

## Snell-Zimmerman-Timmerman Family Reunion Sunday August 7, 2022

The Snell-Zimmerman -Timmerman Family Reunion was held August 7, 2022 at Historic Snells Bush Church. It was the hottest weekend of the summer, even though we had a small attendance it was a great day. We were very happy to be able to attend the reunion and church service again. Even after the covid outbreak, we hope that we will be able to hold many more reunions in the future. Our ancestors they too had many troubles, even though they all succeeded in coming together at our Snells Bush Church. We held the ice cream social on Friday August 5 due to the Battle of Oriskany Commemoration held on August 6. We wanted people to attend the event at Oriskany from the SZT family. Because of the Covid , high gas prices, traveling and the high cost of living some of our members could not attend this year. We did have members attending from New Mexico, Texas, Georgia and Tennessee as well as from all over New York State. We hope more will try to come to our historic church next year to honor our ancestors.

Our ice cream social (only fund raiser that we do) was well attended. The ice cream is donated by Stewarts Stores and we thank them for their support to be able to present an ice cream social to the community each year. We had the privilege to have the Herkimer County Dairy Princess come to help make ice cream sundaes. The Dairy Princess has a new name--- Dairy Ambassador. Julia, Ava and Dakota---helped scoop the ice cream for the sundaes while other family members came to support the Dairy Ambassador at the event.

The day of the reunion started out with the raising of the flag and the re-dedication program we have each year to honor our patriots buried at Snells Bush Church. This year we honored Sefrenus (Suffernus) Snell and John Joseph (Hanjost) Snell. Hanjost Snell fought in the American Revolution the entire time and was wounded 7 times. At the Battle of Stone Arabia, he was wounded twice in one day. Sefrenus Snell was a soldier in the War of 1812. We discovered that we have never honored him for his service in that war. In the genealogy book--- "Eighteen Century Snell Family of the Mohawk Valley" by David Martin, he tells of his service at Sacketts Harbor. There are many interesting facts in that book and it is interesting to read about the family members that lived at that time on the frontier. Sefrenus Snell is buried in the lower Snells Bush Cemetery and wreath was placed on his grave before the reunion. Hanjost is buried at the church cemetery and a wreath was placed on his grave. We also honored all our soldiers that are buried at Snells Bush Cemeteries. Many Snells, Yorans and Markells are buried in the lower cemetery and it would be nice if members visited that cemetery. Many other family members are buried in the Rural Park Cemetery--- just up the road from the church. It is sad that those that came before us are now forgotten in cemeteries across the country. Soldiers of the Revolutionary War and War of 1812 were given bounty land in Jefferson and Lewis counties and other parts in western New York where the soldiers or their children settled homesteaded there and are also buried on these lands.

At 11 am the church bell rang to call everyone to the church service. This year we had a Tom Antonoff, a certified lay speaker lead the service. Nancy Schuyler was the accompaniment on

the piano and our historic pump organ. Gertrude and Dawn Ortlieb planned the program and also the music for the church service. We thank them all for the outstanding job. The flowers were donated by Steve and Judy Sarano Green House in Gansvoort N Y

Mr. Antonoff opened the service with a call to worship and our traditional hymn--- "Faith of Fathers" was sung by the congregation. Invocation was next and the Lord's Prayer, and Gloria Patria. Gertrude and her daughter Dawn presented a beautiful song entitled " As The Deer" for the special music selection. A silent prayer for the departed came next followed by the Pastoral prayer. The next hymn was entitled " In the Garden" which was sung by the congregation. Scripture reading was Isaiah 1:10-20; Luke 12: 32-40. A very interesting sermon was presented by Mr. Antonoff, which was based on the scripture reading. The offering was presented next with the music entitled "Freely, Freely" presentation by Trudy and Dawn. Doxology was next followed by a Prayer of Thanksgiving. Our last hymn was entitled "God Be With You" was a very nice way to end the church service.

A short business meeting was held next and Bill Timmerman-- president opened the meeting. The secretary Stephanie Timmerman gave the report from the last meeting. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report. Treasurer report was next presented by Peter Burkdorf. We are updating our insurance for the church, getting more insurance for the church and getting a better price for the insurance. We are going to get another painter to finish the painting of the steeple as the painter we have been using is unwell. We are waiting for the window to come back that is out for repair and then another one will be taken out for repair. A plaque will be placed in the lobby listing the donations that we receive for various projects. We appreciate the donations ( ice cream social and donations) we receive as this is the only way we have to support the Snells Bush Church. Our inhouse carpenter will be working on handicap entrance and putting replacement lights in stain glass window at the front of the church. We will again spray for the powder post beetles under the church; they keep coming. The mowing is good and the cemeteries look great. We hope to work on resetting some of the markers that have a lean to them. The reports of reunion activities though out the years from 1938 till now(2022) are only available at the Church. We are in the process of putting the reports onto the web site for safe keeping for the future. They are written in pencil and ink (they are fading). There are many interesting facts that happened during those years---till now.

Election of officers was held. Again, we asked for volunteers from the floor but no- one wanted the job, so again the following will be re-elected. It was voted on and passed.

