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LOOKING AHEAD

3 FEBRUARY - Our February meeting will be held in the Meeting Hall of The Historical Society of York County. Business portion of the meeting will begin at 2:15 p.m. and the program at 2:30. Gary T. Hawbaker will present a program entitled "The Use of Computers in Genealogy". Mr. Hawbaker has much experience in computer indexing and publishing. He has been a teacher for the past 18 years and will utilize a "home type" computer in his presentation. If you've been wondering what all the "fuss" is about computers this meeting is your chance to learn.

RESOURCE PERSONS

Mrs. Nancy Anne Mosier, 6022 E. Silverspur Tr., Anaheim Hills, CA 92807, has many Dauphin and Lancaster Co., PA, records. She will search them for other members and is also willing to do research in her area for members.

Mrs. Emma C. Reichel, 6016 Barrymore Dr., Kansas City, MO 64134, will help members needing research assistance in the Kansas City, MO area.

Mr. Dennis E. Shaffer, 912 Mary Ave., Dixon, IL 61021, is willing to help members with research if descendant resided in Lee Co., IL.

HIVELY'S GENEALOGICAL NOTES

The joint library of The Historical Society of Pennsylvania and The Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia has new public hours which began January 1, 1985. The library is now open on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Wednesday 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

A recently published small book may be of interest to persons related to Union Officers who were in Libby Prison in January-February 1864. During that time period, prisoner Lieutenant Alexander Addison Taylor turned his small notebook into an autograph book which was signed by 282 Union Officers imprisoned with him. Included are ranks, units and home addresses. This information and supplementary data has been edited by James B. Casey in a 57 page book called Libby Prison Autograph Book, January-February 1864. The book is available from Utah Genealogical Association, P.O. Box 1144, Salt Lake City, Utah 84110 at a cost of $10.

Although not easy to locate for a particular property, some public sale notices in early surviving newspapers can be of great value to the historian and genealogist. The following information on the Brogue Tavern property in Chanceford Township, York County is in the York Gazette issue of February 15, 1816. "Tavern stand, known by the name of the Brogue, situate in Chanceford Township, ...containing 387 acres of patented land,... erected a two story brick and log dwelling house, with a never failing spring, of water near the door, a double barn and stone shed... This stand has been kept upwards of fifty years as a house of public entertainment, is advantageously situated for that purpose, being on the public road leading from York to the Bridge at M'Call's Ferry. Also the public roads leading from the Bridge at Columbia, from Burkholders and Sowers' ferry, to Baltimore all meet at the door... terms by applying to A. Clarkson... ."

Finding such newspaper items as given in the previous paragraph is made much easier by indexes such as one recently compiled for The York Gazette (York, PA) issues for 1815-1820. Done by Muriel and Mildred Binder, the index is located in The Historical Society of York County library under the title Life in York County 1815-1820 Its Citizens and Their Activities. Among the subject headings are Property Transactions, Court Activities, Militia, Business & Professional, Vital Statistics, Community Organizations, Personal Happenings, Issues--Local, State, National, International.

Available from the Western PA Genealogical Society (4338 Bigelow Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15123) is a combined reprint volume of 689 pages of two older publications: The Old Pike-A History of the National Road (by Thomas Searight, first published in 1894) and The National Road (compiled in 1916 by Robert Bruce). Both parts are every-name indexed. The cost is $24.50 plus $1 for postage and handling and PA residents must add 6% for tax. "From the time the road was opened in 1818, until the coming of the railroad west of the Allegheny mountains in 1852, the Old National Road was the one great highway over which passed the bulk of trade and travel, and carried the mails from the East to the West. This book is filled to overflowing with the names of people who traveled the road, names of drivers, workers, hotel and tavern keepers and is implemented by pictures of them".

Among the sessions scheduled for the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society Genealogy Conference on March 30, 1985 are the following: Genealogical Research at the State Library of Pennsylvania; Genealogical Research on Mennonites of Bucks and Montgomery Counties; Overseas Research; Dauphin County Genealogical and Historical Research; Federal Census Research; Land Records at the Pennsylvania State Archives; Church and Cemetery Records of Lancaster County; and Hess Families of Lancaster County. For a complete list of sessions and a registration form send SASE with your request to Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society (David J. Rempel Smucker, 2215 Millstream Road, Lancaster, PA 17602).

The Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc. (1001 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, MD 21202) continues to publish books that may be of interest to SCPGS members. Among recent titles are the following: To Maryland from Overseas by Harry Wright Newman (records the British and Continental origins of 1400 colonial Maryland settlers, "including several hundred Scottish Jacobites banished to Maryland after the battles of Preston and Culloden"); Emigrants to America Indentured Servants Recruited in London 1718-1733 by John Wareing (sparse but valuable information on 1544 individuals, 95% male, who were destined for MD, PA, or the West Indies); Scottish Settlers in North America 1625-1825 by David Dobson (Volume IV in the series; information from previously little known sources in the Scottish Record Office in Edinburgh).

QUERIES

Seeking par. of Daniel GROVE/GROFF b. 19 Jul 1819, d. 22 Jan 1890, York Co., PA, mar. to Leah MOUL/MAUL.

Need info. on John REED/RIEDT b. 13 Apr 1813, d. 6 May 1895, bur. Bair's Meeting House, York Co., and wf. Mary DUBBS/DUPS.

Any info. on Elizabeth ASPER b. ca. 1810, mar. George A. HOLLINGER b. 1799, d. 1872, Adams Co., PA.

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

Searching for info. on fam. of John H. BAKER b. 23 Sep 1846, Fayette Co., PA, mar. 3 Sep 1868 to Sarah E. COVER b. 12 Mar 1848, PA, dau. of John J. COVER (b. 1820/30, New Geneva, PA) and wf. Elizabeth LONGNECKER.

Seeking info. on fam. of Jacob D. GRUBER (b. 2 Sep 1848, Dauphin Co., PA) mar. 13 Nov 1870 to Fannie HOLLINGER (b. 10 Feb 1847, Dauphin Co., PA). Jacob s. of Peter B. GRUBER (b. 26 Jan 1817, d. 10 May 1885, bur. Conewago Ch., PA) mar. to Barbara DOGHTERMAN (b. 26 Jan 1817, d. 27 Jan 1899, bur. same). They were Brethren.

Seeking info. on fam. of Samuel MILLER b. 1830/40 ?, PA, mar. Catherine MYERS b. 1830/40 ?, Dauphin Co., PA.

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

Sarah WALKER mar. David LEAS 26 Apr 1837, both of Warrington Twp., York Co., PA. Son, John, age 10, on 1850 Census with them. Was this the John LEAS bur. at Emanuel Cem. near Lewisberry, Newberry Twp., York Co. as John W. LEAS, 1841-1867? His wf., Lydia A., 1840- ?, is listed on all succeeding census as alone, but did they have two sons, John (b. May 1863) and David Leonard (b. 9 Dec 1864)? This LEAS fam. was in Warrington and Newberry Twp. area - not in Washington Twp., York Co., or Adams Co., PA.

Am looking for descendants of the grandch. of Mary WALKER who mar. Wm. RAMSEY. Son, William W. RAMSEY, mar. Lydia SPANGLER and had s. John W. (b. 1869) and dau. Ann Lydia RAMSEY. Ann mar. John W. WOODEN and had ch.: Mary V. (Jennie ?) b. 1861; and Clara R. b. 1867. What happened to John W. RAMSEY, Mary V. and Clara R. WOODEN?

Ruthanna Jacobs, Box 787, Eads, CO 81036.

Would like to contact anyone working on WELSHANS/WELCHANCE families. Need par. for Elizabeth WELSHANS b. ca. 1763, lived in York CO., PA, at least from 1779 to after 1783. Poss. sisters are Magdalena NESS and Eva WELSHANS. Elizabeth mar. John HERMAN before 1783 at York, d. in 1836 at Sharpsburg, Washington Co., MD, bur. Old Luth. Cem. at Sharpsburg. Any help on WELSHANS appreciated.

Chris Harmon, 114 E. Tenth St., Dixon, IL 61021.

Benedict HERSHEY d. ca. 1762 in Cocallico Twp., Lancaster Co., PA. Wife, Judith, was dau. of Thomas and Barbara HIENING. Judith d. 1793 and left Ch.: Barbara; Jacob; Andrew; Peter; John; and Esther. My ances., Esther, mar. Abraham SCHNEIDER (1742-1816). I will answer all letters from researchers of HERSHEY, HIENING, and SCHNEIDER.

Will share all of my info. and welcome letters from EBERHART, RENAND, HOLDER, HOFFMAN, and GERRY searchers. These are realted families.

