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LOOKING AHEAD

SEPT. 7 - Our September meeting will be held at Christ Lutheran Church, 29 South George Street, York, PA. The business portion of the meeting will begin at 2:15 p.m. At 2:30 p.m. Kathryn (Kay) Wilt will give a presentation about the history of Christ Lutheran and conduct a tour which will allow us to view their numerous antique items and collectables. Christ Lutheran (York) is the oldest Lutheran Congregation in York Co. (1st bapt. recorded, 1733) and has an interesting history. There are few (if any) people around as well versed in history of this Church (and it's members) who could give as interesting a presentation as Kay.

OCT. 5 - The October meeting will be held in the Meeting Hall of The Historical Society of York County. Business portion of the meeting will begin at 3:00 p.m. This will be followed at 3:30 p.m. with a presentation by our guest speaker The Rev. Mr. Frederick S. Weiser, Editor of the Pennsylvania German Society Publication, Pastor of St. Paul's Church in Biglerville, PA, and noted genealogist. The later time scheduling is necessary because of Rev. Weiser's heavy schedule of religious responsibilities on a Sunday. Details of his talk will follow in the September newsletter.

NOTE: Please note the time schedule for both the September and October meetings and plan accordingly.

HOSTETTER FAMILY REUNION

David J. Bachman, 3925 Beech Ave., # 211, Baltimore, MD, 21211, has informed us that, the 24th Annual HOSTETTER FAMILY REUNION will be held at Mt. Lebanon Campmeeting Grounds, Lebanon, PA. It is scheduled for Sunday, September 21, 1980, at 2:00 p.m.

FISHER FAMILY HISTORY

A thank you - to S.C.P.G.S. member Mr. John M. Fisher, 444 North Franklin St., Chambersburg, PA, 17201. Mr. Fisher, on behalf of the Fisher Family Reunion of 1980, has donated to us a copy of his recently completed 136 page history entitled JACOB FAHRNEY FISHER: His descendants, 1838-1980.

GEORGE FAMILY HISTORY

Frances Brundey, Mary Gleason, and Millard George have completed and published THE GEORGE HISTORY, 1752-1979. It deals with the Jost George family of PA and TN, and the allied names: BROOKS, BROYLES, CRUM, FARNSWORTH, FILLERS, PARMAN, GIRDNER, LOVETT, and others. The book is hardback, consists of 251 pages,

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and includes pictures and dicuments. Price is $13.50. If interested in ordering: Mrs. J.W. Gleason, Rt. 8, Box 394, Greeneville, TN, 37743.

RESEARCH COMMITTEE CALENDAR

AUG. 25-30 Mary Helen Emery, Linda Frigm, Kathryn Jordan.
SEPT. 2-6 Gloria Aughenbaugh, Dave Hively, Bill Lightner.
SEPT. 8-13 Ray Bloom, Bill Major, Daisy Wilt.
SEPT. 22-27 Estella Allison, Pat Bryan, Romaine Wills.
SEPT. 29-OCT. 4 Clair Holtzapple, Alfreda Patton, Henry Rhoads.

ABSTRACTS OF WILLS FOR EIGHT PA COUNTIES

The Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania is in the process of having a number of one-of-a-kind documents copied by the Xerox process for its own use. Because these documents(books) are such valuable sources to genealogists doing research in southeastern and central PA, they have offered to have copies made for other Societies and Libraries.

These documents are abstracts of early wills for eight PA Counties, copied by hand many years ago and bound into books, each with complete index, listing the testator, and all names mentioned in the will (usually indicating their relationship), including names of executors, administrators and those making inventories.

Also included in the offer are hand copied abstracts of death and marriage notices appearing in Poulson's Daily Advertiser, 1791 to 1839(Phila. newspaper).

Reproduction will be on archival bond, acid free, paper. It will be two sided and reproduced size for size and bound by standard library binding.

While the price of the total offering is out of reach of most individuals and many smaller Societies and Libraries, cost for purchase of the volumes for a particular county might not be -- thus we are including here the list of offerings. Deadline for ordering is October 15, 1980. Make check payable to The Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania and forward with order to the Society at 1300 Locust Street, Philadelphia, PA, 19107. Add 6% PA Sales Tax if applicable.

