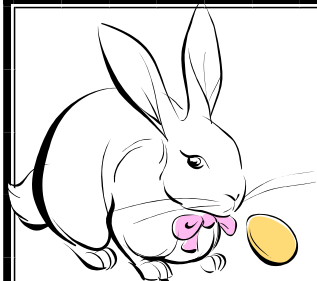


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Notes From Your Editor

Dear Readers,

Last year was a tough year for me and for many of you. As we enter the Spring of 2007 I hope that all is well for all of you.

This past Valentines Day was the one year anniversary since I lost my Dad and decided that we had put this project off long enough. With that in mind we are quickly approaching one year since I sent out the first issue of the Newsletter. It has been a great year and I have quadrupled (and then some) the amount I know about The Herren Family!

On Valentines Day I also had the opportunity to participate in a unique project. A local radio station here organized a human valentine to send to our troops overseas. It was a great experience that allowed me to take a moment to appreciate all that our troops do and how difficult their jobs are. I hope all of you have taken a moment lately to think of them as well.

The New Year has brought many exciting new information about the Herren Family. I am overwhelmed with the success of the project to date. The response has far exceeded my expectations and I am glad to have been able to do this. I have received much feedback and donations from several of you and appreciate all of it. Your feedback has made the newsletter better and your donations have made it possible for me to continue to do it. Please accept a heartfelt thanks to everyone for participating in one way or another.

Most recently we have added members to our website, found new Herren burial sites, made new valuable contacts, and I have been able to talk to a lot of truly wonderful people. You will see details on some of these advancements throughout this issue.

The snow has finally stopped flying in beautiful Colorado and has made travel a lot more convenient. In light of this I am planning a Herren Roots trip that I would like everyone to be involved in. There will be information on the trip and how you can do your part on page 10. My library of Herren History is growing daily! I have also been fortunate enough to find Myra Herron who has her own newsletter. Our correspondence and exchange of previous issues has improved my newsletter and opened up some new Herron Genealogy for all of you.

And...Finally...you will find that the last few pages of the newsletter is a document that was written by James Gordon Hearon who has since passed away. This is a small dose of the research he and his brother have done on the family and I hope to put a bit of it in each issue. This month deals with The origin of the Herren name and a little history of where we came from.

As usual I encourage everyone to get involved and stay involved. I have a feeling that many of us younger Herren's will regret it in the future if we don't. I would also like to welcome everyone to write for the Newsletter. I have many contributors and would love more. Don't be shy, every piece contributed makes the newsletter that much better.

I hope you all enjoy this issue. I feel that it is our best issue yet!

Megan Y Herren



Human Valentine, February 14, 2007 at Invesco Field. The project was done by a local radio station for our troops.



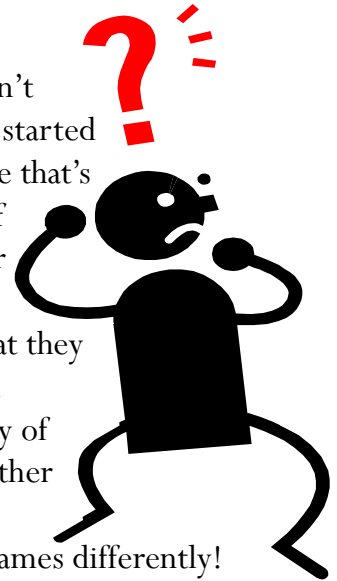
Debbie Berry found this picture. We are currently trying to find the location.

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Herren Family Updates

Name Confusion— Those of us versed in the depths of Genealogy Research are familiar with name confusion but there are many of you who don't research and for you I want to explain. My last name is **Herren** and when I started this project my main focus was with that spelling. As you dive in, you realize that's just not going to work. This issue is the first to really begin the branch out of spellings and since the first of the year I have begun working with many other people as well with different spellings. Most of you probably assume that if it is spelled **Herron or Herrin or Herran** (and the list goes on and on) that they are a different family. This is not true. In my direct line I have seen it spelled numerous ways. This happens for any number of reasons such as the in-ability of people to read or write. When census's were done they sent out people to gather and write down the information. These people simply sounded out the name and wrote it that way. I have seen records where brothers are spelling their names differently! I bring this up because this will be the first of many issues where you will see articles, pictures, and history of the different spellings of the name. Through this I hope we can learn even more about our family than we had known before. Over time each of us has carried on a particular spelling of the Herren name when in reality, most of us started with the same spelling. I have included a clip in this issue from a fantastic paper written on the **History of the Herren Family**. The Author goes into much more detail on some of these issues so I encourage all of you to have a look. When you take all of this into consideration, our family is significantly larger and more predominant than even I could have expected.



Slating Future Family Reunion

Debbie Berry and I have been tossing around a potential family reunion sometime in the future. We have done no planning at this point and are open to suggestions. If you would like to see a family reunion and would like to help with the planning please send me an e-mail.

