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Notes From Your Editor

Dear Readers,

Happy Summer To You All! It has been quite a while since our last issue. Summer tends to make us lazy and incredibly busy all at the same time. Most recently I have had many things happen.

In February I lost a dear friend who I have known for many years to a heart attack. I never in a million years thought that could happen at 25 but it serves as a reminder of how short life is and how each of us should value each day.

Summer is in full swing with activities left and right. Between camping trips, BBQ's, weddings, four-wheel trips, and everything else I am surprised I still have time to go to work! Good thing I can slow in the winter. The picture to the left is from one of my few four wheel trips this year. Colorado definitely has it's beautiful days.

Last month another friend of mine left for army boot camp. In these scary war-ridden times, I hated to see him go but know how passionate he is about achieving this goal. Yet another reminder to thank our troops daily for what they do defending this country. I know I could never do what they do. Support them, and think of them often!

We have made a few new contacts recently. For those of you who have not noticed- last year at this time we had less than 10 active members on the website. Now we have over 30! Plus we have many newsletter readers and contacts who aren't members. All in all we are running close to 60 or 70 in our ever-growing network. Seems like a small feat but I consider it a huge accomplishment for a year! Congratulate yourselves as you are the ones who keep the ball rolling, catching new people as we go along.

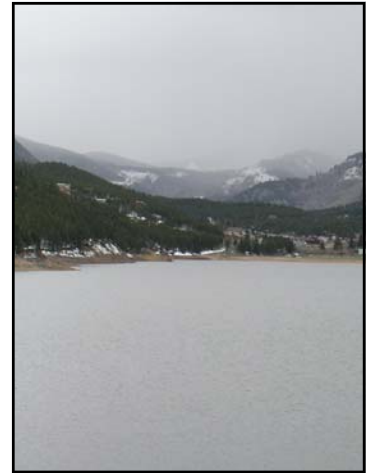
I was recently showing my niece the joys of summer and the beautiful flowers that are everywhere. It amazes me what we take for granted that brings her such joy.



She will turn **1** in two short weeks. Amazing how fast time flies.

Talk to you all soon and Keep Smiling!

Megan Y Herren



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Herren Family Updates



Want To Be A Writer?- The Herren Family Newsletter is looking for contributors to expand our newsletter even further. If you have a special area of expertise, want to write a regular article or just want to help out once in a while, let me know. Some suggestions have included movie reviews, book reviews, monthly column on various subjects, gardening, etc. It can be anything you want to write about. If interested please e-mail Megan and we will give you your own continuing space in the newsletter. Remember the only way I can keep this newsletter running is through your contributions!

The Secret- Beverly Herren of Salt Lake City recently called to my attention an interesting Herren tidbit. The Secret by Rhonda Byrne has become an incredibly popular book and movie (If you haven't read it, you should). In the acknowledgements in the beginning of the book there is a John Herren who is on "The Secret Website Team." Does anyone know this Herren? It's great to run across that from time to time. Thanks Beverly, I would have never gone through the acknowledgements and seen that if you had not brought it to my attention!

Donation from Jim Pope- Jim Pope recently sent a donation for postage etc. for the newsletter. I again want to emphasize my appreciation for the little bits some of you have spared. Since our last issue, postage and printing charges have gone up again. Every little bit helps and I appreciate how much your contributions help!

Presidential Herron- Debbie recently found a piece of historical news. Apparently we have a Herron first lady. President William Taft married Ms. Helen Herron. I plan on doing a full article in the next issue but wanted to share this fascinating fact with the rest of you.

Debbie Genealogy website- www.GeneaNet.org is a neat organization that Debbie Berry have been working with to find out Herren's that were born and raised in other countries. She has had quite a bit of information come her way from this site. She hasn't made any connections to our family as of yet. But these hits are something to consider. Hopefully one of the hits that come in will be one that we can connect to our history. The information is in little pieces. By that I mean it tells me who the Herren's were and who they married and their children. It doesn't tell me on all the hits who the parents were. But it is something we need to work with .

Donation from other Beverly Herren- Beverly Herren also recently sent a donation. THANKS AGAIN FOR YOUR HELP EVERYONE!

