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Dear SCPGS members,

FEBRUARY PROGRAM MEETING:

Sunday, February 6, 2022 – “Pennsylvania’s Celtic Language Heritage”

Presenter: Charles (Chip) Kauffman

Description: The richness of Pennsylvania history is seasoned uniquely by language contributions of immigrants to America from Wales, Ireland, and Scotland. Thousands of years earlier, the Celts, as the Greeks called them, comprised diverse tribes that spoke related languages across Europe and the British Isles – languages that would become Welsh, Irish, and Scottish. This presentation briefly covers the early history of Celtic languages and concentrates mainly on Pennsylvania’s Celtic language heritage in expressions, names, and place names as derived from Welsh, Irish, and Scottish immigrants.

Biography: Charles “Chip” Kauffman is an adjunct faculty member at York College of Pennsylvania where he teaches World Languages. Over many years at several colleges in the region, he has taught Italian, German, Russian and other languages. He is a retired certified U.S. Government linguist and author of various articles on languages and linguistics.

MARCH PROGRAM MEETING

Sunday, March 6, 2022 – “Eighteenth-Century Gunsmithing in Eastern Pennsylvania”

Presenter: Brad Emig

Description: This program will present and share information pertaining to the gunsmith trade as practiced during the colonial period in eastern Pennsylvania. Topics of discussion will include technology, materials, tools, and the tangible effects of diverse cultural influences on material products. Tools and other objects will be on display. This is a program best shared in person.

Biography: Brad Emig, proprietor and master craftsman of Cabin Creek Muzzleloading in Hallam, is one of the country's preeminent gun builders using eighteenth-century gunsmithing technology. Before opening Cabin Creek in 1995 as a private-sector gun shop operated according to eighteenth-century principles and technology, he transformed the gun shop at the Landis Valley Farm Museum from a static display to a fully functional, working representation

of a gun shop from that period, and practiced his craft there for eleven years. In addition to crafting authentic guns, he offers Arms Making Workshops along with his son Shane.

JANUARY PROGRAM REVIEW contributed by Becky Anstine

January 2, 2022, program: "The Dempwolf Legacy in York and Surrounding Areas"

Mark D Shermeyer of SAA architects presented the first program of the year. Growing up in York, Mark was always fascinated by the Dempwolf family of architects – even doing a paper on the family during his years at Carnegie-Mellon. His presentation covered the Dempwolf family's contributions to the architecture of York that spanned almost 100 years. Two brothers, John Augustus and Reinhardt, and later John's son Frederick, specialized in three different architectural styles over the years. J.A. emigrated to New York in the mid-1860's and studied at Cooper Union in New York City. After graduation he worked in Boston, then in Philadelphia under Stephen Button. The two designed many of the houses in Cape May, New Jersey. The Small family persuaded J.A. to come to York, where he was joined by his brother, Reinhardt in 1876, when the two brothers set up their own practice. Later, they were joined by J.A.'s son, Frederick. The family designed over 600 buildings in York and the surrounding counties and states. They worked in three different styles – J.A. specialized in the Gothic Romanesque style, Reinhardt, who studied sculpture in France and was influenced by the European style, and Frederick followed the Colonial and Georgian revival period. Mark's presentation used photographs and drawings to show the three styles – pointing similarities and differences between the designs.

Information on the brothers and their legacy of architecture can be found online at the York Town Square Blog (Dempwolf architects made their home – & a lot of homes <https://www.ydr.com> › york-town-square › 2019/06/26) and The Dempwolf architecture legacy is all around us in York County. <https://www.ydr.com> › story › opinion › 2019/06/10 by Gordon Freireich. The recorded version of Mark's talk is available through the York History Center's website under the Events tab under SCPGS programs. The website "Archivegrid: Dempwolf architectural drawings, 1880-1930's" has more information and drawings. The "Dempwolf Drawings" are also available online through the York History Center's Collection Database. These sources will have to do until Mark can be persuaded to write the definitive book on the Dempwolfs and their legacy.

Eighteenth Century Marriages of Emigrants to America Found in the Church Records of the Lutheran Church at Bacharach am Rhein

By Richard K. Konkel, Esquire, SCPGS President

My last article in this newsletter was about the emigrant Jacob Michel and his 1754 marriage in Bacharach am Rhein, Rheinland-Pfalz, Germany. In that article it was mentioned that there are a number of other marriages in the Lutheran Kirchenbuch of Bacharach for individuals who were immigrating to America. This article provides genealogical abstracts of those marriages with

various notations about their places of origin and where possible, on what ship list they later appear. The marriages are from the Lutheran Kirchenbuch Eheschließungen [marriages] 1716-1798 for Bacharach found at the Archiv der Evangelischen Kirche im Rheinland, and available at www.archion.de. Professional German Genealogist Sabine Schleichert of Munich, Germany, (www.ggrs.com, sabine@ggrs.com.) did the initial abstracts of these records in 2013 and provided some of the commentary. The abstracts follow:



Exterior and interior of the evangelische Kirche St. Peter in Bacharach, the building was built over several centuries beginning in 1230/40.