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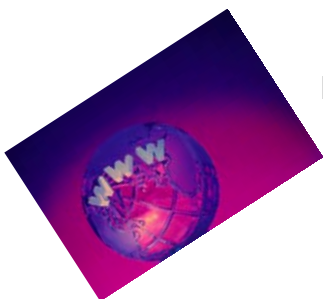
Throw Your Ideas At Me

This is the primary source of Herren information! If you have suggestions or would like to see something done different, let me know. You can call, send a letter, call, or e-mail me.

THE HERREN FAMILY WEBSITE

MANY PEOPLE HAVE SPENT HOURS DOING UPDATES, LOADING TREE INFORMATION AND PICTURES, AND HELPING ME MAINTAIN THE SITE. I URGE YOU TO GET ON, LOOK AROUND, REQUEST A LOGIN, AND BEGIN POSTING YOUR FAMILY PICTURES, TREE INFO, RECIPES, STORIES, OR WHATEVER ELSE YOU HAVE. THE SITE IS

WWW.HERRENBUNCH.COM



Herren Family Updates

Website tree Complete- Thanks to some hard work from Debbie Berry, the **Ambrose Herren Family Tree** on the website is as complete as it can get with the information we have. There are gaps in the generations etc. that we will continue trying to fill as the information is made available to us but for now, all of our information is posted. Kathy Herren has also been trying to get the rest of her family information in as well and will continue working on it until she has it completed. Please take a look and let us know of any missing people or incorrect information etc.. I would also like to encourage those of you that are descendents of Ambrose Herren or descendents of another tree such as **Levi Herren, Stephen Herren**, etc.



to get us your information or get in touch with me to teach you how to post it on your own. There are many visitors that come to the site looking for connections. The more complete the trees are, the easier it is for these people to make connections and perhaps give you new information regarding your family!



Herron Flights- Recently I was very lucky to find **Myra Herron**, Editor of Herron Flight's. Herron Flight's is her Herron Newsletter for the Herron Family that started mainly northeast in **New York and Canada**. I have been able to correspond with her quite a bit and she also has a lot of information. I have begun slowly putting her newsletters on line (she has been doing this monthly since November 2005). You can find them

in the file downloads section of www.herrerbunch.com. If you would like to contact Myra to begin receiving the newsletter her e-mail address is myraherron1@msn.com and her address is PO Box 1876 Layton, UT 84041-6876 I have inserted a sample of her newsletter on page 9. it is the first page of her first issue from 2005. She has a lot of information, photos and personal stories from various people and if you get a chance I encourage you all to have a look see at her information. Thanks so much Myra for allowing me to share your family with my family!

New Members- Since the first of the year, we have made leaps and bounds in our quest to find new Herren's. There are too many to even begin to list here so please, if you are one of these people take no offense— your contact has not gone un-noticed. We have had several hits and new members join the website, many subscription requests for the newsletter, and a few people offer and send me new information on their families. I continue to encourage everyone to spread the word. The only way any of this can be a success is if we all do some recruiting.

Search Goes Worldwide- I have exhausted many of the Herren records that I have for the **United States**. After staring at them for so long, you need a break. I am taking this break to look through some of the foreign records to see if I can turn up anything interesting. I have a few foreign Herren names but I don't know much. If anyone has **any information**, let me know.

Pictures & Documents- I am more than willing to share any of the **photos or records** I have in my collection. If you would like copies of any of my information, please get in contact with me and I will get copies to you.

Kathy Herren Makes A Break- Today I received a message from a very excited Kathy Herren. It seems she has made a new contact and come up with some **new information and a possible link** with some new Herren's. I have not received any details yet but hopefully I will talk to her soon and get all the details.



Herren Family Updates

Unreadable Herren Grave— My aunt, Debbie Berry recently ran across a very interesting, mysterious tid bit from the Kentucky area. There is a Herron grave there that is apparently un-readable in Union County, Kentucky. The un-readable grave has two other Herron Graves in it's vicinity. One belongs to an Octavia Herron (died 1887) and a Sara Herron (died 1905) We are working right now to find more information but plan to pay it a visit on The Herren Roots Trip, which will be explained later in this issue.



Unreadable Herron b. 3 Mar 18... - 25 Aug 18...
Grangertown Cemetery, Union Co., Ky - 25 Nov 2000 - kytroutman@usa.net



Herren Genealogy Book— I recently got in contact with Jim Pope, a descendent of the Levi Herren Family. He has a copy of a Herren Genealogy book put out a few years ago and has been very gracious in making and shipping me a copy. The book mainly covers the **Levi Herren Bunch** from North Carolina. The book is almost 250 pages of family tree information dating as far back as Robert Herren born

prior to 1700 in Germany. If anyone would like information out of this book, please let me know and I will get it to you. In the future I may begin putting pieces of interest from the book in the newsletter as well. Thanks Jim for taking the time to run that book off for me!



