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LOOKING AHEAD

5 MAY - 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. Mr. Jack McCarthy, Archivist of the Chester County, PA, Archives in West Chester, PA, will be our guest speaker. His topic is entitled CHESTER COUNTY, PA, RECORDS.

RESOURCE PERSONS

The following members are willing to help other members needing research assistance in the areas designated:

ALABAMA, Tuscaloosa and nearby county records - Catherine Kent, 1602 Bellingrath Dr., Tuscaloosa, AL 35406.

KANSAS, Wichita and Sedgwick Co. - Mrs. Rose Marie Smith, 326 So. Crestway, Wichita, KS 67218.

NEW JERSEY, southern counties - Mrs. Lucille M. McTamney, 305 Beacon Ave., Vineland, NJ 08360.

NEW JERSEY, State Library and Archives at Trenton - Mr. Kenneth Gehner, 33 Sergeant St., Princeton, NJ 08540.

PENNSYLVANIA, Clinton and Lycoming Co. - Mrs. Carrol L. Fishel, Box 94, Westport (Clinton Co.), PA 17778.

GENEALOGICAL SYMPOSIUM

The Historical Society of York County & co-sponsors (SCPGS, Hanover Area Historical Society, Hanover Public Library, Red Lion Area Historical Society, & Kaltreider Memorial Library in Red Lion) will hold a seminar Saturday, 8 June 1985 from 9:30 to 3:00. "SIGN-IN" will be at 9:00 to 9:30 a.m. Registration for the seminar will be limited to 90 persons. Cost to members of any of the sponsoring groups is $10 and $12 for non-members. A box lunch will be available for $5 (optional).

The speakers will be John E. Shelly, associate archivist at the State Archives, "Using your State Archives"; Robert W. Barnes, teacher and professional genealogist, "Researching on Baltimore & Maryland"; Stuart Butler, research consultant in reference service branch of the National Archives, will present a 12 min. slide show; & Dr. Robert Plowman, Director of the Phila. branch of the National Archives.

Contact The Historical Society of York County, 250 E. Market St., York, PA 17403 for a brochure which includes a registration form for the seminar, please include a business size self addressed stamped envelope. Deadline for return of registration form is June 1. Checks for registration fee should be made payable to Conf. for Gen., Hist. Soc. of York Co. Parking will be available in the Susquehanna Broadcasting Lot on the NW corner of E. King & Queen Sts.

The library will be CLOSED to the public on the seminar day (8 June 1985). Those attending the seminar that are not members of the HSYC will receive a voucher for one days free use of the HSYC Library (normal fee is $2 for non-members).

HIVELY'S GENEALOGICAL NOTES

The Pennsylvania German Society will hold its annual meeting May 3-4, 1985 at Most Blessed Sacrament Church in Bally, PA. The theme for the meeting will be "The Colonial German Roman Catholics in Pennsylvania: 18th-19th Centuries". Presentations will cover the arrival of Roman Catholic Germans in PA, their establishment of a center of missionary work in Goshenhoppen (now Bally) in 1743, and a look at the families who migrated from this location. A day trip to points of local historical interest will be held on Friday and the lectures on Saturday. Full program and registration information can be obtained from the society at P.O. Box 397, Birdsboro, PA 19508. (For those unable to attend the meeting but having interest in the program, the brochure indicates that in the future taped transcripts of the proceedings may be available.)

Asbury United Methodist Church in York, PA can trace its beginnings to over 200 years ago. The church commissioned George R. Sheets to write a history. The book, Children of the Circuit Riders: The History of Asbury Methodist Church, is to contain more than 250 pages and about 50 illustrations. The price of the book has been publicized as $16.95. An order form is available from Sheets Book: P.O. Box 1388, York, PA 17405.

Persons interested in the Archer family may wish to join the Archer Association (6502 El Nido Drive, McLean, VA 22101). The annual membership fee of $18 includes a quarterly and a newsletter.

