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LOOKING AHEAD

The tentative meeting dates for the society's 1988-1989 fiscal year are as listed below:

October 2	February 5	May 7
November 6	March 5	June 4
December 4	April 2	

These dates are subject to change. Note that programs are not scheduled for September and January. The programs and meeting sites will be listed in future newsletters. As now planned the October meeting will not feature a speaker, but will be a "variety" meeting, including Questions and Answer" and "Sharing" periods. Also, some materials the SCPGS has accumulated will be available without charge to any interested persons. For those who are interested, tours will be given of the new library at The Historical Society of York County. Most likely most other portions of the extensively remodeled Historical Society of York County will not be finished by the October meeting.

LIBRARY OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF YORK COUNTY

As planned, the new library of The Historical Society of York County will be the first portion of the society's extensively remodeled building to be available for public use. Tentative plans are to have the library closed to the public during the last two weeks of August so that the library materials can be moved from the present temporary quarters. If there would be a delay, the closing might run into September. Any researcher planning to use the library during the last half of August or the first half of September should call before coming. The phone number is (717) 848-1589.

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT - SOME GENEALOGICAL TIPS

County Histories. County histories were written as money making projects. People paid to have an article in the book about themselves and usually submitted their own material. Hence most articles never contain any negative information. Many times people gave information that was a family tradition and it may have gotten mixed up over the years. These works are a good base for beginning genealogical research, but are not considered a primary proof.

Maps. Be sure to check any old maps that you can find for the area that you are researching. Check boundary lines, as a person could live in the same location and be part of several different townships or counties. From about 1850 to 1910 there were maps published that showed the names of the people living in each home. Ancestral homes can sometimes be located by finding the same location (that contained a name) on a modern map.

Glass tax. This tax was taken by the Federal Government in 1798. It contains many of the following items: number of acres owned, size and construction of buildings, number of stories, doors, and windows, adjoining properties, owners, and tenants. Do you realize that many families in 1798 lived in a house about the size of what today would be a large living room?

REUNION

The 261st Anniversary of the Hartzell's in America 6th National Reunion will be held 21 August 1988 at 1:00 p.m. until ? at Bender's Church near Biglerville and north of Gettysburg, PA. Dinner at 4:00 p.m. Chicken Bar-b-que and all the trimmings - $7.50 per person - 6-12 yrs. $4.00 and under 6 free. Deadline August 15, make checks payable to George L. Hartzell, Pres., 5125 Lincoln Way East, Fayetteville, PA 17222 or I. Clifford Hartzell, Treas., 160 Queen St., Arendtsville, PA 17303. Also, genealogists will be on hand Saturday 20 August 1988 at Harold's Antique Shop, West York St., Biglerville, PA 17307 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and at the reunion. Bring your problems and information. Friends and Relatives welcome.

RESOURCE PERSON

This member is wiling to help other members needing research assistance in the area designated:

MISSOURI - St. Louis area - will research MO records in our local facilities. Our Society's library emphasis is on MO. Mrs. Dolly C. Anderson, 1037 Hansom Dr., St. Louis, MO 63137.

HIVELY'S GENEALOGICAL NOTES

Guide to Records of the Court of Common Pleas, Chester County, Pennsylvania 1681-1900 can be purchased from the Chester County Archives. This guide is a comprehensive finding aid to the historic civil court records of Chester County. These include records of the prothonotary, civil records of the sheriff, and select civil records of the Circuit Court of Chester County and the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania that are maintained by the Chester County Archives.

The following sections are included in the guide:

HISTORY--traces the history of the PA courts of common pleas, with emphasis on Chester County;

EXPLANATION OF LEGAL PROCESS--outlines the steps in civil cases from their first appearance in court through judgment and execution, with a look at the various officials involved;

FLOW CHART--shows the steps in a debt case;

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS--describes each of the 116 types of common pleas records maintained by the Chester County Archives, noting the information contained in each, the arrangement, and the indexing;

GLOSSARY: defines over 100 legal termsfrequently used in the records;

MAP OF CHESTER COUNTY: as county was constituted circa 1780;

SELECTED ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY and INDEX.

The cost of the above 143 page guide is $25. Postage and handling is $2 and PA residents need to add $1.50 for sales tax. Make check payable to CCHS and order from the Chester County Archives (ATTN: Common Pleas Guide, 117 West Gay Street, West Chester, PA 19380). Although published specifically for Chester County, much of the contents will be helpful in understanding how courts of common pleas operated in other counties of Pennsylvania. By the end of 1988, the Chester County Archives is planning to publish a similar guide for the Court of Quarter Sessions.

