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## CURT'S CORNER

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#### New web site addresses!

I finally got a domain name to settle all the email changes I've been going through and to park all my Web pages in one spot under my control. My new home on cyber space is: [www.CurtSanders.com](http://www.CurtSanders.com)

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Curt Sanders\*

**M**erry Christmas and Happy New Year! The year 2001 in review was a busy and historical one.

#### My Health

I had my annual medical physical at the [Veterans Administration Hospital](#) in Lebanon, PA in March after my 48th birthday. Again, I'm in good shape—just need to exercise more which would lead to me reducing some excess weight. All the blood work indicates I'm very normal. As my doctor said, "I wish I had more like you." Unfortunately I had to go back mid-November for tests of a yet unidentified ailment at this writing.

#### Chronological Miscellanea

- Went to the newly opened [National Civil War Museum](#) in Harrisburg, PA, in February with Jerry Waln and later with my children and grandchild and her father Justin Weidman. Very impressive and first class! This is a state-of-the-art museum that is interactive and very informative. Also, the only museum to tell the story of slavery in America. But I was especially taken by the medical section which had the only remaining ambulance wagon in existence. It was found near Gettysburg, PA. I can only image that it could have been my great-great grandfather Sgt. William H. Davis's (107th Regt. PA. Volunteers) transportation off the field on July 1, 1863 when he was critically wounded at the Battle of Gettysburg (he survived).

- The extended family celebrated Easter on Easter. It was fun as usual. Always glad to see the young ones on the egg hunt.

- I had a surprise treat from friend Jerry Waln and attended the [Philadelphia Orchestra](#) on Saturday evening in April. A great performance by pianist Angela Hewitt.

- Went to see Celtic fiddler, Nova-Scotian-Cape-Breton-Style, [Natalie MacMaster](#) in Harrisburg, April. Wow! What a performance! I was energized and tired at the same time after watching her. If you ever get a chance to see her in concert—GO! This concert was a highlight of the year for me!

- Traveled to Philadelphia with Bonnie Watkins and Ann Renson, April 28, to the DNA Genealogy seminar (*see page 6*)

- I did go to the Scot-Irish Festival in Elizabethtown again in May. If you like music, particularly bagpipes, this is the place to go; they have regional trials for Highland games and piping.

- Also in May, I attended my first [Mills Brothers](#) Convention in Bellefonte, PA. The Mills Brothers were an Afro-American singing group noted for tonal harmony. They were best known in the 1930-50s and played with top entertainers in movies and the clubs of the era. As the fan-club magazine production manager, *Remembering the Mills Brothers*, I went up with George Demshock to the second convention of the Mills Brothers Society. The Convention was great! Also, I toured the town which was very picturesque (known for its remarkable Victorian structures).

- Attended the [McLain Highland Festival](#) in Carlisle, PA in September with daughter



Natalie MacMaster

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# NEWS FROM THE FAMILY



Daughter **Katie Sanders**, 20, left the department store Target and moved up to a full-time position as a Bank Teller with Waypoint. She's hoping to advance in 2002 as a Customer Service Rep.

Katie's daughter, **Cadyn Weidman**, 21 months, continues to be a joy to us all. She's much like most children of her age, but she's pretty sharp—doesn't miss a thing. Her favorite things right now seem to be eating, talking, drawing and teasing her grandfather — "Pappy" (me). Cadyn's a real chow hound! Eats a half-a-plate of hash browns and Hominy grits plus vegetarian sausages with Pappy in the morning and then goes to her "school" (day care center) and eats waffles. Nick-named "The Muncher" by the employees, she once snatched the snacks from her play-mates and was found hiding under a table wolfing them down!



Her Dad, **Justin Weidman**, is working as a chef at Red Robin.



Daughter **Carrie Sanders**, 17, is doing well Central Dauphin East High School as a Junior. During 2001 she attended a prom and went with her mother to a family reunion in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada.

During the summer she worked at [Hersheypark](#).

She is also a proud new owner of an iMac computer which her Dad helped pick out and configure for her.

*(Carrie in her "punk" all-leather prom dress)*

required; do some chores; work at my desk or at the computer and then go to bed around midnight."

"Working at the farm has mostly entailed painting and repairs. Restoration work takes massive amounts of time as I attempt to replicate construction techniques and materials utilized 100 years ago. I find restoration work interesting — generally like working on a mystery because I usually do not have very much info about what the place looked like 100 years ago. My only clues come from the tell-tale signs that indicate that there was a door here at one time or a wall over there originally or what did this missing

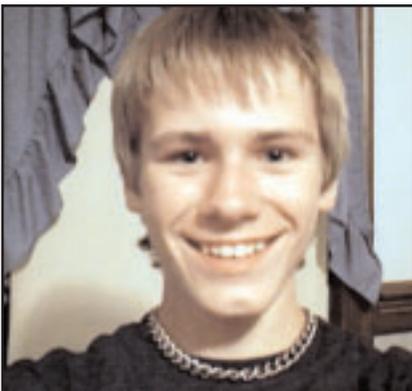
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## **Renard, Beverly, Dylan Sanders.**

As usual, Dylan, 13, has been fairly busy and kept mom and dad busy as well

We are continuing to Home School with Dylan. He is currently a straight "A" student maintaining a 4.0 GPA.

