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Archival Display at Luther College (see p. 3): L to R clockwise: Marlene Krelle in 1860s Wendish wedding dress; Barry Petering; Lyall Kupke with Wendish costume; Dr Anne Steiniger-Lueders, Annette Rurade and Herbert Mees.

Calendar of upcoming events

Join our tour to Dimboola and Jeparit, 6-8 March 2010

Our destinations on the Labour Day weekend will be Dimboola and Jeparit, in Victoria's Wimmera region. All are welcome.

Dimboola celebrated its 150th Anniversary in November 2009. During the celebrations the Dimboola Printing Museum was officially opened and new displays and slideshows were presented. The Dimboola & District Historical Society received the 2009 Heritage Council Award for Heritage Preservation.

Our tour will include inspections of Dimboola's displays, as well as a visit to Jeparit's Pioneer Museum and Robert Menzies' memorials and to the remains of the Ebenezer Mission (1859-1904) at Antwerp.

On Saturday 6 March we will meet at the Robert Menzies Memorial in Jeparit's main street for a BYO picnic lunch at 12.30pm. We will then visit

the Pioneer Museum. In late afternoon we will visit Ebenezer. Our evening meal will be at the hotel in Dimboola (no set menu) where a guest speaker will give a slideshow presentation on the history of the district over the past 150 years. ...continued >

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Calendar of upcoming events... continued

On Sunday we will have the opportunity to attend church services and visit cemeteries at Dimboola and/or Katyil, followed by lunch in Dimboola. In the afternoon we will visit the Old Courthouse Museum (entry \$5) and the Printing Museum (entry \$4).

Our tour will conclude with a visit on Monday morning to Glenwillan, a delightful historic homestead situated 22 kms from Dimboola on the Borung Highway.

Please note that this itinerary is subject to change. Further details are on our website:

www.wendishheritage.org.au

Please book by Friday 26 February with Betty Huf or Glenys Wollermann (see Directory contact details on p.8).

Haeusler Reunion, Sunday 7 March 2010

A Haeusler Reunion will be held at Monivae College in Hamilton beginning at 10am, Sunday 7 March 2010. Cost is \$24, which includes an evening meal. Contact: Morrie Haeusler on (03) 9395 4008.

“Survival in the Bush: German Homeopathy in Australia”, Sunday 11 April 2010

Heike Bishop will speak on this fascinating topic on Sunday 11 April at 2 pm. The talk will take place at the Ivanhoe Lutheran Church, 27 Livingstone St, Ivanhoe as part of a Pleasant Sunday Afternoon program, which begins with a community lunch at 12.30 pm. Please bring along some finger food for lunch. All are welcome.

In regard to the talk, the Germans in the Barossa Valley had strong ties with homeopathy and the earliest such activity was recorded in the 1850s. These early settlers treated their livestock and themselves with traditional homeopathic remedies and evidence for this can be found in the German Museum in Tanunda, where books and remedy chests are displayed.

Heike Bishop, a homeopath from Adelaide, has written a thesis on this topic and gave this talk at a Friends of Lutheran Archives meeting in Adelaide in May 2009.

Please note that the first Sunday of April in 2010 is Easter Sunday, so this talk will be presented on the second Sunday of April. The Society will also hold its brief Annual General Meeting from 1.30pm to 2pm before this talk and members and friends are encouraged to attend. We look forward to seeing you there.

1860 Hamburg Ships’ 150th Anniversary Lunch, Saturday 19 June 2010

The Wendish Heritage Society and the International Settlers’ Group, which is part of the Genealogical Society of Victoria, will co-host a 150th Anniversary Lunch for the 1860 Hamburg Ships which arrived in Melbourne.

