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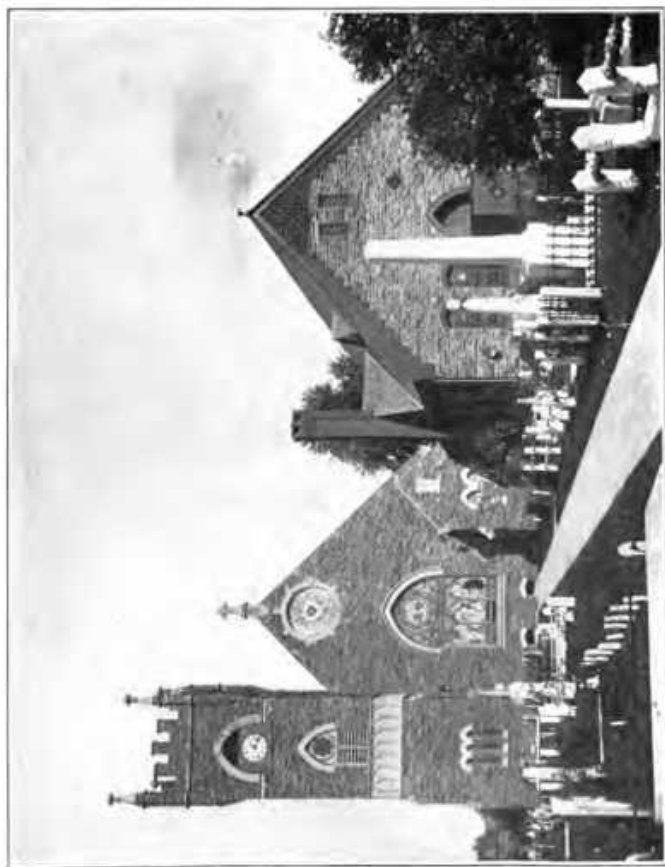
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**ST. MICHAEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, GERMANTOWN, PENNA.
BURIAL PLACE OF MARIA ELISABETH, WIFE OF THE EXILE, REV. ANTHONY JACOB HENKEL, AND THEIR
SON, ANTHONY JACOB HENKEL, JR., AND SUPPOSED BURIAL PLACE OF THE EXILE HIMSELF**

THE
HENKEL MEMORIAL

Historical, Genealogical, and Biographical

A SERIAL PUBLICATION DEVOTED TO COLLECTING AND
PRESERVING THE HISTORY OF

THE REV. ANTHONY JACOB HENKEL

(Known in History as Rev. Gerhart Henkel)

AN EXILED LUTHERAN CLERGYMAN WHO CAME FROM GERMANY
TO PENNSYLVANIA IN 1717. ONE OF THE FOUNDERS OF
HIS CHURCH IN AMERICA, AND FATHER OF

A GREAT AND HONORABLE POSTERITY

ALSO TO COLLECT AND PRESERVE THE HISTORY OF HIS WORTHY
DESCENDANTS OF WHATSOEVER NAME OR CREED

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"A little ring
Encompasses our lives,
And many generations
Link the rings of theirs,
Thus forming a chain
That is without end."

—*Goethe.*

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FOREWORD.

*To all Descendants of the Exile the Rev. Anthony Jacob
(Gerhart) Henkel of whatever Name or Creed,*

DEAR FRIENDS:

Almost two centuries have passed since our reverend father, for conscience sake, was compelled to forsake the Fatherland and seek a new home in America. He immediately resumed his holy calling upon his arrival here, but under greatly changed conditions.

He was a humble, modest, and unassuming man of God. He had the courage of his convictions, and was full of zeal for the good of his fellow-men.

He was only one of many others who were exiled for conscience sake, and his coming hardly noticed, yet the work of our reverend ancestor abides and grows with the coming years. His faith and nobility of character are honored by Providence in stamping his excellencies on his posterity in a marvelous degree, as the long line of divines, writers, educators, and public benefactors who came from him abundantly attests.

It is but a few decades ago that his memory as a *founder* was rescued from oblivion, and his noble deeds are now inscribed imperishably upon the pages of Lutheran history.

Many of his descendants have been hardly less conspicuous than he, and yet the history of this patriarch, and his illustrious descendants who have made a profound impression on the ecclesiastical history of America, lies scattered in a hundred fields of human endeavor, having no connection

whatever, and will soon be irrecoverably lost unless an immediate attempt is made to preserve them.

It is therefore most timely that this work should be undertaken. While much has already been lost, there still remains much to be preserved. In this laudable work all may lend a helping hand.