His main courses are Bible-based, Christian oriented studies. Specifically his lessons are from the School of Tomorrow — Accelerated Christian Education program administered by the Waynesboro Christian Academy (Antrim Faith Baptist Church). Home Schooling has suited Dylan very well. For the most part, he is



1 to 2 grade levels ahead of his age group. I've seen a major improvement in his Reading comprehension skills especially in the last 3 months.

Boy Scouts has remained a significant factor for Dylan. During the last year he advanced from a 2nd Class Scout to a 1st Class Scout to his current rank of Star Scout. He is the Troop's Quartermaster. This year he earned 10 Merit Badges, 5 of which were Eagle required. Dylan and Dad attended a week of summer camp at Hidden Valley Scout Reservation for the third consecutive year. Dylan and Dad did our share of camping, about 5 days and nights. Dylan went white water rafting on the Youghihenny in June. This time Mom went along. (You probably can't picture Bev shooting the rapids.) He worked on the new Scout Hall doing some wiring for lights. Dad serves as Troop Advancement Committee Chairperson and Assistant Scoutmaster.

Dylan spends a lot of his spare time working a homemade go-cart or his car [1981 Honda], doing chores (feeding animals, yard work, etc.). During the summer he assisted his mom who was teaching at Wilson College.

Renard says his life is rather mundane and revolves around other family members. "My routine is generally: get up around 4:30a.m., work at the computer or do laundry; go to work; come home; check Dylan's class work; go to the farm to work for a few hours; come back home; go through any corrections Dylan's class work may have



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piece of trim originally look like?"

Bev is working out of the home based office as a Field Settlement Agent on mortgage and loan refinancing for various lenders, institutions and title companies, as well as being a Notary Public. She also keeps busy as teaching adjunct faculty member at Wilson College, Chambersburg, PA, in the Continuing Education department. She teaches Victorian and Colonial craftmanships, such as rug braiding, soap making, wool strip rug hooking, flower drying and Decoupage Australian Locker Hooking. She ran for a 6-year term as Auditor for St. Thomas Township, Franklin Co., PA—unopposed. She had been previously been appointed to the post by the township supervisors when the previous Auditor died in office.



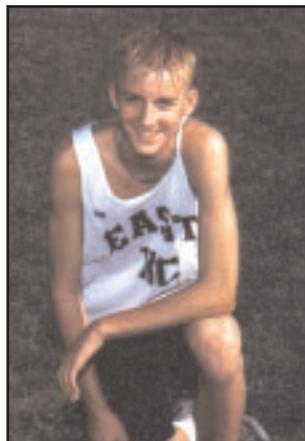
### **Brian, Beth, Hannah and Scott Sanders.**

The summer and fall of 2001 have been a time of discovery and change for our family.

We have two freshmen: Hannah, 18, is a new college student currently enrolled at [Daemen College](#) in Buffalo, NY in a 6-year Masters of Physical Therapy program. The spring semester will find her back home and attending [Harrisburg Area Community College](#),

and then next fall moving on to a major in Communications and Journalism at another university. A change of curriculum and September 11th prompted a change of heart. We are happy to have her home.

Scott is 15 and a 9th grade honor roll student at [Central Dauphin East High School](#). He enjoys the trendy activities of skateboarding, street lugging, movies, and "hanging out" with his great bunch of friends. Scott started running cross-country in the fall, however, due to an over training injury, was unable to finish the season as a competitor.



Beth continues her work as an office manager/educator at Audubon Pennsylvania, the Keystone State's representative organization to the National Audubon Society. Audubon keeps her very busy with their never ending schedule of environmental programs and growth of community outreach. She enjoys the mission, staff, and her new duty of coordinator of chapter services within our Commonwealth. Being located in a building which she helped design also adds pleasure to the daily tasks.

Brian's background on cycling serves him in he special duties at PennDOT as a Project Development Engineer. He travels statewide to educate other engineers on methods of integrating bicycles and pedestrians into transportation designs. As a hobby, Brian continues he research for the perfect airplane to build. September 11th should not impact the way in which small aircraft are allowed to fly. Time will tell.

### **Tony and Courtney Sanders, Mary Rourke.**



Tony's daughter Courtney, 12, continues to grow taller every moment (though still skinny as ever). She went to the beach, [Hersheypark](#), spent time with her Nannah & Pap-Pap, and generally goofed-off most of the summer, doing whatever it is that 12 year-old girls do. This is her first

year in James Buchanan Middle School, Mercersburg, PA, and she absolutely loves it. Court's getting great grades and enjoys the privileges (dances, etc.) of scholastic life. She made the Honor Roll working very hard and maintained a 90.6 GPA! She says her next goal is the Super Honor Roll. The fall soccer season has returned, and Courtney is playing again. She was in the Harvest Classic Tournament, doing well in her fullback/halfback positions. She also plans to sign up for Volleyball the minute it becomes available.

