



Bottke Newsletter



"Feeding the Family Tree" Holiday Newsletter 2002

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BOTTKE FAMILY IN IOWA CIRCA 1913

Seated: Left to right: Rilla Schafer holding Lucille (Bottke) Newton; Ernestine (Clemons) Bottke; Elsie (Bottke) Edwards holding William Edwards. Standing, Left to right: Charles Bottke; William Bottke; Otto Bottke, and James Edwards.



BOTTKE FAMILY IN MINNESOTA CIRCA 1920

Seated: Wilhelm and Wilhemina (arrived on Ship Darmstadt 1892/93) Children Standing: Hedwig (Bottke) Goedel; Richard Bottke; William Bottke; All Buried at Concordia Cemetary N. Morristown, Minn. Or in Faribault; Henry Bottke, buried in Encino California.

We Think we're related, not sure how: See story Breakfast in BEDford inside.



KERMIT BOTTKE AND JENNIFER JOHNSON to be married June 14th 2003



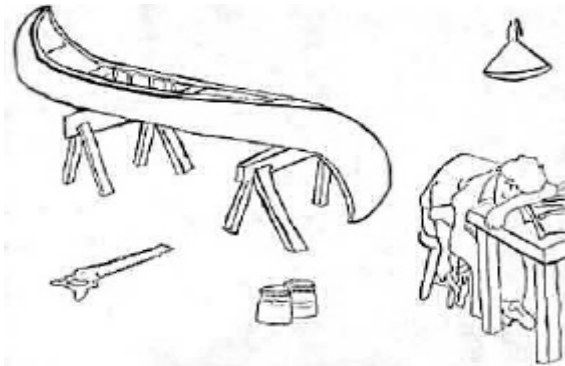
Shieldsville, Mn. As the stone walls of St. Patrick's Church in Shieldsville were knocked down recently, a small surprise emerged from the ruins -- a time capsule. On July 29, 2002 this Landmark Church burned to the grown. It is the church where Jason and Michelle Bottke were married in 2001 See story inside.



William F. Bottke, Senior Research Scientist at Southwest Research Institute in the Department of Space Studies.



Shawnda Lacy graduates from Jr. College and is now in Pre-med at Humbolt University in Eureka California.



“It’ll never make the museum! Al Goedtel told me all the old Indian tricks he used to restore one of these canoes. They just didn’t work for me.”



Warren Bottke: One of Florida’s top golf instructors and professional managers of golf operations and instructional programs. (Information from the internet website of Warren Bottke)



BOTTKE STORE FRONT: Someplace in Germany, perhaps in Duesseldorf.

More New Bottke findings: See e-mail notes from Sharleen Newton in this newsletter. Other notes: Jane (Velzke) Teschke has done extensive research. She learns about George Bottke from Kreis Rummelsburg. George Bottke lived in the early 1800’s. A daughter Augusta married Ludwig Michel Velzke around 1853 and became a widow at age 40. Augusta came to America in 1893.

Correction with apology:

In the June newsletter It was incorrectly stated that the Texas Turkey pictured on the front page was shot by Nancy Morten. This was wrong. Jim shot the Turkey. Nancy *almost* got a turkey.

A few of many summertime Bottke Family Highlights:

(Things that were forgotten, please forgive. Things that you didn't tell us about, we forgive you!)

Trade Lake, Grantsburg, Wi. Fish fry and Bear Feed

Family members gathered at the Jim and Nancy Morten home. Lots of family fun. BYOB, Wine, Beer, or NA. Festivities began on Friday night and Jim Morten battered up and fried about 10,000 (Maybe a bit less) pounds of Trade Lake Crappies for Bottke relatives. Michael McDonough provided the big Peavey amplifier for Grandpa's Yamaha PS230, which was used for a little musical entertainment. For old times sake, and especially for Nancy, yours truly sang the "auctioneer" song. A few other old memory novelty tunes were included. Gladys presented Nancy with a gift of a "Ceramic Turkey" as appreciation for hosting the event. With a couple sheets of masonite from Jim's garage, first class Ballroom dance floor was manufactured right outside, Even though dancing was minimal. Carole Lead the the traditional "Polanaise", or "Snake Dance." Most everyone participated with the bringing of their favorite hat. There was also a lot of sitting around and talking. (Seems like Bottke's are pretty good at that.

