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OUR NEXT MEETING

Sunday, March 3, 2013 — Islands in the Susquehanna

This month's meeting will be held at the Meeting Hall at York County Heritage Trust Library & Archives, 250 East Market Street, York, Pennsylvania. A brief business meeting will begin at 2:15 PM and the program will immediately follow at approximately 2:30 PM.

From our speaker, Evans Goodling ... My earliest recollections of the Susquehanna River and the Goldsboro area go back to the 1930s when as a youngster I accompanied my parents and grandparents up to my Grandpa George Goodling's bungalow on a little island about a quarter mile or so offshore from Goldsboro. We would stay for a day or up to a week on the island, swimming in the river, fishing for sunnies and catfish, going for row-boat rides over to Shelly Island to visit with the caretaker and pick grapes at the big old stone farmhouse used as a retreat by the choir members from a large Lancaster church. I spent a part of nearly every summer during the period 1934 through 1955 on Grandpa Goodling's island with my Goodling relatives, especially enjoying boating and fishing with my bachelor uncle Gordon Goodling, who told me about traditions and legends of the islands in the area. Building on oral history of those early days, I learned that my Grandpa's island was originally named "Prunkie" and that it had been owned by the Brunk (or Prunk) family who in the 1760s had settled in Newbury Township on over 300 acres of Newberry Township land, incorporating the area that eventually became the village of Goldsboro. The Brunk family probably planted corn and tobacco on the island as early as 1781, later obtaining a warrant in 1810 for the island, with a survey filed with the Land Office in 1815.

Within a radius of less than a mile of Goodling Island (as it is now called) lie three large islands, namely Hill Island, Shelly Island, and Three-mile Island, as well as a half dozen or so much smaller islands. My researches in the records of the state Land Office (which predates the Revolution by several decades) has turned up the first owners of most of these islands who applied for warrants to survey after 1760. Early applicants for warrants included Albrecht Graff, Daniel Shelly, Jacob Shelly, Daniel Elliot, and George Goosehorn. The 1875 Landowner's map for Londonderry Township, Dauphin County, shows that early residents of the large islands included Shelly, Burger, Shireman, and Greenwalt families. Shelly family cemeteries are found today in the center of Hill Island and at two adjacent locations on the west side of Shelly Island. A schoolhouse for the children of early resident farm families still exists on Shelly Island, although the sandstone farmhouses that existed as late as the 1950s are now gone. I am just now beginning my research on the resident families, particularly that of a Mrs. McCreary who Grandma Goodling used to visit annually on Shelly Island. Many of the islands contain vacation cottages, including one on Hill Island owned by John Garvey of Middletown, who was kind enough to take me and my wife Barbara by boat last fall to visit the neatly-maintained cemeteries on Shelly Island.

Notice regarding winter meetings and inclement weather: To avoid placing speakers and members in potentially dangerous situations, SCPGS will cancel meetings if roads are snow covered or icy, or if there is the possibility roads will become snow covered or icy before those attending a meeting would be able to reach home. Cancellations are made on the conservative side. To learn the status of a winter meeting that could be cancelled because of the weather, please call Richard Konkel at 717-843-7043.

Private Burial Ground: Discovering Their Stories

written by Cynthia Hartman

Stephen Smith was the speaker at our February meeting. He spoke about how he located three private burial grounds in York County and researched the names of those interred to determine how or if they were related. He noted that generally the current land owner is not related to those interred, the burial ground was land owner initiated, and the burials generally are pre-1900. Since there is no "cemetery association", for more than one hundred years the land owners have been the "caretaker" of these burial grounds.

The Meyers burial grounds is located in Springfield Township on a farm along Dunkard Valley Road near the Iron Stone Hill Road. Only occasionally are private burial grounds identified on maps. This cemetery is on a topographical map, however, it is referred to as the "Ness" cemetery; a Ness was the property owner at the time that the map was drawn. In 1933 there were 34 stones with dates between 1779 and 1878. Two thirds of the stones belong to Meyers family members. The original Christian Meyer gravestone was re-erected in 1929 ... Christian Meyer born in Switzerland 12 Dec 1788 settled these lands by 1758, died 1779. His wife, Elizabeth Kaufmann born 15 Jan 1720.

The Hendrix burial grounds is located in Shrewsbury Township, behind the Blue Ball, a stage coach inn along the Susquehanna Trail south of Shrewsbury. In 1930 there were 27 stones with dates between 1815 and 1919. Two thirds of these stones belong to the Hendrix family. This cemetery is over-grown and used to pasture sheep.

