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C O N N E C T I O N

The President's Corner



BY
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PRESIDENT

On August 9, 2014 we will hold the 92nd Enders Reunion.

We will again have good food to purchase, musical entertainment, games for youngsters and a special Civil War speaker, Jim Schmick who founded the Camp Hill Historical Society and Civil War Roundtable. So bring your family and friends for a day of fellowship at the grove.

We are always looking for help with the grove and members to serve as officers. See you at the reunion.

250TH ANNIVERSARY OF

PHILLIP CHRISTAN ENDERS' ARRIVAL IN AMERICA

On June 27, 1764, Philip and his bride, ages 24 and 18 respectively, left their homeland and embarked at Rotterdam, Holland, for their migration to America. They sailed on an English ship, the *Jenneffer*. Captain George Kerr was in command, and a stop was made in Cowes, England where additional emigrants embarked. The passenger list totaled 247, and of this number, 102 were of alien birth—that is, other than English. The *Jenneffer* arrived in Philadelphia on November 5, 1764.

VOLUME III, UPDATED GENEALOGY DATA AND MUCH MORE IS NOW ON FLASH DRIVES

A Comprehensive Genealogy of the Enders Family Volume III 1740-2004 contained about 1000 pages. Since then much information has been added to the database. We are now making available the original book in Word (.doc) and .pdf format plus genealogy files in a gedcom containing the new data that can be read in a genealogy program. Also included are Russ Ottens' computerized collection of old portraits, headstone photos, obituaries, and other documents related to the Enders Family (over 4700 files). A flash drive for computers containing all of this will be available at the reunion for \$7. Russ will donate the proceeds to The Enders Family Association. If you will not be at the reunion the cost is \$10 (includes \$3 for shipping). Send a check to **Russ Ottens, 7021 Camp Falls Court, Winston, GA 30187**. If you have a computer, this is a great way to acquire a treasure trove of Enders genealogy and historic photos. If you don't have a computer, you can share it with a relative who has a computer and is interested in the Enders heritage. Russ Ottens (1-7- 5-10-11-3-2 and 1-10-6-4-11-3-2)

IS YOUR INFORMATION CURRENT?

Russ Ottens, one of our historians, updates our genealogy and keeps the memorial list. If you know of **someone who passed away** since the last reunion, please email him at rjottens@hotmail.com or send to him at address above. New genealogy info (such as **births and marriages**) can be sent to him or use the form on the website: www.endersfamily.org. Russ also collects old portraits, headstone photos, obituaries, etc. so please share these things with him. **Thanks Russ for all the hours you have spent preserving our heritage.**

As we celebrate the arrival of Philip and Anna Enders in America in 1764, we need to consider how they must have felt leaving their homeland and families, knowing they would most likely never see them again. We should reflect on the perils of crossing the Atlantic and how desperate people were to go to such extreme measures.

This is an excerpt from **MITTLEBERGER'S** book. We have not found any description of Philip and Anna Enders' journey to America and can only hope it was easier than the journey portrayed here, but some of the happenings must surely be relevant.

GOTTLIEB MITTLEBERGER'S JOURNEY TO PENNSYLVANIA
IN THE YEAR 1750

(not written by Philip Christian or his descendants)

On account of contrary winds it takes the ships sometimes 2, 3 and 4 weeks to make the trip from Holland to Cowes in England. But when the wind is good, they get there in 8 days or even sooner. Everything is examined there and the custom-duties paid, whence it comes that the ships ride there 8, 10 to 14 days and even longer at anchor, till they have taken in their full cargoes. During that time everyone is compelled to spend his last remaining money and to consume his little stock of provisions which had been reserved for the sea; so that most passengers, finding themselves on the ocean where they would be in greater need of them, must greatly suffer from hunger and want. Many suffer want already on the water between Holland and Old England. When the ships have for the last time weighed their anchors near the city of Cowes in England, the real misery begins with the long voyage. For from there the ships, unless they have good wind, must often sail 8, 9, 10 to 12 weeks before they reach Philadelphia. But even with the best wind the voyage lasts 7 weeks.

But during the voyage there is on board these ships terrible misery, stench, fumes, horror, vomiting, many kinds of sea-sickness, fever, dysentery, headache, heat, constipation, boils, scurvy, cancer, mouth-rot, and the like, all of which come from old and sharply salted food and meat, also from very bad and foul water, so that many die miserably. Add to this want of provisions, hunger, thirst, frost, heat, dampness, anxiety, want, afflictions and lamentations, together with other trouble, such as the lice abound so frightfully, especially on sick people, that they can be scraped off the body. The misery reaches the climax when a gale rages for 2 or 3 nights and days, so that everyone believes that the ship will go to the bottom with all human beings on board. In such a visitation the people cry and pray most piteously. When in such a gale the sea races and surges, so that the waves rise often like high mountains, mountains one above the other, and often tumble over the ship, so that one fears to go down with the ship; when the ship is constantly tossed from side to side by the storm and waves, so that no one can either walk, or sit, or lie, and the closely packed people in the berths are thereby tumbled over each other, both the sick and the well it will be readily understood that many of these people, none of whom had been prepared for hardships, suffer so terribly from them that they do not survive it.

