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LOOKING AHEAD

SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 1989 -- Rev. Neal O. Hively will give a presentation on land surveys and conduct a related workshop. Persons who wish to participate in the workshop portion should bring to the meeting a 12-inch ruler and a pencil. Paper and protractors will be provided for making a survey. Rev. Hively plans to have a handout which will outline the topic.

Rev. Hively intends to bring his computer and the software he has used to complete connected warrant maps for several townships in the southern and southwestern portion of York County. He will demonstrate the software. If there is time, he could use the computer to draw surveys of land described in deeds which people might bring to the meeting.

Rev. Hively is minister of Bethlehem (Steltz) Church in Codorus Township, York County. This is still a Union Church, and Rev. Hively is minister of both the Reformed and Lutheran Congregations. He is a native of Lycoming County, PA, but his immigrant surname ancestor settled in York County. His extensive work with land surveys is part of a doctoral project relating to a study of the families in his congregations.

Rev. Hively will have available for sale connected land warrants for the townships which he has completed by the time of the meeting.

The meeting will be held in the Meeting Hall of The Historical Society of York County, 250 East Market Street, York PA. The meeting will begin at 2:15 p.m. with a brief business meeting. The program will begin about 2:30.

DECEASED MEMBER

17 January 1989 - Hazel Z. Blasser, age 88, 20 North Main Street, Stewartstown, PA 17363.

RESOURCE PERSON

The following person is willing to help other members needing research assistance in designated areas:
WASHINGTON - Arlington area - Edna Williams, 17517-125th Ave., NE, Arlington, WA 98223.

MEMBERSHIP

Any member, who has not sent in their form to receive the FGS newsletter, which was included with November's newsletter, may still send the form to the SCPGS.
The society has finally hit the 1000 mark, actually we now have 1013 members. Connie Bowman from OH was our 1000th member. Therefore, the

Board gave her the privilege of picking a publication from the list.

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT - SOME GENEALOGICAL TIPS

Cemeteries. Some areas have good cemetery records (such as York Co.), but others do not. In doing a complete genealogy, you should either get a typed copy of the cemetery records or a picture of the tombstone. Many tombstones are becoming broken or damaged, which means a picture taken today may never be able to be taken again. Besides the records contained by a local historical society, you may find records in public libraries. Don't forget that cemeteries and funeral directors keep their own records.

HIVELY'S GENEALOGICAL NOTES

As of 1 February 1989, the fee for using the library of The Historical Society of York County was raised from $2 daily to $4 daily for persons who are NOT members of the Historical Society. As previously, there is no fee for members of the Historical Society to use the library.

Those who have attended conferences on German research or have read material on German history are probably aware of the devastating 30 Years' War. Many of our German ancestors were severely affected by this war during the years 1618-1648. A recent catalog (Winter 1989) of Barnes & Noble listed a book devoted to this war. In the advertisement was a 1647 entry from a German family Bible: "They say that the terrible war is now over. But there is still no sign of a peace. Everywhere there is envy, hatred, and greed: That's what the war has taught us... We live like animals, eating bark and grass. No one could have imagined that anything like this would happen to us. Many people say that there is no God...." The 340-page book, The Thirty Years' War, by Geoffrey Parker, was listed at $9.95, catalog item 1543230. Residents of MA, MN, NJ, NY, and PA must add their respective sales tax. Shipping and insurance total $3.95. The address is Barnes & Noble, 126 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10011.

Persons who want to increase their knowledge of PA history, especially as it affects genealogical research and its impact on their Pennsylvania ancestors, might want to acquire a list of publications available from the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. For the most recent catalog, "Books Publications 1989", write Publications Sales Program, Friends of the PHMC, P.O. Box 11466, Harrisburg, PA 17108-1466, or call (717) 783-2618. Among titles in the catalog that may be of interest are these: The French Invasion of Western Pennsylvania; Birthplace of an Army: A Study of Valley Forge; Pennsylvania's Boundries; Unity from Diversity: Extracts from Selected Pennsylvania Colonial Documents; Pennsylvania Transportation; The Philadelphia-Baltimore Trade Rivalry, 1780-1860; and The Pennsylvania Line: Regimental Organization and Operations, 1776-1783.

