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LOOKING AHEAD

3 MAY - The May meeting will be held at the Warrington Quaker Meeting House in Warrington Township, York County, PA (directions to the meeting house are below). The business portion of the meeting will begin at 2:15 p.m. and the program at 2:30. The present stone Warrington Meeting House has been at the site since 1769. The building is considered to be one of the finest examples of Quaker architecture in the region. This building was preceded by a log building erected 24 years earlier. A small group of Quakers continues to worship regularly in the Warrington Meeting House. A member of the meeting will present its history and give information on some of its early families.

DIRECTIONS TO WARRINGTON MEETING HOUSE:

Warrington Meeting House is located in northern York County on Route 74 between Rossville and Wellsville. From the intersection of Route 30 and Route 74 west of York proceed north on Route 74 for about 11.5 miles to the meeting house, making certain to follow Route 74 as it turns left at the signal light in the village of Rossville. The meeting house is about one mile beyond Rossville on the left side of Route 74. From the intersection of Route 30 and Route 74 the time should be no more than 20 minutes.

UPDATE -- HSYC RENOVATION EFFECT ON THE LIBRARY

During the renovation of The Historical Society of York County (York, PA), a temporary library will be in the present room known as the Meeting Hall. Present plans are to keep most of the records currently in the reading room in the temporary library. The availability of other research sources will be limited. If there is space a few of the more frequently used bound periodicals will also be kept available for use. Present plans are to move the library to the Meeting Hall by May 15. For about two days when the library is moved the library will be closed to the public. Actual remodeling of the building should start in the beginning of June and conclude in the first quarter of 1988. The new library should be arranged and ready for researchers by June of 1988. Before visiting the library during this time period it may be wise to call. The phone number is (717) 848-1587.

HIVELY'S GENEALOGICAL NOTES

The National Archives has announced that individuals can now participate in the Microfilm Rental Program. There are also new, lower, rental rates. For instance, the fee is $3 per roll for orders of 1 to 4 rolls; $2.50 per roll for orders of 5-9 rolls, and $2 per roll for orders of 10 or more rolls. In addition the $3 postage and handling fee is waived for orders of significant size. (The new direct-order program does not replace the present rental service which has operated through local libraries and which will continue to be available). To join the Microfilm Rental Program there is a $15 fee which includes a Start-up Kit. This kit includes copies of the six catalogs you need to find out which microfilms to order, free rental of your first two rolls of microfilm, 10% discount on orders of some National Archives publications, order forms for ship passenger arrival and veterans records. Among the records on microfilm that can be ordered are the Federal Population

Census Schedules and Soundexes from 1790-1910; American Revolutionary War Service Records and Index; and Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files. Interested individuals should request a copy of the Microfilm Rental Program brochure by writing to National Archives Microfilm Rental Program (Post Office Box 2940, Hyattsville, MD 20784).

Two additional volumes in the series Maryland German Church Records are available. (See the NOTES portion of the October, 1986 issue of this newsletter for information about this series and the first available volume.) Volume 2 is Zion Lutheran Church, Middletown, Maryland and it costs $15. Volume 3 is Monacacy Lutheran Congregation and Evangelical Lutheran Church - Baptisms 1742-1779, Frederick, Frederick County and it costs $20. Shipping costs are $1.50 per volume. Maryland residents need to add 5% for sales tax. The volumes can be ordered from Noodle-Doosey Press (P.O. Box 716, Manchester, MD 21102). Also Noodle-Doosey Press has released the names of the 21 volumes planned for the series. Researchers with significant interest in German families in Maryland will find this series of great value. Those interested in a list of planned volumes should write Noodle-Doosey Press.

Monocacy and Catoctin: A Source Book for Early Western Maryland History and Genealogy is available from Beidel Printing House, Inc. (P.O. Box 152, Shippensburg, PA 17257). This is a regional study in Western Maryland and neighboring Pennsylvania from Indians and Indian traders to European settlers and families. Settlers and descendants have been emphasized in Frederick and Carroll Counties, MD, and Adams County, PA. The families of Steelman, Eisenhower, Hoover, Poe, Clem, Clingan, Delaplaine, Keller, Kemp, Leatherman, McCardell, Musselman, Scholl and related families have been studied by ten authors familiar with the names. The book has twenty-two pages of detailed bibliography and sources, including church records available. The cost of the 465 page, hardbound book is $24.95 plus shipping costs of $1.50 per book. PA residents need to add 6% for sales tax.