The Dosch burial grounds is located in Lower Windsor Township on a farm along Kline's Run Road near Water Street. It has also been referred to as the Kline burial ground, and is currently on land owned by Ronald Kohr and family.

Stephen documented the ownership of this property back to the original tract of six hundred acres warranted and patented by Maryland to Stephen Onion on December 2, 1729 under the

name "Conhodak". In his will Stephen Onion granted the land to his nephew Zacheus Barrett with one stipulation, Zacheus must change his name to Onion. Zacheus was only fourteen years old when he inherited this property as well as several tracts of land in Maryland in 1754. He lived well off the proceeds from selling the various properties that he inherited. He sold "Conhodak" to a real estate investor in 1773 and the investor sold the property to George Dosch seven month later. The property changed hands nine times over the next two hundred years ... Michael Dosch, Adam Shenberger, John Knisley, John Emig Jr., Harrison Fauth, S. Forry Laucks, Paul Burdick, Dr. George Pack, and Ron Kohr and family.

Using various maps, Stephen documented the location of the original tract, "Conhodak" and how it changed through the years as additional acreage was added, and the land sub-divided and sold off.

Stephen described landowner Paul Burdick has the "hero" of the Dosch cemetery. Mr. Burdick purchased 197 acres from S. Forry Laucks. While under the ownership of Mr. Laucks numerous renovations took place including tearing down the large stone farmhouse dating to 1782. The stone from the farmhouse was reused in another of Mr. Laucks' projects. It is surmised that during one of the many projects directed by Mr. Laucks' that the gravestones were removed from the burial grounds.

Paul Burdick's son discovered a "hidden" gravestone near the apple orchard that lead to the eventual discovery of a "pile" of gravestones overgrown with vines and weeds behind the barn. Mr. Burdick returned the gravestones to the original burial ground. In the early 1960s three more gravestones were found by probing the area near where the "hidden" stone was discovered. Shortly before he sold the property, his concerns over the preservation of the burial grounds led him to imbed the gravestones in a concrete slab at the site of the original burial grounds. Also imbedded in the concrete is the date stone from the original stone farmhouse.

The earliest date on the existing gravestones is 1808 when the land owner was Adam Shenberger. The 1808 dated stone is for Magdalena Otstadt, daughter of Christian Rathfon, a neighbor of Adam Shenberger. Knowing that the earliest found gravestone is not for a family member of the land owner, Stephen concluded that there must have been earlier burials for which the gravestones no longer exist (or at least haven't been found yet).

Following is a list of gravestones at the Dosch burial grounds ...

Magdalena Otstadt	d. 1808
Adam Shenberger (land owner)	d. 1822
Henry Kline	d. 1823
Jacob Rathfon	d. 1824
Christian Rathfon	d. 1824
Christopher Dosch	d. 1825
Mary J. Cowden	d. 1829
Henry Dosch	d. 1832
Louisa Dosch	d. 1836
Magdalena Dosch	d. 1838
John Kline	d. 1839
Jacob Klinefelter	d. 1840
John Knisley (land owner)	d. 1842
Anna Mary Belshuber	d. 1846
George J. Dosch	d. 1848
Henry Kline	d. 1849

Eve Knisley	d. 1850
Mary Ann Kline	d. 1852
Catharine Kline	d. 1855
Catharine Kline	d. 1857
Peter H. Leber	d. 1866
Peter Kline	d. 1867
E. R. (next to Christian Rathfon)	

Stephen's research leads him to believe that the following people were also most likely buried in the Dosch burial grounds ...

Catharine Dosch... wife of George Dosch (land owner)	d. 1794
Michael Dosch ... son of Michael Dosch (land owner)	d. bf 1799
Michael Dosch (land owner)	d. 1799
Anna Maria Dosch ... wife of Michael Dosch (land owner)	d. 1809
Catherine Gilbert ... wife of Adam Shenberger (land owner)	d. 1845

During his presentation, Stephen also mentioned the Moser burial grounds on a farm along Camp Betty Washington Road. This property is being developed and some broken stone are still in a wooded area where a previous owner tossed them so that the ground could more easily be plowed. How many more private burial grounds will be lost to development?

Deceased Members

Current member, **Dr. Charles H. Glatfelter**, 88, Professor of History Emeritus of Gettysburg College, historian and author, died February 6th, at his home following a brief illness. Dr. Glatfelter was born on May 11, 1924, in Glen Rock. He served as the Executive Director of the Adams County Historical Society from 1959 until 2001 and was designated as the Official Adams County Historian in 2001. He received many honors for his historical work, teaching and community service, among them the Achievement Award from the PA German Society and the Henry James Young Award from the South Central PA Genealogical Society. He also wrote numerous publications including Pastors and

People: German Lutheran and Reformed Churches in the Pennsylvania Field 2 vols. and documented the history of local Adams and York County communities, organizations, churches, buildings, cemeteries, families and people. His meticulous research skills helped him discover much local history, which he shared in his many speaking engagements.

