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## UPCOMING MEETINGS

**Sunday, August 25, 2019**

### **“Revolutionary Rarity”: Continental Currency Printed in York**

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.

This program presented by Bart Stump focuses on the five million dollars of Continental Currency chock full of iconic imagery and thought-provoking mottoes that was printed while Continental Congress used York Town, Pennsylvania as the fledgling nation's capital for nine months. Heavily counterfeited by the British, the April 1778 Yorktown issue of Continental Currency was recalled, and the majority of the bills destroyed. The surviving bills, due to their rarity, are now some of the most collectible pieces of Continental Currency.

**Sunday, October 6, 2019**

### **Never Built ... The Town of Pleasant Garden and Other Curiosities**

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.

The files of the York County History Center contain an old hand-drawn plan of the Town of Pleasant Garden. The town has named streets and contains 175-lots, however it is not dated. This town was never built, and until this research, the planned location was unknown. This presentation focuses on the methods used in the discovery of the planned location for the Town of Pleasant Garden; by using a case study of researching land ownership history in the location where the town was to have been built in the late 1700s. The other curiosities deal with a bridge and a railroad; both planned, but never built. The planned 1793 river bridge, between York and Lancaster Counties, may have been the reason the Town of Pleasant Garden as drawn up in the first place. In the last months of the Civil War a new railroad was surveyed through this region of eastern York County. This railroad was to parallel the canal south from Wrightsville and pass through Long Level. If that railroad would have been built, through lands of the planned Town of Pleasant Garden, maybe we would have that town today. This program will be presented by Stephen Smith.

**Sunday, November 3, 2019**

### **Using DNA Test Results in Genealogical Research**

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.

This program will be presented by Richard Konkel.

**Sunday, January 5, 2020**

### **Share Your Findings**

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.

Tell us about an unusual or “hidden” resource that you have used in your genealogical research. This is an audience participation meeting.

### **2019-2020 SCPGS Officers**

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

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Thanks also go to those who served in appointed board positions during the past year and will continue to do so in the 2019-2020 year:

Cynthia Hartman, Director of Publications and newsletter editor  
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### **Have you visited our website [scpgs.org](http://scpgs.org)?**

On our website you will find information about our upcoming meetings and events, a complete listing of our Special Publications, Henry James Young Award Recipients, as well as links to resources.

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### **REMINDER to Renew Your Membership**

Our membership year ended on June 30<sup>th</sup>, if you haven't already ... please pay your dues soon (the renewal form was in the March/April newsletter). If we do not receive your annual dues by September 1<sup>st</sup>, you will no longer receive this newsletter or the Special Publications, or enjoy the other benefits of membership.

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### **His Hers and Ours**

from Michael John Neill's Genealogy Tip of the Day  
August 3, 2019

There's a reasonable chance that your ancestor's family of origin was a "his, hers, and ours" family. Death of a spouse during their childbearing years was not all that unusual before 1900 and for economic or social reasons, a widow/er with children frequently chose to marry again.

### **In Memory**

We are saddened to report the recent death of a fifty-one year, life-member of South Central Pennsylvania Genealogical Society.

Genevieve Louise Renkin, known by everyone as "Jenne," passed away on Friday, June 21, 2019. She was 71 years of age. Jenne was a lifelong resident of Lancaster and a nurse's aide at Lancaster General Hospital for 48 years. Her biggest passion was genealogy, and she helped hundreds of people research their family histories. She was a Life Member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Daughters of the American Colonies, the Daughters of 1812, the National Genealogical Society, Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania, and many more. Jenne was a Walking Tour Guide for the Historic Lancaster Walking Tour for over 40 years, and volunteered for LancasterHistory.org and the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society.



Jenne was preceded by her parents William S. and Genevieve Conklin Renkin and her brother William Matthew Renkin; and survived by sister Elizabeth "Betty" Jane Renkin of Pittsburg, California; nephew William Anthony Renkin and sister-in-law Elaine Renkin, both of Levittown, PA.