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31 May 1748 **Johann Andreas Rügler**, *Metzger* [butcher] from Korb, Württemberg. Wife **Catharina Hag** from Adelhausen, Württemberg, daughter of **Johann Georg Hag**. Arrival 7 September 1748 on the Ship *Hampshire*, with **Tobias Schall** from Mittelschefflenz: a witness at that marriage, as a member of the group who wants to go to the New Land.

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9 June 1749 **Philipp Hetzer** from Geysel Hof near Sizingen, and **Anna Margaretha Kühlfaber** from the same place; "passing by ship on the way to the New Land". The entry mentions the groom's brother-in-law **Jacob Hofmann** and the bride's neighbour **Peter Kraut**, both from the same place. This enables us to identify the ship passenger list: arrival 7 October 1749 with the Ship *Leslie* from Rotterdam. There are several Philipps on the list, too, but none fits.

11 June 1750 **Johannes Kahl** from Oberschlechtbach, Schorndorffer Amt, Württemberg, and **Catharina Schall** from Steinberg, Amt Adelberg, Württemberg (Steinberg near Murrhardt?). Witness: **Georg Waldmeyer** from Neckarweihingen, and the bride's sister **Anna Maria Schall**. None have been located in the passenger lists.

1 June 1752 **Johann Martin Scheurig** *Wagners Gesell* [apprentice waggoner] from Sonderrieth in the *Grafschaft* Wertheim and **Anna Margaretha Scheurigin**, daughter of **Valentin Scheurig** of Nassig in the *Grafschaft* Wertheim: see *Pennsylvania German Immigrants 1709-1786* Edited by Don Yoder: *Pennsylvania German Pioneers from the County of Wertheim* by Otto Langguth, page 237 entries for Johann Matthes Scheurich of Nassig, Martin Scheurich of Sonderrieth and Valentin Scheurich of Nassig, emigrants in 1752 on the Ship *Phoenix*, Arriving in Philadelphia on 22 November 1752.

4 June 1752 **Johann Andreas Bauer** from Lindelbach in the *Grafschaft* Wertheim and **Anna Margaretha Oberdorf**, daughter of **Balthasar Oberdorf** from Diethenhan in the *Grafschaft* Wertheim. Groom not mentioned in Yoder, who however lists one Balthasar Oberdorf with arrival in Philadelphia on 24 September 1753 on the Ship *Neptune*; according to Yoder's entry, Balthasar and his wife went away as spendthrifts, leaving four children behind who work as servants. No suitable passenger list for Johann Andreas Bauer. See Yoder page 229.

4 June 1752 **Johann Michael Adelman** from Sonderrieth in the *Grafschaft* Wertheim and **Margaretha Weimerin** daughter of **Johann Matthias Weimer** from Ödengesäß (near Wertheim): see Yoder page 191: Michel Adelman, single. 19 May 1752, his father, Martin Adelman, wants to allow him to go to Pennsylvania. Arrives 22 November 1752 on the Ship *Phoenix*, Strassburger & Hinke I, page 507, with other Wertheimers.

4 June 1752 **Johannes Schöffler** *Zimmer gesell* [apprentice carpenter] from Schollbrunn in the *Grafschaft* Wertheim and **Anna Eva Marxin** from Urphar in the *Grafschaft* Wertheim. See Yoder, page 228: "Magdalena Marx and Maria Catharina Marx of Urfar (1752) 10 May 1752: 24 and 22 years old; want to go to Philadelphia in New England with the permission of their guardians. Manumission costs them 5 florins and 18 kreuzer. They are the single daughters of Michel Marx." Anna Eva Marx is a possible sister. Johannes Schöffler, arrived in Philadelphia on 4 October 1752 on the Ship *Neptune* with other emigrants from Wertheim.

12 June 1753 **Anton Prieß** a *Schmid* [blacksmith] of Laubenheim an der Nahe [located in Kreis Bad Kreuznach, Rheinland-Pfalz] and **Anna Cornelia Bastianin**, daughter of the deceased **Johannes Bastian**, citizen and inhabitant of Stromberg [also now part of Kreis Bad Kreuznach, Rheinland-Pfalz]. The bride's mother **Johanna Maria Juliana Bastianin** is a witness to the marriage and the young couple are going to the "New Land." Not found in Strassburger & Hinke.

