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We've decided to reduce the number of newsletters during the fiscal year from nine to six. We are hopeful that this change will not only reduce the costs of printing and mailing the newsletter but also allow our newsletter to be mailed a week earlier than it had been so that it will arrive well in advance of the next meeting. You should also notice that each newsletter is longer; for example this newsletter is 12 pages while recent newsletters were only six to eight pages. If you have any suggestions regarding the newsletter, please contact us via email at scpgswebsite@wildblue.net.

OUR NEXT MEETING

Sunday, August 24, 2014

Genealogy 101

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. The program will be led by Richard Konkel and cover the basics of genealogical research.

OUR UPCOMING MEETINGS are scheduled through the end of the calendar year as follows ...

Sunday, October 5, 2014

Conscientious Objectors in Adams County during the Civil War

Our speaker will be Roger D. Heller a lifelong native of Adams County. Roger is now a retired Secondary education American History teacher. He and his wife Lynn moved back to Gettysburg in 2008 and he enjoys and appreciates the area more now than when he lived here as a youngster.

Roger will focus on the Adams County Conscientious Objector population during the Civil War. He will also touch upon the Civil War military draft, the German Baptist Brethren Church, and Pennsylvania History. His research has been conducted primarily at the Adams County Historical Society and the National Archives facility in Philadelphia.

Sunday, November 2, 2014

to be announced

IMPORTANT MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL REMINDER

If you have not renewed your membership for the year 2014-2015, please mail your payment as soon as possible. Your annual membership expired on June 30th and you will not continue to receive membership benefits if you do not renew. Please remember that there will be an additional fee assessed to cover the postage for back issues of our newsletter and any special publications if you do not renew by September 1st. Renewal information was included in the April edition of this newsletter.

Our newsletter is now offered via email if you so desire. To receive the newsletter via email, please submit your request along with your email address to ... scpgswebsite@wildblue.net

SCPGS OFFICERS 2014-2015

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

President:	Jonathan Stayer
Vice President:	Richard Konkel
Treasurer:	Margaret Burg
Recording Secretary:	Melody Kraus
Membership & Corresponding Secretary:	Becky Anstine
Directors-at-Large:	Thomas Gibson and Franklin R. Grove, Jr.

Thanks also go to those who served in appointed board positions during the past year and will continue to do so in the 2014-2015 year:

Director of Publications and newsletter editor:	Cynthia Hartman
Director of Public Relations	Mardella Brenneman
Director of Special Projects	Barbara Rudy
Representative for the York County Heritage Trust:	Lila Fourhman-Shaull

Carroll County, Maryland Wills Available at Family Search

The Carroll County Genealogical Society recently reported that *FamilySearch* released a new database containing many Carroll County records from the Register of Wills office. This database contains administrative indexes, accounts, and bonds, claims dockets, estate papers, executors and administrators, guardian accounts, indentures, inventories, minutes of proceedings, releases, sales of personal property, sales of real estate, will indexes and wills from 1629 to 1999.

To access the wills go to www.familysearch.org

From the SEARCH tab, select *Browse All Published Collections* ... under place select *United States*, and then *Maryland*. Then under collections select *Probate & Court*. Select the database named *Maryland Register of Wills Records, 1629-1999*, and then *Carroll County*.

Before you access the will "books", first view the index for the years you are researching. The index is alphabetical by testator and provides the Liber (book number), Folio (page number), testator name, executor or administrator name, and date of probate.

Using this information, select the appropriate will database and enter the folio number in the image box. Since the image numbers and Folio (page)

numbers do not match you will need to calculate a new image number based on the difference between the image number and the Folio (page) number.

For example, the first entry in *Will Index 1837-1939 Vol. 1837-1939 Vol. HGB, no 1* is ...

Ann Maria Angel is in Liber J.B. 1, Folio 428. The executor was J. Henry Hoppe and the estate was probated Aug. 10, 1846.

Using this information select "Wills 1837-1853, Vol. JB, no. 1." Then enter the folio number in the image box. This will take you to image 384. Since you are looking for Folio (page) 428, enter 472 in the image box ($428 - 384 = 44$ and $428 + 44 = 472$). At the bottom of the page you should find the beginning of the will for Ann Maria Angel.

Following the will book databases are the will manuscripts. If the database name does not contain a volume reference, then the will is most likely in one of the collections of loose wills rather than a will book. These wills are more difficult to access since they are arranged by year/month and then will number. Most of these databases are less than 300 images to make them easier to browse. If you have a good idea of the time frame then you should be able to find your will.

