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LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, September 11th York College of Pennsylvania Special Collections

Karen Rice-Young, Director of Special Collections will lead a tour of the Special Collections at York College of Pennsylvania. The meeting will be held at the Library of York College of Pennsylvania, 441 Country Club Road, York, PA 17403. The business meeting will start at 2:15 PM and the tour at 2:30 PM.

Sunday, October 2nd History of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

We will meet at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran church at 25 West Springettsbury Avenue, York, PA to help celebrate the 175th anniversary of the church. The business meeting will start at 2:15 PM and the program at 2:30 PM.

Sunday, November 6th 18th & 19th century York County and Court Records

We will meet at the Colonial Courthouse located on the corner of Pershing Avenue and West Market Street in York, Pennsylvania. Richard Konkel will present a program on York County and Court Records from the eighteenth and nineteenth century that may contain family information of genealogical significance. The business meeting will start at 2:15 PM and the program at 2:30 PM.



OFFICERS 2011/2012

The following officers for the 2011-2012 year were either elected at our June meeting or will be serving the second year of a two-year term:

President: Frank Grove	Corresponding Secretary: Becky Anstine
Vice President: Richard Konkel	Recording Secretary: Melody Kraus
Treasurer: Margaret Burg	
Directors-at-Large: Kimberly Grim and Tom Gibson	

Thanks also go to those who served in appointed board positions during the past year and will continue to do so in the 2011-2012 year:

Cynthia Hartman, Director of Public Relations
 Patricia A Gross, Director of Operations
 Mardella Brenneman, Director of Publications and newsletter editor
 Lila Fourhman-Shaull, Representative for the York County Heritage Trust

Thanks to these SCPGS members for making room in busy schedules to accept a position of responsibility.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Franklin R. Grove, Jr.

Congress ordered that British and Hessian prisoners be sent to the interior of the country. Thoughts were to have prisoners a long distance from the scene of the war, and to minimize the danger that these prisoners would be set free by raids from the British army. Prisoners were kept for several months and some were kept for two or three years. Barracks were erected and carefully guarded by local militia. York County housed prisoners from 1776 to 1782. Officers especially were often placed in public and private buildings as well as the York County jail. Early in the war temporary barracks were even erected on the public common.

The best known place of imprisonment in York County was situated in the northwest corner of Windsor Township according to Revolutionary annals. The site was selected by Colonel James Wood. The area was called Camp Security. In August, 1781 nearly two thousand British prisoners were brought from Lancaster to Camp Security. A small village had been built by prisoners about two hundred yards from the prison. Women and children accompanied many prisoners. Part of Burgoyne's army and other soldiers captured in the south were imprisoned for about two years, during the latter part of the American Revolution. A contagious fever broke out in 1781, and a large number of prisoners and some of their family members died.

Men, women, and children were employed making buckles, spoons, lace and other items. Many mechanical trades were learned by prisoners during their captivity. Apparently the Americans gave great liberty, because the people were allowed to go around the county and sell their goods, but the soldiers were closely confined. A prisoner could get out only if he had a pass from the officer of the guard, but it was a privilege which only a few were indulged.

Today we have an area that is a township park, the Schultz House, and just this year, an additional 116 acres was obtained from the Walters family. Camp Security is the only known Revolutionary War prisoner camp in our nation that still has most of the land intact and undeveloped. Although much of the area known as Camp Security has been preserved for future generations to appreciate and enjoy, another fifty acre parcel is of interest to those committed to preserving this piece of our nation's history. Many thanks and gratitude to the individuals and groups for their support in preserving this historical land and allowing Springettsbury Township to expand its public open space.



DECEASED MEMBERS

Member Charles Torluccio, Lakehurst, NJ died 18 Aug 2010. He is survived by wife Doris, two children, and twin grandchildren. Charles was a conservation officer with the NJ Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife and WWII Vet. He also belonged to the Lakehurst Historical Society.



