

M A R I E N T A L & L O U I S

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Proverb:

**What you've
got - you've
got!**

Happy Halloween!

I am quite late with my September issue, what with all the traveling we did throughout the summer, I found myself WAY behind. My Christmas Issue should be on time I think.

The picture on the front page was sent to me by Teri Dann and is the sign to the village of Mariental. Teri believes that it spells out Sovetskoye (which was formerly Mariental). The next word below that name might possibly be Saratovky. The URL for the Russian Alphabet is:

<http://www.geocitirs.com/Colosseum/Track/7635/alphabet.htm>

Iif you are interested in looking it up.

The picture above is of: Martina Holmes, Teri Dann, Tom & Kathy Roh.

This photo is the business road to Graf, Herzog, and Rohleder.

MRMORIES TUCKED AWAY:

Johan (as the first name) means that the child was dedicated to St. Johan(nes) The Baptist. (First name signifies the name of the Saint in whose honor the child is christened. It need not have been St. Johannes, could have been another saint. The second Christian name is the “Rufname” or “calling name” by which the child is called.

Therefore, a Johan Georg is called “Georg”, while he is also dedicated to the honor of “St. Johannes”.

Johannes is a “Rufname” “calling name”, and this name is usually abbreviated to the diminutive “Hans” or extra diminutive “Hanschen”

WHERE DID THEY COME FROM

The following information, plus much more, can be found in the *First Settlers List – Mariental (Tonkoshurovka), Russia 1767 Census, translated by Pavel Leus & compiled/edited by Anthony Leiker and Kevin Rupp. This book may be purchased from the following web site: <http://www.volgagerman.com> Scroll down to The Lists of First Settlers from the Colonies of Graf, Louis, Mariental, Ober-Monjou, Pfeifer, Rohleder, and Schoenchen. This book contains a large amount of information, and is a great addition to your Volga Colonies Library.*

SURNAME FROM

Asselborn Merzig, Saarland, Germany – farmer (One family moved to Kansas, one family moved to Onisk, Siberia).

Bach Saargemund (Sarresguemines), Lorraine, France - craftsman. (Moved to Graf)

Baecker Brussel (Brussels), Belgium – ploughman – arrived in Mariental 16 Jun 1766.

Bender Hofheim-Wuerzburg, Bavaria, Germany – ploughman – arrived in Mariental 15 Jul 1766

Bersch Praha (Prague), Czech Republic - craftsman

Boxler Schwaben/Kirchberg, Sachsen, Germany
Breit Merzig-Trier, Saarland, Germany – farmer
Dahlheimer Ansbach, Bavaria, Germany – farmer
**Deif Saarbürg, Rhineland-Pfalz [Rhineland-Palatinate],
Germany - farmer**
**Desert Staubing (Straving), Ringkøbing, Denmark –
Soldier**
**Dillmann Wuerzburg, Bavaria, Germany – one family
moved to Liebental**
**Dinkel Wittlich-Trier, Rhineland-Pfalz [Rhineland-
Palatinate], Germany – craftsman**
**Dreserin (?) Luxemburg (Luxembourg), Luxembourg –
craftsman**
**Enslinger Kron-Weissenburg (Wissemburg), Bas-Rhin,
Alsace, France – craftsman. One family moved to
Liebental**
Erlenbach Ladenburg, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany
**Arne (?) Ernst Sankt Blasien, Baden-Wuerttemberg,
Germany**

**Ganzel(?)Hansen Echternach, Germany, OR Echternach,
Grevenmacher, Luzembourg – craftsman**

**Gassmann Kron-Weissenburg (Wissembourg), Bas-Rhin,
Alsace, France – ploughman - entered Mariental 15 Jul
1766.**

**Gerstner Dagsburg (Dagsberg?), Oestergoetland,
Sweden – farmer**

**Giebelein Bamberg, Bavaria, Germany OR Neu-Bamberg,
Rhineland-Palatinate – craftsman**

**Hanses\Hansch\Hansen Gesecke erstift Cologne
(Geseke), N. Rhineland-Westphalia – farmer**

**Harttung Egar (Enger?), N. Rhine-Westphalia, Germany –
craftsman**

**Hauri?\Hauer Breisach [Breisach am Main], Baden-
Wuerttemberg, Germany – craftsman**

Hecht Rothenburg, Germany – farmer

Heinz Hamburg, Hamburg, Germany

Hermann Bitsche (Bitche), Mosselle, Lorraine, France

**Hermann Luxemburg (Luxembourg), Luxembourg –
farmer**

Herrhauser Hohenburg, Bavaria, Germany – one family moved to Graf, one moved to Liebental

Hersch Luxemburg (Luxembourg), Luxembourg – craftsman

Hertz Kassel, Hessen, Germany – craftsman

Hunger Stadt Steyer [(Steyr Stadt) [Steyr]], Oberosterreich, Austria – craftsman

Jaeger Steinheim, N. Rhineland-Westphalia, Germany – craftsman

Kanitlin Ladenburg, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany – craftsman

Kappes Wittlich, Rhineland-Pfalz (Rhineland-Palatinate), Germany – farmer

Kasper Steinsberg, Rhineland-Palatinate OR Bavaria, Germany – farmer

Katzenberg Tofa? (Wuerzburg barony), Bavaria, Germany – craftsman

Klein Rixingen, France – French farmer – one family moved to Friedental, one moved to Graf.