Sarah E. Herron
2 Nov 183... - 18 Feb 1905
(is this date read correctly?)
Grangertown Cemetery
Union Co., KY
25 Nov 2000
kytroutman@usa.net

Ambrose Herren Leads— As usual, nothing solid but lots of new leads. It seems my particular Herren Bunch may forever stop at 1821. There are some deductions that can be made from our data, but I have yet to feel it is solid enough to say for sure. I am planning to visit Kentucky and Indiana in search of more information but unfortunately without a name this may prove to be in-effective. Anyone with any **information on Ambrose Herren's father, brothers or sisters, etc.** Please let me know. (Speculation, rumors and jibberish are considered information :))



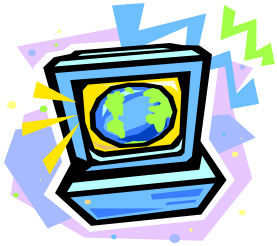
Octavia H. Herron b. 20 Oct 1866 - 26 Aug 1887
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Lemons, Missouri Cemetary- Thanks to some help from Kathy Herren, we now have more information on Ambrose's burial site in Unionville Missouri. There are five Herren's buried there. **Ambrose, his wife Belinda, and two of their children Rebecca & George.** There is also an **unknown name Herren infant** buried there which we assume may be one of Ambrose and Belinda's grandchildren but don't have information to say for sure. Anyone with any information on the un-

known baby, let me know as it would be nice to place the baby on the tree. I am planning a trip up there soon to look it over and will take pictures unfortunately no one is sure whether the graves are even marked.



Message Boards- Most recently I have begun adding our website and my contact information to a few of the **Herren online message boards.** The response has been fantastic and I have found several new Herren's who I am working with to gather more information. We have also added several people to our reading list. I will continue posting on the message boards as it seems to be an effective way to gather new online researchers.



Internet Herren

<http://www.herronisland.org/>- The official Website for *The Homeowners' Association of Herron Island, Washington*.....Historical Tid Bit: In 1841, Lieutenant Charles Wilkes of the United States Navy, re-explored, re-charted (and frequently re-named) the islands of Puget Sound.

Large and important islands were re-named for his most important sailors. Smaller islands were re-named for his lesser sailors. Lt. Wilkes re-named Wednesday Island for Seaman Herron. Little is known about our namesake, except some rumors that we decline to believe. In any case, we salute Seaman Herron - we think he'd be proud of what we've done with his little island.

Today, Herron Island is one of the few privately-owned islands in Puget Sound. All access to the island is by boat, mostly aboard the HMC ferry, the "Charlie Wells", and a guest pass signed by an HMC member is necessary to board the ferry.

Herron Island is a unique and beautiful piece of the Northwest, with abundant wildlife and friendly residents. The people here wave at you, even if they don't know you, and the deer eat out of your hand. The island is 1.25 miles long, and 1/2 mile across. We have about 120 full-time residents, several hundred weekenders, and many, many deer.

<http://www.herrintwins.com/>- This website has news, stories and photos of Kendra & Maliyah Herrin.

Kendra and Maliyah were conjoined twins at birth. The website has an updates section where you can read about the latest developments with the family. Most recently they appeared on Oprah! There is also a fantastic FAQ section and information on how you can help the family.



FAMILY PHOTOS

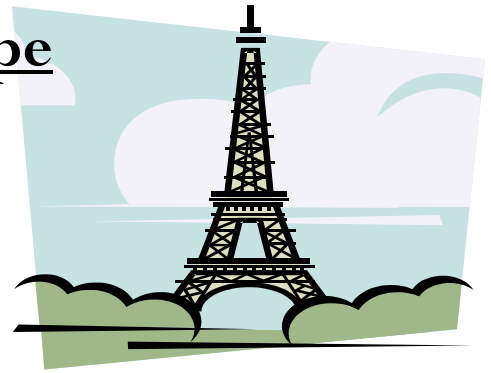


This photo was probably taken in 1897 before the family left Mo for Oklahoma since Mary Francis wasn't born yet.

Left to right Denver, Eva, Ambrose Sylvester Herren, Henry, Mary Belinda (Heness) Herren, Erwin.

Jim & Lydia Herren To Visit Europe

I had the pleasure recently to speak to Jim & Lydia Herren on Sedalia, Colorado. Jim informed me that they will be taking an extended vacation in Europe soon and wanted feedback on some possible places of family interest he may want to visit. They will definitely be visiting Ireland and then heading up to Russia, but Jim is open to visiting other places of recommendation. I am not familiar with as much of our European history as our American history. My research has begun to take me in that direction but am not as well versed in it. I would encourage all readers to send suggestions to me of European places of Herren interest so we can persuade Jim to visit them. It is a great opportunity to get pictures, historical documents, etc. that many of us would not be able to retrieve on our own. Lets take advantage of it. If you have a suggestion or particular request, please e-mail them to me at melyta_daisy@yahoo.com and I will make sure that Jim gets it. Please put something in the subject line along the lines of Jim Herren Visits Europe so I will know where to forward it to. Thanks Jim for allowing us this opportunity to learn more about our European Heritage!



