



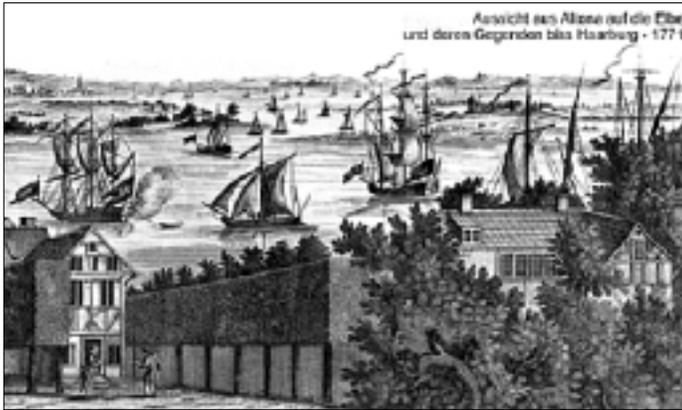
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Last call to register for the Trip to Germany

Sept. 27 to Oct. 10, 2001

We have now made further contacts for our Germany trip to the land of our ancestors. Alice Hirsch of Hamburg, an expert on migration history, will be joining us for our visit to Hamburg. Rev. Wilhelm E. Hoop, a retired Lutheran Minister, will be joining us in the Lunenburg area



Altona/Hamburg harbour in 1771

for more local History. We will be meeting with Oberbürgermeister Paul Kling of Nordlingen at the 'Rat Haus' (City Hall) on Sunday. All of these people are fully aware of the Berczy Settler story and have been doing research on what was going on when our ancestors left Germany in 1792.

But remember, this journey is not just about our history. It will be an opportunity to meet new friends, some of different faiths, to relive some of our early memories in the writings of the brothers Grimm, and to explore some wonderful architecture, food and hospitality. It will also be a rare opportunity to see the grape harvest underway and visit a German winery as well as sail on the River Rhine.

Wilmer Martin and Lorne Smith will be good hosts. And with people like Bob Shank along we can be sure to get the whole Berczy Settler Story.

TourMagination will soon have to finalize the details so be sure to send in your registration immediately. Copies of the full itinerary are available from TourMagination at 1-800-565-0451, office@tourmagination.com or Markham Berczy Settlers Association, telephone: 905-640-3906 or mytown@look.ca

2004 Berczy Reunion

The first meeting of a planning group will be held on April 2, 2001 to consider planning for the 210th anniversary of our ancestors' arrival in Markham. This is also an important year for the Pennsylvania German Mennonite community as it represents the 200th Anniversary of the beginning

MARKHAM BERCZY SETTLERS ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting

Friday, April 20, 2001, at 7:30 p.m.

Bethesda Lutheran Church
20 Union St., Unionville, Ontario

Receive Reports of Committees
Receive Financial Statement
Elect Committee for 2004 Reunion

Elect Directors

Program: Comparison between treatment
of Berczy Settlers and Palatinate Germans
in Pennsylvania
Refreshments



Don Reesor with some apprentice grain millers

of their migration to Markham. Efforts are underway to combine the events into a large celebration at Markham Fair Grounds. Potentially there could be up to 50 families represented from the Berczy and Pennsylvania German historic communities. This will permit us to present a large

MEMBERSHIPS FOR 2001 ARE NOW DUE.
The label on your envelope indicates the last year of Membership. Thank you to those who have already sent in their Membership renewal. The only source of revenue for MBSA are membership fees.



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4 pictures
from 1994
Berczy
Reunion

Don (Schmidt) Smith doing his bit for gender-equality



Anne (Schmidt) Matthiessen peeling the apples



Paul Reesor making sauerkraut



Martin Matthiessen hard at work

number of demonstrations and displays with lots of opportunity to visit other family tables, look at artifacts, learn more about the earliest history of Markham. German was the language of Markham for the first 20 years. We will be able to present to the public an outstanding image of the contribution of our ancestors to the life and economy of Markham. More details will be available in the fall newsletter.

Berczys in Toronto

Bill van der Zande

I have been reading 'The Town of York 1793-1915' by E. G. Firth (1962). In the book, I found some data about a few of our Berczy settlers. The book deals with the founding of York but little is mentioned of Markham, other than some sort of list of inhabitants to include the 'vicinity' (dated 1797). I am guessing that this was a census of sorts.

• **Frederick Busch** was on this list and he was the only one in his household (page 90).

• **Peter Pining/Piney** was on the list and there were two males in his household. (a/a) In July 20, 1797, he owned the northeast corner of Duke and Caroline (Sherbourne) Streets (page 41). He was considered one of Berczy's settlers by the author.

• **John Matchefsky/Machefsky** was mentioned in a letter written by T. G. Ridout December 22 1815. He was a baker

in York and died in 1810 according to the author (page 241).

• **John Henry Schultz**, a Lieutenant, was on the army roster that defended York in the War of 1812. York capitulated to the Americans on April 22, 1813 (page 197).

• **John Stamm/Stem/Stern**, was elected a constable for the German Settlement on the Election of Town and Parish Officers and list of inhabitants (page 88).

• **Fredrick Ulrick Emijlius Westphal** was listed as one of many who denied supporting Judge Robert Thorpe, when he assumed leadership of the anti-government forces in 1805 and suspended in 1807 by Gore. Westphal born in Hamburg, Germany in 1771, was a farmer and the secretary of Berczy's German Settlement (page 187).

• **David Tiers/Tierce** was a German from Pennsylvania who settled in Berczy's Settlement in Markham Township before 1798. In 1802, he advertised as a chairmaker and in 1808, he opened a Beef-Steak and Beer House in York. He later established the Red Lion Inn in Yorkville on Yonge Street, north of Bloor Street (page 90).

• Prison escape, dated August 29, 1812 in the York Gazette. "... to the prompt and spirited exertions of **Mr. D. Tiers**, Merchant of this place, is to be ascribed the apprehending of the Selfclep'd **Augustus Baron de Diemar*** and M. Stiles, two interesting Personages who eloped from Bed and Board alias the Common Gaol on Wednesday last - We hope that