17 August 1982

Dear Bill:

We're home, to a huge backlog of undone things, and I'm running out of ribbon for this typewriter.

Have forwarded letter to the Buerguermeister to Mary after signing it.

Am sending you a copy of "The Shoemaker Book" referred to by Geo. C. K. We stopped in Shoemakersville Pa. and I ran it down. You may add it to your Kershner reference library if you wish. I will also send you a microfilm of V I & II.

I'm dickering for an Apple and a program to do indexes. I certainly do admire yours!

I hope Mary sent you a copy of a response to my query on Elizabeth Schnebly, wf of Martin Kershner. You have responded to mine on Philip K of New York. Maybe that/those could go in your query section .

RBK

1449 Fox Run Drive
Charlotte, NC 28212
March 25, 1982

Johannes Schwalm Historical
Association Inc.
Kenneth Schwalm Jones
71-73 Chandler Street
Worcester, MA 01613

Dear Mr. Jones:

Thank you so much for your interest in The Kershner Family Association.

I am enclosing a copy of KERSHNER KINFOLK, our new quaterly publication, which goes to all members of the association. Membership dues are $12.00 annually.

On page 25, in the Bibliography, you will find a brief description of the first two volumes of "The Kershner Families of Maryland 1731-1977". Although the original printing has been sold out, reprints are now available. I am attaching an announcement giving the particulars for ordering these, plus the third volume which was just released.

Also, in the back of KERSHNER KINFOLK you will find an announcement with information on ordering "The Karschner Family" which, despite the different spelling, is also descended from the same family (originally Kirschner in Langenselbold, Hesse).

My files do not contain a reference to Margaret Resh, but I am forwarding copies of this letter and your correspondence to several of our most active researchers so that they will be aware of your organization and the relationship you mention.

Our family seems to have been descended from three brothers who arrived in Philadelphia during the period 1731-1742. On page 5 a chart traces the family in Hesse back to about 1600.

If I can be of assistance to your group in any way, please do not hesitate to call on me.

Very truly yours,

William E. Kershner, Jr.

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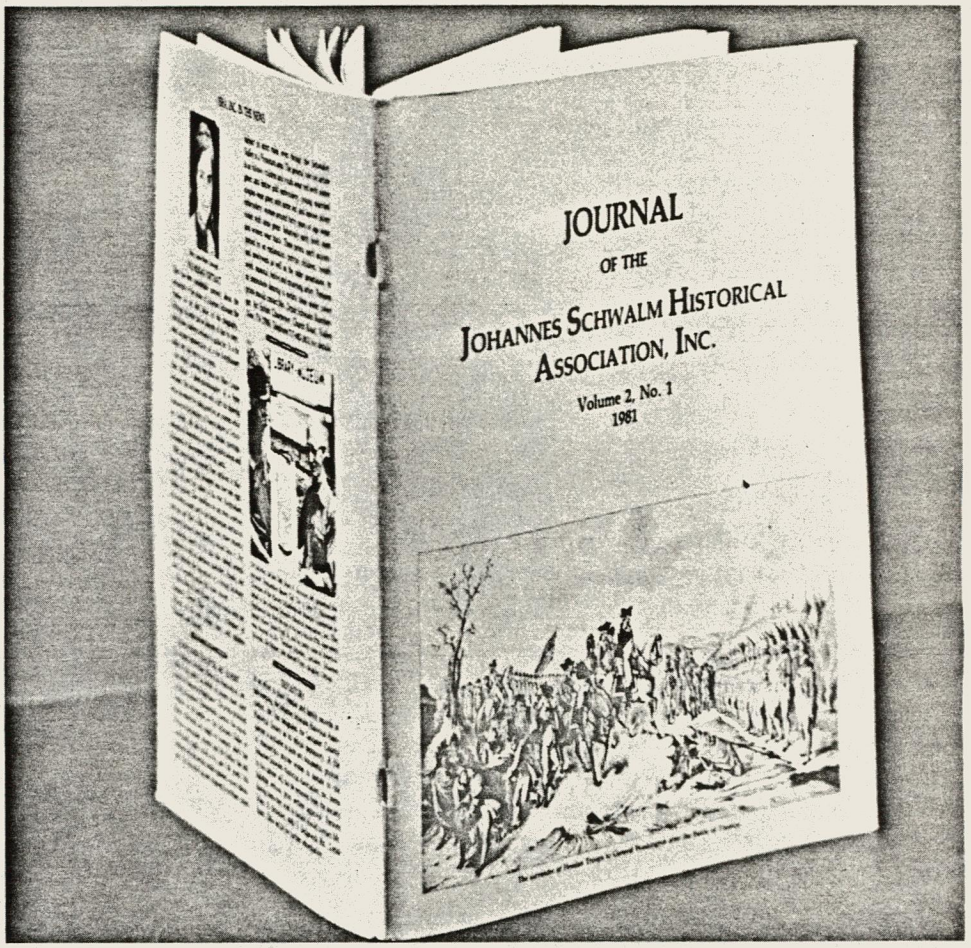
ANNOUNCING THE 1981 JOURNAL