Copies of The History and Families of the Black Rock Church of the Brethren (1738-1988) Anniversary Volume by Elmer Q. Gleim may be ordered from Henry Miller (Box 128, 16C Cross Key, New Oxford, PA 17350). The cost of the hardcover, 278 page book, is $20 plus $2 for postage and handling. Make check payable to Black Rock History Committee. More so than many church histories, this volume

contains significant information on many of the families associated with the Black Rock congregation. Most of these families lived in and around Manheim Township, York County, PA. Some of the commonly occurring family names are Baugher, Bechtel, Blocher, Bollinger, Brillhart, Bucher, Danner, Falkenstein, Flickinger, Garber, Grieb, Hohf, Hoover, Keeney, Leatherman, Leinert, Miller, Mummert, Myers, Petry, Price, Royer, Schlotthauer, Utz, Wehrley, and Wolf. Numerous other surnames are also present.

Abstracts of Adams county Pennsylvania Wills 1800-1826 by Kevin L. Greenholt is available from Family Line Publications (Rear 63 East Main Street, Westminster, MD 21157). The cost of this 72 page publication is $7.00 plus $1.25 for postage and handling. Maryland residents need to add 5% for sales tax. Also available from the same source is Abstracts of South Central Pennsylvania Newspapers 1785-1790. This 163 page publication costs $12.50 plus $1.25 for postage and handling, plus MD sales tax, if appropriate. (If both publications are ordered, the postage and handling is $1.75.) This second publication contains items (109 pages) from The Carlisle Gazette during the period 1785-1790 and from the Pennsylvania Herald & York General Advertiser (26 pages) during the period 1789-1790. There are also five items from a Pennsylvania Gazette issue of June 10, 1778, at which time this paper was printed in York, PA.

Some back issues of The Report, published by The Society for the History of the Germans in Maryland (P.O. Box 22585, Baltimore Maryland 21203) are available. If interested, send a SASE requesting the "List of Current Publications". The Maryland Germans, by Dieter Cunz and published in 1948, is available from the same organization, with its description and cost listed in the same brochure.

A Crowl family history, with group sheets and chapters of "their documented statistics and children" is being prepared by Sabra-Jo Crowl (P.O. Box 356, Dillsburg, PA 17019). Some other related surnames are Clark, Dutton, Fishel, Hahn, Haines, Iddings, Keller, Ossler, Poulson, Randall, Shively, Slack, and Unkefer. The total book is to be over 410 pages including a three page Table of Contents and a twenty-seven page Index of over 10,000 names. Apparently the Table of Contents and/or the Index can be bought seperately. Also selected chapters can apparently be purchased seperately. For more information and a price list, send a SASE to the address above or call (717) 432-3490.

Researchers are occasionally reminded to "fish with a big net". This means all types of records should be searched and they should be searched in a larger geographical area than a researcher expects to find useful information. Occasionally however there are situations in which even a "big net" researcher would probably not extend his research to a certain type of record or far enough geographically to discover some very interesting family history. Such information, if discovered, is discovered only by luck or serendipity. But the chances of a find are increased if a researcher has access to a large number of various types of published genealogical materials. I will share a personal example.

A query in the last issue (Vol. 4 No. 1, Spring 1988) of the Newsletter of the Lancaster County (PA) Historical Society caught my attention and fascinated me with the information it contained: "Wanted - Information on Benjamin F. Lidy of Lancaster, PA, a steamboat man impressed into Confederate States Marine Corps 4/23/1861; deserted to Federals 9/9/1861 at Pensacola and returned north". My follow-up on that "long shot" query, as the submitter called it, has added an interesting chapter to my knowledge of the life of my great-great-grandfather, Benjamin F. Lighty. In addition my mother's family story that "they were caught behind the lines" is true and with an interesting and unexpected twist.

In short, unknown to living descendants until now, Lighty was apparently working on the steamboats which operated on the Mississippi River and was stranded in New Orleans by the coming of the Civil War and joined the Confederate States Marine Corps to escape possible starvation or imprisonment. The manuscript papers of the captain (Alfed C. Van Benthuysen) under which he served while in the marines are said to be in the Tulane University Library in New Orleans. Lighty is on the muster and pay roll lists and he is one of eight marines listed as deserting to Fort Pickens on 9 September 1861. His statement to Federal authorities after he deserted is recorded in the multi-volume set, The War of the Rebellion: A Compilation of the Official Records of Union and Confederate Armies.

