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THE PHILIP CHRISTOPH VOGLER MEMORIAL, INC. WAS FOUNDED BY CHARLES M. VOGLER WITH THE FIRST STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING (SCM) BEING HELD ON JULY 27, 1986 AT WINSTON-SALEM, NC. IT WAS INCORPORATED ON AUGUST 1986, BY E. EDWARD VOGLER, JR. THE SECOND SCM WAS HELD ON OCTOBER 5, 1986. THE FIRST VOGLER REUNION WAS HELD ON APRIL 10-12, 1987 IN WINSTON-SALEM. THE NAME WAS CHANGED TO PHILIP CHRISTOPH VOGLER FOUNDATION, INC. IN JUNE 1994.

A VOGLER FAMILY CIVIL WAR LEGEND: "COLD MOUNTAIN" WITH A TWIST!

By Frederick W. Vogler

Remember "Cold Mountain" – that popular novel (by Charles Frazier) and then film that came out about five years ago? In it, during the waning days of the Civil War (1861-65), a wounded young Confederate soldier (played by Jude Law) finally manages to get home from a far-off battlefield to Cold Mountain in western North Carolina in order to rejoin his sweetheart (played by Nicole Kidman). As it happens, we have a 144-year-old Vogler family legend that follows that plot line, except with a startling difference.

Our hero in this case is John Emory Vogler, Philipp Christoph Vogler's great-grandson and himself the grandson of Samuel Vogler, who had moved his own family from Friedland just south of Old Salem to a farm near Lewisville west of Old Salem and outside the Moravian Church's Wachovia in the late 18th Century. There he and some of his descendants would live for just over a hundred years before moving back to the general Friedland area early in the 20th Century, where many still reside today.

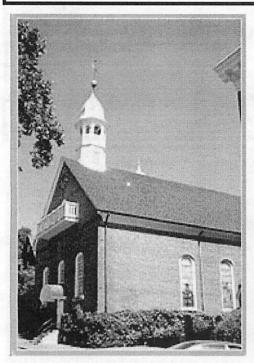
For the first years of the war, John Emory had been assigned to several Confederate Army North Carolina units, with the last being Company G, Seventh Regiment, Confederate Cavalry in July 1864. A little over two months later, on September 30, 1864, he was captured in a battle with the Union Army at Fort Harrison, Virginia, and taken to a Confederate prison camp at Point Lookout, Maryland (actually only about twenty-five miles northeast of Richmond, Virginia). It is at this point that our Vogler family legend begins.

In early December 1864, John Emory's wife Sarah Binkley Vogler, living on the family farm near Lewisville with their four young boys, was standing in her kitchen preparing a meal. Glancing out the kitchen window, she was astonished to see her husband on a horse approaching the house and coming straight toward her, silently and with no gestures. Delighted at this unexpected safe return, Sarah paused to dry her hands and take off her apron before rushing outside to greet him.

No one was there. No sign of a rider or his horse.

Some time later, Lewisville received word that on December 4, 1864, John Emory had succumbed to illness and had died at the Point Lookout prison camp. His body was not returned to North Carolina but instead was buried with other Confederate dead in a nearby cemetery reserved for them outside the camp at Scotland, Maryland. His military record is to be found on page 593 of *Descendants of Philip Christoph Vogler*, and a list of his descendants – including myself – appears on pages 770 through 779 of that same book. After all this time since the Civil War, the legend of his "return home" is still being passed on from generation to generation of those descendants.

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The Easter Sunrise Service in Salem's God's Acre began in 1771 and for over 200 years has brought visitors to the town of Salem to witness the beautiful service.

