

.. May 28, 81

Dear Mr. Berger,

I got your name from Bernice Blattenberger Wilson of Long Beach and your address from the phone Co. I understand you are working on a history of the Blattenbergers (using the "P" Spelling of it). I have been working on a book of the family also and I want to cover every branch of it. About a year ago I managed to get some German phone books and checked them out for Blattenbergers--- I found none in Switzerland but only one in Bavaria so I wrote to him. At that time I was trying to find out where in Germany they came from. I knew there had been Blattenbergers in Landeshut and Braunau am Inn as far back as 1500 (they are in the town Archives) but some were killed during the Swedish invasion of the Thirty Years' War and afterward they scattered, that is, the few who had survived the towns' burning and sacking. I wanted to find out where Johannes had left from in 1743. Fortunately I wrote to a man whose chief interest was Genealogy and he supplied me with the family background and even sent a photo of "Hof Plattenburg" -- a tiny farming community where Johannes, his parents and his grandparents were all born. When Johannes left Bavaria in 1743, he left behind a younger brother Anton, and he was the ancestor of the man I wrote to! Since then I have been corresponding regularly with our German "Cousins". At Christmastime they sent me three bottles of Blattenberg wine from Hof Plattenburg and also a record of folk songs and a doll. I had not been able to find our ancestor because I had neglected to search the Catholic church records. I just assumed that all Blattenbergers were Protestant. However all had been Catholic -- and apparently that was the reason our ancestor left Germany-- he had joined the Moravian brethren in Europe and joined a group sponsored by Count Zinzendorf to settled in Pa. The records of their baptisms, however, were in the Catholic church at Buchbach, Bavaria.

I have a great many records on the family. I know that one of the immigrant's sons, Christian, settled in Northampton Co. and remained Moravians. I assume you are descended from this son. Also one of the immigrant's daughters married John Birstler in Bethlehem Moravian church and remained there. I would like to trade information with you. I do not have any further information on that branch of the family. If you will fill me in on your branch, I will be glad to send you any information that I have. Since I started work on this book, I have come across some very interesting Blattenbergers. One B. ran away from an apprenticeship in Pa. and went to Iowa-- his descendents are neighbors of mine. Another B. couple left Pa. with two little boys and headed west on the inland waterways but never made it-- they both died of "the fever" and their two boys

were bound out as apprentices to different families and never saw each other again. Another branch of the family made it to St. Louis, Mo. and they go by the name "Plattenburg". I met them recently and they had an old Bible with the complete record of their family clear back to Johannes' arrival in 1743-- also they gave me copies of old B. love letters from the 1830's that I found fascinating. The name is correctly spelled in Germ^W records as either a P or a B-- in this country the record- keepers and clerks have mangled the name up so badly that I found it spelled at least 12 different ways, including one spelled "Balating bergher"-- can you believe that? Even on my birth certificate it was misspelled.

I am descended from John (Rev. Vet) -- his son Christian of Marietta--his son Daniel (Civil War Vet)-- his son John of Bedford County and my mother was John's daughter Susan. If you could send me photocopies of your info. I will gladly do the same. I have the following:

- Records from German archives
- Wills of Johannes (1794) and Christian (1858) and inventory, also Estate info from John who died in Miss. Terr in 1813
- Have war records of civil war veterans
- Have records from Raymond Blattenberger family--he was director of the U.S. Gov't Printing Office for years and a book was written on his life.

I need: Records on the Northampton Co. branch of the family, births, deaths, etc. Do you have any old photos that could be copied? The Iowa branch and a New York branch have sent me some photos from the 1860's. I have my ancestor's Civil War powderhorn and prayerbook which he carried in the war and a large photo of him in the living room, also an ancient violin that has been in the B. family for many generations. I would be very interested in hearing from you. I have many, many Blattenbergers that I cannot connect to the proper families since each family used the same names over and over, making the job much like a giant puzzle with many pieces.

Sincerely,

Mildred W. Donley
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**Do you know where our immigrant ancestor Johannes is buried? His first wife and children are at Lititz Moravian cemetery but none after 1758.