President	Bill Timmerman
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Vice President	Sarah Burkdorf
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2 directors	Sue Vickery and Larry Sekel
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Kevin Jorrey from Texas, our web master attended the reunion this year and he spoke to us about the web site. He would like more information on stories of the family members for the

web. Please send your updates on e-mails and change of address. We really would like to keep in contact with everyone. Also please send in your family members (children that have moved out of your address) to be listed to receive the newsletters. We need to have young people come to the reunion and get involved, as we are all getting older and we need help to keep this reunion going.

The meeting was adjourned and everyone was asked to stay seated to hear Ken Johnson speak on General Nicholas Herkimer and Joseph Brant, how they were friends and the conflict that came about at Wood creek, Battle of Oriskany. It was a very interesting presentation. Ken Johnson also placed the original Lawrence Zimmerman Papers that he just finished researching on his web site, [Fort Plank](#). Please look at it.

A luncheon was served under the tents which was presented by the S-Z-T Board of officers. Donations were accepted for the lunch. During lunch we had the pleasure of having Clyde Getman, who was portraying Reverend Abraham Rosencranz a minister of the Revolutionary War times. Clyde was in costume of what Reverend Rosencranz would have worn.

A little information about Rev Abraham Rosencranz:

*Abraham Rosencranz ( 1728-1796) . He married in 1758 to Maria Herkimer- sister of General Nicholas Herkimer. Abraham was born in Germany and was educated there becoming a minister. He came to the valley in 1752 after his brother a minister at Fort Herkimer died. Abraham served at NYC 1752-1757, Stone Arabia 1759-1772 and at Fort Herkimer Reformed Church from 1763-1796 with other churches including Snell Bush in the territory from Schoharie to Fort Stanwix. His genealogy records of birth, marriages and deaths are the only records found as others were destroyed during the Revolution. He settled in the Fort Herkimer area raised a family and is buried under the pulpit at Fort Herkimer church.*

Please send us your updates on e-mail and mailing address. We also have genealogy books available about the families. We love to hear from you please e-mail us

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We would like to hear from you-- Please send updates on change of mailing address and e-mail address. We try to keep the address updated. If your family members would like to receive the newsletter, please send us their e-mail or mailing address. Donation are always welcome and we have genealogy books available on the families. They may be a generation or two behind but these genealogy book hold great information on the early families and their struggles to live on the frontier.

Check out our website [www.szt-genealogy.org](http://www.szt-genealogy.org) Nancy worked all winter on researching and writing about the early schoolhouses in the Town of Manheim. She also wrote earlier about the history of cheese making in Manheim in the "Diary of Willard Kilts". I have been copying the minutes of SZT meeting from 1938 to the present, to be placed on the website. Kevin set up a new page for them on our website. This is a great place to preserve our history of the Snell-Zimmerman-Timmerman family as we have the only copies of these important papers.

The following is our contact information and list of genealogy books available.

Sincerely,

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Patrick Babcock is our coordinator for our e-mail mail server. If you have changes to your e-mail address, please send them to us.

Kevin Jorrey--- our web master would like genealogy updates and interesting stories to put on the web.

The following genealogy books are available from the SZT Reunion, Inc. They were printed during the 1970's with great information about the family. There stories about the life on the frontier and fighting off the hostile British and Indians during those early years. Price does not include the shipping cost (\$5.50 unless otherwise noted). Checks should be made payable to the SZT Reunion and mailed to: Treasurer, SZT Reunion, Inc., P.O. Box 623, Little Falls, NY 13365.

Author	Title and Description	Price (\$)
David Kendall Martin	<p><b><i>The 18th Century Zimmerman Family of the Mohawk Valley, 1994.</i></b></p> <p>This book traces the descendants of Jacob and Margaretha Jung Zimmerman for six generations (over nearly two hundred years) from their German home village in the mid-1600's to the Mohawk Valley and beyond. It is a handsome, indexed, 8.5" x 11" hard covered book with over 300 pages heavily illustrated with photographs, maps, and signatures. Among the many related family names in the book are: Getman, Walrad, Petrie, Read, Bellinger, Smith, Fox, Failing, Van Allen, Herder, Hutchins, Dockey, Sponable, Bauder, and others.</p>	22.50
David Kendall Martin	<p><b><i>The 18th Century Snell Family of the Mohawk Valley, 1982.</i></b></p> <p>The format and contents of this book are similar to the above Zimmerman book. David Martin gives all available information on those Snells born before 1800 in Germany and New York. The various lines are carried well into the 1800's. The book is in 8.5" x 11" format, with a soft cover.</p>	7.50
David Kendall Martin	<p><b><i>The 18th Century Failing Family of the Mohawk Valley, 1979.</i></b></p> <p>This soft cover book traces descendants of Henrich H. and Anna Maria Kunigunda Failing from 1710 to 1900. The book is rich with history, family lore, illustrations, documents and maps.</p>	10.00
<p>Four books complement David Martin's 18th Century Zimmerman Family by extending the known descendants of four sons of Jacob and Margaretha Schutz Zimmerman (David, Lawrence, George, and Henry) into the latter part of the 20th century. A fifth book extends David Martin's 18th Century Snell Family by continuing the descendants of Peter Snell into the 20th century.</p>		