Early Saturday morning, Jim fired up his huge smoker and his good "Hunting, fishing, and Sportsman's club buddy stopped by to help. They rubbed down the Bear meat and placed it on the specially manufactured rotisserie that was connected to a motor and gear device. This was made from a silage unloader mechanism. For the most part of the day, the bear meat slowly turned over the hot coals of True Wisconsin firewood. Trade lake area friends also came over. Carole and I had to leave early and miss the fresh barbecue bear. However, our meal was transported to Faribault via Gladys and Don Longpree or Charles and Mary Evans, (We're not sure which). It was taken to the home of Carole's Parents. There it was frozen and we later took it home and ate it in Texas.

Lots of work, Nancy and Jim, but really – we all appreciate it so much.

BREAKFAST IN BEDford:

Bedford, Tx. Oct. 2002 Family members from two Bottke Branches enjoyed a breakfast get together at the newest local Waffle House. Paul and Nada Bottke of Iowa Falls, and their daughter Nancy (Bottke) Guinane of Bedford, Tx., along with Paul's sister Gloria (Bottke) Beer of Iowa, were all joined by Marvin Bottke of the Minnesota Bottke family who now also lives in Bedford Tx. Lots of "Bottke" discussion ensued. Gloria had enjoyed two World War 2 military reunions on this trip and was certainly not at a loss for words in describing the

great time she was having in Texas and also about her planned itinerary while enroute back to Iowa.

Paul and Nada were visiting Tom and Nancy Guinane, their daughter and son in Law. Paul especially enjoyed helping Tom with home repairs and going to Home Depot. (Seems like Home Depot can be one of the highlights of the day nowadays). We again talked about the Bottke lineage originating in Pommern (Old Pommerania in Far East Prussia) where we lose track. Yet, it seems there must be a connection between the Bottke's in Minnesota and the Bottke's in Iowa. I commented how there are similarities in the features of Paul Bottke and Bill Bottke Senior. Bill Sr. passed away in the 40's. Then Paul Bottke made an interesting comment about the physical characteristic of Bottke toes. According to Paul, it's a common Bottke trait that the second toe is slightly longer and than the big toe. I don't know how many Bottke's ever considered that, but Nancy Guinane and I were both awe struck over the comment.

It was a great time to talk and enjoy breakfast together.

A FOLLOW UP LETTER FROM PAUL:

November 16th, Paul Bottke writes a letter and sends some pages from Women's Day Magazine. He announces in the letter that they had their first snowfall last week in the "Frigid north country" and that it's melted away already. He says it was a cool Saturday with sunshine and wishes everyone well. Additionally, he writes with regards to the pages that he sent from Women's Day Magazine:

"Allison Bottke has a small article in the 'Words of Wisdom' section. She seems to be making quite a name for herself in the literary world.

It seems so unusual to see the name 'Bottke' in print in papers and magazines such as these. It was always such a rare name. When we would travel I would often try looking up our last name under the 'B's' in the phone books but never had any luck. So it's kind of nice to see celebrities with the Bottke name even though we don't know for sure where we Iowa Bottke's are fastened onto your family tree."

Response:

Yes, the news about Allison and "God Allows U Turns" is almost a book in itself. It is always a great time when we have opportunity to visit her and Kevin at family gatherings in So. Minnesota, or when they stop here when in Texas.

Since breakfast with you, Nada, Nancy, and Gloria in October, a couple of events have occurred that reaffirms the possible connection between Iowa Bottke's and Minnesota Bottke's. I've stumbled onto some information about Ships passenger lists which I found interesting. More importantly, however, I have discovered some information from a Sharleen Newton who is connected to your Family Tree, and who also thinks her Husband is connected to the Minnesota Family tree.

Here is an e-mail from Sharleen Newton.

