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LOOKING AHEAD

SUNDAY - 10 September 1989 - Alfreda Patton, S.C.P.G.S. member, will present a program on Tips in researching in York County and what is available in The Historical Society of York County Library. Alfreda is a teacher at the York County Vo-Tech School and does professional genealogical research.

The meeting will be held in the Library of The Historical Society of York County, 250 East Market Street, York, PA. The meeting will begin at 2:15 p.m. with a brief business meeting and the program will begin about 2:30 p.m.

TENTATIVE MEETING DATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 1989-1990

1 October 1989
5 November 1989
10 December 1989
7 January 1990
4 February 1990
4 March 1990
1 April 1990
6 May 1990
3 June 1990

REUNIONS

The 262nd Anniversary of the Hartzells in America 7th National Reunion will be held 20 August 1989 at 1:00 p.m. until ? at Bender's Church near Biglerville and north of Gettysburg, PA. Dinner at 4:00 p.m. Chicken barbecue and all the trimmings - $7.50 per person - 6-12 yrs. $4.00 and under 6 free. Deadline for tickets - 15 August, make checks payable to George T. Hartzell, Pres., 5125 Lincoln Way East, Fayetteville, PA 17222/ I. Clifford Hartzell, Treas., 160 Queen Street, Arendtsville, PA 17303. Also, genealogists will be on hand Saturday, 19 August 1989, at Harold's Antique Shop, West York Street, Biglerville, PA 17307, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and at the reunion. Bring your problems and info. Friends and relatives welcome.

The 69th Annual Reunion of the Descendants of James and Esther Swartz McCue will be held 19 August 1989 at 12 noon at Tuscarora Park in New Philadelphia, OH. James' siblings lived in Lancaster Co., PA ca 1800. All with the name McCue are welcome. For more info, contact Gail Komar, 9603 Bel Glade St., Fairfax, VA 22031.

RESOURCE PERSONS

These members are willing to help other members needing research assistance in the area designated:

COLORADO - Arvado area - Mr. Terry Griffith, 6280 Johnson Way, Arvado, CO 80004.
OHIO - Montgomery County only - General OH research - Census, Histories & court records - Mrs. Shirley Mikesell, 6200 Concerto Ct., Dayton, OH 45449.

HIVELY'S GENEALOGICAL NOTES

The Chronicles of Middletown (PA) by C. H. Hutchinson and originally published in 1906 has been reprinted by Middletown Area Historical Society. Located in Dauphin County, Middletown was laid out in lots as early as 1755. The new edition contains an index and numerous street and lot maps of Middletown, which were not a part of the 1906 edition. Also included are unattached folded inserts, including an 1894 bird's-eye view of the town. The book may be ordered by mail for $22.50 from the Middletown Area Historical Society (P. O. Box 248, Middletown, PA 17057).

A memo has been received that the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) newsletter project with Ancestry, Ltd. has reached the minimum goal of 50,000. The first issue to be distributed to members of participating organizations will be the Fall 1989 (September) issue. SCPGS members who sent notice that they wanted to receive this newsletter should look for this issue sometime around September or October. (To review this project, see the NOTES section of the November, 1988, issue of this newsletter.)

Descendants of Michael and Salome (Reister) Messner, immigrants of 1738 who settled in Lancaster County, PA, continue to search for missing descendants. Anyone interested in this family, and especially anyone who can supply additional information, should write Phil Barnes (11469 Western Sunset Drive, Dewey, AZ 86327). A set of charts showing the relationship of those bearing the Messner name and other family information is available.

Those interested in a list of publications by Annette Burgert should send a SASE to her at AKB Publications (691 Weavertown Road, Myerstown, PA 17067). There are now nine publications in her series of Pennsylvania German Origins Monographs and five in the series, Aids for Pennsylvania German Genealogical Research. Also available from her are the two volumes on Eighteenth Century Emigrants from German-Speaking Lands to North America.

