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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Sunday, August 28, 2016

What Can DNA Tests Tell Us About Our Family History?

This month's meeting will be held at the Historical Society Museum, 250 East Market Street, York. A brief business meeting will begin at 2:15 PM and the program will immediately follow at approximately 2:30 PM.

DNA testing and research is a rapidly growing and changing field for genealogy. This presentation will review the various kinds of DNA test available for genealogists including autosomal, Y-DNA, and mitochondrial-DNA, and the information that can be gleaned from these tests. Darwin Martin has been active in DNA research through the use of tests, particularly Y-DNA testing of Mennonite families from Lancaster County. He will update us on this ongoing project as well.

Saturday, September 24, 2016

Mustering Up Your Family History

South Central Pennsylvania Genealogical Society and York County History Center are jointly sponsoring a genealogy conference on Saturday, September 24, 2016 at the Historical Society Museum, 250 East Market Street, York. The keynote speaker will be Ron Hershner, author of "Letters From Home: The Civil War Correspondence of a York County Family".

Don't forget to register to attend ... a registration form was included in the May/June edition of our newsletter and is available on our website (www.scpgs.org/meetings/).

Sunday, October 2, 2016

Introduction to Italian Records

This month's meeting will be held at the Historical Society Museum, 250 East Market Street, York. A brief business meeting will begin at 2:15 PM and the program will immediately follow at approximately 2:30 PM.

Lynn Nelson, owner of Nexus Genealogy and author of *The Genealogist's Guide to Discovering Your Italian Ancestors*, will present "Introduction to Italian Records". Ms. Nelson believes that climbing the family tree into Italy is accessible to everyone. The presentation will focus on finding and using Italian records without going to Italy.

IMPORTANT MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL REMINDER

If you have not renewed your membership for the year 2016-2017, 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 March/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

From the President

Jonathan Stayer

Bargains . . . we all love bargains! Our society has launched a new initiative to dispose of its multitudes of extra copies of some Special Publications. At our monthly meetings and at our genealogy conference in September, we are selling those extras for \$1.00 each! The specific numbers to be sold will vary from time to time as we deplete particular issues, so check the table at each meeting.

Over the years, we have issued Special Publications on a variety of topics — notary dockets, Bible records, tax records, military subjects, birth and death registrations, church records, and so much more! I have used many of these in my personal research. The notary dockets of George Caruthers (#1) and John Morris (#30) helped me to document Hessian soldiers who settled in York County after the American Revolution for my master's thesis. Frequently, I refer to the abstracts of colonial Pennsylvania naturalizations (#24) when compiling information about eighteenth-century immigrants. The directory of York-area photographers (#56) assists in the identification of old photographs. The gazetteer of York and Adams Counties (#63) provides clues to locations throughout the area. The 1762 tax assessments (#5 & #6) are among the earliest tax records for York and Adams Counties, listing many of our region's colonial settlers. The "glass tax" volumes (#68, #73, #77) describe the homes and outbuildings of our ancestors in 1798 York County.

Military-related publications span three centuries from the Revolutionary War through World War I. Revolutionary War pension petitions fill Special Publication #65. For research on the Civil War draft, the 1865 York County assessor military roll (#33) lists men between the ages of 21 and 45 liable for military service. Civil War pension affidavits are found in the ledgers of Dr. Benjamin F. Porter (#71). Special Publication #75 indexes the World War I letters compiled from newspaper clippings by Mildred Grass and is accompanied by a CD containing copies of the clippings.

For a complete list of these wonderful resources, check the Special Publications page of our website: www.scpgs.org/special-publications/. You may find just the thing you need to help you break through that brick wall in your research!

Don't forget our exciting genealogy conference on September 24! Register today!

