NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Our Dec.,, 1979 newsletter mentioned that S.C.P.G.S. member Mr. Austin Thoman had donated to us about 500 copies of THE HISTORY OF HANS JACOB THOMAN & HIS DESCENDANTS IN SWITZERLAND & THE U.S., 1648-1974. With the help of those members present at our Jan., 1980 meeting we completed the collating of this materials. This help was greatly appreciated, and because of the help the material is thus available for distribution much earlier than we anticipated.

For those members with Thoman connections the book will have definite value. Those with no Thoman connections might find interest in the articles dealing with the "Penna. Dutch". Many thanks to Mr. Thoman for his contribution!

AN UPDATE ON THE ENCLOSED PUBLICATION

January 1, 1980

Dear Friends and Relatives:

Since the original Thoman History was published in 1974, a considerable amount of additional information has been compiled on the Thoman Family. With the assistance of a relative, Barbara Taylor, during a year's study in Switzerland, and other sources, we have now been able to trace our branch of the Thoman Family back to Veltin Thoman, born in 1517, who married Agnes Schmid.

In addition to the earlier Swiss Thoman generations and background, we have been able to compile considerable information on the ancestors and relatives of Susanna Bowman, born Sept. 8, 1732, in Lancaster Co., PA., who married Johann Hans Jakob Thoman in 1753. Susanna Bowman's grandfather, Wendel Bowman, was born 1681, near Thun, Switzerland, and arrived in America in 1706. He first settled in Germantown in 1707, and later in 1709, was one of the nine original settlers of Pequea who acquired 10,000 acres of land on the Pequea Creek four miles south of the present city of Lancaster, PA.

Wendel's son Heinrich who married Catherine Darr had twelve children. Five of their children, including Susanna Bowman, settled in York County near Hanover, PA. Others were Catharina who married George Myers, Salome who married Oswald Dubs, Anna Marie who married Jacob Bollinger and Henry who married Elizabeth Hoffman. In later years there was considerable intermarriage among these families.

We have also been able to expand on the previous information of the first American born generation of Jacob and Susanna (Bowman) Thoman, namely, sons Henry and Abraham and have included information on the families of son Rudolph and Christine(Rudisill) Thoman and son John and Elizabeth(Lauver) Thoman. In addition, we have information on the families of their daughters, namely, Christina who married Peter Flickinger,

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great-great-grandparents of Harvey S. Firestone; Margaret who married Oswald Dubs, Jr.; Anna Maria who married John Runkle; Maria Catherine who married Jacob Runkle and Susanna who married Conrad Shriver.

Where possible we have also included information on the ancestors and relatives of families that intermarried with the Thomans such as the Caslows, Shues, Flickingers, Dubs, Rohrbaughs, Sticks, Hammes, etc.

We had hoped to be able to typeset and publish a hard cover Volume II book of the 300-400 pages of additional material compiled but the present cost estimates for the publication of such a book in limited quantities makes the per copy price out of reach for many. Considerable effort and expense has gone into typing the compiled information into a pre-publication manuscript form and although reasonably presentable, the type does not always match. Where pertinent, previously published material has been incorporated in this compilation.

A number of people have expressed an interest in a copy of the information as presently compiled. In order to share this information with those interested, a rough estimate was obtained for the offset printing of the material as inexpensively as possible. This estimate for a minimum of 100 copies was in the $15.00 to $20.00 per copy range. As the number of copies increases, the per copy price would be substantially reduced.

It is very difficult to determine the interest in such a publication but if possible the material will be published. If you are interested in reserving a copy of Volume II of the Thoman History send an SASE to: Mr. Austin Thoman, 20 China Cockle Lane, Hilton Head Island, SC, 29928. You will be notified when a decision has been reached on whether or not to proceed with publication together with a more specific price and details on the format.

Sincerely,

Austin Thoman