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Upcoming Programming

2:30 p.m., Sunday, August 27, 2023: ***Pennsylvania German Language Heritage.***

Presenter: Charles (Chip) Kauffman

For over three hundred years, *Pennsilfaanisch Deitsch* (Pennsylvania German) contributed to the unique blend of idiom in Pennsylvania and other regions of North America after seeds were planted by German immigrants in the late 17th century. Various dialects of German were brought to Pennsylvania from the Rhineland-Palatinate region of Germany, from parts of Switzerland, and from the Alsace region of eastern France. Drawing upon the historical and religious origins of the various forms of German brought to the New World, this presentation will focus on the speakers - past and present - of the colorful mix of language popularly called 'Pennsylvania Dutch.' Examples will illustrate the differences between standard German and the varieties of Pennsylvania German still spoken today.

Charles "Chip" Kauffman is an adjunct faculty member at York College of Pennsylvania where he teaches languages and language-related courses. Over many years at several colleges in the region, he has taught Italian, German, Russian and other languages. He is a retired certified U.S. Government linguist and author of various articles on languages and linguistics.

2:30 p.m., Sunday, October 1, 2023: ***Striking for Pennsylvania***

Presenter: Scott Mingus

From the President...

In praise of volunteers . . .

At our June meeting, we elected officers, bringing back some familiar faces and adding a new Director At Large. I am thankful for all of our officers past and present. Since the establishment of our society in 1975, our officers have all been volunteers. We owe a debt of gratitude to these people who willingly give of their time, knowledge, and abilities to lead and enrich our organization. Our current board represents a broad range of interests and talents.

Vice President Richard Konkel provided us with another year of interesting and engaging programs. His knowledge of York County families and history—as well as world history—is legendary. He has led sessions on using DNA in genealogical research and German research.

Margaret Burg, our Treasurer and Membership Secretary, has kept us solvent while overseeing services to our members. She maintains our membership records and mailing list, and she has managed the logistics of paying for and shipping our Special Publications. She has taught a genealogy class for beginners. She is always ready to help with our social activities. She is chairing the committee for our 50th anniversary celebration. In her spare time, Margaret transcribed some of the records that you see in our Special Publications.

Recording Secretary Richard Raubenstine maintains the minutes of both our general society meetings and our board meetings. Recently, he transcribed the 1798 York Borough Poor Tax Book in preparation for a future Special Publication. He volunteers weekly in the library of the York County History Center.

Corresponding Secretary Becky Anstine deals with the letters received by our society as well as overseeing responses to research requests, many of which she handles herself. With Margaret, she helps to prepare orders for Special Publications. Around the York area, Becky is known for her knowledge of African American research. The journal of the York County History Center published at least two of her articles. For our society, she has taught classes on beginning genealogy and an introduction to online sources.

Over the past two years, Erica Runkles stepped into the role of Director of Publications. She edits our newsletter and provides input into the production of our Special Publications. She transcribed records for our Special Publications on the York County Civil War draft. This spring, she helped with our genealogy class for the South Central York County Senior Center in New Freedom.

In recent times, we created the position of Webmaster, which has been ably filled by Lynn Nelson. She has made many improvements to our website, and she manages our cloud storage. She has helped your technologically-challenged President to resolve some issues with digital files. A professional genealogist, she speaks on a broad range of genealogical topics from censuses to Italian research. She also finds time to volunteer on a regular basis in the library of the York County History Center.

Retired from York College, Tom Gibson is a long-serving Director At Large. His expansive knowledge and interests include the Revolutionary War and radio as well as his own family history. He often can be found dressed in eighteenth-century garb presenting inventive and engaging programs for the York County History Center at its Colonial Courthouse. As a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, he serves as our link to lineage societies in the area.

This summer, we welcomed Jayson Miller to the board as a new Director At Large. He has engaged in local history and genealogical pursuits for decades. In the past, he has been most helpful in setting up or tearing down for meetings. We look forward to his participation in the leadership of our society.