*from Sue McClure, Regent Donegal Chapter DAR ...*  
Jenne joined DAR as a Junior in December 1968. She served as Donegal Chapter Librarian June 2001 thru October 2008 and again July 2016 thru June 2019. Jenne was always willing to help with chapter projects and assisted many with researching genealogy. She knew the local history and was very entertaining when presenting it. She was passionate about the projects she believed in and pursued them until satisfied. Donegal Chapter will miss her.

That may have resulted in a family where some children were the husband's by a first marriage, some children were the wife's by a previous marriage, and some resulted from their marriage to each other. Sometimes records will make this clear. Other times it will not. Keep yourself open to this possibility.

And it's also possible that there was a child that resulted from a relationship outside of a marriage.

**From the President**

Richard Konkel

**European Origins of the Hershner Family of York County, Pennsylvania**

Two brothers, German emigrants, Johannes (John) and Lorentz (Lawrence) Hershner settled in York County, Pennsylvania in the mid-1700s. The emigration record for Johannes Herschener arriving in 1741 to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on the Ship *St. Mark*, is well documented in Strassburger & Hinke, *Pennsylvania German Pioneers*, Volume I: pages 296, 298, 299. For many years this researcher assumed that his brother Lorentz was on the same ship, but was under the age of 16 and therefore did not have to sign the required oaths of allegiance to the British Crown. Recent research has proven this to be in error, and in fact Johann Lorentz Herschinger emigrated in 1748 on the Ship *Edinburgh*, but his signature was erroneously transcribed over the years as "Johan Lorentz Herschfenger," when the surname was actually written as Herschsinger.

The fact that these two men were brothers is established by the 1761 York County probate of the unrecorded German language will of John Hershner:

*"John Hershner made his Will [1 February 1761]. Teste George Philip Lantz Sworn saith that he wrote another Will and therein order'd that his Wife should sell the Land & all when she would & how she would & do what she would with it as if it were her own, afterwords came Lawrentz Hershner Brother of the Decd and John Order'd this Witness to read the Will which he did & Lawrentz said it could not be so to sell the Place when there was no Debt & thereupon John Order'd him to write the Will that is hereunto annexed which he did and the said John Sign'd his mark to it and this Witness subscribed his Name & such, and saw Willm Baker and Lorentz Herschner subscribe as Witnesses."*

In recent years, among the many German church records made available and indexed online by ancestry.com are the records listed for "Bayern, am Berg und Weisenheim 1718-1906." These are actually the evangelische [Protestant/Lutheran] *Kirchenbuch* [church records] for Bobenheim am Berg, Landkreis Bad Dürkheim, Rheinland-Pfalz. These records start in 1718 and are somewhat sparse for the first few years. This area suffered heavily during the 1600s and 1700s from repeated invasions from France. The second marriage recorded in the *Kirchenbuch* is the following:

26 July [1718] married after 3 times proclamation in Bobenheim Johann Georg Herrschinger, *Weber* (weaver) son of Georg Herrschinger also *Weber* from the Sulzbach Principality Lutheran religion with Anna Clara Mos daughter of the deceased N. Mos of Bobenheim Pontif [Roman Catholic] Religion.

Besides this marriage record, this church record has the baptisms of seven children from 1719 to 1734. A Johann Lorentz Herrschinger was born in 1723 who appears to be a good fit with the emigrant to York County, Pennsylvania. There is not a baptism for Johannes Herrschinger, but he is probably one of the older children, born 1720 or before, and given the incomplete nature of the early church records his baptism is not of record. It should be noted that some of the baptismal sponsors for Herrschinger children in Bobenheim are named Trump. These are probably relatives of the current President of the United States. The President's direct ancestor Johannes Trump was born in 1789 in Bobenheim am Berg and moved to nearby Kallstadt where the President's emigrant grandparents were born.