Mary changed jobs: now employed as a billing/insurance specialist in the same doctors' offices as Janine. She thoroughly enjoys her new work surroundings, coworkers and employers. Due to the newness of her job, she hadn't accumulated vacation time this year. She kept busy though, taking day trips, entertaining at home, going to craft shows, riding the cycle and visiting with her kids, Aaron & Kelly, and grandsons, Elijah (4) & Jasiah (1) Stubbs.

Tony continues to work at [Phoenix Color](#), as the special effects programmer. This summer he took a week's vacation and just "caught up" on things that needed attention. He attended his usual air shows, with Mary, in May and August, and took day trips with Mary and Courtney. Tony was thrilled to coach Courtney's soccer team this fall (eighteen 12-15 year old girls), hung out with his IPMS club buddies.

Mary and Tony are the proud owners of a new motorcycle: a fully decked-out Honda Gold Wing. Tony traded his "Hot-Rod" Virago so he and Mary could have a more comfortable bike. Their favorite pastime is cycle-touring (for hours at a time), and they hope next spring to meet up with some touring clubs.

As of this writing, they have closed on a 4 bedroom 2-story, and are moving to Greencastle mid-December.

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Omitted in the last Sanders Sentinel:

**John D. Peters, [3C2R]** 85, died Nov. 16, 2000, at Manor Care, Chambersburg, PA.

B. Mar. 19, 1915, in Waynesboro, PA., he was the son of the late John A. and Minnie H. Kepperly Peters.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Kathleen Mickey Peters, in 1985.

He retired from Reising Brothers Construction Co. in Carlisle, PA., as a foreman. Earlier, he had been employed by the former Earl Cump Construction Co. in Chambersburg.

He is survived by 2 daughters, Sharon K. Krebs and Beverly A. Games, both of Chambersburg; a granddaughter, Kristen R. Halcomb of Waynesboro; 3 grandsons, Brian K. Miller of Greencastle, PA., Christopher M. Krebs and Jason M. Krebs, both of Chambersburg; and 5 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by 7 sisters and two brothers.

Burial was at Corpus Christi Roman Catholic Cemetery in Chambersburg.

**Dorothy C. Cline, [4C1R]** 89, of Gettysburg, PA, died Aug. 1, 2001 at Green Acres Nursing Home, Gettysburg, PA.

B. Jan. 28, 1912 in Adams County, she was the daughter of the late Harry E. and Rose A. Stahley Rose. She was predeceased by her husband, Calvin R. Cline, in 1991.

She was a member of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, Gettysburg. She worked as a machine operator at the Carroll Valley Shoe Co. in Arendtsville, PA, for 30 years, until her retirement in 1984.

She is survived by a son, Donald C. Cline of Lady Lake, FL; 9 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and a number of great-great-grandchildren; 2 brothers, Albert Rose of York, PA, (*see page 7 of this newsletter*) and Carroll Rose of Gardners, PA; and a sister, Gladys Moylan of Ithica, NY.

She was predeceased by 2 daughters, Marie C. Shaffer and Louise Chamberlain; 2 brothers, Robert Rose and Gilbert Rose, and 2 sisters, Evelyn Miller and Helen Heller. Interment was at Mt. Tabor Cemetery, Gardners.

**Hazel M. Sanders, 80**, of Gettysburg, PA, died Apr. 27, 2001, at Green Acres Home, Gettysburg.

B. Dec. 18, 1920 in Adams County, she was the daughter of the late Charles A. and Katie E. Miller Site. She was predeceased by her first husband, Charles E. Rohrbaugh, who was killed at the Battle of the Bulge during World War II; and by her second husband John W. Sanders, [2C2R] in 1982.

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She was a member of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, Gettysburg. She was employed at the C. H. Murphy store in Gettysburg for 10 years, and also at Eddies Cleaners for 22 years. She was a member of the Fairfield AMVETS Auxiliary. She was also a member of Women of The Moose and Fraternal Order of Eagles Auxiliary, Gettysburg.

She is survived by 2 grandchildren; a sister, Hilda Homan of Hanover; and a brother, Charles A. Site of Okeechobee, FL. Interment was at the church cemetery.

**Nellie C. Riley, 89**, of 1 Longsdorf Way, Carlisle, and formerly of York Springs, PA, died Jun. 17, 2001, at Cumberland Crossing in Carlisle.

B. Nov. 27, 1911 in Gardners, she was the daughter of the late Webster and Gertrude Miller Guise. She was predeceased by her husband, Paul C. Riley, [4C1R] in 1967.