My husband's Great Grandfather was Carl BOTTKE who was born 7-1-1862 in Germany and died 7-15-1911 probably in Iowa. He married Ernestine Clemons in Germany and they came to the US in 1891. I know the names of their 4 children, Otto August, Wilhelm Ferdinand, Charles, and Elsie Emma Amanda. I would love to learn more about Carl's ancestors. My husband's Grandfather, Wilhelm Ferdinand (Will) BOTTKE, ended up in Iowa. I believe the other siblings did too. I know that according to my mother in law (now deceased), my husband is related to Bottkes in southern MN. Does anyone have Wilhelm (Will), and O'Rillia (Rilla) Bottke and their children Lucille, Harold, and Jean in their family tree so we can make a match? (This was an e-mail from Sharleen.)

In another E-mail, Sharleen Newton writes:

Our Willhelm Bottke's siblings, as listed in my original posting, were Otto August, Charles and Elsie Amanda. Wilhelm was from Hampton Iowa. I don't have any information on Carl's (Wilhelm's father) siblings. I did find a listing in the 1900 census for Eldora Township, Eldora City, of an August Bottke, B 1865 in Germany who perhaps could have been a brother to Carl. It would be reasonable since Carl's first son was named Otto August, perhaps after his uncle. I have not verified that at all however.

I know from long ago conversations with my mother in law that the Minnesota Bottkes were related to her. She tells about another Lucille Bottke who was close in age to her. I just can't remember how she said they are related and I am having a hard time figuring it out. I think I have a few pictures that were taken long ago when she visited up there.

The Paul Bottke you visited with was a cousin to my mother in law. I have never had an opportunity to share my genealogy information with him.

I am still searching for the connection.

Sharleen Newton

To Paul,

I have also found a few items that you might find quite interesting. I've printed some information about William F. Bottke in this newsletter that I copied from his website. He has done extensive research on Asteroids. He is a scientist currently at Southwest Research Institute department of Space Studies. You should find it interesting that the Bottke name is becoming diverse and popular. William F Bottke is the great Grandson to Wilhelm and Wilhemine who came to America and settled in Southern Minnesota near Morristown, Minnesota. If they were here today, I think they would be quite proud of their great grandson. Bill and his wife Veronicand family live in Longmont Co. about 10 miles from Boulder.

Marv.

Here's a bit of Information about a ship's passenger list.

The steamer "Moravia" arrives in New York on Nov. 14, 1884, with 755 passengers. Glazier/Filby recognize 453 Germans, from 279 of whom the place of origin is deleted. These are mostly emigrants from Mecklenburg, Brandenburg, Pomerania, and West Prussia, whose American descendants have had unrestricted access to these regions in Russia and Poland and in the former East German States only since 1989. Josef Spiralsky came from Friedheim in Brandenburg, **Paul Bottke from Schneidemühl in East Prussia (now Polish Pila)**, and Carl Grabowsky from Insterburg in East Prussia (now Russian Cemjahovsk). (NAMP, M 237, R 481: "Moravia," Hamburg-New York, 14 Nov. 1884; GF 50, 387-390).

(Special Note: Schneidemuhl is in the near vicinity from villages where other Bottke's originate.)

Landmark Church Burns where Jason and Michelle Bottke were married:

In 2001 Jason and Michelle Bottke were married in Shieldsville, Minnesota at St. Patrick's Catholic Church. Little did anyone realize that this may have been the last time or only time they would see the insides of this landmark church. In midsummer 2002 St. Pat's was totally destroyed by a devastating fire. Firefighters from eight fire departments battled the blaze from before dawn until late into the afternoon but could not save the Cathedral. At the time of the fire, the cause was unknown. Several onlookers and residents surmised it was started by lighting from the storm in the night. Investigators later confirmed that this was the case, the fire had been caused by lightning. Water was taken from the Faribault Municipal airport and also pumped from Lake Mazaska to battle the blaze. The Church building, over a century old and built in 1888, was a nationally registered landmark. The very first mass at the Cathedral was held on Christmas Eve in 1888. According to Historians, the 1888 structure actually replaced an original stone church. It too had been lost because of fire. The once-proud steeple was certainly a clear and visible landmark for the Shieldsville community. It lay crumpled and charred in the grass after the July 29th fire. This brought tears to the eyes of some of the St. Michael's parishioners.