A new SCPGS member, Mrs. Virgil C. Goold (Rt. 2, Box 76, Marionville, MO 65705), recently compiled the Bruner-Knisley, Kith, and Kin. It covers the genealogy of George Bruner who was born in PA and settled in Essex County, Ontario, Canada and of David Knisley who settled in Haldemand County, Ontario. Both of these men went to Canada in the late 1700's. The above David Knisley (1787-1860) was born in PA and married Elizabeth Barbara Hoover (Huber), daughter of Christian Huber who moved to Canada about 1802, following his father and other brothers into Rainham and Walpole Townships in what is now Haldemand County. Christian's father was Jacob Huber (1728-1810) who went to Haldemand County in 1791 and bought land and moved his family there in 1793 except for a son, John Huber, who remained in York County, PA. The book will be available to SCPGS members at a cost of $20 plus $2.50 for postage and handling until May 31, 1987. (After that date the price will be $25 plus the postage and handling.)

The above book by Mrs. Goold now includes a valuable supplement that confirms some of the theories she had proposed in the last chapter of the book concerning the relationship of the Knisleys of Canada to those of Lancaster and York Counties of PA. The information is from a 1739 Swiss Bible now in the Willoughby Historical Museum near Welland, Canada. The large Bible belonged to John Knisley, father of Christian Kniseley, Sr, to whom he had given the Bible. Listed in the back of the Bible with dates are the children of John Knisley and his son Christian. It is believed the Bible was taken to Canada in 1790 by Christian Kniseley when he went there along with Abraham Neff and Christian Stoner. In the 1932 publication, Kneisly Genealogy, by Harry Loren Kneisly the above John is # 9-14 and his son Christian is # 10-44. Christian's brother, Daniel (#10-49), as well as the brother David (#10-50) went to Canada.

SCPGS member, Catherine S. Chandler, sent in data from a King family Bible. This data dates back as far as 1738 and because of this early period, I am giving an abstract of the data here in case it is needed by some SCPGS member. Mrs. Chandler reports the material is from "the Bible of Robert King, 1705-1764, of Little Britain Twp., Lancaster Co., PA, and his wife, Ann McLaughlin, who were married in 1736, the date of publication of the Bible. It was also used by their oldest child, William King, 1738-1813, and his wife, Isabella Campbell, 1745-1821. She was born in New London Twp., Chester Co., PA on 12 March 1745, the daughter of Hugh Campbell, ca. 1700-1772, and wife Margaret. Hugh was the son of Samuel Campbell, d. 1747. The Bible is now in Western Reserve Historical Society, Cleveland, Ohio. William King went to Columbiana Co., OH in 1804." Mrs. Chandler (4725 Montgomery Ave., Downers Grove, IL 60515) has done extensive research on this King family and some on the Campbell family, the latter proving to be a more difficult family to research.

The following is a summary of the data in the above Bible:

Children of Robert King and Ann McLaughlin--

William, b. 4 Oct. 1738;
John, b. 5 Dec. 1740;
Mary, b. 27 Sept. 1742;
Robert, b. 24 Sept. 1746;
Ann, b. 20 Apr., 1748;
Ann, b. 20 Jan., 1750;
James, b. 15 Mar., Sept., 1751 (sic)
Elisabeth, b. 10 March 1753;
Rachel, b. 7 Sept. 1754;
George, b. 5 May 1758.

Children of William King who maried on 29 Dec. 1768 to Isabella Campbell who was born on 12 Mar. 1745; he died 19 Oct. 1813 and she died 2 July 1821--

Robert, b. 6 Nov. 1769;
Margret, b. 9 June 1771;
John, b. 17 June 1773;
Elisabeth, b. 14 May 1775, died at 22 months;
Hugh, b. 27 July, 1777;
Ann, b. 18 Apr., 1779;
William, b. 22 July 1781, died 15 Apr., 1785;
Thomas C., b. 24 Nov. 1783;
Rachel, 20 Jan. 1787.