July 1, 1981
1301 Bradford Road
Oreland, Pa. 19075

Mildred W. Donley
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Dear Mildred,

I can't tell you how surprised and delighted I was to receive your letter of May 28th on the Blattenbergers. Please excuse my tardiness in responding. I've been working on re-landscaping my home and this is really my first opportunity to sit down and put my thoughts together.

Bernice Blattenberger Wilson and I have been corresponding for a year or so. She wrote to me in response to a query that I placed in a genealogy column called "Our Keystone Families" which appears weekly in the Middletown, Pa. newspaper. I got no response for quite some time and then "out of the blue" received a letter from Bernice. Until receiving your letter, she was the only other person interested in piecing together the various Blattenberger family lines.

I am very much interested in merging our information on the Blattenbergers. My goal on all of the various families that I've been researching is to eventually prepare a short book on each one which could then be given to the appropriate County Historical Society Libraries so that these family histories might be preserved.

You are correct in assuming that I am descended from Christian who settled in Northampton Co. One of Christian's descendants, Augusta Elizabeth Plattenberger (spelled with a P), (family A-4-4-2-1 on my family sheets) was my gr-gr-grandmother on my father's side. Christian settled near the small town of Schoeneck, Pa. just north of the town of Nazareth in Northampton Co. He and many of his descendants were associated with the Moravian Church in Schoeneck. Both Schoeneck and Nazareth were founded by the early Moravians and became centers of Moravian education.

One strange thing though. Except for only one or two of Christian's descendants, I haven't been able to find any burial locations for the Blattenbergers in Northampton Co. To date I've searched most of the cemeteries in and around the Nazareth area but came up with nothing. Christian is recorded in the Schoeneck Church records as having died in 1833, his son Philip in 1866, and Philip's son Henry in 1857. But where they are buried is still a mystery. There are also no wills or any other estate papers on file in the Northampton Co. Courthouse. Its as if they moved away, perhaps back to the Lancaster area. Do you have any information to clear this up?

Enclosed are Xerox copies of what I have been able to piece together so far. Unfortunately, I don't have any pictures to go with the family sheets. Its an interesting coincidence to note that, like yourself, I have some Civil War equipment from this family line. James Rader's (Augusta Blattenberger's husband) rifle, bayonet, powder horn, belt, cartridge case, etc. were passed down to me through other relatives.

You asked where the immigrant Johannes is buried. I haven't been able to find out as yet. The Moravian records from Lititz include notations of his first wife and daughter Anna Rosina but nothing on Johannes. Last year I visited the Lititz cemetery but was

unable to find any Blattenberger tombstones. Of course, many of the stones are too old to be readable any longer. My notes show that Johannes moved into Manheim Tsp., Lancaster Co. around 1767. Perhaps he is buried somewhere in that township.

I'm really looking forward to exchanging information on this family with you. Perhaps, between the two of us we can piece together some more of the puzzle. I'll gladly reimburse you for any photocopy expense or, if you prefer, I could make Xerox copies of what you send me and return your originals. I have free use of a Xerox machine at my office.

I guess I'd better end this letter here so it gets in the mail tomorrow. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

Dale E. Berger

Dale E. Berger

1301 Bradford Road
Oreland, Pa. 19075
September 27, 1981

Mildred Donley
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Dear Mildred,

Thank you so much for the notes you sent me on the various Plattenberger lines. I transcribed all of the information you sent me on to Family Sheets and coded them into those I had already sent to you. Copies are enclosed. Am also sending along a short biography on Johannes for you to take a look at. Please let me know if you can add anything to it. It might make a good first page or two for a book on the Plattenbergers.

Am also enclosing a list of the coded Family Sheets that I now have on the Plattenbergers. I'm not sure which ones I already sent to you. If you'll check the list against all the sheets that you now have and let me know what you need, I'll be happy to run copies off and send them to you.

Last but not least, I also enclosed blank copies of Page 1 and Page 2 of the Family Sheet forms that I have been using. I found using these sheets is the only way I can keep all the various family lines organized. My coding system simply starts with A for the immigrant ancestor and builds on from there by adding numbers for each generation.

