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LOOKING AHEAD

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1989 -- Franklin W. Zarfoss will speak on "York County Churches of the Late 1700's and the Early 1800's". The talk will be supplemented with slides. A native of York County, Mr. Zarfoss is a retired accountant. In addition to his active research on York County church history, he spends much time as a volunteer for various organizations.

The meeting will be held in the Meeting Hall of The Historical Society of York County, 250 E. 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.

SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 1989 -- Rev. Neal O. Hively; land survey workshop.

SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 1989 -- Program to be announced.

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT -- PROJECT FOR A COLD WINTER DAY

When the SCPGS began we worked on preparing an ancestral chart book. We eventually published two of them in 1976 and 1977. However, since that time our society has grown in membership, and a project of that type is beyond what our board of directors would like to tackle. The board has agreed to encourage this winter project. We are requesting the membership to send in family group sheets (and if possible supporting data). You may send as many as you would like. These will be placed in the family files in the Historical Society Library. These files are used by many researchers and who knows, maybe someone who finds your material will contact you. Even if you do not get a contact, your material will be left as a record of your work to future generations. Family Group Sheets should be for the York County families or families that came from this area. Mark your papers with the family name under which you would like them placed (only one name for one page please). Also, all pages sent should include your name, address, phone number, and the date. Our volunteers will see that they are properly filed. As many of you know, the Historical Society of York County has now moved into its new library, and this project should add to its wonderful collection of genealogical data.

HIVELY'S GENEALOGICAL NOTES

Those interested in reading in detail about the sale of land and the operation of the land office from the earliest history of Pennsylvania through the 1830's may want to search for a copy of an old book, Thomas Sergeant's View of the Land Laws of Pennsylvania, published in 1838. Here are examples of topics covered by Sergeant: Titles Before William Penn's Arrival; Indian Purchases; Titles Under William Penn; From the Death of William Penn in 1718, to the Arrival of Thomas Penn in 1732; Titles under John, Thomas, and Richard Penn, Sons of William Penn; Titles in 1765; Divesting Act of 1779; Titles under the Commonwealth

from 1779 to 1784; Fair Play Men; Forms of Warrants; Surveys; Returns of Survey; Title by Improvement and Settlement; What Lands May be Taken up as Vacant; Patents; Prices of Lands; Ten Per Cent and Other Surplus; Six Per Cent Allowance for Roads, etc.; Quit-Rents; Rivers and Islands; Manors; Tenure; General Instructions to Deputy Surveyors, Prepared and Issued from the Land Office in 1765.

Quite likely the above Sergeant book is not found in many genealogical, historical, public, or even law libraries in most areas of the country. If you cannot find a copy of the book but want to learn more at this time about the subject as explained by Sergeant, the SCPGS will provide a photocopy of the complete 300 page volume for a charge of $32. (One page of the photocopy contains two pages of the original volume). Those who are interested in the topic, but who are able to wait for one or two years, may wish to note that a new and extensive book on the subject is in manuscript form. This planned publication is to have information on the history of the land office and detailed information on the records created by that office. It is being written by a staff member of the Pennsylvania State Archives.

The eighteen page article, "The Penn Manorial System and the Manors of Springetsbury and Maske", by William H. Kain, of York, PA, was published in Pennsylvania History, Volume X, No. 4, October 1943. (This is the publication of The Pennsylvania Historical Association.) The first mentioned manor was in York County, PA, and the latter in present Adams County, PA. The following quotes are from the article and explain how manor land in practice differed from other land. "Under his charter Charles II granted to Penn in his private capacity a fee simple absolute in the soil of the province together with control of its government. ...The proprietary was permitted by the charter to dispose of the soil in any way he saw fit, lay off manors, and grant lands to be held under him, his heirs and assigns... In the same year (1681) Penn entered into an agreement with the "adventurers and purchases" who might wish to acquire land. This rendered the proprietary a trustee of the rights of all those buying land in Pennsylvania under the land-office rules for credit purchases. These rules reserved to the proprietary for his own use one-tenth of the land, which could then be purchased only on whatever conditions the prospective purchasers could arrange with the proprietary agents. Such sales were stated to b be made on "special terms". The other nine-tenths of the soil of Pennsylvania was to be sold on "common terms", or at a fixed price per acre. ... The Penn manorial system was in reality merely that branch of the Penn land policy which pertained to the reservation of certain lands for sale on special terms. These reservations, as well as the sale of both reserved and common lands, were entrusted to the administration of the land office."

The last footnote of the above article by William Kain states, "See the author's (Kain's) manuscript paper 'John R. Coates, Landjobber of Springetsbury Manor'". Does any reader of this column know if this paper is available to researchers today in published or manuscript form?

The Eleventh Annual Genealogy Conference sponsored by the Lancaster

(County, PA) Mennonite Historical Society is scheduled for Saturday, April 1, 1989, at the Lancaster Mennonite High School, located east of Lancaster City. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Donald F. Durnbaugh speaking on "Sorting Out the Brethren". Among the other topics to be presented are "Tracing Mennonite Roots in Prussia and Eastern Europe", "Anabaptist Groups", "Research Sources at the Lancaster County Historical Society: An A to Z Overview"; "Researching the Brethren"; and "Computers: A Genealogical Resource". For a complete list of the presentations and a registration form send a SASE to Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society (c/o Lola M. Lehman, 2215 Millstream Road, Lancaster, PA 17602-1499) or call (717) 393-9745.