This Lunch will be held on Saturday 19 June 2010 at 12 noon at the German Club Tivoli, 291 Dandenong Road, Windsor, Victoria and the guest speaker John Noack will talk about these ships and their voyages, as well as the countries of origin and the occupations of their passengers. The 1860 Hamburg ships are the *Heinrich*, *Voorwarts*, *Madras*, *Peter Godeffroy*, *Australia*, *Dorothea*, *Magdalena*, *Cesar Godeffroy*, *Sophie*, *Amazon* and *Borea*. The ships are listed chronologically and their passengers are listed alphabetically on our website www.wendishheritage.org.au under News and Events/Upcoming Events.

Some Wends arrived in Australia on 8 April 1860 on the ship *Peter Godeffroy*.

These included the DUBRAU, GOLLNISCH and REICHERT families from Kolkwitz, the LEWITZKA family from Werben and the TANNEBRING family from Preilack. Although they landed in Adelaide, their descendants now live all over Australia, so we invite you all to our Lunch to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the arrival of these ancestors.

Please book by Friday 11 June 2010. Contact Glenys Wollermann (Ph. 03 9891 6652; Email: g.wollermann@fhc.vic.edu.au) or Yvonne Izatt (Ph. 03 9899 8136; Email: IsgSec25@gmail.com).

The only cost involved is the cost of your meal (\$10 for light meals and \$24 for large meals). We look forward to seeing you there.



Porcelain tiles depicting a girl and a river nymph in the Spreeewald.



Past events

The Warrayure Lutheran Church's 100th Anniversary, 23 August 2009

The 100th Anniversary Celebrations at Trinity Lutheran Church, Warrayure (a farming community between Hamilton and Dunkeld in Victoria) were held in the church, the hall and the school on 22–23 August 2009, involving about 500 people. In some families, at least four generations have worshipped in the church, attended the school and enjoyed fellowship at Trinity. Being a farming community meant there was a great deal of reminiscing about rural living, with church life always at the forefront.

Saturday evening was a “What are you doing now?” time for past members to renew contact after many years. Tables were laden with an abundance of delicious country cooking. Celebrations continued on Sunday with an organ recital by David Mibus, prior to a thanksgiving service. This service was led by Rev Dr Mike Semmler, President, Lutheran Church of Australia and by Rev Greg Pietsch, President, Victorian District. They were assisted by former ministers at Warrayure: Clem Traeger, Graham Zweck, Lester Priebbenow and the current minister, Mark Henderson. Interestingly, at least four ‘sons’ of the congregation became ministers of the LCA: Max Mueller, Alf Miller, Stanley Mibus and Gordon Mibus, who were cousins.

The church itself has been used in recent years for the Southern Grampians Promenade of Sacred Music, with a fine pipe organ and good acoustics.

A hard working committee organised a most successful weekend and were instrumental in producing a commemorative book entitled *History through Faith*. The book contains a comprehensive account of life and times over 100 years at the church, with past members providing photos and amusing anecdotes.

MOIRA NAGORCKA, COMMITTEE MEMBER

Family History and Archival Displays at Luther College, 2–5 October 2009

During the Convention of the Lutheran Church of Australia, held at Luther College in Croydon, Victoria from 2–5 October 2009, delegates and visitors were able to view two “Lutheran Heritage in Victoria” Displays, which were set up in the Drama Studio near the Chapel.

A Family History Display of Germanic and Wendish books, posters, costumes and a slideshow presentation was set up by our Society. Convention delegates and

visitors were able to view these resources relating to family history and church history. The posters depicted the history, geography and culture of the Lusatian Wends and highlighted the emigration of Wends to Australia, which peaked in the 1850s. This Display provided a useful venue for information as well as for meeting up with friends and relatives!