Last minute News before Newsletter goes to Print: "St. Pat's will Rise Again"

Faribault – They can rebuild.

After months of anxiety over the future of their congregation, parishioners at St. Patrick's Church in Shieldsville received an early Christmas gift from the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis – permission to rebuild their church.

With that permission in hand, planning for the new church will begin in January, sat Father Clarence Vavra, who serves St. Patricks.

IT'S A GIRL!

Alexis Jean Bottke: Born to Jason and Michelle Bottke, October 6th, at District One Hospital in Faribault. 6 pounds, 14 oz, 19 1/4 inches long.

IT WAS ALSO A GIRL!

Julie Ann Bottke, born Jan. 25, 2002 to William F. and Veronica Bottke of Longmont Colorado.



Before washers and Dryers:

Nancy Morten sends this poem:

A Clothesline was a news forecast
to neighbors passing by.
There were no secrets you could keep
when clothes were hung to dry.

It also was a friendly link
for neighbors always knew
If company had stopped on by
To spend a night or two.

For then you'd see the fancy sheets
And towels out on the line;
You'd see the company tablecloths
With their intricate design.

The line announced a baby's birth
To folks who lived inside;
As brand new infant clothes were hung
So carefully with pride.

The ages of the children could
So readily be known;
By watching how the sizes changed,
You'd know how much they'd grown.

It also told when illness struck
As extra sheets were hung;
Then nightclothes and a bathrobe, too,
Haphazardly were strung.

It said, "Gone on vacation now!"
When the lines hung limp and bare.
It told, "We're back!" when full lines sagged
With not an inch to spare.

New folks in town were scorned upon
If their wash was dingy gray;
As neighbors raised their brows
And looked disgustedly away.

But clotheslines now are of the past
For dryers make work less.
Today what goes on inside a home
Is anybody's guess.

I really miss that way of life...
It was a friendly sign;
When neighbors knew each other best
By what hung on the line!

The meaning of Christmas

Here's one reply from the crisp cold north of Tower, Minnesota, where it is sometimes possible to experience the nationwide coldest winter temperature for the day:

What does Christmas mean to me?

Listening to Nat King Cole. Sitting around an open fire, watching the snowfall. Feeling the absolute peace that people even in war feel at Christmas. Reflecting on the past year. Enjoying the day. Enjoying life as it is. Eating; Oh, I like eating! Enjoying not so much Christmas day in itself, but the time of year. There's no greater month than December. If you escape the mall, there are people who actually say hello. And what's a December without "It's a Wonderful Life"? And hey, it's the one month of the year when you actually put up with your family. Of course, what would it be without watching children open their presents and then playing with the boxes? Seeing the smile on Grandpa's face as he sits quietly observing the events going on around him. Seeing the smirk on the brand new grandmother's face that silently says to her daughter "You have no idea what you're in for". Watching dad put together those "Some assembly required" toys, while having to listen to unrelated tales from Grandpa as to how to do it. Cousins who've never met discuss the problems of the world...And they solve them! What they've done and with whom they've done it takes center stage. Some of these cousins have actually met and have been with the most infamous men of all time. Family members believe this. What a jubilant ride of fiction this is. Every family member wants everyone to believe that he or she is more important than they really are. Yet reality states that we are mere links in a chain. No one takes precedence to anyone. The meaning of the word family becomes something personal for each member. That's why we're family. The meaning of Christmas to me is all the comedy; the drama, farce, sarcasm, melancholy and indifference. It means we're family...Merry Christmas!

When it's all said and done and the pictures have been taken, one day we all look back and say "That was one memorable Christmas"! That, my family is:

How *Lon* *Sees* *it.*
Lonnie Bottke,
Tower, Minn.

From Patty Bergmann on Behalf of the Evans Family

Hi Marvin,
I am going to send a quick run down of what's happening in the "Evans" clan. Charles and Mary are home now in Alamogordo, after a fun filled summer in Wisconsin with Mark and Patty on their farm. Lots of fun in the garden, playing with the horses and just taking it easy. Heli Hansen, my daughter has moved from Florida up to Wisconsin and is staying with us for a time, and we love her being with us again.