She was a member of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, Gettysburg. She was employed by Mott's in Aspers for more than 20 years. She was a former Huntingdon Township tax assessor; and member of York Springs Senior Citizens.

She is survived by three sons, Paul R. Riley of Hanover, Kenneth E. Riley of Dillsburg, and Robert M. Riley of Gardners; a daughter, Dorothy R. Wolfe of Carlisle; 16 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by 2 sons, William V. Riley, and Joel W. Riley; 2 brothers, Gilbert Guise and Robert Guise; and a grandson. Interment was in the church cemetery.

**John E. McSherry**, formerly of Littlestown, PA, died Feb. 27, 2001, at Wayne Memorial Hospital, Goldsboro, NC.

B. in Pennsylvania, he was the son of the late John Patrick and Margaret Thompson McSherry. He is survived by his wife, [Elizabeth] Genevieve Sanders McSherry [4C1R].

He was a life member of the Littlestown VFW. He retired from the U.S. Air Force having served during World War II.

He is also survived by a daughter, Donna McSherry Phipps of Goldsboro, NC; 2 grandchildren; and 2 great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by a brother, Robert F. McSherry. Interment was in the

parish cemetery.

**Frances Teresa Reed, [1C2R]** 96, of Catonsville, MD., died Apr. 4, 2001, at Ridgeway Nursing Home, Catonsville.

She was the daughter of the late Charles Francis and Dora Euphemia Shully [sic] Reed.

In 1940, she received a bachelor's degree in nursing from the Catholic University. In 1952, she received her master's degree from the University of Maryland. She taught at various nursing schools including 27 years at the University of Maryland School of Nursing. She retired at the age of 70.

She is survived by a lifelong friend, Cecilia Zitkus of Catonsville; and many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by four sisters, Margaret, Lottie, Martha and Elvira Reed; and five brothers, Lloyd, Charles, Allen, William, and Woodrow Reed. Interment was in St. Mary's Cemetery, Fairfield, PA.



**Elizabeth May Reed**, 101, of Hanover, died Jul. 23, 2001, at Hanover Nursing Center. (She was the sister-in-law of the above Frances Teresa Reed.)

Born May 20, 1900 in New Freedom, Adams Co., she was the daughter of the late William E. and Flora Grim Pepler. She was predeceased by her husband, Charles H. Reed [1C2R].

She was a former member of Eastern Star Triangle chapter 483 of Shrewsbury. She had been employed at the former Louis Zupnick Sewing Factory, New Freedom and the W.C. Anstine and Son, Railroad. She and her late husband, founded C. H. Reed Inc., an industrial supply and equipment company in Hanover which she co-owned and operated from 1948 until her retirement in 1970.

She is survived by a son, William H. Reed of New Freedom; 13 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and 4 great-great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by two sons, Harold J. Reed and Donald E. Reed; and a daughter, Kay E. Rogers. Interment was in the New Freedom Cemetery.

**Thomas H. Morrison, [3C1R]** 77, of Taneytown, MD. died Apr. 26, 2001, at

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his home. B. Feb. 22, 1924, he was the son of the late Bernard Francis and Mary Elizabeth Sanders Morrison. He is survived by his wife, Joanne Garrett Morrison.

He was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Taneytown. He was retired from Genstar Stone Products Co. He was also a member of the Taneytown Volunteer Fire Co.; Carroll Co. (MD) Fire Police and honorary member of Adams Co. Fire Police.

He is also survived by a daughter, Barbara Wantz of Littlestown, PA; 3 sons, Thomas Morrison of Uniontown, MD., David Morrison of Perry Hall, MD. and Donald Morrison of Reisterstown, MD.; 7 grandchildren, Sara, Steven, Rebecca, and Adam Wantz, and Matthew, Jessie, Daniel and Mary Morrison; sisters, Margaret Cool and Elizabeth Morrison, both of Taneytown; and a brother, Guy Morrison of Fairfield. He was predeceased by brothers, Vincent and Edmund Morrison; and a sister, Alice Morrison. Interment was in the Trinity Lutheran Cemetery, Taneytown.

**Idamae F. Kane, [4C1R]** 76, of Biglerville, PA, died Oct. 9, 2001, in the Gettysburg Hospital, Gettysburg.

B. Dec. 26, 1924 in Cumberland Township, Adams Co., she was the daughter of the late Maurice J. and Virginia C. Riley Felix.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth H. Kane, who died in 1997.

She was a member of St. Ignatius Catholic Church, Orrtanna. Mrs. Kane was a secretary for many years for both the Lincoln Way Nursery and Spence Nursery in Cashtown.

She is survived by a brother, Maurice J. Felix Jr. of Gettysburg; a sister, Helen L. Miller of Chambersburg; and a number of nieces and nephews. Burial was in the St. Ignatius Catholic Cemetery.

LEGEND: for purposes of a family road map, I've identified my relationship to the folks above. I.e.: "2C3R" means "second cousin three times removed," etc.