As the representative of the York County History Center on our board, librarian and archivist Nicole Smith makes significant contributions to all of our programs. She has our meeting room ready for each program, usually arriving long before any of the rest of us. She videos our meetings and handles the live feed. She keeps us abreast of the activities of the History Center and of the needs of its outstanding

library that she directs. Because of her involvement, any programs that we have held at the History Center have run smoothly, and she has been able to secure additional benefits from the Center for us.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the service of two other volunteers: Mindy Sowers and Jerry Smith. Although Mindy could not accept another term as Director At Large for health reasons this year, we appreciated the unique perspective that she brought to the board. She has been an SCPGS member for decades and previously was an officer, providing us with her long institutional memory. Jerry Smith, formerly our Recording Secretary, resigned his post when he moved to the Midwest, but he continues to index our Civil War draft Special Publications remotely.

Please join me in thanking these dedicated volunteers who ensure the success of your society. They make my job easy. We could not function without them! Thank you, board!

Jonathan R. Stayer

President

Using Baptismal Records in Genealogical Research

By Richard K. Konkel, Esquire

SCPGS Vice-President

The next few articles for this newsletter will address using various church records for genealogical research. This article will discuss using baptismal records. Prior to the Protestant Reformation, the Roman Catholic Church acknowledged seven sacraments: Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist [Holy Communion], Penance, Anointing of the Sick, Holy Orders, and Matrimony.

Following the Protestant Reformation, Protestant churches only acknowledged two sacraments, namely Baptism and Holy Communion. These were acknowledged because the Lord Jesus Christ had charged his followers to practice and observe them. The other sacraments remained practices in the Protestant churches, but not elevated in importance like Baptism and Holy Communion. Lutheran and German Reformed church records in 18th and 19th century America often only contain records of baptisms and Holy Communion, reflecting the great importance of these two sacraments.

In the very earliest days of the church nearly 2000 years ago, baptisms were of adult converts, much in the fashion of Christ's baptism by St. John the Baptist in the River Jordan, with full body immersion in the water. Over time it became the belief across the Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox churches that baptism was necessary for salvation, and especially in the Roman Catholic Church, a child who died without being baptized was marked by original sin and condemned to an eternity in purgatory without any hope of gaining the Kingdom of Heaven. The practice of infant baptism as soon after birth as possible became almost universal in Europe.

Many European Roman Catholic, Lutheran, and Reformed baptismal records do not list a date of birth because it was assumed the child was baptized on the day of its birth or soon thereafter. The records that do record the date of birth reflect this practice, but in records that omit the date of birth, it is pretty safe to assume a date of birth to be on the same day as the baptism or right before it. If a child's life was in danger at birth, midwives and lay persons in the absence of ordained clergy were authorized to baptize the infant as an emergency measure. In early America, baptisms often took place weeks or

months after the child's birth, mainly because there was a great shortage of clergy. Some baptisms from these early days do not appear in church registers, because the clergy would travel around the country and baptize children at the parents' home. Some of these clergy maintained private registers of their independent pastoral acts.



Depiction of a baptism taken from the title page of the Register of Baptisms 1618-1685 of the Roman Catholic parish of Hilsenheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace, France. Archives départementales du Bas-Rhin, Strasbourg, Bas-Rhin, Alsace, France.

Various customs arose around baptism. Mothers usually did not attend the baptism, as they had just delivered the child and were confined to bed. The father and infant along with the sponsors and or witnesses would meet the local clergy at the parish church to perform the baptism. During Medieval and early modern times you will find the place of baptism to be outside of the church. Famous

examples of this are found in Florence and Pisa in Italy. Having a Baptistery outside of the church was because children were not considered part of the universal church until they were baptized. Later in other parts of Europe a separate baptistery or having the baptismal font at the entrance or in a special part of the church was not unusual. Infant baptism in the tradition of the Roman Catholic Church was by sprinkling, not by immersion.

Baptismal records do not exist for most localities before the 1500s. Many places in Germany have records dating from the period after the Thirty Years War (1618-1648) or after the French invasions of the War of the Palatine Succession in 1689. Church of England records largely start after 1564 in the reign of Queen Elizabeth I. Information found in German records is usually the date of baptism, sometimes the date of birth, names of father and mother with occupation, status as citizen, sometimes nickname or name identifying the grandparents, sometimes mother's maiden name, and names of sponsors or witnesses with similar additional information about them.