ALBERT HERREN *by Debbie Berry*

Albert Herren was born on July 3, 1875. His mother and Father were Noah Herren and Mary Olive Dugan. The birth place of Albert was Putnam , County, MO.

Albert moved with the family to Corwin Ok to wait for the strip to open. With his father Albert ran in the race and staked a farm one mile West and one South of Byron, Ok.

In the year of 1908 , Albert married Mary May Kirby. Albert and Mary set up housekeeping on a farm south of Byron. On this farm two children were born.

After the two children were born they moved to Coolidge , Ks. When they moved to Coolidge Albert filed on a homestead and lived in a dugout. In Coolidge three more children were born. So by now Albert was up to five children.

But with the country being as poor as it was Albert and his family moved back to Bryon to do the farming for his father. Another child was born in Byron. So he is now up to six children.

Albert then bought a farm NE of Cherokee on the edge of the Salt Plains. There Albert did all of his own farming. This included milking cows, planting corn, watermelons and cantaloupe. When picking time came Albert would pick and load up his wagon and go to Cherokee to peddle his goods. This is how he put clothes on his family. While they lived on this farm four more children were born. Now Albert has his family of ten children. The family all lived in a two room house. The beds were all put in the attic above the two rooms. Times were pretty tough back in those days but grandpa would put dances on out in his barn for all the kids to come to and have a good time. There was no alcohol allowed at these dances. So you figure through all the hard and tough times my grandfather took time out to enjoy life some.



NEWS BITES



New Baby Herren

Kaeden Lee Herren

Born 14 Sept 2006

To Travis and Brandie Herren

7 lb. 4 oz. 20 1/2 inches long.

He is the Great Great Great Grandson of Ambrose Sylvester Herren

Submitted by Kathy Herren

Harvey Wheeler



By Debbie Berry

Harvey (Bud) Wheeler was born in July 18, 1931 in Oklahoma.

Bud married Claretta Herren on September 28, 1952. After they got married they moved to California. There Bud sold business forms for many years.

To this marriage there were three children born. They are Michael, Jamie and Gwen.

When Bud was old enough to retire he retired in California. He enjoyed visiting with his family when they would come out to see them. Bud and Claretta spent many a happy times with friends and family on the house boat. He also enjoyed spending time with their children and grandchildren. He enjoyed going around to the grandchildren's basketball games wherever they might be playing.

Harvey Wheeler passed on March 18, 2007. Uncle Bud will be missed by all of us.

Floyd Stanley Herren

Floyd Stanley Herren (79) died February 23, 2007 in his home in Arkansas City, Kansas. Floyd was born August 23, 1927 in Colby Kansas to Eben Shull and Millie Ester Hoyer Herren.

Floyd married Marquerite "Peggy" Colvard on August 23, 1946 in St. Francis, Kansas.

Floyd served in World War II for the US Army Air Force. After being discharged he lived in Denver and served on the Denver Fire Department until his retirement in 1966. They Later moved to Lawrenceville, GA, where they lived for over 30 years.

They moved to Arkansas City in October 2003.

Floyd was laid to rest at the Kansas Veterans Cemetery in Winfield on February 27, 2007. He is survived by his wife Peggy, family, and friends who will miss him dearly (Information taken from www.arkcity.net)

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Peggy and her family in this time of sorrow.

Herren Spotlight:: Kathy Herren in Ochelata, Ok

I am Kathleen Tamberlain (Cranmer) Herren. This photo is of me with our newest great-grandson, Kaeden Lee Herren. I am the wife of Erwin Eugene (Gene) Herren. He is the grandson of Ambrose Sylvester Herren. We live in a very small town with population of 300, North of Tulsa, Ok.

Gene & I have been married for 14 wonderful years. We have 7 kids, 15 grandkids, & 3 great-grandkids. Most of them live close by. We often go for walks with our Basset, Elvis, and enjoy fishing or just sitting in the swing out back. I love spending time with our grandchildren, going to church, teaching Nursery Class and doing Genealogy. I also love sewing, crocheting, and quilting.



Each issue one Herren Family Member is chosen for Herren Spotlight. If you would like to be our next spotlight or nominate another person, please e-mail me at melyta_daisy@yahoo.com

Henry Jackson Herren

By Kathy Herren

Henry Jackson Herren was born 16 April 1895 in Unionville, Mo to Ambrose Sylvester & Mary Belinda (Henness) Herren. There was already Eva Elisabeth age 6, Denver Randolph age 4, and Benjamin age 2. Three years later Mary Francis (Mamie) was born and when she was only 6 weeks old the family decided to move to Oklahoma. The trip took 2 months in a covered Wagon. Henry would ask every day, "Are we about at Uncle Noah's?". They settled near Bryon, Ok for one year and then moved near the Salt Plain just outside of Cherokee, Ok. They lived in a half sod half dugout home. The main fuel for cooking and warmth was cow chips and corn cobs. Henry traveled to Washington County, Ok for work. In March 1917 he married Lola Viola Jones. In June 1917 he registered for the Draft and 22 Feb 1918 he entered the army from Bartlesville, Ok. He left Newport News, Virginia 22 July 1918 and arrived in Best, France Aug 4, 1918. Henry received Excellent Honorable Discharge July 28, 1919. Henry was a Rock Mason by trade. He raised 7 kids. Paul, Frank, Oneta, Olean, Virginia (Mike), Harold, Erwin (Gene). Henry and Lola lived out the rest of their life in Ochelata and are buried in Bartlesville, Ok. All the boys and Oneta served in the Armed forces from WWII through the Korean War.





