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LOOKING AHEAD

4 MAY -- The May meeting will be held on May 4, 1986 in the Meeting Hall of The Historical Society of York County. The business portion of the meeting will begin at 2:15 p.m. and the program at about 2:30 p.m. Christopher Witmer of Williamsport, PA, will present a slide show and talk on "Traditional Architecture of the Pa Germans". Presently Mr. Witmer is Economic Development Coordinator* for the Ohio Historic Preservation Office at Athens, Ohio. Among forthcoming articles that he will have published in publications are "The Barner Homestead: A Pennsylvania German Farm in Clinton County, PA"; "The Housebarns of East Central Wisconsin"; and, with Jerry Clouse, "The O'Donel Farm".

*of the city of Williamsport. Previously he was the Regional Coordinator

1 JUNE -- Pastor Frederick S. Weiser will speak on "Hatched, Matched, Dispatched--PA Dutch Style".

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME - AND A DUES INCREASE

A Membership Renewal Form for the 1 July 1986 - 30 June 1987 Fiscal Year has been included with this issue of the Newsletter. Please note that dues have been increased in the four membership categories as follows: Regular (Individual) - $10.00; Family - $12.50; Regular Life (Individual) - $500.00; and Family Life - $750.00.

For the past nine years there have been no dues increase. During those nine years our postage costs have increased five times and the cost of paper has doubled! All other routine operating expenses also saw steady increases in costs. During the past month we have had to, regretably, "retire" our faithful photocopy machine and purchase a new one. It served us well, but had become too expensive to repair during its continually increasing number of "breakdowns". This purchase alone has, of course, put a sizeable "dent" in our treasury.

In spite of all the above, we could continue to function and finish the next fiscal year in the "black" without a dues increase. However, we would not have a "comfortable" balance in our treasury from which we could draw to cover unpredictable/unforseen expenses, costs of present ongoing projects, and costs of several future projects involving publication expenses. Without a dues increase there is a definite possibility that at least one of our present projects and one (or more) of our planned projects would have to be curtailed. This we wish to avoid since we feel they will, upon completion, offer genealogical research information of value to all our members.

BEGINNING GENEALOGICAL WORKSHOP

On Tuesday, May 6, from 7 to 9:30 p.m., there will be a "Beginning Genealogical Workshop" held in the library of The Hist. Soc. of York County. SCPGS members living within reasonable driving distance of York who are still "new to the game", and feel they could use some help in getting started with their research, might wish to consider attending this workshop. Experienced members of the SCPGS will join HSYC Librarian Roberta Hudson in conducting this workshop. Participants will be assigned in groups of four to an experienced genealogist so that individual attention may be offered. Bring pencil, paper, and all the pertinent information you've been able to glean from family papers,

tombstones, or living relatives who may remember names and dates.

Cost of the workshop is $7.50 ($9.50 for non-members of either SCPGS or HSYC). Reservations may be made by calling Roberta Hudson at 848-1587. Class size is limited, but still open, so do not delay.

RESOURCE PERSON

Willing to help other members needing research assistance in the area designated:

IOWA - Pocahontas County. Carol Hoffman, Rush Lake Rd., Laurens, IA 50554.

HIVELY'S GENEALOGICAL NOTES

SCPGS member Alfreda Patton (819 Arlington Rd., York, PA 17403) is currently working on a Frankenfield Family History. The Frankenfield immigrant was Simon Frankenfelt, who arrived in 1749 and settled in Springfield Twp., Bucks County, PA. Descendants have migrated to various parts of the United States. It is believed that all Frankenfields in America are related. To make the planned book as complete as possible, Alfreda is seeking additional information to combine with that which she has collected from the Frankenfield Reunion and her years of personal research. Alfreda previously published the book David Kramm His Ancestors and Descendants. That book covered ancestral names of Kramm, Boehm, and Des hler and church information associated with the Reverend John Philip Boehm, founder of the Reformed Church in America. When writing to Alfreda please include a SASE.

Dr. Don Yoder presented the SCPGS March meeting program on "Tracing Scotch-Irish Pennsylvanians". Any SCPGS member who would like a copy of the two page bibliography Dr. Yoder distributed at the meeting may have a copy by sending a business size SASE to the SCPGS.

