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LOOKING AHEAD

9 FEBRUARY -- The February meeting will be held on the SECOND Sunday of the month in the Meeting Hall of The Historical Society of York County. The business portion of the meeting will begin at 2:15 p.m. and the program at about 2:30. SCPGS member and York County native Jonathan R. Stayer will speak on "Lewis Miller's Hessians and Searching Hessian Ancestry". He is the Reference Archivist at the PA State Archives at Harrisburg. Formerly he was an assistant librarian at The Historical Society of York County. Mr. Stayer has a BA degree in history from Messiah College and is presently completing his Master's degree in American Studies at Capitol Campus of the Pennsylvania State University. He has done research on the Revolutionary War Camp Security. Recently articles written by him were published in Lancaster County Connections and Pennsylvania Folklife.

2 MARCH -- Dr. Don Yoder speaking on "Tracing Scotch-Irish Pennsylvanians".

RESOURCE PERSONS

The following persons are willing to help other members needing research assistance in the areas designated:

NORTH CAROLINA - Rowan County (Salisbury area). Jim Mallinson, Rt. 31, Box 446-B, Salisbury, NC 28144.

OREGON - Lane County (Census pre 1900, Homesteaders gen. info. for OR). Lois Barton, 84889 Harry Taylor Rd., Eugene, OR 97405.

PENNSYLVANIA - Beaver County area. Ruth M. Cline, R. D. # 3, Box 123, Beaver Falls, PA 15010.

TEXAS - Cherokee County (Census, probate, history, etc.). Mrs. Herbert R. Dowling, P. O. Box 8190, Jacksonville, TX 75766.

HIVELY'S GENEALOGICAL NOTES

Information on the "Adams County, PA, Historical Title Search Program" was given on a supplemental page of the March 1984 (Vol. 9, No. 8) issue of this newsletter. This service has been very helpful to people who wish to determine the exact location and history of the eighteenth and nineteenth century properties within the present limits of the county. This service remains available but the charge has been increased to $100 for each investigation because of the cost of securing copies of relevant documents and the large amount of time required to complete the search. For more information refer to the March 1984 newsletter.

The eighth Annual Genealogy Conference sponsored by the Lancaster (PA) Mennonite Historical Society is scheduled for Saturday, April 5, 1986. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Don Yoder whose topic is "New Approaches to Overseas Research on Pennsylvania Germans". Among the other scheduled topics are "Research at the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania and the Historical Society of Pennsylvania"; "Lancaster County Migrations to Canada"; "Tracing the Dutchman--Patterns in Pennsylvania German History"; "Research in Chester County"; and "Germans in Western Maryland". The banquet speaker will be Annette K. Burgert speaking on "My Search for Mennonite Families in European

Villages". For a registration form and more details write to Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society (c/o Lola M. Lehman, 2215 Millstream Rd., Lancaster, PA 17602). Include a SASE.

For many years aliens were required to register at post offices. A SCPGS member needs information on this procedure and the records that resulted from the registration. When did this requirement go into effect? What information was the alien to provide? Do the records exist (especially for the earliest years of registration)? Where are they located and can they be used by researchers? What information must be known to find the registration of a particular individual? A response from any member who can provide helpful information would be appreciated.

The Haney Family Registry is being compiled by SCPGS member Jackie Haney-Walsh (3340-166 Del Sol Blvd., San Diego, CA 92154; phone (619) 690-3200). Anyone having knowledge of any descendants of Nicklaus, Peter, or Michael Hennig(Henig, Heany, Hany, Heny, etc.) should contact her. Johannes Nickel and Johannes Peter Hennig reportedly came to the Philadelphia, PA area in 1750. Some of the family later homesteaded to Hopewell Township, York County, PA.

The book Children of the Circuit Riders: The History of Asbury United Methodist Church, York, Pennsylvania 1781-1985 by Georg R. Sheets has now been published. It can be purchased from the Historical Society of York County (250 East Market St., York, PA 17403) for $14.95. If the book is ordered by mail add $1.00 for postage and handling. PA residents need to add the 6% sales tax. Historical Society members can deduct $1.50 from the cost.