HERRON FLIGHTS

WELCOME TO THE NEW HERRON FLIGHT!

This will be my first attempt to put out a newsletter for all the Herron descendants from the Herron, Michigan area. I certainly hope that all of you will help me by participating. I will need articles, like the one submitted this month by Nason Herron, of Alpena. I would also love to feature a Herron relative or descendant each month. Because of my being in Utah, I'll have to depend on the rest of you to help me. Please share this newsletter with other members of the family. And please tell others to send me their email addresses or mailing addresses, so I can include them in each month's mailings. So, folks, if you'd like your mother or father or child or cousin featured one month, please send me the necessary information. That includes the person's name (maiden also, if married), where born, parents' names and the descent from George Colburn Herron. The column at the right should be somewhat of a suggestion as to what to include. Please include children and grandchildren, and, if they exist, great grandchildren! If you can, include a photo, and I'll insert that in the column for them!

This newsletter will also be used for other information, about the Herron's, about Alpena county, about genealogy, etc. Please, if you have something you would like included, send it in! MH

WHO IS MYRA HERRON?

Myra Herron was born in Alpena, Michigan, in 1940. My parents are Harlo Elmer Herron and Mary Margaretta Meddaugh Herron. Harlo was the son of Fred Robert Herron and Myra Worthington Spaulding Herron. Fred was the seventh child of thirteen of George Colburn Herron and Catherine Link Herron, of what is now known as Herron, Michigan. I grew up in Alpena, and after graduation from high school, went to Western Michigan University to become a teacher. I taught school in Oscoda, Michigan, both in the public schools, and on the base. I soon got 'wanderlust' and went to Utah, and there married Robert Bruce Matthies. We had 3 daughters, Heather Jean, Rachael Marianne, and Jennifer Rebecca. We moved to Battle Creek, Michigan, where I got a job working for the Air Force. After Mr. Matthies and I divorced, I moved back to Utah. I then married Michael John Melville, originally from Alpena. We also divorced. I retired from my job, and then moved back to Alpena for 2 years in 2001, and started doing my genealogy. I'm now back in Utah, still doing genealogy, and have started this newsletter to try to draw the Herron family of cousins together. MH

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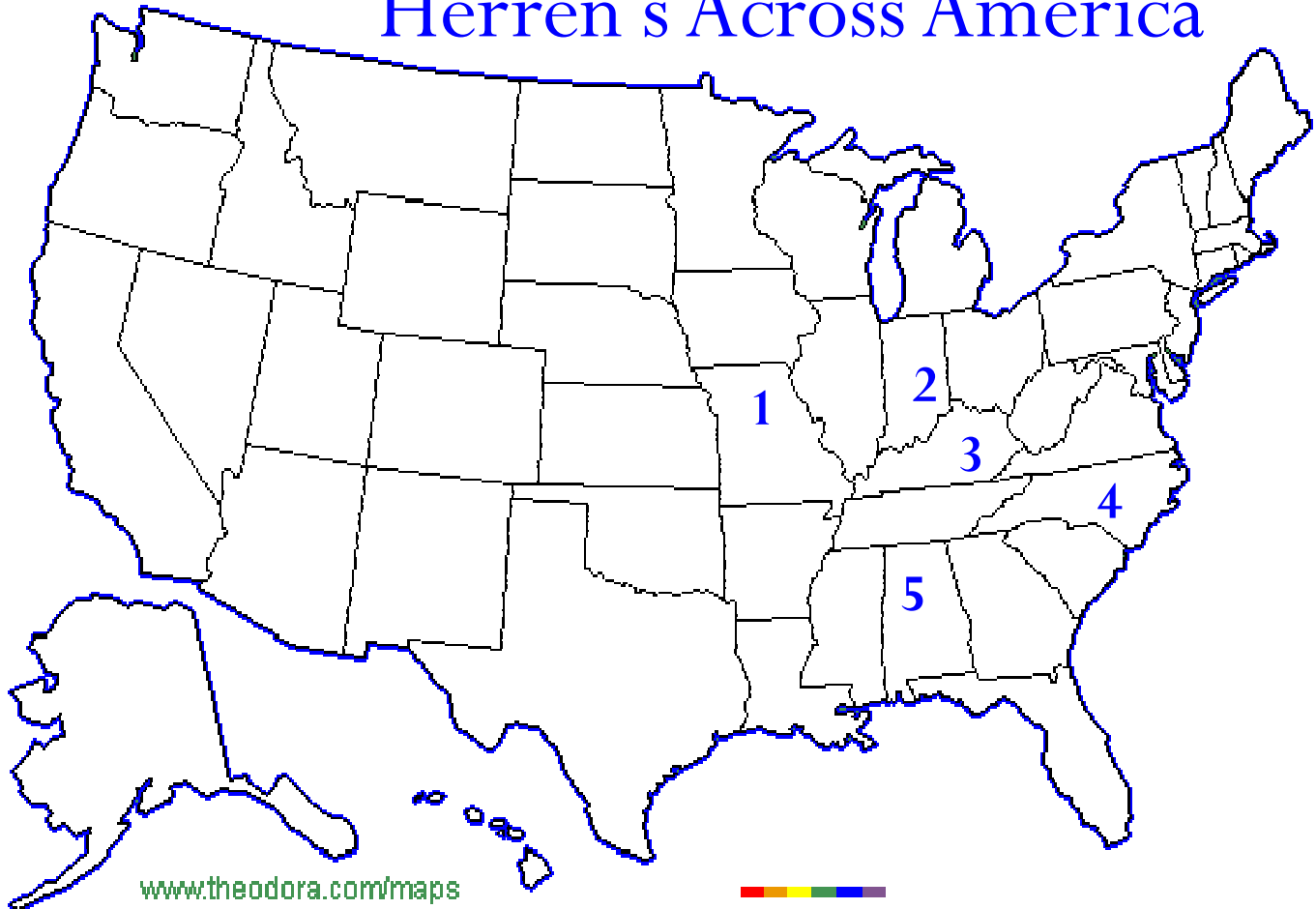
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Herren's Across America