From the President

Greetings from your new president! My name is Jonathan Stayer, and I have been a member of the SCPGS for more than 30 years. My interest in genealogy began in 1979 when I was a college work-study student employed as a library aide under the tutelage of the late Landon C. Reisinger at The Historical Society of York County (now York County Heritage Trust). Landon and other early members of the SCPGS such as Alfreda Patton Davidson, Dave Hively, Betty Brown, Gloria Aughenbaugh and Len Heilman nurtured my nascent interest in exploring my family heritage. Over the past 35 years of research, I discovered that I am a direct descendant of Jacob Hertzler, the first Amish bishop in the United States, and of Hendrick Pennebecker, a surveyor for the Penns in early-eighteenth-century Pennsylvania. Although I currently am investigating all branches of my family tree, I am most interested in my Stayer and Gundrum ancestry.

Apart from my genealogical pursuits, I am the supervisor of reference services at the Pennsylvania State Archives, and I am an active member of Grace Baptist Church of York. I also serve on the board of the Friends of Camp Security. In addition to genealogy, my personal research projects include documenting Pennsylvania's Civil War conscientious objectors and uncovering the history of Camp Security, a Revolutionary War prison camp located in Springettsbury Township, York County.

Looking to the future of our society, I hope to provide many opportunities for you to participate in our organization. We seek writers to prepare articles for the newsletter, volunteers to compile special publications, and members to staff information tables at local and regional events. We need you!

If you have ideas or suggestions for our society, feel free to send them to me at the SCPGS e-mail address: scpgswebsite@wildblue.net.

Special Publication Correction

We regret to report that there is an error on page 61 of Special Publication #75: *An Index for the Scrapbook of World War I Letters from Soldiers & Others*.

The parents of William Morton Shive are William F. and Elizabeth A. (Glatfelter) Shive not Andrew and Mattie Shive.

Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania

The Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania (GSP) is offering the following webinars ...

Thursday, August 21

[7 PM to 8:30 PM]

Pennsylvania Taxes and Census: Keeping Track of Wealth and Population

James Beidler will lead a discussion on using tax records in your research. There's a wealth of information contained in the many types of tax records that have survived about 18th and 19th century Pennsylvanians. Included is a discussion of Colonial tax lists, the 1798 Direct Tax, PA Septennial Census and 1800s land, personal property and head taxes.

Thursday, September 18

[7 PM to 8:30 PM]

Pennsylvania German Church Records

James Beidler will lead an in-depth lecture discussing one of the richest ethnic record groups - the baptisms, marriages, burials and confirmations recorded by the pastors of the Germans who came to America in Colonial times. Also learn what's new in records digitization and how it can enhance your research.

The webinars are FREE to GSP members and \$10 for non-members. For more information and to register visit genpa.org

US Marine Corps Offers Historical Database

Dick Eastman (eogn.com), July 20, 2014

Family members of Marines who were wounded, killed, deemed a prisoner of war or missing during past wars can now access their loved ones' casualty card using the Marine Corps History Division's new online database. Each casualty card lists the military member's unit, service number, type of casualty and date of death. Currently, there are digitized casualty cards for World War II, Interwar period 1946-50, and for war dogs, trained military dogs that served in combat. Korean War cards are scheduled to be complete and released this summer and Vietnam in the fall.

To access the online database, visit the U.S. Marine Corps History Division Casualty Card Databases webpage ...

www.mcu.usmc.mil/historydivision/Pages/Frequently_Requested/Casualty-Databases.aspx

100 Years Ago

A sampling of articles from the *New Oxford Item* on Thursday, September 3, 1914...

The Original Town Plot.

On Tuesday morning, the editor was shown a curiosity by Geo H Clippinger, who is spending his vacation at the home of his mother, Mrs. C. T. Clippinger, on Lincoln Way, West—the original town plot of New Oxford. Upon the parchment is inscribed "A Plan of OXFORD Town for Mr. Henry Kuhn, Noy. 1792, by me, JAMES BOLTON."

The Plan is in possession of Mrs. Clippinger. From it, several copies have been taken. It came to Mrs. Clippinger from her grandfather, John Hersh, who obtained it from Henry Kuhn, proprietor of the town. John Hersh was one of the large land holders of this section. His property was bounded on the north by the Little Conewago and on the south by Pitt street. It included the old hotel known in early times as "Butcher Frederick's Stand"—later, as "The Washington House"—and also included the present home of Mrs. Clippinger, now owned by C. K. Yeager, great grandson, by marriage, of John Hersh.

The history of Adams county gives Henry Kuhn as the first proprietor of the old hotel, followed by John Hersh and later by George Himes.

The Plan of Oxford town is well worth looking at, and we certainly appreciate Mr. Clippinger's effort in bringing it to our attention.

Bodies of Three Soldiers Found.