Also The Historical Society of York County continues to have for sale copies of Lewis Miller Sketches and Chronicles: The Reflections of a Nineteenth Century Pennsylvania German Folk Artist. This 185 page book was published by that society in 1966 and contains a portion of the unique work of "Loui" Miller (1796-1882), folk artist, artisan and native Yorker. Lewis Miller made a graphic record of trivial or historic events he saw. He provided accompanying text in English, German, or Latin. The chronicles, almost all in color, run the gamut of human emotions--patriotism, pathos, humor, irony, tragedy, and scandal. Much information can be gained about life in York during the 1800's. Many ordinary people were subjects for Lewis Miller's observation. SCPGS members who had ancestors who lived in York Borough or nearby during the lifetime of Lewis Miller can most likely find in this book scenes that their ancestors saw and will find people their ancestors knew. And some will find sketches of ancestors. There is a subject and name index. The book costs $25.00. If purchased by mail add $1.50 for postage and handling. PA residents need to add the 6% sales tax. Historical Society members can deduct $2.50.

The Spring Meeting of the Pennsylvania Chapter of the Palatines to America is scheduled for April 19, 1986. Dr. John L. Ruth will present a program with Mennonite emphasis.

The Pennsylvania German Society (P. O. Box 397, Birdsboro, PA 19508) reports that tapes are now available on the proceedings of its May 3-4, 1985 Annual Meeting. The meeting site was the Most Blessed Sacrament Church in Bally, PA. The three tapes will be sold as sets for $18.00, plus shipping and applicable 6% PA sales tax for PA residents. Do NOT send payment with the order. An invoice will be included with the tapes. Among the titles on the tapes are "Antecedents of the Roman Catholic Settlement in Pennsylvania"; "The Roman Catholic Presence in Goshenhoppen"; The Paul Wieand Singers; and Choir Concert of MBS Church.

A "Sherk-Shirk-Sherrick-Schurch Family Gathering" has been scheduled for July 4 and 5, 1986 at the Midway Reception Center between Lititz and Brickerville in Lancaster County, PA. Planned as part of the gathering are bus tours to family landmarks, genealogical assistance, and speakers. A reservation notice is

planned for March 1986. Those who are not on the mailing list can receive additional information by subscribing to the family newsletter which is $5 per year and can be ordered from Judy Fjarlie (4515 SR 530, Stanwood, WA 98292). The communications chairman is Barry Shirk (56 Pinewood Ave., Lititz, PA 17543)

The John Timon Reily Historical Society of the Conewago Valley is interested in Catholic history and families of the area served by Conewago Chapel. Membership dues are presently $6 annually and may be paid to Marlyn H. Weaver (317 Main St., McSherrystown, PA 17344). The society has available several publications including Conewago Chapel Marriages & Sponsors, 1796-1863; Conewago Chapel Deaths & Burials, 1752-1979; Conewago Chapel Baptisms, Parents & Mother Maiden Names, 1791-1900; Adams of the Alleghenies (a genealogy and history of the Adams family of Adams County and the Allegheny Mountains of PA); and Catholic Colonial Conewago (reprint of book by John Poist Keffer on the pioneer families in the Conewago Valley). For a complete list of these publications and their prices send a SASE to John Timon Reily Historical Society (410 Irishtown Rd., Hanover, PA 17331) or to the President, Francis W. Miller (690 Edgegrove Rd., Hanover, PA 17331). Mr. Miller will correspond with those who request information about the society, its purposes, and related matters.

Information has come to the SCPGS that J. M. Spangler (400 E. Chestnut St., Shiremanstown, PA 17091) has a few copies, probably reprints, of Spangler's Annals for sale at $47.50. Anyone interested should contact this person. Perhaps the initial letter should not contain payment since the "few" copies may be all sold by then. This letter should contain the request that if a copy remains available that it be held for you.

Thomas A. Sherk (23 Pleasant Ridge Dr., West Hurley, NY 12491) reports that the first printing of his book The Sherk Family is sold out. He is thinking of having a second printing done if there is enough interest. The price for a copy would be $21 for the 357-page hardcover book but no money is to be sent when the order is made. A large part of the book covers the descendants of Ulrich Sherk, the immigrant of 1752. However, there is significant information on other early Sherk families of the United States and Canada. (The deadline for an order given on the notification was December 30 but perhaps if notice of interest is sent to Mr. Sherk without delay, copies of the second printing may still be able to be reserved.)