New Unknown Gravestone- Debbie found a picture of a new headstone. We cannot recall where it is located but are looking for any information of this Herron Infant.

Fairmont Cemetery- I heard from a friend of mine that a local cemetery here in Denver has five Herron's buried within it's walls. I will be visiting this weekend and taking pictures for the next issue of The Newsletter.



Herren Spotlight



Gerrel Dewayne Berry

Gerrel was born in a small town in Oklahoma. While he was growing up his parents moved around some.

In his family there were fourteen children. This consisted of four sisters and ten brothers. He grew up and went to school in Macomb, Ok.

In 1964 he got drafted into the Army and served two years. After getting out of the service he went home where he then went back Nebraska. There Gerrel joined two of his brothers that had formed a band. While in Nebraska he married and had two

He then moved to Texas and worked there for a couple of years. In 1988 he went to work for Consolidated Freight and moved to Turpin, Ok.

In 1993 he married Deborah Herren . In 1995 we moved to Cincinnati, Ohio with his work. Then we moved to Kansas City, Mo, in 2000. Where we still reside for another year.

By Deborah Berry

Each issue one living and one deceased 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



Amos Floyd Herren

June 2, 1912—August 4 ,1987

Amos is the son of Albert and Mary Herren. He was born near the small town of Coolidge , Kansas. He attended a rural ss School near Coolidge. In 1922 the family moved to the Byron area, where he attended the Two Rivers Grade school. In 1924 they moved to northeast of Cherokee and he attended the Stella School.

On February 24, 1934, he married Viola Wilson. To this marriage there was three sons born: Clifford , Floyd, and Dean . After the marriage the family moved to Cherokee and in 1937 they moved to Westville. In 1938 they went to southwest Burlington where Uncle Amos farmed. Then in 1941 they moved to Alva where Uncle Amos took milk to the Blackwell Cheese Plant. Then in 1945 they went to Morrison, where he farmed until 1945. The family then moved back to Alva where he opened a auto repair shop and did custom harvesting and hay hauling. He then retired in Alva in 1974.



NEWS BITES



Ryan's New Pad

Ryan Saunders recently closed on his first home in Morrison, CO. It's an adorable place with lots of potential and a huge yard.. Plus much to my envy, he has central air conditioning! Congratulations Ryan and welcome to the Homeowners Club!



Birthdays and Other Days.....

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| 7/1- Juanita Starbuck | 8/16- Linda Charrier |
| 7/2- Michael Secrest | 8/21- Dolly Laverne Herren |
| 7/3- Allan Sousa | 8/23- Charolett Herren |
| 7/4- INDEPENDENCE DAY | 8/24- Debra Lowe |
| Debi Powell | 9/2- Happy Anniversary |
| Bobby Herren | Tamara & Robert |
| Kelly Allen | 9/3- LABOR DAY |
| Linda Rathgeber | Christopher Secrest |
| 7/5- Gerrelyn Berry | Michael Secrest Jr. |
| Lois Herren | 9/4- Floyd Herren |
| 7/15- Harrison Herren | Linda Herren |
| 7/17- Christopher Herren | 9/9- Timothy Wheeler |
| 7/19- Roderick Herren | 9/11- Ruby Herren-Murray |
| 7/21- Bryan Secrest | 9/12- Sarah Herren |
| Happy Anniversary Bonita & Lewis | 9/14- Laura Herren |
| 7/24- Gene Herren Sr. | 9/16- Venus Mary Herren |
| Ginger Berri | 9/18- Kathy Herren |
| Naomi Cark | 9/19- Darlene Sousa |
| 7/25- Monty Herren | 9/24- Dianna Herren |
| 7/28- Halah Long | Ralph Herren |
| Marilyn Herren | 9/27- Happy Anniversary |
| 7/29- Gerrel Berry | David & Mellissa |
| 8/1- Dale Herren | Pamela Corr |
| 8/2- Warren Lowe | |
| 8/3- Kory Allen | |
| 8/6- Daryl Lamb | |
| 8/11- Jeffery Terwort | |
| 8/13- Polly Groth | |
| 8/14- Michael Wheeler | |



Rose Herren Passes Away

Rose Herren, the daughter of the late Leslie and Viola Cottrill was born on September 15, 1941 at Freedom Ok .She passed away in Enid Ok on June 13, 2007. She was 65 years old.

