



# The Family Tree

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## 2001 SAUVAGE / SOWASH / SOASH FAMILY REUNION

The 2001 reunion has been cancelled because too few people were registered to attend. Thanks to Merwin & Peggy Soash for their efforts.

### Johannes & Susanna Sauvage Memorial Update

As a local mason was to start construction of the memorial to Johannes & Susanna Sauvage on the farm of David Bitler in Berks County, PA., Mr. Bitler requested that the Association pay a fee of \$4,500 for a 99 year lease on the spot. Needless to say, I was shocked. The current treasury balance would have barely covered the cost of the construction of the monument, so his request is not an option at this time. After several conversations with Mr. Bitler, requesting that he reconsider his request and/or the amount, we are pursuing other options. There are several small pieces of land that Johannes purchased that are not owned by Mr. Bitler. In addition, the cemetery of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church (formerly Mertz Church), where the early family attended, is also another option. None of these options will be as meaningful as placing the memorial on the site of the abandoned cemetery where Johannes and Susanna are probably buried, but the owner has left us with few options.

I would appreciate any donations to the Cemetery Fund so that we may proceed with placing the monument wherever we can work out the best option.

### Cemetery Fund Donations

Thanks to the following for their generous donations to the Cemetery Fund

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|-----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| • Robert & Jean Chrestenson | 1E2E8A                   | • In honor of David Gillrup Soash    |           |
| • Maxine & Robert Cornwell  | 1F6C4A                   | 1F8A1A from his children Margaret    |           |
| • Joanne Dixon              | 1J2A7C                   | Rambo, Marilyn Durazzo, Diane Soash, |           |
| • Judi Dunlap               | 2C1111C1                 | Barbara Soash.                       |           |
| • Helen & Jeff Kairis       | 2D4A7B1B                 | • Dean & Sandra Soash                | 1F6E2A    |
| • Betty & William McClurg   | 2A3F3B                   | • Merwin & Peggy Soash               | 1B4A3A in |
| • Elinor Parish             | 1B4B1A1 in honor of Ruth | memory of Ruth Thomas                |           |
| Thomas                      |                          | • Richard & Marsha Soash             | 1F6C2B2   |
| • Pat Scholer               | 1J2A7B                   | • John & Nancy Sowash                | 2D3C4A    |
| • Myra Schroeder            | 2B2A5B                   | • Jonelle Sowash                     |           |
| • Beverly & Randy Skipton   | 1F6C2C                   | 1J7G1/W/                             |           |
|                             |                          | • Larry & Diane Sowash               | 2C12L3A   |

### Family News

#### Deaths

- Wilma Kanouse (1F6C1A/W/) passed away 1/19/2001.

- Ruth Thomas (1B4B1A) passed away March 17, 2001 at the age of 91. Ruth was an active supporter of the family association for many years. She will be sadly missed.

### **Births**

- Vlaude Nathaniel Berendt (1F6C2C2A), son of Robert & Carrie (Skipton) Berendt, was born 01 Mar 2001.
- Raine Michelle Soash (1B7E6A1A), daughter of Douglas & Stephanie Soash, was born 16 April, 2001.
- Marissa Allen (1B7E6A2B), daughter of Dana & Jason Allen, was born 04 June 2001.

### **Other Changes**

Because I have changed Internet providers, the web page is not currently available. As soon as I find a new site for the web page, I will let everyone know. My new email address is [rsoash@kscable.com](mailto:rsoash@kscable.com) and phone 316 729-6591.