Former member **Dorothy R. Saylor**, 89, wife of the late Samuel J. Snyder, died January 6th at Colonial Manor Nursing Home in York. She was a daughter of Paul A. and Ruth E. (Runkle) Uffelman, born November 28, 1923 in Chanceford Township.

from Pennsylvania Genealogical Magazine ...

Pennsylvania State Agency Transportation Passes for Civil War Bodies

The Pennsylvania State Agency (sometimes called the Pennsylvania Military Agency) was established by Governor Andrew Gregg Curtin, with headquarters in Washington DC, and Nashville, Tennessee for the purpose of providing relief to Pennsylvania volunteers and their families. One surviving record book from the Washington DC office is at the New York Historical Society in New York City. This 252-page register shows the broad variety and sheer volume of demands made on charity in a time of war. Of greatest genealogical value are the transportation passes granted for the return of bodies to their Pennsylvania homes. Following are the entries with a York, Lancaster or Adams county connection ...

21 December 1863 — For George Leicht and the body of Adam Leicht, late a private in Company D, 87th Pennsylvania Volunteers, who died of dyptheria, 9 December 1863 at Wolf Street Hospital, Alexandria, Virginia. From Washington to Shrewsbury, York County. [Vol. 47 Page 77]

16 January 1864 — For Isaac [Hall/Hull] and the body of Isaac Steffy, late a private in Company G, 6th Pennsylvania Calvary, who was frozen to death in pickets. To Lancaster. [Vol. 47 Page 78]

20 January 1864 — For Samuel Musselman and the body of Robert Ganion, late of Company E, 99th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, who was killed near Kelly's Ford, Virginia, 7 November 1863. From Washington to Lancaster. [Vol. 47 Page 79]

18 February 1864 — For V. L. Heckerman and the body of his son John V. Heckerman, late a private in Company F, 144th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, who was killed in a skirmish near Bristoe Station, 15 February 1864. From Washington to Chambersburg. [Vol. 47 Page 80]

27 February 1864 — For Helen Gregg, Augustus Wood, and the body of Jacob W. Shultz, late a private in Company G, 138th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, who died of dropsy at Armory Square Hospital, 12 February 1864. From Washington to York. [Vol. 47 Page 81]

25 April 1864 — For S. B. Thompson and the body of George W. Good, late a private in Company D, 2nd Pennsylvania Calvary, who died of pneumonia at Camp Stoneman, 20 April 1864. To Christiana, Lancaster Co. [Vol. 47 Page 83]

30 May 1864 — For C. H. Hostetter and the body of his brother Andrew Hostetter, late a

private of Company K, 56th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, who died of wounds at Campbell Hospital, 27 May 1864. To Wrightsville. [Vol. 47 Page 181]

4 June 1864 — For "myself" and the body of William McKune, late a private in Company C, 2nd Regiment, Pennsylvania Artillery, who died of abscess in right leg at Mt. Pleasant Hospital yesterday. To Chambersburg. [Vol. 47 Page 182]

7 June 1864 — For William A. Elden and the body of Thomas F. Elden, late a sergeant of Company G, 138th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, who died of gunshot wounds at Finley Hospital, 7 June 1864. From Washington to Gettysburg. [Vol. 47 Page 183]

14 June 1864 — For George [blank] and the body of Dennis Digman, late a corporal in Company K, 45th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, who died of wounds at Lincoln Hospital, 14 June 1864. From Washington to Marietta. [Vol. 47 Page 186]

21 June 1864 — For Samuel Hillian and the body of Henry M. Hillian, late of Company B, 1st Regiment, Pennsylvania Rifles, who died of wounds at Mt. Pleasant Hospital, 20 June 1864. From Washington to Lancaster. [Vol. 47 Page 188]

21 June 1864 — For James R. Eaton and the body of John A. Eaton, late a corporal of Company G, 87th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, who died of wounds at Armory Square Hospital, 23 June 1864. From Washington to Shrewsbury. [Vol. 47 Page 188]

23 June 1864 — For George Waltz and the body of Jacob Waltz, late a private of Company I, 93rd Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, who died of typhoid fever at Sickle Barracks Hospital, 23

June 1864. From Washington to Lancaster [Vol. 47 Page 189]