Rachel My oldest daughter is now married as of August 9, this year to Ernesto Berrios, they are very happy, Ernesto is going to school for acupuncture. They will be visting us for Christmas. We are counting the days.

Linda Schafer, has rooted her self in Alamogordo, she is going to be married to Murphy Hayhurst. Linda is learning to play the fiddle and guitar, is doing very well. Murphy, is also strumming along on the fiddle. A concert is scheduled for some time in the near future.

Linda's Daughter, Shawnda and Pat have just bought a new home in Fortuna California. Also a big congratulation to Shawnda Purdy for having won the National Deans Award. She is also starting Pre Med. at Humbolt University. Sara Purdy has started Dental school in San Francisco.

Rita Brown, Misty, Matthew and Jacquelyn will all be coming down from Alaska to visit Charles and Mary for Christmas.

Best wishes and much love to all of you.

Happy Holidays.
The Evans Family

Notes from Kevin and Allison Bottke Family in Faribault

Hello Marvin and Carole!

GOD ALLOWS U-TURNS UPDATES

It's been a busy year for Allison and the growing U-Turns ministry. There are now four books available in the series.

[God Allows U-Turns](#)

[More God Allows U-Turns](#)

[God Allows U-Turns - A Woman's Journey](#)

[God Allows U-Turns - American Moments](#)

Allison is traveling around the country speaking at retreats and conferences, and teaching at writer's conferences.

Volume five will release next July and it is for teens! Allison is currently finalizing contract negotiations on two separate children's series under the God Allows U-Turns "brand." The first 6 books in the children's series will release next July as well.

Additional u-turns logo merchandise will roll-out this coming year. A new God Allows U-Turns storefront is scheduled to go online later this month. <http://www.godallowsuturns.com>. Click on Storefront to purchase books and logo merchandise.

One of the most exciting updates concerning the God Allows U-Turns outreach ministry is the development of a God Allows U-Turns television talk show! Allison will be shooting the pilot episode of: God Allows U-Turns - Real People, Real Issues, Real Faith - in Kansas City in January. The pilot will then be "shopped" to major and minor networks in January and February.

Allison says, "I wake up every day thanking the Lord for the doors He opens to share this important message of Hope and Healing. What a blessing it is to share not only my u-turn with others, but to hear amazing stories of lives being transformed as more and more people make the decision to change the course of their life and make a u-turn toward God.

Kermit Bottke and Jennifer Johnson plan wedding for June 14th

Kermit Victor Bottke and Jennifer Marie Johnson announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be was born in Minneapolis and raised in Lake City, Mn where she currently lives. The daughter of Jacky Larkin and Dean Johnson is attending Gustavus Adolfus College where she is a Junior in the nursing program, studying to become a Registered Nurse. A Dean's List Honor Student, Johnson also served as Miss Lake City in 1999 and spent 4 months studying abroad in India during the past year. Johnson works with many volunteer organizations at her school, such as AMIGOS with which she coordinates after-school programs for the Latino children of migrant workers. She also founded ASAP (Action Supporting All People), a group of students working to educate others on issues of international justice and peace.

Her fiancée is a sixth generation Faribault resident, and the son of Kevin Bottke and Sally Herr. He works as a Realtor for Realty Executives Consider it Sold. Bottke is also co-owner of, Home Service Investments, a company specializing in financing homes to people on contract for deeds and providing homes to low income communities.

Bottke graduated from Bethlehem Academy in 1995 and was active in 4-H, where he served as President in 1992 and 93 . Bottke received a special commendation from the House of Representatives in 1998 after saving his father's life in a near-fatal bull attack. The couple plan to make their home in Faribault after their marriage, with long-term goals of overseas mission work to help children in third-world countries.

They plan to be married June 14, 2003, in United Methodists Church, Red Wing with an outdoor reception following

Notes Relatives:from other relatives:

Denise and Lee Gazda are planning to go to Mazatlan Dec. 21-28. Denise continues her struggles recovering from her tragic accident two years ago. It remains difficult to celebrate the Holidays without Kasandra. Denise and Lee have found it works best to take their vacation over the Holidays at this time.