Mrs. Bill T. Crawford, 802 S. Edgewood Ave., Columbia, MO 65203.

Wish to correspond with any McKALLIP or descendant of the McKALLIP family.

Valerie McKallip Weil, 111 Mooncrest Dr., Coraopolis, PA 15108.

Seeking info. on the fam. of John EICHINGER b. 3 Mar 1778, d. 26 May 1845, mar. 12 Apr 1807 to Susannah WELSH b. 7 Feb 1788, Tyrone Twp., York Co., PA, d. 1861, Decatur, IL. Ch.: Sara (Sarah), (1808- ?) mar. Philip LEHR/LEHN, they had 2 ch. Israel Jessop & Martin Schroeser; Elizabeth (1809-1887) mar. Stephen PFEIFER/PIFER (1805-1874); Jacob (1811-1889) mar. Mary MEISENHELTER; Frederick (1812- ?) mar. Mary A. ___?___; John, Jr., (1813-1877) mar. Catherine VANCE/WENTZ; Susanna (1818-1870) mar. Andrew SCHRIVER; Rebecca (1820- ?) mar. Abraham FISHER; Michael (1823-1906); Catherine (1827-1884) mar. Harm COBLE; & Mary (1831-1887) mar. 1853, York Co., PA to Jacob WENTZ. John was the s. of Jacob & Judith (might also be a Elizabeth) Shlenger (BAKER) EICHINGER. Susannah was the dau. of Nicholas & Barbara (?) WELSH. Nicholas was killed in 1795. Nicholas's ch. were: Johannes b. 25 Oct 1785; Susannah b. 7 Feb 1788;

Daniel b. 1 Apr 1790; & Wilhelm b. 26 Dec 1792.

Seeking info. on pars. & fam. of Stephen PFEIFER/PIFER, s. of Nicholas PFEIFER, MD (All known of Nicholas), b. 1805, MD, d. 1874, Nodway Co., MO, mar. 5 Apr 1828 to Elizabeth EICHINGER, dau. of John & Susannah (WELSH) EICHINGER, b. 1809, d. 1887, Pratt Co., IL. Ch.: Matilda (1828-1917) mar. 1848 to David CORNPROPST (1824-1903); Cornelius (1831-1836); William Henry (1833-1912); Mary (1838-1923); Theodore (1841-1893); Frederick (1845-1917); Susan (1847-1926); & Catherine Clara (1851-1926). All were born in PA & came to Pratt Co., IL about 1855.

Velam Betzer, 106 E. South, Oreana, IL 62554.

Searching for par. of Joseph HERSHEY b. at/near Hagerstown, MD, ca. 1793. When a small child, went with fath./par. ? to Canada. At outbreak of War of 1812 came back to U.S. Supposedly settled near Buffalo, NY, mar. Magdalena FRICK, and moved to Sandusky Co., OH. Died 1850.

Mrs. Anna Zeis, 2099 W. CR 592, Tiffin, OH 44883.

Would like to correspond and exchange ancestral info. with anyone researching the following surnames: ALTLAND; BOWMAN/BAUMAN; DARR; EYSTER; KELLY; KOFFMAN; LAU/LAW; RESH; and SIMPSON. All resided in York CO., PA, in the late 1700's or early 1800's.

Philip M. Wilcox, 605 Park Dr., Yukon, OK 73099.

Wish to know parents of Stephen HARRY who d. 9 Jan 1816, York, PA. Mar. Margaret ___?___ who d. 18 Jan 1825, York. Had sons, James and Joseph HARRY. Any other info. on above.

Robert J. Harry, 303 Beechwood Dr., Northfield, OH 44067.

Want to correspond with desc. of Susanna or Frederick BEYERLE of Bedford Co., PA, and Frederick Co., MD. Was Susan FREDERICKS a dau.?

My GGGMA, Sophia WAGGONER, mar. 17 Mar 1812, McConnelstown, PA, by Rev. W. SMOOKER and Squire LOGAN. Were they Ref. Lutherans?

My ancestor Christian WAGGONER mar. 10 Dec 1782 to Anna Catherina ___?___. Need place of mar. and her maiden name.

Mrs. Andy R. Klobnak, 1315 - 56th St., Des Moines, IA 50311.