The remains of three Union soldiers buried on the First Day's Field were uncovered on Saturday morning by George Woodward on the County Home farm while he was hunting bullets. With the bones were found some money, a number of buttons, and two bullets, possibly responsible for the death of one or more of the men. Some belongings of the men who met their death on Gettysburg's field were found with the bones. Mr. Woodward secured a shovel and was digging up the earth in the field in quest of bullets. When he had gotten about 13 inches below the surface he struck some grey matter which he examined and found it to be the bone of a human leg. He dug more carefully and uncovered all the main bones of the arms and legs of three men. The smaller bones had all disintegrated and there was no evidence of the skulls except a number of teeth which were found in perfect condition. The buttons from the uniforms were there to the number of several dozen. Some of them indicated a soldier of commissioned rank, and were the New York Excelsior button. Others were evidently from those of privates' uniforms. With the bones were found portions of shoes. The most valuable part of the discovery from a financial standpoint was two five dollar gold pieces, one of the date of 1833 and the other dated 1844.

Mrs. Margaret Reimold, 63, years old, was found dead in her bed room at the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. J. Garrett, in York, on Sunday night, asphyxiated by illuminating gas which escaped from a jet which she accidentally turned on before retiring.

Robert Hunter, 68 years old, a somnambulist, of Stoneboro, was killed by a fall down a flight of stairs at his home. He had frequently walked in his sleep, and on Friday night missed his footing and rolled down the stairs, breaking his neck.

Jacob Keener, 82 years old, of Lancaster, ended his life by drowning on Monday morning. Before jumping into the water he tied a heavy rock to a belt around his waist. Despondency on account of ill-health was the cause.

When John Tompson, an ex-York policeman, stepped in front of a South-bound passenger train on the Maryland and Pennsylvania railroad, at Summerfield, near Baltimore, it was presumed that he did not notice the South bound passenger train coming at full speed toward him and the result was that his instant death followed. Tompson left York Friday morning as one of the crew of a freight train, and while the train was laying over at Summerfield to permit the passenger train to pass, the accident occurred.

Lockjaw resulting from a rusty nail piercing a foot has put the life of 14-year old Alton Moyer, of Milfin, in jeopardy.

Eating hearty at an ox roast at Saint Thomas, Solomon A. Humer died in bed next morning.

John V. Holiday, a guest at the home of Rev. and Mrs. J. Charles Gardner, at Gettysburg, is a veteran of the Civil War with a remarkable record. Mr. Holliday, who is a resident of Rochester, N. Y., was present at fifty two engagements and came through all without any injury except one slight wound. Included in his war record is his presence on all three days of the Gettysburg battle.

That boulete, pronounced boo lays, a fuel manufactured by the Gamble & Alt-house Fuel Company at Mt. Holly takes the place of coal in every way was demonstrated recently at the Hotel Gettysburg.

Within 24 hours of each other, daughters of Charles and John Leiberknecht, brothers, both living near Hallam, sustained fractured collar bones thru falls.

Hanover Fair, Carnival, Civic Demonstration Day

September 15, 16, 17, 18, 19.

(30th Anniversary.)

Fair open day and night. Grounds illuminated with over 5,000 electric lights. Gorgeous display of Fireworks, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday nights.

Special attractions equal to the great state fairs. Every minute of every hour of every day until midnight there will be something doing, it will be Hanover's biggest week.

Saturday, September 19 — Civic Demonstration Day — Monster Parade over three miles long, seven divisions, will move at 9:30 A. M.

Saturday afternoon and evening the biggest time ever held on Hanover Fair Grounds. Come see the big Fair. The biggest time Hanover ever had.

(WE ARE ALL LOOKING FOR YOU.)

Cider Making and Butter Boiling.

The Cider Press at the New Oxford Flouring Mill, one mile North West of New Oxford, will be operated on Tuesday and Thursday only of each week throughout the season.

Have also arranged to do BUTTER BOILING at the press for persons desiring the same, at a reasonable price.

W. H. KLING, Proprietor.

Lad's Nose Cut in Twain.

Harry McCue, aged about 7 years, who makes his home with Israel Stambaugh, in East Berlin, met with a bad mishap on Sunday. The lad was watching a number of men pitching horse shoes, when one of the shoes struck him across the nose, cutting that member in twain, the lower part of the nose hanging down over his mouth. The parts were bandaged together by a surgeon. Young McCue is a son of Thomas McCue, of Baltimore, who several years ago conducted a barber shop in East Berlin.

SCPGS Special Publications

We have been compiling and printing Special Publications since October 1977. These publications vary in length and contain genealogical resource material. Most of the information is previously unpublished primary source material. The following Special Publications are available for purchase ...