SCPGS WEBSITE

Our website is growing and we are hopeful that it will become a valuable resource for members of SCPGS. We are always open to suggestions to improve the way that we provide and deliver information to you, our valued members. Visit us at www.scpgs.org

HENRY JAMES YOUNG AWARD RECIPIENTS: THEIR STORIES

Three Henry James Young Award recipients were honored at the June 5, 2011 meeting of the SCPGS, and presented a certificate. Following is the biography of each recipient:

Lila Fourhman-Shaull presented the life and contributions of June Burke Lloyd, whom she nominated for the award.

June Burke Lloyd was born in Chanceford Township, near the Brogue, one of two children of Wiley Burke and Olive Shelley Burke. She graduated from Red Lion High School, and married Ronald Lloyd. They have two daughters; Linda and Lisa, son-in-law Alan, two grandchildren and two great grandchildren. June has traveled extensively; visiting such places as Germany, France and Italy with her family, and her friends as well as on trips that she coordinated for the Trust. Perhaps it is this love of travel that has led her away from Chanceford Township. She now lives in Windsor Township, but attends a Chanceford Township church, St. Luke's Lutheran Church, where she too is very active.

I would be remiss in speaking before a group of mostly genealogists if I failed to mention several of the families she descends from. A few and in alphabetical order are Burke, Crosby, Eisenhower, Eveler, Haugh and Shelley. I haven't found a family connection between us, although her husband Ronny, my husband, and library volunteer Jean Robinson's husband, all share a Reno ancestor. Such is an example from the York County Heritage Trust Library.

Only her family and her faith surpass her love of history. I asked her about this and she replied that she "always loved history, especially local history because it made the people who lived right here before us come alive." She explained that several things came together about the same time a little over thirty years ago: she started writing things down that her mother and other relatives knew about the families and then came into the historical society to see what else she could find. She joined the staff of Kaltreider Library about the same time, so she had easy access to Gibson, Prowell and other local history sources. In 1980, Red Lion borough was also gearing up for their 100th anniversary celebration, and she quickly found that her 4th great-grandmother, Sarah Crosby, was the owner of the original Red Lion tavern, so that really spurred her interest. And as she explains... "the more you find, the more you want to know."

June was the assistant librarian at Kaltreider Memorial Library from 1980 until 1989. It was also during this time that she worked as an archival assistant with the York County Archives on a PHMC "road papers" grant. In 1989 June became the Assistant Librarian at the Historical Society of York County, promoted the following year and served as Librarian and Archivist until her retirement in 2005. During those fifteen years as librarian she dealt with the daily functions of the library, overseeing forty to fifty volunteers, coordinating projects to organize records, as well as seeing to the needs of thousands of both in-house and long-distance researchers. June also oversaw many changes in the library, its expansion including the conversion of the former transportation gallery in a public reading room. She also coordinated the increased presence of technology; going from one computer to nearly a dozen as well as the placement of the Trust's archival database into the museum program *Past Perfect*. June would be on a first name basis with the program's designer, providing input leading to many improvements to the program.

As Trust Librarian, June served as the staff liaison to the South Central Pennsylvania Genealogical Society's board, and during her spare time she completed two degrees: a B.A. from York College with a major of history and a minor in German, as well as her Masters in American Studies from Penn State Harrisburg. The first thing we discover when working for a small organization is that you perform many duties; the line 13 if you will of the job description. Many of those "line 13" duties showcased June's talents of designer, researcher, editor, and writer and reached beyond the boundaries of the library. *Faith*

and *Family in Fraktur* was a YCHT exhibit she helped bring to completion. It coincided with the publication of her master's thesis and one of our best-seller publications: *Faith and Family: PA German Heritage in York County Area Fraktur*. Her editing skills were utilized as the staff liaison to the Trust's Publications Committee, a committee she still serves on today.

June was instrumental in the county-wide celebration of the 250th anniversary of its founding in 1999 as well as the celebration honoring the anniversary of the Continental Congress in the county. This 2001 celebration, *Nine Months in York Town* featured the exhibit *The Pen is Mightier: Documents from York Town and the American Revolution*. Under June's expertise, numerous original letters and documents from various facilities were on display. These included two timely letters by John and Abigail Adams.

