

Schilling-Courier



Descendants of the nobleman Heinrich Schilling von Lahnstein who died in 1221

News of the Schilling Association and Annual Report 2012

Wrocław welcomes the Schillings

Family reunion 2014/60th anniversary of the association/trip to Krakow

The preparations for next year's family reunion in Wrocław, Poland, are in full swing. We decided on a programme and the hotel is booked. Now we can get going **(the invitation is enclosed)**.

In the history of the association 2014 is a special year. 60 years ago the association was founded. The reunion in Wrocław included, 18 family reunions were held since then. Our first meetings were at the beautiful Kupferberg-Terrasse in Mainz, later we chose places that had once been of importance to the family, Wrocław included, we went abroad three times: in 1999 to Estonia, in 2008 to Virginia/USA, and during our reunion in 2002 to France. We are an international association indeed. Our members come from 17 countries, from New Zealand to Canada.

During the 60 years since the founding of the association we had only three chairmen. The first was the grandson of the sculptor Johannes Schilling, Andreas Schilling of the western branch.



The Rynek in Wrocław. In the background, the tower of the Elisabeth Church. Daniel Schilling lived in the third gabled house to the right.

In 1967 he was succeeded by the memorable Heinz Freiherr Schilling von Canstatt of the southern branch and since 1999 our chairman is Helmuth of the eastern branch.

The family association that was founded 60 years ago is totally different from the "Verband des Hauses Schilling" that was founded in Dresden by Heinar Schilling, the younger son of Johannes,

in 1927. At that time it was an association of the western, strictly speaking of the Proschwitz branch. In 1946 the association was dissolved by the Soviet occupation force in Dresden.

As usual the family reunion in Wrocław will be opened on Friday evening, with a welcoming speech at the hotel. We will start the next day, Saturday, with a visit of the old Town Hall.

her second marriage) and his wife Jutta Gräfin Pocci (1925-1959). Meanwhile we know that she is called Angela.

In 1892 Amata's Uncle Alfred (1861-1922), the brother of her father Werner, had married Julie (Lilia) Freiin v. Rosen. The Rosen's coat of arms as well as the year 1891 and the image of St. George on

horseback, hall-mark of a Moscovian goldsmith, are engraved on the teapot.

Now we know for sure: Presumably the items were either given to Alfred and Julie as an engagement present in 1891 or at their wedding in 1892. Perhaps Egon (1894-1952) the son of Alfred and Julie had inherited them from his parents. As

Egon died in Munich, he possibly gave them to his cousin Amata who also lived in Munich at that time.

Meanwhile Angela has contacted us by sending an ancestry chart and photos of her grandmother. She is very interested in our family. We are pleased to have discovered a hitherto unknown member of our family.

Helmuth and Ebba von Schilling

Wrangell returned home

Epitaph is back on the wall/Governor of Russian Alaska

"After more than 50 years Ferdinand Baron Wrangell returned to his original place in the Cathedral of Reval/Tallinn." On the occasion of the 143th death anniversary on June 7, the (Diplom-) restorer Alexander Eckert proudly announced the return of the epitaph for Wrangell (1797-1870). He and the restorer Regina Klee have spent three years of painstaking work in order to reconstruct the epitaph and return it to its original place in the church.

Wrangell has rendered great services to Russia. He has circumnavigated the world two times, explored the northern polar seas, was promoted admiral, from 1830 to 1835 he was the penultimate governor of Russian Alaska and in 1855 he became the Minister of the Russian Navy in St. Petersburg. His youngest daughter Ebba (1850-1937) was married to Otto von Schilling (1839-1902, Kook line, eastern branch).

Wrangell vehemently opposed the sale of Alaska which in 1867 the Russians sold to the United States for 7.2 million dollars. There are many geographical names in his memory such as the city of Wrangell and the Wrangell Mountains in Alaska as well as Wrangel-Island in the Polar Sea.

The epitaph, 120 x 100 cm in size, was made right after his death. Un-

like the other crests in the cathedral which were made of wood, it was made from papier-mâché (probably a temporary fashion). When in the 1960s the nave was refurbished and all crests were removed, it was in such bad condition that it was never re-hung.

After the country had regained independence, it was not included when between 1992 and 2008 the "Estländische Ritterschaft", the City of Tallinn and the Federal Republic of Germany started a joint project with the objective of the "Restoration of the crest-shaped epitaphs in the Cathedral of Tallinn".

There are 75 large and 28 small crests in the church altogether. One of them is that of Jacob Baron Schilling (175 x 140 cm). Jacob was honoured for his participation in the campaigns against Napoleon.

Alexander Eckert mentioned that the crest is a reconstruction containing the remaining parts of the original. Again they used papier-mâché but they strengthened it with new materials such as plastic (multiplex) and a steel brace.

Originally the epitaph was framed by three large flags, four metres in length, which had disappeared to St. Petersburg (at that time called Leningrad) and returned in 1960. Since then they are stored in the restoration workshop "Kanut" in Tallinn,



Underneath the epitaph: great- and great-great-grandchildren. Left: Ebba, middle: the two restorers.

in very bad condition. The Wrangell family got the money for the epitaph together and is planning to have the flags remade as well. The flags show the St. Andrew's Cross and the stripes of the rear-, the vice- and the admiral.

Except the representatives of the City of Tallinn and the German Ambassador Christian Schlage, four of Ferdinand's great-great-grandchildren (one of them is our member Ebba von Schilling) and three great-great-great-grandchildren attended the memorial service and the following ceremony in order to celebrate the return of the epitaph.

On the next morning the visitors drove to Ruil/Roela, Ferdinand von Wrangell's Manor House in the north-east region of Estonia, and to his grave on the cemetery of St. Jacobi/Viru Jaagupi.