1	Notorial Docket of George Caruthers	5.00
2	The Private Registers of Rev. George Jacob Martz, 1869-1878	10.00
3	Zion United Methodist Cemetery, Freeland, Baltimore County, Maryland	5.00
4	Bermudian Church of the Brethren Cemetery, Washington Township, York Co, PA	5.00
5	Assessed Inhabitants of York Co, PA for the Year 1762 -- Book I	5.00
6	Assessed Inhabitants of York Co, PA for the Year 1762 -- Book II (now Adams Co)	5.00
7	Sundry Genealogical Material Pertaining to South Central Pennsylvania - Book I	5.00
8	Surviving Collector's Warrants of York Co, PA for County Tax of 1762 & 1767	5.00
9	Surviving Constable's Returns of York Co, PA, 1765 & 1769	5.00
10	Altland's Meetinghouse Cemetery, Paradise Township, York Co, PA	5.00
11	Collector's Warrants of York Co, PA for County Tax of 1772	10.00
12	York Co, PA Court of Quarter Sessions Docket Books, 1749-1754	5.00
13	Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church at Airville, York Co, PA	5.00
14	York Co, PA Court of Quarter Sessions, 1749-1754	10.00
15	1800 Federal Census of York Co, PA -- Book I (Surnames A-L)	10.00
16	Federal Census of York Co, PA -- Book II (Surnames M-Z)	10.00
17	Records & Tombstone Inscriptions of the Reformed Church in Shippensburg, Cumberland Co, PA, 1770-1842	15.00
18	1800 Federal Census of Adams Co, PA	10.00
19	York Co, PA Records of Apprentices, 1860-1911	5.00
20	York Co, PA Will Book A, 1749-1762	10.00
21	York Co, PA Death Registration Book, 1852-1855	10.00
22	York Co, PA Birth Registration Book, 1852-1855	5.00
23	Information Found in Newspapers of Astoria, Fulton Co, IL, 1886-1917 & Crawford Co, OH, 1891-1939	5.00
24	Pennsylvania Records of Naturalizations, 1695-1773	5.00
25	Sundry Genealogical Material Pertaining to South Central Pennsylvania - Book II	5.00
26	Sundry Genealogical Material Pertaining to South Central Pennsylvania - Book III	5.00
27	Record Book of Overseers of the Poor, Borough of York, PA, 1799-1804	10.00
28	York Co, PA Marriage Registration Book, 1852-1855	10.00
29	1800 Federal Census of Cumberland Co, PA	15.00
30	Notary Docket of John Morris, Esquire, of Borough of York, York Co, PA, 1792-1809	15.00
31	Sundry Genealogical Material Pertaining to South Central Pennsylvania - Book IV	10.00
32	Adams Co, OA Birth, Marriage and Death Registrations, 1852-1855	15.00
33	1865 York Co, PA Assessors Military Roll	25.00
34	Sundry Genealogical Material Pertaining to South Central Pennsylvania - Book V	10.00
35	"Poor" Children Named on the Tax Lists, 1811-1844, York Co, PA	25.00
36	Family Records from Bibles, Volume 1	10.00
37	Sundry Genealogical Material Pertaining to South Central Pennsylvania - Book VI	10.00
38	York Co, PA Land Appraisement Certificates, 1835-1859	10.00
39	The GAR: Its Organization and the Men of Post #37	15.00
40	Unrecorded Wills of York Co, PA, 1749-1798	15.00

41	European Origins in Church Records of South Central Pennsylvania, & Adjacent Areas	10.00
42	The Journal of James L. Purdy: Hopewell Township, York Co, PA, to Mansfield, Richland Co, OH, & Points Inbetween	15.00
43	Gone to Ohio — Ashland, Brown, Columbiana, Harrison, Jefferson & Richland Counties, From Pennsylvania Counties: Adams, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Lancaster & York	10.00
44	Alphabetized, Cross Referenced & Coded Indexes to the 1876 Atlas of York Co, PA — Volume 1: Individual Name Index	20.00
45	Alphabetized, Cross Referenced & Coded Indexes to the 1876 Atlas of York Co, PA — — Volume 2: Subject Index	15.00
46	Abstracts from Common Pleas Docket, York Co, PA: April 1757 through July 1761	15.00
47	Notes & Documents Concerning the Manorial History of the Town of York, PA	10.00
48	Index of Tavern Licenses Allowed by York Co, PA: 1749-1806	10.00
49	Every Name Index to Orphans' Court Book A (1749-1762)	10.00
50	Tombstone Inscriptions from St. Mary's Cemetery (Old Section), Silver Run, MD	15.00
51	Index to the Taxables of Hanover & Heidelberg Township, York Co, PA, 1750 to 1817	10.00
52	Sundry Genealogical Material Pertaining to South Central Pennsylvania - Book VII	15.00
53	Gone to Ohio — Champaign, Crawford & Wood Counties, from Pennsylvania Counties: Adams, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Lancaster & York	10.00
54	Gone to Ohio — Logan, Mahoning, Stark & Trumbull Counties, from Pennsylvania Counties: Adams, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Lancaster & York	10.00
55	An Index to the Wills & Administration Bonds of Adams Co, PA, 1800-1864	20.00
56	York Area Photographers, 1840-1997	15.00
57	Casket & Coffin Books of Ellwood S. Skelton (1880-1890) & Isaac W. Senft (1884-1888)	15.00
58	Sundry Genealogical Material Pertaining to South Central Pennsylvania - Book VIII	10.00
59	Dover Borough & Township Tax Lists, 1832-1836 & the 1830 Federal Census	15.00
60	York, PA Director of the Poor Minutes, 1846-1883	10.00
61	Some 18 th Century Marriage & Death Records from the Area of York Co, PA	10.00
62	York Co, PA Township & Borough Officers for Quarter Sessions Docket (1750-1839)	20.00
63	Gazetteer of York & Adams Counties, PA	15.00
64	The Petition of 1747: A Study in York County's Founding	25.00
65	Revolutionary War Soldiers' Pension Petitions & Obituaries	10.00
66	Bible Records from Family Files of York County Heritage Trust: Volume 1	15.00
67	York Co, PA Register of Wills Book of Issues, Will Caveats & Citations, 1782-1839	15.00
68	US Direct Tax of 1798, York Co, PA — Volume 1: Chanceford, Fawn & Hopewell Twps	15.00
69	Bible Records from Family Files of York County Heritage Trust: Volume 2	15.00
70	Bible Records from Family Files of York County Heritage Trust: Volume 3	15.00
71	Civil War Pension Affidavits & Index to Ledgers of Dr. Benjamin F. Porter, 1864-1888	10.00
72	Bible Records from Family Files of York County Heritage Trust: Volume 4	15.00
73	US Direct Tax of 1798, York Co, PA — Volume 2: Dover & Manchester Twps	20.00
74	Bible Records from Family Files of York County Heritage Trust: Volume 5	15.00
75	An Index for the Scrapbook of World War I Letters from Soldiers & Others	15.00
75CD	Companion CD for World War I Scrapbook Index	12.00
76	Bible Records from Family Files of York County Heritage Trust: Volume 6	15.00
77	US Direct Tax of 1798, York Co, PA — Volume 3: York Borough & York Twp	20.00

