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*Plan to attend our 68th Reunion on August 6th
and to celebrate the
Family's first 257 years in America!*

Our 1999 Reunion at Berks Leisure Area in Reading was a great success. This year's gathering will be held Sunday, August 6th at the Hereford Township Park, Zionsville, PA. (see map)

The schedule this year will be as follows:

10:00 - 12:00 Noon	Arrive early for socializing, quiet times, or games before the meeting begins. Registration Sign in, get your name tag and get acquainted.
12:00 Noon	Opening. Following the opening, there will be a break for lunch, games, and socializing.
2:00 PM	Business Meeting Call to Order of Annual Meeting, Invocation, brief reports of Secretary, Treasurer, Historian and President, and New Business.
2:45 PM	Games and prizes
3:00 PM	Adjournment of reunion, followed by a meeting of the Board of Directors.

Picnic fare will be provided — hot dogs, sandwiches and assorted sodas. We are suggesting that you bring chips, cake, pie, other snacks and goodies in quantities that can be shared. Remember place settings for each family member. It has also been suggested that we bring along our favorite recipe, (and the food itself, if practical, for us to sample), to exchange with one another. If making photocopies of the recipe is not convenient, use 3" x 5" cards.

**Recognized
Family Spellings:**

BACASTOW
BACKENSTO
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

To everyone I wish a happy Y2K and a hearty welcome to a new year, a new century, and a new millennium (the first and last time I get to say that in my lifetime, I am sure).

In contemplating this message, several topics seemed easy choices - the new millennium with the obvious theme of change and improvement, my being honored as President allowing me to discuss my visions for the Association, and the occurrence that we have two articles on collectors and collecting which would lead into our Association's goal of "collecting" relatives. Whichever topic I tried to choose, however, I always returned to the one central idea for which we exist as an Association - Family.

Family, as I use it here and as it pertains to our Association, is family in the broadest possible sense - including all ancestors and all their descendants, wherever they may be on this planet, and however distantly related they may be (For instance, living Swiss Baggenstosses who are related to me are 9th cousins, 9 or more times removed). Throughout all history, and across all cultures, the strength of family has always been of paramount importance. As an Association, we are performing an important role in preserving our history, biography, and genealogy for ourselves and our descendants.

With an eye to reviewing our Association's goals, we can divide family members into several groups. Group 1 would be "ancient" ancestors, by which I mean ancestors for whom nobody living has direct memory. Group 2 would be those family members who have passed away, but who were known by living people. Included in this group would also be the deceased for whom no living person has direct memory, but about whom vibrant and detailed stories have been passed down through the family. Group 3 would be all living relatives and would also obviously include spouses and children. Group 4 includes those yet to come - the countless as yet unnamed who are destined to be heirs to our heritage.

As an Association, the possibilities are limitless as to what we can further do.

For Group 1, the "ancient" ancestors, continued research is desirable. Possibly we could define a few projects, and if the cost is beyond our resources, we could accept donations on a per-project basis. One idea that has been done by other family associations is to purchase microfilmed copies of important European church records so that family researchers can use them at length. There are several cities which had early Backenstosses for which this idea might be very productive.

For Group 2, the recently-passed away, projects in which living family members who have direct memory of the deceased write biographies, record oral stories, or even just write down a series of notes would all be of inestimable value. After all, once those who remember pass away, that information will be lost forever.

For Group 3, the living relatives, there are many possibilities. We are all family, so anything which can create or strengthen relationships between distant relatives would be important. As far back as I can remember, the newsletter has been built on the work of a very few people. I think it is time to encourage all who are willing to share something about their families in the newsletter. Scholastic achievements, graduations, births, deaths, marriages, career developments, overviews of trips abroad, even hobbies or favorite recipes are all welcome, as far as I am concerned. For those living relatives who are more advanced in age, encouraging them to write or dictate an autobiography would be valuable to future descendants. I did just such a thing several years ago, having my father dictate some 10-20 hours on tape which I transcribed. It may never win any awards, but I am sure that it will be treasured by some of his descendants. Also, from searching the Internet, some 400 addresses of Backenstoss relatives in Germany and Switzerland can be found. I think it would be a fun and potentially very productive project to attempt to contact them by writing letters to all of these relatives.