Rose married Floyd Wayne Herren, Amos & Viola Herren's son, on April 21, 1962. To this marriage there was three children born. The names of the children are: Monty, Pam & Tracy.

Rose is survived by her husband, children, grand-



Rose Elaine Herren
1941 — 2007

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.

The HERREN Name

Herren, as a family name, is derived from the German word “Herr”, meaning man or Mister, as a term of respect. Used collectively or in the plural form, the word becomes “Herren”, meaning men or gentlemen.

Also, associated with the name is the word “alb” which means mountain and “burg” which is the German word for village. Herrenalb, being a primary geographic feature, would probably be translated a men’s mountain or the mountain of men. The village itself would have a literal translation of the men’s village or the village of the men.

Our forefathers were probably identified as the “men or gentlemen from the mountain” or the “men or gentlemen from the village at the mountain”. With a geographic landmark such as a mountain named HERREN, it is almost a certainty that the people living there or in a village at the base would adopt the name. This is a classic illustration of geographic placement, a family simply adopting the name of a physical landmark as a family name.’ The word “Herren” is used extensively in the German language as a name for locations and attractions. For example, “Mad Ludwig’s” castle in Bavaria is called Herrenschiemsee, and the city of Hanover is the home of the famous Herrenhausen Gardens and Museum.

With prima facie evidence such as the location of a physical landmark, documented use of the word at or near the location, and an established family using the name, the logical deduction is that the HERREN family name originated at or near Herrenalb in Germany.

Another piece of supporting evidence for this theory is well known in our family lore. HERREN’S seem to have an affinity for naming geographic features, especially hills, after the family. In Webster County, Kentucky, there is both a “Herrin Hill” and a “Herrin Community” at its base, named around 1830 by an early settler, Daniel Herrin. In North Carolina where many of our forefathers lived, there is supposedly both a “Herrin Hill” and a “Herrin Creek” which date back to the 1700’s. And in southern Illinois, near the city of Herrin, there is an area which was called “Herrin’s Prairie” or “Herring’s Prairie” when it was established about 1815. The naming of physical features and landmarks appears to lend itself or establish some form of permanency and continuity for the family.

With nearly all variations including mistakes in spelling, there is usually evidence to show a relationship to the family.

The last major or radical change in usage occurred in the 1880 census of Webster County, KY. Due to a very obvious reporting error, every family member in the Dixon district was shown as spelling their names HEARON even though different spellings are used before and after that census. This mistake did have some effect, however, since some of the family chose to accept the new spelling and one group even reverted to a variation used by a part of the family who settled in South Carolina, the HEARIN form.

Another relationship is shown in western KY. Two of the earliest settlers were from Pennsylvania, while a third was from North Carolina, yet all of them settled land within a few miles of each other almost in a direct line on the same trace or trail. Ten years or so later, another family with the same name but a different spelling stopped in the area on their way to southern Illinois.

A few years later another family from North Carolina migrated to the same area, and a few years after that, four members of a Tennessee family migrate back eastward to settle there. Such diverse movement seems unlikely to be accidental or random.

With this type of evidence it seems logical to conclude that some relationship existed between these people. In addition, these same people can be traced to Herren family members who settled with German immigrants in North Carolina, South Carolina and Pennsylvania.

FIRST MIGRATION

Few, if any, individual records or family documents exist of the German peasants who migrated to England and America following the turbulent era of the Reformation. This lack of information occurred because most of these immigrants were farmers and tradesmen who made up the peasant and artisan classes and they could neither read nor write. Perhaps even more important is that there was no organized system or record keeping, even by the government, to track movement or even identify the people. It is reasonable to assume, however, that our family was quite similar to other peoples of the time so the generally accepted history of the period probably reflects quite adequately. Between 1400 and 1700, Europe underwent what has been called a rebirth or Renaissance. The period included the Protestant Revolt, the Catholic Reformation, the Peasants Uprising, and the Wars of Religion. From the beginning of the Christian era, the provinces of southern Germany had been criss crossed by armies, overrun first by one nation and then another. But with the introduction of Protestantism by Martin Luther, in 1520, the rebellion of the peasantry began in earnest.