For more information on these Special Publications, please visit our website ... scpgs.org.

An order form is available on our website. There will be a minimum \$5 tax, shipping and handling charge added to each order; the minimum charge will increase by \$1 for each additional publication included in the order.

Calendar of Local Events

Friday, September 5

Oral Histories: The Basics of Where to Start and What to Ask

York County Heritage Trust, 250 East Market St, York, PA [1 PM to 2 PM]

People's stories about their experiences and how national or world events impacted their lives are invaluable - they bring history alive and make it personal in a way nothing else can. Learn more about how to conduct an oral history at this roundtable discussion, including equipment you can use and the kinds of questions to ask. Pre-registration and lunch orders due by Wednesday, September 3rd (contact aeveler@yorkheritage.org)

Saturday, September 6

Finding Your War of 1812 Ancestors

Maryland Historical Society [9:30 AM to 3:45 PM]

201 West Monument St, Baltimore, MD [mdhs.org]

An opportunity to learn about where to find records and see the Society's great War of 1812 exhibit.

Monday, September 15

Becoming a Census Detective

Carroll County Genealogical Society [7:30 PM]

Dixon Room, Westminster Library, 50 East Main St, Westminster, MD [carr.org/ccgs/]

Angela McGhie will share tips on how to glean the most from the census records that are so readily available to researchers at a variety of websites.

Friday, September 19

Homemade History: Researching Your Historic

Home at the Lancaster County Archives

Lancaster County Archives [9 AM to Noon]

150 N. Queen St., Suite 10, Lancaster, PA

[web.co.lancaster.pa.us/127/Archives-Division]

Since walls do not talk we cannot rely on the physical fabric or 'bricks and mortar' of an old home to tell its history. Written records within the Lancaster County Archives can provide answers and reveal direct evidence of your home's history.

Saturday, September 20, 2014

8th Annual Bucks County Ancestry Fair

Bucks County Visitors Center in Bensalem, PA

This year's Fair will carry a military theme, in honor of the 200th anniversary of the War of 1812 and the 150th anniversary of the Civil War. Keep watching bucks.gen.org for more information.

Sunday, September 28

A Case Study: Connecting the Dots

Baltimore County Genealogical Society [3 PM]

Parkville Senior Center, Room 308 (3rd Floor), 8601

Harford Rd, Parkville, MD

[baltimoregenealogysociety.org]

A step by step progression using several genealogical tools to come up with an interesting story. By connecting the dots — FACTS — an interesting picture emerges. Presenter is Bill Amos.

Friday, October 2

Unlocking A Building - How to Begin Property Research

York County Heritage Trust, 250 East Market St, York, PA [1 PM to 2 PM]

Many home- and business-owners want to learn about the history of their property. We'll discuss strategies for beginning your research, as well as the resources available at the Trust's Library & Archives for unlocking your property's past. Pre-registration and lunch orders due by Wednesday, September 30th (contact aeveler@yorkheritage.org)

Friday, October 17

Discovering Your Roots: Genealogy Sources at the Lancaster County Archives

Lancaster County Archives [9 AM to Noon]

150 N. Queen St., Suite 10, Lancaster, PA

[web.co.lancaster.pa.us/127/Archives-Division]

Are you curious about an ancestor that once lived in Lancaster County? Records within the Lancaster County Archives are a unique resource and can provide valuable information for researchers. Unravel the mystery behind the records kept at the archives which may be the key to finding your own family history.