Robert Barnes presented the SCPGS April meeting program on "Researching English Families in the Peabody Library". Any SCPGS member who would like a copy of the three page bibliography Mr. Barnes distributed at the meeting may have a copy by sending a business size SASE to the SCPGS. (If a member would like both the bibliography provided by Dr. Yoder and the one provided by Mr. Barnes, the member should send a SASE with at least 39 cents of postage affixed.)

The SCPGS wishes to thank both Dr. Yoder and Mr. Barnes for allowing interested members to obtain copies of the above bibliographies.

The Bicksler-Bixler Family Association (432 East Oak St., Palmyra, PA 17078) has scheduled their fifty-fourth annual reunion for Saturday, August 9, 1986 at the Fredericksburg Fireman's Park which is located along Route 343 between Lebanon and Fredericksburg. This association mainly involves descendants of immigrant Peter Bisler but it does have interest in other Bixler families. At the 1985 reunion a new memorial was dedicated at the cemetery on the farmstead of immigrant Peter Bixler. The association is beginning plans to revise and update the book Bicksler-Bixler Family 1728-1968 in the U.S.A. This book contained a section on some descendants of the Christian Bixler of York County, PA, who went to Fairfax County, VA. It also contained a section on "Other Bicksler-Bixler Families".

Rev. Jacob H. Fries was ordained a Reformed Minister in Frederick, MD in 1813 and apparently served an early part of his ministry in York County, PA and ended his ministry in Union County, PA. The Detroit Public Library has some of his personal papers. Included is a "Marriage Book of J. H. Fries", which contains about 25 marriages performed in 1838 and 1839 by Rev. Fries while in Union County. These marriages have been recently published in the Winter, 1985 (Vol. 49, No. 2, page 60) issue of the Detroit Society for Genealogical Research

Magazine. A copy of the issue may be purchased from the above society for $2 by sending the order in care of the Detroit Public Library (5201 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, Michigan, 48202).

Gary T. Hawbaker (PO Box 207, Hershey, PA 17033) announces the publication in May of Lancaster County, PA Quarter Sessions (1729-1742). The text of this volume is 109 pages and averages about 50 names per page. The volume contains the names of some early residents of Lancaster County who lived there prior to extant Lancaster County tax lists. The records report cases of trespass, counterfeiting, runaway servants, assault and battery, fornication, petitions to keep public houses, and various other situations. The price is $12.50 plus $1.50 for postage. PA residents must also add 6% for sales tax.

For information on the recently formed The Heritage Society of Pennsylvania (P.O. Box 146-M, Laughlintown, PA 15655) write to the address given. Quarterly publications are to include The Pennsylvania Genealogist & Historian as well as Pennsylvania in the Revolution, Pennsylvania: 1800-1850, Pennsylvania in the Civil War.

The book From Pig Iron to Cotton Duck, Volume I was described in the previous newsletter but the price was omitted. The newspaper notice of this book gave the price as $27 by mail.

The Spring 1986 (Vol. 35, No. 1) issue of Pennsylvania Folklife contains a 19 page article on "An Overview of Flax and Linen Production in Pennsylvania". This article may be of interest to some SCPGS members as flax growing was important to many early Pennsylvania farmers. The same issue contains a 10 page article on "The First German Broadside and Newspaper Printing of the American Declaration of Independence". The issue conatining these articles may be purchased for $3 from the Pennsylvania Folklife Society, Inc. (P.O. Box 92, Collegeville, PA 19426).

Pennsylvania German Society members of 1985 should have received the 1985 Annual Volume, Eighteenth Century Emigrants Volume II: The Western Palatinate by Annette Burgert. This volume, like the first in the series, contains the German villages from which numerous immigrants came. Nonmembers of the Pennsylvania German Society (P.O. Box 397, Birdsboro, PA 19508) who are interested in purchasing this volume should write to that society for price information.

NELL FAMILY GENEALOGY SOCIETY will hold its SECOND ANNUAL FAMILY REUNION on June 27-29, 1986 in York, PA. The York location was chosen because numerous Nell families live in PA and also Nell families settled near York in the early 1800's. A tour of East Berlin, Adams Co., PA and other reunion activities are scheduled. Henry Nell, who came from Germany to Baltimore, MD in 1802, settled in East Berlin. Anyone wanting more information should write to The Nell Family Genealogy Society (P.O. Box 24245, Speedway, IN 46224).

