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OUR NEXT MEETING

Sunday, February 3, 2013 — Private Burial Grounds: Discovering Their Stories

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.

York County is home to many private burial grounds. They are the final resting place for some of the earliest rural inhabitants. These burial grounds were established because descendants of the landowners and in some cases the closest neighbors wanted their loved ones buried nearby. Their stories are not strictly limited to a list of the people buried in these graveyards. This is a presentation that emphasizes tracing the landowners of the private burial grounds back through time. The graveyard caretakers are the recent landowners with no family connections to the burial grounds; sometimes theirs is an interesting story, although all too often theirs is a story of neglect.

This illustrated talk will present a case study of discovering the stories related to the Dosch Burial Grounds; which is located on several incarnations of Lauxmont Farms in Lower Windsor Township. This is an interesting graveyard from all aspects. Of the caretakers, one threatened to plow the graveyard under; one removed the gravestones, to potentially use in a building project, and one took great care in restoring the burial grounds. The longest running landowner was the founder of Emigsville in Manchester Township; his in-laws are buried in the graveyard. The relationship of the burials to each other and to the various landowners is the story of most interest to genealogists. Nonetheless ALL these stories add interest to a family history.

Our speaker, Stephen H. Smith is a retired Mechanical Engineer and local family history author. A previous speaker at SCPGS, he presented "Creating a Family History Book – Barshingers in America," April 4th 2004. An interest in local history is used to enhance his family histories and in the development of talks on various aspects of family and local history. He was recently encouraged to share his explorations of York's Past. This is being done five days a week on his aptly called *YorksPast* blog.

Sunday, March 3, 2013 — Islands in the Susquehanna presented by Evans Goodling

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

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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.

What's New Online?

Carroll County Times Archive is available through the Carroll County Public Library. This archive is a full-text access to the Carroll County Times for the years 1933 through 1999. If you have ancestors in Carroll County, Maryland during this time period, take a look at www.cctimes.carr.org

Online Searchable Death Indexes & Record is a directory of links to other websites that contain online death indexes. The listings are arranged by state and county, and include death records, death certificate indexes, death notices and registers, obituaries, probate indexes, and cemetery and burial records. Take a look at www.deathindexes.com

How long has it been since you've looked at various online archives, libraries, and other repositories for materials that could be used in your search? Could it be that they've added databases since your last visit? ... *it might be worth taking another look.*

Have you discovered a "new" website that was helpful in your research? ... if so, please share your find with the members of SCPGS by emailing the link to scpgswebsite@wildblue.net

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.



Nominations Sought

The SCPGS Board of Directors plans to present one or more Henry James Young Awards at its June meeting. The purpose of the award is to honor significant accomplishments in the field of local genealogy and history. Nominations may be made by any SCPGS member. The nominees may be living or deceased. To have a nominee considered for the award the nomination must be received by March 1, 2013. Send nomination letters to the SCPGS with the designation Henry James Young Award Nomination on the envelope or submit via email to scpgswebsite@wildblue.net. The letter should enumerate the contributions and accomplishments of the nominee and be signed by the person(s) making the nomination.



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BIBLIOGRAPHY at the
York County Heritage Trust Library & Archives**
250 East Market Street, York, PA 17403
Tuesday – Saturday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Daily admission fee

Books at YCHT Library/Archives

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CDs at YCHT Library/Archives

- *Atlas of the Official Records of the Civil War*. Carmel, IN: Guild Press of Indiana, 1999.
- *The Civil War CD-ROM*. 2 vols. Included are some of the above volumes, such as ...*Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies, Official Records of the Union and Confederate Navies, Dyer's Compendium...., Fox's Regimental Losses...*
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Selected additional resources at the YCHT Library/Archives

- Censuses on microfilm
 - 1862 York County draft/ substitutes – 414M
 - 1890 census veterans/widows – 153M
- Copies of National Archives records
 - individual Pension and Military files
 - records from hospital at Penn Common (microfilm) – 499M
- County histories, such as Prowell's *History of York County, Pennsylvania*
- Grand Army of the Republic Records
- Manuscript files, such as York County Civil War, Hanover, 87th Regiment
- Newspapers on microfilm
- Originals or photocopies of letters and diaries
- Regimental histories, such as *History of the 87th Pennsylvania Volunteers*.
- Dennis Brandt's Database of York County Civil War soldiers, mainly taken from pension records
- Library Edition of Ancestry.com

