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Archaeology at Germanna by Dr. Eric Larsen



Germanna's new archeologist, Dr. Eric Larsen, reviews display artifacts at the Germanna Visitor Center.

"I have always thought the Fort Germanna/Enchanted Castle site ranks among the most significant historical archaeological sites certainly in Virginia and arguably in the nation. The establishment of both Jamestown and Germanna forts were historically pivotal!"

—World-renowned chief Jamestown archaeologist William Kelso

Having only recently begun as Archaeologist for the Germanna Foundation, I've already found no shortage of work to be done. There are boxes and boxes of old records to assess and organize. There is new equipment to acquire. There are procedures to establish for both field and lab work. And, on top of all this, there is no scarcity of interesting history to be learned. With the abundance of sites and stories in and around the Germanna Foundation properties, I am initially taken with Germanna's part in Virginia's Colonial frontier.

"Frontiers" are typically thought of in terms of an intersection of space. But they are not solid lines on a map like a political boundary. Instead, they are more places of transition. Typically, frontiers are created by social expansion—one group moving into a new space. In the case of Germanna, the English were beginning to push beyond Virginia's Tidewater region farther west into the Piedmont. Such frontiers create places where different cultures and traditions meet and exchange ideas. Alexander Spotswood's decision to settle 42 Germans in a palisaded fort 20 miles beyond any

other settlement clearly meets this definition. The details of the settlement at Fort Germanna and of the "Enchanted Castle," however, are not the typical story of the American "frontier." Spotswood was a pioneer, but not the "coonskin-capped" pioneer that typically comes to mind.

Restarting excavations at Germanna provides the chance to explore this frontier interchange in more detail. The 5-sided fort was built to protect settlers from Indian incursions that often took place in these frontier settlements. No hostilities were ever recorded for Fort Germanna, but the fort still influenced the nature of the initial settlement. Later when Spotswood moved himself to Germanna, he brought with him the latest ideals of English Georgian order. His "Enchanted Castle" expressed this clearly to all who saw it; yet unique construction techniques suggest German influences in its building.

New archaeological research will allow us to examine the daily lives of the different peoples who met and lived in this community. There is plenty of work ahead of us today, but the prospects are very, very exciting! ♦

Rector Volumes Donated to Evelyn C. Martin Library



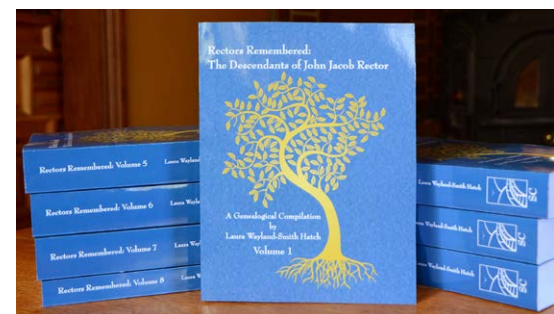
Eight newly-published volumes of *Rectors Remembered*, comprising some 5,000 pages of Rector family history and genealogy, stretching to the thirteenth generation, have been donated to the Germanna

library by their author, **Laura Wayland-Smith Hatch**. The eighth volume is the index for the complete body of work and the endnote documentation of the entries.

Laura's lifelong interest in family history can be attributed to her grandmother, Leonora Rector Crook, who got the young girl fascinated with family charts and stories that turned into a lifelong passion. Let that be an example to all you Germanna grandmothers out there to share your Germanna stories and get those grandchildren interested early in their wonderful heritage!

Laura's original project to compile a small book on the descendants of John Jacob and Anna Elisabeth Fishback Rector turned into a ten-year multi-volume undertaking that is a rich addition to our understanding of this 1714 German family. Laura freely admits that she has by no means covered every Rector, and welcomes additional information. This reviewer (Dr. Katharine Brown) can testify to that, as her entire line of descent from one of the four original Rector sons, Harmon Sr., and his son, Harmon Jr., is missing!

Hatch's background as a magazine editor and marketing director for non-profit organizations was excellent preparation for publishing her research and for what has developed into Salmon Creek Media and Marketing, which not only publishes, but provides customized social media and marketing services. Laura and her husband are the parents of two children and two grandchildren.