In 1524, the peasants, long abused and held in bondage by the wealthier classes, rose in revolt. Devastation was so complete during the uprising that losses of life and property in Germany would not be exceeded until the Thirty Years War over a hundred years later.(7) Over 130,000 peasants died during the warfare and more than 10,000 others were executed. Hundreds of castles and monasteries were totally destroyed; entire towns and villages were depopulated and wiped out; and over 50,000 homeless persons roamed the countryside hiding in woods and along the roads. Charity was nowhere to be found because everyone was poverty stricken and starvation was a fact of life. The entire Reformation movement itself almost ended as a result of the Peasant Revolt because destruction was so complete. (8) For over a hundred years, wars and armed conflict between minor principalities were a part of everyday life. The nation was totally impoverished, cities and towns were wasted ruins, and the common people were reduced to wretchedness.(9)

At the same time, the new religionist concept of Protestantism, taken in part from the teachings of Martin Luther, was gaining popularity. Religious reformers including Ulrich Zwingli, John Knox, and John Calvin found followers in Germany, Switzerland, France, and England. The middle classes were most inclined to accept this new form of religious thinking and they supported the peasants in their uprising. As a result most of the towns and villages in the countryside became Protestant. This new teaching gave them the opportunity to express their opposition to the rich nobility and the clergy.(10) It is quite evident that the HERREN family embraced the Protestant movement because there is no record of any religious affiliation other than protestantism in our history.

With the political upheaval, social unrest, and religious intolerance of the period the peasantry was not really in the forefront of the controversy. The overwhelming factor in the first major German migration around 1600 was the grinding poverty. The peasants simply could no longer survive. Facing starvation with no hope for improvement, these people looked to the "new world" as their only hope. The first of these German emigrants arrived in England shortly after 1600, just as the colonization of American lands was beginning. Most of these immigrants were farmers and artisans but they came to the colonies as indentured servants and redemptioners who were bound or indebted to the trading companies. By joining a company which provided their transportation they were obligated

to follow the dictates of that company with respect to where they settled. This type of obligation led to the Irish branch of the HERREN family which will be discussed later.

About a hundred years after this first emigration, continuing poverty and unrest in Germany brought about the largest and most significant migration to America. In the early 1700's, Germany was still in turmoil and wars continued to ravage the land. Many sects of the "pietist" types of religion had attracted followers and they sought relief from religious persecution. The chance for English naturalization and a new life in the colonies provided all the ingredients for a mass exodus. It began with the movement of German peasants out of the province of Palatinat, and by 1709 some 13,000 families entered England on their way to America. These immigrants were to become the so called Pennsylvania Dutch in the colonies. A number of HERREN family members were among this group, along with some of their kinsmen who had been settled in Ulster, Northern Ireland following the first migration. It is important to distinguish between the first and second migrations of Germans because branches of our family participated in both movements. In the 1600 migration, family members came to England, but were then settled in Northern Ireland as well as America. In 1700, some of the HERREN family came direct to Pennsylvania from Germany because records show them taking the "oath of Alligence" upon their arrival in the colonies.

In The Next Issue- The HERREN in England, The HERREN in Ireland, and The HERREN in the Colonies!

FAMILY PHOTOS



New Family Picture taken on Mother's Day:
Megan, Ryan, Jim, Jason, Amber, Sherri, Baby Naomi, Melissa, and Jenny.

Chris wasn't able to meet up with us that day so...as to not let him be left out, and in the spirit of the end of spring I have included my favorite pictures of him taken a couple of years ago when he helped me out by dressing up as The Easter Bunny and entertaining some kids! NICE TAIL!

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Please feel free to also use any of these methods to submit family tree information or other family information.

We want to know what is going on in your family so please send any gossip or stories, wedding announcements, birth announcements, whatever you have and I will include it in the next issue of The Herren Family Newsletter.

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