About Group 4, the future descendants, there is nothing which needs to be said. It is they who will ultimately benefit from our preservation of the history, biography, and genealogy of our family.

I extend an invitation to all to volunteer to help, whether to provide information on your own family, work on a project along the lines enumerated above, or to help with the Association. This Association is for all family members, and its future should encompass all family members. By participating you will be able to help shape this future.

Jonathan Hall Backenstose (A2B5C9D4E1F3G3)
President, Backenstoss Family Association of America

HISTORIAN'S REPORT

Last year our Secretary mailed 1167 Newsletters. Hopefully, that information reached upwards of 4000 relatives. Apparently, the Historian's Proposal was mostly "unclear" or perhaps read by just a few, for the response was pitiful.

Yes, I heard from a few relatives. However, most of the replies received were initiated because of hundreds of personal letters I wrote during the past year and not by the Newsletter proposal. About 20-25 said in various ways "We appreciate all your work" — that fuel has kept my interest on "go".

The merchandising technique of "Buy One Get One Free" bombed out. The annual sale-number for the 1993 Family History was not significantly higher than before the proposal. Many seemed to misunderstand the proposal. Several said they would be "interested in purchasing the new book when available". I'm sorry, the proposed new book — a comprehensive Final Addendum to the 1993 BACKENSTOSS - BAGGENSTOSS FAMILY HISTORY— IS NOT FOR SALE. The Addendum will be over 400 pages and hardbound to match the original book and will be sent FREE to the owners of the 1993 published book. If you don't own this Family History and want the Final Addendum, you must purchase your copy NOW.

I want to make the next point perfectly clear: As soon as the next 50 copies of the 1993 History are sold, I will ready the Addendum for the printer — AND NOT BEFORE. Please understand, *the Addendum is in addition to the copyrighted History and will contain only new additions and corrections CODED BACK to the 1993 book*

This project needs to be completed. I am looking forward to the hundreds of hours (maybe thousands) required to organize and type the text, lay out very significant funds to pay for printing and binding, then wrap and mail the books. I'm still not sure of the current addresses for all who own copies of our Family History.

Let me share one letter with you:

Your Backenstoss Family History arrived. What a comprehensive work! Even tho (sic) I have no Backenstose connection, I enjoyed reading about the Schaefferstown members of the family. They were next door neighbors for many years. Your family history is really well done!! — and you have reason to be very proud. Members of the Backenstose family interested in genealogy are indeed fortunate to have such a valuable source book at hand. Thanks again. Best wishes for the New Year.

Signed: Robert M. Kline, President of the Pennsylvania German Society, 12-30-1999

I hope my 2001 report will say this project is in the final stage. Remember: you, the readers, make up our history. Your help is needed to make this Final Addendum as complete and accurate as possible. I would love to answer any questions you may have.

Respectfully submitted, your Historian,
E. B. "Woody" Backensto



Reportedly seen on a T-shirt!

BACKENSTOSS - BAGGENSTOSS FAMILY HISTORY (1993)
432-pages, includes name index, hard cover
PLUS
ADDENDUM (1995) - Dedicated to Our Swiss Roots Trip Hosts
90-pages, includes name index, paperback

Send \$32.00 postpaid for each set to:
E. B. Backensto
32 Holly Drive
Woodbury, NJ 08096-3316

For your convenience, there is a cut-and-mail form on the inset page

Do You Know These People? Family Historian Looks to Fill Missing Information

These names were taken from the Social Security Death Index. Where do they fit in our Family History? Woody needs to know their parent's names. Send any information to:

E. B. Backensto, 32 Holly Drive Woodbury, NJ 08096-3316

BACKENSTO, RAE	b.OH 9-26-1907, d. Lawrence Co., MI 1-1986
RONDA	b. Richland Co., OH 9-3-1967, d. OH 6-1978
BACKENSTOE, ANNA	b. Dauphin co., PA, d. PA 7-1981
GERTRUDE	b. MI 3-17-1891, d. Pinellas Co., FL 12-1974
LAURA	b. PA 7-29-2886, d. Dauphin Co., PA 11-1973
BACKENSTOES, MARY	b. WV or NC 7-30-1909, d. Dauphin Co., PA 5-5-1993
BACKENSTOS, EMMA E.	b. OH 12-1-1844, d. Warren Co., IA 8-22-1895 m. Warren Co., IA 6-28-1865 Oliver Schee (b. Harrison Co., OH 5-18-1841) No issue
BACKENSTOSE, J.	b. PA 5-20-1906, d. Berks Co., PA 3-1985
KAYLOR	b. PA 2-22-1995, d. 4-30-1995
BAGENSTOS, KATIE	b. IA 8-26-1905, d. Holstein, IA 1-1986
BAGENSTOSE, EDNA	b. PA 6-18-1910, d. 11-1972
HELEN	b. WV 1-22-1893, d. Newport News, VA 5-1974
IRVIN	b. PA 7-26-1898, d. 12-1991
LAURA	b. PA 5-1-1896, d. Montgomery Co., PA 5-1981
MABEL	b. PA 5-2-1905, d. Berks Co., PA 9-1981
PATRICIA	b. PA 3-1939, d. 12-1978
SALLIE	b. PA 10-13-1893, d. PA 2-1982
BAGGENSTOS, ADELINE	b. MN 7-2-1921, d. King Co., WA 12-1993
ALMA	b. CA 12-19-1897, d. Sonoma Co., CA 10-1972
ANNA	b. WA 8-31-1890, d. Pierce Co., WA 11-1971
FRANK	b. OR 8-11-1904, d. Thurston Co., WA 3-31-1994
HELEN	b. CA 7-19-1991, d. San Mateo Co., CA 1-13-1988
JANE	b. CA 4-2-1909, d. 1-1981
LOUISE	b. WA 3-16-1923, d. WA 6-30-1994
BAGGENSTOSS, ALMA	b. MN 8-14-1911, d. Upsala, MN 6-27-1997
K.	b. 4-28-1958, d. 8-1995
STELLA	b. 1-23-1885, d. Missoula Co., MT 5-1970
TILLIE	b. MN 12-29-1927, d. Upsala, MN 11-1987
WANDA	b. MT 3-4-1924, d. Spokane, WA 9-1985

Note: With the exception of Emma Backenstos, those names with only an initial, as well as the other women, are most likely their married names and not their maiden names.

In Memoriam

Ray R. Bagenstose, 88, died on May 29, 2000.
Ray served on the BFA Family Board for 26 years.

Remembering our Ancestors: South Africa's "Button" Hospitals

submitted by
Debbie Boucha
Sandy, Utah
March, 2000

I thought you might be interested to know that my son Scott finished a 2-year LDS (Mormon) mission in South Africa. (See Scott Nathan Boucha, H2 I3, page 188 of our Family History). My husband Michael and Scott's grandpa traveled to South Africa to pick him up at the end of his mission. While there, they were able to locate the grave of WILLIAM ALFRED BACKENSTOE (E3, page 188). Scott knew a 90-year-old Zulu who remembered the "Button" Hospital well. They couldn't pronounce *Backenstoe*, so they called it "But-ton". On videotape, we have a Zulu thanking Dr. "Button" for building that hospital because it was the only place women could go to have babies. She remembered taking her brother there. The original hospital no longer stands, but the church in which he preached is still in use. Another "Button" hospital is nearby where they visited.

