

## **Snell-Zimmerman-Timmerman Family Reunion**

### **Fall Newsletter 2024**

Hello

Fall has come to the Mohawk valley--- it has been chilly but dry fall, beautiful days and cold nights and no rain. Snells Bush Church and cemeteries look well-kept but work needs to be done on the cemeteries and we will work on it in the spring. We held the fall board meeting in October. Our next reunion for 2025 will be held on **August 24, 2025**. We usually hold the reunion the last Sunday in August but due to Labor Day on September 1, 2025, the board felt it would be better to hold the reunion a week before on August 24, 2025. We have a handicap ramp in place, so it will be easier for handicap members to attend the reunion. We will again hold our annual ice cream social event on Saturday night as the locals and family members enjoy attending to eat ice cream and view the sun setting over the valley.

It was a good move to place our patent in the Dolgeville Historical Society Museum. The museum is open most weekends and during events held in Dolgeville like the Violet Festival, farmers market and other events. The museum also has class tours of children coming from Dolgeville Central School to view the museum and see our patent. Here they can learn about the history of Dolgeville and the Town of Manheim. We are still working on getting some sort of library located in the loft for family genealogy, books, newspapers files, family genealogy, files of photos. We hope to have it available for research. Snells Bush Church has many files of memorabilia, and we are trying to organize it into some workable system.

We are planning to place a sign on the lower Snells Bush Cemetery as there is no sign there now. That cemetery has an interesting history as it has had many stories told about this area called "**Rothkopf's Hollow**". These stories were captured in a booklet by Eleanor Franz and was printed for the Town of Manheim Bicentennial 1997 entitled "Manheim's Snells Bush". The following are the traditional haunted stories of "Rothkopf Hollow":

**first story**, It is said that settlers were chopping wood and some unfriendly Indians came by and the settlers killed the Indians by letting the ax slip as they held the piece of wood needed to be chopped. Some how the Indians were killed at this time and buried there.

**Second story**, by Corliss Timmerman called **Roe cup's Hollow**. There was cheese factory near there and some Indians bought cheese-- "white man's food" and ate it. The cheese was delicious and the Indian ate too much and had a stomach ache. The Indians said it choked their "inruns bowels" and they did not want any more cheese.

**Third story**, listed in Lawrence Timmerman papers, Ralph Ehle mentioned cheese factory and a little burying ground in the southern part of Snells Bush, there is a wooden ravine known to the natives as "Roadkopf's Hollow" (Rotkopf's Hollow). According to one account the murder of a redheaded peddler occurred here. When the more timid were frightened by strange noises emanating from the forest, the bolder inhabitants discovered that the sound were really caused by the wind swaying two trees which had lodged together.

According to different versions the red headed victim was a blacksmith and the beats of the dead man's hammer could be heard on his anvil as one passed through the wood."

**Fourth story** road haunted, "in the fall the farmers would load their sleighs with hay to take to Albany and they would go in groups because the little hollow was believed to be haunted by a witch and at every trip when the farmer reached that area the sleigh would tip over. They called it **Spooky Hollow or Red Cap Hollow.**"

**Fifth story**, from a child in school. A ghost jumps out of casket and two cars saw it and they had an accident

**Sixth story**, unsolved cold case-.the murder of Charlie Stahl

Please send us any corrections to your e-mail and snail address as we try to keep our mailing list up to date. We are also looking for your family updates on birth, marriage and death of family members and little stories of your family history. We try to keep a running account of our members. These can be e-mailed to

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Do you have any family Bibles in your possession???? I am attempting to make a list of Bibles owned by family members. These Bibles hold family genealogy pages in the middle of the Bible which can be used as proof of genealogy family lines. In the writings of Emma Timerman, Carolyn Sidenius , Charles Markell , David Martin and others-- they list many Bibles ----- but where are these Bibles now? It would be interesting to put them all in a master list so if someone needs information on that particular family line for genealogy, they would be able to get the information. In our genealogy books that we sell-- there are many referrals to a family Bibles also. A list could be placed on our web site with this information.

This year is the celebration of "250 America of 1776". Oriskany battlefield is trying to get-some updates on the battlefield. We have a book "American Patriots at the Battle of Oriskany" by Vera Dewitt, that gives the patriots at the battle. It would make a great gift item for family members. We also have other interesting books that make great gifts which can be found on the website under the "About Us" then "Publications" tab. They are also listed below at the end of this Newsletter.

Happy holidays to you and your families and we hope to see you at the reunion next year August 24, 2025.

Sincerely,

Bill Timmerman ---president

Written by Sarah Timmerman Israel corresponding secretary.

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 are stories about the life on the frontier and fighting off the hostile British and Indians during those early years. Prices do not include the shipping cost ( 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> 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> 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>	\$10.00
David Kendall Martin	<p><b><i>The 18th Century Failing Family of the Mohawk Valley, 1979.</i></b> 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> 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>	\$10.00
Carolyn Timmerman Sidenius	<p><b><i>Descendants of Lawrence Timmerman of the Mohawk Valley, NY, 1998.</i></b> 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>	\$10.00
Carolyn Timmerman Sidenius	<p><b><i>Descendants of George Timmerman (1734-1800) of Mohawk Valley, NY, 1995.</i></b> 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>	\$15.00

Carolyn Timmerman Sidenius	<p><b><i>Descendants of Lt. Henry Timmerman of Herkimer County, NY, 1988.</i></b> 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> 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
Other Publications		
Frank C. Bellinger	<p><b><i>The War Years in the Mohawk Valley.</i></b> Articles describe conditions, activities, and battles during the Revolution and its aftermath. Pamphlet. 1983, 20 pp.</p>	\$5.00
Carolyn Timmerman Sidenius Edith S. Timmerman	<p><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, 2023 48pp.</p> <p><i>This booklet has been updated by Nancy Cioch and Sarah Israel---- that includes all the current data on officers and directors</i></p>	\$20.00
Vera De Witt	<p><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, 2024 60 pp.</p>	\$20.00

Ada L. F. Snell	<i>With My Grandparents.</i> Pamphlet. 1972, 2003 40 pp.	\$5.00
The Enterprise and News, 1939	<i>The Lawrence Zimmerman Papers.</i> The SZT Reunion, Inc., 2003 Pamphlet. 1939, 2003 32 pp.	\$5.00
Emma S. Timmerman	<i>Homestead Notes.</i> Soft cover. 1971, 2003, 28 pp.	\$7.00
Ada L. F. Snell	<i>Palatines Along The Mohawk.</i> Soft cover, 1948, 2002, 76 pp.	\$15.00