Bobenheim am Berg is presently part of the German state of Rheinland-Pfalz (Rhineland-Palatinate). In the 18<sup>th</sup> century when the Herrschinger family was living there, it was part of the territories of the House of Leiningen. The marriage of Johann Georg Herrschinger and Anna Clar Mos mentions him being from the Sulzbach Principality. This was not some nearby territory. It is about 220 miles (354 kilometers) East of Bobenheim am Berg in the Oberpfalz region of the present German State of Bavaria, near the Czech border. In order to do further research on this family, the professional services of German genealogist Sabine Schleichert of Munich, Germany (website [www.ggrs.com](http://www.ggrs.com)) were retained. The old principality of Pfalz-Sulzbach was fairly small, and Ms. Schleichert was able to locate a Hirschinger family of linen weavers in the small village of Högen, now part of Weigendorf D-91249, Oberpfalz, Bavaria, Germany. The Lutheran church records for Högen are found in the nearby parish of Etzelwang, D-92268 which are now at the Lutheran Church Archives in Nürnberg, Germany.

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## Generation I

**Georg Hirschinger** born circa 1650 died before 1721, Högen, Oberpfalz, Bavaria, Germany. Occupation: *Leinwebermeister* (master linen weaver). Married first before 1671. Married second 20 November 1708, evangelische Kirche Etzelwang, Oberpfalz, Bavaria.

Married first **Catharina NN** born circa 1653 died 5 February 1707, age 54, Ernhüll, [D-91249 Weigendorf], Oberpfalz, Bavaria.

Married second **Anna NN** born circa 1660 died 1721.

The marriage record of Georg Hirschinger and wife Catharina has not been located at this time. They lived from at least 1676 on in the small village of Högen which was divided into an upper and lower part belonging to different parishes. They resided in the upper part which belonged to the parish of Etzelwang. This was in the principality of Pfalz-Sulzbach which is now located in Landkreis Amberg-Sulzbach, Oberpfalz, Bayern (Bavaria).

1. **Johann Balthasar Hirschinger** born circa 1671 died 3 August 1738 age 67, Pommelsbrunn, D-91224, Oberpfalz, Bavaria. Married 18 May 1696, Pommelsbrunn, Oberpfalz, Bavaria. Occupation: *Leinweber* (linen weaver).  
Married **Ursula Reichel** born before 1679.
2. **Anna Dorothea Hirschinger** born 12 July 1676, Högen, Oberpfalz, Bavaria. Baptized 12 July 1676, evangelische Kirche Etzelwang, Sponsor: Fräulein Anna Dorothea, daughter of Herr Christian Knorr von Rosenroth auf Högen, counselor of the Princes of Pfalz-Sulzbach.
3. **Johannes Hirschinger** born 28 September 1677, Högen, Oberpfalz, Bavaria. Baptized 28 September 1677, Etzelwang, D-92268. Sponsor: Johannes, unmarried son of Johannes Arnold, innkeeper "in der Högen". Died 7 January 1733, age 55 yrs 3 mos 8 days, Kirchenreinbach, D-92268 Etzelwang. Married 24 May 1701, Kirchenreinbach, D-92268 Etzelwang. Occupation: *Leinweber* (linen weaver).  
Married **Barbara König** born 1667 died 1745.
4. **Michael Hirschinger** born 5 October 1680, Högen, Oberpfalz, Bavaria. Baptized 5 October 1680, evangelische Kirche Etzelwang. Sponsor: Michael Plüsel, unmarried son of Paul Plüsel, deceased, "in der Högen". Occupation: *Weber* (weaver) in Grosdorff im Darmstädtischen, probably Großendorf, parish Büdingen in Hessen-Darmstadt. Appears as a sponsor for two children of his brother Johann Georg in Bobenheim, in 1726 and 1728.
5. **Barbara Hirschinger** born 21 March 1684, Högen, Oberpfalz, Bavaria. Baptized 21 March 1684, evangelische Kirche Etzelwang. Sponsor: Barbara, unmarried daughter of Balthasar Engelhard, herdsman in Ernhüll. Married 27 April 1706, Ernhüll, D-91249 Weigendorf.  
Married **Johann Bernhard Weber** born 1676 died 1731
6. **Elisabetha Hirschinger** born 2 May 1687, Högen, Oberpfalz, Bavaria. Baptized 2 May 1687, evangelische Kirche Etzelwang. Sponsor: Elisabetha, wife of Johannes Pickel, farmer in Kutscherndorf.
7. **Georg Hirschinger** born 1 December 1689, Högen, Oberpfalz, Bavaria. Baptized 1 December 1689, evangelische Kirche Etzelwang, Sponsor: Georg Schumann, innkeeper in Högen. Died 18 February 1754 (age 64 years 2 months 14 days) Ernhüll, Oberpfalz, Bavaria. Married first 8 February 1717, Etzelwang. Married second 26 April 1745, Etzelwang.  
Married first **Dorothea Atz** born 1683 died 1744  
Married second **Barbara NN** born 1681 died 1754
8. **Johann Georg Hirschinger** 29 June 1692, Högen, Oberpfalz, Bavaria. Baptized 30 June 1692, evangelische Kirche Etzelwang. Sponsor: Johannes Fleischmann, farmer in Büchelberg. Died 27 November 1752, Bobenheim am Berg, Bad Dürkheim, Rheinland-Pfalz. Buried 29 November 1752, Bobenheim. Occupation: *Leinweber* (linen weaver). Married 26 July 1718, evangelische Kirche Bobenheim am Berg, Bad Dürkheim, Rheinland-Pfalz.