In Memory of George Harrison, 1943-2001

**NEWS FROM THE FAMILY** (From page 3)

**Janine, Rod, Amanda, Christopher Eckstine.**

For Janine and the family was her quitting the Chambersburg Hospital after 10 years working the 3-11 p.m. shift. She started at a doctor's office in Hagerstown, MD and at the Robin Medical Center.

Rod is not doing much hunting other than in West Virginia or Pennsylvania for buck season. No turkey calling contests—too busy with soccer. He has been busy helping with two different Turkey Federation banquets plus his work schedule!

Amanda is officially a teenager now (age 13). School (7th grade) is going well. She is on the Super Honor Roll and busy with soccer. Their team won the Division II Championship for the league in their area, ages up to 14. She had quite the social calendar. Band activities keep them all going.

Chris, soon to be age 9 in January 2002, finished up baseball (Farm team) in the Spring and now is into soccer big time. His team overall did not do well, but he continues to improve greatly as this is his first year to play. School is good — a great student. Math and reading seem to be his best subjects for the Third Grade.

**Mom and Dad**

**(Patricia & William Sanders)**

Dad enjoys being a band member in two bands this summer. One of the highlights for him was two trips to Raystown Lake one included dinner on boat. He continues to observe the small aircraft at the local airport (practically in his backyard) which he enjoys immensely. At 79 years young he has had mixed health this year.

Mom made a trip to Michigan for great class reunion and the chance to meet with some special relatives and friends. She says her family continues to give me great joy, the big and little ones (some not so little). She also feels truly blessed to part of the *Home and Garden Party* family. She never thought it would expand as it has and enjoys the small business life. The family of Designers are generous giving people. She attended a



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ter Carrie and friend Sharon Hunter.

- I attended my 30th (has-it-been-that-long?!) James Buchanan High School reunion in Mercersburg, PA, Nov. 17. I have to admit I was nervous about going, but it turned out to good experience. Lot's of guessing who was who because we changed so much (nobody guessed who I was except Garry Seiders, James "Ed" Owens, and Trudy Keller Thomas who know me fairly well. After the mixing and meal they had dancing, so I left early.

- And our family had a very nice and important Thanksgiving together. As descendants of Pilgram William White, we appreciated the holiday and its significance to us.

- I also hang out with Jerry Wain and Bill Lerew. And occasionally have breakfasts with Jack Spooner and George Demshock.

**Amateur ("Ham") Radio**

Living in an apartment is very restrictive for this hobby, so my activities are low or not very satisfying at times. I am the newsletter editor of the Cumberland Valley Amateur Radio Club's *Valley QRM*, Chambersburg, PA, which is very satisfying! I do the production, gather the news, do some writing and graphics and get it printed. I enjoy doing it! I get to the Club's meetings when I can on the third Thursday of the month. I have also been the Club's Webmaster for a couple of years at [www.qsl.net/cvarc](http://www.qsl.net/cvarc)

convention in Kentucky just before her trip to Michigan, in the summer.

Mom and Dad will celebrate their 50 anniversary next year; praying both stay well to do so.



## PUTTING "GENE" INTO GENEALOGY

"We all just popped the cork off the bottle holding the genie." A nice play on words from a participant in the "Genetics and Genealogy — DNA's Emerging Impact on Genealogists, Historians and Archivists" 28 April 2001 at Thomas Jefferson Medical University, Philadelphia. Funded by the Pennsylvania Humanities Council and sponsored by the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania and the Philadelphia based African-American Genealogy Group, the lead lecture was presented by Dr. Scott R. Woodward, Molecular Biology Program, Brigham Young University. While at the University of Utah Dr. Woodward discovered genetic markers that lead to the discovery of the cystic fibrosis, neurofibromatosis and colon cancer genes.

Dr. Woodward's current project — "Molecular Genealogy," is an ambitious attempt to collect 100,000 individuals from 500 worldwide groups to form a baseline DNA gene pool for future researchers. Started in March 2000, currently he has about 20,000 subjects. Participants were asked to fill out a 4-generation pedigree chart and give 10cc of blood. After analysis, the blood sample and chart would be placed in a computer and names removed for confidentiality. Yes, this is a selfless act by the participant since your DNA is not retrievable until the far future for your descendants. But, your DNA is unique yet shared with your ancestors, siblings, parents and children "unpopping the cork" of their genetic coding viz a viz your "stuff."

"The BYU Molecular Genealogy Research Group is ... constructing a genetic-genealogical database... [B]ased on the unique identification of genetic markers... is accomplished by using the information encoded in the DNA of an individual and/or population to determine the relatedness of individuals, families, tribal groups, and populations. Pedigrees based on genetic markers can reveal relationships not detectable in genealogies based only on names, written records, or oral traditions. A genetic identification is unique and can even discriminate between closely related individuals or those sharing the same name. The fact that DNA is inherited and that each individual is the product of his/her progenitors means that DNA can be used

to not only create unique identification, but also to identify members of the same family, the same clan or tribal group, or the same population."