QUERIES

Harriet STUMP b. 9 Aug. 1816, PA, mar. Francis W. SCHUDY b. 19 Sept. 1810, PA. She had bro. & sis.: Jacob; Michael; Henry; John; Katherine mar. ____ HOWARD; Magdalena mar. ____ KADER; Anneliza mar. ___ KADER. Who were Harriet's parents? Related families: BENTZ; KAFFEROD/KAUFROTH.

Jane Stolte, R. 1, Box 108, Clarksville, MO, 63336.

Seeking info. on William SMITH (1741- ?) & wf. Daisy FIELDS. He came to York, PA, with family at age 8 from Ireland. Cousin, Jame SMITH, signed Declaration of Independence. Ch.: Irene, 1772; Mary, 1773; & William, Jr., 1774, who mar. Mary ROGERS. Their son, Joseph (1805-1856), b. in GA, mar. Susan DAVIDSON (1810-1892).

Searcy Smith, 413 Longleaf Dr., Slidell, LA, 70458.

Would like to hear from anyone with info. about the FERTIG/FERTICK/FERDIG fam. who lived in the Cumberland Co., PA, area ca. 1779 to ca. 1830. Marrying into the FERTIG fam. were: Maria Elizabeth NEU; Frances THUMA; Barbara THUMA; Mathias MINNICK; Jacob WAGGONER.

Also - Don Yoder's pub. "PA German Immigrants 1709-1786" states that Lorenz ALBERT, who lived in the Bermuda Valley of Adams Co., PA, was cousin of Andreas FERTIG & that a lot has been written on the ALBERT family genealogy & placed in some of the local libraries. Could someone advise which publication(s) would have info. on the FERTIGs? FERTIGS & ALBERTS came from same place in Germany ca. 1754 to PA.

Mr. Charles H. Fattig, 32 Larson Rd., McCleary, WA, 98557.

Nathaniel PORTER d. ca. 1772, Cumberland Twp., Adams Co., PA, leaving widow, Sarah (Sarah MAFFITT "of Cecil Co, MD"), & Ch.: James d. single, Adams Co.; David mar. Susannah McCREARY & went to Monongalia Co., WV; Sarah mar. Robert McCREARY (he d. before 1775, Adams Co.); William; Nathaniel, lived Mountjoy Twp., Adams Co. & later to Western PA. Nathaniel prob. lived Londonderry &/or Nottingham Twps., Chester Co., PA, before Adams Co. Who were par. of Nathaniel PORTER & Sarah MAFFITT & where & when were they b.? Have further info. on David & Susannah. Need all info. on other children.

Maria Edwards Quisenberry, 5140 Carlsbad Blvd., Carlsbad, CA, 92008.

Hugh MILLER (1806-1880), Beaver Co., PA, mar. 1830(?) to Mary LOCKHART (b. 1813, Wales, d. 1876, Beaver Co.). From what line did Mary descend? She could have been dau. of Hiram or his bro. Jephtha LOCKHART who settled Beaver Co. early 1800's. They were sons of William (1756-1834). No records have been found to prove above supposition. Is someone working on another LOCKHART line where Mary will fit? Please help - will exchange.

Mrs. Robert R. Miller, P.O. Box 614, Cedaredge, CO, 81413.

Seeking info. on fam. of Jacob DALEY & wf. Martha, of North Hundred, Baltimore Co., MD. Jacob d. 1815. Ch.: John, moved to OH; Keziah mar. William HARE; Sarah mar. James McCULLOUGH in 1814; Jehu, moved to OH; Jesse mar. Susan TRACEY in 1815; Thomas d. 1821; Ruth mar. Thomas HUTCHINS; Christopher; Jacob; & Miriam mar. the same James McCULLOUGH. Will answer all & exchange.

Michael A. Ports, 2036 Camp Street, New Orleans, LA, 70130.

Need par. of James W. ROBINSON b. 4 Mar. 1820, Lancaster, PA. Lived Lower Chanceford Twp., York Co., PA, in 1860 Census. Mar. Catharine DUKE (2nd. mar. for both). Died in Civil War 30 Mar. 1865 in Jeffersonville, IN. Occupation was shoemaker. Had son, John, by 1st mar., b. 1850.

Mrs. C. J. Robinson, 520 Pleasant St., Mankato, MN, 56001.

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