An Archival and Church History Display was set up in the same room by the Historical Society (known as AKi) of Trinity German Lutheran Church, East Melbourne. With the aid of historic portraits, photographs, lists, diagrams and items of literature, AKi members demonstrated the important role which this Trinity Church, the mother church of Lutheranism in Victoria, played in establishing a Lutheran presence in the fledgling colony of Victoria as early as the 1850s. The database of Trinity's historic registers served to answer a number of family history inquiries. Some visitors were able to supply items of information hitherto unknown to AKi members. The display also offered an opportunity to draw attention to the sesqui-centenary history book of Trinity congregation entitled *A German Church in the Garden of God: Melbourne's Trinity Lutheran Church 1853 – 2003*.

JOHN NOACK AND HERBERT MEES.

1859 Hamburg Ships' 150th Anniversary Lunch, Friday 16 October 2009

The 150th Anniversary of the arrival of the 1859 Hamburg Ships to Melbourne was celebrated at a Lunch held on Friday 16 October at the German Club Tivoli in Windsor. The Celebration was organised by the International Settlers' Group within the Genealogical Society of Victoria. The menu offered a wide range of Germanic-style meals, which included light meals (Leichte Küche) such as Frankfurt-style sausages and salad for \$10 and main servings (Hauptspeise) such as roast pork hock (Haxe), red cabbage and potato dumplings for \$24.

The guest speaker, John Noack, spoke about the twelve ships from Hamburg which transported over 600 passengers to Melbourne in 1859. The alphabetical listing of all passengers can be found on our website under “Past Events”. The twelve ships included the *Macassar*, *Vesta*, *Circassian*, *Alster*, *Richard*, *Johannes*, *Linda*, *Carlotta*, *Alfred*, *P.C. Kinch*, *Cesar* and *Helene* and *Olympia*. Folders were also prepared for each of these ships, listing the passengers, their places of origin and occupations.

The speaker explained that the ships *P.C. Kinch* and the *Olympia* brought many stonemasons to Victoria, required for constructing the railway from Melbourne to Sandhurst/Bendigo.

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Research

Family history enquiries

Genealogical queries about Wendish ancestors continue to arrive from around the world via our research email address, wendsonline@optusnet.com.au, often as a result of visiting our website.

Since our last Newsletter, we have provided information relating to the following surnames: TANNEBRING; SCHULTZ; LOWITZ; HUPPATZ; SCHORBACK; CAMENS/KAMENZ; RUDOLPH; KOCH; POTSCH; TZSCHOPPE; JERICHO; GUTKE; GEITZ; RENZOW; MEYER/WOLF; GERLACH; HEILBRONN; PROMNITZ; and Wend families in Iowa; HEYNE; BAENSCH; RATTEY/NUSKE; MIATKE; SCHOBER; KLITZING; STARICK; ZIMMER; ZWAR; MCLEOD; GRAPH; STRAUSS; BAUMGARTEN; HAMMOND; DULDIG; BRUSE; WHITE/WHYTE; ALBERT; SCHLIPALIUS and LEWITZKA.

Special thanks to Wyn Scott for the Heilbronn family tree and to Wayne Knoll for the Jackel family tree. "Jackel: the first 3 generations in Australia" is on our website under Contact/Wendish links.

KEVIN P. ZWAR, RESEARCHER

Treasure at the Bautzen Archives

I visited the Bautzen Archives in 2002 and in 2008 to continue my Wuchatsch family history research, a project I have been working on for almost 40 years. I was able to inspect old land records (Flurbuch) and to locate the property of my great-grandfather, Johann Wuchatsch, at Sarka in Upper Lusatia. I was able to

find the house, which I had previously travelled past many times without knowing! I could also establish that the Wuchatsch's have lived at Sarka since at least 1703. Johann Wuchatsch came to Australia aboard the *Pribislaw* in 1849/50 with his wife Magdalene and their five children.

I was also pleased to find a very interesting letter written by Wendish Pastor Andreas Kappler in 1848 and correspondence relating to the emigration of the Rentsch family to Australia in 1851. Fortunately Betty Huf of Tarrington had previously advised me that the Rentsch family were researching their history, so I had digital copies made of the letters.