Sponsored by the Salem Congregation, the Easter Sunrise Service begins before sunrise on Easter Sunday in front of the church as the presiding minister proclaims "The Lord is Risen." The worshipers assembled respond "The Lord is Risen indeed." The service continues with the first half of the Liturgy for Easter Morning. As dawn begins to fill the sky the bands begin to take their places on the street leading to, and the areas within, God's Acre. The

worshipers then walk towards God's Acre as the bands begin to play chorales antiphonally. Once the worshipers have gathered together the bands begin to assemble in the meadow between the old and the new sections of God's Acre. The liturgy then resumes as the band plays the "Creation Hymn."

Saturday, April 11

Once again, we will meet for lunch on Saturday, April 11 at the Fourth Street Filling Station at Noon. This has become a tradition over the years with many members of the PCVF. The food is good and the fellowship with friends and family, delightful! So, if you are planning on being in Winston-Salem, NC - please call Steve Smith at 1-336-996-1760 so he can make reservations for everyone. Hope to see you then!!

Also, please venture over to Old Salem on Saturday, April 11. Learn about and participate in several traditions of a Moravian Easter.

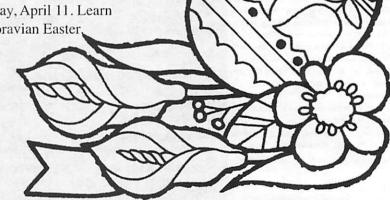
There will be opportunities for guests to:

Paint decorative Eggs
Listen to a special concert on the
Tannenberg Organ in the
Single Brothers' House

Take part in an afternoon vesper.

Make plans now to take part in all the special

Easter events. It should be a lot of fun for all!!



www.voglerfoundation.org

This site continues to educate and entertain the masses as our foundation official web site. Highlights of foundation events, historical records information, as well as a links page which offers a host of options to anyone interested in genealogy. The foundation store, made up of Vogler related or Vogler produced goods can be viewed in full color. Webmaster John B. Vogler continually adds news when available.



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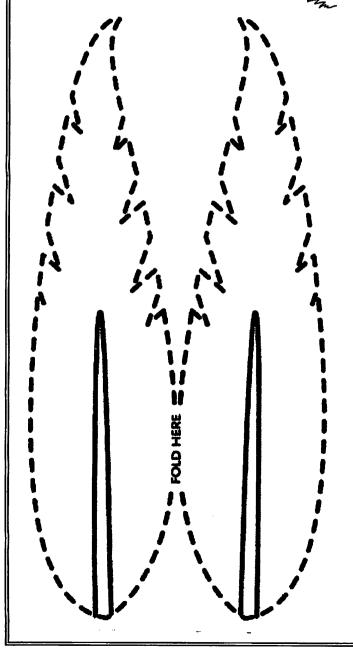
Sonja Houston, **Editor**



Quill Pen

In colonial times, people wrote with quill pens made from feathers. In order to write, they would dip the end of the feather pen into ink.

To make a quill pen, color, decorate and cut out the pattern below. Fold where indicated on the pattern. Tape to a pen.





Writing About "Fun Times with My Family"

We want to hear about your fun times that involve your family to be included in our PCVF newsletter. Please fill out this form and send it along with your story to: Sonja Houston, 209 Annaberg Lane, Monroe, NC 28110 or email rebekahmom97@yahoo.com.

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I am descended from Philipp Christoph's child:					
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AUGUSTIN MAISSEN:
OUR SWISS FRIEND'S
MAJOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR
VOGLER EUROPEAN FAMILY
HISTORY RESEARCH
By Dr. Frederick W. Vogler

(Revised since first published in 1994 as Chapter I Part C ["Epilogue"] of Descendants of Philipp Christoph Vogler [ed. Charles M. Vogler, Camden, Maine: Penobscot Press])

February 1982

Back Row (left to right): Augustin Maissen, Charles Vogler, Dr. Fred Vogler, Ben Fogler Front Row(left to right): Kate Fogler, Rachel Vogler and Mary Frances Vogler

Although Philipp Christoph Vogler's official 1790 obituary (his "Vogler Memoir") in the Winston-Salem Moravian Archives was our initial source of the information that he was born in a town called "Gundelsheim" in the German Palatinate, it was not until the 1970s that current family members including myself began to take an interest in exploring our long-neglected European heritage, beginning with the identification of the town of "Gundelsheim" itself. There is indeed a picturesque and flourishing old town of that name in the modern German state of Baden-Wuerttemberg, located on the Neckar River about 30 miles upstream from Heidelberg, a place that came to my attention in 1978 and that I then reported to Charles Vogler and others. But for the next two years none of us sought to look further into the matter beyond assuming that his birthplace had finally been located.