The Germanna Foundation is grateful for her thoughtful donation that will be a great research resource for our members. We also hope that Laura's example will inspire other members to share their family publications and their research with the foundation for the benefit of all members. The Rector volumes may be purchased through amazon.com. Be sure to access amazon through the button on the Germanna website! ♦



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

J. Marc Wheat

The Germanna Foundation is making 2015 the first full year of coordinated work across our membership to achieve an audacious goal: the recognition of Germanna as a National Historic Landmark. Out of a million properties on the National Register of Historic Places (of which the Fort Germanna and Enchanted Castle archaeological site is one), only 2,500 are granted the high-level recognition that we seek.

Since you are reading this, I don't have to convince you that Germanna is a very special place indeed. But to convince others, we have to work together to re-tell the generations-long saga that flowed through this historic landmark.

What we have at Germanna is an America in embryo. In short order after its founding 300 years ago, Germanna was a polyglot meeting point of British, German, African, and American Indian people learning to cooperate and build a new society.

As Harvard historian Bernard Bailyn has persuasively written, far from being isolated, the people of Germanna participated in complex transatlantic familial, confessional, political, and trade

networks that shaped not only North America, but also Europe, South America, and Africa. It was the constant flow of people, communications, and trade goods that transformed the Atlantic Ocean into what Fordham University historian Ross Hoffman called "the inland sea of Western Civilization." As we begin to carefully explore the site with 21st century technologies this year, our in-house archaeologist Dr. Eric Larsen will help us understand the material culture of that transatlantic society on the American frontier.

The National Historic Landmark designation is important to us as a destination, but it is the shared journey along the way that may prove to be just as important.

The Germanna Foundation Database of 100,000 descendants will expand significantly in 2015 with your help—in not only adding new families, but in meaningful stories that encapsulate something of their lives. As Don Rightmyer of the Kentucky Historical Society says, what a shame to spend all our efforts looking for dead ancestors and not try to bring them alive!

The Germanna Foundation will be collecting stories or quotes from our members about people with a Germanna tie, and each submission will be categorized for later retrieval according to some 200 of

Sir John Templeton's "Laws of Life" and University of Chicago philosopher Mortimer Adler's 102 "Great Ideas."

Members of the Germanna Foundation have long explored our past to understand the present and wisely create our future. We are inspired to refocus that work by a John Templeton Foundation-supported symposium called "Imagining What Might Be: Memory and the Power of Connectivity."

The purpose of the symposium was twofold. First, to explore how the discoveries being made about the "relationship of episodic memory (memory of particular past events a person has directly experienced) to foresight and ingenuity can suggest ways to solve problems and offer comfort to individuals during periods of stress and anxiety."

Second, to consider how societies like that of Germanna, forged by shared memories of a common experience "respond both to ongoing challenges and catastrophic change" during our 300 year history here in America.

Cultural memories, which are maintained through oral stories, histories, genealogies, song, pictures, monuments, communal buildings, rites, and festivals, "preserve the store of knowledge from which a group derives an awareness of its unity and identity." This shared treasury of "cultural memories can be a creative and dynamic force both in forging good character and, more generally, opening the future to new possibilities."

I look forward to working with you to designate a new National Historic Landmark on the Rapidan River and "open the future to new possibilities" in the 301st year of Germanna. ♦

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Foundation President Marc Wheat with Congressman Robert Aderholt, Chairman of the U.S. House of Representatives Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, speaking about the past and future of the Germanna Foundation.

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CHIEF'S REPORT

Steven L. Hein

Thank you for your response to our 2014 Annual Campaign at the end of the year! Nearly 200 members made a contribution in response to our request for support, exhausting our supply of Germanna lapel pins (don't worry—we'll make more later this year), and raising more than \$21,000 for the Foundation's operating fund.

Along with the previously pledged support of several additional donors, we have started 2015 ready to move forward with our plans to restart the archaeological exploration at Fort Germanna and the Enchanted Castle site, continue our restoration work at Salubria, and work on the design and planning for our new Spotswood Library building.

Since my last report, the Orange County Board of Supervisors approved our Special Use Permit allowing the construction of our new building on our property adjacent to the Brawdus Martin Visitor Center. We have also provided comments to Orange County's Germanna-Wilderness Area Development Plan, a 50-year plan designed to govern development in the County along the State Route 3 and Route 20 corridors. The draft plan is generally friendly to the Foundation, recognizing the historic resources of Germanna in Orange County, and our preservation, conservation, and interpretation mission.