Sunday, October 26

Google for Genealogists

Baltimore County Genealogical Society [3 PM]

Parkville Senior Center, Room 308 (3rd Floor), 8601

Harford Rd, Parkville, MD

[baltimoregenealogysociety.org]

Join Dr. Margaret M. McMahon to learn how to search for ancestors using Google and its tools. You will learn how to construct searches to look for your ancestors on the web and be introduced to the use of selected search techniques.

Calendar of Local Events (continued)Saturday, October 4

Genealogical Seminar [8:30 AM to 3:30 PM]
Harford County Genealogy Society
Historical Society of Harford County, 143 North
Main St, Bel Air, MD
[rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mdhcgs/meetings.htm]
Our guest speaker is a well-known genealogist from
the Maryland area, Rebecca Whitman Koford.

Session Topics:

Vital Records: Births, Marriages, Deaths and
Alternative Sources for Vital Information. Are
you new to genealogy? Only used the internet?
Let us open your eyes to the value of birth,
marriage, and death records available in the 19th
and 20th centuries.

Identifying and Preserving Family Photos: We will
briefly discuss the history of photography and its
impact on our ancestors' lives. We will identify
clues to name that ancestor through costume,
photographer, and photograph type. We will
cover preservation and identification of old
photos in our possession and briefly discuss
publication of our family photos.

Men of the Same Name: Which John Smith Is My
John Smith? Case studies designed to help the
researcher sort out different men of the same
name in the same area and time.

The afternoon is scheduled as research time!

Admission: HCGS members - FREE; Non-members
- \$20. Seating is limited. Bring your own brown-bag.
Light refreshments and drinks provided.

October 8-12

*Weaving Our Past, Present and Future: Slavery,
Freedom, Abolition and All That Jazz*
Afro-American Historical & Genealogical Society
Double Tree by Hilton in Green Tree, PA

More than 30 sessions on local history, genealogy
and culture will be offered. The Saturday evening
banquet speaker will be Clayton Adams, a
descendant of "12 Years a Slave," Solomon
Northup.

For registration information please visit aahgs.org

Saturday, October 25, 2014

*The Great War and Your Family: Documenting
Service in the American Military in World War I*
[8:30 AM to 4 PM]

Mid-Atlantic Germanic Society [magsgen.com]
Sheraton - Wilmington South, 365 Airport Rd, New
Castle, DE ... deadline to register is September 24th

Session Topics:

Non-Federal Sources to Document World War I
Military Service: How to use non-Federal
Sources to document military service in World
War I to replace the documents destroyed by the
St Louis fire using state and local official
publications, lists of veterans, and websites, and
explaining the value of each source and how to
access.

Burying the Dead in World War I: The Graves
Registration Service of the Office of the
Quartermaster buried and in many cases
reburied soldiers who died overseas during the
War. This lecture describes what information is
in the files and how to locate them. The Second
part of this lecture will be Gold Star Mothers
Pilgrimage: In the 1930s the Federal government
paid for the widows and mothers of soldiers who
died overseas to visit the graves of their
husbands or widows. This lecture explains the
records in general detail and then follows the
story of Katherine Holley, a widow from
Hedgesville, WV.

Using Ship Deck Logs and Muster Rolls to
Document Naval Service: discusses two series
of documents, ship deck logs and muster rolls
and explains the kind of information they
contain, why the Navy kept the documents, how
to use them to document military service and
how to access them.

Forgotten Men in Tanks: talks about the largely
forgotten men who served in American tank
units in World War I. It will use the 301st Tank
Battalion as a case study to illustrate how you
can document your ancestor's military career.

The mission of Mid-Atlantic Germanic Society
(MAGS) is to stimulate and facilitate research on
Germanic genealogy and heritage in the mid-
Atlantic region and to promote genealogical research
of Germanic ancestors who settled in the Mid-
Atlantic Region in the 17th through 20th centuries.

Conference Wrap-Up

A small group gathered at the York County Heritage Trust on Saturday, June 7th for our genealogy conference.

The first speaker of the day was Kevin Shue who spoke about using “expatriate” newspapers to explore your family’s heritage. For recent immigrants, expatriate newspapers were a source of information about their home country and the family that they left behind. These newspapers can provide historical context (place and time) to your research as well as social context (information about clubs and organization that your ancestors may have belonged to).

There are several places on line to find expatriate newspapers ...