1– Lemons, Missouri– Lemons is a tiny town outside Unionville, Missouri. The Lemons Missouri Cemetery is where Ambrose & Belinda Herren are buried. Our branch also has a lot of history there as many of the children were raised and married there before migrating to Oklahoma and other places.

2– Decatur County, Indiana– There are many Herren stories from Indiana. Not only was Ambrose there but many other Herren's that I have not found a connection with. My particular branch shows up in the Decatur County Census but the entire state is full of Herren history.

3– Kentucky– The last known location of Ambrose Herren's father. There are also many Herren's found there through history.

4– Waynesville, North Carolina– Herren House Bed & Breakfast. Originally owned by a Herren, there should be some history on the family in this area

5– Tallassee, Alabama– There are two historic Herren homes here. Herren Hill Plantation and the Herren-Barrentine-Jaye house. There is also a ton of Herren Family History in this area.

Deborah Berry and I are planning a trip this summer to begin finding more Herren History. There are so many places we can could go but have picked a few that we would like to start with. We want everyone to participate in planning our trip so...Are there any places you think would be valuable to our research or yours? Are there any places that you need documents or pictures from that you have not made it to yet? Let us know! We want to begin developing a list of Herren Places of Interest. We may visit your pick this visit or it may be on the next trip but please, let us know where these places of interest are!

Touring Local Cemeteries In Search of More Herren Family Members

Franktown Cemetery, Franktown Colorado

Franktown Cemetery is older than the State of Colorado, the first documented burial was that of Clara Kelly who died in 1870. Franktown Cemetery is located on a hill overlooking the Northeast intersection of highways 83 and 86 in Franktown, and contains over 300 gravesites. The graves are not neatly arranged in rows, but are scattered among pine trees and scrub oak giving the impression of a wild rural park. There are graves of some of Douglas County's pioneers along with recent graves, because the Cemetery is still being used. ([http://denver.yourhub.com/Franktown/Stories/](http://denver.yourhub.com/Franktown/Stories/Local-History/History/Story~92344.aspx)

[Local-History/History/Story~92344.aspx](http://denver.yourhub.com/Franktown/Stories/Local-History/History/Story~92344.aspx))
This cemetery was very rugged and covered in 2-4 feet of snow in places when I visited. Because of this I only found four of the six graves I was searching for. I am planning to head back later this spring (after the melt off) to locate the other two graves.



All pictures available upon request

Fort Logan National Cemetery, Denver Colorado

Fort Logan is located in Denver County near the southwest boundary of the City of Denver. By the 1880s, with the removal of much of the Native American population to reservations, the federal government had begun to close many frontier forts. The rapid growth of the railroad had made it easier for the Army to quickly move troops to where they were needed. The frontier posts that had played such an important role in the development of the West became increasingly obsolete and expensive to maintain. Still, the citizenry of Denver, in relative isolation and apprehensive concerning increased immigration from the East and abroad, petitioned the Army to establish a post near the city. In 1886, Colorado Sen. Henry M. Teller introduced a bill in Congress authorizing construction of the post, and it was signed in February 1887. A little over three acres was set aside in 1889 for a post cemetery. The first recorded burial in the post cemetery was Mable Peterkin, daughter of Private Peterkin, who died on June 28, 1889. (This excerpt was taken from <http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/ftlogan.asp> See this site for further history and information on Fort Logan)

Fort Logan has various burial sites for veteran Herren's, Herron's, Herrin's etc.