2016-2017 SCPGS Officers

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

Jonathan Stayer, President
 Richard Konkel, Vice President
 Margaret Burg, Treasurer
 Gerald Smith, Recording Secretary
 Becky Anstine, Membership & Corresponding Secretary
 Thomas Gibson, Director-at-Large
 Franklin R. Grove, Jr., Director-at-Large

Thanks also go to those who served in appointed board positions during the past year and will continue to do so in the 2016-2017 year:

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

Oldest Land Turtle

from *The York Daily*, York, Pennsylvania; Saturday September 7, 1907

The oldest living land turtle of which there is anything like an authentic record in this county was found recently by Samuel Freed upon his farm in Hellam township. Mr. Freed stumbled upon the turtle in a strip of woodland and turned it over as farmers usually do, out of curiosity to note whether some school boy had not practiced upon its under shell with his pocket knife.

Noticing faint traces of carving upon the shell Mr. Freed examined it closely and could scarcely believe the evidence of his eyes. The shell bore the inscription "Joseph F. Freed, 1816". Joseph F. Freed was the uncle of the finder and he died many years ago. The inscription, if authentic, as there is every reason to believe it is, was carved 91 years ago, and the turtle is probably a century or more old.

His uncle lived upon the farm which the nephew now owns and it had probably never wandered off the land. It gave no evidence of its great age except for the slightly rusty appearance of the shell. Fearing that it might not live in captivity the farmer reverently allowed the turtle to go unmolested.

Henry James Young Award Recipients: Their Stories

Two Henry James Young Award recipients were honored at the June 5, 2016 meeting of the SCPGS, and presented a certificate. Following are their biographies:

Kathryn Brown Jordan

It is our great pleasure to present the Henry James Young Award to Kathryn Brown Jordan. Kathryn is a native of Southeastern York County where was raised and lived almost her entire life. She taught school for three years in three different one-room schools. She then became the first elementary librarian for the South Eastern School District, where she organized the first libraries in the three elementary schools.

Kathryn has been involved with local history work for many years. She has always been a local history preservationist. Through many years Kathryn has collected, and accumulated many valuable records and artifacts. Over the many years she has been one of the most active members of the Stewartstown Historical Society. She served as secretary and was involved with the writing and publication of three local history books, she also coordinated programs with the Mason-Dixon Public Library with the Historical Society, and in 2007 received the Dorothy Davis Award for outstanding service to the community.

Genealogy has also been a great interest for Kathryn. The family of her father and her late husband, Fred Jordan all had deep roots in Southeastern York County. Her mother's family is unique as being of Finnish ancestry. Kathryn and her sister Betty did major work on the Brown and Anderson families, and the Olsen family. She also helped with a major project at her church, Centre Presbyterian in New Park with Mary Helen Emery to collect information on all members of the congregation and persons buried in the church cemetery.

Kathryn served many years as Secretary of the South Central Pennsylvania Genealogical Society and one term as President. She got us started on our long term publication of the 1798 Federal Direct Tax or Glass Tax when in 2002 she transcribed the tax returns for Hopewell Township. Hopewell was originally published by the Stewartstown Historical Society, and Kathryn's work on Hopewell was combined with Fawn and Chanceford Townships to cover the entire southeastern section of York County in the South Central Pennsylvania Genealogical Society's first Glass Tax volume. Cindy Hartman



(from left to right) SCPGS President Jonathan Stayer, Frank Grove, Kathryn Jordan and SCPGS VP Richard Konkel

has since worked diligently to complete this important work.

Kathryn also served as a volunteer here at the York County Heritage Trust. She has been very involved in her church and community, being the first woman elder at Centre Presbyterian Church, and a member of the Zoning and Planning Boards for Hopewell Township, and also served as enumerator for the Township. In light of a lifetime of good works, Kathryn Brown Jordan is a worthy recipient of the Henry James Young Award.

Franklin Ross Grove Jr.

Franklin Ross Grove, Jr. was born Sunday, November 26, several decades ago, at York Hospital to Franklin Ross Grove and Fairie R. Miller Grove. He lived in Windsor Township in his early years, and moved to York Township in 1976, where he has resided ever since. He always lived about three miles from the square in Red Lion.