The plan would protect our area of Route 3 from some commercial development, and even calls for new zoning ordinances that seek to establish design guidelines that would create a unique "brand identity" for the area around Germanna. We will stay involved with County officials throughout this process in order to continue to be good stewards of the land and historic resources entrusted to us.

In the office, we have started using a new membership and donor management software

system (GiftWorks) that allows your small staff to be more productive in maintaining membership and donor contact and other information. This program is integrated with our existing QuickBooks accounting software and our Constant Contact email program too.

A new Germanna Foundation brochure has been produced for visitors and promotional purposes. On the website, we have been adding and updating content regularly, and probably the biggest change we've made online is our new online donation and payment transaction provider—we switched from PayPal, which was a little "clunky" according to several of you, to Fast Transact, which is integrated with our new GiftWorks management software.

The biggest news about this change is you may now choose to set up recurring donations to the Foundation! This is an easy and convenient way for members and others to support Germanna financially. Many other nonprofit organizations have found recurring giving to be an important choice to offer their supporters, and we are pleased to join the crowd.

Finally, and most importantly, I've enjoyed getting to know many of you through my phone calls. While I can't call everyone, I do set aside some time each week to call members and supporters to thank them for their support and answer any questions you may have about the Foundation's activities. I enjoy these short calls, and who knows—I may call you next! Thank you, and please remember you may call (or email) me at 540-423-1700 anytime as well! ♦

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Partners in Preservation

Germanna's COO **Steve Hein** and Archaeologist **Dr. Eric Larsen** attended a half-day Department of Historic Resources sponsored battlefield preservation workshop in Culpeper in January.

This workshop focused on three Civil War battlefields in Virginia's Piedmont Region, including Cedar Mountain and Mine Run just a few miles from Germanna properties.

The workshop was designed to bring several groups together to share different models of successful partnerships between private nonprofit organizations like us, individual landowners, the National Park Service, nonprofit "friends" groups, businesses, and government officials in order to help preserve these battlefields.

The Friends of Cedar Mountain hosted the gathering, and other organizations in attendance included Orange County Tourism, Friends of the Wilderness, Friends of Cedar Mountain, Lake of the Woods Civil War Study Group, Civil War Trust, American Battlefield Preservation Program, National Park Service, Piedmont Environmental Council, Museum of Culpeper History, and the Brandy Station Foundation, among others. ♦

Germanna Trustee Presents

At the Palatines to America 2015 National Conference in Harrisburg, PA, June 26 -27, 2015, Germanna's own **Dr. Katharine Brown** is presenting three sessions. Palatines to America is a national organization dedicated to finding German-speaking ancestors and their places of origin, so we're not surprised Dr. Brown is making several appearances on the agenda. She will also be setting up and staffing a German-



na table at the conference promoting Foundation membership, talking with conference attendees, and answering questions. And this just after returning from the Germanna 2015 trip to Germany and a few weeks before our own reunion & conference! Thank you Katharine for your untiring work and dedication to the telling the Germanna story. For more information about the conference, go to www.palam.org or call 614-267-4700. ♦





Salubria Window Replacement

by Mitch Filipowicz

The Germanna Foundation's stewardship of Salubria (c. 1754) includes ongoing programs to stabilize and restore the mansion to period stature. One initiative championed by Trustee **Ellis Hitt**, and brought forth through donations from visitors and benefactors—was the removal of the 20th century louver on the east side, and reconstruction of a period 18th century window and paneling in the vacated space.

The original window was removed to create a door to the (19th century?) kitchen addition that reportedly burned and was removed, creating the pile of stone rubble still present on the east side.

During the mid-20th century renovations by **George Harrison**, (former president of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York) and his wife **Gertrude Grayson Harrison**, it appears that the architect **Washington Reed** had the louver added in 1958 to provide ventilation and security from the wild. Reed's plans also showed the addition of a "modern" kitchen and butler's pantry and quarters that were never built, as well as very detailed window restoration drawings.

Many portions of the George Harrison/ Washington Reed replacement window project from the 1950s restoration remain, and it was thought that Reed's designs were period replicas. But research was needed to confirm Reed's accuracy.

