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Dear relatives and friends of our family in Germany, Europe and overseas.

With this circular letter, we like to inform our English spoken relatives about the current situation of our family chronicle including our related genealogical activities during the year 2008.

At the 2006 family meeting, we announced that in 2008 we would mainly concentrate our research activities on the Span(n)aus families in the region of Sondershausen, in the state of Thuringen in Germany.

To start this huge process, Ernst Spannuth and I went in March 2008 for a week to the town and region of Sondershausen and researched with large success in many church records for our Spannaus ancestors back to the year of 1586.

It was and still is our intension, to motivate – if possible many - Spannaus relatives from that region to join the research team as there is Hans-Ulrich Spannaus, Halle, Roland Spannaus, Dresden and Wolfgang Spannaus, Osterode.

The team has organized a further regional meeting, which was held on 1. Nov. 2008 in Sondershausen in a beautiful location at the historical castle of Sondershausen.

Presently, there are many Spannaus families living in the region of Nordhausen and Sondershausen. However, up to now, only very few of them have researched their ancestors.

Therefore, we appreciated the interest of two newspapers, one local and one regional, having reported with photos about our world wide and local genealogical activities.


Thirty-five relatives visited the meeting and everybody enjoyed the presentations und smooth discussions until late evening.

We hope that this event and the advertisement will convince other relatives living in Thuringen to search for their ancestors and helping the team to build up and update The Spannaus family tables

Is was also confirmed again that we will go on planning on the next big family reunion meeting for the year 2012 also to be held in Sondershausen.

On the homepage's <http://www.spannaus.de> and WIKI <http://wiki.spannaus.org> You can find same informations about the aktivities in german.

Regarding our genealogical activities for 2009, Ernst Spannuth from Bueckeberg and I have planned to visit in spring 09 the region of Wolfsburg, Gifhorn and Braunschweig in the northern region of Lower-Saxonia to research the historical records of our "Fallersleben" group of Span(n)uth families which are only party documented in our 1912 chronicle.

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Looking over the Atlantic Ocean to our US relatives, we firstly hope that all of you could look positively back to a healthy and peaceful year 2008 and can look relaxed forward to the upcoming Christmas season and the year closing.

Most of us have watched more than ever on TV the US president election campaign and I personally like to congratulate you to your new president. I guess everybody appreciates to see the changes to come up at the biggest western economy effecting also largely European as well as world wide countries.

Hoping that none of you are directly affected by the worldwide financial and economical crisis, caused by the global player bankers. Meanwhile most of all people around the world, who have done some savings for the old days, are affected by this crisis. TV news are telling us mostly every day new horror scenarios about the serious global economical problems effecting the next year and governments are now only talking in billion currency values to support the industry and labour.

I am however convinced after having survived after 1945 that we will overcome also this difficult period.

The organisational team and I are wishing all our relatives and friends of our family a Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year 2009.

Those of you, suffering currently from diseases or illness, we wish you a fast and satisfactory recovery.

Hoping to hear from you in due course about the latest development and changes in the families, we remain

With best personal wishes  
Sincerely Yours

Michael Spanuth from Hamburg  
Roland Spannaus from Dresden