I myself had to pass through a severe illness at sea, and I best know how I felt at the time. These poor people often long for consolation, and I often entertained and comforted them with singing, praying and exhorting; and whenever it was possible and the winds and waves permitted it, I kept daily prayer-meetings with them on deck. Besides, I baptized five children in distress, because we had no ordained minister on board. I also held divine service every Sunday by reading sermons to the people; and when the dead were sunk in the water, I commended them and our souls to the mercy of God.

Among the healthy, impatience sometimes grows so great and cruel that one curses the other, or himself and the day of his birth, and sometimes come near killing each other. Misery and malice join each other, so that they cheat and rob one another. One always reproaches the other with having persuaded him to undertake the journey. Frequently children cry out against their parents, husbands against their wives and wives against their husbands, brothers and sisters, friends and acquaintances against each other.

Recognition Awards at 2013 Reunion



OLDEST MAN
Chester Gelnett 90 years old



OLDEST WOMAN
Evelyn Yanich 92 years old



YOUNGEST CHILD
Madilyn Zeigler 14 months old



MOST RECENTLY MARRIED Jason and Liz Zeigler 1 year



LONGEST MARRIED Chester and June Gelnett 67 years



MOST DESCENDANTS PRESENT Robert Enders 1-7-1-3-7-1-4, Sharon, Tara, Tonya, Tasha, Caperton, Caylynne, Cammble, Rubyllynn, Ethan, Aidan, Karlin, Bobby, Haven, Staan



LONGEST DISTANCE TRAVELED
Faye Scannell, Seattle, WA 3

People Memorialized at 2013 Reunion

Mary A. (Weaver) Enders, d. 29 Sep. 2010, wife of Clark R. Enders, Sr. (1-7-5-4-4-5)

James Vernon Enders (1-7-1-6-1-4-3) d. 27 Dec. 2010, husband of Etta (Caston) Enders

Sandra Lee Enders Romberger (1-14-9-2-4-3-1-2) d. 29 Dec. 2010, wife of Ronald T. Romberger

George H. Seiders (1-10-6-2-5-2-3) d. 3 Aug. 2011, husband of Betty (Markel) Seiders

Betty Carolyn (Lentz) Gold (1-7-2-1-4-10-3) d. 7 Aug. 2011, widow of Robert F. Gold

Paul W. Ventling (1-9-3-5-3-5-3) d. 9 Aug. 2011, husband of Janice (Buechler) Ventling

Robert Lee Enders (1-7-1-7-3-3-1) d. 28 Aug. 2011, husband of Barbara Jean (Baldwin) Enders

William Cary Crunk (1-7-1-7-1-3-2-2-1) d. 20 Sep. 2011, husband of Melissa Anne (Thompson) Crunk

M. Alvena (Branch) Williard d. 8 Oct. 2011, wife of Floyd L. Williard (1-14-9-2-4-4-2)

Ralph Ernest Klinger, Jr. d. 10 Oct. 2011, husband of Arlene (Enders) Klinger (1-14-9-11-2-1)

Rachel Louise (Hopple) Harman (1-7-2-3-7-4-5) d. 25 Mar. 2012, widow of Robert Harman

Blanche Violet Updegrave Enders Ulsh d. 28 Apr. 2012, widow of Robert L. Enders (1-14-9-2-4-3-1)

Judith Lee (Enders) Hoelzer (1-7-1-6-4-6-1-1) d. 16 May 2012, wife of Joseph G. Hoelzer

Earl William Tobias (1-7-7-1-5-2-1) d. 3 Jun. 2012, husband of Ruby (Harner) Tobias

Joseph Edwin Peters, Sr. (1-2-2-1-5-7-3) d. 25 Jul. 2012, husband of RoseMary Barbara (Wasilewski) Peters

Elsie Mae (Schwalm) Koppenhaver (1-14-6-6-1-5-3) d. 1 Aug. 2012, widow of Bruce Daniel Koppenhaver

Emma R. (Sweigard) Bolton d. 3 Aug. 2012, widow of Glenn Leroy Bolton (1-7-6-5-1-1-1)

Merle M. (Zimmerman) English (1-14-1-9-5-2) d. 15 Nov. 2012, widow of Lloyd K. English

Catherine Elizabeth (Kurzenknabe) Owen (1-14-2-1-1-2-1) d. 23 Nov. 2012, wife of John Russell Owen

Alice Hazel (Woodcock) Lackey d. 4 Dec. 2012, widow of Donald Eugene Lackey (1-7-5-3-1-2-2)