	Years Covered	No. of Vols.	Total No. Pg per set	Price
Berks County	1752-1825	2	1608	$195.00
Bucks County	1685-1825	2	1595	$193.00
Chester County	1714-1825	4	2851	$351.00
Cumberland County	1750-1825	2	1207	$152.00
Delware County	1789-1835	2	812	$110.00
Lancaster County	1721-1820	3	1605	$206.00
Montgomery County	1784-1850	2	1006	$130.00
Philadelphia County	1682-1825	11	7866	$967.00
Poulson's Daily Advertiser	1791-1839	7	4913	$605.00

THE S.C.P.G.S. - HOW WE FUNCTION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS. Meets at least once a month (except June/July, unless special need) to manage the affairs of the Society.

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Consists of the following:

President - David P. Hively - The principal executive officer of the Society, who in general, supervises and controls all of the business and affairs of the Society. Elected - 1 yr. term

Vice President - Rosealeen T. Hulshart - Acts in role of President in cases where President is absent or unable to act. Is also in charge of the planning and execution of all programs for monthly scheduled activities. Also, from time to time performs other duties assigned by the President or Board of Directors. Elected - 1 yr. term.

Recording Secretary - Joan L. Klingler - Keeps a record of all minutes and activities of the Society and of the Board of Directors. Also serves as Historian of the Society. Elected - 1 yr. term.

Corresponding Secretary - Linda J. Frigm - Is responsible for processing and answering correspondence to and from the Society. Elected - 1 yr. term.

Treasurer - William L. Lober - Has charge, custody, and responsibility for all funds and securities of the Society. Is bonded. Elected - 2 yr. term.

Directors-at-Large - Rodney W. Trimmer/Richard E. Winemiller- Serve as "watchdogs" of Society affairs and perform various duties while aiding others on the Board of Directors in need of help at various times. Elected - 2 yr. term.

Director-at-Large - Landon Chas. Reisinger (Librarian, The Hist. Soc. of York Co.) - The offical representative of The Historical Society of York County. Aids in providing a cooperative working relationship between the S.C.P.G.S. and The His. Soc. of York Co. and in keeping the S.C.P.G.S. knowledgeable of current activities of historical societies, etc., whose activities are of interest and importance to the S.C.P.G.S. Appointed by The Hist. Soc. of York Co.

Executive Directors:

Director of Public Relations - Gloria L. Aughenbaugh - Is in charge of all publicity of Society activities. Appointed by current President.

Director of Publications - Leonard A. Heilman - Serves as Editor-in-chief of Our Name's The Game and Special Publications. Is responsible for their compilation, typing, printing, and mailing. Is helped by Pat Gross, Rodney Trimmer, Dave Hively, and others in gathering material for publications and in their printing, etc., and mailing. Appointed by current President.

Director of Special Projects - Weldon E. Poff - Is responsible for planning special projects and activities of genealogical interest for the Society and for fund raising projects. Appointed by current President.

THE S.C.P.G.S. - SPEDIAL COMMITTEES/POSITIONS/SERVICES

RESEARCH COMMITTEE - Chairperson Gloria L. Aughenbaugh - This committee of volunteers uses the facilities of the library of The Historical Society of York County to answer correspondence dealing with brief, reasonable requests for genealogical information pertaining mainly to the York/Adams County area.

Requests from both members and non-members are acknowledged and researched ONLY IF accompanied by a SELF ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE. Members requests receive first priority. Also, member requests are given more searching then those of non-members. There is no charge for this volunteer service as long as the request is not complex or lengthy.

Please state requests as clearly and precisely as possible. Any COMPLEX and LENGTHY requests will be answered with a form letter stating that because of the amount of research required we request a donation of $5.00, paid in advance. An unsuccessful search takes as long as a successful one - a good point to remember if a volunteer hasn't succeeded in successfully answering your request. If a large amount of xeroxing is required the correspondent will be informed of the cost involved before it is done.

Non-member requests will only be answered if they are simple ones. Alist of persons willing to do paid research will be sent to those requesting lengthy research.

Even though the Research Committee "officially" concentrates on answering requests for information in the York/Adams County area, we also have members who are willing to do volunteer research in the other counties of south central Pennsylvania. When the Research Committee receives a request for help that cannot be adequately researched at the library of The Historical Society of York County, the request is forwarded to a volunteer in the south central PA area involved. In this case, as with requests for help in the York/Adams Co. area, please remember that the member willing to research your requests are volunteers. Do not expect them to do lengthy research that you should be paying a professional to do for you.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY - Patricia A. Gross - Keeps an up-to-date file of members, their addresses, and telephone numbers. Helps the corresponding secretary answer mail and distribute the mail to the appropriate Society officers. Attends and participates in all meetings of the Board of Directors, but has no vote. Is appointed by the current President. If a member desires to know the names and addresses of other members from their own area (outside of the S.C.P.G.S. area), this is the individual to contact.