In the summer of 1979, my late Swiss friend and colleague Dr. Augustin Maissen, Professor of Romance Philology at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, was in Europe visiting his family in eastern Switzerland. On his return to his Swiss home from a business trip to the Frankfurt area of Germany, he realized that Gundelsheim on the Neckar - of which I had spoken to him not long before - could easily be included in his itinerary. He then arranged to stop off there for a few hours along the way. Armed with Philipp Christoph's name and that of his father Hans Georg as well as his birthdate (as recorded in his Moravian obituary, although later found to be incorrect for both year and day of the month), his emigration date (1742), and the fact that he had been raised a Lutheran, Dr. Maissen proceeded to make inquiries about him and his family at the Gundelsheim town hall. Oddly, although the surname Vogler did appear in 18th-century town records, there was no mention of a Philipp Christoph or a Hans Georg during the period up to 1742. However, the town hall employee helping Dr. Maissen suggested that he consult the records for that period at the local Lutheran parish church, When Dr. Maissen arrived there, the pastor was about to leave the building on church business and could speak with him only briefly. Even so, the departing pastor was struck by something incongruous in Dr. Maissen's information and paused long enough to inform him that it was highly unlikely that Protestant Voglers could have emigrated from Gundelsheim in 1742, that having been an all-Roman Catholic community in the 18th Century, with its present Lutheran parish not being established until the mid-19th Century. After making that observation, the pastor then informed Dr. Maissen that there were two other towns in that same part of Germany with almost the same name – Gondelsheim rather than Gundelsheim – and all pronounced the same way with "u" rather than "o" in the local German dialect; perhaps Hans Georg and his son had emigrated from one of those other towns instead.

Upon his return to Switzerland, Dr. Maissen did send inquiries to the town halls of both Gondelsheims and also to the Lutheran parish churches of those communities. Several months then passed without reply; and Dr. Maissen, who by that time had returned to his university study-abroad program duties in Spain, assumed that probably none would be forthcoming. Then out of the blue in January 1980, he received a long letter forwarded to him from Switzerland with multiple photocopies and other enclosures from Pastor Fr. Mueller of the Lutheran parish church in Gondelsheim, also in Baden/Wuerttemberg but located about 25 miles west of the first Gundelsheim on the Neckar River. Upon receiving Dr. Maissen's inquiry, Pastor Mueller had put it aside until he could find time to look into the matter properly. When he was finally able to do so during a mid-winter lull in his pastoral duties, he proceeded to consult the old parish registers that had miraculously escaped destruction during World War II, even though the church itself had been heavily damaged during an American bombing mission targeting a nearby

railroad line. To his pleased surprise, almost immediately he found entries for Philipp Christoph and his father, along with entries for the rest of their immediate family for three generations beginning in the 1690s. He then photocopied each page containing those entries and transcribed them in typescript form, which he did slowly and meticulously over a period of several winter evenings, and then mailed them to Dr. Maissen.

When Dr. Maissen received those photocopies and transcripts in Spain, he noticed a surprising item that was to add an entirely new dimension to our Vogler family genealogical research project. The 1735 entry recording the death of Philipp Christoph's grandfather Rudolf Vogler included unexpected additional information, noting that he was not from Gondelsheim but was instead a native of Oberhasli in the Zurich district of Switzerland, son of Ulrich Vogler and raised in the Reformed faith. This was the revelation that our family was originally of Swiss rather than German origin in the paternal line, with only about a halfcentury of actual residence in Gondelsheim itself, a revelation about which Dr. Maissen immediately informed me and which I passed on to Charles Vogler and other amazed and delighted relatives.

