

Germanna Through Time

1700 Spring 1713 First Colony Departs Germany

1714 First Colony Arrives Virginia

1716 Spotswood's "Knights of the Golden Horseshoe" Expedition

Summer 1717 Second Colony Departs Germany

Winter 1717/18 Second Colony Arrives Virginia

c1720 First Colony Settles at Germantown

1725 Second Colony Settles in Robinson River Valley

1734 Arrival of the Little Fork Colony

1740 Hebron Lutheran Church Constructed

1750 French & Indian War Begins

1763 French & Indian War Ends

1775 Revolutionary War Begins

1781 Revolutionary War Ends

1783 War of 1812 Begins

1794 War of 1812 Ends

1800 Mexican War Begins

1808 Mexican War Ends

1812 Civil War Begins

1815 Civil War Ends

1817 Spanish-American War

1820 Battle of the Little Bighorn

1827 Church in Müsen attempts contact with First Colony Descendants

1857 Publication of Old Churches, Ministers and Families of Virginia by William Meade mentioning Knights of the Golden Horseshoe and Fontaine's Diary

1894 Publication of the Garr Genealogy

1899 Publication of the Kemper Genealogy

1900 World War I Begins

1918 World War I Ends

1927 First Annual Germanna Reunion

1929 Stock Market Crash triggers Great Depression

1934 Bi-Centennial of Orange Co. sparks significant interest in Germanna

1949 First Annual Germanna Picnic and Society of the Germanna Colonies Formed

1956 Memorial Foundation of the Germanna Colonies in VA Founded and 292 acres of "Siegen Forest" Purchased

1968 Germanna Foundation donates 100 acres to the Commonwealth of VA for Germanna Community College

1969 Apollo 11 with Germanna Descendant Buzz Aldrin aboard lands on Moon

2013 Germanna Foundation Acquires Fort Germanna site

The Germanna Foundation 58th Annual Conference and Reunion

JULY 16-19, 2015

A Family of Families — Honoring Our Historic Heritage

For 2015 only, the Germanna Foundation Reunion Schedule has changed from past years. Check event dates carefully when you register

THURSDAY, JULY 16



Registration Open House

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Germanna Foundation Visitor Center

2062 Germanna Hwy (Rte. 3), Locust Grove, VA

All reunion attendees are invited to drop by the Germanna Foundation Brawdus Martin Visitor Center to pick up registration materials, hike the trails, browse the library and check out the interpretive display. *Please note: The Germanna Foundation Visitor Center will be closing early, at 4:00 pm on this date.*

Fort Germanna/ Enchanted Castle Site Open

2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Gordon Farm Road, Locust Grove, VA

Drive over to explore the Fort Germanna/Enchanted Castle site where Germanna Foundation staff archaeologist Dr. Eric Larsen will be on hand to lead informal site tours. Learn about work that has been completed in the past few months as well as work planned for the future. Ambitious attendees may hike to the Spotswood Spring.

Closed toe shoes are required. Other protective gear and bug spray is highly recommended. Beware of chiggers, ticks, snakes and poison ivy.



Invitation-Only Board of Trustees Reception

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Germanna Foundation Visitor Center

2062 Germanna Hwy (Rte. 3), Locust Grove, VA

This invitation-only event serves as a Thank You from the Board of Trustees to our most generous supporters and volunteers, and to introduce local officials to Germanna. All donors at the Explorer giving level (\$500 per year) and above will receive personal invitations.



◆ FRIDAY, JULY 17



Historical and Genealogical Conference

8:30 am – 3:30 pm

Germanna Community College
Daniel Technology Center
18121 Technology Drive, Culpeper, VA

Start the day with coffee & donuts, socialize, shop in the Germanna Marketplace Vendor Hall, and enjoy a full schedule of informative lectures. If you have not already done so, registration materials may be picked up at the Germanna booth. **Boxed lunch included.**

Historical and Genealogical Conference Sessions

◆ John Blankenbaker, *It Wasn't Easy*

What obstacles did the Germanna settlers encounter on their way to America? Learn about the problems and uncertainties which our Germanna ancestors had to live through. Find out how they persevered and eventually reached a moderately happy conclusion.

