#### **OKTOBERFEST 2013 PROGRAM SCHEDULE**

#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2013

A. S. Salley Archives open for research.	9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Registration – Church of the Redeemer	4:00 – 5:45 PM
Family tables	4:00 – 5:45 PM
President's Dinner (reservation required)  The Reverend Dr. Frank E. Larisy, Rector, Church of the Redee  The History of the Church of the Redeemer	
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2013	
Registration (coffee & pastries)	8:30 AM
Annual Business Meeting Vote on by-laws change	9:00 AM
Orangeburgh District DNA Report	0.20 0.45 ANA
Margaret Waters	9:30-9:45 AM
First Families of Orangeburgh District Pam Johnson	9:45-10:15 AM
Faith on the Frontier: Religion and Community in Early Orangebun Lynn Teague	
Break	10:45-11:00 AM
Some Sources for Vital Records in South Carolina By Brent Holcomb.	11:00-11:30 AM
The Internet: Surfing for GenealogyWithout Wiping Out Learn to read the waves of bad information and finish on top of you Eric Powell.	
Lunch (*reservations required)	12:00 PM-1:00PM
Family Tables	
Family Tables  Vendor Tables	12:00 PM – 3:00 PM 9:30 AM – 3:00PM

(Some vendors may not be available for entire stated time)

<sup>\*</sup>Meal reservation deadline October 14, 2013, \*Note: program is subject to last minute additions and changes

### **Orangeburgh District DNA Project**

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#### Description

We encourage participation in this project from everyone with ancestors who lived in the original Orangeburgh District in South Carolina. The area includes the modern counties of Orangeburg, Lexington, Calhoun, Barnwell, Bamberg and parts of Aiken and Allendale. The old Orangeburgh District first experienced significant European settlement in the mid-1730's with the establishment of a series of inland townships. Settlers included substantial numbers of Swiss and later German immigrants as well as traders and other settlers from existing coastal towns in South Carolina and other English colonies to the north.

The study incorporates the full range of DNA tests available through Family Tree DNA. Male line (yDNA), female line (mitochondrial DNA or mtDNA), and autosomal (Family Finder) studies are included. Family Tree DNA tutorials and other website information are helpful in understanding these tests.

This study has already confirmed and added to our knowledge of Orangeburgh District families. As more people participate we expect to continue learning additional information. Possible outcomes include answering questions about unidentified female lines, adoptions, and related family groups. Participation in surname studies can be complemented by participation in this study.

This website reports results for participants while maintaining the anonymity of individual test subjects. The yDNA and mtDNA pages at this website show haplogroup results and ancestral information for project participants by surname and kit number. More complete test results can be found by using the FamilyTreeDNA link on each of these pages.

Autosomal DNA results are more sensitive, since they may reflect medical conditions and other hereditary attributes. They cannot be made generally available, although participants and project administrators can identify which chromosomal segments match to other individual participants. The Family Finder page for this project provides the ancestral data to determine the relationships between project participants. It is password protected but can be accessed by those who have taken the Family Finder test and have provided their ancestral information to this project.

#### **Background**

The Y-DNA test helps to trace your direct paternal line (your father, his father, etc). It is most effective in helping to identify distant common ancestors rather than more recent ones. Only males can order a yDNA test.

The mtDNA test helps to trace your direct maternal line (your mother, her mother, etc). As with the yDNA test, it is most efective in helping to identify more distant common ancestors rather than more recent ones Both males and females can order an mtDNA test.

The Family Finder test is used to trace all of the lines of your family, both paternal and maternal, and all those in between (i.e. paternal grandmother's father's line). It is most effective at identifying potential relationships within the most recent five generations but pay provide useful results out to seven generations. The Family Finder pages allow sharing of pedigree informatio among participants to help identify potential relationships. Both males and females can order a Family Finder test.

In many cases, the Orangeburgh group supplements a DNA surname group or other group. Additional information can be found on the web sites of various projects listed on the <a href="ftDNA Projects Page">ftDNA Projects Page</a> (The Orangeburgh District project can be found under "Dual Geographical Projects).

