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LOOKING AHEAD

SATURDAY 30 Apr 2011 — Bible Documentation Day

York County Heritage Trust and South Central Pennsylvania Genealogical Society are co-hosting a Bible Documentation Day. Bring your family bible to the meeting hall of the York County Heritage Trust at 250 East Market Street in York on Saturday, April 30, 2011 from 10 AM to 2 PM. Family bibles are sometimes the only source for vital statistic information. We will copy, *free of charge*, your family information to place in the family files in the YCHT Library & Archives. A documentation sheet covering the bible owners' name, family connection, provenance, etc. will be completed and kept with the copies from the Bible.

At 1 PM, learn what information may be found in your family bible and ways to do more genealogical research in the Trust's Library & Archives. Staff and volunteers will be available to assist with reading the information, whether the handwriting is hard to read or if the script is in German. For more information on this event please contact Victoria Miller, YCHT Assistant Librarian at (717) 848-1587 ext. 225 or vmiller@yorkheritage.org.

SUNDAY 1 May 2011 — Visit Bethlehem Steltz Reformed church and cemetery in Codorus Twp
Directions from I-83 ... Take I-83 south to the Shrewsbury exit (exit 4). At the end of the exit ramp, make a right on to Route 851. Follow Route 851 west to the traffic light at Main Street in Shrewsbury. Proceed straight through this intersection. Continue on Route 851 to the town of Railroad. At the stop sign in Railroad make a left turn and follow Route 851 west toward and through New Freedom. The church is along Route 851 (Steltz Road) approximately 4 to 5 miles west of New Freedom on the right.

Directions from the west-side of York ... Take Route 30 west to Route 116 (Hanover Road). Follow Route 116 south through Spring Grove to Route 516 (Jefferson Road). Follow Route 516 south through Jefferson to the stop sign at the intersection with Route 216. Proceed straight through this intersection. You will be on Route 851 east when you pass the intersection with Lineboro Road (Route 516). Continue to follow Route 851 (Steltz Road) east. The church will be on the left.

SUNDAY 6 Jun 2011 — Henry James Young Award Ceremony



CONGRATULATIONS! ... to Randall Sierk from Christiana Pennsylvania. Randall recently attended the Lancaster Family History Conference and was selected from the 35 people who registered to receive a "free" one-year membership in the South Central Pennsylvania Genealogical Society.



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Franklin R. Grove, Jr.

Winter of 2010-2011 has ended! Spring has begun; we've even had two spring "onion" snows. Bright colors are beginning to arrive outdoors. It was a busy month of March ... I am sure for many of you as well. I hope you found some of those long lost family links that you have been searching for.

At March's meeting; we learned about some old and many new areas in the newspapers to use to help find family information. More information is being added to the society's website and it is seeing more visitors each month. Members are helping people with simple to complex research for their families by volunteering at the York County Heritage Trust library. On April 2nd, I represented the society at the 32nd annual Lancaster Family History Conference, sponsored by the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society. Our society participated as vendor, provided two door prizes, and had a drawing for a one year "free" membership.

On Sunday, April 3rd; members and guests enjoyed a tour of the Colonial Court House Complex. Some flowers were blooming, the grass even has become a little greener, some of the garden items were beginning to grow again, and I noticed that the rhubarb was really beginning to grow for this season.

Looking ahead; on May 1st we will tour the historic Bethlehem "Steltz" Reformed Church and cemetery in Codorus Township. Also at the May meeting the society's leaders for 2012 will be nominated. And in early May, a committee will choose the two recipients of the Henry J. Young Award that will be presented at our June meeting at the York County Heritage Trust.

I was very pleased to receive two responses to my queries published in our last newsletter. I will be sharing pictures with some distant family members. Keep enjoying learning about your family and history!