Married **Anna Clara Mos** born 27 May 1696, Bobenheim am Berg, Bad Dürkheim, Rheinland-Pfalz.  
 Baptized 27 May 1696, Roman Catholic Church, Neuleiningen, B.A. Frankental. Rheinland-Pfalz.  
 Daughter of Georg Mos and Maria Barbara.

9. **Johannes Hirschinger** born 25 August 1696, Högen, Oberpfalz, Bavaria. Baptized 25 August 1696, Högen, Oberpfalz, Bavaria. Because of feebleness, the child was first baptized by the midwife Anna Übelacker, and then by the Pastor. Sponsor: Johannes, son of Johannes Übelacker, deceased herdsman on the Grasberg, currently farm-hand at the farm in Thonhof, parish Fürnried.

## Generation II

**Johann Georg Hirschinger (Georg<sup>I</sup>)** born 29 June 1692, Högen, Oberpfalz, Bavaria. Baptized 30 June 1692, evangelische Kirche Etzelwang. Sponsor: Johannes Fleischmann, farmer in Büchelberg. Died 27 November 1752, Bobenheim am Berg, Bad Dürkheim, Rheinland-Pfalz. Buried 29 November 1752, Bobenheim. Occupation: *Leinweber* (linen weaver). Married 26 July 1718, evangelische Kirche Bobenheim am Berg, Bad Dürkheim, Rheinland-Pfalz.

Married **Anna Clara Mos** born 27 May 1696, Bobenheim am Berg, Bad Dürkheim, Rheinland -Pfalz.  
 Baptized 27 May 1696, Roman Catholic Church, Neuleiningen, B.A. Frankental. Rheinland-Pfalz.  
 Daughter of Georg Mos and Maria Barbara.

Johann Georg Hirschinger migrated about 220 miles West from his place of birth to settle in Bobenheim am Berg which was then in the territories of the Prince of Leiningen-Dagsburg-Hardenburg but is now in Landkreis Bad Dürkheim in the present German state of Rheinland-Pfalz. His marriage to Anna Clara Mos who was Roman Catholic is somewhat out of the ordinary for the time. Two of their sons appear to be emigrants to Pennsylvania and early settlers of York County, Pennsylvania who have left many descendants.

1. **Johannes Herrschinger (John Hershner)** born circa 1718-1720, Bobenheim am Berg, Bad Dürkheim, Rheinland-Pfalz. Died February 1761, Windsor Township, York County, Pennsylvania. Emigrated 1741 on the Ship *St. Mark*, William Wilson, Master, from Rotterdam but last from Cowes. Signed oath of allegiance 26 September 1741 in Philadelphia as Johannes Herschener. Strassburger & Hinke, *Pennsylvania German Pioneers* I: 296, 298, 299. Married at First Reformed Church, Lancaster, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania 8 January 1745 by Rev. Caspar Ludwig Schnorr.

Married **Anna Christina Paulus** born 27 May 1725, Essenheim, Mainz-Bingen, Rheinland-Pfalz. Died after December 1793, York County, Pennsylvania. Daughter of Johann Michael Paulus and Anna Catharina Degen. Emigrated with her family and many others from Essenheim in 1742 on the Ship *Loyal Judith*.