We have a picture of Scott with a group of Zulus in the burial area, who happened to be there for a funeral; as well as a photo of the grave marker which states:

In Loving Memory of
REV. W. A. BACKENSTOE M.D.
Born in U.S.A.
Mar. 13, 1871,
Died Oct. 16, 1932.
"They Loved Not Their Lives
Unto The Death"
Erected by his Friends

These photos will be on display at the Reunion.

COLLECTING - MANIA

All of us harbor some collecting-mania. A pleasant affliction? Our relatives, Elanor and Herb Bagenstose of Hamburg, PA have "got it bad!" Guinness and Ripley are looking for them. They have many walls with many shelves with many collectables on them. You name it — they have it!

Herb is a past president and director of our Family Association and his wife is a retired craftswoman who used to make (and collects) music boxes. As noted in the Addendum to our Family History, the *Reading Times* of PA on 4-24-1994 headlined, "Hamburg Woman's Home Is Hog Haven". Elanor recalls that she lived near a farm that had a red pig which she was crazy about. Cathy Page, her daughter, suggested she collect pigs since she liked pigs so much. Twelve years later, more than 1,000 pigs (none alive) resided in their home.

They have several humidors filled with floating pens and pencils; these have tops filled with a clear liquid

containing a suspended object such as cars, fish, Disney characters or advertising, including one with Mr. Peanut. A pen from Chinatown in San Francisco has a background scene with a trolley car that goes back-and-forth as the pen is tilted. Herb's collections include baseball cards and coins and over 400 glass and porcelain baskets. He still buys any figurines of girls with baskets that he doesn't have.

Herb's collection of cigarette lighters has grown to over 1,550 pieces. There are hundreds of Zippo lighters; French lighters made out of bullet shells; lighters fashioned from cars, trains, figurines, old metal animals as well as mugs and steins, some with heads and/or faces; expensive Alfred Donner lighters; Evans lighters; cigarette cases with lighters; even lighters with electric cords. And the logical collections to go with them? Tobacco cans and cigarette packs, of course! Daughter Cathy Page and husband Dave are also hooked on collecting cigarette lighters

and floating pens. What a hobby!

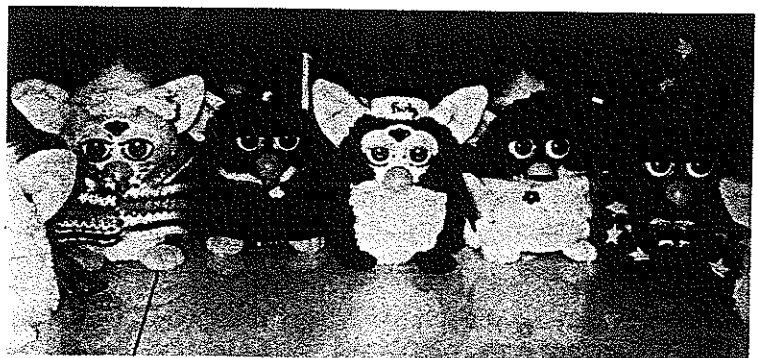
Elanor also has a large collection of tea balls as well as cookbooks. One cookie cookbook with 270 recipes has inspired her to make ALL the recipes in the book. She makes two recipes each week, sharing most of them with her sister and the folks in her assisted-living home. Her labors bring much enjoyment to many.

Talking Furbys comprise Elanor's latest collection, with the oldest being 14 months old and interacting with two babies. They recently had a Furby crisis. Their chatterlink (communication device) barked at the clan and all the Furbys got sick. They had eight Furbys crying — the adults saying "me no health!" and the others saying "Baby sick! Da Da (or) Ma Ma help me!" It took days to reprogram all of the mix-up.

Elanor's sister calls their house *The museum* and says they should charge admission. Collecting - mania is forever!



Unusual ancient animal whose head is removable to expose a lighter.