June's talents extend beyond the doors of the Trust, shown by her memberships with Historic York, the Mid-Atlantic Germanic Society, Palatines to America, Pennsylvania German Society, York County Conservation Society, and Winterthur. She has or served on the following boards: Pennsylvania State Historical Records Advisory Board, Red Lion Area Historical Society, and the York County Farm and Natural Lands Trust.

One only needs to pick up a book published on some aspect of York County history to see the author's word of thanks to June for her assistance. We thank her today for not only her love of history but also her passion of sharing her discoveries with others. It is very easy for Victoria Miller or myself to plant a simple seed, June did you know about this ... and the rest is history. And how does she continue to share that history, first two partnerships with the York Daily Record/York Sunday News that include a monthly column as well as maintaining the blog *Universal York*, where she continually shows us that all roads do lead to York County. June's contributions to genealogy and in particular local history make her without a doubt especially deserving of one of the 2011 Henry James Young Award.

Frank Grove followed with a presentation on the life and contributions of Barbara Rudy, whom he nominated for the award.

Barbara Ann (Wolf) Rudy

Reflect on the year 1940: a postage stamp was 3 cents, bakers bread cost 8 cents a loaf, gasoline was 18 cents per gallon, minimum wage was 30 cents per hour, and the average annual salary was \$1,900.00, and a new home cost \$6,550.00, while a new car was \$800.00. Plus, the first McDonald's stand was opened.

World events of 1940: World War II was gaining momentum; Nazis established a Jewish ghetto in Lodz, Poland; Britain began rationing sugar, meat, and butter; Buckingham Place was bombed with minor damage. Winston Churchill became Britain's Prime Minister.

In the United States: Franklin Delano Roosevelt was president; in Tennessee the Great Smokey Mountains National Park was dedicated; the first United States turnpike opened in Pennsylvania; and the first social security benefit checks were paid.

Gone with the Wind won 8 academy awards; including best picture of 1939, and Hattie McDaniel won best supporting actress and was the first black performer to receive an Oscar. Walt Disney's second features length movie, *Pinocchio*, premiered in New York City. The Tom and Jerry cartoon "Puss gets the Boot" debuted by MGM, and went on to win 7 academy awards. Bugs Bunny made his official debut in the Warner Brothers animated cartoon "A Wild Hare" and everyone became familiar with the line "What's up Doc?" John Steinbeck received a Pulitzer Prize for "Grapes of Wrath". Radio was still the popular source of home information and entertainment. The first broadcast of "Truth or Consequences" was heard on CBS. The Big Band Era continued: "In the Mood" by Glenn Miller was a number one hit.

Swing also continued as the popular dance style. A new trend would begin; the first televised baseball game on WGN-TV featured the White Sox verses the Cubs in exhibition. The 1940 Olympics were cancelled. Special interest: nylon stockings went on general sale for the first time in the United States. A synthetic rubber tire was unveiled. Willy's unveiled its general purpose vehicle, the "Jeep". For the first time in The United States, 75,000 men were called to Armed Forces duty under peace time conscription.

Now, for a few newcomers in 1940: Jack Nicklaus; Tom Brokaw; and Ricky Nelson. But, on November 20th at York Hospital a baby girl was born to Louise nee Hendershot and Preston Elsworth Wolf. The Wolf parents named their first child, Barbara Ann. She lived with her family in a second floor apartment at 469 West College Avenue, York, Pennsylvania. City life allowed Barbara to acquire many friends. Walking to school with neighbors and friends made life in the city enjoyable for Barbara. At the age of 13, Barbara's family moved to the suburbs of Dover Township. More new friends were added while attending Dover High School. Barbara Ann Wolf graduated with some of her closest friends in 1959 from the Dover High School.

On March 5, 1960 Barbara had her name changed and added a new title to her life "MRS." The next big step in Barbara's life was becoming a mother which never ends. As years went by, never the same routine as the children grew older. Home, became the "hang out" spot for many school students. Friends and children could count on Barbara for great meals, and snacks, especially after Barbara baked cookies.

July 22, 1977 was the start of a long awaited vacation and special day, Barbara married Charles Eugene Rudy in the state of Wyoming. What a memorable place to get married and then to honeymoon. Barbara at this time was mother to two daughters and four sons. Today, Barbara's family has grown to include eight grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Barbara has always been active in the lives of her family.