The purpose of this article is to advise people that a wealth of wonderful family history information lies in the Bautzen Archives and other official repositories in Upper Lusatia, but it is necessary to know German or be accompanied by a proficient German speaker. A further problem is that most documents are written in Old German, so it is also necessary to find suitable people to translate them into modern German and English. But it is all very worthwhile.

ROBERT WUCHATSCH, RESEARCHER

The full text of Robert's article is on our website under Publications/Articles. John Noack, Editor.

Wanted: descendants of Nieder-Weisel immigrants

Three hundred families migrated from the German village of Nieder-Weisel to Victoria during the Gold Rush. Family names include ADAMI, BANG, BELLOFF, BILL, BODENROEDER, BROEK, DERN, DILGES, FETT, GEIBEL, GERLACH, GIEHL, HAINTZ, HAUB, HAUSER, HEINZ, HILDEBRAND, HINKLEMAN, JUNG, KISSLER, KLEIN, KLIPPEL, KLOS, KNIPPER, KOCH, KOHLER, KRAUSGRILL, LEICHNER, LEMP, LENZ, LOH, MAAS, MARX, MATTHAUS, MULLER, PLOUGH, REUSS, REUTER, RICHTER, RIEGELHUTH, SCHIMPF, SCHMIDT, SEIP, STUDDT, VOLK, VORBACH, WETZEL, WILHELMI, WINTER, WORNER, ZEISS, ZIEGLER and ZIMMER.

To commemorate these immigrants, a memorial plaque will be erected in the churchyard at Nieder-Weisel. Funding for the plaque is being sought from the descendants of these families. If sufficient funds are raised the dedication may take place in late 2010. Contact: Alan Haintz Telephone (03) 9836 3448; Email: ahaintz@bigpond.net.au or Don Hauser Telephone (03) 9654 7610; Email: dlhauser@bigpond.com Website: www.niederweiselmemoial.com

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The contract was for a 10 hour day, which was not acceptable to other Australian railway workers, who had recently in the mid-1850s achieved an 8 hour day. The pay rate in the contract was also considered too low. For a while these stonemasons were detained on board their ships, until some earlier German immigrants offered hospitality for them and convinced the police that they should be released.

The speaker also referred to the Wendish families who arrived in 1859, including BUDER, REICHAU, STARICK, BREITZA, MATUSCHKA, TOWK/THOWK, LEHMANN and HEYNE.

All those who attended appreciated the work of Yvonne Izatt and her team in organising this 150th Anniversary Lunch.

JOHN NOACK



Tours

Tour of Lusatia, Sep – Oct 2009

At the close of the summer season we (Clay Kruger and Klaus Hattwich) visited the country of origin of our Wendish ancestors. Harvest Thanksgiving celebrations were being held in the churches and shops also had displays. We cycled 30kms from Luebben to Luebbenau in the Spreewald, viewing the versatile Wendish farmland. At Luebbenau, we boarded a barge on the River Spree which opened up a world of natural beauty. The Gothic Hallenkirche, built in 1607, stands on the market square in Luebben. Pastor and baroque poet Paul Gerhardt served here from 1669 until his death in 1676.



At Cottbus, the Wendish Museum was inspiring. The courteous staff, especially Christina Kliem, made us very welcome. Since my last visit to Cottbus, the market square has been taken up with stalls for tourists and to me has lost much of its Wendish flavour.

Our hosts Alfons and Ursula Frencl greeted us at Bautzen. Their generous hospitality was warmly appreciated. We focused our research on the south and south eastern area of Bautzen, the place of origin of many of our forebears. The well known areas of interest included Baschutz, Doehlen, Hochkirch, Meschwitz and Rachlau, just to name a few. We thoroughly explored these areas, thanks to Alfons and Ursula. While driving along enjoying the scenery, we were also entertained with Wend music and talk-back from the Wend radio station in Bautzen. We made some recordings. As we meandered along, we crossed the Upper Lusatian border between Prussia and Saxony, which is marked with special posts. We learnt that the current President of Saxony is a Sorb. A Dutch-type windmill came into view, designed by a Sorb. This gentleman migrated to Australia and possibly promoted windmills in Australia.

