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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Sunday, March 20, 2016

Fundamentals of Irish Genealogical Research

This month's meeting will be held at the Meeting Hall at York County Heritage Trust Library & Archives, 250 East Market Street, York, Pennsylvania. This will be a joint program with the Susquehanna Trails Genealogy Club. The program will begin at 1:30 PM and last until approximately 5 PM.

Many people believe that researching Irish ancestors is impossible because of the destruction of the Public Record Office in 1922. While many records were destroyed, others survived and have come online in recent years. Join experts Fintan Mullan and Gillian Hunt from the Ulster Historical Foundation to learn how to get the most out of Irish resources and records, gain strategies for breaking down brick walls, and grasp important historical context that may help fill in gaps in your research. Whether you are just beginning your Irish research or have been at it for years, you won't want to miss this program! Although the Foundation is based in Northern Ireland, the information presented will be of interest no matter where in Ireland your ancestors came from. With sixty years' experience serving Irish people everywhere, let the Ulster Historical Foundation help you discover your family's story. *See page 6 of this newsletter to learn more about the Ulster Historical Foundation and the speakers*

Sunday, April 3, 2016

Pre-1790 Oaths of Allegiance and Naturalizations in Pennsylvania

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.

For the colonial and Revolutionary periods, the Pennsylvania State Archives holds lists of Germanic immigrants arriving in the port of Philadelphia, records of naturalizations authorized by the General Assembly and the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, and records of oaths taken by those swearing loyalty to the new Revolutionary government. The available sources and their accessibility will be discussed. This program will be presented by Jonathan Stayer.

OUR UPCOMING MEETINGS are scheduled as follows ...

Sunday, May 1, 2016

Visit to Hellam Preserve Historical Site including 1758 log house

Sunday, June 5, 2016

Henry James Young Awards

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 visit our website scpgs.org or call Richard Konkel at 717-843-7043.

From Our President: Jonathan Stayer

Recently, the County of York, Pennsylvania, learned that one of its nineteenth-century Court of Common Pleas fee books, 1819-21, was being sold on eBay. The County is attempting to recover this historical public record. Your society supports the County's efforts to return the volume to its rightful home in the York County Archives. We stand opposed to the immoral and illegal sale of public records. Taxpayer-funded records should be available to the citizens who paid to create and maintain them. As genealogists, we want such sources to remain in government archives and offices where we can access them for our research.

Pennsylvania's Administrative Code of 1929 and its History Code assign responsibility for the designation, management and preservation of state and local public records of permanent or historical value to the Pennsylvania State Archives. County public records are defined as "any papers, dockets, books, maps, photographs, or other documentary materials, regardless of physical form or characteristics, made or received in any office of county government in pursuance of law or in connection with transactions of public business in the exercise of its legitimate functions and the discharge of its responsibilities" (County Records Act of 1963 as amended). These records can only legally be in the custody of the county office that created them or in its designated archive. The disposition or destruction of county records is governed by records retention schedules promulgated and enforced by the State Archives. The sale of county records or their disposition without approval from the State Archives is illegal.

The Pennsylvania State Archives has an entire page of its website devoted to the problem of the selling of public records (see: <http://www.phmc.pa.gov/Archives/News-Programs/Pages/Sales-Public-Records.aspx#5>). Upon request, you can receive a copy of the Archives' brochure "Identifying and Recovering Pennsylvania's Public Records." Order from ra-statearchives@pa.gov. For the benefit of our community and of genealogists present and future, learn to identify public records and report thefts or sales of such records immediately to the State Archives.

With your assistance, we can reduce the loss of valuable historical information.

YCHT Library

At our January Board meeting, we approved the purchase of the following books for the library at the York County Heritage Trust ...

- *"Lazy, Loves Strong Drink, and is a Glutton": White Pennsylvania Runaways, 1720-1749*; Joseph Lee Boyle; 2015
- *Abstracts of the Debt Books of the Provincial Land Office of Maryland, Somerset County: Volume 1*; 2015
- *Abstracts of the Debt Books of the Provincial Land Office of Maryland, Somerset County: Volume 2*; 2015
- *Abstracts of the Debt Books of the Provincial Land Office of Maryland, Somerset County: Volume 3*; 2015
- *Baltimore County Maryland Marriage Licenses, September 14, 1839 to October 31, 1846*; Michael A. Ports
- *Baltimore County Maryland Marriage Licenses, November 2, 1846 to November 29, 1851*; Michael A. Ports; 2015
- *Harford County Maryland Marriage References and Family Relationships, 1851-1860*; Henry C. Peden Jr and Veronica Clarke Peden; 2015
- *Index to Marriages and Deaths in The [Baltimore] Sun, 1837-1850*; (1978) 2015
- *Index to Marriages and Deaths in The [Baltimore] Sun, 1851-1860*; Thomas W. Hollowak; (1978) 2015