The Middletown Valley Historical Society (P. O. Box 294, Middletown, Maryland 21769) is publishing The Early History of Middletown (MD) by the late George C. Rhoderick, Jr., publisher of The Valley Register. For the most part, the book is taken from his weekly series about each Middletown town lot, tracing its history from 1767 to the 1970's. There will be old photographs of street scenes and individual homes. The hardbound book will have close to 400 pages and be indexed. For price and other information, write the Society or call its President, George Brigham, Jr., at (301) 473-8732.

As of late May of this year, a family album in which at least some of the photographs were taken by Gettysburg and Hanover, PA, photographers, was located at the Dusty Rose Antique Mall (phone 407-269-5526) in Titusville, FL.

Photographs of Clair Weaver, Minnie Weaver and Frank (Conrad?) were among the pictures. There was a funeral card for Harry E. Bunty (b. 15 Feb. 1882, d. 8 Oct. 1904). Anyone of this family interested in the album should call the number above to see if it is still for sale.

Because of a recent change in plans, the latest information is that the Research Room at the Pennsylvania State Archives at Harrisburg will NOT be closed for the last five months of 1989 to researchers. However, anyone wishing to research at the Archives should call (717) 787-2701 before making the trip to Harrisburg.

An Interesting Pension Record

Many genealogists have experienced the value of military pension records. Many such records do provide useful information on individuals and their families. Some of these records also provide valuable and interesting historical material. One such record is that of Mary Dick, widow of Jacob Dick. Not only does the record contain family information, but it contains significant information on the circumstances of the marriage of Mary and Jacob Dick. The identity of the church which was the site of their marriage raises an interesting historical question. Declarations about the marriage were made about sixty years after the event. Memories may have been unclear after that length of time. How well would we do recalling the details of an event sixty years later? Even if the circumstances were not perfectly recalled, the marriage service must have been memorable! And these pension records give an idea of what information was needed, how it was obtained, and the difficulties that sometimes arose while completing the significant amount of required "paper work".

The summary information which follows is from the National Archives Revolutionary War Pension File W 9407, that of Mary Dick, widow of Jacob Dick.

Jacob Dick served as a private in the Pennsylvania Line in Captain Carlisle's Company in Colonel Hazen's Regiment. For his service of six years and six months he received, when discharged, the Badge of Merit. He died 28 November 1804 in Baltimore County, Maryland, near the Pennsylvania-Maryland border.

On 24 January 1840, Mary Dick, "aged eighty years and upwards", of Baltimore County, MD, began the process of applying for a pension under Act of 4 July 1836. She stated her deceased husband Jacob Dick "rendered his services to the United States from the commencement to the end of the Revolutionary War . . . and that she has in her possession the original discharge." She also states she was married to Jacob Dick before the ending of the war, the marriage occurring "in November twenty-fourth seventeen hundred and eighty-two by the Revd. Parson Ulhorn at the Bethlehem Church in York County, Pennsylvania. The marriage was never made record of only that Parson Ulhorn published the fact of our marraige to the congregation in open church as above stated for three (weeks) in succession." She further notes she and Jacob Dick had eleven children, all of whom were married, and she had thirty-six grandchildren. The children were Jacob, Philip, Frederick, Betsy (Elizabeth), Peter, Adam, Solomon, Kitty (Catharine), John, Daniel and Mary.

On 24 January 1840, Eve Shaffer, aged "about eighty years a resident of York

County (PA) . . . being on a visit to aforesaid county state of Maryland" states "she was personally acquainted with Mary Hively and now Mary Dick at the time the above parties was married." They were married "in the year seventeen hundred and eighty-two by the Rev. Parson Ulhorn in the Bethelehem Church for I was an eye witness to the fact of the statements as aforesaid from the fact of their being such a large congregation one of the gallerys of the church as aforesaid gave away is the reason the marriage of the aforesaid parties are so fresh upon her memory".

