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LOOKING AHEAD

FEBRUARY 5, 1989 -- Franklin W. Zarfoss; program on York County churches.

MARCH 5, 1989 -- Rev. Neal O. Hively; workshop on making a drawing of a track of land from a deed.

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT -- SOME GENEALOGICAL TIPS

Computers. Computers are a wonderful thing for a genealogist. If you are thinking of buying a computer, consider getting some computer training before doing so. If possible buy your computer at a place where you can get service and support if you have questions on how to operate it. All genealogists should buy a computer with a letter quality printer. No one wants to read a letter or book in dot matrix. With a computer buy a good word processing program. Many people will buy a genealogy program, but remember you must type all information that you have into the computer. If you were to type it into a good word processing program, then you would have it in book form (and ready to be published). Otherwise to do a book you would have to type all of your information twice -- one in your genealogy program and a second time for a book.

HIVELY'S GENEALOGICAL NOTES

Franklin W. Zarfoss (60 Hillery Ct., Apt. C43, York, PA 17402) has recently compiled a twelve page History of Churches York County, PA in Chronological Sequence 1700-1799. As an example of the contents, the entries for 1752 are as follows: "A series of rules and regulations were adopted to form a congregational bond among the York Moravians"; "Land was surveyed for use of the Lutherans and Reformed congregations in the Canadochly area"; "The name of the Reformed congregation of Kreutz Creek first appears in the minutes of the coetus". This small publication contains much information and can be purchased for $5 plus $1 for postage. (Mr. Zarfoss is scheduled to speak at the SCPGS February meeting, at which time he will have copies available for sale.)

The SCPGS recently purchased the complete set of the HETRINA (Hessian Troops in America) volumes for the library of The Historical Society of York County (PA). These volumes have arrived and are now available at the library for those interested in using them.

The 1989 NGS Conference in the States with the theme "Journey into your Past", is scheduled for 17-20 May, 1989, at St. Paul, Minnesota. For a brochure on this conference, which will have sessions on a great variety of subjects, send a SASE to NGS Conference (4527 17th Street, North, Arlington, VA 22207).

The John Timon Reily Historical Society (410 Irishtown Rd., Hanover, PA

17331) has published John T. Reily: Genealogy of the Conewago Valley. This work consists of 8400 individual records of names abstracted from the literary works of the late John Timon Reily. Reily was a historian and newspaper editor and publisher of many volumes of local history of the Conewago Valley. He spent most of his life collecting and recording historical facts of families in the Conewago Valley which is located in York and Adams Counties of Pennsylvania. This book of abstracts covers a time period from the 1700's to the early 1900's, with a focus on the historical Conewago Chapel and Adams County area. Towns represented in this research are McSherrystown, Hanover, Irishtown, Littlestown and Bonneauville. The price is $125 plus $3 for postage and handling. PA residents need to include 6% for the sales tax.

SCPGS member Richard L. Carns (P.O.Box 408628, Chicago, IL 60640) has compiled a 14 page index of The History of Abbottstown by Willis Eisenhart. Abbottstown is located in Adams County, PA. The index can be obtained by sending $2.50 to Mr. Carns.

Marriages and Deaths from the Newspapers of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, 1831-1840 can be purchased from Family Line Publications (Rear 63 E. Main Street, Westminster, MD 21157). The 180 page soft cover publication contains about 6,000 different names. The cost is $11 plus $1.25 for postage and handling. MD residents need to add 5% for the sales tax.

In 1973, Charles M. Otstot (5124 North 33rd Street, Arlington, VA 22207) published A History of the Otstot(t) Family in America. In 1988, a 500 page soft cover supplement to this genealogy was completed and published by Mr. Otstot. About 275 pages of this supplement contain information on many descendants of three of the sons of Friederick and Magdalena Hartman of Hopewell and Windsor Townships of York County, PA, and the state of Indiana. The three Hartman brothers (Henry, David, and Frederick) married three sisters (Catharina, Mary, and Susanna), daughters of Henry and Catharine (Shenberger) Otstadt. The three couples all moved to Indiana in the 1820's. The supplement can be purchased for $15 postpaid from Mr. Otstot.

In the Volume III No. 16 (Jan. 15, 1952) issue of The Pennsylvania Dutchman, there was an article under the heading "Pastimes of York Barrens". The editor noted that it was an extract of an article on York Barrens that appeared in the Columbia Spy in 1833. The editor also noted that York Barrens is the title given to a considerable section of land situated in the southeastern part of York County (PA). He asked, "Who can tell us what sort of game "The Brogue" was?". The extracted article is quoted below. And we also ask the same question. Can any SCPGS member give authentic information on the nature of the game, "The Brogue"?

"Huskings, choppings, and quiltings are frequent among them (residents of York Barrens). At the former the neighbors meet at dark; the corn having been previously pulled, and hauled in a pile near the crib. The hands join in, the comic story and the loud laugh are heard. The

whiskey bottle goes round often, but seldom are any seen intoxicated. Four or five hundred bushels are husked by nine or ten o'clock. A plentiful supper is provided, and the frolic ends with some kind of play -- mostly one called "The Brogue," at which those that are not expert are soon heartily beaten. At the latter the ladies spent the afternoon in quilting -- the gentlemen assemble early in the evening -- a fiddle is generally provided, and they are soon seen "Tripping on the light fantastic toe." This is the only amusement of which they seem to be immoderately fond, and many of them have acquired an ease, and grace in their movements, that are not often surpassed."