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3 June 1754 **Andreas Götz** from Walsdorf and **Maria Elisabetha Ubalt** from Esch (part of Waldems). Probably on the Ship *John and Elizabeth*, arriving in Philadelphia 7 November 1754.

3 June 1754 **Philipp Jacob Metz** from Igstadt in der *Herrschaft* Eppstein, Hessen-Darmstadt and **Maria Barbara Holzapfel** from Klein-Umstadt, Hessen-Darmstadt. No suitable emigration entry found.

4 June 1754 **Gottfried Stössinger** from Rückershausen (Aarbergen) and **Maria Margaretha Hankamer** from Wehen. No suitable emigration entry found.

4 June 1754 **Andreas Huder**, *Leinweber* [linen weaver] from Fischbach near Sachsen Eisenach

and **Anna Catharina Gerlach** from Offenbach am Main - unlike most of the preceding couples, they must have met on the way. No suitable emigration entry found.

4 June 1754 **Christoph Heintz** from Ilmenau in Thüringen and **Anna Magdalena Steinberger** from Kempfenbrunn, Hanau-Münzenberg [later became part of Hessen-Kassel.] They, too, must have met on the way. Actually, Kempfenbrunn is pretty much en route if you go from Ilmenau to the Main river and then on to Bacharach. He is probably the Johann Christoph Heintz arriving in Philadelphia on the Ship *Good Intent*, 23 October 1754. He seems to have settled in Frederick County, Virginia - and is said to have had a wife Magdalena.

4 June 1754 **Andreas Schäfer** from "Gehlhausen" (no specification; maybe Gelnhausen?) and **Anna Catharina Lorain** from Landenhausen - probably met on the way. He does not seem to be the one mentioned in the Wertheim lists as son of Georg Schäfer from Glasofen (near Marktheidenfeld). He might be the Andreas Scheffer resp. Schöffner (own signature) on the Ship *Good Intent* arriving in Philadelphia on 23 October 1754 (This is the same ship as the preceding couple Christoph Heintz) - in that case, one should search for a probable relative **Jacob Schöffner** who is listed immediately preceding him.

4 June 1754 **Johannes Ludwig** from Hoch-Weisel and **Maria Elisabetha Brenneisen** from Merzhausen (Usingen). May be the one on the Ship *Edinburgh*, arriving in Philadelphia on 30 September 1754, with several other Ludwigs on board (which might make it possible to verify this).

4 June 1754 **Johann Adam Nees** from Meckenbach (bei Kirn) and **Maria Elisabetha Schmitt** from Hennweiler. On the Ship *John and Elizabeth*, arriving in Philadelphia on 7 November 1754 (see above, too).

22 June 1754 **Jacob Michel**, widower and mill constructor from Hettenhausen, and **Magdalena Elisabetha Buchmann** from the same place. [For further details, see the article in the last newsletter concerning this couple that settled in York Township, York County, Pennsylvania.]

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16 May 1764 **Johann Michael Jung** from Vorderweidenthal (given as Niederweidenthal, but seems to be this place) and **Maria Eva Griesheimer** from Birkenhördt. Possibly on the Ship *Sarah*, arriving in Philadelphia on 20 September 1764; however, Annette K. Burgert (Western Palatinate) attributes this entry to somebody else.

Never 100%

Michael John Neill's **Genealogy Tip of the Day** for Dec 26, 2021

Keep in mind that you can never be one hundred percent certain that any one record is one hundred percent correct. This is particularly true if you were not an eyewitness to every statement made in the record.

There is always the chance of an error.

Never "fix" what appears to be an obvious error either. Transcribe exactly as written and put your commentary elsewhere.

Owens Pocketbook More Than 125 Years Old

Fawn Grove, May 5.—Emory Brennon, near here, has in his possession a pocketbook, known to be over 125 years old. It is a folding leather purse with several pages for a memorandum on one side.

Following the publication of the story concerning an old ruler, which belonged to the late Mary Brannen, now in possession of Helen A. Trout, Mr. Brannen made known the fact that he has the pocketbook, which probably belonged to the same Mary Brannen.

The pages contain several names and the dates of their births, written by two persons, both handwritings being specimens of fine penmanship. The name was spelled Brannen then but is now spelled Brannon.