On the same date, Barbary Koltrider of Baltimore County, MD, "eighty one years of age and upwards", stated she "was well acquainted with Mary and Jacob Dick and was raised boy and girls together and well knew Mary Hively . . . and heard the marriage ceremony given out in the Bethlehem Church . . . in 1782 . . . by Parson Ulhorn to the congregation in York County Pennsylvania that she was present and an eye witness to the fact of their marriage ceremony".

On 29 September 1840, Mary Dick "made oath . . . that she has no record proof of her marriage but she was in possession at one time of a sheet of paper which contained the entries of her marriage and the birth of her children, and which became destroyed in some manner through neglect and the only proof she can furnish is persons who were eye witnesses to the fact of her marriage . . ."

On the same date, Eve Shaffer again presents testimony: ". . . their marriage is so strongly impressed upon her memory which marriage took place in the month of November (1782), was from the fact of this deponents going in company with the said Mary and Jacob Dick to the Bethlehem Church in York County . . . and being an eye witness to the fact of the marriage ceremonoy given out, by Parson Ulhorn, in the said church, and at the time . . . a large congregation, which caused one of the gallerys to give way and caused so much of an excitement amongst the congregation, that they rushed out of the church injuring a great many persons . . ."

And then again Barbary Koltrider on the same date declares much the same as Eve Shaffer; ". . . one of the largest congregations she ever witnessed at the said church, which caused one of the gallerys to give way and made such a loud crack, that a part of the congregation rushed out of the church . . ."

On March 30, 1840, Jacob Kaempffer, "Pastor of the Lutheran Churches of this town (Shrewsbury) and neighborhood", certified that "I know of no marriage record in the year seventeen hundred eighty-two in my churches. At present in this state marriages are neither published nor recorded in the churches." He made a similar statement on September 30, 1840: ". . . parsons were not in the habit of making record of the marriages in the Lutheran churches in the state of Pennsylvania."

In addition to the above people, testimony was given by Richard Wells of Baltimore City, John Tracey, Aaron Campbell, Stephen Freeland and Uriah Freeland, the latter two who were "near neighbors" to Jacob and Mary Dick, and in 1840 lived near the widow.

On 13 May 1841, Michael Dunn sent an interesting letter from Washington (DC) to Hon. J. L. Edward, Pension Office Commissioner, at Washington.

Sir: In replying to your letter dated March 30th in the case of Mrs Mary Dick, who is applying for a pension for services rendered by her husband, Jacob Dick, deceased a soldier of the Revolutionary War, and stating that it would be necessary if possible to procure some record of documentary evidence in support of her claim, so that their might be a favourable decision under the act of the 4th July 1836. Upon the receipt of your letter, I called in my journey to the state of Pennsylvania on the preacher at his residence, who now belongs to the church and the parish, in which the marriage ceremony was performed at this period in the Bethlehem Church, he stated to me that they never kept a record of any kind to his knowledge.
On my return homewards to Baltimore, I passed through Balt. County where the witnesses reside, and I had an interview with them in relation this (sic) this matter, and finding some of them persons of the most respectable classes of citizens and if I may be allowed to judge myself I would say that it would be impossible that they could be mistaken in the marriage ceremony of Mr. and Mrs. Dick. For they appear to recollect the wedding and the whole ceremony much better than if it had taken place in much later years. If there is a shadow of doubt in regard to the character of the witnesses I would and could procure more testimony, as it regards their moral standing and undoubted veracity for character. If you could see Mrs. Dick who is venerable and lady like in appearance, I am conscious you would not do otherwise than grant her case promptly, some of the witnesses (copy not readable at this place; about two words) -able looking persons as I have ever seen. With high respect I remain sir your most Obt. & humble Servt. Michael Dunn

Mary Dick's Certificate of Pension was issued on 18 May 1841.

Concerning the above situation, certain questions can be raised and certain observations can be made.