Klephahn Eger (Egerer?), Bavaria, Germany – craftsman

**Kolbek\Kohlbeck Regensburg, Bavaria, Germany –
Soldier**

Kolin ??? – craftsman

**Leber\Sober\Lauber Menhelz? [Mengleuz?], Finistere,
Brittany, France – French farmer**

**Lineberg Willebadessen, N. Rhine-Westfalia, Germany –
farmer**

Maier Straubing, Bavaria, Germany

**Marquardt Kolberg, Brandenburg, Germany – Lutheran,
barber**

**Maurer Pledumz? [Pledl?], Bavaria, Germany – barber.
This family moved to Luzern.**

Meier\Maier Hohenburg, Bavaria, Germany – craftsman

**Mertes Wittlich, Rhineland-Pfalz [Rhineland-Palatinate],
Germany - farmer**

Miller Nassau/Klenburg, Rhineland-Palatinate, Germany

**Niliz\Nilizin Trier, Rhineland-Pfalz [Rhineland-
Palatinate], Germany – farmer**

Oberlieser Medebach, Hessen, Germany

**Olher\Olinger\Olderhar Zweibrucken, Rhineland-Pfalz
[Rhineland-Palatinate], Germany – farmer**

**Pfannenstiel Buedesheim-Trier, Pfalz [Rhineland-
Palatinate], Germany – craftsman**

**Pfannenstiel Ober Manderscheid-Trier, Pfalz [Rhineland-
Palatinate], Germany**

**Reichert Holschtaim/Kolschteim – possibly –
Kolbschein, Alsace, France – farmer**

**Reisch/Reiseck Kaufbeuren, Bavaria, Germany –
craftsman**

Rische Bossendorf, Bas-Rhin, Alsace, France

**Rittmann Oschenhausen (Ochenhausen), Baden-
Wuerttemberg, Germany**

Ritzler Wuerzburg, Bavaria, Germany – craftsman

**Rohr Bissendorf [Bossendorf), Lothringen [Bas-Rhin,
Alsace], France**

Schaefer ???

**Scheffler\Schaefer Ulm, Badeb-Wuerttemberg, Germany
OR Ulm, Hessen, Germany – Lutheran, craftsman**

Schiller Trarbach [Traben Trarbach] Rhineland-Palatinate, Germany

Schilling Wuerzburg, Bavaria, Germany – farmer

Schirmor\Schirmer Rod/Raude?, electorate Munzer?, Germany – possibly Rod, Hessen - farmer

Schneider Wuerzburg, Bavaria, Germany – farmer

Schteckel? Ansbach, Bavaria, Germany – Soldier children

Schumacher Linne, Limburg, The Netherlands – craftsman

Schunk Kissingen [Bad Kissingen], Wierzburg barony (Bavaria), Germany – craftsman - one family moved to Liebental, one family moved to Argentina.

Schwemling Steinbach-Zweibruecken, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany – farmer

Semle Arzdorf, N. Rhine-Westphalia, Germany – craftsman

Siegel/Riegel Mannheim, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany – Prussian soldier

**Somle Arzdorf, N. Rhine-Westfalia, Germany – craftsman
Spikerman Gesecke (Geseke), N. Rhine-Westphalia,
Germany – farmer**

**Staub Saargemuend [Sarreguemines], Lorriane, France –
farmer - entered into colony: 14 Jun 1766 – Mariental,
Russia**

Steigerman Dinkelschuhl, Schwabia – soldier

**Stekel Aschbach, Bas-Rhin, Alsace, France – Soldier's
child – Some families moved to North America, Brazil,
and Argentina**

**Stengel Muhlingen, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany –
farmer**

**Thiel Saargemuend [Sarreguemines], Lorraine, France –
farmer**

Trier Kirchroth-Trier, Bavaria, Germany

Wachter Bleifield, N. Rhine-Westfalia, Germany

**Walte(r?) Sankt Blasien, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany –
craftsman**

**Wenkelmut?Wandermuth Runzen? [Renzen], Baden-
Wuerttemberg, Germany – Catholic, farmer**

Weber Hessenkassel, Hessen, Germany – farmer
Weiler Freiburg, Bavaria, Germany OR Bellings, Hessen, Germany – farmer
Weiss Altmanderscheid, Niedersachsen, Germany – farmer
Wittmann Oschenhausen, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany
Wolf Mainz, Rhinepfalz [Rhineland-Palatinate], Germany - farmer – one family moved to Liebental
Wunderlich Nueburg, Germany – farmer - this family moved to Shaefer.
Zimmerman Grim-Trier, Rhineland-Pfalz [Rhineland-Palatinate], Germany – farmer

A WHISPER - CUSTOMS OF HALLOWEEN

Irish immigrants fleeing their countries potato famine brought the custom of Halloween to America in the 1840's. At that time, the favorite pranks in New England included tipping over “outhouses” and unhinging fence gates. The custom of “trick-or-treating” is thought to have originated with the ninth-century European custom called *souling*. On November 2, *All Souls Day*, early Christians would walk from village to village begging for “soul cakes” made out of square pieces of bread with currants. The more soul cakes the beggars would receive, the more prayers they would promise to say on behalf of the dead relatives of the donors. At the time it was believed that the dead remained in limbo for a time after death, and that prayer, even by strangers, could expedite a soul's passage to heaven.