2. **Susanna Margretha Hershinger** born 27 December 1719, Bobenheim am Berg, Bad Dürkheim, Rheinland-Pfalz. Baptized 31 December 1719, evangelische Kirche Bobenheim am Berg, Bad Dürkheim, Rheinland-Pfalz. Sponsors: Susanna Maria Fleischmannin a weaver's wife of Kallstadt, Maria Margaretha NN baker's wife of Lammersheim and Hans Michel Kinkel of Herlheim.
3. **Elisabetha Maria Herrschinger** born 3 April 1722, Bobenheim am Berg, Bad Dürkheim, Rheinland-Pfalz. Baptized 7 April 1722, evangelische Kirche Bobenheim am Berg, Bad Dürkheim, Rheinland-Pfalz. Sponsors: Valentin Kip, Gerber of Kleinkarlebach, Anna Elisabetha Hungin of Bobenheim, and Maria Margr. Trumpin of Bobenheim. Died 14 May 1722, Bobenheim am Berg, Bad Dürkheim, Rheinland-Pfalz. Buried 15 May 1722, Bobenheim am Berg, Bad Dürkheim, Rheinland-Pfalz.
4. **Johann Lorentz Herrschinger (Lawrence Hershner)** born 5 August 1723, Bobenheim am Berg, Bad Dürkheim, Rheinland-Pfalz. Baptized 8 August 1723, evangelische Kirche Bobenheim am Berg, Bad Dürkheim, Rheinland-Pfalz. Sponsors: Joh. Lorenz Kohl son of Matthaues Kohl of Bobenheim, Johannes Trump of Bobenheim, and Maria Margaretha Kramer daughter of Philipp Kramer of Bobenheim. Died 1779, Windsor Township, York County, Pennsylvania. Buried at Canadochly Union Church Cemetery, Lower Windsor Township, York County, Pennsylvania. Emigrated 1748 on the Ship *Edinburgh*, James Russel, Master from Rotterdam, but last from Portsmouth, Signed as Johan Lorentz Herschinger. Strassburger & Hinke, *Pennsylvania German Pioneers* Volume I, list 117C p. 372. Married first 5 September 1747, evangelische Kirche Bobenheim am Berg, Bad Dürkheim, Rheinland-Pfalz.

Married first **Susanna Margaretha Zimmermann** daughter of the School Master Zimmermann. She may have died while emigrating. She does not appear in any records in York County.

Married second **Maria Salome NN** died circa 1827, Shrewsbury Township, York County, Pennsylvania

5. **Infant Herrschinger** born 9 May 1726, Bobenheim am Berg, Bad Dürkheim, Rheinland-Pfalz. Baptized 12 May 1726, evangelische Kirche Bobenheim am Berg, Bad Dürkheim, Rheinland-Pfalz. Sponsors: Michel Herrschinger, *Weber* (weaver) of Grosdorff im Darmstädtischen (probably Großendorf, part of the parish of Büdingen, Hessen-Darmstadt) Margaretha Trumpin wife of Nicolaus Trump of Bobenheim; Maria Margretha wife of Peter Wagner of Tieffenthal.
6. **Michel Mattheus Herschinger** born 18 April 1728, Bobenheim am Berg, Bad Dürkheim, Rheinland-Pfalz. Baptized 25 April 1728, evangelische Kirche Bobenheim am Berg, Bad Dürkheim, Rheinland-Pfalz. Sponsors: Michel Herschinger paternal uncle, *Weber* (weaver) from the Darmstadt territories; Matthes Kohl *des Gerichts* (of the Court) of Bobenheim; and Anna Elisabetha Hänigin, widow of Bobenheim.
7. **Infant Herschinger** born 28 May 1731, Bobenheim am Berg, Bad Dürkheim, Rheinland-Pfalz. Baptized 31 May 1731, evangelische Kirche Bobenheim am Berg, Bad Dürkheim, Rheinland-Pfalz. Sponsors: Hans Martin Gans of Battenberg; Hans Michel Kinkel of Herxheim; and Anna or Eva Haffer or Herxheim.
8. **Johann Joseph Herschinger** born 5 October 1734, Bobenheim am Berg, Bad Dürkheim, Rheinland-Pfalz. Baptized 10 October 1734, evangelische Kirche Bobenheim am Berg, Bad Dürkheim, Rheinland-Pfalz. Sponsors: Johann Abraham Schmeid, *Becker* (baker) of Bobenheim; Joseph Nachstill, *Zimmermann* (carpenter); and Anna Catharina Kiessen of Earlebach. Died 8 October 1745, Bobenheim am Berg, Bad Dürkheim, Rheinland-Pfalz. Buried 10 October 1745, Bobenheim am Berg, Bad Dürkheim, Rheinland-Pfalz.