I. In which church building did the wedding take place? (Was it Fissel's? The parents of Mary Hively lived on property of which part is now the Borough of Shrewsbury. Steltz's Church, in North Codorus Twp. but almost on the PA-MD border, is today also known as Bethlehem. But records indicated it was founded after 1782.)

II. Who was Rev. Ulhorn? (If this is an incorrect recall of the minister's name, what was the correct name?)

III. The marriage took place apparently on a Sunday as part of the worship service. Sunday weddings in a church building are said not to have been common at that time period. At one point the records indicated Jacob Dick came home from his military unit for a brief time to be married.

IV. To complicate the situation, the marriage of Anna Marie Heibele and Jacob Dick is recorded in the records of the First Reformed Church of York as taking place on 27 November 1783. If the writer used a perpetual calendar correctly, 24 November 1782 was a Sunday. 27 November 1783 was Thursday.

Anyone with factual information which might help clarify the situation or answer some of the questions is invited to write the SCPGS.

QUERIES

Was George SCHMIEG/SMEACH/SMEAKE/SMEEK/SMEIGH/SMICK/SMEE/etc. the youngest s. of Simon SCHMIEG/SMIKE/SCHMICH/etc.? Simon b. ca. 1730, poss. Germany, d. 27 Apr. 1792, bur. St. David's Ch. in W. Manheim Twp., York Co., PA, mar. Christina VLUKEN, ca. 1760. He owned land in "New Germany" section (where is this?) of Frederick Co., MD. Will prob. 9 June 1792 in Frederick Co., MD. Simon had 6 son & 5 daus. Known sons: John b. ca. 1769; Andrew b. ca. 1773; and Peter, b. ca. 1775, they were confirmed at St. David's in 1783, 1787, & 1789, respectively. A Simon SCHMIG b. ca. 1776, d. 25 Dec. 1848 in Chanceford Twp.. York Co., PA may have been another son. George SCHMIEG/etc. b. ca. Sept. 1782, MD and mar. Magdalena MESSMER/MESSMORE, ca. 1802. Magdalena MESSMER/MESSMORE, ca. 1802. Magdalena b. before 1780, MD, d. after 1840, Perry Co., PA. They had 9 or 10 children between 1803 and 1820, & appear in Baltimore Co., MD census for 1810 & 1820. They, like Simon, worshipped at St. David's in York Co., PA, where at least 5 of the ch. were bapt. The fam. moved to Perry Co., PA, in 1820's (why?), where George SMEIGH d. 19 Apr. 1865. Any SCHMIEG/SMEIGH/etc., VLUKEN, & MESSMORE records would be of great interest to me, & will be pleased to share.

James D. Smee, 449 Thornycroft Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15228

Seek info/ances. of Ephraim LATTA who lived in Cumberland Co., PA, between 1773-1779. Born (who knows where) around 1750/60, mar. Mary THOMPSON, and lived in S. Huntingdon Twp., Westmoreland Co., PA, from 1783 until his death in 1804. One S. Moses b. 1796. Also, John, Moses & William LATTA, all lived in Cumberland Co. between 1767-1775, & all were in Westmoreland Co. by 1783. Prob. Ephraim, John & Moses were bros. & William their bro. or uncle.

Paul H. Calhoun, 129 Lincoln Dr., Port Clinton, OH 43452-1248

Seek info/sources for Abraham MAYER, b. 4 Jul 1777, Lancaster (?), s. of Samuel MAYER & Eliz. LANE, mar. abt. 1799, York (?) to Eliz. LAUCK/LOUCK, b. 3 Jan 1781, York, d. 27 Nov 1836, OH. Ch.: Eliz. b. 13 Jul 1800, York, PA; Samuel b. 4 Dec. 1802, Manchester (?); George. b. 2 Nov 1805, York; Sarah, b. abt. 1807, Carlisle (?); Catherine b. 24 Dec. 1808; Mary Ann b. 23 Apr 1811, Carlisle; twins, Abraham & Henry b. 10 Jan 1814; Anna Margretta b. 18 May 1816, Carlisle; Abraham Henry b. 20 Oct 1818, Carlisle; Nancy b. 13 Oct 1820, Lancaster; Rebecca, b. 21 Aug 1823, Carlisle; & Benjamin, b. 26 Jun 1826. Fam. Luth. but what church? Where were Abraham & Eliz. (LAUCK) MAYER's par. from?