QUERIES

Seek info on Bernard RUPP/RUP/ROOP/RUPE, naturalized in Phila., PA on 23 Sep 1764. Killian & Niclaus RUPP, naturalized in Blockly Town, Phila., PA on 24 Sep 1765. Are Killian & Niclaus, sons of Bernhard? Records from German Ref. Ch. in Phila., PA lists deaths of Bernhard RUP, d. 5 May 1772 & Anna Barbara RUP, d. 11 Aug 1792. The same ch. lists - marriages of Maria Magdalena RUP & Joh Heinrich GAMPER/CAMPER on 4 Oct 1753; Killian RUPP & Catherine TAUMUELLER on 4 Nov 1760; & Niclaus RUPP & Maria Magdalena MUELLER on 21 Apr 1761. The same ch. lists these bapts: Bernhard, b. 31 Nov 1762 to Nicalaus & Magdalena RUP, Godparents were Bernard RUP & Margaret MULLER; Maria Margr. b. 30 Nov 1772 to Nicalaus & Marlena RUP, Godparents were Johannes MULLER & Mary Margr. CAMFER; Killian b. 26 Sep 1773 to Nicalaus & Marlena RUP, Godparents were Kilian & Catherinea RUP; Maria Magdalena b. 31 May 1761 to Kilian & Catherina RUP, Godparents were Heinrich & Mary Magdalena GAMPERT; Joh Heinrich b. 23 Aug 1778 to Kilian & Catharina RUP, Godparents were Joh Henr & Mar. Marlen. KAMPLER; Susanna b. 26 Aug 1781 to Kilian & Catherina RUP, Godparents were Mihceal & Susanna KAMPER; & Catherina b. 11 Jan 1778 to Kilian & Catherina RUP, Godparents were James & Marlena PRIESSE. A Barnet ROOP listed alone in Batecourt Co., VA in 1782. On 16 Mar 1789 in Rockbridge, VA a Barnett ROOP signed, by mark a marriage bond with Jeremiah CRAVENS for a marriage to Sarah CRAVENS, dau. of Michail CRAVENS of said Co. On the same date a license was issued by Clerk of Rockbridge to Barnet RUPE to marry with my dau., Sarah CRAVENS, signed by mark, by Michel CRAVENS. Barnett RUPE is listed in the 1800 Census of Lincoln Co., KY & died 1835 in Greene Co., KY. Were any of the above par. of Barnett RUPE? The long stretch between Nicalaus RUP's first & second bapt., leads one to speculate as to his being the fath. of Barnett. If he isn't, does anyone know who were the par. of Barnett? A book has been written on the RUP/ROOPS/RUPES with various spellings in the title. Does anyone know where it may be obtained or borrowed?

Mrs. Virgil C. Goold, Rt. 2, Box 76, Marionville, MO 65705.

Would like to exchange info about the AMEND & PAULUS fam. in PA & VA. Anna Catharine AMEND, bapt. 9 Mar 1776, First Ref. Ch., York, PA. Dau. of John Anthony AMEND & Mary Magdalena PAULUS.

James F. McJohn, 647-29th St., San Francisco, CA 94131.

Need birth, bapt., marriage records, & parents of Jacob SHRIVER, b. ca. 1770, PA, d. 1820's, Ross Co., OH, & of wf. Catharine MESSENCOP, b. ca. 1780, PA, d. 1840's, Ross Co., OH. They mar. ca. 1798.

Also need par. & bapt. records, etc., for Mary Sarah CUMMINS b. 1799, Chester (?) Co., MD, d. 1890, Cloud Co., KS, mar. 10 Aug 1824, Ross Co., OH to Henry SHRIVER.

Addie Jane Davis, 4140 NW 23rd, Okla. City, OK 73107.

Seeking place of birth & siblings of Anna WILSON, b. 18 Sep 1739, dau. of James, mar. 11 Nov 1760, maybe Peach Bottom Twp., York Co., PA, to Barnet CUNNINGHAM, b. 1736, North Ireland. They moved to Fayette Co., PA abt. 1770 & are buried there.

Also, seeking par. & siblings of James SHELDON, b. ca. 1745-1755. The 1783 tax list has him living in Shrewsbury Twp., York Co., PA, on MD line, 5 in fam.

Marian R. Harrington, 2 Glenwood Dr., San Rafael, CA 94901.

Seeking to correspond with desc. of Benjamin b. 1814, & wf. Susannah (FETROH) WILKOMMER/WHITCOMB/WITCOMB mar. 22 Dec 1836 at Quickel's Ch. & lived Newberry Twp., York Co., PA in 1850 (census). Some ch. were: Sara b. ca. 1838; Henry b. ca. 1841; Catherine b. ca. 1843; Daniel b. ca. 1845; & Joseph b. ca. 1848.

Also seek info on Benjamin WELTKAM/WITCOMB/WHITCOMD/WELCOME & wf. Anna Maria -?-. They resided Conewago Twp., York Co., PA around 1812-1830. Sons, George, chr. 2 Aug 1812 & Benjamin chr. 11 Apr 1814 at Zion Luth. & Ref. Ch. (Quickel's ch.).

Joanne Wignes, 814 SW 7th Ave., Rochester, MN 55902.

Need PA origins of following persons who later settled in Augusta Co., VA.:

Henry FOGUS, b. ca. 1750-60, mar. Elizabeth HAWK, dau. of Henry. Elizabeth mar. (1) Jacob GRASS, Jr. Henry was in Augusta Co., VA by 1785 & could be the George (Henry?) FOGUS there by 1784. He & Elizabeth moved to Albemarle Co. by 1797.

Also, Jacob GRASS in Augusta Co. by 1776, b. prob. ca. 1720-40, d. 1789 intestate in Augusta Co., VA. He mar. (1) -?-, who prob. died before 1777, (2) Barbara, widow of David BOSANG. Had ch.: Polly; Peter; Frederick; Barbara; & Jacob Jr. (who mar. Elizabeth HAWK).

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