

Snell-Zimmerman-Timmerman Family Reunion

Newsletter-----Spring 2023

Hello,

Winter is a cold, snowy memory and it is time to start thinking about summer activities. The Mohawk Valley has many events to attend during the spring, summer, and fall months. So start planning your events that you might want to attend. The following are some events that will be happening:

Snell-Zimmerman-Timmerman family reunion which will be held at our historic church--**Snells Bush Church**----- the last Sunday in August--- **August 27, 2023**---- The SZT board decided to hold the reunion the last Sunday in August as that was how it originally was scheduled when the reunion was held from 1938---thru the 1990's. It was changed in the 1990's to the first Sunday in August so members could send their children off to college -- but today that is not a problem as everyone now goes at their special time to college--due to sports and various activities. Since our attendance is very low the board will be trying the last Sunday in August to see if more members can attend the reunion. We hope more will be able to attend and visit our historic church on the hill. Whenever you are in the area and want to visit Snells Bush Church, contact one of the officers and someone can meet you at the church.

-----Here are some of the events during the season to attend if you are in the area-----

Oriskany, NY-----Commemoration at the Oriskany Battlefield will be held on **August 6, 2023**.

With the reunion being held at a different date, this will be easier for our SZT members to attend the Oriskany Commemoration. It is a wonderful event to honor our ancestors that fought so valiantly there. Many lost their lives, or were seriously wounded at that pivotal battle during the Revolutionary War in 1777. Our ancestors who fought with General Herkimer, did their part to hold back the forces of the British under Lieut. Col. Barry St. Leger with his Loyalists and Joseph Brant's men.

Rome NY-----*While in the area **Fort Stanwix** is a great place to visit. Visit the fort and see how the soldiers lived there.*

Herkimer NY-----*Take a **ride on the Erie Canal** and go thru the locks. There is a place --**Gems Along the Mohawk** - where one can take a boat ride on the canal and visit the restaurant and gift shop there. Bicycle and hiking trails lead east and west along the Canal.*

*Visit the **Herkimer Historical Society and Museum** where there is information on genealogy and history of Herkimer County. Visit **Fort Herkimer Church**, which is the second oldest church in the state, and its cemetery.*

St Johnsville, NY----***Fort Klock** is a historic homestead where one can see how the colonist lived and worked. They have special events and tours going on all the time. **Reany library** is another place to visit as there is a museum there and has many items from the valley and genealogy. **Nellis Tavern** will be open on Sundays.*

Stone Arabia, NY ----*has the historic **Kilts homestead**--a homestead with various events during the summer months. Visit the historic **Dutch Reformed Church and Lutheran Church and cemeteries**.*

Fort Plain, NY--- **Fort Plain Museum** is a great place to visit and they have events throughout the season.

Canajoharie, NY---- **Canajoharie Arkell Library and Art Museum** and the history of the Beech- nut plant.

Little Falls, NY ----- **Little Falls Historical Museum** located in the historic bank building has a collection of history of Little Falls. Also don't forget to visit **Canal Place** where visitors can find restaurants, art gallery, antique shops, selection of night events and beautiful views of the canal and river. If you like rock climbing don't forget to visit **Moss Island, and the lift lock** on the canal. Little Falls was the home of the Cheese industry and each year a Cheese Festival Event is held and also Canal Celebration, the second week of August and in the fall the Garlic Festival is held. **General Nicholas Herkimer Historic Home and State Park** is a great place to visit- with tours of the General's 1764 mansion.

Dolgeville, NY---- visit the **Dolgeville Historical Society Museum** -----which has local history and the history of Daniel Green slippers factory and founding of Dolgeville by Alfred Dolge. African violets were hybridized to develop the first double pink African violet by Lyndon Lyon in Dolgeville. His greenhouses are managed today by his grandson Paul Sorano. Each year a Violet festival is held the second week of June with parades, sports races, garage sales and many other events.