A picture of the farm in Springfield Township, York County, owned by the Jack Myers family was featured on the National Wildlife Week (March 17-23) poster. This farm, located west of Dallastown on Route 214, has been farmed by the Myers family for many generations. According to newspaper publicity, the farm was originally farmed by an ancestor who came from Switzerland in the 1700's. The farm was sold out of the family and then repurchased by the Myers family in 1941. On this farm is the cemetery identified in The Historical Society of York County cemetery records as the Meyers Burial Ground. It is also called the Ness Cemetery. Buried in the cemetery is Christian Meyer, "born in Switzerland Dec. 10, 1708, settled on these lands before 1750; died 1779" and his wife Elizabeth Kaufmann, "born Jan. 15, 1720". Most of the people buried in the cemetery according to the stone inscriptions had the Meyer or Ness surname. Some information on this Meyers family is found in the book A Light in the Valley: A History of the Codorus Church of the Brethren by William L. Gould and published in 1976.

The Fulton County Historical Society (Box 115, McConnellsburg, PA 17233) is sponsoring a reprinting of the 1884 History of Bedford, Somerset, and Fulton Counties, Pennsylvania. If payment is received by June 1, 1985 the pre-publication price is $25 per copy plus $3 for postage and handling. The reprints are expected in the Fall of 1985. This same society has recently published U.S. Direct Tax of 1798 for Fulton County, PA. The cost of this 100 page booklet which includes pictures of several old buildings described in the direct tax of 1798 is given as $5. There is no indication that additional charges are made for postage and handling.

The Bucks County Genealogical Society (P.O. Box 1092, Doylestown, PA 18901) is sponsoring a reprinting of the 1887 History of Bucks County, Pennsylvania by J. H. Battle. Pre-publication orders post-marked before May 15, 1985 will cost non-member PA residents $72.08 and non-member out-of-state purchasers $68. Because of the History's size it will be reprinted in two volumes. Also available from the same society is Bucks County Declarations and Naturalizations 1802-1906 abstracted by Frances W. Waite and Terry A. McNealy. The price for

non-member PA residents is $14.31 and non-member out-of-state buyers $13.50. If the order for this 68 page book containing 3,125 declarations and naturalizations is post-marked by May 15, 1985 deduct $2.

Friends of the Library Genealogical Research Group of Springfield, OH, has for sale its publication: Burials, Frantz Family and Relatives-Extracts from The Dore Manfred Frantz Manuscript. The sixty-seven pages cover thirty-three cemeteries primarily in south central OH, and is indexed. Price is $10.69 including postage - OH residents add 60¢ tax. Send requests to Ilo Fisher, 5747 Detrick Jordan Rd., Springfield, OH 45502.

Mary Louise Donnelly, Box 306, Burke, VA 22015 is in the process of revising her book, "Maryland Elder Family & Kin" and would appreciate hearing from any Maryland or southern PA Elder descendants.

QUERIES

I am seeking info. on the fam. of Henry SECHRIST b. 7 Jly 1772, d. 22 Apr 1856. 1st wf. Magdalena FLINCHBAUGH. 2nd wf. Catherine WEINHOLD. Lived near Felton, Chanceford Twp., York Co., PA. Ch.: Elizabeth (Betsy); Mary (Polly); Henry; Sarah (Sally); John; Jonathon; Charles; William; Leah; Nancy; and Susan. Who were Henry's parents? Prowell's Hist. of York Co. states he was an imm. Does anyone have proof of this? I would like to hear from descendants. Plans are to publish a book, including this fam., in the near future.
Mrs. Mary E. Rutt, R. 5, Box 76, Manheim, PA 17545.

The 1790 Census for York Co., PA, includes George, Matthias, & Peter CONROD and John CONRAD. Are they related? If so, how?
Info. is needed concerning the following ch. of Peter and Anna Maria SLOTHOWER of York/Adams Co., PA; Magdalena (1792-1851) mar. Peter McALLEN/McALLEAR - When & where did she die - was she also known as Elizabeth - who were their children; Maria/Salome b. 1795, mar. ___STONER - What was his first name - When and where did she die - who were their children; Lydia b. 1797, mar. "Coney" BRICKER - when & where did she die - who were their children.
Mrs. Winona F. Folks, 10407 Pleasant Valley Rd., Sun City, AZ 85351.

I am seeking info. on the Robert SPEER fam. who appear in York Co., PA, Hamiltonban Twp.(became Adams Co. in 1800). This man appears to have several sons, assuming that the males listed are his sons in the 1790 & 1800 Census. Is this the same Robert SPEAR whose estate appears in the Adams Co. Court 14 May 1813 from Liberty Twp.? Would like to correspond with anyone who is tracing this family. What became of all these sons?
Mrs. Nancy W. Singleton, M.R.#2, Woodland Rd., Baden, PA 15005.