Paula Higley, P. O. Box 906, Hawkins, TX 75765

Seek info about Benjamin LANE, on the Cumberland Co, PA, 1780 Tax List, & Margaret & Mary LAIN. Was he their fath.? The First Evangelical Luth. Ch. Parish Register (1788-1923) in Carlisle, PA lists this marriage: "27 Mar 1792, Jo. Michael CAST, s. of Mr. CAST, nr. Carlisle, to Syb. Margr. LAIN, dau. of Mr. LAIN of Schermann's Valley, mar. in the house of Mr. McLAIN." Were McLAIN & LAIN the same man? Was this Benjamin? Was Jo. Michael the Michael KAST/COSHT, s. of George, who lived in Middleton Twp., Cumb. Co., PA? Where was Schermann's Valley?

Helen Kast Ferranti, 700 Hudson Ave., Pine Bluff, AR 71603

Johannes KUPFERSTEIN/KUPFERNSTEIN (a/k/a John COPPERSTEIN/COOPERSTON), b. abt. 1760, d. 1823, Shrewsbury Twp., York Co., PA, mar. Catherine __?__ abt. 1797. Where & when was Johannes born and where bur.? Who were his par.? Ch.: Elisabeth b. 1798, chris. Stiltz Union Bethlehem Ch.; Jacob b. 1802, chris. Christ Luth. Ch., York, PA, mar. Catherine KELLER, b. 1796/1805, York Co., PA; Heinrich/Henry b. 1816, mar. Elizabeth "Betsy" CARR in 1839; Catherine b. abt. 1822, mar. John HILL. All ch. born in York Co., PA. Sponsors at above chris. were a Peter KASTELOH and an Elisabeth CASTLO. May be relation. Any info welcome.

Ann Coverstone Davis, 12045 -30th, SW, Seattle, WA 98146

Seeking info on George STEEL/STEELE, who was living in Monaghan Twp., York Co., PA, from about 1762 until his death about 1787. In 1783 he had 100 acres of land & six inhabitants in his household. His dau. Mary was age 20 in 1787 & chose John ZIEGLER as her guardian. She mar. __?__ MOODY. Who was this George STEEL/STEELE? Who were the other inhabitants of his household? How & where did George obtain his 100 acres? Will exchange info concerning all STEEL/STEELE's in south central PA.

Michael A. Ports, 220 W. Bell Rd., #1077, Phoenix, AR 85023

Seek info on FISHER fam., dau. Mary b. ca 13 Feb 1794, d. 30 Dec. 1886, York, mar. John BOOKMAN. Ch. were: Samuel; Elizabeth mar. Abraham BAKER; Lydia mar. Wm. CRAWFORD; Louisa mar. (1) John H. KRAUSE, (2) Fred ZARBAUGH/SARBAUGH; Catherine mar. Jacob MYERS; George; William & John. BOOKMAN many times written BACHMAN in York Co.

Ardis Bookman Brown, 8841 Lamar Ave., Overland Park, KS 66207

Need proof that Alsabeth LEAMAN, dau. of John, mar. Elihu PARK. This John LEAMAN's will dated 27 May 1813 proved 6 Aug 1818 lived in Cumberland Co., PA at the time of his death.