Libraries, historians, genealogists and Hessian descendants will welcome the hard to find source material packed into this latest Journal. As the latest annual supplement to the 1976 Bicentennial book this attractive issue will be used as a valuable reference source. It will be appreciated especially if used in conjunction with the previous publications. Searchers for Hessian ancestry will find it a time saver.

Recently the Association decided to research all German mercenaries classified under the broad term "Hessian". Here, and in future Journals, "Hessian" terminology includes appropriate material from all German provinces where auxiliary troops were furnished during the American Revolution. The Association is doing things about Hessian history which were long overdue. This 1981 Journal is compared favorably with specialized historical publications having long time acceptance by scholars and historians. Prepublication demand was developed by the reputation of the previous publications. Like these previous issues this 1981 Journal will sell quickly and will soon be in limited supply.

Johannes Schwalm Historical Association, Inc. is a non-profit organization dedicated to researching, collecting, and disseminating data relating to those Pennsylvania Germans (Pennsylvania Dutch) whose ancestors came to America as Hessians during the American Revolutionary War. All objects, documents, book and materials owned by Johannes Schwalm Historical Association, Inc. relating to the Hessian Pennsylvania Dutch and their ancestral backgrounds are available for research and examination by the public.

In an effort to place in safe-keeping the research records, an agreement has been made with the Lancaster County Historical Society, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, to serve as the official depository. Facilities are now available to store documents, photos or manuscripts approved by the Association. It wants to hear from people who wish to donate material to this Schwalm-Hessian collection. Approved donations are tax deductible.



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March 23, 1982

Kershner Family Association
William E. Kershner, Jr.
1449 Fox Run Drive
Charlotte, N.C. 28212

Dear Mr. Kershner:

In Brossman's Our Keystone Families is mentioned your research activity on the Kershner family. Our Association has found evidence that there was a relationship between the Resh and Kershner families living in Brunswick Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania ca. 1752-1810. The enclosed brochure is self explanatory.

Margaret Resh was the first wife of Johannes Schwalm a Hessian who settled in Brunswick Township (now Manheim Township, Schuylkill County) after the American Revolution. Johannes was my ancestor.

Please describe the various publications you have, availability, and cost so I can place an order.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Schwalm Jones

Kenneth Schwalm Jones,
Editorial & Research Staff
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KSJ/mb

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These are the only names similar to RESH that I was able to find in our indexes.

December 7, 1981

Mary Kershner Maxwell
1622 W. St. Vrain
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80904

Ruth Bownds Kershner
1414 Red Bud Trail
Austin, Texas 78746

Dear Kershner Cousins,

I thought that I should let both of you know that my wife and I returned safely from a thoroughly enjoyable two weeks trip to Europe in October. We did get a chance to make a short visit to Langenselbold while we were as I have explained further in the attached letter that I sent to William Kershner. I have also enclosed copies of the pictures I sent to him. We enjoyed our time in Germany most of all and are definitely planning on returning at some time in the future. Hopefully by then we will know a lot more about the family history in Germany.

I would like to thank you both again for replying to my letter earlier this year and for the information you sent me at that time. Have a happy holiday season!