Floyd L. Williard (1-14-9-2-4-4-2) d. 8 Jan. 2013, widower of M. Alvena (Branch) Williard

Harriet Emaline (Lentz) Sheetz d. 12 Jan. 2013, widow of Olin J. Sheetz (1-7-5-16-3-2)

Winston Earl Seal (1-10-4-1-7-2-2) d. 22 Jan. 2013, widower of Mary Elizabeth (Streeter) Seal

Donald D. Enders (1-14-9-2-2-5-3) d. 27 Jan. 2013, husband of Kathryn M. (Zimmerman) Enders

Joe Dean McClaren (1-9-3-5-3-4-3) d. 27 Feb. 2013, husband of Ferol (Ousley) McClaren

Susan E. (Schwalm) Buffington (1-14-6-6-1-5-2) d. 1 Mar. 2013, wife of Ronald E. Buffington

Nicole Marie Shoop (1-7-1-4-3-1-2-1-1-1) d. 9 Mar. 2013

Wilbur W. Laudenslager d. 14 Mar. 2013, widower of Jean (Etzweiler) Laudenslager (1-7-5-5-2-1-2)

James Robert Miller, Sr. (1-7-1-3-1-1-3) d. 22 Mar. 2013, husband of Sara I. (Radel) Miller

Perry George Landon d. 24 Mar. 2013, husband of Cynthia Ann Enders (1-7-5-11-1-1-1-1)

Brett David Shadle (1-14-9-2-4-1-1-4-2) d. 28 Mar. 2013, husband of Jennifer Bernadette (Vega) Shadle

Ross Alan McElheny (1-7-5-3-2-8-2-1) d. 13 Apr. 2013, husband of Eve (Hawkins) McElheny

Larry John Helt (1-14-2-4-2-3-1-2) d. 17 May 2013, husband of Janet Elaine (Zimmerman) Helt

Hilda Marie (Good) Shiffer (1-14-4-6-14-1) d. 19 May 2013

Mary Jane (Young) Enders d. 29 May 2013, widow of Marlin E. Enders (1-7-5-3-2-3-1)

Evelyn Strawser (Bechtel) Noblit (1-7-2-1-6-8-1) d. 4 Jul. 2013, widow of Ralph C. Noblit

Donald Alvin Shadle (1-14-9-2-4-1-1-3) d. 4 Jul. 2013, widower of Kay L. (Fessler) Shadle

John "Dick" R. Frey d. 29 Jul. 2013, husband of Mary Louise (Pfoutz) Deibler Frey, E.F.A. Secretary

Glenn Wesley Rubendall, Sr. (1-7-5-10-2-2-5) d. 2 Aug. 2013, husband of Jane A. (Lubold) Rubendall



We are pleased to announce the completion of our website upgrade. It contains new features including a guestbook for visitors to sign, PDF copies of past newsletters, and a sleek new design that displays well across many popular web browsers and mobile devices. The website is maintained by Liteirene LLC and managed by Marilyn Henninger. Thank you Donald McElheny for the many, many hours you devoted to this project.



THE BEAUTIFUL ENDERS GROVE READY FOR THE 2013 REUNION



LEFT: GENESIS BORDNER
& MARY JANE MCELHENY



RIGHT: KAREN RHINE



LEFT: RUSS OTTENS
LEADING MEMORIAL
SERVICE



RIGHT - STANDING:
JIM ZEIGLER, AND
WALTER PARMER
SEATED - JIM NICE
AND DENNIS HEN-
NINGER



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SHARON REISINGER AND
KARLIN BRADFORD

<http://www.endersfamily.org>

Help us save postage by reading your Connection on the web. Email Marilyn at harlech@epix.net. She will notify you when it's online.

Contributions are greatly appreciated to help us maintain the grove grounds, kitchen and pavilion. Send to Louis Bobish, Treasurer at the address below.

**Please let us know
when you change
your email or
snail mail address.**

HELP

Can you help us the day of the reunion? We need volunteers for the sign-in table and to put tables and chairs away at the end of the day.

Contact Dave Enders.

Do you have a story you would like to see published in our newsletter? It can be an article about an ancestor, your memories of an ancestor or perhaps reunions, or interesting facts of days gone by, etc. We could also use photos of interest.

ARE YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN A MEMBER OF THE ENDERS FAMILY ASSOCIATION?

The cost is \$10 for a lifetime membership. Make check payable to the Enders Family Association and mail to Darlean Skaddan, 225 W. Main St., Elizabethville, PA 17023.

Shelley Walck has designed a beautiful ring featuring our Enders Crest. It is available for purchase. She will donate a portion of the proceeds to the Family Association. She also has pendants. Items will be on display at the reunion or you can contact her SSWalck@aol.com or 410-905-0608

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR
AUGUST 8, 2015
Our 93nd Reunion**

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