I spent several hours in this cemetery and have several more to spend. I was only able to locate 8 graves and there are several more available. I will be returning in the next few weeks to hopefully finish up and get pictures from the rest of the sites. It is an incredible federal cemetery and also quite large!



All Pictures and location maps from Fort Logan Available Upon Request

HERREN Family Origins

This information was taken from articles written by James Gordon Hearon from Clay, Webster Co., KY. He and his brother did 15 years research on The Herren Family. He has since passed away. His research has now been published on a website maintained by Beth Lane. She has been gracious enough to allow me to publish his research to share with all of the Newsletter readers. There is much useful information and I plan to continue publishing pieces of his research in each issue.

Nestled in the Mittelgebirge (middle highland) area of southern Germany near the French boarder is the upper most part of the Black Forest. Along the Schwarzwald hockstrasse (highway) which links Stuttgart and Baden-Baden, quaint villages are said to stand like sentinels before the great Schwarzwald (Black Forest). In the center of this natural panorama is an area called "Herren-Spa"; a small mountain village named Herrenburg sitting at the base of a mountain known as Herrenalb. Herren-Spa, like many other areas in the upper Black Forest region, is noted for its natural mineral springs.(1)

Mountain crests around Herrenburg stretch upward to 3,000 feet, and villages are described as being tucked in tiny valleys beneath spectacular peaks. Small shops, narrow streets, and friendly townspeople are the hallmarks of this region known for it's craftsmanship, mineral spas, and breathtaking scenery.(2)

These geographic landmarks are believed to be the location of the first family to use the HERREN name. In the late Middle Ages when family names first originated, families living at well known geographic sites commonly adopted the s called "place name" to identify themselves. The mountain, in particular, which is known as Herrenalb is believed to be the physical place used to identify the HERREN family.

Historically, very little is known about Herren-Spa, it's village, or it's mountain, but the mineral spas in the region have been known and acclaimed since the Middle Ages. As early as 1155 A.D., the entire area between Stuttgart and Baden-Baden was used as a rest and recreation area by the Roman Legions who occupied this western portion of the Roman Empire. Even 1155 A.D. is not the beginnings of the area's habitation because the recorded history of the upper Black Forest goes back alot farther, several centuries earlier at least.

For example, the city of Stuttgart dates from the first century when it was called Cannstatt by the Romans. The Germanic tribes known as Alemanni's successfully invaded the region and drove the soldiers out in the fourth century, but Rome managed to retain some control, particularly in the mountainous area outside the city. In the middle of the tenth century, Duke Luitpold (Leopold), son of the Holy Roman Emperor, began his famous stud farm along the Neckar River from which the city of Stuttgart is said to have derived it's name. It was not until the thirteenth century, however, that the city was chartered and officially became the seat of government for the Counts and Dukes of the province of Wurttemberg.(3)

About this same time, the area around Baden-Baden was being occupied by soldiers of the Roman army who had been sent to establish a military garrison. The soldiers, however, with their uncanny knack for personal comfort and pleasure, also discovered the wonderful mineral and thermal spas. The named the settlement Aqua Aurelia, after the famous public baths in Rome.

Later, the Alemanni tribesmen invaded and overran the garrison at Baden-Baden and managed to drive out the Roman armies completely. The Alemanni held the area for about a hundred years only to be defeated and driven out by the Christian Franks in the fourth century. The Christian Frank are credited with naming the village Baden, building the first castle there, and with developing the mineral spas into commercial attractions. Since that time, Baden-Baden has been acclaimed around the world for it's thermal baths and mineral spas.(4)

This historical sketch provides a general background of the people, the activity, and the geographical features of the upper Black Forest region. Eventhough none of the villages are specifically mentioned, most date from the era of roving Germanic tribes and were known to be populated by clansmen from these tribes. Knowing the similarities of the people living in the area, it is reasonable to assume that they began to use family names just as other European peoples did, during that time. One of the most widely recognized methods of family identification was "placement" which denoted location as the origin of the group.

Placement is used by linguists in the study of language and onomatopoeists in the study of names, meanings, and origins to identify words and names from their usage. The most common origin of family names was the patronym which signifies "son of" and descriptive names such as "long", "short", or "brown". These are followed by site, location, or "placement" names; and finally by trade or craft names such as "smith", "carpenter", and "farmer".(5) Our family name, HERREN, lends itself quite easily to both location and area usage. In fact, our name is a classic example of "placement" as a method of identification.

