

Snell-Zimmerman-Timmerman Family Reunion Spring Newsletter 2025

Hello family members

Spring has come to the Mohawk Valley, but it has been rainy and chilly this year. We had our springboard meeting in May and will again be working on our historic Snells Bush Church and cemeteries. This year we will hold our **annual reunion on Sunday August 24, 2025** a week earlier than the last week in August---- due to Labor Day weekend. **An ice cream social will be held on August 23, 2025 Saturday at 6pm--our only fundraiser. This year we want to celebrate America 250!!** We also want to remind our members that we are very proud of the Tryon County Committee of Safety, who wrote a Declaration of Independence for our region as one of the first declarations written in America. In 1976 we at Snell Bush placed a stone with the plaque honoring the Tryon County Committee of Safety and declaring the declaration. The following is a description of the monument:



Inscription written by Vera De Witt

In reverent memory of the sacrifices made by our forefathers, members of this congregation, who fought during the Revolution, particularly at the Battle of Oriskany, August 6, 1777.

The action at Oriskany made the defeat of the British General Burgoyne a certainty, assuring the assistance of the French Alliance and French Fleet, resulting in the complete surrender of the British at Yorktown .

Oriskany helped make possible the birth of our nation.

Dedication August 29, 1976

Otherside of stone is inscribed with the following:

We hereby in commemorating this area's participation in the American Bicentennial, do reaffirm the resolution adopted by the Palatine District Committee of Safety on May 21, 1775

"That we abhor a state of slavery; we do join and unite together under all the ties of religion, honor, justice, and love of our country, never to become slaves and to defend our freedom with our lives and fortunes."

This resolution was the first Declaration of Independence in the province of New York, the second in the colonies, being adopted a year and forty-five days before the adoption of the Declarations of Independence by the Continental Congress at Philadelphia and two years and seventy –eight days before the Battle of Oriskany.

Snell-Zimmerman- Timmerman Reunion

Celebrate America 250 by coming to the family reunion and honoring those patriots who stood up against the tyranny of the British to achieve freedom. Our ancestors that built Snells Bush Church and homesteaded on the frontier struggled to build a community, ward off Indian and Tory attacks, clear land for farming and raise families.

We will be working getting bids for repairs and painting of the interior ceiling of the church. We will need donations to complete the job as it is a large area to paint and repair the cracks. The ceiling has not been worked on in many years. The stain glass windows at the front of the church will have LED spotlight to illuminate them. We will also be straightening the stones in the cemetery and placing a sign on the lower cemetery. As of now there is no sign there. Mowing of the cemeteries will continue and after mowing the area around the church it looks terrific. We have 2 weddings scheduled this fall. On April 7, 2025 we had two baby girls baptized at the church. We have a lovely handicap ramp in place at the front of church to make it easier for handicap members to attend. We are planning to set up a genealogy library on the balcony where members will be able to do research on their family lines.

Our web site is in the process of being updated. Peter Burkdorf our treasurer will be in charge of the domain --go daddy-- while Kevin Jorrey and Patrick Babcock will be in charge of the technical part of running and updated our web site---dreamhost---. Please contact them for any questions. **Our web site is szt-genealogy.org**

Our fund raiser ice cream social will be held August 23, 2025 at 6 pm at the church. It is a great time to stop and visit and enjoy eating ice cream while watching the sun set over the

valley. The reunion will be held on Sunday August 24, 2025 with a flag raising ceremony at 10 am followed by a dedication of our patriots that are buried at the church cemetery. At 11 am the bell will ring to invite everyone to attend our traditional family worship service in our lovely historic church. A short business meeting will be held after the church service where issues can be discussed and an overview of our activities. A catered luncheon will be in the tent with presentations by the Tryon County Militia and others. Books--- Books---- we have genealogy books that tell about our families living on the frontier and traveling across the country and homesteading in various states.

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We love to hear from the members----- Please contact us at the following:

Donations are needed to complete our projects to keep our family church in good condition.

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Genealogy books

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.

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.

Author Title and Description Price

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, Woledge, 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. Timmerman, 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 DeWitt

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. \$12.00

Fifty Years with the Faith of Our Fathers

Soft cover 1988 by Carolyn Sidenius

Updated 2023 by Nancy Timmerman Cioch & Sarah Timmerman Israel 27 pp. \$20.00