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LOOKING AHEAD

6 JANUARY - Our January meeting will be held in the Meeting Hall of The Historical Society of York County. Business portion of the meeting will begin att 2:15 p.m. and the program at 2:30. In June 1984 the Pennsylvania Chapter, Palatines to America sponsored a trip to Germany and several other countries. Some members of S.C.P,G.S. were on the tour and while in Germany visited the hometowns of their ancestors. These members will present the program. They will show photos and slides and tell of their visits to these hometowns and also to Heimatstelle Pfalz in Kaiserlautern.

3 FEBRUARY - Will be held in the Meeting Hall of the HSYC. Gary T. Hawbaker will present a program entitled "The Use of Computers in Genealogy".

3 MARCH - Will be held in the Meeting Hall of The HSYC. Robert M. Bartram will discuss the genealogical holdings of the Peabody Library, Baltimore, MD.

13 APRIL - This SATURDAY meeting will be a follow-up of the March meeting. On the 13th, we will be offering a trip to Baltimore and the Peabody Library. Staff members will give us an orientation after which we will be free to do our own research. If help is needed, staff members will be available for assistance. The Peabody has especially good source material for British genealogy.

Since the Library of the Maryland Historical Society is just 1 block from Peabody, you will also have the opportunity to do research at that facility. If you are NOT a member of MHS there would be a library use fee.

In order to arrange for transportation, it will be necessary for those interested in the trip to make reservations by or at our 3 February meeting. Cost will depend upon the number of reservations. If interested, we MUST know by 3 February-either by mail (The S.C.P.G.S., P.O.Box 1824, York, PA 17405) or by contacting Mrs. Pat Gross by phone at (717) 843-6169.

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF YORK COUNTY

Roberta L. Hudson, librarian, is looking for volunteers to help in the library. If you are willing to help, please contact her at the Historical Society (848-1587). Volunteers are needed to help at the Security Desk, to assist library patrons with research, and "behind the scene" with filing, shelving, cataloging, typing, etc. If you could help a day, morning, or afternoon each week (or month) or would be willing to be "on call" to help in emergencies (ex: when a "regular" is ill, etc.) please get in touch. For those who would be interested, but feel they might not "know enough" to be of help--get in touch anyway. You just might "know more" than you think! Also, a Volunteer Training Course is being planned for the near future.

RESOURCE PERSONS

John M. Barnhart, 3824 Cheryl St., Bucyrus, OH 44820, has offered to assist members needing help with research in Crawford County, OH.

Velma Betzer, 106 E. South, Oreana, IL 62554, is willing to help members with research in Macon County, IL.

HIVELY'S GENEALOGICAL NOTES

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION on a valuable German research source is PUBLISHED ONLY WITH THE SPECIAL PERMISSION OF THE OWNER, DR. OERTEL. Any SCPGS members who write to Dr. Oertel should mention this newsletter and my name, David P. Hively, as the source of your information about his collection of data.

Prof. Dr. Burkhart Oertel (Brunhildenstr. 4B, D8014 Neubiberg, German Federal Republic) is owner and caretaker of a very large and growing file of genealogical data on families of certain areas of Germany. The file has been built up over forty years and at present contains information on 330,000 families representing 2 million persons. By region the file's information is about 60% on the Wuerttemberg area, 25% on Baden, 10% on Franconia, and 5% on the Palatinate and Hesse. About 15% of the file is 16th century information, 30% is 17th century, 30% is 18th century, 20% is 19th century, and 5% is 20th century. Most of the data is unpublished. Dr. Oertel will check his files for particular individuals if 2 International Reply Coupons are sent. (Make certain the postal employee stamps the Coupons when they are purchased.) If an answer in English is desired, in addition to the Coupons send $2 in cash. Dr. Oertel, after checking his files, will report on the availability of any information that seems to be a conclusive link. Receiving that information will cost about $8 per typewritten page if such information is requested. Please note that Dr. Oertel is not a genealogist by occupation and that he receives many requests for information. Try to have some definite information about the individual of interest to you, especially if the surname is common. Because his occupation is other than that of a professional genealogist, Dr. Oertel has only a little time to do research that requires travel and research in sources not in his possession.

The third volume (third edition) of the Familiengeschichte Schmeiser--History of the Schmeisser/Smyser Family in now published. It includes the York County, PA descendants of Margaretta Smyser and her husband Christian Eyster, son of Johan Jacob Eyster of New Hanover, Montgomery County, PA. It includes the research of the late Howard Musser of York, PA. This 379 page hard cover book can be purchased from Paul Schmeiser (Nahestrasse 38, D 6800 Mannheim 1, West Germany). The cost including packing and mailing is $27.50 U.S. dollars, which must be paid by certified check to Paul Schmeiser.