Further on, we entered Loebauer Berg, where energetic people climbed the 28m. cast iron tower built



Left: Model of Wendish building in the village of Cunewalde. Above, from top: Clay Kruger and Christina Kliem; Wendish Museum in Bautzen; Porcelain tiles depicting a barge in the Spreewald.

in 1854. As we entered the village of Cunewalde, a Lutheran Church came into view. This present church was built in 1793 with a seating capacity of 2,632. The earliest documents date back to the year 1222. Some of the original homes remain standing, with renovations today focusing on restoring older style buildings. We very much appreciated our visits to the Marien, Ralbitz and Rosenthal areas. At the close of our tour, we were uplifted by a church service at the Dom St Petri.

CLAY KRUGER

As well as visiting Lusatia, Clay and Klaus also followed the trail of Martin Luther in Germany and visited other historic venues, including Berlin for the celebrations of the 20th Anniversary of the Fall of the Berlin Wall. Clay's report of this tour will be published in the next Wendish News. These reports, with photos, are also available on our website under Publications/Articles. John Noack, Editor.



What's new at the library?

During 2009, over 100 items, including books, booklets, CDs, CD-ROMs, DVDs and posters etc, were added to our library collection. They include purchases, donations and duplicates of items already owned by the Society. Duplicates have been allotted to Mobile Library Display boxes. As well, many older items were re-catalogued, repaired and covered.

Our Library catalogue now has a total of over 2,000 items and can be accessed on our website. For those unable to access the website, the following is a small selection of recent acquisitions:

1. *The Wends of Texas*, by Anne Blasig.
2. *Texas Wends: their first half-century, with historical, biographical & genealogical information on the Serbin Wends, the Schatte & Moerbe families in particular*, by Lillie Moerbe Caldwell.
3. *The Wendish Texans*, by Sylvia Ann Grider.
(Items 1–3, above, were donated by Beverley Gotzky.)
4. *The patriarchs: a history of Australian Lutheran schooling, 1839–1919*, by Richard John Hauser.
This book examines the first 80 years of Lutheran schools in Australia through a series of biographies of the patriarchs, including August Kavel, Daniel Fritzsche, Wilhelm Boehm, Rudolph Ey, Theodor Langebecker, Carl Krichauff, Wilhelm Peters and Georg Leidig.
5. *History through faith: Trinity Lutheran Church, Warrayure, 1909–2009*, by the Committee of the 100th Anniversary Book.
6. *Antiques and Art in Victoria, April – August 09* [Periodical]. This includes a profile on Les Kossatz, Melbourne artist and sculptor. (Donated by Betty Huf.)
7. *Sorbische Volkstrachten: die Tracht der Sorben um Schleife/Serbske narodne drasty: drasta slepjanskich Serbow*. [Sorbian folk costume: the costume of the Sorbs in the Schleife area] by Martin Nowak-Neumann and Paul Nedo. [Text in German and Sorbian]. Schleife (Sorbian *Slepo*) is in Saxony.
8. *Wittichenau: ein Streifzug durch die Vergangenheit*. [Wittichenau: a journey through the past]. [Text in German] edited by Christian Schenker. A history in photographs of Wittichenau (Sorbian *Kulow*), a town in Saxony.
9. *Vogelhochzeit: ein sorbischer Brauch / Vogelhochzeit: a Sorbian custom*. [Text in German and Sorbian]: by Blasius Nawka and Tomasz A. Nawka.
(Items 7–9 were also donated by Beverley Gotzky.)
10. *Johann Friedrich Wilhelm Janetzki and Johanna Dorothea Louise (née Loechel); their history and descendants, 1823–1979*, compiled by Phyllis G. Flack.
11. *Persecution to freedom: Christian Auricht and descendants, 1806–1980: a history and family tree*: by Norman L. Auricht et.al.
12. *Friedrich Wurfel family history, 1800–1982, and family tree of known descendants*, compiled by Max Wurfel et.al.
13. *Our family: 125 years in Australia, 1850–1975. Christian and Anna Elisabeth Ruediger: their son, Gottfried Ruediger, and daughters, Anna Elix, Elisabeth Schenke, Dorothea Reiss: a history and family tree of their known descendants*, by Reginald S. Munchenberg and Marlene S. Munchenberg.
14. *Family history of Ernst Wilhelm Mackenzie, 1820–1910, and his wife, Maria Louise Wilhelmine Allschlaeger, 1823–1879*, compiled by H. R. Grosser.
15. *Supplement to: The Uebergang families in Australia, 1848–1985*, compiled by Eric Uebergang and John Schubert.
16. *The family history of Johann Samuel Gellert and his wife Johanna Modesta Gogol in Australia from 1847 to 1979*, by Alison J. Ryan.
17. *The history and family tree of Johann Gottfried Scholz and his wives Anna Rosina Walther and Johanne Christiane Mummert and their descendants, 1805–1973*, edited by John A. Grosse.
18. *Huf family record, 1847–1972*. [2nd edition], compiled by Ruth Lehmann and Melva Uebergang.
19. *The family of Hermann Heinrich and Minna Agnes Walkenhorst*. (Donated by Betty Huf.)
20. SA births registrations 1907–1928. [CD-ROM].
21. SA deaths registrations 1916–1972. [CD-ROM].
22. SA marriages registrations 1917–1937 [CD-ROM].
23. Pioneer index, Victoria 1836–1888: indexes to births, deaths and marriages [CD-ROM].
24. Federation index, Victoria 1889–1901: indexes to births, deaths and marriages [CD-ROM].
25. Edwardian index, Victoria 1902–1913: indexes to births, deaths and marriages [CD-ROM].
26. Marriage index. Victoria 1921–1942. [CD-ROM].
27. Death index, Victoria 1921–1985 [CD-ROM].
With the above purchases, the library now has the complete set of CD ROM's for births, deaths, and marriages in South Australia and Victoria.
28. Annual Dinner of the Wendish Heritage Society, 1997. [DVD]. This includes a talk by Felicity Bradford about her father, Pastor Rupert Burger, and the presentation to our Society of a Wendish headdress. (DVD donated by Kevin Zwar.)

JANICE BLACKBURN, LIBRARIAN



Items from other Societies' Journals

Access to Gazettes

The Ancestral Searcher (September 2009) provides the website for the Victorian Government Gazette Online Archive 1836-1997: <http://gazette.slv.vic.gov.au>. This fully searchable site contains digitized images of the New South Wales Government Gazette (1843-1851) and the Victoria Government Gazette (1851-1997).

1855 Ship Aurora

Ances-tree, Journal of the Burwood & District FHG (November 2009) contains Jenny Paterson's article, *German Immigrant Ships to Eastern Australia, Resources and Problems, Part 15: AURORA 1855*. It appears that the voyage of the *Aurora* to Australia in 1855 was uneventful but a web of intrigue surrounded the usual procedure of correctly identifying names on the lists, because there were differences between the Hamburg departure list and the Moreton Bay arrival list.

Bendigo's Moritz Collman and Plaques

The Newsletter of the *German Heritage Society Bendigo* (August 2009) features an article on Moritz (Morris) Collman (1829-1902). An article in the Nov 2009 issue focuses on the two plaques unveiled on Sunday 11 Oct 2009. The first was at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Spring Gully, to remember the significance of the Lutheran Church destroyed by fire in 1925. The other was unveiled at McKenzie St, Bendigo, in recognition of the former German Common School which was an early Lutheran School.