However, neither of them is without challenges when it comes to their own personal health. Denise has been through 3 surgeries on her right foot since August and still continues to battle excruciating pain. Oftentimes Denise feels a prothesis would have been better. However, even if it means going in a wheel chair, Denise feels, "Mazatlan, here we come." She has written a short book about the 1st year without Kasandra and her sister Diane is putting it on a disk. She feels it might offer hope for other parents. Not sure if she'll get it published, but is hopeful Allison will have time to read it and give some thoughts on it.

Lee also continues his battles with his health problems. He's doing quite well since 35 days of treatment for blocked heart arteries when bypass or angioplasty is not possible. Then he'll be going through a stress test to prepare himself to have his tonsils removed. Denise says "If we could just stay out of the hospital we could remember what its like to be normal."

Daughter Tiffany has been promoted at Security Title and is now a trained Closer. She's able to do 7 or 8 closings a day ... busy and stressful. (Seems to like that Stressful kind of work, maybe a bit like mom who worked in emergency rooms all the time.)

Denise and Lee send their greetings to everyone wishing a Happy Thanksgiving, and Christmas.

From Roselyn Bottke in Chicago:

(E-mail recaps) They all hope for some good snow up in Wisconsin for good snowmobiling this year. Thanksgiving Weekend is the weekend they get everything ready for the season up there.

Sister Shirley still lives in Missouri, but plans to move back to Chicago eventually.

Everything is good in Chicago.

From William F. Bottke, Boulder Colorado

As for my job, I am a planetary scientist, which can be described as the study of all things in the solar system (such as planets, asteroids, comets, etc.). This is a pretty broad topic that incorporates several disciplines, including physics, chemistry, geology, and now even biology.

For myself, I am particularly interested in the formation and evolution of small bodies like comets and asteroids. I am also interested in the formation of planets in our solar system. Here are some current topics that I am exploring:

- The rate at which comets and asteroids strike the Earth
- The effects of asteroid/comet impacts on the planets

-- The orbital and dynamical evolution of asteroid/comets
-- What happens when asteroids or comets collide with one another

-- The formation of tiny asteroid satellites.

-- The evolution of the asteroid belt, located between the orbits of Mars and Jupiter

The origin of water on the Earth

How long is a long time?

Some will be married soon or are recent Newlyweds:
Some celebrate 5 years of marriage, others a little longer. Marvin And Carole hope to see their 43rd anniversary this June.

Charles and Mary Evans will be married 50 years in June. Gladys and Don Longpre will be married 49 years in February.

But, perhaps Helen and Harold Boldt take the record. They celebrated their 62nd Wedding Anniversary this past September. Congratulations, Helen and Harold.

THANK YOU!

Special thanks for the contributions for stamps and ink for the newsletter. This is something that is not expected from but is very much appreciated.

BOTTKE MEMORIES ALBUM

The BOTTKE family Creative Memories album was started a few years ago by Amy Storch. This was then turned over to Marvin with the idea that he is to continue the album and add to it at family gatherings. This album is to be brought to events and gatherings for viewing. It can potentially grow to be very large. The idea here is to take a bunch of pictures at family gatherings and provide a few good ones for Marvin and Carole to add to the Bottke Creative Memories Family album. Since this album uses acid free paper and photo protectors, these photos should be able to be enjoyed for many years to come.

You can learn a lot about becoming an Album Keeper through Amy Storch too. She has a Website. Here is some information from it:

Amy Storch

FARIBAULT, MN

I invite you to shop my Creative Memories web site for all your holiday gifts this year. Choose a new holiday album for holiday memories, a tote to carry it all or a system for decorating with style! Contact me today to learn how to earn these products free for you!

May your holidays be filled with plenty of joyful memories to preserve in your scrapbook photo albums.

ALBUM KEEPER

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Amy keeps very busy these days traveling and conducting seminars and teaching people all about creative memories. Her sister Kelly is also involved in Creative memories now too.