RESOURCE PERSONS - As we become aware of them, we list in the newsletter, information about S.C.P.G.S. members willing to serve (without charge) as Resource Persons for members needing help in arears outside of the immediate S.C.P.G.S. area. We ask them not to answer letters unless S.A.S.E. Please remember - these members are willing to share their knowledge/information with, and considerate enough to help other members - do your part in return. Don't expect them to provide you with "mounds" of information you should be paying a "pro" to be doing.

SURNAME RESEARCH SECRETARY - Margaret (Peg) Arnold - Maintains a

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card file of surnames compiled from members survey sheets. If you're researching a particular family and want to know if other members are researching the same name, Peg is the one to contact. When requesting information from Peg, your request should include a SASE.

NEWSLETTER QUERIES - Members of S.C.P.G.S. may have their queries published in our newsletter free of charge (no queries are published for non-members). All queries received from members are published and if a SASE is included, are forwarded to our Research Committee which searches the files of the library of The Historical Society of York County to attempt to provide answers to each query. There is no limit on the number of queries allowed to be submitted. We do, however, reserve the right to limit the length of space provided in a particular newsletter for one individuals queries. We ask that you let common sense prevail when constructing queries - keep them brief and "to the point".

THE S.C.P.G.S. - CURRENT PROJECTS

The September issue will include a report on our current projects.

QUERIES

Would like to exchange information with anyone searching the LAUNIUS/LAUNIS (and other spellings) family. Will answer all letters. Lula M. Harmon, Cardwell, MO, 63829.

Seeking info. concerning HARMAN/HERMAN families who lived in or near Abbottstown (border of Adams and York Co., PA). Henry HERMAN mar. Elizabeth ___?___ and d. Abbottstown 4/06/1787. Son George HARMAN mar. Elizabeth BALTZLEY and d. Abbottstown ca. 11/22/1816. S. George HARMAN, Jr., mar. Christiana DICK and d. Abbottstown 11/09/1852. George, Jr's. S., Alexander mar. Elizabeth HALE and d. Abbottstown 12/12/1906. Will gladly exchange information with any interested party. B.G. Herman, 5750 Foxdale, Memphis, TN, 38118.

Need par. and ch. of Adam RUPERT, b. PA. ca. Jan. 1783, d. Henderson Twp., Huntingdon Co., PA, 17 June 1866, bur. Goodman Cem., Huntingdon Co. Mar, 1st. Catherine FOUST/FAUST, 1st. ch. Elizabeth b. Cumberland Co., PA, 2 Dec. 1806. Mar. 2nd. Mary CROUSE (widow MILLER). Frederick R. Rupert, Sr., 4855 Jellett St., San Diego, CA, 92110.

Wish to correspond with anyone researching fam. of Frederick SCHAEFFER (1747-1800) and w. Susannah (1747-1817) of Dover Twp., York Co., PA. Both bur. Paradise Ch. (Luth.), Dover Twp. Where are early records of church? A s., Jacob, went to KY. Dau., Sarah (1783-1839) mar., 1804, York, Johannes CHRIST, s. of Johannes and Sarah, and ca. 1815, moved to Fowblesburg, Balt. Co., MD, and kept the Blue Ball Tavern on the Hanover Pike. Have partial info. on ch. of Johannes and Sarah SCHAEFFER CHRIST. Michael A. Ports, 1014 Cedar Ridge, Annapolis, MD, 21403.

QUERIES(Cont.)

Info. wanted on James SHARTZER, b. 11 July 1817, York Co., PA. Mar. 1st. Sarah GIPPLE. Mar. 2nd., 18 Sept. 1842, at Dauphin, Elizabeth MINSKER, b. 1822, Cumberland Co., PA. Betty Roehm Massman, Route 1 - Box 442B, Cary, IL, 60013.

Wish to contact desc. of Peter and Catherine WIEGER/WEIGER. Peter b. ca. 1828, Prussia, d. 11 Feb. 1892, Steelton, PA. Catherine b. 6 July 1841, Baden, Ger., d. 1 June 1928, Louisville, KY. Both bur. Mt. Calvary Cem., Harrisburg, PA. Lived in Columbia, Harrisburg, and Steelton, PA, areas. Known ch.: Anna, b. 1864; Margaret, b. 1867/8; Elizabeth, b. 1869; Frank J., b. 1870; Lina, b. 1873; Peter A., b. 1875; Joseph C., b. 1875; Gertrude, b. 1879; George C., b. 1882; and Caecilia, b. 1885. Dau's. mar. into HUTTINGER, HETZEL, and BRUCK families. Welcome info. from <u>any</u> WIEGER family. Patricia Ashley Wieger, 2314 Pikes Peak Blvd., Louisville, KY, 40214.