Carolyn Timmerman Sidenius	<p><b><i>Descendants of David Timmerman of the Mohawk Valley, NY, 1998.</i></b></p> <p>This book is based on the 1925 work by Manley Timmerman, but is greatly expanded from that work. Family names found within the 200 page book include Allison, Cronk, Durner, Fellows, Gaylord, Smith, Spoor, Van Deusen, Wooledge, and Zoller. Soft cover.</p>	9.00
Carolyn Timmerman Sidenius	<p><b><i>Descendants of Lawrence Timmerman of the Mohawk Valley, NY, 1998.</i></b></p> <p>Among the descendants of Lawrence covered by this book are those of his granddaughter, Gertrude, who married John C. Timerman, a grandson of Conrad Zimmerman (and brother to Lawrence, David, Henry, and George) and moved to Perch Lake, Jefferson County, NY. This 150 page genealogy (plus a 50 page index) also includes many descendants of Henry Lawrence Timmerman who moved to Indiana. Family names in the index include Snell (117), Bahar, Baker, Bowman, Broughton, Brown, Cramer, Darling, Dunten, Hoover, Lobdell, Meyer, Mosher, Petrie, Van Allen, and many others.</p>	9.00
Carolyn Timmerman Sidenius	<p><b><i>Descendants of George Timmerman (1734-1800) of Mohawk Valley, NY, 1995.</i></b></p> <p>George, another son of the immigrant Jacob Zimmerman, was baptized by an itinerant pastor on 20 Jan. 1734. His wife was Anna Elizabeth Klock, a daughter of Johannes and Anna Margaretha Fox Klock. George had 10 children. Their numerous descendants have been ably documented in this 8.5" x 11" typed book of almost 300 pages, with a soft but durable cover. The index of this genealogy includes Bellingers (209 names) of Onondaga, Jefferson, and St. Lawrence counties in New York; Billings; Broat (94); Fox, Frye, Flanders; Hayes (339); Keyser/Kyser (78); Levee; Mason; Mosher; Robinson; Snell; Van Gorder (70); and Williams.</p>	12.50

Carolyn Timmerman Sidenius	<p><b><i>Descendants of Lt. Henry Timmerman of Herkimer County, NY, 1988.</i></b></p> <p>Henry, son of the immigrant Jacob, was born about 30 Dec. 1737 and died 18 May 1807. While born a Zimmerman, most of the family changed to the Anglicized spelling of Timmerman after the Revolution. He settled in what is now the town of Manheim in Herkimer County. He was twice married - to Catherine Fox and then to Margaret Bellinger. He had 19 children - 7 boys and 12 girls - of whom 15 were living at the time of his death. His numerous descendants are found throughout the Mohawk Valley, New York state, and the U.S. and Canada. This hard cover 8.5" x 11" book, with over 300 pages, follows a great number of them into the 1980s. The index includes many Snells, Getmans, Greens/Greenes, Handys, Herkimers, Klocks, Robinsons, Vedders, Walraths, and others.</p>	17.50
Carolyn Timmerman Sidenius	<p><b><i>Descendants of Peter and Anna Kilts Snell of the Mohawk Valley, NY, 1992.</i></b></p> <p>Peter Snell (s/o Johan Jost and Maria Catharine Kraft Snell) was born about 24 June 1730, probably in Schoharie County, NY, and died in Snells Bush, Manheim, Herkimer County, NY, in 1804. He married Susanna "Anna" Kilts (d/o Peter and Anna Maria Bellinger Kilts). At the time of Anna's death, she left 420 descendants. This 334-page typed book, with a soft cover, traces over 3400 descendants, many into the 1990s.</p>	35.00
<b>Other Publications</b>		
Frank C. Bellinger	<p><b><i>The War Years in the Mohawk Valley.</i></b></p> <p>Articles describe conditions, activities, and battles during the Revolution and its aftermath. Pamphlet. 1983, 20 pp.</p>	2.00

Carolyn Timmerman Sidenius  Edith S. Timmerman	<b><i>Fifty Years With the Faith of Our Fathers.</i></b> A history of our Reunion and church compiled for the Reunion's 50th Anniversary from newspaper accounts, early newsletters, and meeting and reunion minutes. It is particularly informative for new members. Pamphlet. 1988, 48pp.	2.00
Vera De Witt	<b><i>American Patriots at the Battle of Oriskany.</i></b> A register of Tryon County Militia and New York volunteers in the Revolutionary War. Soft covered. 1977, 60 pp.	7.50
Ada L. F. Snell	<b><i>With My Grandparents.</i></b> Pamphlet. 1972, 2003 40 pp.	1.50
The Enterprise and News, 1939	<b><i>The Lawrence Zimmerman Papers.</i></b> The SZT Reunion, Inc., 2003 Pamphlet. 1939, 2003 32 pp.	3.00