### **Just a Theory**

Judy G. Russell, "Just a theory," The Legal Genealogist (<https://www.legalgenealogist.com/blog> : posted 21 July 2019).

*The dangers of uncritical acceptance ...* There are some really cool tools to be used these days to help analyze our DNA results up against our genealogical tree research. But there's a reason why they have names like *Theory of Family Relativity* (at MyHeritage) or *ThruLines* (at Ancestry) and not *Proof of How We're Related*. And we all need to exercise extreme caution when we review the hints and tips and clues we get from these tools, and not simply accept what they tell us as if it were proven fact.

The simple fact is, every one of these tools uses largely undocumented online family trees to suggest a possible relationship between two people who share some DNA. The less documentation there is in these trees, and the more distant the relationship, the more likely it is that the theory will end up being disproved rather than proved.

*Case in point.* In the new iteration of MyHeritage's *Theory of Family Relativity*, I have a DNA match to an individual who shares less than 10 cM of autosomal DNA. That's a pretty distant match, hard to trace under the best of circumstances. MyHeritage suggests, in its *Theory of Family Relativity*, that this match and I could be fourth cousins once removed through my Johnson line. Yeah. Johnson. Almost as bad as Jones or Smith or Williams.

It begins by suggesting that there's a 100% link between my tree and the tree of another person that includes my mother. I'll buy that one, especially since tree #2 lists her father, my grandfather, with known information. And it climbs that tree to his mother, Martha H. (Johnson) Cottrell, who was born in 1857, and from Mattie to her father Mathew Johnson, my nemesis second great grandfather. Nemesis because I only have a few records — census, marriage, tax — and a possible place of birth, Virginia. No parents, no specific location in Virginia. And a surname of Johnson. Right.

So I'm intrigued to see a link with an assigned 75% confidence level to another Matthew Johnson who's going to be the linchpin in this theory of how I'm related to this DNA match, because this Matthew has a father in the tree where he appears. But there's just one little problem with this Matthew. He died before the birth of the daughter from whom I'm descended. No chance that Mattie is his posthumous daughter. This Matthew died 41 years before Mattie was born. He wasn't born in the same place as my Matthew. He didn't die in the same place as my Matthew.

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### **The Young Center: Preserving and Interpreting the Legacy of Anabaptist and Pietist Groups**

The speaker for our June meeting was Jeff Bach, director of the Young Center. The Young Center was created in 1986 on the campus of Elizabethtown College, and newly expanded this year. The Bucher Meetinghouse was built in 1988 with the interior patterned after the Germantown Church of the Brethren with no pulpit and no raised platform. This meetinghouse is a teaching tool; there is no congregation. The Center interprets the cultural and religious heritage of Anabaptist and Pietist communities to the general public via lectures, seminars, exhibits, and conferences.

The Anabaptist movement began in Zurich in Switzerland in 1525 as an offshoot of the Protestant reformation. These believers didn't want to merely reform the church; they wanted to wholly restore it to its initial purity and simplicity.

Pietism is a movement within Lutheranism that originated in modern Germany in the late 17<sup>th</sup> century. Emphasis on personal transformation through spiritual rebirth and renewal, individual devotion, and piety laid the foundations for the movement. Although the movement initially was active exclusively within Lutheranism, it had a tremendous impact on Protestantism worldwide, particularly in North America and Europe.