After high school, he began college, but changed direction to attend the York Hospital School of Nursing, from which he graduated in 1972. He worked at York Hospital for many years. In 1974, he received an associate degree from York College, and in 1982 a B.P.S. degree from Elizabethtown College. In the early 2000s, he also obtained a paralegal certificate from Penn State.

He has been involved in many professional and community organizations in addition to his genealogical interests. For many years, he was a member of the National League of Nursing, the

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American Nurses Association and the Pennsylvania Nurses Association. He worked at the York Fair first aid station for a number of years.

In the community, he has helped with 4H, and he was a volunteer with the York County parks in the 70s and 80s. For about 10 years, he volunteered with the Pennsylvania Senior Environmental Corps and the Environmental Alliance for Senior Involvement. He served as a Cub Scout and Webelos leader, a merit badge counselor, and a Scout committee member with the Boy Scouts of America from the late 1980s until 2013. He has been a church pianist for more than twenty years and an organist for ten, receiving the Flame & Cross Award from St. Paul's Chapel Church.

Of course, we all know Frank for his involvement in lineage societies and in our genealogical society, and that is why we are honoring him today. He began to collect family information at age nine, and he has been active with many family reunions. One year, he attended twelve reunions in one summer!

He is a life member of the Lancaster Chapter of the Sons of the Revolution, and a life member of the Continental Congress Chapter, Pennsylvania Society, and National Society Sons of the American Revolution. He has held many offices with the SAR—sometimes two or three at the same time! For the past ten years, he has been the genealogist and registrar for the Continental Congress Chapter. Last year, he received the Distinguished Service Medal from the chapter for his involvement.

For the Children of the American Revolution, he served four years on the senior national board, and he is a past senior national vice president for the eastern region. He is an honorary Pennsylvania state president. For the Colonel Thomas Hartley Society of the C.A.R., he was a senior president and has been senior treasurer since 1998.

He also is a member of the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, holding numerous offices there, including serving as commander for the past years. Like many of us, he is a member of various historical organizations, serving as vice president of the Red Lion Area Historical Society.

Frank has been a member of our own society since the late 1970s. He served as vice president from 2008-10 and president from 2010-12. He has been a director at large since 2012, and he has helped us with various events. He is in his 27th year as an SCPGS volunteer in the library of the York County Heritage Trust. I always appreciate his input into

our board discussions, and he was the one who pushed us to get the nice display rack that we now have.

For his many years of service to our society, the York County Heritage Trust, and to the lineage organizations with which he has been involved, we bestow on him the Henry James Young Award.

And I should note that Frank and his wife are celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary today! Congratulations!

Laman Family Bible.

A relative is reducing the amount of “stuff” in his house. Among items he is thinking of disposing of is a German language Bible with numerous Laman (sic; Lehman) family entries. My relative's father was first married in 1933 to an Edythe Lehman who died young without children. The father in 1939 then married my aunt. The Bible contains information on Daniel Laman, born 1809, and his two wives, Catherine Walter, born 1807(?), and Catherine Sourbeer, born 1822. The listed children of the first marriage were Mariah (her birth entry gives her name as Mariah Hildebrand), Emanuel, Jacob, John, Henry, Adam, Leah (listed in her death record as Leah Falkenstine), Daniel, Elizabeth, William, Solomon and Noah. Those of the second marriage were Lida, Levi, Charles, and Mary. In 1850 Daniel and some of his children were living in York Township, York County, Pennsylvania. In 1860 he and his second wife, and some of his children, were living in Springfield Township, York County, Pennsylvania. This Bible may have come with Edythe Lehman Stiles at the time of her marriage. If it did, it has remained with her husband's son by his second marriage until now.