In a nutshell: Future researchers would be able to fill in missing research lines or be able to verify positive lines. It's "about three and half years...[before] completion," Dr. Woodward says for a genealogical researcher to submit a blood sample and chart for \$100 and possibly solve a "brick wall" that defies conventional analysis because of lost paper records, etc.

Following the presentation a discussion board was convened "Melding Traditional and Genetic Evidence." Presenters were James Beidler, E.D., Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania, Dr. David Moltke-Hansen, President, Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Margaret Jerri-do, Archivist, Temple University, Kay Haviland Freilich, C.G., and Dr. Thomas Roderick, Center for Human Genetics, Bar Harbor, ME. The discussion brought up some interesting questions about the future of genealogy. It is no longer little old ladies in back rooms of libraries looking at dusty volumes of books but now the microscopes and computer scanning/analysis. We've jumped from horse 'n buggies to landing mankind on Mars in only a few years! Questions: what about how lineage society's will respond to a genetic code report proving (or disproving) a lineage versus a traditional paper trail genealogy? Who is the genealogist—the medical attendant or you? What about confidentiality? (This was the center of concerns. Answer: they are being treated at medical records and have Constitutional protections.) Are legal descendants (like adoptees) considered "genetic"?\* And, many more questions.

Interested in being a part of the project? You must submit a blood sample, a 4-generation pedigree, (and as we learned later in the seminar, you can submit GEDCOMs — computer generated genealogical file — via email), and sign a release and confidentiality form. Call 801-378-1245 or write for specifics on how to do a correct submission:

BYU Molecular Genealogy Research Group  
788 WIDB  
Brigham Young University  
Provo, UT 84602

<http://molecular-genealogy.byu.edu>

*Other web sites of interest:*

African-American Genealogy Group

<http://www.aagg.org>

Pennsylvania Genealogical Society

<http://www.libertynet.org/~gspa>

\* I consider adoptees biological descendants in my research. I only change that designation if they want to change it. Why? Genealogy is not just a cold scientific study of strict biological relationships, but of family culture and history and the dynamics that go with it. An adoptee is as much a part of a family as a biological entity in his/her activities with the family. (And, if you look to DNA science for a biological answer you will find that we are all related in one family!)

Thanks to Bonnie Watkins for sending me the info on this seminar... and thanks to her and her friend Ann Renson for inviting me to travel with them.

### What is Molecular Genealogy?

It is a scientific study of genetic code unique to all of us handed down by our ancestors and passed on to our descendants. Actually, this is what genealogy is all about: the study of genes. There are two types of research lines: "Y chromosome" = male descendants line only, and Mitochondrial or "umbilical" = female lines only. If you are like me, I have two daughters and no sons, my "Y" DNA information is lost forever and research can be only done via the mother's side. (But I am blessed by God for two daughters who appreciate the "paper trail" I have created.)

This lack of "Y" DNA was the same case for Thomas Jefferson and his liaison with his slave/mistress Sally Hemmings in proving the Hemmings legitimacy to the Jefferson line. Jefferson had no male heirs so research had to be done on Hemmings' umbilical line and on Jefferson's male siblings who had the same code. Hence, the controversy arose that Jefferson's paternity was not "proven" since the DNA testing only concluded that either Jefferson or one of his brothers fathered the children. Further causing a question about paternity, male lines have a mutation rate of 0.21% per generation. (Other scientific analysis and social data—written accounts of activities by Jefferson and Hemmings and other sources — and accounting for the deviation model, a molecular genealogist could conclude that Thomas Jefferson was the father!)



## GENEALOGY RESEARCH — LANG

I haven't been able to do much research lately. But I have started down a line long neglected — the LANGs. In 1928, my grandmother (my mother's mother), **Kathryn Angeline Kilbourne**, married **George Walter LANG**. The marriage went bad and from information gathered so far, George had problems far beyond normal people.

I never climbed up this genealogical tree, mostly out of respect for Grandma, even tho' she never discouraged me from doing so. She didn't know much either.

So here goes...

George's father was **Michael LANG**

**Birth:** 1 Jan 1847, Germany

**Death:** 21 Apr 1917, NY

**Occupation:** Railroad Worker

**Religion:** Roman Catholic

He immigrated to the U.S. in 1880. He couldn't read or write, but could speak English.

**Spouse:** Mary Catherine YOUNG

**Birth:** 2 Feb 1859, NY

**Death:** 1 May 1937, Perkinsville,

Steuben Co., NY

**Burial:** 4 May 1937, Perkinsville, Steuben Co., NY

**Religion:** Roman Catholic

**Father:** John Nicholas YOUNG (or YUNG — he was also a German immigrant along with his wife), (1826-1902)

**Mother:** Kathryn LEISMEN (-<1900)

**Married:** ca 1884

**Children of Micheal & Mary C.:**

Catherine M. "Katie" (1886-1952)

Virginia (1887-?)