John BLOCHER (1762-1838), Manheim Twp., York Co., PA (s. of Mathias BLOCHER & Barbara SCHWABIN/SWOPE, mar. Elizabeth ?. Would like to learn further of their fam. Known ch.: Anna (1791-1869) mar. Isaac BOLLINGER; Joseph (1792-1866) mar. Elizabeth ? in Adams Co., PA; Susanna (b. ca. 1799) mar. John WARNER (1860 in Darke Co.,, OH); Jacob (1802-1856) mar. Mary MAYERS in York Co.; Eve (1808-1882) mar. Daniel REINECKER (lived Wabash Co., IN); and Catherine (d. 1857) mar. Ludwig SHERRETZ and had ch. Susan, John and Jacob.
Mrs. Leona Betteridge, 2709 W. Soundview Dr., Tacoma, WA 98466.

Need par. of William ELLIOTT b. 14 Nov 1764, York Co., PA. Lived in Mecklenburg Co., NC, before & following the Rev. War. He served in the War in 1781. Mar. Miriam LEITH 1790 in Jefferson Co., TN. Ch.: William Blackburn; Jesiah Leith; Benjamin; plus several daughters. He d. 1834 in Marion Co., TN. Any info. on his par. would be helpful.

Melva Stradley, 200 Robin Hill Ln., Ballwin, MO 63011.

I would like to correspond with anyone researching or knowing about the fam. of Jacob PICKING of Reading Twp., Adams Co., PA. Jacob d. 1807 leaving ch.: Elizabeth, over 14, who chose William HODGES as guardn.; Mary, who later mar. John MOORE, but was under 14 in 1807; and William, under 14. The PICKINGs lived in the East Berlin area.

Isaac GUNDER/GONDER and his wf. Susanna HELLER lived in the Chambersburg area of Franklin Co., PA, from 1835 to 1848. They moved there from Dauphin Co., PA. Had ch.: Sarah, Susanna, Daniel, Catherine, and Elizabeth in Dauphin Co.; Isaac George, David, John Adam, Solomon, Rebecca, and Samuel T. in Franklin Co. Benjamin F. and Emmanuel b. later in Wood Co., OH. Has anyone seen these names in Franklin Co. church records?

Mrs. Nancy Gunder Mosier, 6022 E. Silverspur Tr., Anaheim Hills, CA 92807.

Would like to know names of all ch. of Simon ANSTINE (4 Nov 1763-22 Feb 1849) and Catharine BLASER (dau. of Nicolas). Have knowledge of Georg b. 4 Sep 1792, Mary b. 1796 (mar. Henry BARSHINGER), and Simon B. (b. 23 Sep-d. 28 Mar 1879). Need proof that Mary is a child of Simon ANSTINE. Info. in Biog. Hist. Perry Co. on Charles BARSHINGER (s. of Mary) that he is a grandson of Simon ANSTINE (in PA. legislature in 1826).

Mrs.Marie T. Keller, 5317 Serenity Cove, BoKeelia, FL 33922.

Seeking info. on John & Susanne (O'BOLD) WISE b. ca. 1790, prob. Emmittsburg, MD. Their dau. Mary Anne WISE b. 24 Feb 1816 Emmittsburg, MD, d. 29 Aug 1905 mar. Alexander C. SHORB on 27 Sep 1836.

Also seeking info. about Francis Jos. MARTIN, Sr., husband of Loretta SHORB. Need birth, marriage, & death dates and also place of birth. A son Francis Jos. MARTIN, Jr. b. 1 Feb 1867 mar. Anne Margaret SMITH on 14 May 1889 in McSherrystown, Adams Co., PA.

Mrs. Mary J. Norton, R.R. 2, Box 255, Cornish, NH 03745.

Seeking correspondence with anyone researching descendants of John GRISSINGER/GRIESINGER of Lewisberry Twp., York Co., PA, b. 1755, d. 1853. My records have been damaged by fire. I need help in piecing it all back together.

Elizabeth A. Grissinger, 1240 Blue Point Ave., B-11, Naples, FL 33962.

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