Another of the deserters on 9 September 1861 was Ovid P. Reno (or Renault), a native of Beaver County, PA, who came home with Lighty and remained in York County, PA, where Lighty also resided after the war. Other men who deserted on the same date and supplied information were Almond Rice of Angelica, NY; John Matthews of Madison, IN; and Daniel R. Smith and John Harmon, both of Allegheny, PA. (Another person, Samuel Benham of Buffalo, NY, who apparently deserted at another time, also gave testimony to the Federals. Two other men, T. N. Booth and John Kelly, who deserted with Lighty were "absent" when testimony was given to the Federals.) In their testimony, these men state that many of the Marines were "Northern men or foreign born" and they felt many others would leave if they "could get a good chance".

So take advantage of chances to "fish with a big net"; but also make every effort to put yourself in positions to snag those unexpected "lucky" finds.

A SERVICE TO MEMBERS

Would you like to have a video of your family homestead, family heirlooms, historical places, or an interview with an older relative? A new video taping service will be offered at reduced rate to members of S.C.P.G.S. We will film according to your needs. Price will be adjusted for individual situations. This service could also be useful to out-of-state members. If you would like to discuss your ideas, please call S.C.P.G.S. member, Mike Staab at 717-792-1663 or write to 4967 Lincolnwood Dr., York, PA 17404.

QUERIES

Correction on a query in Vol. 13, No. 10, page 6 of Our Name's The Game newsletter.

John NEEPER's in laws were Col. James & Catherine (not Elizabeth) RAMSAY.
Lois Scarborough, 3608 Kimble Rd., Baltimore, MA 21218.

Seeking info on the BRITZIUS/BRETZIUS/BRETTIUS/BRUTZIUS/BRETIE fam. Fath., Hans· Jacob BRITZIUS, d. before 1749, prob. Wolfersweiler, Germany. Widow, Anna Maria (KUNTZER) BRITZIUS came to America, ca. 1749, with 4 ch. Prob. settled Penn Twp., Lanc. Co., PA. Their dau., Elizabeth Catharine b. 12 June 1718, mar. Johan David FORTNEY on 4 Apr 1736 in Germany, came to Phila., 13 Sep 1739, on ship "Loyal Judith", and settled in Penn Twp., Lanc. Co., PA. Johan FORTNEY, d. 3 Jan 1780, bnur. Penryn Cem., Lanc. Co., PA. Any and all info desired.
Robert E. Dunkel, 6590 Charles Rd., Westerville, OH 43081.

Abraham BAUER mar. 30 Mar 1767 to Naomi COXSON at Lower Bermudian Ch., Latimore Twp., Adams Co., PA. Naomi, dau of William & Anna (ELLICKER) COXSON. Please respond, if you know anything of this fam.
Greg Coxson, 725 W. Washington St., #303, Madison, WI 53715.

Seeking info on Michael KOPPENHEFFER/COPENHEFFER/COPENHAFER, s. of Simon. Simon, b. 1735, d. 23 Aug 1802, Rev. War Vet. had ch.: Simon, Jr.; Johann Michael; Martin; Johannes; Benjamin; Catherine; Barbara; & Elizabeth. Simon lived in Newberry Twp., York Co., PA in 1790 & Manchester Twp., York Co., PA in 1800 per the Census. Is the Michael listed in 1790, 1800, 1810, 1820, & 1830 Census in Newberry & Conewago Twps., York Co., PA, the s. of Simon? Is this the Michael mentioned in Simon's Will dated 19 Mar 1798, recorded in York Co., PA?

Martin Copenhafer, 18168 Kingsport Dr., Malibu, CA 90265

Seek info/corresp. with desc. of WALLACE fam., anywhere, time to mid 1800's. Bible records, marriages, births, deaths, burials, & fam. lore. (Postage returned).

Ms. B. A. Daniels, P.O. Box 144, Altmar, NY 13302-0144

On 19 Oct 1736, Caspar LAMBERT arrived on the brigantine Perthamboy from Rotterdam. He brought his wf. & s., Michael, Sr. b. ca. 1731 in the German Palatinate. Eventually Caspar settled in Dover Twp., York Co., PA. Michael LAMBERT, Sr. mar. ? & had a s. Michael, Jr., who mar. ? & had a s. William LAMBERT. William mar. an Esther WEBER & had a dau., Susan Romaine LAMBERT, my G-grandmoth. Seek info on these LAMBERTs & their wives & fam.

Mr. R.Jay Hammond, 10503 - 94th St., Fort St. John, B.C., Canada VIJ 3L8

Need info on fam. of Philip REGES/REGUS/REGAS & wf. Elizabeth SPAHR, who lived in Shrewsbury Twp., York Co., PA in 1790's. Then Berwick Twp., Adams Co., PA in 1799 & finally Chambersburg, Franklin Co., PA in 1800s. This REGES fam. seems to be theonly fam. in America, as far as we can find out. Philip was a Hessian, who was captured at the Battle of Saratoga, NY. He was being marched to the South for transport back to Germany & deserted his troops in York, where he met & mar. Elizabeth. Any info on this fam. will be helpful.

