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Dear relatives, dear friends of the Groeneveld family!

To our surprise the year 2010 has also decided to go by really quick. We hope that all your dreams and wishes for 2010 have been fulfilled.

In November we had a meeting of the board of our family association in Emden, we wanted to discuss and plan our next family reunion. The German Weather Service had released a storm warning for those days, but in the end the weather wasn't that bad.

The main topic of our meeting was choosing an Emden hotel for the evening event of our upcoming family reunion. We have taken two hotels into consideration, the Hotel Faldernport and the Hotel Upstalsboom, both seem to be suited very well for this occasion. However we have not decided yet about this issue, any suggestion is welcome. Due to organizational reasons we have decided to delay the family reunion, it will take place in summer 2012, about 18 months from now.

In 2010 we had had pins manufactured which show the family crests (see photo right), and those turn out to be very nice. Referring to the 5 EU-cent coin in the middle of the photo, you may estimate the size of the pins. The price is 5 € each, including shipping costs. Please contact me (see email at the head of this letter) for any orders.

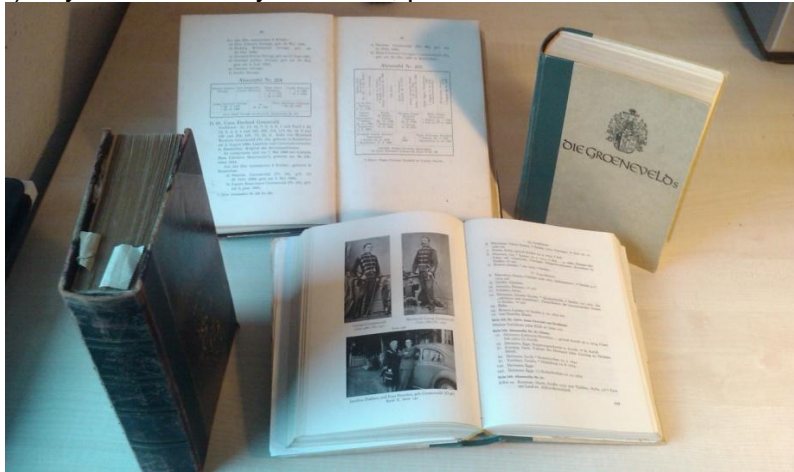
In 2011 we want to improve the address-list of our family association. In the past we had sent the newsletter to all Groenevelts we could find in the German telephone books. Some of our members have already told us that they would prefer receiving the newsletter via e-mail, so that they would be able to forward it easily. While working on the family books we got to know many more family members, who until now have not received the newsletter. We would like to include them in the list of addressees in order to inform them about our work.

A few weeks ago the "Verein Ostfriesischer Familienverbände" (Organization of East Frisian Family Associations) has published a new book about the following families: Busboom, Houtrouw, Roskamp, Schröder, Baumfalk, Prahm-Ringena, Bolhuis, Herlyn, **GROENEVELD**, Smidt and van Lessen. Each family is being presented on approx. 20



pages. The last page of this letter gives you a picture of the contents. For further information please contact Hinrich Groeneveld in Moosburg (hinrich.groeneveld@gmx.de). If you want to buy the book, please contact Hinrich Groeneveld. The price is € 29,00 plus costs for shipping.

Our family association also managed to buy a set each of the old family books „Die Groenevelts“, issued by Enno Groeneveld (in the year 1910) and the following edition issued by Jaques Groeneveld (in the year 1955). These old books are in very good shape.



Up to now our family

organization did not own any of the old books – neither a pair of the 1955 edition nor a pair of the 1910 edition. So they will be kept in possession of our family organization.

On behalf of the board of our family association I wish you a Happy New Year! I would like to thank Anke Groeneveld, who translated this letter into the English language.

Dr. Albert Groeneveld

Report from Anke and Hinrich Groeneveld (Nr. 2155) from Moosburg about their trip to the US in October 2010

A vulcano and covered bridges – our vacation in the US

In October we went on a vacation in the United States , to see our son Dirk (Coldemüntje No. 2705), who has been living at the west coast since September 2002, and because we wanted to see the Indian Summer in the New England States. It was a long flight from Frankfurt to Seattle, but in spite of 9 hours time difference the jetlag did not cause any



problems. We spent a few days with Dirk, and the three of us went on a sightseeing tour through the state of Washington. We visited Olympia, the state capitol, and the area around Mount St. Helens. This vulcano erupted in May 1980 and the natural disaster left behind a huge area of devastated landscape. Over the past 30 years large areas of woods have been afforested, but the closer vicinity of the vulcano remains almost untouched by human intervention. The nature is very slowly bringing the green back to this area. We spent the following four days on Whidbey Island, not too far from Seattle. We had just perfect weather with sunny autumn days, so we could walk along the beaches or

visit the local State Parks which have large woods and nice hiking trails. Along the coastline we found a number of picturesque small villages – this island guarantees

recreation! The second half of our vacation began with a night flight from Seattle to Boston. From there our round trip led us to several New-England-States: Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine. We had expected to see colourful trees, we had seen many photos in tourist guides, and after all this exactly was what we had come for – but no description can tell, how beautiful the landscape really is during the Indian Summer season. Again and again we were overwhelmed by these bright colours.



Never before we brought home with us so many photos of trees! In second place are the numerous pictures of covered bridges (see photo on the left), which we found at many places. I guess many Germans know about these bridges since they saw the movie „Die Brücken am Fluss“ – “The bridges of Madison County”.