- <http://www.elephind.com/>
- Harvard Library Research Guide at <http://guides.library.harvard.edu/news>
- Miriam J. Robbins Online Historical Newspapers at <https://sites.google.com/site/onlinenewspapersite/Home/>
- Penn Libraries Historical Newspapers Online at <http://guides.library.upenn.edu/historicalnewspapersonline>
- Boston College’s Database of Advertisements for Irish Immigrants Published in the Boston Pilot at <http://infowanted.bc.edu/>

An additional source for newspapers published in the United States since 1690 is the Library of Congress’ “Chronicling America” website at <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/search/titles/>

The second morning session was led by Jonathan Stayer an archivist at the Pennsylvania State Archives. His presentation on what archivists really think about genealogists was a both informative and entertaining. He suggested that we answer four questions in preparation for a research trip ... (1) Why do I need to go there? (2) What information do I already have? (3) What do I want to find? (4) What specific materials will answer my questions? He encouraged everyone to prepare for their trip by first completing an exhaustive search of the facilities website.

Jonathan shared his “Top Ten Rules of Research” ...

1. Never travel more than 30 miles for research unless you know why you are doing so.
2. Never visit a research facility the day before or after a major holiday or a long weekend.

3. Understand that every institution is different: no two do things the same way.
4. Study the archives website to learn about holdings, digital copies of records, research hours, access policy, and institutional procedures.
5. Remember that the archives is not a travel agency.
6. Dress for success — what you wear (and how you smell) influences the manner in which people respond to you.
7. Always treat staff with courtesy and grace, and cooperate with established rules and procedures.
8. On your first trip to an institution, pretend that you will find nothing of value to your research and be pleasantly surprised when you do.
9. Take copious notes about titles, types, dates, sizes, locations, etc. of records checked because you may want to ask for them again.
10. Obtain copies of all possibly pertinent records and pay the established copy fees without complaining so that you don’t miss the opportunity to copy something that might be lost or destroyed in the future.

It will also help if you talk like an archivist. Following is some terminology that you will need to know ...

Provenance: the history of the record collection. Who created it, who maintained it, and how did it come to reside at the state archives

Original Order: how was the record collection arranged by its creator (IE alphabetical, chronological, etc.)

Record Group: records created from the activity of a government agency or department

Manuscript Group or Collection: generally refers to non-governmental records

Series: smallest filing unit of records

Finding Aid: a catalog, listing, guide, website or card file

Call Slip: a form used to request material

The afternoon sessions began with a presentation by Kevin Shue on Tackling Genealogy Problems. He reviewed the differences between abstracting (copying only “important” or “relevant” portions of a document), extracting (copying a portion of a document verbatim) and transcribing (rewriting the entire document verbatim). A discussion regarding

how to use a Genealogical Proof Standard for problem solving and analysis followed. As a review following are the steps required for a Genealogical Proof Standard ...

- Conduct a "reasonable exhaustive" search for all pertinent information using a wide range of high quality sources
- Accurately site your sources ... documenting both positive and negative results contributes to thorough, efficient research
- Analysis and correlation of the "quality" of the collected information
- Resolve conflicting or contradictory evidence
- Write a soundly reasoned, coherent hypotheses and conclusions

The process of analyzing evidence requires that every fact and clue be examined to determine if the source is original or derivative, the information is primary or secondary, and the evidence is direct or indirect. Original sources are the first recording of an event; all other "copies", reproductions or abstracts are derivative sources. A piece of evidence is primary when it is recorded by a knowledgeable eyewitness or participant in the event. Secondary evidence is supplied by someone who was not at the event. It is not unusual for documents to include both primary and secondary information. Direct evidence is any fact that is explicitly stated, while indirect evidence is inferred. In order to reach

reasonable conclusions, a complete analysis of each resource including an explanation for conflicting and/or contradictory information is essential.

The final session of the day was a presentation by Darwin Martin on DNA: Which test is best for me? He began by explaining the three types of tests:

- autosomal ... 50% of DNA comes from each parent; shows ethnicity
- mitochondrial ... DNA from mother
- Y ... from father; follows a surname

The Y DNA test is most commonly used in genealogical research in order to answer the questions: We share the same surname, are we related? How are we related? Approximately how far back in time do we share a common ancestor?

Darwin then reviewed the companies that currently provide DNA testing. Only two of the five companies discussed have a genealogical focus: *Family Tree* uses a cheek swab sample and has genealogical research as its primary focus. *Ancestry* uses a saliva sample and is primarily interested in making records available.

The conference concluded with a round table discussion. Attendees were encouraged to ask questions and/or share their brick walls. One of the topics brought up during this discussion was epidemics. As follow-up to this discussion an article about *significant* epidemics is included on page 11 of this newsletter.

"Finding Your Roots with Henry Louis Gates, Jr." Returns to PBS for a Second Season

Dick Eastman (eogn.com), July 26, 2014

The PBS Series *Finding Your Roots* with Henry Louis Gates, Jr. will return Tuesday, September 23 for its second season. The 10-part series explores the heritages and ancestries of 30 of today's leading entertainers, athletes, chefs, and media personalities.