OUR PLAN :

We contemplate publishing, in magazine form, all that we can gather from any source, anything of interest to the family. This will make the publications a cumulative or progressive *history* of the family. Corrections and additions can be made as we go along, and every one can lend a hand in the work.

Our publications *will not be sold*. The editions will be small, only a few hundred, and mainly intended for the family.

Our estimates as to the cost of the "*memorial*" is based on a publication fund of \$300. This amount will ensure four issues. The printing will not be the *only* cost. Research work and correspondence all take money. The "*memorial*" of *four issues* will cost the subscriber one dollar, but any one will be entitled to as many as may be subscribed for. It is especially desirable that parents get a full set for each of their children. In a short time these publications will be very valuable. The editor does not expect to profit financially by this work, but will expend all moneys in furthering "*The Henkel Memorial.*"

LEND A HAND.

We believe every descendant of the parson who is so fortunate as to get this first issue will feel a pardonable pride in his honorable connection. We think this feeling should induce all to "lend a hand" in the work. This can be done in many ways. Send us *at once* the names and postoffice addresses of all the *Henkels, Henkles, Hinkels, or Hinkles*

you know of *anywhere*, or of any who have this strain of blood in them, and we will send them a prospectus; or, what is better still, you can *secure* their subscription and send both name and money.

We expect to do our work *without compensation*, but expect to be rewarded by the prompt and hearty co-operation of our widely scattered family.

This first issue, as will be noted, contains the known facts concerning the Exile and his immediate family. Subsequent issues will contain genealogical lists of descendants, of whatever name, biographies of prominent descendants, &c.

The editor does not profess to have command of all that is to be published, but will depend on the knowing ones to help him. At the very outset he wishes to acknowledge his indebtedness to *Ambrose L. Henkel, Esq.*, of the printing and publishing firm of Henkel & Company, New Market, Virginia, for much valuable help, especially in furnishing names and addresses. We are also indebted to H. M. Calhoun, Esq., of Franklin, W. Va., for the same kind of help.

THE GENESIS OF THE MEMORIAL.

In May, 1909, Carl R. Hinkle, of Benton, Wisconsin, and his uncle, Dr. James Hinkle, of Sullivan, Indiana, made an extended tour in the South and East to secure information concerning the family. During their visit to us we put them "next" to some points that have borne great results.

In their search in *St. Michael's* graveyard, in Germantown, Carl was so fortunate as to find the grave of our immigrant mother *Maria Elisabeth Henkel*, wife of the Exile, and also of *Anthony, Jr.*, from whom both Carl and the Doctor descend.

Some months later Carl proposed that we erect a *monument* to our immigrant fore-parents, and asked that the editor furnish the inscription.

The writer then proposed that we make an appeal in general. In thinking of how to reach *the many*, the idea of

a "Memorial Association," and issuing a periodical giving a progressive history of the family dawned upon his mind. A number of representative members of our great family were at once communicated with in reference thereto, and *all* gave the project their hearty endorsement.

Now let all our people give this scheme their loyal support, by sending in addresses, subscribers, and *funds*, and ultimate success will crown our initial efforts.

"FALCKNER SWAMP" THE HOME OF OUR ANCESTOR.

Falckner "*Swamp*" is a misnomer, as this region is one of the finest and most fertile in the State of Pennsylvania. It derived its name from Rev. Daniel Falckner, the agent of the "Frankfort Land Company." It was also called "New Hanover," a name which still continues as a church, post-office, and township, in Montgomery County. The region adjoins the range of hills embraced in Colebrookdale township, in Berks County, and immediately beyond which lies the beautiful Oley Valley, quite noted in colonial history. To locate the region in the mind of the reader we may state that in going to Philadelphia from Reading, by rail, he will pass the city of Pottstown; immediately beyond, to the left of which he will notice a range of wooded hills; from Pottstown a road passes across these hills which leads directly to New Hanover, a distance of three miles, where lived our Ancestor, and where was built the *first* German Lutheran Church in the New World. It is about forty miles from Philadelphia. "The Falckner Swamp" is embraced in a tract of land, comprising 22,025 acres, purchased from William Penn prior to 1686, by a number of eminent people of Frankfort, Germany, whereon to settle the many religious dissenters of the Fatherland who were suffering many disabilities at that time. ¹

1. See Prof. Julius F. Sachse's "Justus Falckner" and "The German Pietists of Pennsylvania." Gov. Pennypacker's "Germantown." Dodderer's "Perkiomon Region," &c.