The Furby family

Making Dough With Cookies

That was the headline on page 3 of *The Pictorial* dated 2-18-1999. The subtitle was "Melody Cookies Named Business of the Year by Chamber of Commerce". Next *The Business Journal* of 3-12-1999 shouted, "Melody Cookies Finds a Bigger Jar". They were reporting about Melody Cookies, a family-run wholesale bakery of specialty cookies, owned by Milt and Judy Baggenstoss.

This couple decided to buy a business, Melody Cookies, that would keep them busy in their retirement. That was in 1988. Milt had more than 40 years experience in the baking business. At that time he was working for Holsum Foods Corp.; his job was to acquire existing businesses that could be utilized by Holsum. Melody Cookies was considered, but Holsum decided it did not fit in with what was wanted. Later, Melody Cookies called Milt to see if he was interested in buying the business. The answer came up, "Why not?"

At that time, Milt was 58 and Judy 45, a stay-at-home mother until their daughter, Kerri, and son, Mark, grew up. Then Judy worked in management positions for several businesses but "wanted to do my own thing and own a business". Milt, a career baker moved into sales, met Judy in Minneapolis when he hired her to help in a bakery. They married in 1966.

At the beginning of their ownership, Milt was still employed; Judy did the sales work, bookkeeping, and made deliveries. However, an employee of the former owner stayed with the new owners and was a key to keeping the business operating.

The business baked 15 types of cookies, had six employees, a 2,800-sq. ft. facility and supplied cookies to a supermarket chain in Illinois. Milt said, "When we took over the business it was doomed to fail. We turned it around." Through hard work, the company is producing 40 types of cookies, has 15 full-time employees and is based in a 9,600 sq. ft. building. As business continued to grow, they purchased a 15,200-sq. ft. building next door.

Through the years they added to their clientele. They became more specialized, putting emphasis in supplying cookies during all holidays. "Halloween is big and Christmas unbelievable." The top seller is chocolate chip and a shortbread cookie in the shape of a dog bone is second. They are delegating more responsibility to their two children. "If something should happen to me or Milt, we have a plan in place that they will be able to take over", according to Judy. "The business will continue to go on."

This is the operation that was named Business of the Year (1999) by the Oak Creek, WI Chamber of Commerce. The company produces about 100,000 cookies a day, or about 3,000 pounds. Their cookies are distributed to most of the Milwaukee area's leading grocery store chains, plus others in Minneapolis and Chicago.

All cookies are made from scratch, many still hand-decorated, with no preservatives. They won't cut corners on ingredients, even though they can be costly. Milt's philosophy: "You can't make a product cheap and make it good. Cheap stuff doesn't taste good."

My Grandfather the Collector

Hello, my name is Kirsten Shipwash, and I would like to tell you about my grandfather, Lester R. Backenstoos. He is the son of John B. Backenstoos and was born in Grantville, PA. Regretfully, his mother died when he was 7 years old. He spent many of his younger years on the sawmill with his father and on the farm with his Grandmother Clara and two uncles. He always had a way with mechanics and loved to drive tractors, motorcycles, and fast cars.

Years passed by quickly and he retired from Bell Telephone Co. after 30 years of service and pursued his favorite hobby, collecting antique tractors and engines. He had no time while he was employed to pursue this interest.

Let me give you an overview of his collection. The oldest tractor he possesses is a 1920 Fordson, which was bought at auction in New York in 1988. He also has the Jan. 1940 Farmall "H", that replaced the horses on his grandmother's farm. There is the 1944 Allis Chalmers C from his wife's grandfather. The 1926 McCormick Derrig 1020 he found in a pond. That was the starting point. Since 1988, he has collected many tractors and engines. He has a model T with a Sears Roebuck conversion kit

(wheels and gears to make it into a tractor). My personal favorite tractor is the Geewhiz Ford 1937-1940. It is composed of a 1937 two speed Eaton rear, a 1937 four-speed truck transmission, and a 1937 flat V8 engine. The man who perfected the knotter on the New Holland baler built this tractor. It received its name when he took it to shows and people would look at it and say, "Gee whiz, what is it?" So we just started calling it Geewhiz, and the name stuck. There is also the "Fordall" 1992, which began as a winter project. He took a Farmall F20, which he bought for \$25, and worked from square one on it, repairing and painting it to perfection. Then he added a 1950 Ford V8 engine, which gives it its name the "Ford-All". There you have another showpiece.

