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## LOOKING AHEAD

6 MAY - Our May meeting will be held at the COVENANT MORAVIAN CHURCH, 901 Windsor Rd., York. Business portion of the meeting will begin at 2:15 p.m. and the program at 2:30.

Our speaker will be Vernon H. Nelson, Archivist of the Moravian Archives in Bethlehem, PA. His talk will include a general overview and introduction to the records available at the Moravian Archives and include such information as the types of records, their time spans, and those translated and not translated.

For those unfamiliar with the location of Covenant Moravian Church the following directions and the "map" enclosed with this newsletter will hopefully be of help:

From Lancaster - Take Rt. 30 to Rt. 24 (Mt. Zion or Longstown Rd. Exit). Then turn left onto Rt. 24, after going through 3 signal lights, the church is about ¼ of a mile on Rt. 24 on the left.

From Harrisburg - Take 83 (South) to Rt. 30 at Exit 9 - Arsenal Rd. - go East on Rt. 30 to Rt. 24 (Mt. Zion or Longstown Rd. Exit), go right onto Rt. 24, after going through 3 signal lights, the church is about ¼ of a mile on Rt. 24 on the left.

From Gettysburg - Take Rt. 30 to Rt. 24 (Mt. Zion or Longstown Rd. Exit), then go right and follow arrows to church.

From Baltimore - Take 83 (North) to Rt. 124 (Exit 7 - Prospect St.), then go right onto Rt. 124, at second signal light, go right onto Rt. 24 Windsor Rd. & church is about ¼ of a mile on Rt. 24 on the left.

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Our current Membership/Fiscal Year runs from 1 July 1983 to 30 June 1984. Membership renewal notices for the year 1 July 1984 to 1 July 1985 have been included with this newsletter. Life members and those who have renewed or joined the society since 1 April 1984 will, of course, receive no notice since their dues for 1984-85 year have already been paid. NOTE: Our budget demands that we mail "bulk rate". If you want your newsletter sent "first class", please add $2.20 to the amount of your membership dues.

AND - When you send in your check for the '84-'85 membership year--- Why not include a few QUERIES ?? Who knows---you might receive no response---and then again you just might receive a response that gives you the exact information for which you've been searching!

## PUBLICATION PRICE CHANGES

If you are contemplating purchasing any of our past Special Publications or past volumes of the Newsletter, please first send for our latest Price List of Publications. If you joined the society prior to February, 1984, the price list of publications you have is now outdated. Send SASE for latest Price List.

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

The book Genealogical Evidence by Noel C. Stevenson (see previous SCPGS newsletter) cites numerous court cases. One case, Lau v. Mumma (Supreme Court of PA) (1862) 43 PA State Reports, 267-278, may be of interest to some SCPGS members. The case is not detailed in the Stevenson book. In this case George Lau brought action against Samuel Mumma for flooding the land (Manchester Twp., York Co.) of the plaintiff by means of a mill-dam erected on defendant's land in 1850. A portion of the information contained in the report is here abstracted: "The land now owned by the parties belonged at one time to Christian Lau, the great-grandfather of the plaintiff; but at a very early date ... in 1769, the title to the land now owned by defendant was vested in Henry Bare. There was a mill there before that time, which in 1805 was rebuilt by Henry Bare, which mill was subsequently taken away by Samuel Mumma, and another was erected. The heirs of Henry Bare conveyed to Daniel Bare, the 3d of November 1812. ... Old Christian Lau, prior to 1770, owned three hundred and forty-seven and a half acres; and on the 11th of January of that year, conveyed the undivided half to his son, Michael Lau, ... On the 20th of July 1773, the heirs of Christian Lau, ..., Michael and Peter Lau and Elias Eyster, who was married to a daughter of Christian Lau, conveyed the mill tract, ... , to Casper Carver. ... On the 2d of July 1839, John Lau assigned his interest in the three hundred and six acres to his brother, George Lau, the present defendant, and on the 13th of September 1839, upon partition being made between Michael, Jonas, and George, ... "

In another case cited, In re Frazier Estate, 75 PA District & County Reports 577-584, the book Stricklers of Pennsylvania was introduced as evidence of proof of relationship. The result as reported in the Report volume is as follows: "A book of family genealogy is inadmissible as hearsay to prove relationship where the authors are alive and, therefore, presumably able to appear for examination, and particularly where the book admittedly contains a substantial number of errors". The persons involved in this suit (begun in 1949) are found on pages 3-5 of Stricklers of Pennsylvania (1942). Interesting sidelights of this case are the involvement of a "professional heir-hunter" and the character of the testatrix, Mary Fuller Frazier.

Genealogical Computing is a bimonthly publication which Paul Andereck began in July 1981. The first two and a half years of issues have been digested and organized into a soft-cover 230 page book. The book, Genealogical Computing - The Beginning, is available for $20 plus $2.50 postage and handling plus VA sales tax, if applicable, from Data Transfer Associates, Inc. (5102 Pommeroy Dr., Fairfield, VA 22032).