According to an announcement issued by the television program's producers:

"In each episode, Gates focuses on the specific ethnic roots, cultural traditions and deep interplay of family influence and genetics of three guests, including: celebrity chefs Tom Colicchio, Aaron Sanchez and Ming Tsai, who cook the food of their ancestors and discover family members who have shaped their lives — and America's cuisine; Derek Jeter, Billie Jean King and Rebecca Lobo, three of America's greatest athletes whose determination and love of sports were deeply shaped by their families, but who were all cut off from their true origins — raising

the question of whether champions are made or born; actress Tina Fey, humorist David Sedaris and journalist George Stephanopolous, all of whom look into their Greek American ancestry; and American playwright Tony Kushner, singer-songwriter Carole King and lawyer Alan Dershowitz, who not only share a Jewish heritage, but a history of perseverance in the face of withering opposition. In other episodes, actors Ben Affleck and Khandi Alexander come to realize their families have long been engaged in the battle for freedom and civil rights, but they had no idea that those principles were passed down through generations of ancestors. Gates also explores the history of the Vanderbilt family with Anderson Cooper, discovers a web of intimate relationships between Nas' slave ancestors and their masters, and traces Sting's roots back centuries in England where we find that being close to the seat of the Empire doesn't mean that life is any better."

Epidemics

Epidemics have always had a great influence on people as well, the genealogists trying to trace them. Many cases of people disappearing from records can be traced to dying during an epidemic or moving away from the affected area. Early on, an infectious disease outbreak might be confined to a city or two, with ports particularly susceptible due to passengers on arriving ships. Many areas saw the same disease return year after year. But as Americans moved westward and became more mobile, epidemics were more widespread. Although there is little, if any, genealogical value in attributing cause of death, such information is of great interest when preparing a family history. Following is a list of significant epidemics and pandemics having affected our ancestors:

WORLDWIDE

- 1732-33 Influenza
- 1775-76 Influenza
- 1781-8 Influenza
- 1847-48 Influenza
- 1857-59 Influenza
- 1917-19 Spanish influenza ... more soldiers hospitalized during World War I from Influenza than from wounds. US Army training camps became death camps with 80 percent death rate in some camps. This is considered to be the last great pandemic: one billion infected; 500,000 Americans died, 20 to 50 million died worldwide
- 1957-58 Influenza "Asian Flu" ... 70,000 deaths in the US and over a million worldwide
- 1962-65 Rubella (German Measles) ... worldwide pandemic affecting as many as 12.5 million; causing deafness and blindness; approximately 30,000 babies born in the US with defects due to mother's infection
- 1968-69 Influenza "Hong Kong Flu" ... 34,000 deaths in the US and over 750,000 worldwide

sources:

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NORTH AMERICA / NATIONWIDE

- 1715-25 Smallpox [most of the Colonies ... endemic in Boston] Smallpox entered the British Colonies with the earliest settlers and devastated Indian populations.
- 1759 Measles ... areas in North America inhabited by Caucasians
- 1761 Influenza [also in the West Indies]
- 1772 Measles
- 1775 unknown epidemic ... especially hard in New England
- 1820-23 "Fever" ... started on Schuylkill River, PA & spread nationwide
- 1831-32 Asiatic Cholera ... brought by English emigrants
- 1841 Yellow Fever ... especially severe in the South
- 1848-49 Cholera ... New York City (more than 5,000 deaths), Chicago, the Mississippi and west to California
- 1850 Yellow Fever
- 1850-51 Influenza
- 1852 Yellow Fever ... New Orleans: 8,000 die in summer
- 1854 Yellow Fever ... spread from Corpus Christi, TX nationwide
- 1855 Yellow Fever
- 1861-65 The US Civil War brought epidemics of dysentery, typhoid fever, hepatitis, malaria, smallpox, measles, and venereal diseases. More than three times as many soldiers died of infectious disease than died of wounds.
- 1873-75 Influenza [also in Europe]
- 1916 Polio (infantile paralysis) ... America's worst polio epidemic over 7,000 deaths occurred and 27,363 cases were reported
- 1931 Polio ... outbreak during the summer, killing more than 4,000 people, about 12% of the reported cases
- 1942-53 Polio continued to ravage the US ... peaking in 1952 with more than 57,000 cases reported

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Proposed Changes to SCPGS By-Laws

At our July board meeting, we approved several changes to the by-laws of the South Central Pennsylvania Genealogical Society. These changes will be brought before the general membership for a vote at the August 24th meeting.

The major change is as follows:

existing ... The Officers of the Society shall be elected at the annual meeting for a term of one year except Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be elected for a term of two years. Each officer shall hold office until his successor shall have been duly elected. The President may serve no more than two consecutive terms.

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Other changes are as follows ...

- (1) The election of officers will be held at our May meeting rather than the June meeting
- (2) The position of Director of Membership has been eliminated.
- (3) The position of Corresponding Secretary has been renamed Membership & Corresponding Secretary, and this position will assume the majority of the responsibilities of the Director of Membership.

A copy of the revised by-laws is available on our website ... *scpgs.org*