The following names and dates of their births are written on the pages: Mary Brannen, born Feb. 19. —In the year of our Lord—1785, Polly Brannen, Oct. 22, 1787; James Brannen, April 2, 1787; Robert Brannen, Jan. 24, 1790, probably the names of one family; Mary Brannen, Oct. 5, 1743; Robert Brannen, Jan. 14, 1748; Elizabeth Brennen, Jan. 17, 1754; Sarah Brannen, Apr. 28, 1758; Thomas Brannen, Jan. 2, 1760; another group; Rebekah Brannen, Jan. 25, 1792; Ann Brannen, Dec. 12, 1793; Elder Brannen, Nov. 4, 1796, died 1797; a separate group; Samuel Brannen, Mar. 5, 1797; Eliza Brannen, Jan. 9, 1801. At the bottom of the page is written: Mary Brannen, her hand, 1814."

The Gazette and Daily; York, Pennsylvania; Thursday, May 6, 1937, Page 6

Newspapers can be a marvelous resource for genealogical research as evidenced by the article, "Owns Pocketbook More Than 125 Years Old." During a newspapers.com search for a Brannon ancestor, my 3rd great grandmother Ann Brannon (1793-1867), I hit gold. Finding this piece in the May 6, 1937, edition of York's The Gazette and Daily, was like prying open a Chesapeake Bay oyster shell and finding a pearl nestled with the oyster. A further bonus was that it led to an earlier story which predated this one. Sometime before 1937, a young woman named Helen Trout from Fawn Grove, York County had inherited a hand-carved mahogany wood ruler, 18 by 2 inches, embellished with ornamental designs and the inlaid inscription, "M. B. — 1836." By 1937, the ruler, which once belonged to Miss Trout's great, great, great aunt, a Fawn Township school teacher named Miss Mary Brannon, was 101 years old. The ruler had come down to Helen through generations of women: Mrs. Caroline Brannon Gibney, Mrs. Amos D. Harrison and Helen's mother, Mrs. Charles Trout. Helen Trout was a Gazette and Daily newspaper correspondent for the Fawn Township area when she submitted her April 10, 1937, story and soon got word of another heir of one of Mary Brannen's possessions — Emory Brennon; Miss Trout then followed up with the article at left.

For some context, Thomas Brannon, Sr., and wife Mary were probably the Scots Irish parents of the children listed as born from 1743- 1760. Since Robert Brannen died in 1777, the youngest son, Thomas Brannon, Jr. and wife Cathura may have been the parents of the remaining children, which included the 3rd generation Mary Brannon. The earliest mention of the elder Thomas Brannon, Sr. was on November 27, 1771, when he obtained a survey for 249.25 acres of Fawn Township land he called "Blue Rock Ridge." In his 1885 History of York County, George Prowell lists a Thomas Brannen Sr.

and son Thomas Brannen, Jr. as taxable inhabitants of Fawn Township in 1783; he also lists Thomas, Jr. as a York County Revolutionary War private. The 1790 census, a steady run of PA Septennial Census and Tax and Exoneration records prior to 1800 mark their presence in Fawn. The last mention of a father and son transaction was a 1796 deed. When and where Mary Brannon's death occurred is so far unknown, but her account (and that of another family scrivener) of the births of two generations of Brannons, during the 1700s may be a trusted reference to consider and one lovely legacy lasting into the 21st century.

By Erica Runkles

Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania invites you to

Third Thursday Webinar

Join us as Denys Allen presents "Vital Records of Pennsylvania 1852 to Today", February 17, 2022, at 7:00 PM Eastern Time on Zoom.

Free to all. GSP members will have access to the recorded presentation and handout up to 60 days after the live event. Become a member [here](#).

Vital Records of Pennsylvania

Take a whirlwind tour of Pennsylvania's birth, marriage, divorce, and death records from 1852 to present day. Learn what the law required when and where to find the records you need.

Denys Allen is a genealogist and founder of PA Ancestors and the Your Pennsylvania Ancestors podcast. She works to provide resources so family historians can discover more about their Pennsylvania ancestors. Her family goes back 8 generations in Pennsylvania in Philadelphia and Blair, Centre, Clearfield, Montgomery, and Schuylkill counties.

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The Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society

invites you to our March 2022 Meeting.

Saturday, March 12, 2022, from 10:30 AM ET to 11:30 AM ET

"How to Add Some Biography to Your Genealogy"

David Haugaard from the Historical Society of Pennsylvania uses examples from 18th century Pennsylvania sources to describe how genealogists can learn about the life, not just the vital statistics, of their ancestors.

Please use the following link to register:

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/5762676098736387595>

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