DECEASED MEMBERS

Former Charter Member Ella Mae (Fleming) Dellinger died on 24 Mar 2011 at Country Meadows of Leaders Heights. Mrs. Dellinger celebrated her 95th birthday on Jan 24 2011, and she was the widow of the late Dr, Woodrow S Dellinger of Red Lion. She was born in Quincy. Ella Mae attended and graduated as salutatorian of the Class of 1933 of Quincy High School. There she was an outstanding athlete as well as scholar. In January 1934, Mrs. Dellinger entered The York Hospital School of Nursing and from there she graduated as valedictorian in 1937. At the York Hospital she was head nurse in Emergency Department. A frequent presence in the ER was Dr. Dellinger who as a Junior Intern had often been one of Ella's lecturers. They began dating and were married 1 Sep 1939. They began their practice of medicine at 104 S Main St., Red Lion, where they worked side by side, both in the office and in patients' homes. The practice closed upon the death of Dr. Dellinger in 1988. A tireless volunteer, she was active in the Red Lion Community. Ella was a member of the Colonial Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Both she and Dr. Dellinger were both avid historians with a special interest in Abraham Lincoln, and she became a member of the Red Lion Historical Society when it was formed. She had a keen interest in genealogy which she pursued with vigor. She and her family generously gifted the educational offerings at Lebanon Valley College. Ella Mae gave of her time, her Christian love, and herself to countless individuals throughout the community. Many benefited from her acts of love and tender mercy. Mrs. Dellinger is survived by her son, Woodrow "Skip" Dellinger, Jr. of Cornwall, her sister, Mrs. Mary Jane Shelley of Quincy, a niece and six nephews. Burial was in the Red Lion Cemetery.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL NOTICE

The South Central Pennsylvania Genealogical Society welcomes and values your continued membership. Renewing your membership will help us continue to provide services such as special publications and research assistance in the York and Adams County area. Unless you are a life member, your membership will expire on July 31, 2011 and you will not receive membership benefits beyond that date if you do not renew.

To renew your membership in SCPGS for the fiscal year 2011-2012, please promptly mail your payment with the renewal notice included in this newsletter. Please return the entire page. Life members should disregard the renewal form.

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NEW ACQUISITIONS AT YCHT LIBRARY

Among the recently received and/or recently catalogued materials at the York County Heritage Trust Library Archives are:

- Fackler Book Volume I & II (Fackler, Forrest L.)
- Ancestral History of Forrest Louis Fackler: Overview of my Family History (Fackler, Forrest L.)
- Knaub Family Research (Priester, Bessie)
- ** German Research Companion, 3rd Edition (Riemer, Shirley J., et al)
- Dillsburg Sesquicentennial: Our Heritage, 150 Years 1833-1983
- Samuel S. Lewis: Portrait of a County Leader (Markowitz, Lewis Harrison)
- Index to Carroll County Records from the Register of Wills, 1837-1898. Vol I (Mummaugh)
- Die Pennsylvaniaisch Dietsch. Vol 44 of the Pennsylvania Genealogical Society (Haag, Earl C.)
- 1765 Chester County, Pennsylvania Archives (Dix, Katharine F.)
- Cashman Surname in America. Vol 18 (Weaner, Arthur)
- Anna's Collection: A Keepsake of Family Memories, 1906-1996 (Rutt, Mary E.)
- Passenger & Immigration Lists 2011 Part 2
- Descendants of Sigemund Anstine & Catherine Blaser, Vol I & II
- River & Ridge: 300 Years of Local History, Peach Bottom Township & Delta, Pa (Wilson, Roger)
- Mayflower Families Through Five Generations Descendants of the Pilgrims: Family of John Howland (Lainhart, Ann Smith.)
- Yesteryears in Southern York County Book 2
- Richard Haines and his Descendants: A Quaker Family of Burlington County, NJ Since 1682, Vol 1 & 2 (Haines, John Wesley)
- Markle Family of Allegheny County, PA 1712-1987: Covering 275 Years (Ardinger, Dennis B.)
- Michael Eichelberger (1774-1830) of Eichelbergertown Bedford County, PA: 2700 Descendants and Connections. Index (Eichelberger, J.A. II)

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NEWSPAPERS and GENEALOGY: Perils, Pitfalls and Rewards

written by Becky Anstine

James Beidler spoke at our March meeting on the topic of newspapers and their effect on genealogical research. Newspaper research has had the biggest growth of records in recent years – due to the availability to index the newspapers. Jim had several reasons to use newspapers as an alternate record source. Vital events in life – birth, marriage and death -- were frequently recorded in newspapers. Marriages sometimes had their own detailed accounts – from a description of the bridal gown, decorations to a list of the guests. Births were frequently announced under the personal or local town news sections – often mentioning that the stork had arrived at someone’s house. From the late 1800’s to the 1960’s obituaries were published in great detail and for free. Sometimes they included family trees, noteworthy events, sermon texts, pallbearers, and other details of the funeral. Information in obituaries was greatly reduced in the 1990’s after newspaper began charging to print the death announcements.