Baltimore County Genealogical Society's Spring Seminar

Saturday, April 16 [8:30 AM]
St. John's Lutheran Church,
8808 Harford Road, Parkville, MD

Dick Eastman will present four topics:

1. Going Nearly Paperless – How to Get Started
2. Using MyHeritage.com Effectively
3. The Family History World in 10 Years' Time
4. The Organized Genealogist

The seminar is open to all, no membership needed but the \$30 non-member seminar fee will include membership to the society to the end of 2016. The member fee for the seminar is \$15.

For more information call (410) 750-9315 or visit www.baltimoregenealogysociety.org/BCGShome/program-of-speakers/genealogy-seminar/

DNA and Genealogy

For our January meeting, Richard Konkel led a discussion on DNA and how the various tests can be used to enhance your genealogical research. The following information is from the hand-out prepared for the meeting by Amanda Eveler, Assistant Director of Library & Archives at the York County Heritage Trust ...

DNA Basics

- The Human Genome Project estimates that humans have between 20,000 and 25,000 genes.
- Every person has two copies of each gene, one inherited from each parent.
- Over 99% of our DNA is identical to that of other humans.
- In the nucleus of each cell, the DNA molecule is packaged into thread-like structures called chromosomes. All people receive two chromosomes from each parent: an X chromosome from their mother, and either an X or Y chromosome from their father. If a person has two X chromosomes, they are female. If they have an X and a Y chromosome, they are male.

Types of Genealogical DNA Tests

- Autosomal: works across genders to locate relatives from all parts of your family tree; provides an estimate of a person's ethnic background
- Mitochondrial: tests a man or woman along their direct maternal line; can be useful for finding female ancestors lost from the historical record because of the way surnames are passed down
- Y-Chromosome: tests a male along his direct paternal line; can be used to investigate whether two families with the same surname are related

Resources to Learn More:

- *NextGen Genealogy: The DNA Connection* by David R. Dowell (Libraries Unlimited, 2014)
- *Genetic Genealogy: The Basics and Beyond* by Emily D. Aulicino, (AuthorHouse, 2013)
- *DNA USA: A Genetic Portrait of America* by Bryan Sykes (Liveright, 2013) – author of *The Seven Daughters of Eve*, *Saxons, Vikings & Celts: The Genetic Roots of Britain and Ireland*, *Blood of the Isles: Exploring the Genetic Roots of Our Tribal History*, and other books about

human genetic history, with an emphasis on European genetics

- U.S. National Library of Medicine *Genetics Home Reference*: <http://ghr.nlm.nih.gov/handbook/basics/dna>

DNA Testing Services

- Ancestry.com: <http://dna.ancestry.com/> - can link your DNA results to your family tree; provides an ethnicity composition
- Family Tree DNA: www.familytreedna.com – largest database of people using DNA for genealogy research
- 23 And Me: www.23andme.com – primarily focuses on family medical history; provides an ethnicity composition
- National Geographic's Genographic Project: <https://genographic.nationalgeographic.com/> - an international genetic anthropology project to map human migration patterns and develop a comprehensive picture of human ethnicity
- African Ancestry: www.africanancestry.com - specifically for people of African descent
- To find the most number of genetic matches, test with several companies as each company only compare your DNA to the DNA in its own database

The ABCs of DNA for Genealogy

Monday, March 21 [7:30 PM]
Carroll County Genealogical Society
Dixon Room, Westminster Library,
50 East Main Street, Westminster, MD

What is DNA? What types of DNA are used for genealogy? What are their strengths and weaknesses? How do I know what test to take? Well, I got my results, now what?

If you have asked yourself these questions, then this presentation is for you. If the highly technical nature of most DNA talks confuses you, then this presentation is for you.

As the title implies, this lecture by Eileen Souza will answer your questions using a non-technical, genealogy-oriented approach. It will also address what DNA does not do to help set your expectations.

Gates Hoping to Inspire Love of STEM through Genealogy

<http://bigstory.ap.org/article/e871bda87109451988992073a52a3191/gates-hoping-inspire-love-stem-through-genealogy>

by JESSE J. HOLLAND
Oct. 30, 2015 5:44 PM EDT

WASHINGTON (AP) — Harvard professor Henry Louis Gates Jr. hopes to trigger a love for science, technology and math among American students by turning them on to searching for their family roots.