Yvonne Reges Davis, 9007 Ferndale Ave., Fontana, CA 92335

Seek par. of Amos FAIR/FEHR, b. 9 Apr 1811, d. 29 Aug 1863, bur.. Fissel's Ch., York Co., PA.

Also, seek par. & birth date of David JAMISON/JAMESON, d. 18 Sep 1819, York Co., PA. Also, maiden name of his wf. Magdalena.

Michael W. Lau, 316 Blue Ridge Dr., York, PA 17402

Would like to correspond with anyone doing KRICK/KREEK/CREEK research. Am interested in finding out more about the John KRICK who mar. Rebecca WICKS in 1762. These records were found in 1st Ref. Ch., Lanc., PA.

Mrs. Jean A. Jacober, R.R. 1, Box 18, Highland, IL 62249

Seeking any info on the DOUGLASS fam. in Adams Co., PA. Interested in finding gravesites of Thomas d. 1792 & wf. Margret s. ca. 1801, & a S. Thomas d. 1802. Would appreciate help.

Eleanor N. Adams, 10 Elm Ave., Linwood, NJ 08221

Conrad & Christian LOW/LAU arrived 1732 in PA. Christian seems to have remained in PA. Conrad LOW/LAU b. ca. 1704, Germany, d. 1775, Orange Co., NC. May have mar. Roseanna ? : poss. two marriages. Was in York Co., PA before going to NC. Would like to correspond with any desc. of Conrad.

Mrs. Jane Smith Hill, P.O. Box Z, Winston-Salem, NC 27108

Johan Theobald DUERRWAECHTER lived in Freckenfeld, Germany before settling in York County, PA in 1753. He mar. Mary Catharine, poss. GEIGER, and had these ch.: Johan Ludwig, b. 1728, mar. 1765 to Maria Magdalena WAHL in York Co., PA; Maria Margaretha, chr. 20 Feb 1732; Maria Susanna, chr. 13 Mar 1735; Johann Jacob, chr. 22 Dec 1738 mar. Christina Elizabeth; Johannes, b. 18 Feb 1742 mar. 1764, York Co., PA to Catharine BAUMAN; Eva Margaretha, b. 15 Oct 1744; and Catharine Margaretha, b. 23 Jun 1747. Want to know about each of these children and their families.

Leona Betteridge, 2709 W. Soundview Dr., Tacoma, WA 98466.

Seek info on George SHULTZ, b. 1824, PA, and his wf. Sarah HERRING, b. ca. 1828. Their dau., Sarah Ellen, b. 4 Jan 1852, PA (place not known), d. 15 Sep 1921, CA, mar. 6 Feb 1872 to Moses H. GARDNER of Siddonsburg, York Co., PA. Went to KS after the Civil War.

Lurye Root Emig, 12946 Yankton Dr., Poway, CA 92064.

Who was the fath. or siblings of John Anthony KNISLEY, Sr., b. 1795, York Co., PA. He mar. Elizabeth PIPHER, b. 24 May 1805, PA. They had a s., Abraham, b. 1827, York Co., PA. Elizabeth's par. were Samuel PIPHER and Barbara LABAN. Both fam. moved to York Co., Ont., Upper Canada shortly after the birth of Abraham. They are bur. Mennonite Cem., Canada.

Mrs. Virgil C. Goold, Rt. 2, Box 76, Marionville, MO 65705.

Seeking to determine relationship between Johann George NAEGELE and John George NAGEL of Cocalico Twp. who died in 1789, leaving wf., Margaret, and at least 6 children. Ch. named in will were John ("the little one") and Philip ("a cripple") and "their" unnamed "brothers and sisters".

Michael O. Noggle, 7523 Mayland Dr., Richland, VA 23229.

Immigrant, James CHAMBERS in ca. 1770 - prob. in Franklin Co., PA mar. Jane HUTCHISON, dau. of George. Who were George HUTCHISON's par.? Were they from Donegal Pres. Ch. area, Lancaster Co., PA? Did James CHAMBERS have siblings? In ca. 1797, Capt. Robert ORR of Armstrong Co., PA returned to "old home", mar. a 3rd wf., Rachel CHAMBERS, sis. of above James. Need any info about above marriages, dates, and places.

Jack Heck, 104 Pier K, Naples, FL 33962-5666.

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