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LOOKING AHEAD

1 MAY 1983 - Our May meeting will be held in the Meeting Hall of The Historical Society of York County. Business portion of the meeting will begin at 2:15 p.m. and the program at 2:30 p.m. Dr. Don Yoder, the prominent genealogist and historian, plans to be with us for this May 1 meeting. Dr. Yoder is on the Board of Directors of the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania and this Spring became editor of that society's publication, The Pennsylvania Genealogical Magazine. He is a Professor in the Department of Folklore and Folklife and the Department of Religious Studies at The University of PA. He was co-founder in 1949 of the magazine, "The Pennsylvania Dutchman" and from 1961 to 1977 he served as editor of its successor, "Pennsylvania Folklife". Dr. Yoder has written numerous books and articles on American religion, American regional cultures, immigration history, and genealogy. Dr. Yoder plans to present information on the Quakers of southeastern PA, including their movement to York County. Even if you do not have direct interest in Quaker families, we urge you to attend the program and meet one of the eminent persons in genealogy today. We hope no unforeseen events prevent Dr. Yoder's presentation.

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Many of you are probably aware that Herr Pfarrer Alfred Hans Kuby of West Germany will be the speaker at the Fall Meeting of the Pennsylvania Chapter of the Palatines to America. He is the Director of the Evangelische Akademie Der Pfaltz at Speyer and Enkenbach, has been actively involved in genealogy for many years, and is a foremost authority concerning the early church records of the Palatinate. You may also know that the research offer made by the Palatines in connection with Herr Kuby's visit was so enthusiastically received that the offer had to be terminated early. Now I am pleased to announce that, through the kindness of Leo Wastler of the Palatines, Herr Kuby has consented to present a program for us on Sunday, September 18, the day after his presentation to the Palatines at Messiah College. Herr Kuby plans to begin with a brief talk which will lead to a period of questions and answers and informal dialogue. Mr. Wastler has written me that Herr Kuby is very enthusiastic and a lively conversationalist with a good command of English. I am very happy about Herr Kuby's plan to visit with us and I do hope that unforeseen events do not prevent his coming. Mark your calendar for September 18!

In the last issue of this newsletter, I had written about the lack of lists of heirs in York County's estate accounts. Not only would such lists have been beneficial in intestate cases, especially those for which there were no petitions to the Orphans Court concerning sale of the deceaseds' lands, but also in the case of last wills which did not specifically name all the testators' children. Numerous wills list by name some heirs and their legacies but also include a phrase such as, "and the balance to be distributed equally among all my children", without naming these children. Unfortunately some researchers incorrectly assume this latter group is the same group of heirs specifically mentioned earlier in the will. This is not always the case as there may have been children which were not given specific legacies. Consider the will, written and probated in 1786, of Christian Stoner(Steiner) of Hellam Township, York County. From his will a researcher would believe that

this Christian Stoner had only two living sons and only two living daughters and probably a third daughter who was deceased but who left a son mentioned in the will as a grandson. Fortunately, an unrecorded 1793 release from Christian Stoner's heirs survives and names an additional son and an additional daughter and gives the husbands' names of all three daughters. Such cases should remind us to be careful in making assumptions in our research.

David P. Hively

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

President David Hively has announced the names of members appointed to the Nominating Committee. Appointed are: Ray Bloom, Chairman; Clair Holtzapple; Romaine Wills; and Joan Klingler. The committee will prepare a slate of candidates to fill vacant offices for the 1 July 1983 - 30 June 1984 Fiscal Year. Candidates must be found to fill the offices of President, Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and one Director-At-Large. The Committee's choice of candidates will be presented at our May meeting. During the May meeting, nominations will also be accepted from the floor, provided the person(s) nominated have given their consent in writing for presentation when nominated.

CORRECTION NOTICE:

Change Vol. 8 No. 7 to Vol. 8 No. 8 in the March, 1983 Our Name's The Game. Sorry for the error.

QUAKER RECORDS

Friends Historical Library, Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA, 19081, now has available a new GUIDE TO THE MANUSCRIPT COLLECTIONS OF FRIENDS HISTORICAL LIBRARY OF SWARTHMORE COLLEGE. The Guide, which includes an extensive index, provides a comprehensive finding aid to 255 manuscript collections of Friends Historical Library. Cost is $4.00.

PALATINES TO AMERICA

The ninth annual Palatines to America Convention will be held at Messiah College, Grantham, PA, on June 3 & 4, 1983. The program will include presentations on: the migratory patterns of the Mennonite from the Palatinate to PA; the history of the Schwenkfelders, Church of the Brethern, and Moravians; the early Lutheran, Reofrmed, and Catholic settlements; and the early settlers of Germantown.

For further info.: Mr. J. E. Brucklacher, 715 Third Street, New Cumberland, PA 17070.

QUERIES

Seeking ancestry of John ILGENFRITZ who had son, William (b. 1864, Kirksville, MO, moved from MO/IA, to Monterey Co., CA. ca. 1900). Is John from a south central PA, ILGENFRITZ family?

Michael A. Warren, 47-757-1 Hui Kelu St., Kaneohe, HI 96744.

Seeking clues in Germany on par. of Michael WALLICK, who immigrated to America, age 25 in 1732. Was in York Co., PA as early as 1736. Also need his wife's name. They were members of Christs Luth, Ref. Church.

Evelyn D. Thiesen, 5569 N. Federal, Sp. #110, Denver, CO 80221

Searching for info. about Anna Beatrice KEPPLE, b. in York, PA, ca. 1884. Need exact birth date. Married Hewey Herman WELKER, both living in York ca. 1900. Need date & place of marriage.