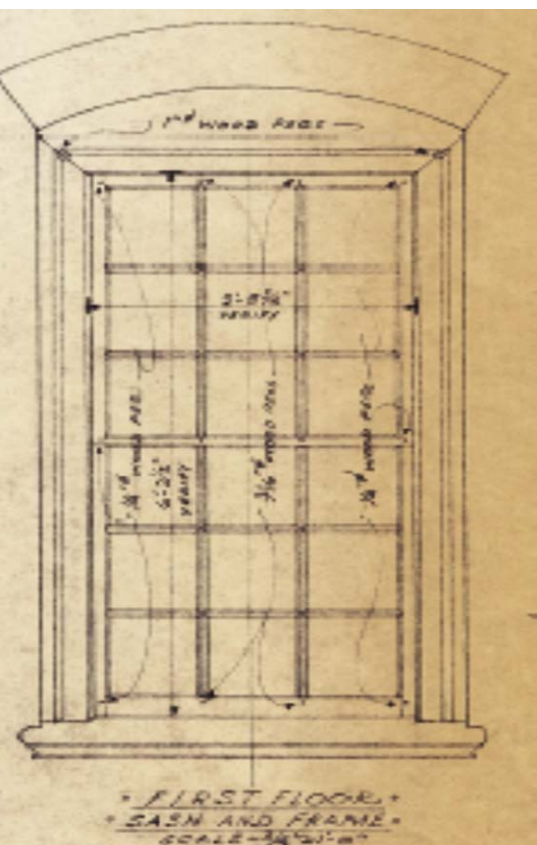
Sources from the Thomas Balch Library, Montpelier, Woodlawn, Williamsburg, and our own **Doug Harnsberger** and **Gordon Lohr** led us to find the "original" information regarding period size and type profiles for the window frame and sashes.

Under the guidance of benefactor and project manager **Russell Hitt**, carpenters **Kevin Simmons** and **Tom Claypool** secured the old-growth lumber needed for the construction. Mason **Ed Ashby** used brick from the chimney restoration project to infill the lower portion of the old doorway, while Kevin and Tom worked with **Custom Molding and Millworks** in Catlett, VA to produce the seven molding cutter head knives required for cutting the profiles of the sash, shutter, and wainscot replacement.

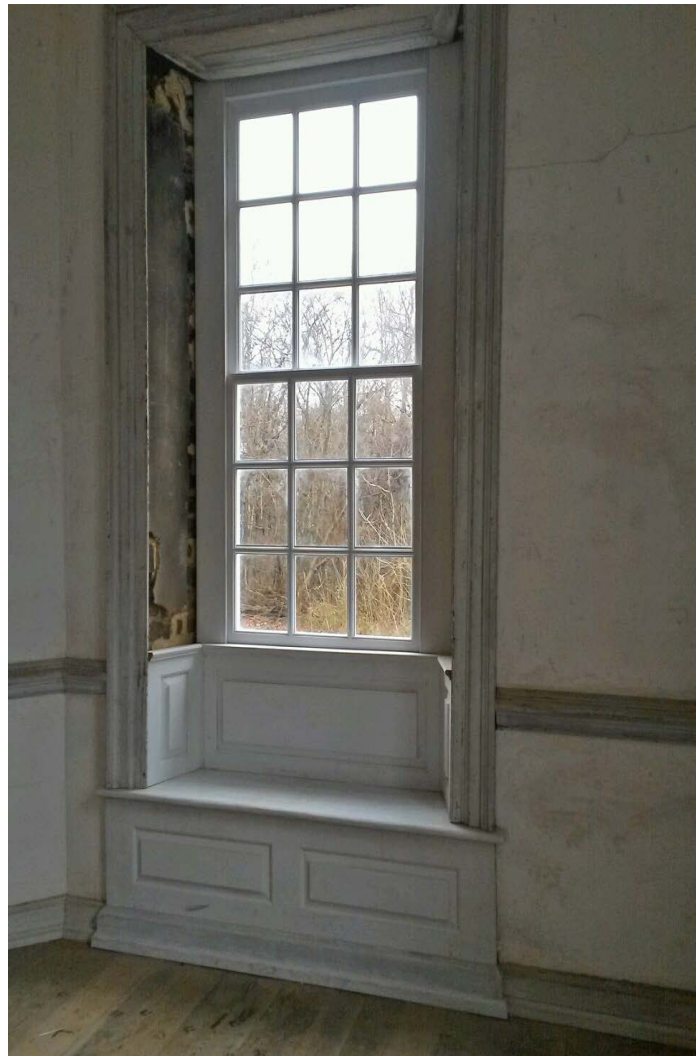
Detailed final cutting and assembly of the window unit was