When Luther, Zwingli, and others led their movements away from Catholicism, many practices were changed; but infant baptism, the accepted mode for most of Christian history, was not. Baptizing only adults — that is, people who chose to be baptized — was a radical idea that cut at the heart of both church and state. Yet it was just one of many revolutionary ideas typical of a diverse group called Anabaptists.

Other associates of Zwingli didn't feel the Reformation was going far enough. They wanted to do away with the tithe, usury, and military service. Further, some of these radicals wanted a totally self-governing church, free of government interference. Zwingli, who wanted gradual, orderly change, parted ways with them. On January 21, 1525, the Zurich council forbade the radicals from disseminating their views. That wintry evening, in a nearby village, the radicals met — and baptized each other. The name Anabaptist, meaning “rebaptizer,” was later given them by detractors.

After presenting an overview of the Anabaptist and Pietist movements, the speaker discussed the resources available at the Young Center.

The Young Center holdings include journals of George N. Falkenstein, cofounder of Elizabethtown College. As well as early Falkenstein family ledgers (primarily 1830-1840) that identify the neighboring families in York County, some are in English others in German. George's father David and grandfather Jacob Falkenstein were active in the ministry of the Codorus Church of the Brethren.



G. N. Falkenstein

George was considered to be “progressive but acknowledged tradition.”

The Young Center holdings also include family files ... Grumbacher (aka Crumpacker), Bucher and Meyer (from Lebanon County), Wampler (a missionary to China from Virginia), Zug or Zook (Lancaster County) and Willard Good from Waynesboro. Also some congregational files and early records from the Retirement Home at Neffsville called Brethren Village. Brethren congregations were typically terrible record keepers.

The Brethren Historical Library and Archives in Elgin, Illinois is the official repository for Church of the Brethren records ... [www.brethren.org/bhla/](http://www.brethren.org/bhla/)

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So how we get to 75% confidence that he's the same guy is beyond me. Which means that even these very-high-confidence-level suggestions are often going to turn out to be just a theory, with nothing at all except a name in common to produce even a suggested link.

Now don't get me wrong here. I'm going to look at every shred of evidence in every one of these trees and hints and theories on MyHeritage and in every *ThruLine* at Ancestry. I'm looking at enough of a brick wall with Matthew that I'll consider any hint three times before throwing it out. Maybe my tree is wrong. Maybe my Matthew is the son of another Matthew and I'm missing a generation.

But what I can't do — ever — is just accept that the suggested John Johnson born in 1750 is my Matthew's father and drop him into my tree. Because there's a reason why these tools have names like *Theory of Family Relativity* or *ThruLines* and not *Proof of How We're Related*. These are hints and tips and clues — not evidence.

## OUR NAME'S THE GAME

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**Sunday, March 8, 2020**  
**Irish Research**

Join Fintan Mullan and Gillian Hunt from the Ulster Historical Foundation during their annual North American lecture tour to learn how to get the most out of Irish resources and records, gain strategies for breaking down brick walls, and grasp important historical context that may help fill in gaps in your research. Whether you are just beginning your Irish research or have been at it for years, you won't want to miss these workshops!

This meeting will be held at the Historical Society Museum, 250 East Market Street, York. The program is scheduled to begin at 1 PM and last until 5 PM.

This lecture is free to SCPGS members and members of the York County History Center, however, there will be a \$40 charge for non-members.

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### **Looking at Adjacent Records for Your Ancestor's Paper Neighbors**

from Michael John Neill's Genealogy Tip of the Day  
October 24, 2017

When you find a census record, naturalization record, church record, land record, or any record for your ancestor, it's good to look at entries before and after the one you really want. There are several reasons:

- *census and tax records* ... list neighbors – unless they are alphabetical
- *church records* ... compare the one you want to others to see if it's "unique" or not and to get clues to reading handwriting if record is not in your native language
- *naturalization records* ... who was naturalized on the same day as your ancestor
- *land records* ... people may bring in more than one deed at a time to record
- *marriage applications* ... did another couple go with your ancestor to get a license
- *any record* ... see how the clerk filled out similar records to assist in reading and interpreting the one you really want

Never look at a record in isolation. Those paper neighbors to your ancestor can hold clues.