◆ Karen Jensen, *FamilySearch Step by Step*

FamilySearch has records that span billions of names across hundreds of collections, including birth, marriage, death, census, and other original records. Most of these are indexed, so you can search for records that identify your ancestors. Also learn about Family Tree, a free service that helps you to discover, organize, and record your genealogy online. Family Tree provides free tools you can use to preserve and share your family's story.



◆ Dr. Eric Larsen, *Looking for a Fort Community: Germanna and Virginia's 18th Century Frontier*

The site of the Fort at Germanna is a meeting place of numerous forces at play in colonial Virginia at the start of the 18th Century. Fort Germanna can be seen as an intersection of several cultures, but it also serves as a point of reference for many of the political, economic, and ideological processes in motion during the early 18th century. Finding the Fort provides a tangible opportunity to begin an examination of these wider questions.

◆ Daniel Michael Lynem II, *Confirmation Through DNA*

Always curious about his family genealogy and history, Daniel turned to DNA testing to help find some answers. Learn how he combined family tradition, good old-fashioned genealogical research, and results from DNA testing to reveal his ancestry. He is very proud to have discovered his Germanna heritage through his Grandmother Lucille Harris-Lynem and her mother, his Great-Grandmother Catherine Isabell Utterback.

◆ Barbara Price, *From Servant to Master: Slave Ownership Among the Germanna Colonists*

This mini session will explore documents used to survey slave ownership among the Germanna Colonists. Which immigrants among the First, Second and Little Fork Colonies owned slaves? What documents can be used to determine this? Find out what we know and how your research can help us learn more as the Germanna Foundation embarks upon this new project to document slave ownership among the Germanna Colonists.



Barbecue Dinner

6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Salubria, 19173 Salubria Lane (off Route 3)
Stevensburg, VA

Relax and enjoy a pleasant evening on the lovely grounds of 18th Century Salubria. The evening begins with a social hour during which you may tour the historic mansion house before dark. Our Germanna cousin Rodney Lilliard and his Mill Valley BBQ crew will provide a delicious barbecue meal with all the trimmings. After dinner the Rappahannock Colonial Heritage Society will entertain us with a colonial dance demonstration.

Non-alcoholic beverages are provided by the caterer; in addition, there will be beer, wine and soda for purchase. Dress is casual at this family friendly event.



Germanna Marketplace Vendor Hall at the Historical & Genealogical Conference

In addition to the Germanna Foundation publications and gift items, local historical societies and our speakers will offer books and merchandise for sale. The morning social hour, breaks and the lunch hour are perfect times to browse the wares and learn more about other organizations with common interests.

Register online:
Click the "2015 Reunion" menu link on GERMANNA.ORG



◆ SATURDAY, JULY 18



Germanna Heritage Bus Tours

8:45 am – 4:30 pm

Best Western

791 Madison Road, Culpeper, VA

Seats on the bus tours are limited and have sold out in the past so please register early. Participants should wear comfortable shoes and be prepared to walk up to half a mile and climb stairs. Some stops are on private property and are not handicap accessible. Boarding begins at 8:45 a.m. for a prompt departure. Both tours will depart from and return to the Best Western, Culpeper. When you register, be sure to choose your tour.

◆ First Colony Tour

Your tour leaders have a full day of interesting sites planned. Begin the day with an informative stop at Clifton Farm, home of Robert and Kathy Ellis, followed by a visit to historic Little Fork Episcopal Church. Continue to Jeffersonton, center of the Little Fork Colony. Tour the Jeffersonton Baptist Church and Cemetery, and have lunch in the comfortable parish hall. Visits to the Martin Fishback house, Fleetwood, and to the Hotzclaw Cemetery at Ashland are also planned.