done in Claypool's shop in Catlett, using mortise, tenon, and trunnel technology very much in sync with Reed's drawings from 1949. Wainscoting and shutters were built in the shop and on site, and installed by Kevin Simmons. At press time, Gordon Lohr is finishing handmade replica hinges for the interior shutters. The completed window unit was hand finished, primed and readied for glazing by Kevin and Tom. The glass was custom made and cut by **Bendheim Glass** in NJ, and Kevin hand glazed each pane using Sarco multi-glaze restoration compound. The completed window unit was installed in late December, and final painting will be accomplished in the spring when weather permits.

We estimate that about a dozen people spent a cumulative 450 hours on the grounds at Salubria; in management and organization at various offices around the country; at vendors for period materials; as craftsmen doing beautiful work; and with donations to make this all possible. Our sincere gratitude and a hearty huzzah to the many people responsible for this project! ♦



Washington Reed drawing.





In all my years of research into my Holtzclaw family, I've always wondered about the second wife of **Jacob Holtzclaw**, the 1714 immigrant. What do we know about his wives and how do we know that he was married twice?

Hans Jacob Holzklau was first married to **Anna Margreth Otterbach**, his childhood friend and neighbor in the village of Trupbach. Their marriage is recorded in the Siegen Book of Marriages, 1702-1737 (see Figure 1). There are several tidbits of information that the marriage record tells us:

- The marriage was between Hans Jakob Holzklau and Anna Margreth Otterbach from the village of Trupbach
- The numbers, 1, 2, 3 on the far left of the record tell us that the marriage banns were announced for three consecutive Sundays and that there were no objections to the marriage.
- The names of the parents are also given in the marriage record, i.e., **Hans Henrich Holzklau**, Jacob's father, and **Hermannus Otterbach**, Anna Margreth's father.
- Jacob Holzklau's occupation is listed as the schoolmaster/schuhmeister in Oberfischbach.

From records located in the Siegen Archives, we know that Jacob Holtzclaw gained permission to leave his homeland and that he, along with his family, emigrated to Virginia in 1713. There is another record from Spotsylvania County, Virginia proving the importation of Jacob and Margaret (Anna Margreth), his wife, in 1724 stating that they arrived in Virginia in April 1714, along with their two children, **John** and **Henry** (see Figure 2).

All of the information given so far proves that Jacob Holtzclaw's wife is Margaret (Anna Margreth Otterbach), but on 13 Aug 1729, **Catherine Holtzclaw**, Jacob's wife, released her dower rights for land in Germantown that was deeded to Mary Spilman.

Who is Catherine Holtzclaw and when did she marry Jacob? There is reference to her as being Catherine Loebericht, but this is actually **Agnes Catharina Loebericht**, the wife of Jacob's brother, **Johannes Holzklau**. Catharina Loebericht and **Johannes Holzklau** were married on 5 Aug 1694 and lived in the village of Oberfischbach where Johannes was the school master. Johannes died in Oberfischbach in 1707 at the age of 38. His brother, Jacob, became the schoolmaster at Oberfischbach and lived in the village, with his wife, Anna

Figure 1

Dom: VI. Jan.
 1. Hans Jacob Holzklau schuhmeister zu Oberfischbach, Hans cognat
 2. Henry Holzklau zu Trupbach schuhmeister
 3. Anna Margreth, Hermannus Otterbach zu Trupbach
 schuhmeister.

Figure 2

Jacob Holtzclaw in order to prove his right to take
 Land according to the Royal charter made oath that he
 came into this country in the month of June 1714, and
 he brought with him Margaret his wife and John & Henry
 two sons, and this is the first time of proving their dower
 - estate whereupon certificate is ordered to be granted
 of right to take up one hundred acres of Land

Not freely for all free
 May 9th 1729

Margreth, and their two children until they emigrated to Virginia in 1713. There is no evidence of a marriage between Jacob Holtzclaw and Agnes Catharina Loebericht nor is there evidence of her immigration to Virginia.