Emalu Hart, 156 E. 2nd St., Preston, ID 83263

Seeking any info on desc. of Isaac JONES, b. 1755. Wales, d. 1842, mar. (1) Mary CANADA/KENNEDY (?), (2) Mary FAUST. A farmer in Peach Bottom Twp., York Co., PA, most of his life. Ch.: Isaac, Jr.; Theophilius; Elisha; Elijah; Canady; Margaret; Robert, Betsey; & Hannah. Drummer boy in Rev. War.

Tony Seidel, Rt.#2, Box 337, Eugene, OR 97401

Would like to correspond with someone researching the SCHAEBERLE/SCHABERLY/SCHEPERLE/SCHABERLE/SHABERLY family.

Ruth Schaeberle, 340 E. Locust St., York, PA 17403

Seeking info on William SHULTZ, b. 1803, s. of John & Elizabeth SHULTZ, & William SHULTZ, b. 1805, s. of Peter & Elizabeth SHULTZ. Did either go to Stark Co., OH, by 1825?

Gertrude Thornton, 1642 E. 56th St., Long Beach, CA 90805

Looking for a researcher working on the GOHEEN fam. Mary Alice CRALEY mar. Zack GOHEEN on 15 Jul 1885.

Also looking for a WARNER fam. researcher; interested in relationship of Daniel WARNER to CRALEY/CREILEY fam.

Mr. Lawrence W. Craley, 10219 Kilburn Rd., Phila, PA 19114

Desire info on the following: Henrich & Catharina GERNHARD, (what was her maiden name? Any records of their ch. born 1743-1752?) David & Elisabetha (BRITSCH/PRITZ) KLEINDINST (need records of ch. - David, John, Andrew, Polly & Sabrina before 1798); Margaretha (BRITSCH/PRITZ) SCHREYER bur. 1789, Hanover Ref. Ch. (Who was her husband? Any ch.?) All of these fam. lived around Hanover, but do not appear on the Hanover church records.

Janet Harman, 27 Symor Dr., Convent Station, NJ 07961

William GRIFFITH b. 15 Mar 1777, d. 29 Jun 1857, York Co., PA, mar. Sarah OWENS. Had a s. John who mar. Elizabeth SHAFFER. They moved to Latrobe, PA. Did John & Elizabeth have a s. William b. 19 Aug 1830 who mar. Keziah KELTZ of Westmoreland Co., PA.

Also, William GRIFFTH b. Wales & came to PA in 1715, d. 1790, Chester Co., PA, mar. Margaret __?__. Had a s. David b. ca. 1770. Did David have a s. David or John from Bedford Co., PA? Did David mar. Mary McCONNELL?

Mr. Terry Griffith, 6280 Johnson Way, Arvada, CO 80004

Researching WALLICKs in York Co., PA, area, especially children of Hans Michel WALLICK/WALCK fam. about 1732. Ch.: John; Phillip; Michael; & Christian.

Joanna A. Baker, 15933 Wetherburn, Chesterfield, MO 63017

Seek ch. of immg. Ulrich BUHLER/BEALOR/BAILOR/BOEHLER/etc. b. 1705, arrived 1739 & resided in Codorus Twp., York Co., PA, before moving to VA. Did he have a s. Jacob who mar. Catherine GISH, sis. of Jacob GISH of York Co., PA? I have been told that Ulrich BUHLER was the progenitor of the TN BEELER fam. There are also BELLER fam. in KY & points to the west who descend from a Peter BEHLER/BEALOR who died at Berkley Co., VA, before 1800.

Dorothy DeWitt Baldwin, 6603 Kensington Ave., Richmond Hghts, CA 94805

Searching for info on my 3rd-gr-gr-pa Archibald CONN, who supposedly came from Chester Co., PA, b. ca. 1768, mar. Elizageth LOWERY (?) on 16 Oct 1787 & later moved to OH. Have much on his desc.

George Bleimes, 4565 Hamilton Rd., Gahanna, OH 43230

Seeking info on PYMER fam. of Chester/Lancaster/York Counties of PA.

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