Gates, the Harvard University scholar and host of a genealogy show on PBS, and fellow researchers from Spelman College and Pennsylvania State University recently received a \$355,000 grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to create a genealogy and genetics summer camp for middle school children, as well as a \$304,000 grant from the National Science Foundation for college-level courses.

The summer camps will start at Penn State University and the University of South Carolina this summer, and at the American Museum of Natural History in 2017. The college courses, in biology with a genetics and genealogy-centered approach, will be held at Spelman College and Morehouse College in Atlanta, and North Carolina A&T State University in Greensboro, North Carolina.

“Ancestry chasing through genealogy and genetics is about one thing ultimately and that is you,” Gates said in a phone interview. “And what's your favorite subject? Your favorite subject is yourself.”

Gates, host of “Finding Your Roots with Henry Louis Gates, Jr.” on PBS, said the curriculum he is developing would teach social science, history, interview skills, archival skills and biology. The goal is to help students discover an innate love of science, technology, engineering and math that may lead to careers in STEM fields.

Hispanics, blacks, and Native Americans together comprise only 10 percent of workers in science and engineering jobs and 13 percent of science and engineering degree holders, according to the National Science Board's Science and Engineering Indicators 2014 report, though they represent 26 percent of the population.

FamilySearch.org

All US Census images are now free on Familysearch.org. That is all years 1790-1940. The Index for all years have always been available but previously only the images for 1850, 1870, 1900 and 1940 were available.

This includes the 1850 Mortality and Slave Schedules; the 1890 Civil War Union Veterans and Widow Census, and 1930 Merchant Seaman Census.

To search the census for any year ... just go to the FamilySearch search page and under Find a Collection, type in United States Census.

The popularity of genealogy and finding ancestors would get children hooked, potentially inspiring future professors, scientists and mathematicians, said Gates. He said he wasn't worried about being able to keep the attention of young people.

“We're going to teach them about Y-DNA if you're a man, how you get that from your father who got that marker from his father and his father,” said Gates, referring to the Y chromosome. Students also will learn about mitochondrial DNA, “which you get from your mother and her mother and her mother, whether you're a man or a woman.”

Gates will work with Penn State University professor Nina Jablonski on the summer camps. Jablonski said the grants will make the camps affordable for parents, and help to right an imbalance in STEM fields.

“This new approach seeks to improve the retention of minority students in the sciences by inviting students into biology education with the discovery of unique facts about themselves,” Jablonski said.

We would be “taking this whole idea of asking the question of ‘Who am I?’ into the classroom and getting students of varying ages to investigate themselves, leading to — we would hope — a whole cascade of positive things,” she added.

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Digging Out of the Paper Pile

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The sheer amount of information required to delve deeply into your family tree (and document your journey as well) can produce a lot of piles and files. Here are some tips for taming the “paper tiger.”

Get Everything in One Place

The easiest way to keep track of your family history is to make sure that it has a designated place; whether that's in a binder or a whole file cabinet, the important thing is that all your papers are together. Start by grouping what information you have by surname, it's the most basic piece of information you can have about a family member, and provides a natural way to organize. If you've already done a bit of research, you may want to start a separate folder or binder for each surname.

Once you've got your family names in order, take a look at what kinds of information you have about each surname and how much. You may want to go one level deeper and organize by individual families, or you could choose to separate what you have by the type of information — photos, certificates, and reports could each have a section within that surname. Take a look at the way you research and how you usually try to find specific pieces of information to determine which way is best for you.

This is also an excellent time, if you're using a genealogy software program like *Family Tree Maker* to enter the information you have about each of your ancestors and note the source it came from. You may also want to start some kind of numbering system for your documentation to make sourcing easier. Numbering all documents sequentially works well, or you could combine that with a surname - for example, a birth certificate could be labeled “Brittingham-1”. If you are working with delicate or original documents like family letters, make copies for you surname files and label those instead to avoid wear and tear, and keep the originals in a safe, separate location. If you have a lot of material to start with, you may also want to keep a simple log with the label name, a short description, and the location of each source document.

Keep Up With the Pile

So now you've got everything arranged in a way that works for you — how do you keep the papers in line after you return from a fact-finding mission at the local genealogy library? Show them who's boss and get your new information cataloged and filed as soon

as possible. If you've come home with a folder full of census microfilm photocopies, label them according to the system you've set up and put them in the appropriate surname folders. You may want to clip them together and note on a Post-it that they haven't been looked at yet, so they're separate from other information you've already found.

This is especially important if you don't have time to pore over what you've found right away. When you go back to pick up your research later, you'll know where to start instead of having to dig through the entire folder. It also avoids the problem of just putting the new data in a folder of its own, that can lead to a series of dated “info I need to look at” folders. All of the new information will be with the family it's about, and can be looked at in smaller chunks as your interest in different branches changes.