It was interesting that you are in the process of buying your own microfilm reader. I've been thinking of doing just that myself. Can you give me some idea of how much they cost and who the manufacturers are? Also, do you know how to go about purchasing microfilm census records? I've heard that they are available from the Government but don't know where to write for information and prices.

I don't recognize the note on the Bergers that you sent me. Perhaps if you can get more details I might be able to find something if the family originated in the Northampton, Lehigh, Bucks Co. area of Pa. My Berger line seems to have started in Bucks Co. and then moved North into the Lehigh County area. The earliest ancestor that I've been able to find was Jacob Berger (1760 - 1828) who is buried in Upper Saucon Tsp., Lehigh Co. I have many notes on other Berger lines.

Let me know if you hear anything from Baltimore on Christian P. or on his son Joseph P. The fact that they were in Baltimore in 1820 explains why they didn't show up in County court records in Pa. Although there still should be some mention of Philip P. and his son William Henry P., my direct ancestors, since they were still living in Northampton Co. as late as 1850. Sooner or later I'm sure something will turn up.

Guess I'd better close for now and get on to several other letters. Enjoy hearing from you. I would appreciate any more notes that you might have on this family.

Sincerely yours,

Dale Berger

Dale E. Berger

JULY 24, 81

Dear Dale,

Thank you very much for the information sheets-- I wish I could find some forms like those, since they save a person a lot of extra work typing. I do keep a card file but it's more work. You asked about Christian P. since he didn't show up on burial records in Northampton Co.--- I believe that he and his son Joseph moved to Baltimore Co, Md. He does not show up on the Census after 1800 in Pa. but he and Joseph both showed up on the Maryland Census of 1820 as follows:

A-3-10
CHRISTIAN P. --- 3rd Ward, BALTIMORE
JOSEPH P. --- NO. TWP. L BALTIMORE

A-3-10-1
A GEORGE PLATTENBERGER HAD SETTLED IN BALTIMORE AROUND 1795 BUT HE LEFT FOR BROOKE CO, WEST VA. BEFORE 1810. GEORGE'S SON JOHN WAS A TAILOR, OPENED A SHOP IN WELLSBURG, W. VA. WHICH WAS IN BUSINESS UNDER THE SAME NAME UNTIL THE 1950's WHEN THE LAST GEORGE PLATTENBERGER DIED! I WOULD LIKE TO GET MORE INFO. ON THIS FAMILY BUT IT TAKES SO LONG.

As you know by now, it takes MONTHS to get replies to your requests from the Govt. agencies-- the best way to search is to do it yourself. I used to go to the Census and use the microfilms, since it's only 7 miles from here but it is so crowded and always a waiting line that I gave up and decided to buy my own microfilm machine and films. Last week they brought the wrong machine (I need one that reads BOTH 16mm and 35mm) so they took it back, ordered one from the factory and I am going to have another long wait, I'm afraid. It's very frustrating. I also am building up quite a library of genealogical books. I feel that most people spend their money on having a good time-- well this is my good time and only extravagance so my husband doesn't mind. Later when I get all my films and books together I will probably be of more help. Right now all I can do is wait. Also, my husband's hobby is photography and he has his own dark room so he copies all the old photos we can get from people. I am afraid to send them out anyhow for fear they would be lost. I will get more things together in the future but am very disorganized right now. I will write to Baltimore and see what I can find out about Christian and Joseph. There are several families of Plattenbergers still living in Baltimore today, no doubt their descendents.

Sincerely,

Mildred Donley
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Mildred

I do not venture outside the house these days as it is much too hot -- I cannot get used to heat so that has also curtailed my activities.