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THE S.C.P.G.S. - SERVICES TO MEMBERS

MEETINGS - Membership meetings are normally held the first Sunday of each month, September thru June, at locations announced in our newsletter. When a holiday falls on the first Sunday the meeting date is moved forward or back a week. The short business portion of the meetings begins at 2:15 p.m. It is followed at, or near, 2:30 by the program or activity. This portion is intended to be genealogically educational/informational/instructional to our members.

Ideas, suggestions, etc. from our members for future programs, events, and activities are always welcomed. Those members "in the know" plan to arrive early and stay late. The time before and after the meetings is an excellent time to socialize and "catch-up" with the genealogical activities of others.

NEWSLETTERS - Members receive eleven issues(July/August is one combined issue) of the Society's newsletter, OUR NAME'S THE GAME, during each Fiscal Year (July 1 to June 30). Included in this publication are listings of future programs and events, QUERIES from members, notices of publications by other organizations and individuals that might be of interest, and occasional short articles dealing with genealogical research.

Members are invited to submit information, articles, etc. for inclusion in the newsletter that are of genealogical pertinence to the S.C.P.G.S. area. We do not solicit or publish commercial advertisements. However, members in the process of publishing or who have recently published, a family history, etc. are entitled to "coverage" of such in the newsletter.

SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS - At least four times each Fiscal Year members receive a Special Publication. These are booklets of varying lengths that contain genealogical resource materials, most of which is from previously unpublished primary sources.

Members are welcome to submit ideas, suggestions, etc. for future Special Publications. Contributions of articles, materials, etc. for inclusion in future Special Publications are also welcome.

NEWSLETTER QUERIES - Members of S.C.P.G.S. may have an unlimited number of queries published in the newsletter free of charge. They are printed on a first received first included basis. While there is no limit on the number of queries submitted we do reserve the right to limit the length of space provided in a particular newsletter for queries from one individual. When more then one or two queries are received from a member at the same time one or two will be included in the upcoming newsletter and the remainder in successive issues.

There is no special form that must be followed when constructing queries for submission. We ask that you let common sense prevail - keep them brief and "to the point". If hand written or printed keep them legible. Include dates, locations(township, county, etc.), and time span whenever possible.

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RESEARCH COMMITTEE - This committee of volunteers uses the facilities of the Library of The Historical Society of York County to answer correspondence from members pertaining to brief requests for genealogical information pertaining mainly to the York/Adams County, PA, area.

All member requests are acknowledged, but only if accompanied by a business or legal size SASE. There is no charge for this service if the request is brief. Please state all requests as clearly and precisely as possible. Complex and lengthy requests will be answered with a letter requesting a $5.00 donation. For this baptism, cemetery, will, and orphan's court records (1700's thru 1850), etc. will be searched. Checks should be made payable to the S.C.P.G.S A note to remember - an unsuccessful search takes as much (if not more) effort as a successful one. If a large amount of photocopying is required the correspondent will be informed of the cost in advance.

While the committee concentrates primarily on answering requests for information pertaining to the York/Adams County area, we also have members willing to do volunteer research in other counties of south central, PA. A request that cannot be searched in the Library of The H.S.Y.C. is forwarded to a volunteer in the area involved. These volunteers should not be expected to do complex, lengthy, or continuous research.

A list of professional researchers will be sent to those requesting more assistance than normally provided by the volunteers on the Research Committee.

RESOURCE PERSONS - As we become aware of them, we list in the newsletter information about members who are willing to serve (without charge) as Resource Persons for other members needing research help/advice in areas outside of the immediate S.C.P.G.S. area. We ask them not to answer letters unless they are accompanied with a business or legal size SASE. Please remember - these members are willing to share their research knowledge and considerate enough to help other members. Do your part in return - do not expect them to provide you with "mounds" of information you should be paying a professional to provide.

Any member living outside the S.C.P.G.S. area who is willing to be listed as a Resource Person need only contact the Society. When writing, identify your area by state/county/township, etc. and briefly state in what way(s) you would be willing to help those needing assistance.

SURNAME INDEX FILE - The Society maintains an up-to-date card file of all surnames being researched by our members. There is no limit on the number of surnames a member may submit and they may be submitted at any time.

If you are researching a particular surname and desire to know the names and addresses of other members researching the same surname address your request in care of the Membeship Secretary. When requesting this information you should include a business or legal size SASE. There is no limit on the number of times a member may utilize this service.