Mention was made in the last newsletter Notes of the restoration of Rock Chapel Cemetery in Shrewsbury Township, York COunty, PA. According to a newspaper article, this cemetery is the burial ground of some of York County's pioneer Methodists including John and Providence Low. The committee involved in the restoration hopes to hear from persons with family connections to Rock Chapel and especially from anyone who may have documents, pictures, or any other information about the cemetery and church. One of the contact persons is Virginia Smith (South Constitution Avenue, New Freedom, PA 17349; phone (717) 235-2445).

Among the surnames listed by the 1930's cemetery survey by The Historical Society of York COunty are the following: Low, Wantland, Day, Butcher, Meads, Amos, Wilson, Henry, Boon, Fife, Free, Gross, Downs, Matthews, Hauptman, Kurtz, Eaton, Orwig, Gallacher, Fullerton, Waltimyer, Taylor, McHarchen, Beers, Tyson, McConnell, Krout, Ward and Hoshall.

The Rev. Dr. Benjamin T. Griffin, senior pastor of Trinity United Church of Christ, York, PA has written a church history titled The Americanization of a Congregation. Trinity Church, a landmark of downtown York, is one of the city's oldest institutions. It was founded before 1742 as the first German Reformed Congregation west of the Susquehanna. The book does not contain vital data such as baptisms, marriages, or membership lists. Rather the attempt was made "to explore the history of the church within the contexts of broader historical, religious, and cultural developments as these took place in the nation, denomination, and community". The hardback 93 page book is available while copies remain from Trinity United Church of Christ (32 W. Market St., York, PA 17401) at a price of $10.95. If the order in by mail, add an additional $1 to the amount.

The Vol. XXXIII, No. 3, 1984 issue of the PA Genealogical Magazine (published by The Genealogical Society of PA) contains a six page article by Raymond Martin Bell called "European Origins". Listed is European origin information on immigrants with surnames Eisenhauer, Ensminger, Geiger, Küntzer, Lauer, Seibert, Theiss, Vollenweider, Wommer, and Wotring. This issue also contains an extensive list of Montgomery County, PA sources in the collections of The Genalogical Society of PA.

The Fall 1984 (Vol. 16 No. 3) issue of Prologue, the journal of the National Archives has the theme "The Generation of '76". Among the articles are "Daughters of Liberty: The History of Women in the Revolutionary War Pension Records", Revolutionary War Pension Records and Patterns of American Mobility, 1780-1830", and "The Continentals of Petersborough, New Hampshire: Pension Records as a Source for Local History". Single issues of the current volume are available for $3.00, payable by check to National Archives Trust Fund (NEPS) and sent to Cashier (National Archives (GSA), Washington, D.C. 20408).

Theresa Ryan (N. Paradise Rd., Aberdeen, MD 21001) is editor of the family newsletter Ely Heritage. All branches of the Ely surname are published in this quarterly costing $12 yearly.

Any person who is a descendant of Jacob Emmett (died in York County in 1865; shoemaker and shoe merchant by occupation) and who is interested in buying a "small wooden round trunk" with "Jacob Emmett York Penn" stencilled on the bottom should write to the SCPGS. The SCPGS will forward any letters received to the present owner.

Palatine Ancestors by Clyde L. Groff and George P. Newman contains 36 Palatine letters dating from 1644 to 1672 and information from 20 lists dating from 1646 to 1686. There is a separate section on the ship Concord and included are several maps. Consisting of some 250 pages and soft bound, the price is $20 plus $2 postage and handling. PA residents must add an additional $1,20 for sales tax. This long delayed publication is available from Gary T. Hawbaker (P.O. Box 207, Hershey, PA 17033).

The seventh annual Genealogy Conference sponsored by the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society, Lancaster, PA will be held on March 30, 1985.

Keynote speaker will be Dr. Richard K. MacMaster. One of his lectures will relate to migrations from Pennsylvania to Virginia.

Ancestry Publishing, Inc. (P.O. Box 476, Salt Lake City, UT 84110) has published Computer Genalogy: A Guide to Research Through High Technology by Paul Andereck and Richard Pence. The 350 page book is advertised as "for the family historian and genealogist who wants to come to terms with the computer". The cost is $12.95. Among the chapters are "Computers and Genealogy-Converging Fields", "Reasons for Using a Computer", "What Computer Hardware Does for You and How It Does It", and "Picking Genealogy Software".

QUERIES

Am researching families of Nicholas STRAUSBAUGH's daus.: Anna mar. Nicholas URIGH/URY; Mary Ann mar. John DECKER; Barbara mar. Anthony HINDS; Lena mar. George GOGH; Catherine mar. Jacob SCHOFFIN; and Judith mar. John HEIDLER.