Neither of the wives of Jacob Holtzclaw are mentioned in his will dated 15 Jan 1759, only his children and grandchildren. There is a lawsuit that Jacob's youngest daughter, **Eve Wiley**, brought against him in 1762 to collect ten pounds promised to her on 22 Aug 1757 "for her service she did to her mother on her Death Bed, & to her Death." Eve's mother would be the second wife, Catherine (see Figure 3).

From all of the documents we've found so far, we can only surmise that Margret Holtzclaw died between 1724 and 1729; that Jacob then married a woman named Catherine and that she died prior to 22 Aug 1757.

So, who is Catherine, the second wife of Jacob Holtzclaw? We may never know and that is all the more reason to document the women in your ancestry as readily as the men, they are the other half of our genealogy.

Do you have a MISSING female in your family history and want to find out who she is? Send your queries to: Barbara.Price@germanna.org. ◆

Figure 3

This is to give Notice to all Persons for that as Jacob -
 Holtzclaw made over & Promise to give my Daughter
 Eve Holtzclaw Ten Pounds Curr. Money, & a Negro -
 Girl named Kate, for her service, she did her Mo-
 -ther on her Death bed, & to her Death, which I say
 she is to have besides her share she is to have in the
 Remainder of my Estate, which Ten Pounds & Negro
 Girl is to be paid to my Daughter after my -
 Death. Witness my hand this Twentieth second Day
 of Aug. in the Year of our Lord 1757

Done in Presence of
 J. C. Philip Tagermunden
 Peter Hitt
 Jacob Spilman -
 Joseph Taylor

Jacob Holtzclaw



SAVE THE DATE:

Your 2015 Germanna Reunion & Conference is set for July 16-19



The four-day event kicks off on Thursday, July 16th, with an informal registration open house at the Brawdus Martin Visitor Center in Locust Grove, and archaeologist-led tours of the Fort Germanna/Enchanted Castle site. In the evening, an invitation-only President's VIP Reception is being hosted at the Visitor Center.

Friday, July 17, is our conference day this year (please note this is a change from the past couple reunions!) at the Germanna Community College's Daniel Technology Center in Culpeper, featuring a series of speakers and educational seminars covering subjects including genealogy, historic preservation, and Germanna archaeology. This is also your chance to check out the goods and services offered by some of our sponsors at our "Germanna Marketplace" tables.

A barbecue and entertainment on the grounds of elegant Salubria ends the conference day in style, and gives you the chance to reconnect with other members, meet new friends or distant cousins, and see the progress being made on restoring Salubria.

Saturday, July 18, is our Germanna Heritage bus tour, visiting sites across the region in Culpeper, Orange, Madison, and Fauquier counties. Saturday evening is the annual conference banquet and our popular silent auction fundraiser at the Lake of the Woods Clubhouse in Locust Grove.

Sunday's events (July 19) include the Foundation's annual meeting and our traditional family

reunion picnic, this year on the grounds of Salubria in Culpeper County.

We're looking for additional volunteers willing to help our small staff and your Reunion Committee members prepare for and work at our different events and venues. If you're able to help at one, two, or more of our events, we'd love to hear from you!

The next meeting of the Reunion and Conference Committee and volunteers is set for Saturday March 7, at the Brawdus Martin Visitor Center in Locust Grove, VA from 9 am to noon. If you're planning to attend this meeting March 7th, or if you'd be willing to volunteer

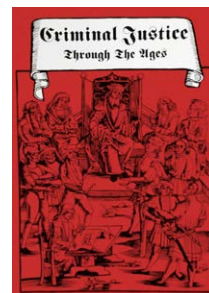
during the reunion and conference events regardless of whether you can attend this meeting (our volunteers come from all over), please email Cathi Clore Frost at cathiclore@comcast.net.