An additional item in the above catalog is George Stevenson (1718-1783): Conservative as Revolutionary. This booklet of 64 pages "focuses on a notable eighteenth century second-rank figure of York and

Carlisle who worked for the Penns and later accepted American independence". From the formation of York County in 1749 until he found himself out of favor in 1764, George Stevenson was York County's prothonotary, clerk of courts, register of wills, recorder of deeds, justice of the peace, prosecuting attorney, and deputy surveyor. On February 25, 1764, five Pennsylvania Dutch farmers voiced grievances respecting Stevenson's judicial conduct. The point of contention was a public road which had been run from Mary Ann Furnace across their lands and fields. They complained the road had been run without official court order and without any relief payment. (The furnace, located on Codorus Creek about three miles from Hanover, was owned by a partnership of which one member was George Stevenson.)

As a result of the disagreement over the road, thirteen persons received orders to come to Philadelphia for a hearing. The thirteen were George Stevenson, Christopher Rodermel, George Henry Joseph, Andrew Hockinger, Christian Hershey, Christian Huber, John Weldy (Woldy), Adam Staab, Johannes Schall, Charles Young, Peter Schweitzer, Catherine Weldesin, and Philip Hauck. Footnotes in the book give these names and the information that the documents are found under the heading "Complaints exhibited to the Governor Against Stevenson", and are filed under the date May 25, 1764. In the Pennsylvania Archives at Harrisburg the records are noted as being part of Record Group 21, Records of the Provincial Council, 1682-1776, Microfilm Roll B 11. Another footnote indicates the involvement of a Jacob or Henry Bowman. (It is possible that information on this situation may be in the published Pennsylvania Archives. This has not been investigated by this writer.)

The PA Chapter, Palatines to America, will hold its Spring 1989 Meeting on April 15 at Messiah College, Grantham, PA. Scheduled speakers are Pastor Frederick S. Weiser, Annette K. Burgert, and Lois C. Byrem. Persons who are interested in attending the meeting but who are not members of the PA Chapter should send a SASE to PA Chapter, Palatines to America (Registrar, P.O.Box 535, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055) for additional information and a registration form.

Mennonite Family History (P.O.Box 171, Elverson, PA 19520-0171) plans to reprint C.Z.Mast's 1911 Mast Family History, a volume of 825 pages. The compiler traced the descendants of 1750 immigrant Jacob Mast (1738-1808), who settled in Berks County. In addition to Jacob Mast's descendants being traced for six or seven generations, the book contains some information on other immigrants whose descendants intermarried with Jacob Mast's descendants. These are Hans Blank, Joseph Johns, Magadalena Mast md. Michael Troyer, Daniel Miller, Christian Smucker, Nicholas Stoltzfus, Christian Zug, and Moritz Zug. The cost of this reprint is $30 plus $3 shipping if it is ordered prior to 15 April 1989. After that date the cost is $35.

SCPGS members living in driving range of George Mason University, Fairfax, VA, might be interested in attending the Spring Seminar of the Fairfax Genealogical Society on April 1, 1989. The speaker for the entire day is Helen F. M. Leary, certified genealogist, a Fellow of the National Genealogical Society, and a former president of the North

Carolina Genealogical Society. Among her presentations will be "Seeing Your Ancestors As Real People"; "Seeing Records In A New (And Stronger) Light"; and "Telling the Story". For non-members the fee is $27. If interested, contact the Fairfax Genealogical Society, P.O.Box 2344, Merrifield, VA 22116-2344.

QUERIES

Seeking info. on Sarah RUBY b. Oct. ca. 1819 in PA, prob. York Co., d. 29 Apr 1882, Washington Co., Hancock, MD. Mar. Daniel HELLER ca. 1840. Ch. were: Ann R. b. ca. 1841, MD; Sarah L. b. ca. 1843, MD; Ruth b. ca. 1844, MD; Cyrus R. b. 14 Feb 1849, MD; & Henry Franklin b. 3 Apr 1851, MD or York Co, PA. Sarah had a bro. whose dau. mar. a BEARD. I would like the names of Sarah's par. & sibs. or any info on this fam.

Donna L. Samples, 303 Nancy Ave., Linthicum Hgts., MD 21090.