◆ Second Colony Tour

Join your tour leaders as we start the day by visiting two private properties in Madison. First we will visit the Fishback Cemetery and will be hosted by Martha Fishback Breeden at the site of the John Fishback home and machine shop. Our drive will continue by some of the early Second Colony land patents south of town before we stop at the Arcade Museum in Madison. Next we will visit the Hebron Lutheran Church, built by our ancestors in 1740, where we will be hosted for lunch in addition to touring the historic sanctuary. Following lunch we will take the scenic route past the core of the land patents on our way to historic Little Fork Episcopal Church. After visiting the church we will be hosted by Robert and Kathy Ellis at their Clifton Farm home, inherited from Kathy's Spillman and Crigler ancestors.



Banquet and Fundraising Auction

6:00 pm – 10:00 pm

Lake of the Woods Clubhouse

205 Lakeview Parkway, Locust Grove, VA

The Annual Banquet is the main social event of the reunion weekend. Join us in air conditioned comfort overlooking the lake for a social hour with cash bar followed by dinner. Bid on a variety of items during the silent and live auction.

Auction Donations Needed

Please help make our annual auction a success by donating items. In particular, gift certificates as well as themed baskets have been popular in the past.

Please submit all donations by July 10 for inclusion in the auction booklet.

If items cannot be mailed or dropped off at the Germanna Foundation office in advance, an email to Barbara Bounds bbounds@germanna.org by the above date would be appreciated and ensure inclusion.

◆ SUNDAY, JULY 19



Worship at Historic Church of your choice

10:00 am

Sunday morning has been left free so you may worship at one of the historical churches. Both have worship service at 10:00 am and will welcome you.

Hebron Lutheran Church

899 Blankenbaker Rd, Madison, VA
540-948-4381

Little Fork Episcopal Church

16461 Oak Shade Rd, Rixeyville, VA
540-937-4306



Picnic Lunch and Annual Meeting

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Salubria, 19173 Salubria Lane (off Route 3)
Stevensburg, VA

The original Germanna Reunion event. Join your friends and cousins one last time for an old fashioned picnic lunch at Salubria. In a nod to the first Germanna Reunions, the menu will feature fried chicken and biscuits with country ham. Following lunch, the Annual Germanna Foundation Meeting will be held outdoors, just like those early gatherings. One difference, we are more casual nowadays, business attire is not expected.



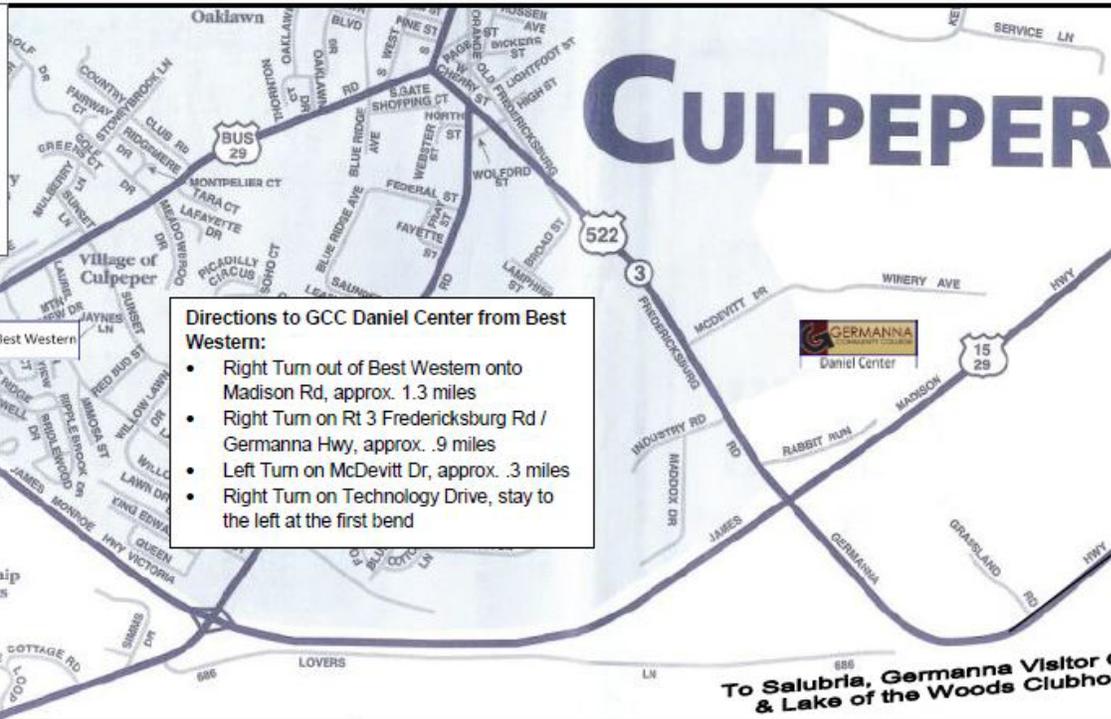
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Directions to Hebron Lutheran Church from Culpeper:

- Rt. 29 South, approx. 12 miles
- Right Turn on 603 Hebron Valley Rd, approx. 1.4 miles
- Left Turn on 638 Hebron Church Rd, approx. 1.3 miles
- Right Turn on Blankenbaker Rd
- Church is on right



Directions to GCC Daniel Center from Best Western:

- Right Turn out of Best Western onto Madison Rd, approx. 1.3 miles
- Right Turn on Rt 3 Fredericksburg Rd / Germanna Hwy, approx. .9 miles
- Left Turn on McDevitt Dr, approx. .3 miles
- Right Turn on Technology Drive, stay to the left at the first bend

Approximate drive times from Culpeper motels:

- Germanna Foundation Visitor Center 20 minutes
- Salubria 15 minutes
- Hebron Lutheran Church 25 minutes
- Lake of the Woods Clubhouse 25 minutes
- GCC Daniel Center 10 minutes

Directions to Salubria, Germanna Foundation Visitor Center & Lake of the Woods Clubhouse from Best Western:

- Right Turn out of Best Western onto Madison Rd, approx. 1.3 miles
- Right Turn on Rt 3 Fredericksburg Rd / Germanna Hwy, approx. 7 miles for Salubria Lane, 14.5 miles for Visitor Center, or 17.4 miles for Lakeview Parkway, all on right side of Hwy
- Stay in the left lane at Lake of the Woods Entrance, tell the attendant you are attending the Germanna Foundation Dinner at the Clubhouse
- Right Turn on Lakeview Parkway, approx. .2 miles, Clubhouse on left side of road

Note: The Best Western, Holiday Inn Express and Comfort Inn in Culpeper are all in close proximity to each other. Come prepared with a Virginia map, GPS and/or directions from MapQuest.com or Google Maps, especially important for those staying in Orange or Warrenton.



A dozen Reunion Committee members from Pennsylvania, Oregon, Tennessee, Virginia, and Vienna, Austria met at Germanna in March.

Accommodations

A limited number of rooms at each of the following motels have been reserved at a special rate. In order to receive the discounted rate, **you must mention "Germanna" and make your reservation by June 16, 2015.** Rates include breakfast. We recommend making your reservations early. Check online rates as advance purchase may be cheaper.

Holiday Inn Express Culpeper - \$129.99 + tax

787 Madison Road, Culpeper, VA 22701

540-825-7444

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Best Western Culpeper - \$99.99 + tax

791 Madison Road, Culpeper, VA 22701

540-825-1253

bestwesternvirginia.com/hotels/best-western-culpeper-inn/

Comfort Inn Culpeper - \$89.00 + tax

890 Willis Lane, Culpeper, VA 22701

540-825-4900

comfortinn.com/hotel-culpeper-virginia-VA431