Newspapers are also a great source to find the little extras as anniversary, birthday and reunion celebrations were covered. Frequently, there would be a list of attendees at such events. Genealogy and local history columns were published. Social columns told who was visiting who. Some papers even published lists of recent visitors to hotels. Estate notices, public auctions, shipping notices and railroad schedules could be found in the local papers. Newspapers give a perspective on the times. The advertisements are fascinating to look at for price comparisons to today. Health columns gave advice and testimonials. Early papers published lists of letters waiting to be picked up at the post office. One could also find lists of businesses and their owners in the papers. Jim’s last reason was called “Things found on the way to something else” ... the articles you read while looking for something else that give you a picture of the life and times of your ancestors. Recently, while looking for an obituary, I was distracted by the articles on the sinking of the Titanic.

Technology is rapidly changing the newspaper research. Until the 1960’s – one had to use “morgue” style clippings. From 1970-1990 – research was done by looking at newspapers on microfilm. In early the 2000’s, full page searches were available. By 2009, one was able to search a newspaper on the article level using OCR (optical character recognition). Now it is possible to search by every word indexing.

Jim suggested several online sites for newspaper searches which are subscription services. The first – ancestry.com has over 1000 titles, 106 which were published in Pennsylvania. The second is genealogybank.com – which covers newspapers from 1680 to mid 1990. A separate section covers only obituaries from 1977 to present. Proquest Historical newspaper includes Afro-American newspapers and the Civil War era (I have found that the proquest historical newspapers are available through some public and college libraries – the collection seems to include the New York Times, Washington Post and the major local city paper for that particular area – access is not to all newspapers published but seems to be a specialized collection. Example being the Baltimore Sun is available on one site, and the Philadelphia Inquirer on another – but both papers are not available on the same site). Another subscription site is www.accessible.com which includes the Pennsylvania Gazette.

A free site is available through googlenews.archives. There are completely free newspapers and others charge a fee for viewing. One can also Google the Penn State Pennsylvania Civil War Newspapers. Fifty Pennsylvania newspapers published from 1831-1877 are available through this site.

Family history researchers should not ignore newspapers as a source of information for family history. With the technological advances made in recent years; newspapers have become very easy to search and can sometimes provide the missing piece of information that you need to fill a blank. They also give one a feel for the social, political and economic events that affected an individual’s life and help understand who your ancestor was and what their life was like.

YORK'S COLONIAL COMPLEX

written by Becky Anstine

Our April meeting was held at the York Colonial Complex. Dan Roe, YCHT Director of Education was our tour guide. We started with the Colonial Courthouse.



Originally, the courthouse (built in 1754) was located in the center square of York but was torn down in 1841. Court activities in York necessitated a larger courthouse. In 1976, members of the community decided to recreate the courthouse for the bicentennial. Much research was done – even excavation in the square to determine the exact dimensions of the original courthouse. The courthouse was built in the Georgian style and furnished in a style similar to Independence Hall in Philadelphia. Thirteen tables – one for each of the colonies – set in order from the northern part of the county to the southern part. York was chosen as the seat of government after the fall of Philadelphia in the fall of 1777. Originally, the Continental Congress had hoped to base itself in Lancaster – but that was also the center of activities for Pennsylvania – thus

housing and meeting places were at a premium. The Congress moved to York – it still provided a central location in the colonies for the government. Although, the delegates found York to less desirable in regards to food, housing, and social activities. Local citizens also took advantage of the wealthier delegates and charged higher prices for basic necessities. Meeting on the second floor of the courthouse, the delegates passed two important legislative documents – The Articles of Confederation in Nov 1777 and the French Alliance in May 1778. By June 1778, the delegates happily returned to Philadelphia. (Several members of our group said that SCPGS had placed a time capsule in the courthouse when the reconstruction was completed).

We next toured the Plough Tavern. Built around 1751, by Joseph Chambers, the tavern was the center of local life. The tavern is two stories, with a basement and an attic. It was built in typical English style – half timbered – the bottom of wood and the second floor used bricks. There are 3 rooms on the first floor and a storage room. It is furnished and set up as it would have been in the mid 1750's. The tavern was used up until the 1960's – some of our members remembered that it had been a cigar store and also the home of a well known local business – “Mike's Nuts”. Restoration was begun on the tavern, when it was discovered that the much of the original building had survived and was still intact.

Attached to the tavern, is the Gates House. Built by Joseph Chambers in 1751 to provide a home for his family; it reflects the lifestyle of a wealthy Yorker in 1777.