Seeking info. on Frederick FISHER, d. 1791, & wf. Elizabeth of York Co., PA. Ch.: George; John Frederick; Henry; Christopher; Caspar d. 1819, mar. Anna Maria; Mary Elizabeth mar. Peter SPRENCHEL; Catharine mar. Adam BECHER; & Anna Maria mar. John EPPLE. Caspar's s. John mar. into the BLYMIRE/GEESEY fam. Did Frederick have a bro. Peter? Desc. of both settled in Baltic & Chili, OH area.

Hilda Fisher Brown, 21 Niagara Circle, N. Tonawanda NY 14120.

Seeking birth info. on the eleven ch. of Ellis & Esther RODGERS of Newberry Twp., York Co., PA.

Also interested in fam. of Andrew ROGERS/RODGERS of Newberry Twp. as a possible father of Ellis. One of Andrew's daus. mar. Daniel GRIST in 1759. Also need marriage info. on Eli RODGERS, s. of Ellis in Newberry Twp., York Co., PA. Eli mar. Mary -?-, about 1808.

Erold C. Wiscombe, 607 N. 500 West Brigham City, UT 84302.

Adam SHALLY mar. Elizabeth BRECKBILL, widow of Benedict, before 1755, Lancaster Co., PA. Need info on BOYER, SHALLY, BRECKBILL, & PETERS families of Lebanon Co., PA (1740), to Fayette Co., PA (1784), to Nelson & Jefferson Cos., KY (1796).

Gwen Boyer Bjorkman, 4425-132nd Ave., SE, Bellevue, WA 98006.

Seek fam. info on Elizabeth SPONSELLER, b. ca. 1770, dau. of Jacob & Christina (Jacob b. ca. 1747, son of Andrew, b. 27 Nov 1722, Baden, Germany). Jacob mar. Christina ca. 1769, need Christina's maiden name.

Also, seek fam. info on Philip JACOBS, b. ca. 1740, Germany, d. 1 Jan 1788, Frederick Co., MD, mar. Elizabeth ca. 1761. He may have lived in York Co., PA ca. 1760.

Dick Roller, 607 Driskell St., Paris IL 61944.

In September, 1783 United Empire Loyalists immigrated to Beaver Harbor, New Brunswick, Canada. Included were members of the "Anabaptist Company" from PA. In 1786, Anabaptists (prob. Mennonites) John STRICK & Michael P. STUMP petitioned for land at that location. There is some evidence to connect them with York Co., PA. Can some person identify these two individuals? Could STRICK really be FRICK?

David J. R. Smucker, Lancaster Mennonite Historical Soc., 2215

Millstream Rd., Lancaster Pa 17602-1499.

Need any info on John SIEGRIST/SECHRIST & Veronica REIMAN, par. of Susan & Catharine, b. 1791, York Co., PA, mar. 1809, York Co., PA to John STABLEY.

Also, need birthplace & par. names of Christina KLINEFELTER, b. 1764, d. 1825, bur. Lebanon Luth. Cem., mar. (1) Adam STABLER in 1784, York Co.,PA (2) Frederick GRAFFE/GROVE.

Barbara L. Stabley, R.D. 1, Box 134-A, Allenwood PA 17810.

Would like to hear from anyone the surname STIDHAM/STIDDIM/STEADHAM, especially this line. Christopher STIDHAM, b. ca. 1692, Wilmington, DE, d. ca. 1755, York Co., PA, s. of Adam and Karin, mar. 3 Jan 1717 in Wilmington, DE to Johanna Vander CULLEN, dau. of Reyneir & Margaret. Ch. were: Catharina (1717-1718); Adam (1719-17?) moved to NC (husband's line); John 1772(?)/1722-1765) moved to SC & mar. Mary WON/WAY (?); Margareta (1724-?) mar. James WELSH of York Co., PA; Zacharias (1727-?) Mar. Rebecca (?); Susanna (1729-?) mar. Robt. MILLS; two children who d. 1734 & 1735, Wilmington DE; & Hannah/Johanna b. ca. 1748, York Co., PA.

Margaret M. Hayes, 15032 S. Ridgeway, Midlothian, IL 60445.

Seeking info on James NESBITT, b. early 1700's in or near Geddesbury. Moth. name not known. Fath. Nathanael, who later lived near Lancaster, then settled in Clear Spring, MD, where they raised a large fam. His only known wf. was Freny/Veronica WHITMORE/WITMER. She is not the moth. of James.