There is also another German language Bible with only five birth entries of a Dise family: Mariah born in 1857; Levi born 1859; Catherine born 1861; Noah born 1865; and George born 1868. Census records show the family in 1870 was in Shrewsbury Township, York County, Pennsylvania with parents William F. and Sarah Dice [sic]. Does anyone know of a connection of this Dise family to the Lehman, Hildebrand, or Stiles family?

Anyone who is familiar with either the Laman family or the Dise family may contact me at dphively@aol.com.

York County Heritage Trust Update

Change is in the air. The York County Heritage Trust has launched a new name, brand and website in conjunction with its exciting new future and purchase of the former Met-Ed Steam Plant property at the corner of West Philadelphia and Pershing Streets in York City.

This purchase begins the transformation process of the York County History Center [YCHC] into a central historical campus focused on inspiring community pride, and adding economic benefit to the city and region. Museum visitors will experience an interactive, memorable, story based experience that surprises and enlightens. Patrons of the Library and Archive will find vastly improved research conditions suited for traditional and new technologies. We believe each individual engaging with the organization will have a deeply personal experience.

Genealogy, the study of one's families and tracing of their lineages and history, has also seen numerous changes. The days of reams of paper containing family group sheets and pedigree charts are slowly dwindling as more people utilize computer technology for the documentation and digitalization of their ancestry. Processing rolls of film that featured family tombstones are now replaced by one's cellphone. We now wander through a small family graveyard and we text our photos to a relative in Texas.

Even the "publishing" of one's genealogy has changed, where now many use the worldwide web to share their family research. There they can invite family members from across the globe to access it. But we must remember that many of those earlier published genealogies can contain valuable material. Printed with a very limited print run in mind, they may never find their way to Google Books. The York County History Center's Book Shop housed many published genealogies. On the shelves are such books as the *Posterity of Johann Philip & Maria Barbara Fernsler*, the *Hamilton-Jacobs-Livingston-Coverdale-Gwinnup Genealogical-Biographical Pictorial History*, a reprint of the *Historical Sketch of the Proudfit Family of York County and the Sell Families of Adams and York Counties, Pennsylvania*. Joining the *Glattfelders In America* volume are three more books on this long time York County family; the Glattfelder family. Whether it is spelled with a 'd' or a 't', most Glatfelters connect to the immigrant Caspar Glattfelder. Now available in the YCHC is a reprint

of the *Descendants of Casper Glattfelder* by Dr. Noah Miller Glatfelter, *The Casper Glattfelder Association of America The First Hundred Years, 1906 – 2005* and *The Early Glattfelder Family in America: An Overview* by the late Dr. Charles H. Glatfelter. Questions about obtaining any of these publications; please contact Kate Redshaw at kredshaw@yorkhistorycenter.org or call at 717-848-1587 ext. 210

Finally other sources, such as early diaries, can provide additional insight into our ancestors lives. Based upon the "book" kept by James McCullough, editors Dr. John Stauffer and Calvin Bricker provide a glimpse into life on the Colonial frontier in southern Pennsylvania. In 1745, James McCullough purchases a small leather-bound notebook in the port city of Belfast, Ireland. Making the voyage across the Atlantic with him, McCullough would "scratch" his thoughts for the next 15 years into this book, detailing his life as a farmer and linen producer. James McCullough's Book *A Glimpse into Life on the Colonial Frontier* is an interesting read.

All of the books are also found in the YCHC Library & Archives. Also found there are family collections on nearly 8800 families and other valuable resources such as church records, tombstone abstractions and so much more. Check out our website at www.yorkhistorycenter.org for details the YCHC Library & Archives.

A Genealogist is ...