Dear Dale,

I finally have a few minutes to answer your last letter. In the meantime, some new information has turned up. I believe that the write-up on Johannes will have to be changed a number of times until it is finally finished. I discovered that a second cousin of mine had written a book("Pioneers of Chestnut Ridge " by Glenn Adams) and it tells something about the Blattenbergers who settled in Bedford Co. where I was born-- that was my great-grandparents. His book is well-written but has so little information on the family that he did not even know his grandfather had brothers. I was amazed that anyone could write a book with so little information on the family. Our distant "cousins" over in Germany spend a lot of time searching records for us to find more information for us and they turned up something of interest just recently. So far the actual facts were; Johannes was baptized in the Catholic church of Hof Platzenburg)Parish of Buchbach-- they sent me copies of the baptismal records of him and his parents and grandparents, so it is certain they were Catholics. I am still curious how he got into the Protestant ranks. This summer they went through their Archives and found the obituary of Johannes' wife Barbara on a microfilm

of an old Penna.--German newspaper from 1758. The obituar was written before her burial and was very long and ~~data~~ detailed. It gave this information: Johannes had been married as a very young teenager and his first wife had died as a teenager, possibly in childbirth but that is not verified. The oldest child, Anna Maria, must have been with the first wife, since the obituary states that Barbara had had NINE children-- Anna Maria would have been ten. Also, there is a gap of four years between Anna Maráa and the second child, Phillip. A gap of four years between babies in those days would hardly have been possible otherwise. It also explains why he would have married a girl 9 years older than himself-- he needed someone who could care for a baby. Barbara's and Johannes' birthdates are correct because we have seen the baptismal records and the American records and death records match perfectly. So Johannes had three wives. Barbara's maiden name was Palmer and she came from the town of Sinsheim, south of Heidelberg. Her parents were Mennonites and she was raised in that faith. They found out also that although they came at the same time as the second Moravian colony, they were not a member of the group at that time, but arranged their own passage. Barbara had two brothers, Christian

and Michael Palmer who had already come to America, and it is possible the brothers might have helped them to emigrate. In any case, they lived near her brothers all their lives and they were with her when she died. After settling near Warwick in Lancaster Co. she went to hear a Moravian preacher-- it sounded like a revival meeting of some sort-- and decided to join that church. She became a member of the "sisterhood" and did much work for the sick and the poor. According to her obituary she had always been a very devout person, what we today would consider very fanatic. Her oldest daughter (or step-daughter, since it never refers to Anna Maria as "her" daughter but rather as Johannes' daughter) was also a member of the sisterhood and lived at the place at Lititz until her marriage to Johann Boerstler. It did not state in the article that Johannes had ever actually joined the Moravian church, although their
FOUR
~~XXXXX~~ children --Phillip, Nathaniel, Elizabeth, and Rosina are all buried there. When he married the last wife, they belonged to the St. Paul's Reformed church of Manheim and the younger children were members there. It mentions in the obituary that Barbara had a premonition of her early death. She was not even ill when she made all her funeral arrangements and laid out her burial clothes. Only a few days later she got sick

AND it says she never spoke again to anyone except her brothers. Her youngest child, Rosina, had died a month before Barbara of "tooth fever" at age two.

Did you ever check out the Plattenbergers in Baltimore, Md.? I have not had the time to do so, but certainly will when I get time. You asked about the microfilm machine-- mine finally arrived. I simply found a company in the yellow pages that sells them and ordered one that will read BOTH 16mm. and 35mm. -- most films we use are the 35mm. except for the soundex of recent years. Well I had to wait 3 months to get the machine but it is worth it-- even though it cost me \$600. I do not spend money on going out or any of the things other women do, so I feel justified. My big extravagance is books. Then you can get a catalog of the films available from the General Services Adm. in D.C. and the films cost \$15 per roll. It takes at least 2 months to get them(And that's ridiculous!) so at present I have only 3 rolls-- which takes in all of Lancaster Co. I plan to just keep adding a couple rolls at a time until I accumulate a good library of microfilms. I would like to get some old newspapers on film but haven't been able to buy any as yet. The best information you can ever get is from obituaries. The