Sincerely,

Dr. Larry D. Kershner

Dr. Larry D. Kershner

December 7, 1981

William E. Kershner, Jr.
1449 Fox Run Dr.
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Dear Cousin Bill,

I have enclosed a check for $12 to cover membership dues in the Kershner Family Association. I applaud your decision to publish a quarterly newsletter and would like to thank you and the many others who have contributed so much to Kershner family research.

My wife, Marilyn, and I had been planning a trip to Europe for several years and wanted to include a visit to Langenselbold. Early this year I communicated with both Mary Maxwell and Ruth Kershner and they both kindly responded and sent information about Stephen Kershner's visit there in November of 1980. We were in Europe for two weeks in September and October of this year. Because of our rather hectic schedule and because we were traveling with several other couples I did not try to contact Herr Steinbaur, but I am pleased to report that we did spend several hours in Langenselbold the day before our return to the U. S.

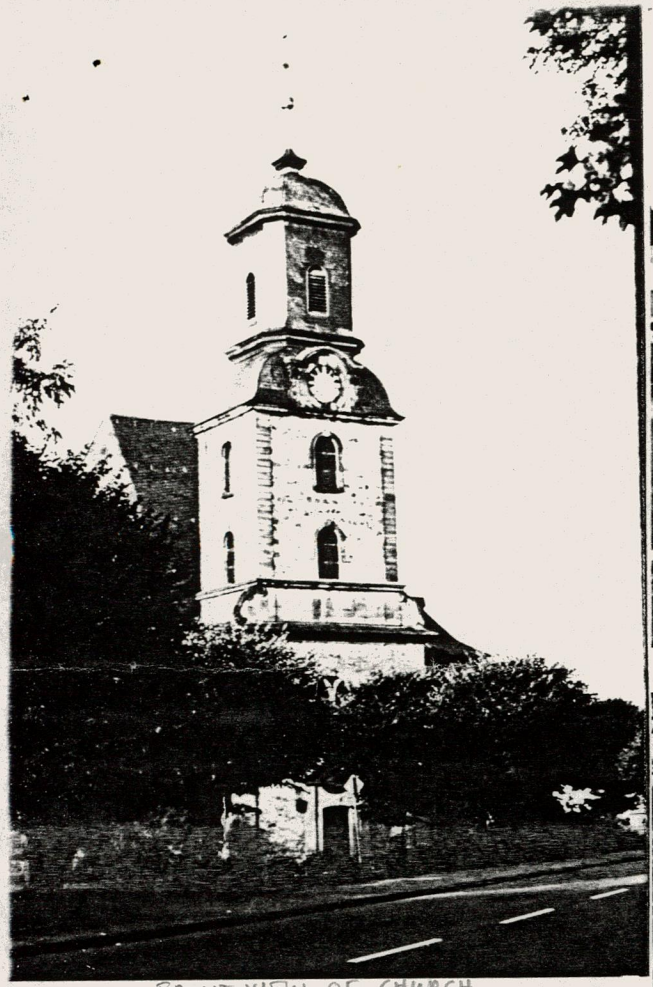
I have enclosed some of the pictures that we took there including a sign on the outskirts of town, several views of the church, and the rathaus. I have a number of others that I did not send copies of mostly of the local businesses and a sampling of different types of architecture of houses in the town. I hope you will find the ones I have sent of interest.

Ruth Kershner suggested that I provide my phone numbers when I corresponded with you. They are as follows: home number (517) 631-0577, work number (517) 636-6231.