William J. Walters has been York County Register of Wills since January. Mr. Walters has informed me, that within reasonable limits, he wishes to cooperatively serve the public, including historical and genealogical researchers. A photocopier is now available in the Register of Wills Office, so there is no need to take dockets and papers from the area. This improved convenience and increased security is a positive and needed change. As soon as he becomes familiar with all current operations of the office, Mr. Walters is planning to pursue the preservation of the old records of his office. (The state of PA is beginning a new inventory of public records in courthouses which may eventually provide guidelines for local officials relating to the security, preservation, and availability of the records.) For those living at a distance, Mr. Walters will attempt to fulfill photocopy requests by mail.

Source must be specifically and accurately cited and readily accessible to his staff. I do trust that all SCPGS members will be reasonable and fair in their use of the office and its records. Increasingly favorable conditions for researchers could be the result.

American Genealogical Lending Library (P. O. Box 244, Bountiful, Utah 84010) loans and sells microfilms of Federal Census Schedules 1790-1910 including soundexes and miracode, Federal Mortality Schedules, and some other records. As advertised, all items in the collection are available for both loan and purchase to both individuals and institutions. For some benefits individuals need to join the AGLL Association. The library uses diazo film in processing which is cheaper than silver film.

David P. Hively

## THE ADAMS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Adams County was formed from western York County, PA in 1800. The Adams County Historical Society was founded in 1940. Those with interest in the families and history of Adams County may want to support this historical society. Some information about the society follows.

Mailing address: P. O. Drawer "A", Gettysburg, PA 17325
Location: Samuel Simon Schmucker Hall, The Lutheran Theological Seminary, Gettysburg, PA
Phone: (717) 334-4723
Director: Dr. Charles H. Glatfelter
Annual Dues: Individual--$8
News Letter: Eleven issues annually
Lectures: First Tuesday monthly
Public Hours: Wednesday 1-5 p.m.; Saturday 9-12 "and" 1-5
Closed Holidays and last week of August and of December
Library/Archives: Extensive collection of books on state and local history and genealogy; files on many county businesses, organizations, churches, schools, towns, townships, and families; files on important events in Adams County history; some 30,000 tombstone inscriptions; marriage and obituary notices from local newspapers between 1800 and 1885; files of county newspapers since 1800, many on microfilm; microfilm of Adams County census returns from 1790 to 1880; deed books and tax, estate, and other records from county offices; many old photographs, deeds, business records, public and private papers, society and club records; and copies of baptismal, marriage, and burial records from many county churches.
Publications Available:
Reprint: 1872 Adams County Atlas (1976), $13.78 by mail.
A Glimpse Into Adams County, 1860-1914: A Photographic Record, edited by C. A. Moore (1977), $4.40 by mail.
Tracing: 1858 Map of Adams County, Sheet #1--townships and house-holders, $6.00 by mail.
Tracing: 1858 Map of Adams County, Sheet #2--county towns and villages, $6.00 by mail.
Tracing: 1850 Map of Gettysburg, showing householders, $4.00 by mail.

## QUERIES

Hans Micahel MILLAR/MILLER with wife Elizabeth, lived Antrim Twp., Franklin Co., PA, and d. there ca. 1784 (will dated 28 Sept 1784). Children: Daniel; Rebecca Rence; Hannah mar. John CIGAR/KIGER?; Maryann mar. Abraham STONER; Susanna mar. ___ STOVER; John; Michael. He also owned land and may have lived Frederick Co., MD, at one time. Wish to correspond with descendants and find name of husband of Susanna STOVER.

Mrs. Carter Fratt, 735 Castleman Dr., Westfiled, NJ 07090.