Upon his return to Switzerland from Spain a few months later, Dr. Maissen made a special trip to see Pastor Mueller and to thank him for his helpfulness in determining the German phase of Philipp Christoph's family history. During the visit, Pastor Mueller gave Dr. Maissen a recently published book on Gondelsheim and its history (including its spelling change not long after the Voglers' departure). Returning to Switzerland, Dr. Maissen visited Oberhasli and learned that its Reformed church records had been transferred to the main cantonal archives in nearby Zurich, where he went immediately. And just as in the case of Pastor Mueller's success in discovering the needed information in Gondelsheim's parish register, Dr. Maissen had no difficulty in finding those entries recording the births of Rudolf and his father Ulrich, together with the names of his grandfather Jogli Vogler and his grandmother Agly Marthaler, both of whom had been born before the 1599 start of the Niederhasli parish register, which included the church records from Oberhasli less than two miles away. All this information was then transcribed by Dr. Maissen and sent to me in Chapel Hill to be passed on to Charles Vogler like the Gondelsheim materials provided a few months earlier by Pastor Mueller.

In addition, Dr. Maissen sent me a color photo of a set of six Swiss Vogler coats-of-arms from an illustrated manuscript dated 1674 that he had come upon while pursuing his interest in heraldry, a specialty for which he had received a doctorate from the University of Fribourg in Switzerland prior to earning his doctorate in Spanish while studying in Mexico. Two of those coatsof-arms - including that of a 17th-century Vogler family living in Zurich - along with a black-and-white drawing of another (also sent by Dr. Maissen) were later skillfully modified and developed by our own amazingly talented artist cousin Betty Vogler Houston to be the official coat-of-arms of our Foundation. Among other uses, that striking emblem now adorns a variety of family collectibles still available for donations to the Foundation, as displayed on our website (www.voglerfoundation.org).

In 1982, Dr. Maissen was invited to be guest of honor at a luncheon hosted by Charles Vogler in Burlington, NC, for a small group of Vogler family members including Ben Fogler of our New England branch, who was visiting at the time. As it happened, four of us at that luncheon would later serve as President of our future Foundation, incorporated five years later. In 1986, Dr. Maissen was the guest speaker at our second Foundation organizational meeting in Winston-Salem, again at Charles Vogler's invitation.

In July 1984, Dr. Maissen met me and my young son Robert (not yet 14 at the time) at Zurich Airport and escorted us without delay to nearby Niederhasli and Oberhasli, where the three of us had lunch and toured both Reformed parish churches before driving on to continue our visit to Switzerland. As far as I know, Robert and I had the honor of being the first Vogler family members to return to our ancestral village since Philipp Christoph's grandfather Rudolf left it three centuries earlier to settle in what is now Germany.

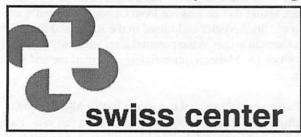
In 1987, having discovered that he was stricken with the onset of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis ("Lou Gehrig's Disease"), Dr. Maissen abruptly retired from teaching and returned to his home in Switzerland, where he died five years later on May 21, 1992. By ironic coincidence, that very day our first Vogler Swiss Trip group of some 20 family members happened to be staying in Lucerne about 50 miles away, unaware at the time of our friend's passing not far away.

Luck of course had a lot to do with the series of events that made it possible to locate Philipp Christoph's actual birthplace and to establish the Swiss origin of our Vogler family. But none of it would probably have come to pass without the concerned friendship, enthusiasm, professional skill, and sustained determination of Augustin Maissen. All of us who claim Philipp Christoph as an ancestor owe Dr. Maissen an enormous debt of gratitude for opening those doors for us.