Penn. state Library at Harrisburg has one of the best old newspaper collections in the country--- many in German and also English. Since our ancestors were educated in German, most of them read those papers. Even my great-grandparents could not read or write in English. They carried weddings, movings, births, etc. If you can get the chance~~x~~ to go to Harrisburg, by all means check all the death-dates you have and look up their obituaries-- you will learn so Much! I sent the Blattenbergers in Bavaria some Calif. fruit-packs for Christmas for all the trouble they went to. Franz has Genealogy for his hobby also and he and his wife Ursula sound like very nice people. She says whenever the Blattenbergers over there get together for a wedding he passes my letters around and talks about their American "relatives"-- we are all descended from the same ancestor, since his ancestor is the younger brother of Johannes. All the Blattenbergers in Germany today are related and they are all Catholics. They tried to search the Mennonite records for us but they have their archives behind the iron curtain and were not at all cooperative, just wröte Franz and said they didn't have time to search records. I am hoping to meet them all in the future.

My husband and I made a trip through my hometown, Bedford, Pa., and visited all my cousins in October. I had forgotten how beautiful Penna. is in October-- I felt like I was in some wonderland that wasn't for real. My husband will be 55 in Feb and he plans to retire from American Airlines this year with his benefits and life-time free passes and buy a motel. We are looking in the area of Buffalo, N.Y. and anywhere in Pa. Retiring in Calif. would not make sense, since the cost of property out here is beyond belief and the pace is too fast for us in any case. One cousin, Dick Blattenberger lives in Allentown-- he's a musician and commercial artist-- and I'd like to be around my relatives more.

I hope you will have a nice Christmas with your family. Bernice Wilson up in Long Beach is in Hawaii right now for a reunion of Pearl Harbor survivors. She's a very nice lady and is coming down to spend the day with me and use my library when she gets back. I have a great collection of books and Genealogical materials.

We will have to write and rewrite this history many times before it is perfect-- we will eventually get it all, I assure you.

Mildred Donley
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Dear Dale,

4-11-83

It's been quite a while since I last wrote to you. My book on the Plattenbergers will be out late this summer with lots of info. on all branches. What I want now is old photographs. I received some very old ones from Iowa last week and had them copied. Do you have any old photos of your ancestors that you could send me a copy of? I will return them in a week's time. Also would like a photo of yourself & brief biographical sketch. I have photos for all other branches & hope to have something also from the Northampton Co. branch. If you have no photos of ancestors, then an old photo of their homestead would do. Or — photo of some antique which belonged to them!

Hope to hear from you soon!

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DEAR BLATTENBERGERS (ALSO BLOTTENBERGERS AND PLATTENBERGERS),

THE HISTORY OF THE BLATTENBERGERS IN AMERICA IS NOW FINISHED AND CAN BE ORDERED FOR AS LONG AS THEY LAST. IT IS A 9 x 12 INCH PAPER BACK BOOK WITH OVER 55 PHOTOGRAPHS, MOST OF THEM VERY OLD. I TRIED VERY HARD TO KEEP THE PRICE OF THIS BOOK DOWN BUT WHEN YOU HAVE PRINTING DONE BY THE OFFSET METHOD IN SUCH A SMALL QUANTITY, THEN YOU HAVE TO PAY TOP DOLLAR FOR THE PRINTING, SPECIAL HANDLING OF OLD PHOTOS, AND THE BINDING.

THE CONTENTS OF THE BOOK:

THE BIRTHPLACE OF OUR IMMIGRANT ANCESTOR AND HIS ANCESTORS
THE TRIP TO AMERICA, THE SHIP, THE SIGNATURES
OUR GERMAN COUSINS
THE FIRST FEW YEARS IN AMERICA
THE IMMIGRANT'S CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN
THEY ALL SERVED IN THE REVOLUTION
THE WAR OF 1812

THE BLATTENBERGERS OF:

LANCASTER CO. PA.
DAUPHIN CO. PA. & PERRY CO.
FRANKLIN CO. & PHILADELPHIA
BEDFORD CO, PA.
BLAIR CO., PA.
NEW YORK

THE PLATTENBERGERS OF:

NORTHAMPTON CO. AND BALTIMORE, MD.
MISSOURI, OHIO AND WEST VIRGINIA

THE BLATTENBERGS OF:

IOWA

ALTHOUGH THERE ARE VARIOUS SPELLINGS OF THE NAME, THEY ARE ALL DESCENDED FROM THE SAME IMMIGRANT. EARLY RECORD-KEEPERS SIMPLY SPELLED THE NAMES AS THEY WERE PRONOUNCED AND OFTEN SHORTENED THEM.