QUERIES

Need parent's name of John Solomon MILLER who mar. Maria Eva HALLER/HILLER/HULLER at St. Matthews Luth., Hanover, York Co., PA, on 15 May 1764. Where was John b.? Who were Maria Eva's parents?

Searching for info. on George Ludwig SANNER, who arrived Phila., 19 Sept. 1749. Sons, Ludwig b. ca. 1755 & Michael b. 1 Feb. 1757, settled in Bedford (now Somerset) Co., PA. How many ch. did George have? Who was his wife?

Who were par. of Elizabeth PECK/PEECK, wf. of Henry HINISH? Their oldest son, George, b. York, PA, ca. 1761 & 11 yrs. later they settled in Bedford, PA. How many other ch. were b. in York? Will gladly exchange information.

Ruth M. Cline, R. D. # 3, Box 123, Beaver Falls, PA 15010.

Need par. of Margaret DETERMAN b. 1763, mar. John OTTINGER 1781, York Co., PA. Was John DETERMAN/DETTEMER who mar. Anna Dorothea OTTINGER in 1772 Margaret's brother? Would like to correspond with any DITMER/DITTEMORE researchers.

Marianna F. Shaw, 6119-83rd St., SW, Tacoma, WA 98499.

Seeking info. on any HUSSON's espec. Daniel & wf. Catherine ca. 1800. Was John HUSSON, who mar. Lizzie BENEDICK ca. 1864, the s. of Daniel & Catherine? Seeking a copy of Daniel's will. Also seeking info. on Lizzie & her par.,

Samuel BENEDICK & Sarah DELLINGER. Need any info. about Philip Abdel MYERS, b. ca. 1849, who mar. Mary E. ___?___. Will share what I have with you.

Also seeking info. on the FERGUSON's of York Co., in particular John, who mar. Mary JASON ca. 1840-50. John had a s., James E. FERGUSON b. 1851, who mar. Mary Ann RANDALL/RANDEL. Also need info. on Mary Ann's par., Benjamin RANDEL & Emma/Emeline PLYMIRE. Benjamin's moth. was Lydia ___?___. Emma's par. were Jacob PLYMIRE b. ca. 1822 & Theresa b. 1834. If you have any info. on any of above surnames, please write.

Darlene Price, 665 Brandenburgh Way, Roswell, GA 30075.

Seeking info. about Peter MITZEL, I, b. 5 May 1786. Where? Died? Bur. Fairview Cem., Morgon Co., OH. Wife was Barbara MILLER. Born? Where? Died? Buried?

Seeking info. about Catherine BROKAW b. 16 May 1816, OH, mar. Jacob MITZEL b. 26 July 1807, PA.

Earnest L. Mitzel, 7411 Stearman Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95621.

Would like to correspond with anyone researching the following surnames in or around York & Adams Co., PA: BESCHERER, LEHMAN, LORENTZ, MAST, REINECHER, SPONSELLER, & THOMAS. Will answer any & help if possible.

Mrs. Melvin W. Stilwell, 3723 State St., Bay City, MI 48706.

Need documented proof of par. of William COLEMAN b. 29 Mar 1820, PA, d. 11 June 1890, Lebanon, PA, mar. Maria(h) McCLOUD b. 24 June 1822, PA, d. 31 Mar. 1909, Lebanon, PA. They had 13 children b. in Lebanon, PA. All bapt. Salem Luth. Ch., Lebanon, PA.

Ruth S. Burnite, 796 Mahogany Dr., Casselberry, FL 32707.

Seeking Conrad PLANK/BLANK (ca. 1765-1842), bur. Adams Co., PA, & wf. Anna Maria SCHLEBACH/SLAYBAUGH. Were her par. Heinrich SCHLEBACH & Sabina Catherine MÜHL? Conrad's ch. were: George mar. Catherine BENDER?; William; John; Catherine mar. Henry RICE; Henry; Conrad; Elizabeth mar. Peter RICE; Maria (Polly) mar. John KNOUSE; Daniel; Jacob C.; & Jesse. Would like to exchange info on any of the above.

Kathy Doto, 558 Holly St., Richland, WA 99352.

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