What Goes Out Must Come In - Dealing with Correspondence

More than most pastimes, genealogy is a collaborative effort. Whether you're writing to a cousin or to a county clerk three states away, tracking all of your pending information requests is crucial. Keep copies of all the letters [and emails] you send, they act as records of what you requested when, and how much, if anything, you paid for.

You may also want to keep a log as you send out letters [and emails]. This can help you see at a glance which requests are still outstanding. You can set up a simple table by hand or on the computer. If you need to follow up on an information request, your log will let you know when and where you sent it.

Expand Your Horizons — And Your Filing Cabinet

One final thing to keep in mind about your filing system is to stay flexible. The way you research now may not be the way you research six months or a year from now. If your system becomes unwieldy, take a fresh look at the way you deal with the information you find - new methods may call for new strategies. For example, you may have started your research with one or two primary surnames, but are now following up on several dozen. Or, even if you're only working with one, you may find out enough about your ancestors to warrant separate folders for individuals within a family. As the paper trail through your family tree grows, knowing where to find a particular document can be the difference between fun and frustration.

The Ulster Historical Foundation

The Ulster Historical Foundation is a non-profit organization and registered charity (Charity Reg. NIC100280) established in 1956, as a research division of the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland, it exists to promote interest in Irish genealogy and history, with particular reference to the historical nine county province of Ulster.

The Foundation is one of the leading genealogical research agencies in Ireland and a major publisher of historical, educational and genealogical source books. It has also devised a series of ground breaking online historical and genealogical digitized resources, which have helped to transform the availability of Irish records for family historians at home and abroad.

Education and community outreach are central to the Foundation's ethos and in support of this objective the organization delivers community-based education programs in Northern Ireland, hosts conference, workshops, conferences and heritage tourism events. It maintains a membership society (a research co-operative) with a worldwide membership and seeks to strengthen links between Ireland and those of Irish descent by regularly taking its expertise to Great Britain, the Republic of Ireland and to North America.

Ulster is the northern most province of the island of Ireland. It is composed of the six counties of Northern Ireland – Antrim, Armagh, Down, Fermanagh, Derry/Londonderry, and Tyrone – and the three border counties of the Irish Republic – Cavan, Donegal and Monaghan.

Fintan Mullan has been Executive Director of Ulster Historical Foundation since 2001. With IT partners BRS Systems he pioneered the online births, deaths and marriages online record system for Antrim and Down, which led to www.rootsireland.ie, the Irish Family History Foundation's unique database with over 20 million Irish historical records, making it the most useful online resource for Irish research. He has ensured the Foundation has been at the forefront of digital database developments for Irish genealogy.

Gillian Hunt is Research Officer with the Ulster Historical Foundation and is responsible for the management of the Foundation's many genealogical activities. As well as managing the genealogy side of the Foundation's work, Gillian carries out research for clients and is a hugely experienced user of the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland and the General Register Office.

Tales of Long Ago: Delroy

from *The News*, a newsletter of the Kreutz Creek Charge of the Reformed Church; November/December 1933, Vol. XVI No. 6

This flourishing little town located near the Canadochly churches, in Lower Windsor Township, was named by Mr. Reuben A. Paules, in fact he was the founder of the town. The Pastor had an interview with him at the Paules Reunion held at Lloyd Paules' cottage, "Valley View" on Leiphart's Hill, south of Hellam, September 17th last.

In the year 1871, Mr. Paules had gone as far west as the state of Illinois. There he visited a little town by the name of Leroy, situated six miles northwest of Freeport.

After coming back home, he had a vision of a town growing up where Delroy is now located. He still had the name Leroy in mind. He looked up Bradstreet's and found there was a town of that name in Pennsylvania, and hence it could not be used. So the latter part of the name still haunted him. And finally he settled on the name "Delroy". This was the year 1890. Later a post office was established there, he bearing the name of the town. The first postmaster was William Flory, a watchmaker, who in 1890 lived in the store building now occupied by Walter E. Leiphart, which was built about 1891 by David Gilbert, an uncle of David M. Gilbert, former postmaster of Hallam Borough.

Reuben A. Paules built the cigar factory in 1888 which was operated by Wesley E. Kraft up until a few years ago, and is now converted into two dwellings, occupied by John H. Abel and Clair E. Kise. Reuben A. Paules also built and occupied the dwelling house now occupied and owned by J. Elmer Keller.

Romanus T. Paules was the foreman of the cigar factory. Later he and Harison Fauth purchased the factory and operated it for a number of years. Romanus Paules built the first dwelling house, which is now occupied by V. E. Waltemeyer.