Best regards,

Dr. Larry D. Kershner

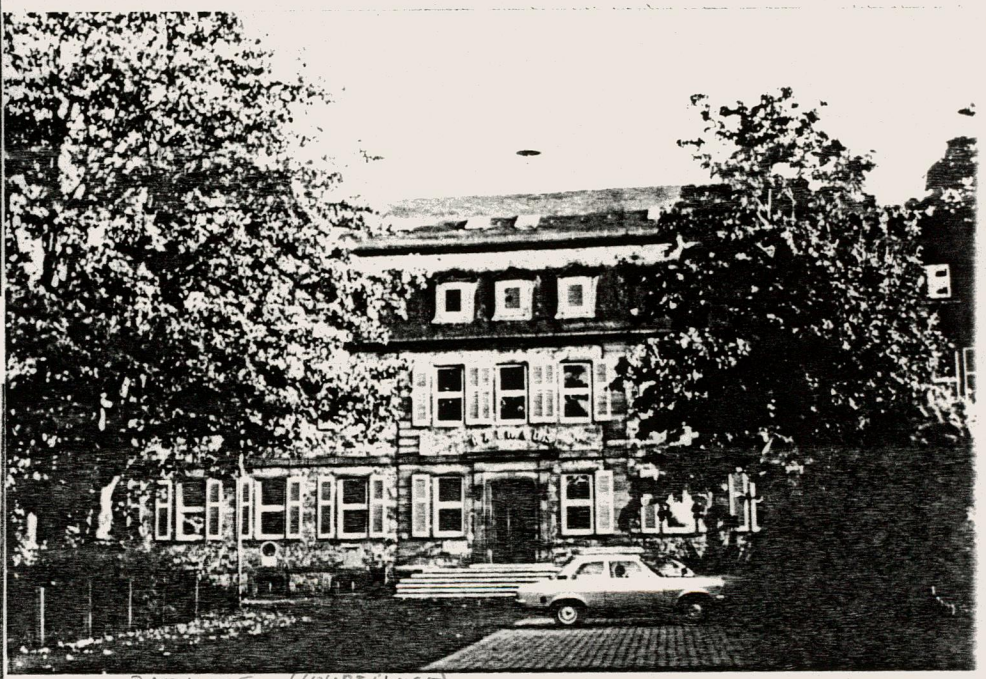
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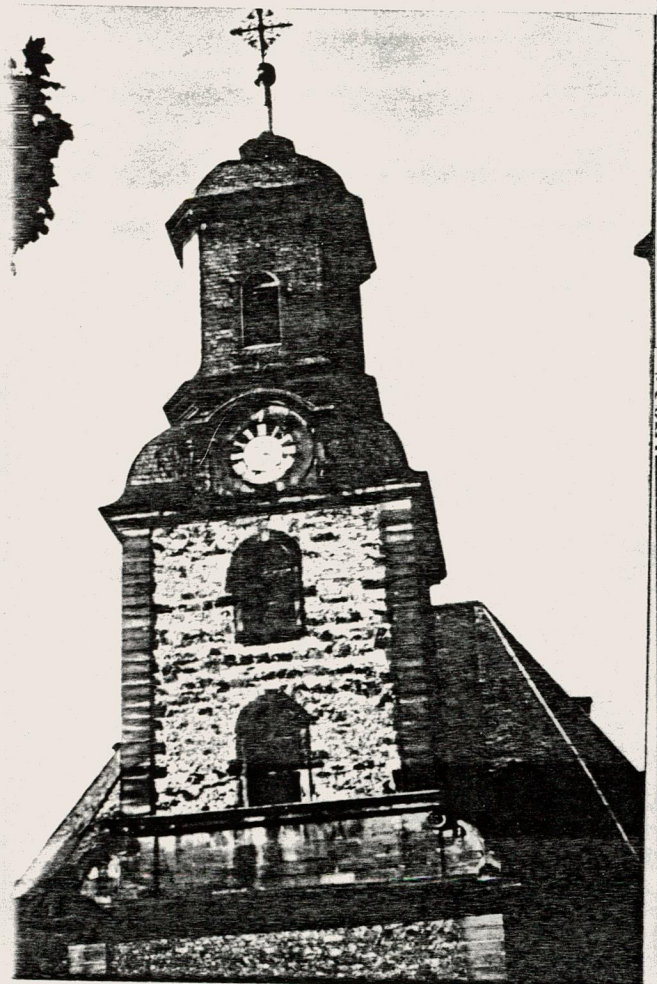