Searching for info. on par. of Michael SWARTZ/SCHWARTZ, b. 27 Feb. 1767, Germantown, PA. Tradition says Michael's ancestor died at sea and the mother came on to PA. Did she remarry or remain a widow?

Also seeking info. on par. of Catherine SHEETS/SCHEETZ, b. 15 Aug. 1777, near Harrisburg, PA. Elsie Swartz Eberhart, 4141 N. Rockton Ave., Rockford, IL, 61103.

Seeking info. on Granville G. JACKSON, b. 22 May 1819, Priv. Co. D 87th. Regt. PA (Civil War), Trustee (1869) United Brethren in Christ Ch., Winterstown, York Co., PA, par. Abraham and Priscilla (CLAYTON) JACKSON. Name of W. unknown. Ch.: Sarahan, b. 10 Aug. 1846; Henry, b. 16 April 1848; Mary; Priscilla, b. 9 May 1855; Elizlph, b. 13 Apr. 1857; John A., b. 26 Apr. 1866.

Also seeking info. on John C. SCHROM/SHROM, Priv. Co. B 87th. Regt. PA (Civil War) and believed to have been from York New Salem (York Co., PA) area. John b. 28 Apr. 1833, d. 29 Feb. 1896, bur. Prospect Hill Cem., York, PA. 1st. w. Sevilla ___?___. 2nd. w. Mary JACKSON. Sandra S. Ludwig, Route 2 Box 38, Dallastown, PA, 17313.

Elbridge GERRY was s. of Dr. James GERRY of Shrewsbury (York Co.), PA. B. 18 Oct. 1836, he practiced medicine in Shrewsbury. Was he related to Gov. Elbridge Gerry of MA? His sister, Mary Elizabeth, mar. David Christian EBERHART, dentist and minister of Shrewsbury. Answer all letters about GERRY and EBERHART. Mrs. Bill T. Crawford, 802 So. Edgewood, Columbia, MO, 65201.

Who were par. of Catherine HINDEL/HEINKLE/etc., who mar. Christian CROMBLING/GRAMLING/CROMLEY. Res. Windsor/Hopewell Twps., York Co., PA. She d. 1834. Christian said to be United Brethren minister.

Also wish info on Henry TODD of Franklin Co., PA. Will made

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1806, w. Lettice, s. John, dau. Dorcas, Martha, Mary, Lettice, Isabella. Will Exchange. Mrs. Charles M. Ross, 208 South Union Street, Kennett Square, PA, 19348.

Would like to correspond and exchange info. on the KOPPENHEFFER/COPENHAVER family. Dick Thayer, 844 Lewis Ave., Billings, MT, 59101.

Need info. on John Garret CRAMER(CREMER-CRAMOR-CRAYMORE-KRAMER), b. ?, d. 15 Mar. 1817, Clermont Co., OH, and w. Mary BOENISH(BOENICK-BOENICKE-BONIX-BONEX), b. 19 Apr. 1762, d. 30 Sept. 1841, Clermont Co., OH. Were in PA, 1786, and KY, 1792. Believed to have been in Frederick Co., MD, 1790. Ch.: Adam, b. 1 Mar. 1779, PA; John, Jr., b. PA; Sarah(Salome), b. 10 May 1786, PA; David, b. 5 Dec. 1789; Daniel; Margaret; Susanah; Mary, b. 1792, KY; Nancy, Jacob. Members of German Baptist Ch. in Ohio early 1800s. Prior Ch. affiliation not known. Wilbur C. DeSelms, 2732 Cambridge Ct., Oklahoma City, OK, 73116.

Need w. of Tobias HENDRICKS of York Co., PA. He was nephew and cousin of Tobias, Sr., and Tobias, Jr., of Lancaster and Cumberland Co., PA. His w. mar. 2nd., by 1752, James Morrow HODGINS. Also-Theodate HUSSEY mar. 1st., 1736, Joseph SEAL, and 2nd., 1740, Robert HODGINS. Was she the mother of Mary SEAL who mar., 1755, Samuel HENDRICKS? Myrtelle W. Molyneaux, 4701 East Ocean Blvd., Long Beach, CA, 90803.