#### Goals

DNA is a powerful tool for family history studies, although one with some limitations. For example, yDNA matches across surnames can be "accidental", especially when common DNA groups are involved and less than 25 markers are tested. (They are not actually accidental but converge over time within a large group producing the deceptive appearance of a relatively close match.)

Many families have lived together in the old Orangeburgh District area for several centuries, and linkages between these families are complex. This DNA study group permits convenient comparison of yDNA, mtDNA and autosomal DNA results to help resolve problems associated with unidentified ancestors. In all cases compatison with known lineages and known pedigrees must supplement the DNA studies. That is the purpose of this project. Help us break down a few more of our ancestral brick walls by participating in this project. Everyone has something to contribute!

#### **How to Participate**

#### If you have already tested at Family Tree DNA

Go to your personal Family Tree DNA webpage and click on "Join Projects" under the "My Projects" heading on the left. On the index page that will appear, click on "Orangeburgh District" under "Dual Geographical Projects." Once you've joined the Orangeburgh District Project, send your

pedigree or lineage information to: Margaret Waters (Family Finder pedigree) or Jim Rickenbacker (Paternal/Maternal lineage).

#### If you have not tested at Family Tree DNA

To join the Orangeburgh District DNA Project and order a test kit at a discount, click on the link below and follow the instructions. The kit can be shipped either to you, or directly to the person for whom you are purchasing.

SPECIAL: FamilyTreeDNA is having a year-end sale on virtually all DNA Tests and Upgrades. The sale prices are good through April 25, 2013. The link below includes the sale price.

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#### **Contacts**

Lynn Teague, Project Administrator

Margaret Waters, Co-administrator - Family Finder

Jim Rickenbacker, Co-administrator - yDNA, mtDNA).

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## OKTOBERFEST SURVEY 2013

- 1. Have you attended Oktoberfest before?
- 2. What do you like best about Oktoberfest?
- 3. What do you like least about Oktoberfest?
- 4. Were the speakers interesting and informative?
- 5. What kind of speakers would you like to have?
- 6. Were the meals satisfactory?
- 7. Were the vendors satisfactory?
- 8. Were the family tables satisfactory?
- 9. Was the venue satisfactory?
- 10. Would you like to see more tours? If so what type? If not what kind of activities would you like to see at Oktoberfest next year?
- 11. Are you interested in volunteering to help next year?
- 12. Are you interested in volunteering for a committee?
- 13. Please give us your comments, suggestions and concerns below.

# THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING THIS SURVEY PLEASE PLACE IN SURVEY BOX AT REGISTRATION TABLE BEFORE LEAVING

#### ABOUT US



## The Orangeburgh German-Swiss Genealogical Society

Our Society is a family history organization which promotes the collection and preservation of early records of the people of Orangeburgh Township, South Carolina, and their descendants. It is an eleemosynary, non-profit, non-political, and nonsectarian.

Other objectives are to serve, through publications and meetings, as a medium of exchange of Orangeburgh genealogical information; to acquaint members with available sources of genealogical materials; and to enjoy the fun and fellowship of sharing records and research.

Membership is open to all who are interested in Orangeburgh genealogy, professional or amateur, and who are interested in supporting the objectives of the Society.

Individual membership is \$18.00 per calendar year, or \$24.00 for two or more members residing at the same address. Life memberships, both Individual and Family are also available. (See application for life membership prices which vary with age of applicant)

All OGSGS Members receive the OGSGS Newsletter published four times per year. The newsletter covers such topics as: ancestry charts, family group sheets, family bibles, cemeteries, personal diaries, queries, book reviews, courthouse records, surname lists, surveys, memorials, plats, deeds, etc.

OGSGS Members also have access to the OGSGS Archives, the Society's Collection of printed and manuscript material. This collection was donated to the A. S. Salley Archives in 2009 and has been incorporated into the archives collection. All materials are stamped and acknowledged as OGSGS donation.

All OGSGS Members receive a personal invitation to OKTOBERFEST, our annual meeting of the membership. It is a yearly celebration in Orangeburg when researchers come together to share sources of genealogical materials and have fun.

If you share our goals and are interested in genealogical research in the Orangeburgh area we invite you to join our Society today by filling out our membership application located on the website www.ogsgs.org.

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