Registration will open in March, and details and registration forms will be available on our website as well as in our Spring newsletter. Make your plans now to come back to Germanna in July! ♦

**Culpeper Star Exponent
named Germanna's 2014
Reunion as one of the
"Top 10" Events of the Year!**

Another Donation to our Library Collection

Thank you to **Kathy Ellis** of Clifton Farm, Culpeper, VA, for donating a copy of *Criminal Justice through the Ages: From Divine Judgment to Modern German Legislation*, published in 1981 by the Mittelalterliches Kriminalmuseum (Medieval Crime Museum), Rothenburg ob der Tauber, Germany, and translated into English by John Fosberry in 1993. This well-illustrated volume is a handsome addition to the Foundation's collection, which is fast outgrowing our current space. ♦



2015 Germany Trip

Exciting plans are in place for the June 2015 Germanna trip to the ancestral villages in Germany.

The trip filled quickly this year, which made it easy for the Browns to work out the itinerary, knowing early which families are represented, and thus which villages must be visited.

They are working on the plans with **E.K. Mello**, who has taught German in Culpeper and Charlottesville high schools, and who will travel with the group this year. She is training, along with her husband **Roger**, to succeed **Madison and Dr. Katharine Brown** as group leaders in 2016.

Germanna Trustees **Jörg Becker** and **Eric Utsch**, along with Trustee Emeritus **Horst Schneider** and **Kurt Muelln** are helping with arrangements in the Siegerland.

A reunion with many members of the DAG group who visited Germanna for the 300th Reunion in 2014 will take place.

In the Palatinate and the Kraichgau, we have the opportunity to visit some villages that are not often represented on the tour, including Lambshheim, Gross Sachsenheim and Illenschwang in northern Bavaria. ♦



2013 travelers to Germany, Donna Albin (center) and Madison Brown (left) enjoy a laugh in Trupbach with Hildegard Bergmann, president of the Trupbach Heimatverein and friends. Our 2015 travelers will be welcomed again in Trupbach.



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To set up a recurring gift, go online to www.germanna.org/get-involved/become-a-donor/ or call the Foundation office at 540-423-1700.

Planned Giving Example

Thank you to **Fred C. Fishback** of Naples, Florida, who recently let us know that he has included a very generous bequest to the Germanna Foundation in his estate planning. Including Germanna in your planned giving is a fitting tribute to your Germanna ancestors and allows the Foundation to continue to honor our historic heritage well into the future. Thank you again Fred!

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Fort Germanna/ Enchanted Castle Site Work Update

As this winter edition heads to press, we are pleased to report that the site stabilization and protection work is now underway!

Luck Stone, headquartered in Richmond, VA, with plants in Virginia, North Carolina, and Maryland, is donating the fill dirt needed to properly cover and protect the previously excavated portions of the Enchanted Castle under the direction of our archaeologist, **Dr. Eric Larsen**. Funding for the archaeologist position was provided by a generous donation from **Dr. Michael Frost**. Luck is also selling us the "crusher run" stone dust we'll use as a topcoat at a steeply-discounted non-profit price.

Dave's Trucking is hauling the material for us in its small truck to minimize any adverse impact on the site, and **HITT Contracting** is serving as our "general contractor" for purchasing materials needed for the job.

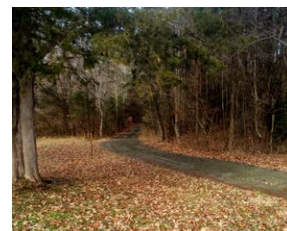
A small army of volunteers, including Foundation members and trustees in the area, the **Wilderness Battlefield Grounds Force**, and other interested supporters, has enlisted to help Eric spread the dirt, and **The Bavarian Chef** of

Fredericksburg, VA, will be providing desserts one day for our volunteers. This work will ensure this important historic site is properly cared for and ready for future archaeological exploration. Thank you to all our supporters for making this happen, especially during this time of year.

Also, I'm sure after reading this, many of you want to volunteer to help with our future archaeology work on the site later this year. If so, we want to hear from you now! Just respond to our help wanted ad (modeled after an ad often said to have been placed by Ernest Shackleton during the planning of his Nimrod expedition to Antarctica in the early 20th century):



**New Germanna
archaeologist
Dr. Eric Larsen**



Top Left: The wheelbarrow was one of several items donated to the Foundation from our Amazon Christmas Wish List. Thank you! Top Right: Roadway at the Fort Germanna site gets a fresh coat of "crusher run" to enhance access for materials delivery and other vehicles. Below: Tailgate spreading!