Mrs. Emalu D. Hart, 156 E. 2nd St., Preston, ID 83263.

Seeking info on the fam. of Michael BORN, b. 1696, Eckersweiller in Alsace, d. 1780, & wf. Anna Maria b. 1710, Tieffebach in Alsace, d. 1796. They came to Phila. on the ship "Thistle" in 1738 & settled nr. the Friesburg Emanuel Luth. Ch. in NJ. In 1755, they moved to Manchester in Baltimore Co., (now Carroll Co.), MD. Both bur. at Luth. Ch. in Manchester MD. Ch. were: Barbara (1729-?) mar. Johannes KNEIST in 1748; Adam (1732-1775) mar. Appolonia PENZ & was bur. at Evangelical Luth. Cem. in Frederick, MD; Anna Margaretha mar. Peter Christopher ARMACOST & settled at Greenmount, MD; Anna Maria (1738-1833) mar. Johannes SHOWERS & bur. at Manchester, MD; John (1740-1817) mar. Maria Elisabetha HOCHSCHILT & bur. at Manchester, MD; Elisabetha (1742-1766) mar. Peter UTZ & bur. at Manchester, MD; & Anna Catherina (1748-?).

Michael A. Ports, 220 W. Bell Rd., #1077, Phoenix, AZ 85023.

Seek info on Robert TORBIT/TARBIT/TARBUT/TURBIT/TARBET/TORBETT, who came to America before 1730 & moving to what was then Chester Co., PA. I am interested in knowing if he came with bros., fam., or alone? Into which port might he have come to be listed on a passenger list? York Co. History, page 974, lists him as Robert TORBIT owning 200 acres...112. I do not know what kind of list this is or its date. Where was the 200 acres? His fam., etc?? Is there any help available on this fam., as I'm green on genealogy & open to any suggestions.

Evelyn Torbett Rahn, 29030 Thornbill Dr., Sun City CA 92381.

Need par. of Daniel & William WALLACE, both of whom left Wills in 1755 in York Co., PA. Bros were: John; Lodowick; Moses; & Waron. Some of them moved to Jecklenburg Co., NC before the Rev. War. Will share.

Jean W. Gayle, 124 Riverpark Blvd., Titusville, AL 32780.

Seeking info on the fam. of Jacob RIDER/REITER/REUTER, d. 24 Dec 1819, Germany Twp., Adams Co., PA. Mar. (1) Magdelena PALM/Catherine PALMER & (2) Elizabeth NUSSEAR, widow of Michael. Adms. of his estate name widow, Elizabeth & ch.: Peter; John; Jacob, Jr.; Betsy mar. David HOOVER; Martalena mar. Andrew RIFFLE; Polly mar. Henry PECHER/BECKER; Barbara mar. John DEIL/DIEHL; Catharine mar. James PLUNKET; Joseph; Anthony; Adam; George; Michael moved to Emmittsburg, MD; & Paul, d. 24 Aug 1829 in Stark Co., OH. John, Jacob & Joseph remained in Littlestown area. Who were the par. of Magdelena PALM/Catherine PALMER & Jacob RIDER? What became of the rest of their ch.? Would be happy for any info on this fam., will share.

Mary Kelly Mills, 123 Lincoln Way W., New Oxford PA 17350.

Seeking info on par./grandpar. of William TROSTEL, b. 20 Mar 1813, PA, d. 12 Jun 1890, Dekalb Co., IN, mar. 10 Aug 1842, Stark Co., OH to Elizabeth SWIGART of PA. Believe William is a desc. of either Abraham TROSTEL, who arrived at Phila. on ship "Peggy" on 16 Oct 1754, or Bernard & Peter TROSSELL/TROKSELL, who arived at Phila. on ship "Samuel" on 17 Aug 1733. TROSTELs lived in Adams, Berks, Lancaster, and York Cos., PA.

Woodrow W. Trostel, 7114 SW 180th Place, Aloha, OR 97007.

Would like to hear from someone researching the SPATZ & BERCKLY fams. Looking for a connection of Jacob & Christina SPATZ to GRELE/CRALEY fam. & Jacob BERCKLY & wf. to GRALY/CRALEY fam.

Larry Craley, 10219 Kilburn Rd, Phila. PA 19114.

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