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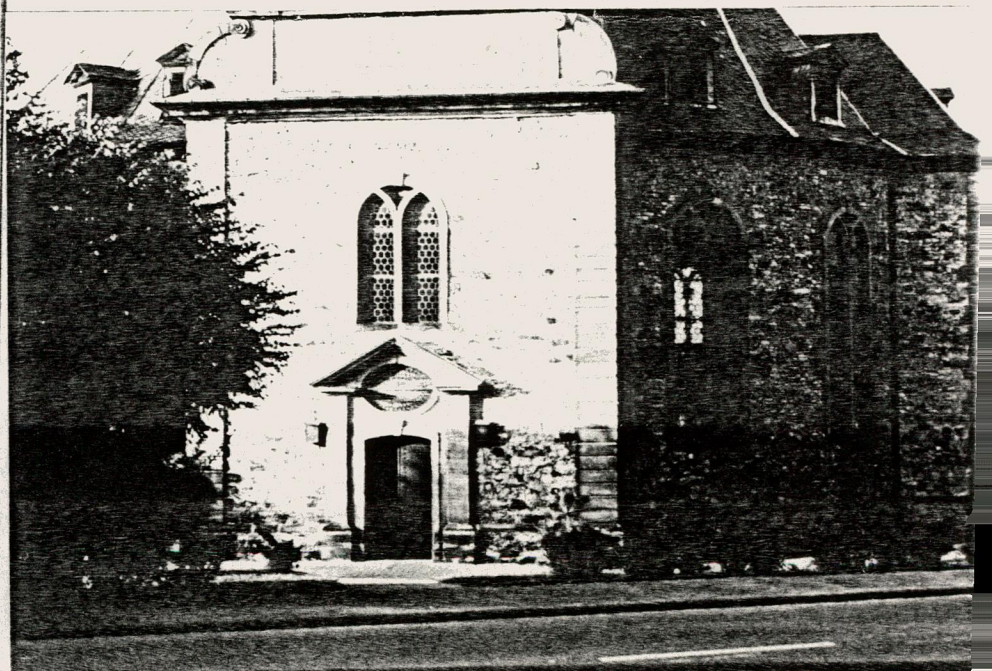
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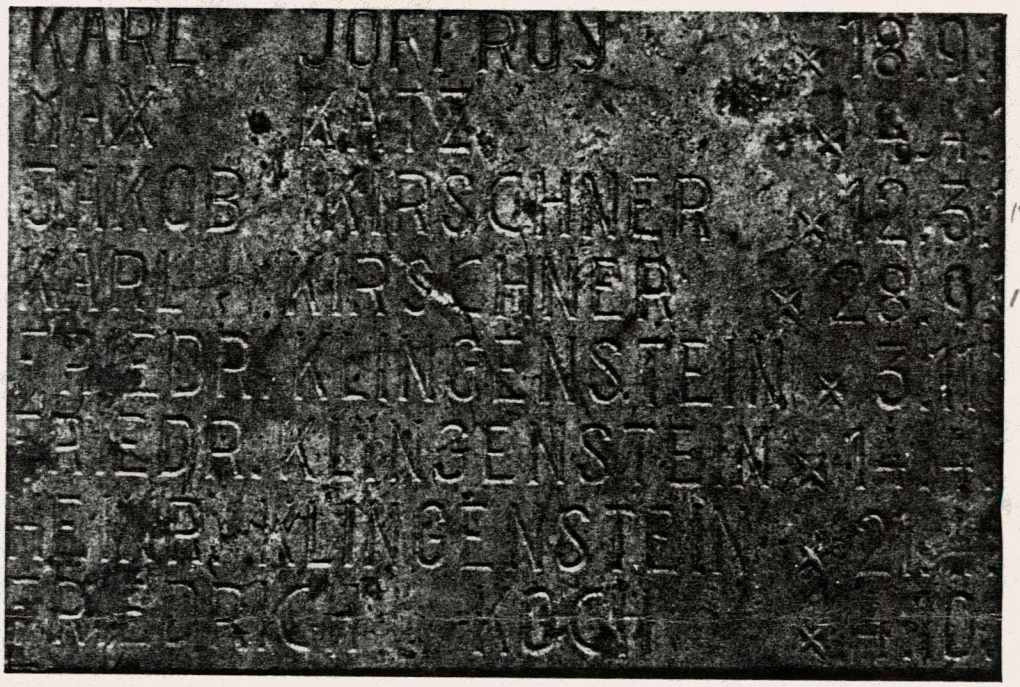