If you have time to visit the cemeteries---- Church Street Cemetery in Little Falls, Old Yellow Church Cemetery in Manheim-where 50 Rev. War soldiers are buried, Snells Bush Cemeteries, Indian Castle Cemetery and church-- Little Falls, Stone Arabia cemeteries and churches, and many others to find your ancestors' grave site.

Snells Bush Church is looking good as it sits on the hill over- looking the valley. Your SZT board is working hard to keep the site in good order but it takes time, money and work to keep it looking good. Your board members are getting older each year and need help. Please volunteer to help keep this site in good order. Come attend our board meetings (spring and fall – as well as at the Reunion) --we would like your comments.

We have old photos and scrap books filled with reunion information to view. I have been organizing the history since the start of the reunion in 1938 into booklet form to preserve for the future. We are in the process of updating a booklet "Faith of our Fathers" written in 1976-- and hope to have it available at the reunion which this year is our 85th year of the incorporation. We are attempting to partner with the Dolgeville Historical society to promote Snells Bush Church and get involved in community events.

We will hold our traditional family reunion at Snells Bush Church August 27, 2023. A dedication to our patriots buried at Snells Bush at 10 am, traditional church service at 11 am, short business meeting following the church service, and a catered luncheon to follow-- donations accepted. An ice cream social will be held Saturday night August 26 at 6 pm. This year we are having a --TENT SALE--all day Saturday August 26--- 10 am to 4 pm--- as a fundraiser for the church and cemeteries. Donations of small items will be accepted for the event and all proceeds will go to the fund.

Kevin Jorrey--- our web site master has revamped the site to give it an updated new look. Please visit the site and let us know your comments. The site is www.szt-genealogy.org.

We have genealogy books for sale----- They may be old but they have many interesting facts and stories of the early family members homesteading on the frontier---- fighting the Indians and becoming friendly with the Indians. They tell the story of living on the frontier. These books are great for the younger generations to learn about their heritage.

We like to hear from you. Please contact us at the following:

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Hope to see you at the reunion
Sincerely,

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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

The 18th Century Zimmerman Family of the Mohawk Valley, 1994. 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.

\$22.50

David Kendall Martin

The 18th Century Snell Family of the Mohawk Valley, 1982. 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.

\$7.50

David Kendall Martin

The 18th Century Failing Family of the Mohawk Valley, 1979. 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.

\$10.00

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.

Carolyn Timmerman Sidenius

Descendants of David Timmerman of the Mohawk Valley, NY, 1998. 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.

\$9.00

Carolyn Timmerman Sidenius

Descendants of Lawrence Timmerman of the Mohawk Valley, NY, 1998. 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.

\$9.00

Carolyn Timmerman Sidenius

Descendants of George Timmerman (1734-1800) of Mohawk Valley, NY, 1995. 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.

\$12.50

Carolyn Timmerman Sidenius

Descendants of Lt. Henry Timmerman of Herkimer County, NY, 1988. 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.

\$17.50

Carolyn Timmerman Sidenius

Descendants of Peter and Anna Kilts Snell of the Mohawk Valley, NY, 1992. 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.

\$35.00

Other Publications:

Frank C. Bellinger

The War Years in the Mohawk Valley. Articles describe conditions, activities, and battles during the Revolution and its aftermath. Pamphlet. 1983, 20 pp.

\$2.00

Vera De Witt

American Patriots at the Battle of Oriskany. 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

With My Grandparents. Pamphlet. 1972, 2003 40 pp.

\$1.50

The Enterprise and News, 1939

The Lawrence Zimmerman Papers. The SZT Reunion, Inc., 2003 Pamphlet. 1939, 2003 32 pp.

\$3.00

Emma S. Timmerman

Homestead Notes. Soft cover. 1971, 2003, 28 pp.

\$7.00

Ada L. F. Snell

Palatines Along The Mohawk. Soft cover, 1948, 2002, 76 pp.

\$12.