In 1988, Barbara started to search the history of her family. Barbara joined the South Central Pennsylvania Genealogy Society in 1987. A variety of seminars were attended by Barbara to learn more about searching her family history. Travel became a great tool for Barbara to search, meet, and find more family members. Vacation trips to Florida; Barbara was able to visit children, but she made time to use libraries to help increase her base of historical findings. Some other areas visited; were Michigan, Washington DC., New Jersey, and Kentucky. Canada held a great key to unlocking much of that Hendershot family history.

Barbara attended many South Central Pennsylvania Genealogical Society meetings. In 1990, Barbara was named to the nominating committee and has served ever since. Barbara has been a helpful board member, assisting with many special projects, such as opening old orphan court records for better preservation and to be available to the public. As a member of South Central Pennsylvania Genealogical Society, Barbara began as a volunteer for the York County Historical Society in January 1989. The library was located in the mezzanine area in 1989. A new library space was under way and a temporary move with much of the more frequently requested items were moved to the meeting room. Barbara worked with visitors as well as with the move of the historical society's collection. Next move was to the new library area. Another move occurred after the York County Historical Society became The York County Heritage Trust, then allowing much needed space for the library to expand.

Barbara is a faithful, helpful, loyal volunteer, representing South Central Pennsylvania Genealogical Society. Membership applications to South Central Pennsylvania Genealogical Society and other organization are frequently given to visitors at the library. Being a busy volunteer, Barbara finds time to review new materials and unfamiliar materials as she returns them to their assigned places. As heard many times, if it were not for Barbara we would not be involved with South Central Pennsylvania Genealogical Society or even a volunteer helping in the library.

So, we honor you today for your many contributions to the preservation of history and genealogy.

Pat Gross followed with a presentation on the life and contributions of the late Leonard A. Heilman, whom she nominated for the award.

Leonard A Heilman, better known as Len was born in Mount Wolf, Pennsylvania on November 19, 1938, son of the late Albert C Heilman and the late Virginia L. (Fry) Heilman, and brother of Rodney L Heilman of Goldsboro, Pennsylvania.

Len was a member of Tuckahoe Lodge 386, Order of the Arrow. He was one of three scouts in Mount Wolf Troop #31 to become an Eagle Scout. He also received the Pro Deo Et Patria award by the Lutheran Committee on Scouting.

Len received his associate degree in business administration at York Junior College, a bachelors in education, and a Master's in Library Science at Millersville University. Len did graduate work in Library Science at Drexel Institute of Technology in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and at Syracuse University in New York.

Len was a member of: Northeastern Jaycees, Eagle Fire Co #1 of Mount Wolf, Local, State, and National Education Associations. He was a Charter Member of SCPGS and served on the Board of Directors as Director of Publications for 20 years. Len was a volunteer in the Research Library of the Historical Society of York County, now The York County Heritage Trust.

Some of the ancestral families are: Aughenbaugh, Becher, Dellinger, Ensminger, Fink, Frey, Graff, Hake, Heilman, Jacoby, Kern, Marcks, Naylor, Neiman, Opp, Riley, Sower, Strausbaugh, Texter, Wantz, Winebrenner, and Wolf.

When Alfreda Patton (now Davidson) resigned as the newsletter editor, Len was appointed by the President as the editor, and became Director of Publications in April 1976. At the February 1977 board meeting Len suggested the society needs to do something to attract more members.

In June 1977, he suggested to shorten the newsletter pages, and possibly do a publication several times a year. With this suggestion the Special Publications came into existence. In the beginning publications were done on stencils, printed, collated, and mailed by the society to save some money. There was a committee for this job, which later was printed by a printer.

Len continued to do the newsletter. After a couple of months, he asked me if I would proof the stencils and help him in the summer to collect material for future publications. At first Len and I put out four publications a year. As the publications got larger, we changed to two a year. The society continued to collate and mail the newsletters and Special Publications. If I'm not mistaken we may now have exhausted the material that we collected for the Special Publication.

After 35 years, Len retired from Northeastern Senior High School as librarian in June 1996. Prior to his retiring Len built a new summer home in Fenwick, Maryland. Sadly he had never had a chance to really enjoy his summer home. His mother very much enjoyed the home until her death.