SOME OTHER FEATURES IN THE BOOK:

LOVE LETTERS BY A BLATTENBERGER WRITTEN IN 1831
CIVIL WAR EXPERIENCES OF BLATTENBERGERS
THE BLATTENBERGER WHO SERVED AS HEAD OF U.S. GOVERNMENT
PRINTING OFFICE
THE BLATTENBERGER WHO WAS A LEADING LADY IN THE MOVIES,
USING A STAGE NAME

THAT WILL GIVE YOU AN IDEA OF WHAT I TRIED TO DO. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HAVING A COPY, THE PRICE IS \$ 18. POSTPAID. IT CAN BE ORDERED FROM:

MILDRED DONLEY
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Dear Dale,

Thank you for the info. sheets and photo. I knew about the families near Stroudsburg.

My book was finished and since I had no photos from the Northampton Co. "P's" - I used some drawings of Moravian buildings. I was just taking the books to the binder to be bound when your letter came.

I then typed off your biographical sketch and attached your photo and ran back to the printer. I would have had to wait a week for offset printing so instead they ran it off on the "miracle machine"

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And so you just made
the book in time! If I
have to get more copies, then
I will let them do it all
on the "miracle machine"
— it would make the book
cheaper, but the photos are
not as clear as by offset.
Anyhow, this book is just
a beginning — perhaps
a professional will come
along later & do a better
job. There will be a
big reunion in Pa. of
all "B's" and "P's" next
summer & you will be
contacted. Our "relatives"
in Germany also plan
to attend. They have
ordered copies of the

3,
book and are much interested
in us.

The book has lots of photographs
— some very old ones from
1850's, etc. I'm glad I
have at least a photo
and sketch from you to
add to it. The books
are being bound on Monday
& then are ready for
mailing.

Sincerely —

Mildred Donley
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El Toro, Cal.

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June 9, 1983
1301 Bradford Road
Oreland, Pa. 19075

Mildred Donley
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Dear Mildred,

Hello again. It's good to hear from you. I'm glad to hear that your book on the Plattenbergers will soon be out. I can't wait to get a copy.

Since writing to you last I discovered a number of Plattenbergers buried in Stroud Tsp., Monroe Co., Pa. in the Methodist Churchyard at the small village of Analomink. It's located near East Stroudsburg. They are all descendants of Jacob and Katharina (Hill) Plattenberger. Jacob retired to Monroe Co. sometime between 1801 and 1850 when he was recorded as living in Stroud Tsp. He was a son of Christian (1747 - 1833) and grandson of Johannes and Barbara. Enclosed are my family sheets on that line if you want to add the dates of birth, death, etc. to your book.

I'm also enclosing a page or two of "unknowns" on the Northampton and Monroe Co. lines. Some of these are a real mystery and perhaps you've found other information which ties them in somehow. A few were born before 1850 but for some reason don't appear in the 1850 Census reports for these counties. Would like to hear from you if you recognize any of them.

Last but not least, I've enclosed a short biography of myself and a brief run-down to show how I relate to the Plattenberger line through marriage. Unfortunately, I don't have any pictures, antiques, etc. relating to the Plattenbergers. The Northampton Co. branch was small in number and left little to be remembered by. So far I have not been able to locate tombstones for many of them and they left no wills or other papers that I have been able to discover.

In earlier correspondence you mentioned that Christian (my family sheet A-4) and his son Joseph (A-4-3) moved to Baltimore, Md. sometime between 1800 and 1820. Did you ever check out the Plattenbergers in Baltimore? My direct ancestor William Henry Plattenberger may have also gone there since there are no county court records on him or on his wife when they died. I would appreciate anything you might have found.