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BACK DOOR OF CHURCH

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1 June 1981

Dear Bill:

Everything you are sending looks fine.

Thank you for the report on the research fund. It will look good in our financial records. I am sending you a check for the $16 you paid Steinbaur on 7 May, 1981, and Mary a check for $500 to pay for supplies and offsetpages. We will furnish you one free copy of Vol. III as well--it's the least we can do! Our balance at Lamar S&L here in Austin is $37.14.

Ernestine Ray has offered to handle the orders, bank the checks, keep a journal, and make mailing labels for Mary to use. Ernestine pitched in andhelped with Mary's Vol. I index last go-round. She is a pretty good accountant, works for the IRS in season, and runs her church's bookstore here, so book orders are not strange to her. She assembled the data on the Oklahoma descendants of Michael Kershner of Augusta Co. Va., and is a niece of Frederick Vance Kershner whom I had contacted in Tulsa. Her husband is Gene (Jesse Eugene,) and we are going to use her address for the Kershner Family Association this time, 2701 Little John Lane, Austin, Texas 78704.

Mary will get the subscription offers out as soon as she can get a fix on the cost. I am urging her to set the price at 50% over estimated cost, including mailing, to cover the 75 copies that go to libraries. Ernestine says books that sold for$12.95 in 1979 are now selling for $16.95, and she suggests a price between $17.00 and $20. I talked to Mary on the phone Saturday.

One thing I suggested was including something on your idea of a quarterly newsletter. Please think about this, and let Mary know. She will be sending this mailing to our prime list, and is going to use envelopes. Might as well take advantage of it and get the most for our 18¢.

William L. Ridenour indicated an interest in pursuing the German research for the Kershner-Ridenour connection. I sent him my loan copy of Vol. II, plus a microform copy of a 1908 book, "Autobiography of Peter D. Ridenour." This contains the only written account that I know of, mentioning Rosina Kershner. Although the family tradition says Nicholas Ridenour (b 1695) and Rosina came from "Rosenthal, Alsace," no one has been able to locate either of them in Alsace. They even have a correspondent, a Pasteur Reitenauer, who lives there, and he can't find them either. There are said to be upwards of 50 villages named Rosenthal in France and Germany, but Joanne Schinbeckler (another Ridenour researcher), advanced the idea that perhaps Ridenours came from Alsace a couple of generations or more and lived in a Rosenthal before emigrating. She is very interested in the Rosenthal about 50 km north of Langenselbold. Bill Ridenour said he would write you. His address is 3553 S. Elder, Orchard Lake, Minn. 48033.

Sorry this is full of typos. It's very dark this afternoon, rains still continuing, and lightening cuts off the lights and typewriter from time to time. We were not flooded in last week's rains, as we live on top of a ridge, but the torrential rains damaged some retaining walls. We had three truckloads of rock dumped on the downhill side of our driveway, too, and have been spending some muscle on rearranging it.

We're going to Houston Wednesday for a few days. Virginia Schneider, Kersh's sister (we visited with her in Florida) is coming to teach a music teachers' institute, and we'll bring her back for a short visit here. We'll try to get Jack Halley over, too. Two of our kids live in Houston, and a third is coming for a visit. I'm getting my ear plugs ready.

Warmly,

1449 Fox Run Drive
Charlotte, NC 28212
May 18, 1981

Mary K. Maxwell
1622 West St. Vrain
Colorado Springs, CO 80904

Dear Mary,

As promised, here are my experiments with Xerox reduction of index pages. As you can see, the large originals were typed with my pica typewriter. The area of typing is surrounded in blue, leaving enough room for 1" margins on three sides and 1½" on the binding side. The margins in the original are larger to allow for reduction. If elite type were used, there would be more data on each page and, I don't believe, much readability would be lost.

Also, I've enclosed a financial statement on the Kershner Family Association Research Fund. For now it is closed out. In case anyone needs these statements for tax purposes, I have copies of all bills.

Don't look too closely at my accuracy. I just copied one of the index pages from Volume II to give you an idea. If you would like me to experiment with double reduction to get more information on a page you would have to be able to type on 14" x 17" paper. That is the largest our copier will handle.