I was doing the newsletters most of the beginning of 1996, as Len's health began to deteriorate. At this time he was unable to actively work on the Special Publications. Len passed away at noon on November 2, 1996 at his home at the young age of 57 years.

The SCPGS and York County family research are indebted to Len Heilman for his many contributions to local genealogy. Len is sadly missed by his family and friends, including me as Len was more like a brother to me than a friend.



GENEALOGICAL NOTES

Preserving Digital Documents from the Civil War

Archivists from the Library of Virginia are working on a project to preserve Civil War artifacts for many years to come. They're scanning and digitizing thousands of documents -- letters, diaries and photos. 150-year-old documents -- especially the ones that might have traveled for miles in the pocket of a Civil War soldier -- can be kind of tough to read.

"I scanned one daguerreotypes that was really badly silvered," says Laura Drake Davis, an archivist with the Library of Virginia, who, along with one other person, runs the Civil War 150 Legacy Project. "(you) could not see the image in my hand. Put it on the scanner, scanned it, image popped right up. I was amazed. It was a soldier... and now you can see the image, you can't see it when you're looking at it."

Posted by Dick Eastman on July 21, 2011 in Current Affairs, History | Permalink

Editor's Note: A daguerreotypes is an early photographic process with the image made on a light-sensitive silver-coated metallic plate.



Excerpts from ... "What is Forensic Genealogy?"

The word "forensic" means "relating to the use of science or technology in the investigation and establishment of facts or evidence." In this case, forensic would mean to use science or technology in addition to traditional records. In short, Forensic Genealogy is the use of something OTHER THAN standard records to add to your family history. This is not to say that forensic genealogists ignore the records. Quite the contrary. Forensic genealogists always start with the available records. If those records are insufficient to prove a relationship, the forensic genealogist then looks for other clues. In other words, forensic genealogists think differently.

Heritage Forensics offers the following definition at:

Forensic Genealogy is the use of science or technology by investigation through due diligence to establish facts or evidence in a court of law that pertains to a direct descendant; creating a record, pedigree, or lineage of a person, family, or group from an ancestor.

Here are several examples of forensic genealogy:

Forensic genealogists will digitally scan old photos and then magnify them greatly or use photo editing software to emphasize certain colors to find details not otherwise visible. Don't know where the photograph was taken of the old automobile? Scan the picture at very high resolution, and then see if you can decode the license plate information. How about a distant sign in the background? What is unique in the photo?

Would you like to determine the date of an old photograph so that you can find approximate dates of birth of the family members in the photo? If the photographer has his studio name on the photo, you might research the years he was in business.

When you cannot determine the ancestry of some individuals, you start researching the relationships of the person's neighbors. Families often lived close to each other. Sooner or later, you will often find a connection.

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QUERIES

Benjamin SEGNER, b ca 1808, PA. Who were his parents? Siblings? SEGNERs appear mostly in Berks, Centre, Lancaster and Lebanon counties. He married ca 1930? PA? to Margaret/Rebecca _____, possibly HOUTZ, b. ca 1812, PA. Their oldest child, Josiah, was born ca 1831, PA. Where? Benjamin and his family moved to Ohio in mid 1840's. He and his wife are buried in Franklin County, Ohio. Any information is welcome. I will pay for copies of information.

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REUNION

Descendents of Johan Heinrich Ort, particularly the children and families of Marlet C. Ort and Martha M. Danner. Covered dish picnic at Manchester Recreation Building, 90 Roosevelt Avenue, Manchester, York County, PA on September 10, 2011, from 9 AM until 4 PM. Please bring family photos and your family history to share. I'm seeking information and photos for an Ort Family History Book. For information contact: Mardella Fries Brenneman, 4730 N. Sherman St. Ext, Mount Wolf, PA, e-mail mardella4730@aol.com.

IMPORTANT MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL REMINDER

If you have not renewed your membership for the year 2011-2012, please mail your payment as soon as possible. Your annual membership expired on July 31st and you will not continue to receive membership benefits if you do not renew. Renewal information was included in the April edition of this newsletter.