- A full-time detective
- A thorough historian
- An inveterate snoop
- A confirmed diplomat
- A keen observer
- A hardened skeptic
- An apt biographer
- A qualified linguist
- A part-time lawyer
- A studious sociologist
- An accurate reporter
- A hieroglyphics expert
- AND ... A complete nut!

from www.ancestryprinting.com

Calendar of Local Events**Friday, September 2***Lunch with the Librarians: How to Begin Property Research*

Historical Society Museum, 250 East Market Street,
York, PA [12:30 PM to 1:30 PM]

Many property owners want to learn about the history of their property. We'll discuss strategies for beginning your research and the resources available at the Library & Archives for unlocking your property's past. FREE and open to the public. Pre-registration required by Wednesday, August 31st. (contact aeveler@yorkhistorycenter.org)

Monday, September 19*Maryland Land Records*

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

This presentation will teach you how to locate different types of land records, trace the history of land, and discover genealogical information using Maryland Land Records Online (mdlandrec.net).

Sunday, September 25*U.S. Military Ancestors*

Baltimore County Genealogical Society
The Parkville Senior Center, Room 308 (3rd Floor)
8601 Harford Road, Parkville [3 PM]

Dr. Margaret McMahon will talk about how to find ancestors who served in the U.S. Military online and at the Military Archives.

Saturday, October 1*Great-Grandpa Bought a Bridge: Genealogical Scams, Frauds and Hoaxes*

Bucks County Genealogical Society
David Library of the American Revolution
[bucksgen.org] [10 AM-Noon]

Deception in genealogy has a long history. Unfortunately for the modern researcher, the legacy of genealogists who were less than honest may impact the results of our efforts even today. This presentation will evaluate deception in the context of the Genealogical Proof Standard while taking a bemused, retrospective look at some of the more notable scams, frauds, and hoaxes from the past.

Saturday, October 1*Third Annual Family History Festival*

Maryland State Archives
350 Rowe Blvd, Annapolis, MD
[msa.maryland.gov] [Time: TBA]

Visit the Maryland State Archives website for updates on this event.

Friday, October 7*Lunch with the Librarians: What's in Your Genes? DNA and Genealogy Research*

Historical Society Museum, 250 East Market Street,
York, PA [12:30 PM to 1:30 PM]

Have you come to the end of the paper trail in your genealogy research and considered finding out what your DNA may reveal about your family's history? Learn about what DNA may (or may not) tell you about your past, the testing process and cost, and finding relatives through online databases. Pre-registration required by Wednesday, October 5th. (aeveler@yorkhistorycenter.org)

Monday, October 17*Finding Your Ancestors in Maps*

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

Speaker John Siemon will cover the uses for maps in researching family history, plus many places to find detailed maps that show where your ancestors lived.

Sunday, October 23*The Irish Railroad Workers' Museum*

Baltimore County Genealogical Society
The Parkville Senior Center, Room 308 (3rd Floor)
8601 Harford Road, Parkville [3 PM]

Luke McCusker will talk about establishment of the museum, its mission and focus, genealogy activity and the museum's research of the Feeley family, and more.

Saturday, November 12*The 10th Annual Bucks County Ancestry Fair*

Bucks County Genealogical Society
Bucks County Community College, Perkasie, PA
[ancestryfair.org/]

Judy Russell, the "Legal Genealogist", will be the keynote speaker. Visit their website for more details as they become available.



Mid-Atlantic Germanic Society Fall Conference (MAGS)

Wyndham Garden Hotel, York, PA [magsgen.com]

Friday, October 21

[1 PM – 4 PM]

Beyond the Pension File

What's Not in the Pension File: Finding Documents That Tell the Rest of the Story

Anyone whose ancestor served in the U.S. military prior to World War I is likely to have checked to see if that ancestor received a pension. While the pension files are a treasure trove of information they do not contain all of the documents related to your pensioner ancestor. Looking beyond those staples of family history can lead you to amazing discoveries. With that in mind, the Mid-Atlantic Germanic Society (MAGS) brings you an informative new workshop "Beyond the Pension File."

What records will you learn about?