PCVF Connects with the Swiss Center of North America



By John B. Vogler



Thanks in large part to the combined efforts of PCVF Board Members Dr. Frederick W. Vogler and John B. Vogler, the Foundation has made a significant connection, in the form of a website link exchange, with a particularly relevant and unique organization here in the United States. That organization is none other than the Swiss Center of North America, located in the historic Swiss-American community of New Glarus, Wisconsin. The Swiss Center opened its doors on December 6, 2008 and is devoted to celebrating and understanding Swiss heritage and culture and educating others on everything Swiss. It is the only center of its kind in the United States, with meeting, library, and research space, including the Donald G. Tritt Library for Swiss-American Studies & Genealogy, which is on track to become the premier national depository, archive, and reference library for housing artifacts, books, papers, collections, and other items that document the Swiss migration to North America and highlight Swiss contributions to society.

So, how did this important connection come about and what does it mean to you? It turns out that the Swiss Center of North America mailed Dr. Frederick Vogler a flyer advertising the Center around the time it was opening its doors last December. Dr. Fred then carried that flyer to the January 2009 PCVF BOD meeting to share with the other board members. It was agreed then that we should pursue setting up a web link exchange with the Swiss Center of North America. Enter John B. Vogler, BOD member and PCVF website administrator. John contacted the President/CEO of the Swiss Center, Beth Zurbuchen, providing her with some background on the PCVF and sharing with her our eagerness to exchange web links with the Swiss Center. Ms. Zurbuchen was delighted to hear from us and wholeheartedly agreed to add a link to our PCVF website (www.voglerfoundation.org) from the Swiss Center's website (www. theswisscenter.com). In addition, Ms. Zurbuchen was gracious enough to allow the PCVF the use of the Swiss Center's beautiful logo in the link from our website to their website. That logo is printed here in the newsletter, and you can also find it on the PCVF's GeneaLinks webpage at www.voglerfoundation.org/pcvflinks.htm under "Organizations". Click on the logo/link and you will be whisked away to the Swiss Center's website, which has some beautiful photos, news and events, the Swiss story, and very interesting information about the origins and purpose of the Swiss Center of North America. You will find links to our own PCVF website on the Swiss Center's "Genealogy research links" page as well as their listing of Swisspromoting "Organizations & Clubs." Of course, if you happen to be in the New Glarus, WI area, consider giving the Swiss Center a visit in person!

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Known Deaths in The Family

Mrs. Julia Gray Borland Vogler, died Sunday, January 18, 2009 of a massive heart attack. She was the wife of the late William Henry Vogler(died 1995) and morther of William Henry Vogler, Jr. of Sanford, NC and James Wesley Vogler of Reidsville, NC.

Miss Hazel Elizabeth Vogler, age 97, died Tuesday, December 16, 2008 at Springwood Care in Winston-Salem. Miss Vogler was born October 11, 1911 in Forsyth County to Leslie Leroy and Sarah Weavil Vogler. She was a member of Friedland Moravian Church. Miss Vogler was preceded in death by her parents, a sister, Doris Vogler, and six brothers: Hobert L. Vogler, Casper L. Vogler, Holland Vogler, Garland Vogler, Clifton Vogler, and Brooklyn Vogler. After the death of her mother, she became a "mother" to her brothers and sisters. She is survived by a sister, Lois V. Walker of Winston-Salem; a brother, James Vogler, of Winston-Salem; and a number of nieces and nephews. A graveside service will be held at 3:00 p.m. Thursday, December 18, at Friedland Moravian Graveyard. Pastor Wally Yarbrough and Rev. Jeff Vogler will officiate. After the service, the family will receive friends in the church fellowship hall. Memorials may be made

to Friedland Moravian Church, 2750 Friedland Church Road, Winston-Salem, NC 27107. Salem Funeral Home is assisting the Vogler family.