Need info. on ch. of John Adam and Catherine (BEWERTS) STAUB. Any info. on: Margaret MARSHALL; Jacob; Catherine STRAUSBAUGH; Geo. Adam; John; Henry; and Philip would be appreciated.

Barbara O'Keefe, 2120 SW 127th Ave., Miami, FL 33175.

Patrick DUFFIELD b. ca. 1748, Ireland. Served in Rev. War. Settled in Shermans Valley, Perry Co., PA. D. 13 Mar 1831. Mar. Susan HARDY (b. ca. 1751, d. 1813) prior to 1780. Two sons, George and Thomas. Would appreciate any available info. Will exchange.

Matthew b. 1802, Perry Co., son of John and Margaret (McBRIDE) CHISHOLM. Need name of Matthew's wife. Death record of dau., Margaret, states only name "YOHN". Possible first name is Sarah. Would like any info. to confirm name. Will answer all and exchange.

Mrs. Connie S. Goss, 1654 Driftwood Dr., Sparks, NV 89431.

Searching for info. on the par. of Charles BOWERSOX b. 15 Jan 1818, d. 24 Dec 1881 at Shirleysburg, Huntingdon Co., PA, and par. of his wf. Julia Ann WITHINGTON whom he mar. 13 Nov 1840 in Shirleysburg. She was b. 5 May 1818 and d. 16 Aug 1875 in Shirleysburg. They are bur. in the Douglas Burying Ground. Will share information.

K. Gail Rudy, 825 Crawford Ave., Altoona, PA 16602.

Was Elizabeth, first wf. of Thomas RUTLEDGE of Balt. Co., MD, the dau. of Samuel HENDRICKS of Monallen Twp., York Co., PA? Where is, or was Monallen Twp.? Elizabeth and Thomas mar. ca. 1786.

What is ancestry of Elizabeth, dau. of Henry and Alice (MORRIS) HOWARD of York Co., who was 5th. wf. of Thomas RUTLEDGE, mar. ca. 1821? She b. 24 Jan 1776/77. Where?

Elizabeth R. Bacon, 745 W. Front St., Red Bank, NJ 07701.

Need proof of b. and bapt. of John KIFER/KEIFER ca. 1761, his mar. 1785/89, and childrens births. Proof of b. and bapt. of: Henry b. ca. 1795; Jacob ca. 1789; and Catharine KIFER/KEIFER b. ca. 1791. All PA. Will exchange.

June Ricketts, P.O. Box 156, Lynnville, IN 47619.

Would like to ascertain the location of the Goshenhoppen Reformed Congregation in Montgomery Co., PA, ca. 1815 to 1825.

What church or churches were pastored by the Rev. Messrs. MELSHEIMER and LOCHMAN ca. 1815 to 1820?

What church was pastored by Father RUTHRAUFF ca. 1805 to 1812?

Clyde R. Graeber, 4838 Zephyr Ln., Charlotte, NC 28209.

Seeking info. on Frederick Carl DOLL b. 1803 in Ger., d. 1853, mar. 1833 in Adams Co., PA to Sarah REIFF/RIFE (b. 1807 Adams Co., d. 1853). Both bur. Friends Grove Cem., Butler Twp. Ch.: Frederick Carl Louis; Mary Jane; William Ernst; Edward Augustus; Cornelius Peter; Sarah Elizabeth; James Alexander; Jacob Henry; George Oliver; Howard Frederick; and Theodore Sylvester. Youngest ch. raised by grandmoth. Mary YEATS of Center Mills, Butler Twp., after parents' deaths.

Ruth (Lewton) Czigan, 1312 Hancock, Pasadena, TX 77502.

Seeking info. on:
John BRANDON b. ca. 1715, Ireland, d. ca. Oct. 1774 in York Co., PA.

When and who did he marry? When did he imm. to U.S.? What ship?
Elizabeth ROBINETT mar. Alexander BRANDON ca. Apr. 1773. Where? When?

Both b. York Co.
James ROBINETT, Sr., mar. Ann __?__ ca. 1740. Where? When?

Robert E. Dunkel, 6590 Charles Rd., Westerville, OH 43081.

Would like to correspond with anyone who has info. on par. of Henry B. LAUCK. He was b. 27 Jun 1810, maybe in York Co., PA. He was mar. to Barbara L. STAMBAUGH. He d. in OH, 2 Sep 1876. Had 3 sons: John S.; Michael; and Joseph B.

Forest Lauck, 17135 CR 8, Arlington, OH 45814.

Jacob Miller, from Ger., settled in PA, ca. 1750, moved to Shenandoah Co., VA, ca. 1760/70, d. there in 1781. Ch.: Adam, 1760-1844; Philip Jacob; Godfrey, 1764-1848; Barbara, 1765/66-1847; John, 1769-1858. Best clue is in the obit of Adam MILLER 176?-1844 which states he was b. in York Co., PA. Need help. One other clue is that he mar. Mary Ann WIRTMILLER.