- Pension Appeals Files
- Pension Bureau Correspondence Files
- Pension Bureau Investigations of Pension Fraud
- Disabled Veterans' Homes

Through an interactive session, the workshop instructor will introduce attendees to each series of records. After introducing the files, the instructor will discuss examples of documents found among the records. Attendees will examine copies of records and talk about what information they find in the records. And, finally the attendees will see a selection of visual images and discuss how those images might enhance their ancestor's story.

Who should attend? ...

Anyone who has an ancestor who received a pension for military service in the War of 1812 through the Spanish-American War.

The number of participants will be limited to 25.

Saturday, October 22

[8:30 AM – 4 PM]

Focusing on Our German Heritage

MAGS presents our fall conference with the following topics and speakers.

German Gazetteers: Geographic Dictionaries to Your Rescue!
Dr. Fritz Juengling

This presentation will show how to use the following gazetteers in tandem to find virtually any village now or once in Germany: Meyers Orts- und Verkehrs-Lexikon des deutschen Reichs; Gemeindelexikon für das Königreich Preußen; Kartenmeister.com; Map Guide to German Parish Registers.

Finding a German Heimat Online

James M. Beidler

Researching your ancestors deep into Germany simply doesn't happen unless you know the name of the village of origin. This presentation will review the sources to tie your immigrant to a Heimat and then find the village and its records.

German Guilds and Their Records: Filling in the Gaps for Missing Church Registers

Dr. Fritz Juengling

This class will cover the purposes organization of guilds, various records types kept by guilds and how these can be used to fill gaps or extend research. Some discussion of occupations will also be given.

Practical and Social Decisions for Emigration to America: Beyond the Obvious Reasons

Dr. Fritz Juengling

Millions of Germans emigrated to other lands and their reasons for doing so are varied. Some reasons are obvious, others less so. In this presentation, using a case study, we will learn about a less well known sociological reason for emigration.

For more information visit the MAGS website.

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Time-lapse Tools for Genealogy

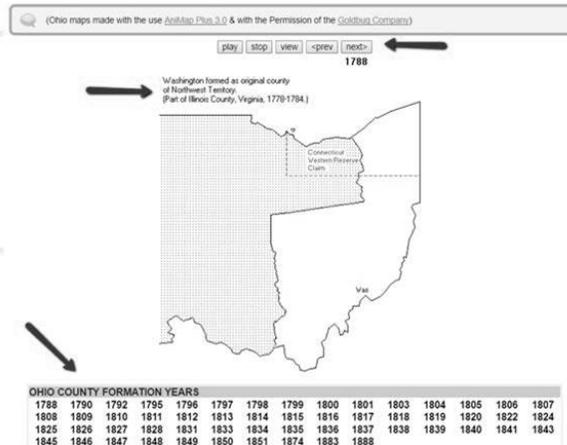
from Lisa Louise Cooke's Genealogy Gems
(<http://lisalouisecooke.com/blog/page/2/>); July 18, 2016

As a genealogist, I am constantly in search of county records. So many times, county lines or boundaries changed. I even have one family that lived on the same farm, but technically resided in three different counties over a period of about 50 years. We can't possibly know when each county of any given state was formed or created, until now that is.

One of my favorite tools for discovering county changes over time is the MapofUS.org website. You can find a map of each of the fifty states and run the interactive formation sequence.

For example, the Ohio map begins in 1788. It indicates the one county in the Northwest Territory (today's Ohio) at that time. Washington County was formed as the original county of the Northwest Territory and was created from part of Illinois County, Virginia. That's another reason I love these interactive maps. With the creation of each county, the map indicates from which parent county or counties it was formed. This is a great help for genealogy research. When I can't find my targeted

Interactive Map of Ohio County Formation History



Ancestor in the county I thought they should be in, I can determine when the county was formed and from what parent county or counties it was formed from. Then, I can quickly determine the other locations that may have records I need.

In addition to the interactive time-lapse maps, each state has a list of other helpful maps that may be of interest to you. Maps can give us a bigger picture of our county, our state, our country, and even the world. These tools help us picture our ever-changing world.