I guess that's all for now. Looking forward to hearing from you and in seeing your finished book. I can appreciate all the work that must have gone into it.

Sincerely yours,

Dab E. Berger

1301 Bradford Road
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April 16, 1984

Mildred Donley
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Dear Mildred,

Hello again. How have you been? You and I haven't corresponded since before your book was published and I'm happy to report some renewed activity from the Northampton County branch of Plattenbergers.

After receiving the invitation to the reunion in August, I ran off several copies of the reunion material and, on a chance, sent them to three Plattenburgs listed in the Stroudsburg, Pa. telephone directory. It turned out that all three are descendents of Christian Plattenberger through his son Jacob who left Northampton Co. and settled in Stroud Tsp. in Monroe Co. Nine members of the present day family are planning to attend the reunion. They are probably the only members of the Plattenbergers left in Northampton and Monroe County. We are currently exchanging information and should have it pieced together by August.

Entered data 10/30/93

Dear Dale,

I have been searching for death dates, etc. for members of the "B." family but with no luck, because we are all packed up ready to move. I have no idea where anything is right now, but later when we are moved and unpacked, I'll go through everything.

I thoroughly enjoyed the Reunion in spite of the Eden Resort's very poor service to our group. The next time I hope they will choose a smaller town where we can have a huge banquet room or ball room for the entire stay. Bedford, PA has many good places and many "B." descendants. Unfortunately my research has been slowed down because I am on heavy medication and cannot stay awake (15 pills per day). The last time I went to the National Archives branch here, they found me sitting straight up in front of a machine, sound asleep! I have a microfilm machine of my own because I like to order old German newspapers

To find their info. in the 1900 Census of Bedford Co. as they are descendants also. At the time I put my book together I was unable to locate any of the William B. family of Fishertown, but we accidentally did locate one since. She was at the Reunion - I mean 90-yr.-old Alice Wetzel. Her family was as follows:

^{great}
^{grand}
^{father} ⁴⁸⁴ Daniel B. & Margaret Stroh of Bedford Co. ;
^{gr-}
^{father} William (son of Daniel) m. Rebecca and had
4 daughters (single) ^{m. Norman Amick & had 3}
^{children, all deceased - Mary, Ruth}
Minnie, Lottie, Emma and Nora. ^{and Russell}

Nora died at age 5 from whooping cough.
^{mother} Minnie m. Harry Miller in 1900. Their
Children were:

Alice b.d. June 5-1904

Ronald - res. Johnstown m. Margaret Thomas

Clyde - res. Duncansville m. Ruth Dunmire

Elton - res. Hollidaysburg m. ⁽¹⁾ Myrtle Cruise
⁽²⁾ Derona Amick

Alice m. Winston Cann 1929. He died 1945.
Children: ^{Alice remarried 1957 to Rev. John Wetzel}

George - m. Alice Zimmerman d. 1991

Roger - m. Grace McGrath res. Malungie, PA

George's Children:

Amy - music teacher - Bellows Falls, VT

Barton Jr. at Michigan State - m. Gail

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on microfilm and read them. It's like actually being there - in the 1700's! All of the info. in my book about Johannes' wife was from her obituary. I would just like to find Johannes' obituary - it might clear up some mysteries. I hope they follow through with the newsletter idea because then we can keep up with additional findings. I can see you are right about the Johns of 1812 and Mississippi being two different people. The confusion is compounded when each generation has the same names, and they used to name their children after aunts and uncles. Well, it will be a while but I'll get in touch with you later on specific dates.

Daniel B. of Bedford Co. also had a daughter Hannah who married a Reanniger. I do not personally know any of them but my mother did. I guess I'll have

Roger's children: M. Kim Moyer

Erika - lives in Lehighton, PA.

Alice's address is 1230 Oakwood DR.

Bethlehem, PA. 18017 in case
you want more specifics. She is an
amazing lady - a retired teacher who
is very frisky and even rides a
motorcycle at age 90!

I admire your patience and
dedication to getting the family history
down pat. Maybe some day we'll
know all the answers.

Sincerely

Mildred Donley

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