One of the first questions that arises in almost any discussion of the family concerns the variety of spelling given to the name. Questions usually involve "who is kin to who" and "what relationship this group or that group has with each other"; not related to so and so... they're a different famil." If our family name was an extremely common name such as Jones, Smith or Brown, this statement might be true, but the fact is that the "I'm not related" line is incorrect with respect to the HERREN name, especially families of western Kentucky, western Tennessee, southern Illinois, and southern Indiana. Research to date indicates a common lineage irrespective of the individual spelling. The relationship may be several generations removed, but the origin of more than one family with the HERREN name has NOT been found. Evidence to the contrary will be found in Europe rather than America, if it is ever found, because there is fairly good documentation on those who migrated to the new world. There is much evidence of correspondence, travel, and even marriages between the different branches in the colonies. It is quite apparent that they knew each other and kept in regular contact.(6)

To understand the variations in spelling, it is necessary to know how family names evolved. Family names did not come into general use until late in the Middle Ages. Very early in history, people used only a single name and that was quite adequate. As the population increased, however, the tribes and clans began to interact and this created a need for better identification in order to communicate.

The first expansion from a single name was the patronym which simply added the name of the father to the given name. An example would be William which, as a patronymic form, becomes William, son of John; then to William, John's son; and finally William Johnson. Another type of patronym is the "Mc" names of the Irish and the "Mac" names of Scotland which literally mean "son of"; or the "von" names from Germany and northern Europe which mean "from".

As more names were needed, some groups began to use location or place names as our family did while others chose trade or craft names such as Carpenter, Smith or Cooper. Still other groups referred descriptive names such as White, Black, or Armstrong. Different languages and dialects provided still more diversity and more family names.

Variations in spellings did not occur until the original families grow large enough to create the need to identify different members within the related group. Few people could read or write, but there were traveling scribes who recorded important documents and information for the people. These scribes were responsible for spelling names as they sounded or were used, so they were primarily responsible for the variations in spelling. To distinguish one family member from another, one or more letters of the name would be changed or extra letters could be added or taken away. A widely used method of variation was to change a vowel in the name. This is precisely what happened with the HERREN name.

The Germanic spelling of the word for gentlemen is Herron, the masculine form, while the Herrin form is considered the feminine case. HERREN is the "classic" spelling when used as a family name. The most common alteration is the last vowel which provided the four most widely used spellings: Herr(a)n; Herr(e)n; Herr(i)n; and Herr(o)n. All four are found in our family and in some cases seem to be interchangeable. These four spellings do seem to be the most common, aside from recording errors and mistakes which have been accepted in some branches of the family. By an accepted error or mistake, we mean cases where a father and son use different spellings even though their relationship is well known.

To illustrate the system of vowel alteration used by early scribes, think of four brothers living in the same approximate location and all having similar land holdings and other entries in official records. To distinguish between them, the one living on the stream might use one vowel, the one living on the hill another, the one at the edge of the forest might use another, and the one living closest to the parents might keep the original spelling. From this simple variation, a multitude of branches could evolve from a single family.

The latest count lists about a dozen different spellings in common use. The primary spellings are the Herren, Herrin, Heran, and Herron. Variations include Herin, Heron, Hearin, Hearon, Hearnin, Hearron, Hearnin, and even a few instances of the letter "g" being added to form Hering and Herring. The Herring and Hering variations used by some of our family member son occasion are northern Germany near the Baltic Sea.

It appears that members of the family coming directly to the colonies from Germany during 1730's used all of the primary spellings. Family members who left Germany around 1600 and were settled in Ireland before coming to America used the Herron spelling for the most part. The variations of Herin and Heron appear to be mistakes in spelling because other documents and records of the same person are usually found which use the primary forms.

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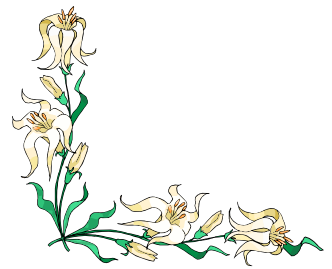
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Birthdays and Other Days.....

4/3- Lola Bell	5/31- Barbara & Sam
4/5- Dorothy McCray	6/3- Clifford Herren
4/6- Michael Berry	6/8- Betty Arb
4/9- Kevin Allen	6/12- Terry Herren
Robert Morgan	6/15- Eric Haislett
4/10- Eric Morgan	6/16- Edwin Brown
Gary Brown	Harold Brown
James & Mary	6/19- Harvey & Sherri
4/12- Connie Secrest	Hazel James
Robert & Donna	6/21- Randell Herren
4/14- Chris Herren	Rex Herren
4/16- Sam Herren	6/25- Franklin Hill
4/17- Sherri Herren	6/26- Mary Rowland
4/20- Dennis Herren	
4/21- Floyd & Rose	
4/27- Peggy Biggs	
4/29- Jason Clark	
5/8- Barbara Herren	
5/10- Michelle Paterson	
5/12- Mike & Polly	
5/14- Justin Sousa	
5/15- Amber Clark	
5/17- Kenneth Herren	
5/18- Roy Herren	
5/21- Sheila Herren	
5/22- Brenden Wheeler	
Teresa Herren	



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