Donna Valley Russell has compiled Frederick County, Maryland, Genelaogical Research Guide. This 8 by 11 paperback of 68 pages contains information on the following sources: Vital Records, Circuit Court, Orphans Court, Church Records, Military, Census, Newspapers, Tax Records, Towns and Villages, Rivers and Streams. There are maps, illustrations, and a topical index. The cost is $12 plus $1 for shipping and handling. This resource book may be ordered from Catoctin Press (709 East Main St., Middletown, MD 21769).

Palatine Mennonite Census Lists, 1664-1793 will be available at pre-publication price until June 1, 1987 from Mennonite Family History (P.O. Box 171, Elverson, PA 19520-0171). These census lists of Swiss-German Mennonite families were compiled by the government in what was then known as the Kurpfalz in West Germany. Today these villages and estates lie on both sides of the Rhine River between Karlsruhe and Mains. Usually the name of the head of the household is given, the number of sons and daughters, farmhands, and maids. Photos of many of the villages, estate, churches, and countryside are interspersed between the lists which were transcribed from the originals housed at the Karlsruhe Generallandesarchiv. There is an every-name index, a glossary, maps and an introduction. The pre-publication price is $10 plus $1.50 for handling.

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The following is quoted as received from the Division of Archives and Manuscripts at Harrisburg, PA. "Under a 1984 federal grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC), Pennsylvania State Archives staff conducted an inventory of the public records in 66 counties (excluding Philadelphia). The entire inventory for the 66 counties is now available on microfiche. Basically a listing of record series titles (e.g. naturalization dockets, deed books, cancelled checks, etc.), the inventory gives the date span of each record series, quantity (in terms of cubic feet), a location code designation and vsam number. The vsam number is a computer assigned number. Interpretation of location codes has been given to each county officer. The inventory was conducted from April - December, 1984. The information on the inventory has not been updated since then, and some of the records may have been moved, destroyed, transferred, etc. since the time of the survey. Copies of the microfiche may be purchased from the PA State Archives, P.O. Box 1026, Harrisburg, PA 17108-1026 at a cost of $6.30 ($5.00 plus $.30 tax (for Pennsylvania residents) and $1.00 shipping). Please make check payable to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania".

Krefeld Immigrants and Their Descendants is published twice a year and is available from Links Genealogy Publications (Iris Carter Jones, 7677 Abaline Way Sacramento, CA 95823). The price is $10. Queries from subscribers are free. Ancestor charts and family sheets can be registered at no charge. Back issues are available.

QUERIES

Heinrich & Anna Margaretha (BENCKERTIN) CASSELL had dau., Anna Eva, b. 25 Feb. 1748, bapt. Christ Ref. Ch., Littlestown, Adams Co., PA, spons. Jacob BENCKERTIN. Two more ch. bapt. at Conewago by Stover, Luth. minister: John Jacob b. 7 Oct. 1734, bapt. 9 Mar. 1735, spons. John Jacob BEUSKERT; & Catherine b. Oct., 1739, bapt. 3 May 1740, spons, Catarina WEYHMUELLER. Both Jacob BENCKERT & Heinrich CASSELL migrated to Pfeiff's Creek, Frederick, now Carroll Co., MD. Welcome any info. on these families.

Need info. on Adam STONE/STEIN & wf., Margaretha (maiden name?), who migrated to Pfeiff's Creek, now Carroll Co., MD. Both d. in Washington Co., MD, 1791 & 1795. Believe they came from York, Adams, or Lancaster Co., PA, in early 1760's to MD. Dau., Elizabeth, was wf. of Phillip WERKING, s. of Nicolaus, of Manheim Twp., York Co. Adam & Phillip were members of St. Benjamin Ref. & Luth. Ch. at Pfeiff's Creek. Adam's ch.: William; Michael; George; Jacob; Johann; Adam, Jr.; Catherine SNAVELY; & Elizabeth WIRKING. Can anyone give me some places of res. in PA? Is Adam STONE the immigrant?

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