Ruth Stark Burnite, 796 Mahogany Dr., Casselberry, FL 32707.

Wanted: Information on the LEE family in southeastern PA, during the 1700's.

Wanted: Information on John M'KESELL of southeastern PA, and VA.

Mrs. A. M. Morrell, 2778 Spring Valley Rd., Lancaster, PA 17601.

Seeking parents of Keziah RIGG, b. 26 Mar. 1757, York Co., PA, d. 1828, mar. Abraham WORLEY ca. 1780. Abraham b. 12 Oct. 1758, Manchester Twp., York Co., PA, d. 24 Mar. 1831, Perry Co., PA.

Seeking any info. on Elias COWEN, Chanceford Twp., York Co., PA, in 1761 and 1771-2 tax lists. Was he father of John COWEN, b. 12 Apr. 1757, York Co., PA? Will exchange any info. I have forward.

Catherine Worley Kintzel, West Haven Est., R.D.#5, Lot 76, Warsaw, IN 46580.

Seeking info. on Jacob LEISER, b. 4 Oct. 1779, Little York, York Co., PA, d. 26 May 1862, Kelly Twp., Union Co., PA Mar. Mary SHETTLEY, b. 3 Dec 1780, Little York, d. 13 May 1855, White Deer Twp., Union Co. Children: John; Elizabeth(mar. Isaac HIGH); George(mar. Hannah ?); Susannah(mar. Abraham GROVE); John; Jacob(mar. Dinah RANCK); Mary(mar. ? HIGH); William(mar. Maria L. ALBRIGHT); and Samuel LEISER.

Mary Casler, 3940 Truro Dr., Anchorage, AK 99507.

Who brought Magdalena(Mollie) SENS/SEN(T)Z to PA in 1776 from "Germany"? Born 6 Apr. 1775, she mar. 24 Apr. 1799 to James ELLIOT(1781-1861) & resided (No. or So.?) Annville Twp., Lebanon Co., PA. Went to MI in 1856, where she d. 1857. Were her ancestors from Canton Zug, Switzerland? Was she kin to the SENS families found in Berks, Montgomery, & Lanc. Co., PA in 1790's?

Seek any info. on Anna Christina HETZIER, mar. 1758 Bergkirke,(now) N. Annville Twp., Lebanon Co., PA, to Anthony KARMENIE (1730-1814). Was she a dau. of Johann Balthasar HETZIER, 1749 imm. on "Albany"? Possible siblings: Balthasar (mar. Barbara ____) of Schaefferstown, Lebanon Co.,PA; Anna Magdalena (mar. 1766, KOLMAR); Frederick (mar. Barbara ____) of Derry, Dauphin Co. Is anyone working on <u>any</u> of these lines?

Jean A. Larson,"Henneth Annun", 1323-12th Ave.#2, San Francisco, CA 94122.

Seek info. on Jonathan WITMORE, Dunkard Minister b. 1810 near Emmitsburg, MD, and 2nd wf. Catherine COUER/COVER, b. 1813 near Monroe Falls, PA. Had 8 ch., Jonathan had bro., Capt. Henry WITMORE, sheriff of Adams Co. whose property was part of Gettysburg Battlefield. Jonathan lived in Adams Co., PA, moved to Wood Co., OH.

Virginia Wise, 4564 N. County Rd. 33, Tiffin, OH 44883.

Seeking any info on Peter & Catherine LANTZER/LAUDIG of Schuylkill Co., PA. Peter b. 1760, d. 1837. Catherine b. 1760, d. 1835. They had 7 Ch.: Peter, b. 1783; Jacob, b. 1786, d. 1863; John, b. 1794; Susanna; Rebecca; Catherine; & Elizabeth.

Max L. Carpenter, 1259 Schleicher Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46229.

BEAVERS, early NJ family. Some des. to PA, others VA, later GA & TN. Mary BEAVERS b. 1745, NJ, mar. 1766 VA to Spencer CLACK. She d. 1820 Sevier Co., TN. Loudon Co., VA connections c1760's.

Mrs. Connie S. Lawson, 223 Dryden Dr., Vallejo, CA 94591.

Seeking to correspond with anyone wishing to share info. on the MERCER & DILWORTH families of Chester Co., PA. Especially interested in John MERCER b. 3 Jun. 1794 & Mary DILWORTH b. ca. 1795. Parents & 12 Ch. migrated to Portage & Williams Co's., OH.

Michael L. Williams, Rt. #5, Box 263, Bryan, OH 43506.

Seeking parents of Job CURTIS (b. ca. 1717, probably in England), settled in Frederick Co., VA before 1745 among Quakers who came from Chester Co., PA. Job may have had another wife before Mary CORDRY. Jonathan CURTIS also in Frederick Co. in 1735 with early Quakers.

Dan L. Dunlap, 111 Division St., Mendota, IL 61342.

Seeking info. on Catherine GUYER/GYER/GEYER mar. George SPAHR ca. 1795-1800, probably in York Co., PA. They later moved to Cumberland Co., PA & in 1829 to Crawford Co., OH. Need info. of Catherine's parents, marriage date, etc. & parentage of George. Is he the son of Phillip Adam SPAHR? Any info. welcome.

Yvonne Spahr Erickson, 7506 Widgeon Way, Fair Oaks, CA 95628.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Renewal time for the year 1983-1984 has arrived again. Anyone who hasn't received a renewal notice in their newsletter has already renewed their dues for 1983-1984.

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