25 June 1864 — For Lydia S. Brown and the body of Edward A. Kelsey, late a major of the 45th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, who died of wounds at Armory Square Hospital, 24 June 1864. From Washington to Wrightsville. [Vol. 48 Page 81]

25 June 1864 — For Mrs. L. A. Quigley and the body of Edwin Quigley, late a private in Company D, 95th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, who died of wounds at Emory Hospital, 25 June 1864. From Washington to Lancaster. [Vol. 48 Page 81]

29 June 1864 — For Joseph C. Jeffries and the body of Robert M. Jeffries, late a captain of Company H, 115th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, who was killed at the battle before Petersburg, 16 June 1864. From Washington to Lancaster. [Vol. 48 Page 81]

3 July 1864 — For Milton Wike, Betsy Hinkle, and the body of Samuel M. Hinkle, late a private of Company B, 45th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, who died of wounds at Mt. Pleasant Hospital, 2 July 1864. From Washington to Wrightsville. [Vol. 48 Page 82]

16 July 1864 — For Elias Sheads, father of Elias Sheads, late a sergeant of Company F, 87th Pennsylvania Volunteers, who was killed at Monocacy, Maryland, 9 Jul 1864. From Washington to Gettysburg. [Vol. 48 Page 84]

7 October 1864 — For Isaac Hall and the body of John Cady, late a private of Company A, 99th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, who died of gunshot wounds at Emory Hospital, 3 October 1864. From Washington to Lancaster. [Vol. 48 Page 89]

21 October 1864 — For Charles Mowry and the body of Martin Mowrey, late a private of Company C, 83rd Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, who died of wounds at Lincoln Hospital, 13 October 1864. From Washington to Christiana, PA. [Vol. 48 Page 90]

27 October 1864 — For Isaac Holl and the body of Silas W. Dukeman, late a private of Company H, 11th Regiment, Pennsylvania Calvary, who

died of disease at Geesboro, 17 October 1864. From Washington to Lancaster. [Vol. 48 Page 91]

1 November 1864 — For Michael Schoenberger and the body of Henry Schoenberger, late a private of Company H, 187th Pennsylvania Volunteers, who died of fever at City Point Hospital, 7 September 1864. From Washington to Wrightsville. [Vol. 48 Page 92]

16 November 1864 — For Peter B. Vache and the body of Howard W. Vache, late a private of Company K, 45th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, who died of wounds at Emory Hospital, 8 June 1864. From Washington to Wrightsville. [Vol. 48 Page 93]

16 November 1864 — For Oliver H. Wells and the body of Cornelius Smith, late a private of Company A, 107th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, who was killed in action at Weldon R. R., 19 August 1864. From Washington to York. [Vol. 48 Page 93]

16 November 1864 — For Joseph Lehman and the body of John K. Miller, late of Company E, 3rd Pennsylvania Calvary, who died of fever at Camp Stoneman, 5 November 1864. From Washington to York. [Vol. 48 Page 94]

23 November 1864 — For Israel Blair and the body of Jeremiah Blair, late a private of Company C, 202nd Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, who died of disease at Prince St. Hospital, Alexandria, 6 November 1864. From Washington to Oxford, Adams County. [Vol. 48 Page 95]

29 November 1864 — For Mrs. Mary Pfeiffer and the body of her husband, John I. Pfeiffer, late a private of Company C, 202nd Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, who died of wounds at Grace Church Hospital, Alexandria, 28 November 1864. From Washington to Oxford, Adams County. [Vol. 48 Page 96]

30 November 1864 — For Milton Wake and the bodies of H. M. Wake, late of Company K, and G. W. Derrick, late of Company B, both of the 45th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, and both of whom died of wounds near Petersburg, Va., in October and August, respectively. From Washington to Wrightsville. [Vol. 48 Page 96]

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Upcoming Meetings

Sunday, April 7, 2013 — Stories from Civil War presented by Scott Mingus

... at the Meeting Hall at York County Heritage Trust Library & Archives

Sunday, May 5, 2013 — 3rd Annual Bible Documentation Day

Spread the word ... York County Heritage Trust and the South Central Pennsylvania Genealogical Society are planning our third annual Bible Documentation Day on Sunday May 5th. Bring your family bible to the Historical Society Meeting Hall at 250 East Market Street from 1 PM to 4 PM. We will copy, free of charge, your family information to place in the family files in the York County Heritage Trust Library & Archives.

Family bibles are sometimes the only source for vital statistic information, such as births and marriages. Our volunteers will record the family information, condition, ownership and publication information of the bible.



Sunday, June 2, 2013 — Henry James Young Award

... at the Meeting Hall at York County Heritage Trust Library & Archives