1890 census was largely destroyed by fire, so I do not have information for that one. In 1900 the family is still in Pike County and three of the offspring, ages 18 - 27 are in the home with their parents. The census for 1910 locates Fred, Mary, daughter Bertha and her son Jesse living in Dubois County, Indiana. Although I have not seen the 1920

census, I did recently read the indexed card for Fred's household. He was still in Dubois and only others in the home with him are Bertha and her son.

Hanging Rock, Ohio

From the book "Historical Collections of Ohio" by Henry Howe, there is an entry about the community in Lawrence County where Henry Lippoldt, his wife and four sons lived before some of the family moved to Indiana. Although the article describes Hanging Rock in 1846, two years before the Lippoldt's lived there, you can get an idea of what the area was like: "Hanging Rock, seventeen miles below the county-seat, on the Ohio river, contains 1 church, 4 stores, a forge, a rolling mill, and a foundry -- where excellent bar iron is made -- and about 150 inhabitants. It is the great iron emporium of the county, and nearly all the iron is shipped there. It is contemplated to build a railroad from this place, of about fifteen miles in length, to the iron region, connecting it with the various furnaces. The village is named from a noted cliff of sandstone, about four hundred feet in height called the 'Hanging Rock,' the upper portion of which projects over, like the cornice of a house." And from a current article found on the Internet about Elizabeth Township history: "Land is very hilly and forest covered. Streams are Pine Creek in the west. Cannon Creek on the east empties into Pine and Storms Creek on the southeast empties into the Ohio at Ironton. Wayne National and Dean State Forests

are part of the township. Mining was once an important industry. Today only a small amount of limestone is quarried. Centre at Superior, Edna, Vesuvius, Lawrence, Pine Grove, Old Union and Old Empire furnaces once provided employment for many people."

How do you spell it?

When you are researching names, you cannot rule out different spellings. Herb has a Spivey Family History book by Nathan Mathes. Mr. Mathews lists five variations in spelling for Spivey: Spivie, Spyve, Spivy, Spyvie and Spiva. Another example is in the previous newsletter where there is the possibility that the Tevault line can be traced back to Devolt. We had neighbors on Oakleigh Drive in Maitland, FL with the name Lippold. I searched the Internet site for Social Security Death Benefit Records as well as a site called Switchboard for current addresses. For LIPPOLDT there were 49 on the SS list and 101 of our namesakes with current addresses; LIPPOLD yields 331 on SS list and 580 with current addresses; LIPPOLT brings up 18 on the SS list and 31 with current addresses. Ian, is there a mathematical relationship here? The spelling variations do not mean that you are necessarily related to any or all of these people. In looking at the census records I have found great-great grandfather Frederick to have his last name spelled LIPWOLD, LEOPOLD, LIPOLE, and LIPPOLDT! The constant was his birth year of 1835.

DAR/SAR Applications

The national societies of Daughters of the American Revolution and Sons of the American Revolution are organizations promoting historic preservation, promotion of education and patriotic endeavors. Persons who can trace their families back to a patriot, submit the necessary documentation to become a member of the organization. A few years ago, Herb shared copies of family group sheets and other military documents linking Barry to his Great-g-g-g-grandfather, Moses Spivey II, Revolutionary War Veteran who served from 4/1776 to 5/1777. It appears that I can also link to a patriot through the Tevaults. My great-g-g-g-g-grandfather John Hunt has also been documented as a patriot who served from 1776-79. Any family member wanting to join the DAR or SAR needs to submit documentation that includes copies of birth, death and marriage certificates for each person that links you back to the patriot. I am a long way off from submitting applications for either of us. The good news: if you are interested and can wait until I gather all of the documentation you would only have to provide your own personal certifications. I am hoping that I can use verifications in DAR applications of family members that have already proven their lineage. These relatives would be distant cousins and they are identified by application numbers in various publications of the societies. DAR library is in DC while SAR library is in Louisville.

And the Civil War

The youngest brother of Frederick Lippoldt, Jacob might be a Union soldier who died as a result of a wound in his first battle. I noted that a Jacob LIPPOLT is buried in Cave Hill National Cemetery in Louisville. He was a member of the 48th Regiment Ohio Volunteers Infantry, Company C. He fought at Shiloh. I have sent for whatever military records there might be on him. A William TEVAULT is listed on a microfilm as serving in the war. I have Provost Marshal File # 618 to investigate. On another film, I found a Frank WHITE and a Frank J. WHITE -- two different soldiers and no way of linking them to grandmother Leila White Fink, yet. There are a couple of books in the local library that list Union and Confederate soldiers. Fieldings were listed as serving both sides. There are more Confederates though and even a Sterling B. FIELDING with the Tennessee 14th Infantry, Company B. There are more than 200 Confederate soldiers with the last name of Spivey, including our James J. SPIVEY of the Louisiana 28th (Gray's) Infantry, Company D. I know my sisters are wondering why I am so in to the military scene, but this is yet another good source for the genealogist. If you can determine that a soldier drew a pension, there are records that might include verification of births and marriages, as well as deaths. Less useful are the military records. Any information and records are in the National Archives and can be obtained for a fee.