John Frank (1890-?)

Jacob (1891-<1937)

James J. (1892-1934)

Lena (Twin) (1894-?)

Mary A. (Twin) (1894-?)

Fannie (1896-1896)

**Walter George** (1897-1980)

Oliver (1898-<1937)

Aloyisus Frank (1898-1967)

Matilda (1900-?)

Josephine M. (1903-1959)

From the fellow researchers I've

contacted in Steuben County, New York (same county as Corning, NY), the family was well thought of. One local historian remembered one the family members very well, and said they were hard working people. Since Michael was 33 when he came to America, it is quite possible he another family in Germany already and was starting over (another source placed him being born in 1837, making him 43). Oddly, an immigration record can't be found of him other than a "Micheal Lang" who was a cook aboard a steamer from Lyons, France. But this also puts him 10 years older. Other records and some U.S. Census records bounce back and forth with this 10 year discrepancy. Why? Was he hiding his age, if it is the same person?

I have much to do yet and it looks like I might have to make a personal trip up to the county to look at Court records. The Internet is a fantastic device for genealogical research, but none complete!

*Cousin Al Rose, 2C2R, has contributed a lot to the world—his service below and to me in genealogy research. Thanks Al!*

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# 120 veterans of World War II brigade reunite

Unit kept troops stocked with fuel, food, supplies

By MATT MILLER  
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Albert Rose knew there was a good chance he'd be shot when he hit Utah Beach during the D-Day invasion of France on June 6, 1944.

He didn't expect to drown. That, however, is what nearly happened.

"The Navy man who was in charge of our landing craft said we were in a foot of water," Rose, 78, of York, recalled. "So we got off and went right underwater. It went over my head, and I can't swim. I kicked like crazy, but a wave hit me and started taking me out."

"I finally got to shore, and no sooner did we get out of the water than a German plane came along, strafing."

On Friday, Rose, a former GI with the 3809 Quartermaster Gas Supply Company, was with a lot of guys who could sympathize.

He and about 120 other World War II veterans gathered at the Clarion Hotel and Convention Center in Middlesex Twp. for a reunion of the 1st Engineer



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E. Briner Ashway, left, of Silver Spring Twp., and Albert Rose of York reunite at a reunion of a World War II Army group called the 1st Engineer Special Brigade Association. The group specialized in amphibious attacks.

Special Brigade Association.

Among them were men who had participated not only in the invasion of France, but in landings in North Africa, Sicily, Italy and Okinawa and in the fighting in Holland, Belgium and Germany. It was their job to supply the combat troops with food, fuel and everything

else they needed to fight.

The highlight of the reunion, scheduled for last night, was a presentation of "Thank You America" certificates by the French consul general to more than 60 of the veterans who helped liberate France from the forces of Nazi Germany.

For Rose, a Biglerville native,

**"You were there because you knew that was your job. We did what we had to do."**

Briner Ashway, World War II veteran

practicing for war almost proved fatal. The same was true for Briner Ashway, 81, of Silver Spring Twp., once a captain in the 566th Quartermaster Railroad Company.

Rose's job was to supply gasoline and Ashway's unit handled food. On the night of April 28, 1944, they were aboard big landing ships called LSTs off the coast of England practicing for the D-Day assault.

That practice, Exercise Tiger, turned deadly when nine German torpedo boats attacked, sinking two LSTs, damaging several others and killing nearly 750 U.S. soldiers and sailors.

Two torpedoes were fired at his LST, Rose said. One ran beneath it without exploding and another slammed into the bow doors, but didn't detonate. Twenty-six people on the ship were injured when panicked gunners on another LST opened fire.

Ashway's boat, LST 289, took a torpedo hit that blew off its stern. Ashway, a Chambersburg native, was headed down to check on his men when the explosion came.

"I woke up in a Navy bunk with a concussion," he said.

During the invasion of France, he arrived at Utah Beach a day after Rose. The fighting was still close at hand.

"Our troops hadn't moved very far inland," Ashway said. "We spent our first night there in foxholes. There was some firing overhead, but nobody in our outfit got hit."

"You could hear those German 88 [artillery] shells coming over all night long," Rose added. "You never knew when one was going to hit."

Normandy was just the start of their war. By the time the fighting in Europe ended in May 1945, Ashway and Rose had been all over France, making sure the GIs got fed and the tanks got fuel.

There was fear, they admitted, but also a deep sense of commitment.

"You were there because you knew that was your job," Ashway said. "We did what we had to do."

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## WHERE WERE YOU 8:45 A.M. EASTERN TIME 9-11-01?

