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Dear Carsten:

How ironic that your Jan 18th letter arrived today when I had determined that I would work on getting your Oct 13th 1999 letter and all its attachments online. I am pleased to learn that you continue to watch the Foulkrod website for updates,—I'm afraid that between work, family, and maintaining the websites that I am pathetically behind on real correspondence.

The pages you sent from Eighteenth Century Emigrants from the North Alsace to America came at an extra-ordinarily fortuitous time.

- a recently joined FRG member, Belinda Keal, discovered an Abstract of Will for Christopher Schaber in Penns twp., Northumberland co. (enclosed),—and it seems from some study of the Schaber genealogy that Christopher's parents were Georg & Anna Barbara (Luickin) Schaber; and
- I had just discovered the baptismal record for Maria Juliana Lück, the d/o Heinrich & Maria Magdalena Lück in Williams twp. on my FTM CD #130

so a couple of us have been discussing the possibility that Maria Magdalena was a d/o Hans Adam & Juliana Catharina. I haven't yet suggested to the FRG the possibility that Christopher Schaber's mother-in-law could prove to be a descendant of Heinrich & Maria Magdalena (Foulkrod?) Luck.

The reason that Christopher Schaber's will has become such a topic of interest, is that it mentions the marriage of his daughter, Maria Elizabeth, to Philip Folckroth. This Philip Folckroth/Foulkrod, based upon Maria Elizabeth Schaber's age, would be of an appropriate age to have been the father of the Philip Foulkrod b. 1787 whom we have been trying so hard to connect back to the Philadelphia-area Foulkrods. I also believe,--once more evidence can be found on this errant Philip (see Schaber's will) that he will turn out to be one of the two Philips who were sons of Jacob & Anna Christina Foulkrod.

It's a wonderful theory,--but like most theories it doesn't mean anything without the documentation. So I will probably take a side route here in the next couple of days to see what I can find on the Luck family.

In November I upgraded my PC. I doubled my RAM from 32- to 64MB RAM, added a 13GB HDD and a CD Rewriter. I also have the new FTM v7.x here but I haven't installed it yet. I was severely close to exhausting my system with all of the data on it,--and the data has become so valuable. The upgrades should allow me to continue for the next 2-3 years before my system becomes obsolete.

I was very concerned about the 158 computers at work,--but they came through the 2000 date change without a hitch. And, only one application had to be upgraded to manage the 00 two-digit date,--which was a wonderful relief.

I still have the four Wills you sent;—Jacob, Philip, George P., and John Cuckle to get online as well as the Cuckle Geneology. But I believe I have everything else online tonight.

You may have noticed that I have been spending a good amount of time getting census records online. If not, please take a look at those. I am quite pleased with that project.

I am also in contact with the lady who runs the Chester County, PGenWeb site. She may be available for hire to write some program code for me so that if someone has copies of Marriage Records, then can enter the information and it'll appear online instantly. I am hope-ful that I can work out a solution to being the hub and the bottleneck to this project.

Have you mastered an email account yet?

Sincerely yours,

Wilma Sakowsky

Appendix A

Family Archive CD #213

Genealogical Records: The Pennsylvania Genealogical Magazine, Vol. 1-39.

"Christopher Schaber of Penns Township, Northumberland County, yeoman. Will dated August 14, 1793; proved October 5, 1793. Wife Maria Eve Rosina L50. Eldest son Christopher. My twelve children, Catharine, wife of Paul Hime, Barbara, wife of Abraham Merckley, Daniel, Magdolene Schaber, Anna Maria Schaber and Jacob Schaber. Charles Gemberling L15 for the redemption of Philip Folckroth who married my daughter Elizabeth. (and who has since left her.) Executors: Eldest son Christopher Schaber and friend Simon Snyder Esqr. Simon Snyder to be Guardian over the persons and Estates of my minor children. Witnesses: Carl Gemberling, George Kern."

Appendix B

Family Tree Maker CD #130

Pennsylvania German Church Records, 1729-1870 (Williams Township Congregation, Births and Baptisms, p. 48) © Broderbund Software, Inc.

"Lück. Maria Juliana, d. Heinrich and w. Maria Magdalena; b. May 27 [1748]; bap.
June 12; sp. Adam Fuckerath, Juliana Catharina Fuckerath and Maria Barbara
Seeger."