One of his more interesting pieces put to good use is his 1915 Hit & Miss 4 HP gas engine with which he churns a five gallon ice cream freezer, a delightful treat at the summer tractor shows in Kutztown and around his area. This gives him the chance to make some people smile and cool down and also show off his engine.

Another special piece of my grandfather's collection is his Springfield Hit & Miss Engine built in 1904. It consists of a six horse overhead cam/fuel injectors. A little old lady in a nearby town contacted him and

asked him to come over and take a look at it to see if he wanted it. She later told him she wanted him to have it. So he came home with a new toy.

There are so many more pieces in his collection, too numerous to list here. He is always ready for a public or private showing. So if you're ever in the neighborhood, give him a call and stop in. Or give him a call if you just want to talk.

As a personal note, growing up always around my grandparents, my grandfather has had a major impact in my life. All my thanks to him for being there for me.

I love you, Pa!

Kirsten
Daughter of Wyatt & Sharon
(Backenstoos) Shipwash

The Fordson Boys
Lester, Brent, and David
Backenstoos
Germansville, PA 18053

List of 42 Running Tractors

- 3 Worthingtons
- 1 Fordson
- 1 Fordson 1920 Plow
- 1 Fordson Austin Roller Kit
- 1 Fordson Trackson - track on it
- 1 Fordson tractor/model A engine
- 8 Fordson tractors not running
- 1 Oliver HG 1940
- 1 Ford 8N
- 1 Home Made model A
- 1 Home made Mister T
- 1 Homemade Lady T
- 1 Homemade A
(Sherwood Classic Bout)
- 1 Deerhauler - 1962 T bird- 37 Ford
- 1 Go gat - all kinds of stuff -
Wisconsin engine auction, MN
- 1 Sears Roebuck - Economy 1930
- 1 Farmall H - Grandmother
- 1 Farmall MD
- 3 Farmall cubs
- 1 Farmall A
- 1 Farmall F12 on steel
- 1 1939 Massey Harris 101
- 1 Massey Harris pony
- 1 Allis Chalmers WD
- 1 Allis Chalmers
- 1 John Deere 3
- 1 Silver King Model 41
- 1 General
- 1 T mi homemade- brothers made it
- 1 Red E
- 1 Catapiller15



Baggenstosses on the Internet

by Jonathan Hall Backenstose

Whether you like it or not, the Internet is here to stay. And Backenstosses from all over the globe have made their appearance on it. This is good, for through the Internet we can learn about and meet our distant relatives. What follows is a mere sampling of the Backenstoss Internet presence:

music:

Martin Baggenstoss of Gersau is very active in Steelband music. His band can be seen at:
<http://www.fassionation.ch/fass.htm>

food:

It seems a given that Backenstosses all love food. From the Dutch Maid Bakery (Tennessee's oldest family-owned bakery - see <http://default.exeter.org/sites/bakery/>) to Baggenstoss Ktiengesellschaft (catering and parties in Switzerland - see <http://www.baggenstossag.ch>) we do enjoy fine food. There is also a Baggenstoss Bakery in Richterswil, Switzerland - see <http://www.quarus.ch/richterswil/dorfstrasse.html>.

sports:

Marco Baggenstoss - several of his triumphs in junior mountain bike competitions are featured on the internet - see <http://www.nbt.ch/Text-191098.htm> for his picture in the Steinmaur Radquer (he placed 1st Juniors). A picture of him on the award stand is at <http://www.izh.ch/wetzikon/rvw/quer98.htm> (2nd in Juniors at the 1999 Radquer Wetzikon). Several Baggenstosses are involved in the Luzern Hash House Harriers (recreational game for testing tracking and drinking skills) - see http://www.harrier.ch/harrier/directory/Dir_LHHH.html

academics:

Paul M. Baggenstoss - see him on a submarine at <http://www5.informatik.uni-erlangen.de/HTML/English/Persons/Guests/baggenst/baggenst.html>

Dr. Robert Bacastow has published a large number of articles related to oceanography, and his name is mentioned on many webpages. To see which Baggenstoss family members have patents - see <http://164.195.100.11/netahtml/search-adv.htm> and type in/name where name is the last name you want - Several Baggenstosses have patents, including our Historian, Woody. Also, our President is listed on over 70 patents as the Assistant Examiner granting the patent.

animals:

Dinah's Dog House - run by Dinah and Rick Baggenstoss, who professionally train and show dogs, have some pictures are at: <http://216.22.203.86/mirror2/imru/handlers.htm>

artisans:

Dan Backenstose (handcrafted furniture) can be found at <http://www.lebanonartscouncil.org/councilpict/artistdb.jpg>

other:

For information on Virginia Elizabeth Backenstoe, who was a member of the Donner party - see: <http://www.metrogourmet.com/crossroads/KJroster.htm>, click on the link with Backenstoe to get details of her life. There is a family member on the Vietnam Memorial: Tom Jay Bagenstose of Reading - http://www.moorej.org/VN_Mem/Names/b.html

We are setting up a Backenstoss Webring - this is a "ring" of pages meant so that any family member who wishes may have their own page within a larger Backenstoss community. These pages are free - for instructions or help, email backenstose@angelfire.com.

BIRTHS

Births - 2000

Conner, James Robert - Feb. 7, son of Christopher Conner (son of Judi Backastow) and Michelle Fuchs
Conrad, Benjamin Lee - Feb. 7, great-grandchild of Martha Caroline Baggenstoss Prawalsky
Schlichting, Brett Alan - Mar. 23 in Libertyville, IL, grandson of Lois Olga Baggenstoss Schlichting
Vallejo, Daniel, IV - Jan 27, son of Daniel Vallejo, III and Heather Moyette (granddaughter of Judi Bacastow)

Births - 1999

Bagenstose, Angela Marie - Oct. 1 in Reading, daughter of James David & Lisa Bagenstose
Baggenstoss, Tess - Jan. 10 in Switzerland, daughter of Marcel Baggenstoss & wife Ursula Klieber of Kyburg, Switzerland
Bieber, Jenna Raechelle - May 11, great-granddaughter of Helen Margaret Baggenstoss Sidner
Fussel, William Monroe - Aug. 1 in Nashville, TN, grandson of Martha Louise Baggenstoss Lee
Hindley, William David - July 28 in Cleveland, OH, grandson of LaRue Evelyn Backensto Hindley
Luepke, William Waren - Jan. 10 in Kimball, MN, grandson of June Ann Baggenstoss Hoffman
Poepping, Cole - Aug. 8, great-great-great-grandson of Emily Baggenstoss Christen
Randall, Paige Katherine - Aug 4, granddaughter of Diane Mathieu Backenstose Aldous
Rowat, William Albert - Jan. 1 in 100 Mile House, British Columbia, grandson Ida Baggenstoss Rowat
Ulrich, Skylar Marie - Apr. 9, great-great-great-great-granddaughter of Sophie Bagenstose Burkey

DEATHS

Deaths - 2000

Bacastow, Mary Esther Gribbe, 96 years, 8 months, and 2 days, Mar. 4, wife of Alvin Hemperly Bacastow, of pneumonia. Buried in Arkansas City, KS.
Backensto, David Edgar, Mar. 27 in Catasauqua, PA
Bagenstose, Mildred May Lamm, Feb 15, wife of George Edwin Bagenstose
Bagenstose, Ray Russel, May 29 in Reading, PA
(Ray was a Director in the Association)
Stitzel, Arlington Bagenstose Jan 19 in Temple, PA, son of
Annie Elizabeth Bagenstose Stitzel