*Let's face it — it has gripped our lives. The worst loss of American lives in one day since the Battle of Gettysburg (July 3, 1863). If you live here on the East Coast and have visited the attacked areas (New York and Washington, DC) on regular basis, you feel affected. I live in Harrisburg, PA — three hours drive from the two cities and the crash site in Somerset County, PA.*

### From Curt Sanders:

I was at work mounting slides for a customer when I received a phone call from friend Bill Lerew. He asked if I had a TV set at work. No, just a radio. "Quick, turn it on — an airplane just hit the World Trade Center in New York." I thought he was joking. But he insisted he wasn't and by the tone and excitement in his voice, I hung up and listened as the tragedy as it unfolded. Shortly, as I listened, the second plane hit the WTC and I heard ABC's Peter Jennings gasp and go off the air briefly. At this point I knew we were at war...

People who know me know I'm not a super-Patriot type guy. I always felt the same as the 18th century English author Samuel Johnson that "patriotism is the last refuge of scoundrels" and was used to justify wars that use the working person for keeping the rich wealthy, supporting corporations and their interests intact and claimed we were fighting for OUR freedom when it was in reality someone else's.

So... I bought an American Flag 9-12-01 and I'm flying it from my apartment balcony. When the opportunity arises, I'm going to give blood. SMALL things, but the best I can do at the moment.

I remember reading somewhere that Mahatma Gandhi once said that it was sometimes necessary to shoot a rabid dog to protect the community (Ghandi was a Hindu pacifist). I'm a person of peace in general, but as Skakespeare once wrote: "Let slip the dogs of war."

### *It brought back a lot of memories of past:*

- I was in southern Iran in April/May 1977 ("Operation Shabbazz 77"). I met a few individuals in the Iranian Armed Forces that can be characterized as like-minded Taliban type individuals.

- Although I was a food service specialist in the Air Force, we had other classified duties to perform. I was picked for "CNB [Chemical Nuclear Biological] Defense" with some other guys in my unit (48th Combat Support Group, then the 341st Services Squadron). We were trained in detection and antidotal methods

- When I was living in England (1975-77), the Irish Republican Army brought their war to England with a series of bombings in department stores. One time I was standing in from a department store that one week later was bombed! If I had been standing there I would have been dead.

- Having to live next to TMI Nuclear Plant (3 miles), I do have some apprehensions about it being a target. But I think it would be a poor target with little to gain.

Despite everything, on 9-11-01, I realized these terrorists forever lost not only the war, but their cause. Just as the Japanese sneak attack on Pearl Harbor 12-7-41 was a brilliant *tactical* strike, it was an ill-conceived *strategical* event.



### From the Tony Sanders family:

Courtney was in school (6th grade) (interestingly enough, history class) when the attacks came. She spent the rest of the day watching the news on TV with her classmates.

Mary was at work (in her office) at the time, with her radio on, listening to developments. It was especially worrisome for her due to the close proximity to Camp David, that her grandsons live.

Tony was at his desk at work. Because his employer has offices in the WTC and DC area (and a vast majority of work comes from NYC), it was tense to say the least. Computer and phone lines from those sites were lost, but fortunately, all fellow employees were safe. A high percentage of Tony's co-workers are New Yorkers, and several have family members who work in the ground zero area. They spent most of the day following events via the Internet. One co-worker's sister worked in the WTC, but she was found safe hours later, after walking 50+ blocks.

### From Renard Sanders:

I was at work when a co-worker told me that her father had just called and told her that "we're at war, they just bombed the World Trade Center." We then turned on the radios, I called home to tell Bev to turn on the TV, and spent most of the day trying to work and listen to radio reports. Due to our proximity to Ft. Dietrich, the underground Pentagon, the missile silos south of Mercersburg, and Letterkenny, I found myself very wary of any aircraft that I could hear flying overhead. I also was uncomfortable being at work separated from my family where I couldn't "protect" them. Now I watch my mail more carefully. I find that I'm throwing out junk mail without opening it faster, especially the ones with no return addresses. I wash my hands after handling mail. I guess 9/11/01 really changed our lives.

In the days that followed I found that a fulfillment job we perform via the Internet came to a standstill for about 10 days. Presumably because credit card transactions were messed up by the loss of the World Trade Center as well as consumers just weren't buying. Since I deal with a company from New York, I experienced the phone problems first-hand. It took forever to get through, the resulting connections were lousy, and fax transmittals were virtually impossible except during the early morning.

### Brian Sanders Family:

Our family, like so many others, have felt the impact of our National resolve being tested, and our schedules and lives have changed forever. The Sanders family is but on of thousands of clans immersed in what James Madison, architect of our Constitution, called and enduring "great experiment" of national unity. A unity of family, community, state, nation, and time-tested ideals of freedom.

### More Genealogy Tidbits Found

- I found out that I am related to the late Nelson A. Rockefeller, former Vice President of the U.S. and of the Rockefeller family fame, through my mother's side, from the George ALDRICH line. He is my 8th Cousin Twice Removed.

- President George Walker Bush had at least 2 ancestors from Mercersburg, PA — my hometown! I also found out that I'm his 11th Cousin Twice Removed from his mother's lineage.

(Gee, and these guys never even sent me a Christmas card!)