The only house in Delroy when the Pauleses came there was the large Keller brick house, built in 1860, formerly owned by William H. Leiphart and now by Frank Warfel.

We all grow up with the weight of history on us. Our ancestors dwell in the attics of our brains as they do in the spiraling chains of knowledge hidden in every cell of our bodies. — Shirley Abbott

Calendar of Local Events

Friday, March 4

Lunch with the Librarians: Using County Records for Genealogy

York County Heritage Trust [12:30 PM - 1:30 PM]
250 East Market Street, York, PA

Although originally created for court administration purposes, civil records contain a wealth of information for genealogists. We'll highlight the most useful records at the York County Archives, many of which are available on microfilm or through indexes and abstracts at the Library & Archives. FREE and open to the public. Pre-registration required by Wednesday, March 2nd (contact aeveler@yorkheritage.org)

Saturday, March 19

Spring Clean Your Genealogy Research

Red Brick Station Restaurant [Noon-3 PM]
The Avenue at White Marsh
8149 Honeygo Blvd, White Marsh, MD

Are you wondering where to start with your boxes and filing cabinets? What's worth saving? Are your pictures and documents appropriately stored for future generations? What kind of library or repository would be interested in your research files? What steps can you take now to make sure your hard work isn't lost? Mary Mannix will bring her archival perspective to bear on our collection management issues.

Cost \$35 for MGS members; \$40 for non-members. Pre-registration Deadline: March 14. Walk-in registration is an additional \$5, space permitting.

Saturday, March 26

Pratt Annual Genealogy Lecture

Southeast Anchor Library [10 AM-4:30 PM]
3601 Eastern Avenue Baltimore, MD

As genealogists and researchers, we must understand today's laws as much as yesterday's. Historical law defines the records we may find as researchers, and modern law impacts our rights as researchers — rights of access to vital records, to information, and to places where information can be found. Judy G. Russell, the Legal Genealogist, will present four lectures on the intersection of family history research and the law. This is a free event but you should register by emailing mdx@prattlibrary.org or by calling the library at 410-396-5468.

Friday, April 1

Lunch with the Librarians: Identifying and Caring for Family Photographs

York County Heritage Trust [12:30 PM - 1:30 PM]
250 East Market Street, York, PA

Found a box of old family photographs and wondering who's in them and when they were taken? Want to make sure your snapshots last for generations to come? We'll offer tips for identifying and caring for your treasured family photos. FREE and open to the public. Pre-registration required by Wednesday, March 30th (contact aeveler@yorkheritage.org)

Saturday, April 9

The Marquis de Lafayette

York County Heritage Trust
250 East Market Street York, PA [10:30 AM]

Gene Pisasale, historic author and lecturer for the Delaware Humanities Forum will highlight the Marquis de Lafayette's role in the American Revolution. Learn about Lafayette's participation in the Battle of Brandywine on September 11, 1777, and his ongoing support, both monetary and political during the conflict that earns Lafayette recognition as a "founding son" of the Revolutionary War. Locally, Lafayette is best remembered for his involvement in ending the alleged Conway Cabal at the General Horatio Gates House (now part of the Trust's Colonial Complex), and his return visit to York in 1825.

Monday, April 18

Military Records in Genealogical Research

Carroll County Genealogical Society
Dixon Room, Westminster Library,
50 East Main Street, Westminster, MD [7:30 PM]

Get started with using military records from the U.S. in your research. This lecture by Jeff Korman will cover the availability of records, the information they contain, and how to access these documents. We'll look at the agencies that are charged with housing these files from both major and minor American wars and view examples of the types of records that have been issued over time. The most important websites that can be searched for military information will be introduced.

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There will be no meeting on the first
Sunday in March!

Our March meeting will be held on
Sunday, March 20th and begin at 1:30 PM

~ see page 1 of this newsletter for details ~

Save the Date

Saturday, September 24, 2016

South Central Pennsylvania Genealogical Society and York County Heritage Trust are jointly sponsoring a genealogy conference on Saturday, September 24, 2016 at the York County Heritage Trust, 250 East Market Street, York ... Mustering Up Your Family History.

The keynote speaker will be Ron Hershner, author of "Letters From Home: The Civil War Correspondence of a York County Family".

The conference will feature two tracts of programs ...

Genealogical Research — Beginning Genealogical Research, Online Genealogical Research, Resources of the York County Heritage Trust Library, and Using DNA in Genealogical Research

Military Records — Revolutionary War Research, Civil War Research, Researching World War I and World War II veterans, and Genealogical Process for Using Army Collections

Watch for more information.