If you've found any errors you would like me to correct on the earlier work I sent, please don't hesitate to return it to me.

Hope everything's going well on Volume III. My best to you and Glen.

Sincerely,

Bill Kershner

Bill Kershner

cc: Ruth B. Kershner

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April 22, 1981

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Cyrus K b 1825 by 1st wife
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11 child by
second wife
Sarah Agnes Borchmer

Mr Millard Fillmore Kershner
Box 34
Altamonte Springs, FL 32701

Dear Millard,

I enjoyed talking with you on the telephone on April 17, 1981 from your daughter-in-law's place of employment, Colonialware Wholesale, Inc.

Upon my return to Connecticut I searched my copy of "The Kershner Families of Maryland 1731-1977, Vol I", and almost immediately found references to your father, grandfather, great-grandfather, Aunt Susie, and yourself. I did not find any references to any of your children however. Enclosed please find photocopies of the title page and pp 168-171 of the above book which contain the aforementioned references.

If you wish to provide or obtain more information about the KERSHNER FAMILY history, I suggest that you contact my parents, Mr and Mrs Stuart G Kershner, 1414 Red Bud Trail, Austin, Texas 78746, (512) 327-2020; or write to one of the addresses listed on the title page of the book.

In conclusion, it seems certain that we are related, however our relationship may go back to three Kershner brothers who immigrated to North America from Germany in the early 1700's.

Sincerely yours,

Stuart D Kershner

cc: Mr and Mrs S G Kershner

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1 Sept. 1980

Dear Bill:

Enclosed find a copy of the Kershner Family Association Financial Statement at August 31, 1980. At this time last year, the major income and book subscriptions were in, and Jack Halley needed to be relieved of her volunteer job. Her recovery from the accident in which she broke her pelvis was long-drawn out and involved a lot of physical therapy, during which she was also trying to commute 30 miles and work full time. So the remaining funds were transferred to Lamar Savings and Loan (convenient to our house in Austin) at Jack's suggestion. The account is in the name of the Kershner Family Association and either Mary or I can draw on them fund.

Mary is collecting the family records, additional data, and photographs to put out the addendum we are going to call Vol. III, and will produce it in Colorado Springs. At Dr. Howard Kershner's suggestion, the format will be keyed to page numbers in the first two volumes, e.g. "Supplementary to Vol. I page 250." I am getting together the additional Virginia, W. Va., Kentucky, and Tennessee records, and the Colonial ones as I did before, and sending to her for inclusion. I expect she won't print till 1981, however.

I have suggested that we reproduce any and all German documents from the church in offset. John Vollbrecht said at one time he would provide an account of his visit there, but I don't think this has come in. I've said I would do some charts using Steinbaur's and the other data, and have some drafts which will need to be refined with additional translations.

I asked Dr. Dahl for any suggestions on your translations, which you indicated you would welcome. His help seems to be mainly with the place names, as he seems to have an extensive library of gazeteers of ancient as well as modern places.

The parish clerk has the place name of the town where Johann Kirschner was born as Flensinger, he said, but the name is Flensungen. This place is located in the county of Alsfeld, and had a population of approximately 700 around 1965. He says, "In order to obtain the original christening entry of this Johann Kirschner we should request an extract from the parish to which Flensungen belongs. If you want this, we can obtain it for you. This would be an official document."

Dr. Dahl went on to explain that Weinberg is a city or town, which he could not find on a map or modern Gazetteer, but thinks he could in an older one if I want him to search for it. "It was probably the seat of the feudal Lord, and may have been a manorial estate to which Flensungen paid tribute."

He wrote "...zu Flensungen im Appt (Amt) Weinberg" should be translated "...Flensungen, office of Weinberg."

Dr. Dahl's daughter, who lives here, told me he has been quite ill with a bleeding ulcer for several months, but is much better now. I am reserving judgment on his efficiency until I see whether we get some faster results now. I think he has been somewhat surprised to find that you and others have already obtained records which we needed. So he is being sure now that we don't already have data, before he looks it up, or orders it. I've asked for an estimate on the cost of looking up emigration records in Marburg.

Sincerely,