Mrs. Delilah Norton Vogler, age 81, died Wednesday, February 4, 2009. Delilah was born February 1, 1928 to Wesley Legette and Ethel Brigman Norton. She was a member of Friedland Moravian Church where she served as Sunday school teacher, on the Board of Christian Education, nursery worker, diener and a member of the Women's Fellowship. She was employed as Assistant to the President of Oak Ridge Military Academy for eighteen years and retired from Vogler and Sons Funeral Home. In 1999, she was named Woman of the Year for the American Businesswomen's Association (ABWA). She held several official positions in the ABWA and proudly achieved 25 years of perfect attendance. Delilah was an avid fan of basketball and the Atlanta Braves. In 1944, she graduated from Sedge Garden School and continued to remain close to these classmates. Her name was Delilah, but she truly had the strength of a Sampson. She was married to James Wesley Vogler, Sr. on August 9, 1946. In addition to her husband of 63 years, she is survived by a daughter, Judy Vogler Weavil and a son, James (Jimmy) Wesley Vogler, Jr.; two grandsons and their wives, Christoper and Rachel Weavil of Winston-Salem and Matthew and Kristen Weavil, also of Winston-Salem; two great-grandchildren, Jonah and Robyn Weavil; a brother, W. L. (Dub) Norton; numerous nieces and nephews; and a wonderful, loving circle of friends. Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. on Saturday, February 7, at Friedland Moravian Church, with the Rev. Walter Yarbrough and the Rev. Carol Foltz officiating. Delilah will be placed in the church 45 minutes prior to the service. The family will receive friends immediately following the service in the church parlor. The family would like to express their sincere appreciation for the care and love shown to them by the staff of The Oaks at Forsyth. Memorials may be made to Friedland Moravian Church, 2750 Friedland Church Road, Winston-Salem, NC, 27107. Salem Funeral and Cremation Services is assisting the Vogler family.

Phoebe Virginia Lawson Vogler, age 78, passed away in the early morning of March 3, 2009 in the Skilled Nursing Facility of Forsyth Medical Center after a long struggle with emphysema. She was born on November 11, 1930 in Forsyth County and was the daughter of Mr. George W. Lawson and Mary Collins Lawson. Raised in the Sedge Garden community, she graduated from Sedge Garden School in 1949. She was the wife of the late Holland Vernon Vogler. She lived 40 years in their home on Union Cross Road but recently made her residence at Mountain View Apartments in Kernersville. She was employed over 20 years at Parkview Pharmacy. Phoebe was a warm, loving lady, a remarkable mother and grandmother with a quick wit and endearing sense of humor. She was a novice bird watcher and an avid nature lover. Her beauty, charm, and personality made her quite popular wherever she was. She leaves behind her cherished siblings, Lucy Bovet, Rachel Bryant, Doris Wise (with husband Bill), Paul Lawson, Joyce Love (with husband R. J.) and Janice Long (with husband Ray). She was preceded in death by her two brothers, Moir and J. C. Lawson. She also leaves behind her children, Timothy Holland Vogler (with wife Karen), Alice Ferron and Paul David Vogler (with wife Scherrie). Lastly, she leaves behind her loving grandchildren, Ian Vogler (with wife Shannon), Phillip Vogler, John Manning, Dr. Jason Vogler and Jacob Vogler. The family will receive friends Thursday, March 5, from 6 to 8:00 p.m. at Salem Funeral Home. The funeral service will be Friday, March 6, at 2:30 p.m. at Friedland Moravian Church, with Pastor Wally Yarbrough and Rev. Carol Foltz officiating. Burial will follow in the church graveyard. Memorials may be made to Friedland Moravian Church, 2750 Friedland Church Rd., Winston-Salem, NC 27107.

As a special note, Phoebe was a member of our First Board of Directors for PCVF and was the Reunion Chair Assistant for the First Reunion in April 1987. We appreciate all the work Phoebe did for the foundation.

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