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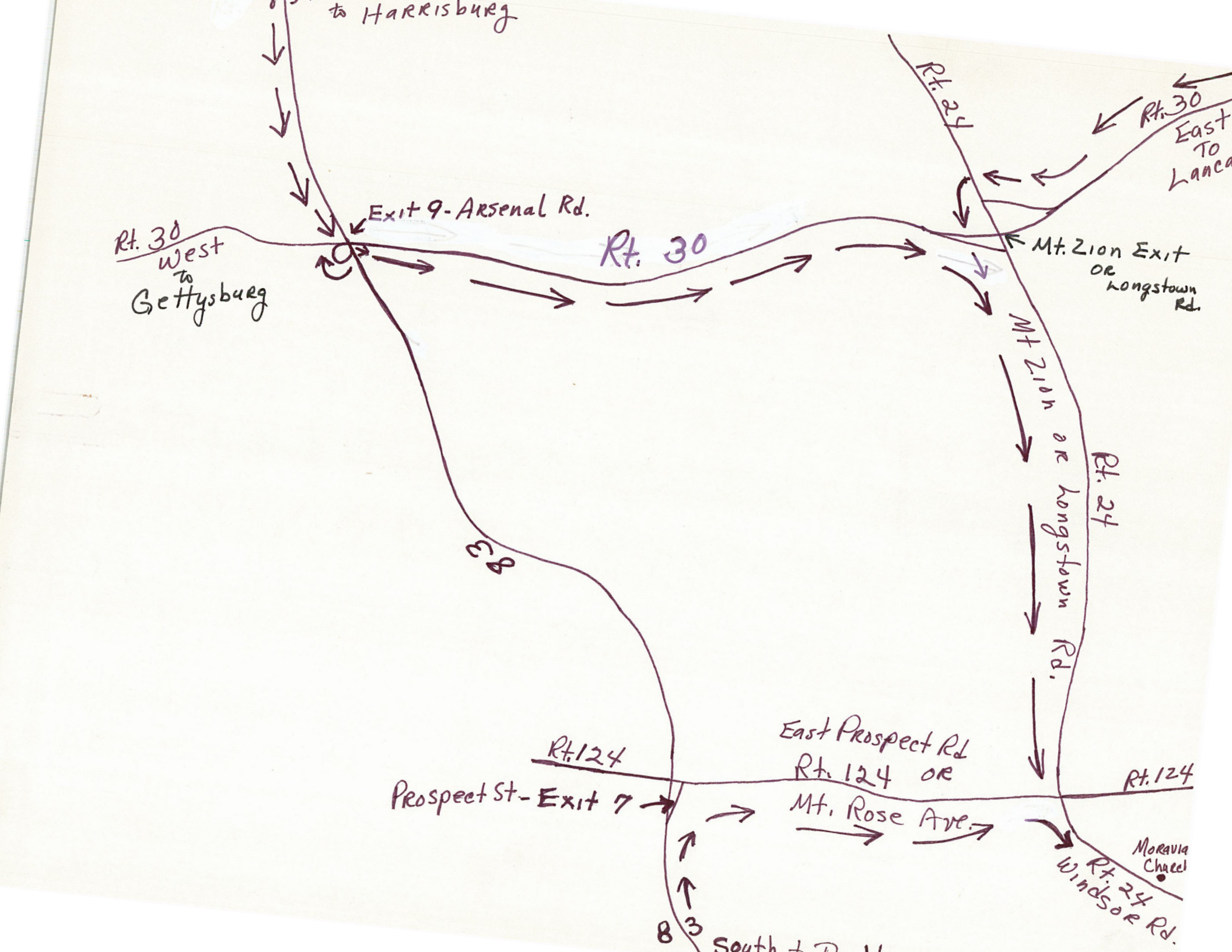
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Need par. of Jacob CRESS, on Tax List of Menallen Twp., York Co.,(now Adams Co.), PA, 1778. Mar. Elizabeth, dau of Valentine and Elizabeth FICKES ca. 1776. Their dau. Mary CRESS b. in VA, 1782. Where were they between 1778 and 1791 when Jacob bought land in Franklin Co., VA?

A George CRESS was also on Tax List of 1778, York Co., and in 1783 a Henry CRESS given on list with Jacob FICKES, eldest son of Valentine. Were George and Henry CRESS related to Jacob CRESS? When did Jacob arrive in America? Will exchange on these families.

Thelma L. Harper, 3318 Mackland Ave., NE, Albuquerque, NM 87106.

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Need info. on John HYKES/HEIGES, etc., who came to America before the Rev. War, from Germany. Two brothers came with him, names unknown. Settled in central PA, probably York Co. Mar. Mary Catherine BOYLE ca. 1806 and had 9 children. John HYKES found in 1790 Census, Bedford Co., PA, and in 1830 and 1850 Census in Goshen Twp., Tusc. Co., OH(but not 1860 Census).

Mrs. Sylvia H. Reebel, 2967 Belrose Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15216.

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Any info. on the par. of Nicholas BAKER who enlisted in the Rev. War, Lancaster Co., PA, in 1774 under James ROP/RUP. Nicholas eventually ended up in Culpeper Co., VA, ca. 1781.

Any info. on the par. and other family members of Samuel LUTZ and Barbara EAKLE, mar. in Lancaster Co., PA, ca. 1815. Had a son Samuel, Jr., and a dau. Catherine b. 17 Feb 1818, Lanc. Co. Samuel and Barbara moved to Rockingham Co., VA, ca. 1820.

Sandra McIntire, Naval Station, Box 500, Phila., PA 19112.

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Would like to correspond with anyone with info. on Henry ROUDENBUSH, mar. York Co., PA, to Anna Mary ____, d. and is bur. York Co., 1784. Had son John mar. to Mary KELLER.

Henrietta Jorden, 1605 N. 7th St., Baytown, TX 77520.

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Seeking info. on KLINEFELTER line, specifically Mary, 2nd. wife of Frederick FAUST/FOUST. She was b. ca. 1795, in York Co., PA. Taxables for York Co. in the 1780's list such KLINEFELTERS as George, John, Michael, and Peter. Could any of these be Mary's father? Need to know. Some were Rev. War Veterans.

Timmie Berkey Walsmith, 919 Via Fedora, Santa Maria, CA 93455.

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