

# Back/Bach Genealogy Society

## Newsletter

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### SOCIETY HISTORY

Several years ago a small number of Back/Bach descendants came together to offer assistance to a group of authors. The authors were researching and preparing the manuscript for a book that came to be titled, "A Back Family History: The Story of a Major Branch of the Back/Bach Family."

This loosely organized group took action at a meeting on June 16, 1993, that forever changed its nature. Responding to a proposal presented by Reedus Back, the group decided to adopt the name of "The Back Genealogy Society," and open up membership to all descendants of the German immigrant, Hermann Bach/Harman Back. In order to be more inclusive, the name was later changed to "The Back/Bach Genealogy Society."

Soon after the June 1993 meeting, a brochure describing the new organization was developed and mailed to every known descendant for whom an address was available. That was the beginning of our membership drive. The committee does not have available addresses for all descendants. If you know of a potential member, please urge that person to write to the Society for information at the address on the bottom of this page.

### SOCIETY OFFICERS

PRESIDENT:	REEDUS BACK
VICE-PRESIDENT:	KENNETH BACK
SECRETARY:	MARY BACK
TREASURER:	RAY BACK
FINANCIAL SEC'Y:	STELLA ELAM

The current officers were chosen by the original committee. The Constitution and By-Laws make provision for the election of officers in the future. Our Treasurer and Financial Secretary are bonded, for the protection of all Society funds. Officers are reimbursed at actual cost for postage and copying expenses. All other services are without compensation.

### BOOK UPDATE



"A Back Family History: The Story of a Major Branch of the Back/Bach Family," has been in the works for a very long time. Cousins Custer Back and Troy Back initiated the project some twenty years ago. Only in recent years, however, has the concentrated work of writing the story taken place. Kenneth Back and Dexter Dixon joined the project as contributing authors. Reedus Back was appointed as Director of Publication and as coordinator of the entire project. Many others have made significant contributions.

Originally, we hoped for publication in midsummer '94. Presently, late summer or early fall is a more realistic goal. Your patience is appreciated. As soon as we are able to establish a price for the two-volume set, all Society members will be notified and given the opportunity to buy at a special pre-publication rate. Those who have already paid a \$50 deposit will pay only the difference between the amount of the deposit and the actual price.

### ANNUAL MEETING

The first annual meeting of the Back/Bach Genealogy Society will be held on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1994, at the Ramada Hotel in Lexington, Ky. Tentative plans are for registration to begin at 10:00am, with a business/get-acquainted session starting at 2:00pm. The business agenda will include review and approval of the new Constitution and By-Laws (enclosed). The evening meeting will start with dinner at 7:00pm, followed by an informal entertainment program.

All members will receive specific information at a later date. However, if you plan to attend and will need reservations, be sure to see the important information on the back of this page.

Mark Your Calendar Now!