Our trip ended in Boston, where we met with LeAnn Hensche (2372 XXI b, photo above) from Richmond, Virginia. We got to know her at the family reunion in 2008. When she learned about our travel plans months ago, she had the idea to meet us in Boston, and we are happy that it really worked out. Together we had lots of fun, and there was time for interesting conversations. Boston is an exciting city with a history full of fascinating stories, and also the vicinity is well worth seeing. We visited the historic centre of Boston as well as the modern downtown area, then drove across the Charles River to Cambridge to see the world-famous universities MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) und Harvard. On the last day we spent several hours at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum.

Altogether this was a great trip, and the fact, that on this occasion we had a chance to intensify the family bonds was a great pleasure for us.








Anke Groeneveld

New insights about the Groeneveld family branch Steenfelde Driever

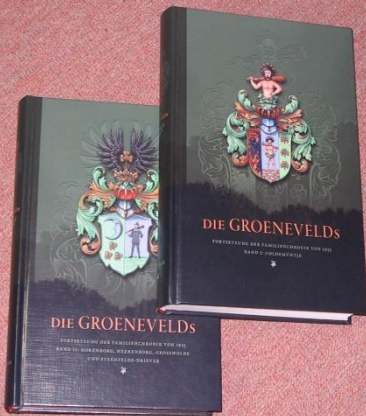
The family branch Steenfelde Driever has been described for the first time in the new family books. Frank Groeneveld from Idafehn found new facts, which we want to let you know. In our family book you'll find stated in generation 1 of the Steenfelde Driever branch Memme Berends (born in 1685). Frank Groeneveld succeeded in finding four more generations of ancestors, so that generation 1 (as stated in the book) actually is generation 5. The following diagram shows the familial connections. The majority of the members of these 3 branches alive today live in the United States, mainly in the area of Castlewood in South Dakota. More than 200 years ago they changed their family name to Greenfield. Please contact me if you are interested in a more detailed diagram of this family branch.

New diagram about the Groeneveld family branch Driever Steenfelde

	branch 1	branch 2	branch 3 (USA)
	Tjabbe Weyen, mentioned in Amdorf 1598-1601		
	Behrend Tjabben, * um 1576, † 23.03.1656 in Amdorf, Mayor, supervisor of the dikes in the Oberledinger Sielacht (till 1656), ∞ Reenste Elsen, † 3.3.1650 in Amdorf		
	Wiebet (Wybet) Behrends (Berends), mentioned in Amdorf in the 1660 and 1702 census, ∞ None Folkers (Volckers) am 16.04.1653 in Amdorf		
	Berend Wiebets, *um 1660 + 21.08.1700 in Neuburg ∞ Reenste Memmen, *28.03.1665 in Neuburg		
Generation 1	Memme Berends *1685		
Generation 2	Wibet Memmen Geb. um 1721 in Driever ?, † 19.03.1805 Hustede		
Generation 3	Menne Webets (Wiebs) Groeneveld *um 1748		
Generation 4	(1) Wiebt Mennen Groeneveld (*1781, †1835) ∞ 1811 mit Elske Jacobs Westerborg		(4) Harmke Mennen ∞ Heike Freerks
Generation 5	(1) Menne Wiebt Groeneveld, *1813 in Wymeer, shoemaker ∞ Anna J. Olthoff	(2) Jacob Wiebts Groeneveld, *05.11.1815, worker † 28.02.1859 Ihren, ∞ Anna E. Groen	(1) Freerk Heikes Groeneveld (*1815) = Fred Greenfield ∞ Bertha Blume
Generation 6	(3) Menno Groeneveld	(1) Wiebt Groeneveld, * 17.04.1842	(5) Peter Greenfield (* 1852, +1928) Emigration: 1868
Generation 7	(2) Gerjet Groeneveld	(2) Rudolf Wiebertus Groeneveld, * 21.06.1873 in Meppen	(4) Dick Greenfield 1883 – 1956
Generation 8 bis 11	5 x Groeneveld	21 x Groeneveld	47 x Greenfield
Informationen zu den Zweigen	Gerjet Groeneveld, Harsewinkel	Frank Groeneveld, (Idafehn), Edeltraut Brinkmann, (Heeslingen)	Stan Greenfield, (Castlewood, South Dakota, USA)

Have you ever thought about presents for Greenfield relatives?						Small or big?
Carrier bag  10,- € Plus postage	Cup  11,- € Plus postage	Pillow  16,- € Plus postage	Mousepad  13,- € Plus postage	Puzzle  14,- € Plus postage	T-Shirt  13,- € Plus postage	 Grey cast iron plate (weight 12 kg, 43 cm x 40 cm) (Weight 26 lb 17 x 16 inches) 350 € plus shipping costs	

Of course we again would like to recommend our new family books, describing the Greenfield family trees Coldemüntje, Großwolde, Dorenborg, Heerenborg und Steenfelde-Driever.

Order form	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pair (set) of the new family books at a price of 60 € (Euro), 60 Euro
Send the books to the following address (additional postage by air mail transport 22 € (Euro), + 22 Euro	
= 82 Euro = 107 Dollar (January 12, 2011)	
the money can be transferred to Hinrich Groeneveld´s son who is living in the USA (to avoid additional bank costs and fees for transferring money from the US to Europe)	
Send the books to:	Name / address: _____ _____
Order per email to Dr. Albert Groeneveld or Hinrich Groeneveld (email address see above in this letter or head of the letter) The books will be sent after the money has been transferred. Sending by air mail takes about a week, sending by ship about three months.	

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VEREIN OSTRIESISCHER FAMILIENERBÄNDE
 Veröffentlichung Buch über ostriesische Familien
 Baumalk, Rahn-Ringena, Roskamp, Schröder, Herlyn, Busboom, Houtrouw, Smid und van Lessen

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