The Pennsylvania Chapter, Palatines to America, will hold its Spring 1989 Meeting at Messiah College, Grantham, PA, on April 15, 1989. The scheduled speakers are Pastor Frederick S. Weiser speaking on "Basic Pennsylvania German Genealogy" and "Saturation Research: An Advanced Lecture"; Annette K. Burgert speaking on "Researching Swiss Ancestors Using American Sources"; and Lois C. Byrem speaking on "The Brethren", with emphasis on the Church of the Brethren (German Brethren Baptist Church). A future issue of this newsletter will give information on whom to contact for additional information and a registration form.

QUERIES

Are par. of Mathew SNODDY b. 1800, Dauphin Co.,PA (?), d. 1876, Wayne Co., OH, William & Mary (ENDERS) SNODDY? Mathew mar. Martha -?-. Ch.: Samuel Walker, 1826-1908; Mary Ann, 1832-1837; James Benjamin, 1838-1915; Louisa, 1841-1891; Ann Elizabeth, 1847-1912; & George Washington, 1850-1895. Will exchange info.

Also, need info. on George BECKER b. 1734, d. 1769, mar. 1759 to Christina, dau. of Adam EMENHEISER. O.C. Docket shows ch.: Anna Magdalena b. 1762; Mary Elizabeth b. 1764; Anna Maria; & Christina. Were there any others & who did the girls marry? Would like to correspond with desc.

Grace A. Williams, 18631 Howe Rd., Strongsville, OH 44136-7621.

Would like to learn about siblings & par. of John SHAUCK, d. 1839, Carroll Co., MD, leaving wf. Mary Magdalena & ch.:eldest s. Henry; John; Mary mar. Micajah STANDBURY; & Catharine, d. by 1838, mar. John BRODBECK. John Will was signed by David JONES & Jacob BOLLINGER & his land was by John BRODBECK, Yodorus MESMER, Georg FAIR, & Adam DIEHL. What do others know of these families & their ancestry. Also, John SHAUCK in his Will mentions these men: John KERLINGER; Henry SHAUCK, & John WERNER . Would like know more about these families mentioned in Will. Who were they mar. to & who were their par. & their children?

Leone Betteridge, 2709 W. Soundview Dr., Tacoma, WA 98466.

Seeking info on families of Frederick FISSEL & wf. Anna Maria DIEHL. Dau., Eva b. 1765, mar. Balthaser FOUST. "It is said" that Frederick donated land for Fissel's Ch. in Shrewsbury Twp., York Co., PA. Anna Maria's father was Daniel DIEHL. Any help on these families will be appreciated.

Jerry Zach, 448 Moonlight Ln., Keller TX 76248.

Seeking info. on Henry M. SIPE fam. of Bedore Co., PA area, who in 1826 moved to Morrow Co., OH. Have par. (Emanuel & Mary) but need much more info. Can anyone help?

Laura Wright, 4933-D N. Seward Ave., Eielson AFB, AK 99702.

Seeking info on Eva REICHARD & her par., b. probably Lancaster Co., PA, d. ca. 1811, Franklin Co., PA, mar. Peter COOK of Franklin Co. around 1970/95.

Lynn D. Fleury, 640 McAdams Rd., Salina KS 67401.

Seeking info. on the following people of York Co., PA:

Theodore WALLICK b. 1851, d. ?, mar. 1871 to Susan WELTY b. 1854, d. ?.

Jacob WALLICK b. 1825, d. 1912, mar. 1848 to Elizabeth GIPE b. 1825, d. 1903.

Daniel WELTY b. 1814, d. 1882, mar. 1841 to Elizabeth SMELTZER b. 1824, d. 1881.

John WALLICK b. 1795, d. 1882, mar. to Lydia GEHLY b. 1802, d. 1874.

Jacob BLAUSER b. 1802, d. 1863, mar. to Anna MYERS b. 1812, d. 1902.

Nicholas BOHN d. 10 Apr 1804, & wf. Anna.

Phil O'Leary, 1269 Jakse Dr., Eastlake, OH 44094

Looking for someone researching the CRALE fam. name, have many names with this spelling from the 1700's. Willing to share info. Also seeking relative of Private Hugh CRALEY, who was in the NJ Continental Line in 1777 to 1783. His name is associated with Robert CRAIGHEAD & John HOLLINGSHEAD.

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

Need maiden name, par. names, & birthplace of Lydia HOKE, d. 11 Nov 1868, aged 62 yrs., 11 mo., 15 das., bur. Pleasant View Cem., Carroll Twp., York Co., PA, wf. of Solomon. Ch. were: Michael; Lena; Catharine mar. Henry BERKHEIMER; Mary; Lydia; Abraham; & Caroline.

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