Deaths - 1999

Backensto, Marie A., 80 years, Jan. 29, in Mansfield, OH
Backenstoe, Harriet Susan (Sally), Feb. 24, wife of John Ormrod Afflerbach
Backenstos, Richard Neil, May 7
Backenstose, David John, Jun. 11
Bagenstose, Ann, Jan. 31, daughter of Sallie Mast Bagenstose Graeff
Bagenstose, George Edgar, Sept. 15
Bagenstose, Luther Gilbert, March 27
Conboy, Martin, July, in Hillsboro, OR, 2nd husband of Martha Ann Prawalsky
(grandaughter of Martha Caroline Baggenstoss Prawalsky)
Clark, Laurence Denny, June 15 in Norwalk, CA, husband of Audrey Martha
Prawalsky (daughter of Martha Caroline Baggenstoss Prawalsky)
DeBord, Donald James, June 15 in Norwalk, CA, husband of Lela Mae Bagenstos
Grammes, Evalyn Edny, July 31, widow of Roman Blandon Backensto
Hindley, George Edward, Dec. 31, husband(div.) of LaRue Evelyn Backensto
Hoppes, Gwenddola Euphan, Apr. 16, widow of Kenneth Warren Craig
(son of Nell Mae Backenstoe Craig)
Kirkoff, Lewis Jacob, May 25, grandson of Ellen Rebecca Bagenstose Davis
Klein, Marvin Herber, July 31 in St. Paul, MN, son of Rose Helen Baggenstoss Klein
Kline, Merle Arlene, April 8 in St. Louis Co., IL, granddaughter of Lucinda
Backenstoe Yeakel
Mead, Caroline Lois Drake, June 12, daughter-in-law of
Mary Anna Bagenstose Mead
Metz, Charles S. "Pepper", Oct. 10, husband of Emma Lillian Bagenstose
Rentschler, Bruce James, Nov. 30, grandson of Ida Jane Bagenstose Bucks
Shelly, Irene Elizabeth, June 19 in Feasterville, PA, widow of Franklin Leonard
Lederach and granddaughter of Emma Jane Backenstoe Schantz
Stoudt, Fern Larue, died 1999 Feb 8, daughter of Laura May Bagenstose Stoudt

Deaths - 1998

Leonard, Lucille Backensto, 92, Nov. 27, of Shelbyville, IL

GRADUATIONS

Jeremy Bagenstose graduated 2000 June from the Milton Hershey School in Hershey, PA. He is the grandson of Earl and Miriam Bagenstose. Miriam is on our Board of Directors.

Amy Hall Backenstose graduated 2000 May with a Juris Doctor from Weidner Law School in Harrisburg, PA.

Congratulations to both of you!

MINNESOTA BRANCH REUNION 1999

On June 27th we had a beautiful day for the Minnesota Branch Annual Family Reunion. We had 149 people present for our 27th-year reunion. The highlight is always the food and it was as usual outstanding and delicious. The children and young adults were entertained with games, contests and prizes for most of the afternoon. The adults that did not participate enjoyed watching all the comraderie. The young people have a very good time and they are kept quite busy for the day.

Enclosed you will find a check for \$170.00; \$100.00 is a donation from the MN Family Reunion Association; \$70.00 is for dues contributions from the following members: David, Gary, Gerald, Glen, Kelly, Laurel and Leon Baggenstoss; Dale Benjamin; Dale Hentges; Del Hubley; James Klug; Chester Lobitz; Charyl Manookian and Yona Scholl.

Reported by Joyce Lobitz

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

It is hoped that you will wish to share with the rest of us the joy of all newborns as well as the sorrow of those who pass away. Such announcements should presently be sent to either Jonathan Hall Backenstose or to Brian W. Bagenstose at the addresses listed on page 2 of this newsletter. Other important events, such as graduations and weddings, are also welcome additions to the newsletter.

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