Clyde L. Groff, 713 Columbia Ave., Lancaster, PA 17603.

Would like to contact people doing research on the LUDWIGs. I have found photographs from last half of the 19th Cent. of members of this fam. One is of a sailor, Ben LUDWIG, that "drowned at sea". He was b. in York Co., PA, ca. 1820 and was son of John and Catharine (KOLLER) LUDWIG. Ben was reported living in OH, at one time. Another photo was taken in Liverpool, PA, of a boy named D.E. LUDWIG. No info. on him. I can provide copies of photo to anyone interested.

Gary L. Klinedinst, 206 W. Forrest Ave., Shrewsbury, PA 17361.

Need any info. and place of burial of Amanda SUNDAY/SUNTAG, b. 1847, d. 1875, mar. Absolam BECKER/BAKER, dau. of Jacob, b. 1822, d. ? and Rebecca (?) SUNTAG, Paradise Twp., York Co., PA ?.

Need par. of Jacob SUNTAG, b. 1781, d. 1825, York CO., PA, mar. Anna Margretha ODERMAN.

Need par. of George BECKER, b. 1804, York Co., d. 1892, Adams Co., mar. Elizabeth MAUL.

Carol F. Baker, R.D. # 1, Box 548, Jersey Shore, PA 17740.

Seeking info. on Peter FOWBLE, blacksmith, who d. in Balt. Co., MD in 1799. After his death, his wf., Margaretha METZ, mar. George MEYERS. Peter & Margaretha's ch. were: Michael, mar. Catharine GITTENGER, d. in 1818; Melchor (1751-1838), mar. Sabina UHLER, & are bur. St. Paul's (Algire's) Luth. Ch.; Frederick mar. Catharine UHLER, d. in 1820; Catharine, b. 1766, mar. Johannes NACE; & Johannes Jacob mar. Juliana SCHULTZ, d. in 1785. Will answer all and exchange.

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

Seeking info. on fam. of Cornelius MUMMERT, b. 8 May 1854, York Co., PA, mar. Sarah CASSEL, b. 1855, PA. Son of Jonas & Sarah E. (STREMMEL) MUMMERT. Jonas b. 1830/40 ?, York Co., PA, mar. Sarah Elizabeth STREMMEL, b. 1830/40 ?, York Co., PA. They were German Baptist.

Mr. Dennis E. Shaffer, 912 Mary Ave., Dixon, IL 61021.

Need par. of George J. BEELER/BUHLER, b. ca. 1772, mar. Elizabeth SHAFFER, prob. Northumberland Co., PA. Was in Centre Co., PA early 1800's where ch. were b.: Jacob; William; John; Francis; Daniel; George; Hannah; Mary; & Enos. They migrated to Hamilton Co., OH in 1821/22. Elizabeth SHAFFER's par. were Franz and Anna Elizabeth (KIEHL) SHAFFER. There may be other variations of spelling of BEELER.

Luella Cravens, 210 Brown St., Brighton, IL 62012.

Does anyone know of a relationship between Peter DILLO, Berwick Twp., Adams Co., PA, Land Warrant # 61, 19 Jun 1762, religion unknown, and Nicholas DILLO, Paradise Twp., York Co., PA by 1762. Dies a Catholic & bur. at Conewago Chapel in 1800. Various spellings are DELO, DILON, DITTO, DELLONE, etc.

Mrs. Connie Dillow, 8215 E. Turner Camp Rd., Inverness, FL 32650.

Who are the par. of Magdalena DIEL/DIEHL, d. before 1805, mar. George FUCHS ca. 1766 York Co., PA. They belonged to St. Davids Luth. & Ref. Ch. in West Manheim Twp., York CO., PA, & I have the church records. George's will named 4 of their 7 children. Is she related to the John Adam or Charles DIEHL who arrived 1739 on ship Samuel? Will exchange.

Jean Laws, 3226 Fairfield Rd., Olympia, WA 98501.

Are there any RUMMEL descendants rumbling around? Seeking descendants of Richard RUMMEL and Susanna WALKER who mar. 1831; Richard d. 1835, but believe they had 2 ch.: Josiah, age 28, is listed on 1860 Census living in Warrington Twp. near Susanna, with wf. Amanda, & again 1870 with ch. Eliza; Susan; Mary; John; Lydiann; & Josiah, but disappears by 1880. Did they go West? Also Lydia RUMMEL, b. ca. 1835 is listed with an aunt 1850, & as Lydia MORRIS living with her moth. 1860. A child Alfred MORRIS, age 6 is listed living with Susanna's sister 1860.

Ruthanna Jacobs, Box 787, Eads, CO 81036.

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