Translating Latin and German Words

Die Zeitung (July 2009) provides a list of abbreviations and symbols commonly used in German genealogical publications and its September 2009 issue offers a list of keywords for deciphering tombstone Latin and for German death-related vocabulary.

Website of Texas Wends

Our *Wendish News* (August 2009) referred to improvements to the design of this website. It can be located at <http://www.TexasWendish.org>.

German Genealogical Websites

The International Settlers' Group is part of the Genealogical Society of Victoria and therefore has access to a vast amount of genealogical information. Its October 2009 Newsletter provides the following useful websites:

For Prussia and Pomerania:
<http://tinyurl.com/yhfbvcp>
<http://www.belgard.org/Inhalt.htm>
<http://mecklenburgkontakte.de/>

For Germany:

<http://www.genealogienetz.de/genealogy.html>
<http://worldroots.com/ged/max/>

Dimboola's J. F. Muller

The Dimboola & District Historical Society Inc. Newsletter (October 2009) includes in its "Obituaries from the Past", the life and times of Julius Ferdinand Muller (1846-1927).

Records from Prussian Lands now in Poland

The *European Interest Group Newsletter* (June 2009) contains web pages of interest for European Research:

1. The "Gazetteer of the former German territories east of the Oder-Neisse Rivers, as of 1905" contains over 80,000 names, including over 34,000 name changes. It lists the German, Polish and Russian names of villages and provides the names of parishes both Lutheran and Catholic, as well as the local civil registration office: <http://www.kartenmeister.com>
2. The "Geographical Gazetteer of the Polish Kingdom and other Slavonic countries", published between 1880 and 1902. Coverage includes all localities in the former Polish provinces of Russia, the former Austrian province of Galicia, Belorussian provinces of the Russian Empire and also significant localities in other Slavic and east European nations. The former Prussian parts of Poland are also covered. The gazetteer indicates the parish for most villages: <http://www.psga.org/Towns/townindex.php>.
3. The "Poznan Project" is an index to marriages in the Province of Posen from 1835-1885, including Lutheran and Catholic marriages. It appears to be an ongoing project: <http://bindweed.man.poznan.pl/posen/search.php>.

PAUL KRUGER, JOURNAL REVIEWER



Painting of Wendish folk dancers at Luebben.



General News

Wendish Family History Books for Texas USA

Geoff Sagenschnitter is collecting Australian Wendish family history publications, for donation to the Texas Wendish Heritage Society in Serbin, Texas, USA. Please mail donations to Geoff's address: Branson Road, Greenock, SA 5360 and he will arrange for the books to be delivered to Texas. Each donation will be officially acknowledged by their Museum Director.

The family history books still required for this project include: Albert, Budarick, Doecke, Domaschenz, Gormann, Greschke, Kilo, Kruger, Lieschke, Lokan,

Nagorcka, Rentsch, Sallmann, Starick, Wenke and Zeugofsge.

Geoff's full request is on our website under News and Events.

Burger Cottages recommended for the Victorian Heritage Register

One of the highlights of 2009 was the news that the Burger Cottages at Gnadenthal in Victoria's Western District were recommended for the Victorian Heritage Register on 1 October. We gratefully acknowledge the work of Robert Wuchatsch in making the nomination on behalf of the Wendish Heritage Society Australia.

Directory

Aims: The Wendish Heritage Society Australia Inc., researches and promotes the Wendish/Sorbian and Germanic heritage and family history in Australia.

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Our Society Logo: The logo, an Australian gum leaf and a Lusatian linden leaf, represent the connection between the Wendish descendants in Australia and the Sorbs in Lusatia.

Membership & Newsletter Subscription: \$20 for one calendar year due at the start of each year. The form is included in our August Newsletter for the following year. Additional donations can also be made for the expanding work of the Society and we thank most sincerely those of you who have made such generous donations.

Publicity: We welcome any publicity which you can give about our Society and its planned events.

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