Some stories...

Cousin, Bonnie Wade wrote in a letter dated 2/17/97, "I have a chest that was my great grandma Fink Maier and in the lid is written 'mother came from Germany 1845 at age of 8 years' so I guess that would make her being born in 1837 in Germany. The chest is about 4 or 5 feet long and about 2 feet wide and about 2 feet deep. Every family had to have a chest filled with unleaven bread for the trip over. The way I understood it from hearing my mother [Nellie Fink Barton] and grandma [Mary Martin] Fink talk, this was grandpa [Jacob, Jr.] Fink's mother that was the 8 year-old child."

Aunt Mary [Fink Brown] remembers the commotion created when some one unearthed the hidden pot of gold at her grandparent Whites in Petersburg. She said for the longest time everyone would just stare at the hole in disbelief. She thinks there was a lawsuit over the disappearance. [I might be able to find some court documents.]

This past weekend, Mary was telling me about when she lived with my parents in St. Louis. The time was WWII and Uncle Jack was overseas. Charles & Beth lived on Utah Street in a second floor flat. She remembers it as quite spacious with a porch on the back and balcony on the front. She said that medical students were always dropping in to visit at the apartment. Her work was downtown at an accounting firm.

The trip to Indiana

On Sunday June 8, 1997 Mona, Sonja and I will meet at the Powers Inn in Jasper, Indiana. They are arriving on Saturday while I will be dropping Ian off at a camp in North Carolina and getting in on Sunday. We will have a couple of days together to visit libraries and cemeteries hoping to find some of the elusive ancestors. We have had the assistance of Gilbert Schmitt (gschmitt@evansville.net) who maintains the Warrick County Genealogy Homepage at [http://www.evansville.net/~gschmitt/warrick.htm], when he is not farming. He drove over to Log Creek Cemetery to be sure that we had accurate directions to get there. Also Uncle Otto has provided us with computer generated maps of the areas we plan to visit. We will concentrate primarily on the Lippoldt family. We want to make a visit to Huntingburg to meet some of the Meyerholtz family. Bill Tevault lives there, too. Last week, Aunt Mary reminded me that Rev. Fink served a church there in 1929. After Mona & Sonja leave on Tuesday, I will spend a couple more days in the area gathering information on the Tevaults, Whites and Finks. I also want to see Lila Wilson in Princeton and Ruth Fink and George Tevault in Petersburg. I will have to check out the Willard Library in Evansville, although I don't think I will be there for their "Midnight Madness" week June 17. I will see the DiCola's before I head back to Brevard, NC for some camping and hiking at Davidsons.

Internet connections

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Family ties to Princeton

It is reported that the parents of Euncie Fitz Randolph (my grandmother Leona Tevault's great-g-g-g grandmother), Nathaniel Fitz Randolph and Rebekah Mershon donated the original campus grounds for the famed Princeton University in New Jersey. There is a large gate there in their honor. Wonder if any of the college bound descendants can claim that legacy on their application to Princeton?

Thank you

I really appreciate all of the letters, pictures, family group sheets, addresses of relatives and information you have shared with me, since I contacted you a few short months ago. I think I am making progress, even though each bit of new information leads to more questions to be answered. Since February, I have heard from Pat Wilhelm, Ruth Martin and Bonnie Barton (Fink/Martin); William Tevault and Donald Katter (Tevault); Embree and daughter Julie Fielding (Fielding) and Judith Selvidge (Meyerholtz/Lippoldt). Otto Lippoldt, Mona Amthor (Lippoldt) and I keep each others Internet mailboxes filled with weekly correspondence. Let me hear from YOU this summer. Would really like to hear some more of the family stories that have been passed along.

Get Well Wishes

Want Mary, Herb & Otto to know how much we are thinking about them. Aunt Mary FINK Brown is recovering in Sarasota from surgery she had the first of this month in Tampa. Barry's Dad, Herb SPIVEY is undergoing more chemotherapy in Daytona and Uncle Otto LIPPOLDT had 6 by-pass open heart surgery last month and is back home in Huntington Beach, CA.

Next issue

The next Lippoldt Genes will be mailed in early August.