On the Light Side – Civil War Ancestors

written by Becky Anstine

Our January meeting was a round table discussion on Civil War ancestors led by Lila Fourhman-Shaull and Margaret Burg. Margaret started our discussion with a trivia quiz, "Who Was What in the Civil War". We were given a list of names and were supposed to match them with six occupations. Eight were Union Generals, four Confederate Generals, two Union Statesmen, three Confederate Statesmen, three Union Spies, two Confederate Spies, two Union Nurses, and one a Confederate Nurse. Seven of them were women and not all those women were nurses or spies. How many of these do you know: Princess Agnes Elisabeth Winona Leclerq Joy Salm-Salm, Josiah Gorgas, Henry Hastings Sibley, and Henry Hopkins Sibley.

Several members shared information that they had found out about their Civil War ancestors. Jonathan Stayer's family members were conscientious objectors; these records are at the Pennsylvania State Archives. Pennsylvania was one of the few states to recognize this group and it is part of the state constitution. If you cannot find your ancestor in any Civil War records, the conscientious objectors records at the State Archives might provide some clues.

David Hively talked about researching an ancestor who had served in the Confederate Marines. He also told about researching the German born ancestor of a friend. The ancestor had served in the Civil War and the pension file contained information about his marriage in Germany – which led back to records from the

original village and enabled them to trace the family line.

Lila prepared a bibliography of information in the Trust Library related to the Civil War [see pages 3 and 4 of this newsletter]. There are two databases available online through the Trust website: Dennis Brandt's on area Civil War Veterans and Scott Mingus' on Pennsylvania Civil War Civilian Damage Claims (Pennsylvania Border Claims).

Pat Gross shared a series that she found in the Pennsylvania Genealogical Magazine. The articles list the names of individuals whose bodies were shipped back to Pennsylvania to be buried. [watch for more on this topic in the February newsletter]

Melody Kraus shared research that she had done on Susie King Black and her family, and their interactions with the Confederate troops that came to Gettysburg. June Lloyd talked about Hugh W McCall, the local lawyer who filed many of the pension claims for the area.

The most amusing story was from Kim Grim about a Civil War Veteran in her husband's family. The veteran's widow had been reported by the local postmaster for pension abuse. A special examiner was sent to investigate and his comments on the family, their living conditions, and relationships between the widow, her live in boyfriend and her daughters reminded us that some things in life haven't changed.

Deceased Members

Former member **Arthur K. Freas**, 88, died November 5th in Fernandina Beach, Florida. He was the son of A. Guy and Elisabeth (Koons) Freas, and husband of the late Margery (Huston) Freas. Arthur was born in Berwick, PA, and served in the Army Air Corps in World War II. He managed paper mills for Federal Paperboard throughout the Mid-Atlantic States for 30 years. When he retired he planted a vineyard, growing white grapes on their farm in York County.

Former member **Reba Mae Ault**, 84 passed peacefully on November 15th at Manor Care Dallastown. She was the daughter of Henry and Annie (Werner) Kessler, and wife of the late Victor C. Ault. Reba was employed by Tioga Textile Mill and later with Bluebird Textile in York. She attended Zumbrum's (one room) School House and later served as the school's historian.

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What's Up in 2013

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March 16: Pennsylvania German Zammelaaf, New Covenant Christian School, 452 Ebenezer Road (Route 72), Lebanon, PA 17046, 9 AM to 4 PM with Pennsylvania Dutch food, history, music, language, traditional crafts, artist and children's activities. For more information: zammelaaf@hotmail.com or 717-865-6723

April 6: MAGS Spring Meeting, "Germans From the South" at the Holiday Inn, Laurel, MD; featured speaker Kenneth Heger. For more information: www.magsgen.com

April 25-27: Ohio Genealogical Society Annual Conference, "Expanding Your Ancestry Through Technology" in Cincinnati, OH. For more information: www.ogs.org/conference2013

May 8-11: National Genealogical Society Conference, "Building Bridges" at the Las Vegas Convention Center, Las Vegas, NV. For more information: www.ngsgenealogy.org

May 10-11: Lancaster Family History Conference, "Family History for Smarties (and Others, Too!)" in Lancaster, PA; keynote speaker John Paul Collette. For more information www.lmhs.org or 717-393-9745

August 21-24: Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference, Fort Wayne, IN; includes Wednesday "Focus on Societies" session. For more information: 888-FGS-1500