The house was rented to General Gates. It is here that the famous “Conway Cabal” was supposed to have taken place. Gates had invited Lafayette to a dinner party on the second floor of the house. During a toast, Lafayette confirmed his loyalty to General Washington and put an end to any ideas of Gates becoming the commander in chief. An interesting feature of the house is the expandable walls on the second floor. The large room on this floor could be divided into two smaller rooms. The center wall was built as two large panels. The panels could be lifted up and attached to the ceiling of the room, making the two rooms into one large room.



Our last stop was the Bobb House. The house was built in 1812 and originally was on the property where the William Penn High School is located. When the school needed to expand, the house was offered to the Historical Society, and was moved in its entirety to the Colonial Complex. It features dovetail notching in its walls. It is believed that a weaver's shop was located on the second floor and the family lived on the first floor. During the 1900's the house was subdivided and records show that 19 people lived there.



The visit was an interesting look at early York history and the tour was fascinating. It is hard to visualize how York looked during the 1700's and the complex gives a very good look at early life in York.



GENEALOGICAL NOTES

Is It Time for the Digital Public Library of America?

A new project is underway with the stated goal to "make the cultural and scientific heritage of humanity available, free of charge, to all." The project has the backing of some "heavy hitters," including David S. Ferriero, the archivist of the United States. In an article in the New York Times, Miguel Helft describes the formation of a noncommercial public digital library. The project is in its infancy. It has no formal structure other than a steering committee. It has formed six working groups to study the project's scope, financing, governance, legal hurdles, technical issues and audience. "Everyone who is at the table has a different idea of audience, scope, content and governance," said David S. Ferriero, the archivist of the United States, who backs the project and attended the October meeting. "All those issues need to be worked through."

Posted by Dick Eastman on April 4, 2011 in Current Affairs /



U.S. National Archives and Ancestry.com Post Civil War Records Online

The National Archives and Ancestry.com have now announced that newly-digitized Civil War records will be available online for the first time, allowing users to trace family links to the war between North and South.

Ancestry.com is publishing the first in a series of Civil War records that have been digitized from original National Archives records on paper. This is a new collection, not available anywhere online previously. The new Civil War collection is highlighted by the Consolidated Lists of Civil War Draft Registration Records, 1863-1865. These nearly 275,000 records are among the most heavily-used records for research in the National Archives Civil War holdings and were previously only available by request in original form at the research center. The public will now be able to easily access these records online without having to travel to Washington, DC.

Post by Dick Eastman on April 6, 2011



THE CEMETERIES OF YORK COUNTY, PA

In 2010 the following updates that were made to the tombstone photos online at .

<http://www.usgwarchives.org/pa/york/yccemeteries.htm>

Added a search engine to the main cemetery page

Created and added pages for ...

Ebenezer Baptist Church Cemetery, Lower Windsor Township (*completed*)

Fockenroth Burial Ground, North Codorus Township (*completed*)

Garber Mennonite Cemetery, Menges Mills

Gerber's Graveyard, Hellam Township (*completed*)

Heindel Cemetery, North Codorus Township (*completed*)

Mt. Airy United Methodist, Warrington Township (*completed*)

Mt. Pleasant COG Cemetery, Monaghan Township

Mount Zion Baptist Church Cemetery, Brogue (*completed*)

Ness-Myers Burial Ground (*completed*)

North Codorus Church of the Brethren Cemetery (Brethren Church Cemetery) (*completed*)

Roth's Burial Ground, Hellam Township (*completed*)

Williams Burial Ground, York Township) (*completed*)

York Friends Meeting House (*completed*)

Zion (Shaffer's) Union, Codorus Township

Added 9,500 pictures to Prospect Hill (16,360 people / 12,960 pictures)

Added additional pictures to Bott's, Christ Lutheran Shrewsbury, Greenmount, Mount Rose, New Freedom, St. John's UM Manheim Twp and Zion Shaffer's cemeteries

Updated page for St. David's (Sherman's) Cemetery, West Manheim Township



QUERIES

Does anyone have or know where a complete list of the cemetery at Long Level, Pennsylvania. This cemetery was probably called the "Olewiler Cemetery" and had mostly family members. This cemetery was NOT done in the 1930's and a former neighbor remembers playing in the cemetery as a little girl ... the lady stated that at that time the cemetery had at least 25 graves.

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Searching for parents, siblings and any other pertinent information about William WARD of Newberry and Warrington, York County and Carlisle, Cumberland County, PA from before the 1750's until 1762. He and wife Susannah FOULKE are found in Orange County, NC, in about 1763-5. What relation was he to Anthony WARD of Carlisle, died 1751?

Evelyn Ward, emcdward@triad.rr.com

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