A TRADITIONAL GERMAN HOLIDAY DRINK THAT IS SURE TO WARM YOUR HEART

Glühwein - The Hot Red Wine Punch

"A shot of punch helps heat up the parlour." That's why Germany's foremost poet and playwright, Johann Wolfgang von Goethe once wrote to his dear friend and author of equal significance, Friedrich von Schiller. In fact, on long winter nights of the 18th- and 19th centuries, it was fashion to share a few glasses of the hot, spiced drink in the company of good friends. With the exception of wine itself, no other drink of the time has provoked as much literary and poetic praise by these author's contemporaries in Germany.

Spread from the parlour into the street, Glühwein (mulled wine) has since become a tradition at Germany's Christmas markets - a godsend when fingers and toes start getting numb from the cold, yet you are not through all of the booths offering Christmas decorations, handmade toys and gingerbread treats. Warming the spirit, it also helps wash down roasted chestnuts and grilled sausages. And even mundane potato pancakes fresh from the griddle at Cologne's Altermarkt Christmas market, near City Hall, get a seasonal lift with the hot, sweet-and-spicy drink on the side. Christmas markets across Germany are generally open from late November to just before Christmas Eve.

There are many ways to prepare hot red wine punch as there are traditions in German families. To stay close to the word's original meaning (punch - from Hindi, meaning made with five ingredients), the following is a recipe that's easy to prepare, always delicious and comforting around the hearth at home.

Ingredients per 0.7 litres of wine:

1 bottle	dry red table wine
4-5 tbs.	granulated sugar, or to taste
1	cinnamon stick, broken into 4-5 pieces
10-15	whole cloves, or to taste
	washed rind of 1 lemon, cut in a continuous spiral strip

Heat all ingredients in heavy-bottomed pan. Simmer for approximately five minutes before serving, be careful not to let it come to a boil. Strain and pour into glasses (insert metal spoon to disperse the heat and prevent the glass from cracking). Top with freshly ground nutmeg, if you like an extra spicy whiff. Keep remaining mulled wine on hot plate, but remove

lemon rind, letting it spiral from the lip down into the pot for decoration. (If left in punch, the lemon rind may turn bitter).

Non-alcoholic variation (Kinderglühwein)

Pour 1 liter of red grape-juice into a casserole. Add 150 grams of honey, 1 cinnamon stick, 3 cloves and peels of half a lemon and half an orange. Heat, but do not cook. Strain into preheated glasses.

Just a bit of History about Immigrants coming to America from Pommern

The MIGRATION which is the primary concern of this association is the CHAIN MIGRATION set off by the OLD LUTHERANS. These "Alt Lutherische" were determined to leave their homeland after King Friedrich Wilhelm III (1797-1840) issued the Proclamation of Union between the Lutheran and the Reformed churches of Prussia. He and the Junkers, the land owners and aristocracy of Prussia, were Reformed, and a majority of the peasants were Lutheran. He reasoned that he could write one service that would please both factions. When on April 4 of 1830 he authorized to the states full power to enforce the new liturgy, the people were at first confused (because the Catholics, Jews, and Mennonites of Prussia were tolerated) and then angry. The Lutherans were forced by gun point to break up their own churches and attend the "Union" churches.

The idea of the emigration did not originate with the Pomeranians, but rather by the people of Brandenburg to the southwest; but by 1837 it had the greatest number who were willing to migrate. Observers had been sent to the United States to find conditions most like the Baltic lands that they knew. These were to be Buffalo, NY, and Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

In November of 1838, the first five ships left Prussia. The people landed at New York harbor, then took the Erie Canal up to Buffalo. In 1839 another flotilla of 5 ships arrived at Buffalo, but this time some 40 families chose not to remain there but moved on through the Great Lakes to Milwaukee. They set up a colony called Freistadt - just to the north. A third, and final, complete flotilla arrived in 1843. For the first years, up to about 1855, the greatest amount of migration was from the push for these religious reasons. (To be continued)

**Have a Very Merry Christmas and Happy
New Year.**

We'll plan on A Mid year Newsletter.

Keep us informed.



the stir and bustle stop...
In the great cities cathedrals lift
their spires to the skies
and in the little towns
the bells ring out from country churches.
Christmas has come-at last and at once...
Bundled in light...promising peace...
glowing with joy.
May your holidays be filled with love.