Thomas BERWICK, b. 1740, came to LA from PA. Mar. Eleanor WALLACE, 1768, and had 9 ch. btwn. 1769/87: Mary(Polly); Thomas; Cambria; Agnes Imogene; Eleanor W; Elmer; Joseph; Rebecca; and Ann Dawson BERWICK. Was Thomas s. or neph. of Thomas BERWICK, York Co., PA, who with M. Swoope and J. Chambers, 1-29-1754, and estate of Wm. Langley (Scott-Abstracts from PA Gazette 1748/55, p. 270), and with w. Ann, inherited prop. from bro. Richard BARWICK-(Will, Sept., 1734) along with bro. Edward. In Complication of settlement another bro., John, is mentioned along with Edward's son, John. Settlement took place in 1752(Mayhill-Lanc. Co., PA, Deed Abstracts, p. 29). Mrs. Evelyn B. Crock, 133 Alexander, Greensburg, PA, 15601.

Would like to exchange info. regarding the MARR/MARRS family of PA. William MARR/S of York, PA, had s. John (b. ?) who lived in King or Prince William Co., VA, in 1760. John mar. ___?___, and had s. Hugh and William. Hugh's ch.: Alex; James; Sam; Catherine (b. Wilkes Co., GA, 1794). William, b. 1750, Augusta Co., VA, d. Logan Co., KY in 1822, mar. 2nd. Elender ___?___, and had ch.: Peggy; Mary; Ginnie; Betsy; Sally; Hugh; Mahala; Minerva; William; James; Isaac. Isaac (b. 1779, VA, d. 1850's, AR) mar. cousin Catherine, Sept. 1802, Logan Co., KY. Their ch.: John, Hugh, William, Jane, Catherine, Franklin, Andrew Jackson (all b. KY), James, Alex, Rosanna, Eliz., Andrew (all b. AR). Isaac and Catherine settled in AR, 1817/20. S. Andrew Jackson MARRS mar. Martha DANLEY in Barry

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Co., MO, and d. 1898, Newton Co., MO. Mrs. Connie S. Lawson, 223 Dryden Drive, Vallejo, CA, 94590.

Seeking info. on George SPAHR (b. ca. 1772, poss. York Co., PA, d. 1 Apr. 1831, Crawford Co., OH) & w. Catherine GUYER (b. 31 Aug. 1776, PA) who lived Cumberland Co., PA, 1815/29. Known ch.: Jesse, b. 3 Mar. 1800; Elizabeth, b. 1804; Moses, b. 24 May, 1806; Mary Ann, b. ca. 1805; Catherine, b. 1808; George, b. 1810; Benjamin, b. 22 Feb. 1818. Yvonne S. Erickson, 7506 Widgeon Way, Fair Oaks, CA, 95628.

Need info. on par. of Andrew FORTENBAUGH (b. Sept. 1765, d. 12 Dec. 1822, bur. Miller Burial Ground, Smoketown, York Co., PA) & w. Anna KISTER (b. Nov. 1764, d. 20 June 1844). Marjorie Deal, 3362 Ashwood Way, Soquel, CA, 95073.

Need background info. on Balthaser FAUST/FOUST, b. ca. 1758, d. 1826, York Co., PA. Also need info. on his w. Eva FISHEL/FISEL, dau of Frederick. Did Frederick establish the FISHEL Cem. in Glen Rock, York Co., PA? I have tombstone inscription for Eva FAUST in German trans., b. 1791, d. 1815. Need to know Cem. ?? Will exchange Foust info and reimburse postage. Timmie Berkey Walsmith, 919 Via Fedora, Santa Maria, CA, 93455.

According to a copy of a letter written by a PA genealogist in 1902, there was a "FRYSINGER Church" in York Co., PA. Does anyone know anything about it? Mr. Donald L. Kear, 1706 Darst Ave., Dayton, OH, 45403.

Seeking information on Christian and Barbara (Smoker) HESS, lived in Williamstown, Lanc. Co., PA, in the late 1700s and early 1800s, thence to Iowa. Ch.: Samuel Smoker Hess, b. 1835; Clinton Hess, b. ca. 1836; John Randolph Hess, b. 1837; Mariah Hess, b. ca. 1840, (all b. in Lancaster Co.). Elda Hess Anderson, Apt. 13, 22 Pajaro Circle, Salinas, CA, 93901.