For centuries male infants in Europe were almost universally baptized with the first name of John after St. John the Baptist, and female infants with the first name of Mary after the Blessed Virgin Mary. Children were generally known by their second name. Children were often named after their baptismal sponsors or for the saint's feast day on which they were born. Baptismal sponsors have different significance among the different religious denominations. In the Roman Catholic and Lutheran traditions, sponsors are thought to have a special spiritual role and relationship with the child. In German they are called *Pathen* or *Paten*, whereas in the Reformed traditions there is not the emphasis on a spiritual relationship, and they are referred to a *Zeugen* or witnesses. In some Catholic records there are both sponsors and witnesses.

In Europe you often find sponsors who are important members of the community. Often, especially into the 18th and 19th centuries, sponsors were friends and family members. Sponsors are well worth researching, especially if they are family members. In most American Protestant Churches the practice of having sponsors had almost ceased by the late 19th century. It is probably more popular today than it has been in the last 150 years. The most famous sponsors that I have in my own family tree are the sponsors for my ancestor Candida Kloz in 1687. They are members of the famous fabulously wealthy Fugger family of Augsburg, Germany. The Fuggers were bankers who controlled much of the European economy in the 16th century. Why they were sponsors for Candida Kloz I do not know. I can pretty safely say that they were not related. It is possible that Matthias Kloz the father may have been a craftsman of some sort and the Fuggers acted as sponsors for his child as an honor and compliment.

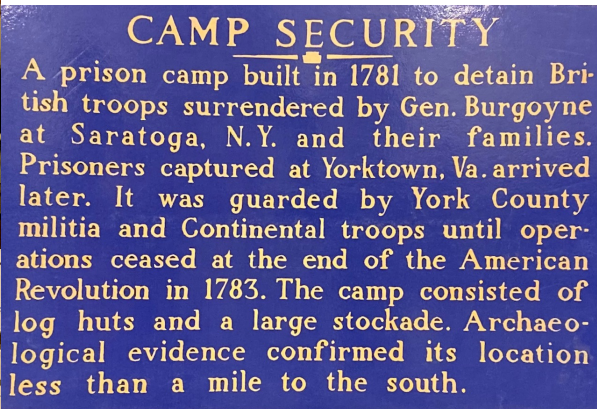
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 Elisabethae de Nuyhauser.
 P. F. Fuggeri

September 1 [1687] born and baptized Candida legitimate daughter of Matthias Kloz and wife Helena. Sponsors: The Illustrious Count Anton Fugger and his wife the Illustrious Dame [Domicella] Maria Elisabeth de Neyhausen. Roman Catholic Church, Markt Biberbach, Kreis Dillingen, Schwaben, Bayern, Deutschland

The recording of vital records by the civil authorities is a fairly recent development. Prior to the civil registration of births, church baptismal records were the primary means of recording births, especially in Europe. In Europe, the various churches were often the established churches of the country, and as such, were part of the government. Following the Reformation, some groups wished to change church governance and practices in ways that the established churches found to be heresy and when taken against the state church to be treason against the state. The Anabaptists or in German *Wiedertauffer* [rebaptizers] were one such group. These are now the Mennonites, Amish, Church of the Brethren and some of their offshoots. Their belief that was considered so radical at the time was that baptism should only be of adults and by full immersion. As a result, individuals who had been baptized as infants in the state church were being rebaptized as adults. For this action, many suffered imprisonment, persecution and even execution. Early Mennonite baptism records do not exist. Mennonites in Germany from the 19th century on do have some of these records.



“Finding Camp Security - America’s Last Revolutionary Prisoner-of-War Camp”
 presented by John Cramer,
 Camp Security Lead Archaeologist
 June 11th SCPGS Program meeting.
 Reviewed by Becky Anstine



The presentation started with a brief history of the Camp, which is located in Springettsbury Twp., York County, PA. The Camp was used between 1781-1783 to hold between 800-1200 British and Hessian soldiers captured at the battles of Saratoga. The Camp included huts surrounded by a stockade. It

included a hospital, guard huts, and other buildings. Outside of the stockade, a village called "Camp Indulgence" was also constructed. That camp had huts which were inhabited by soldiers and their families. The rules were less restrictive, and the prisoners were allowed to have cottage industries and travel outside of the camp. In 1783, the camp was abandoned and fell into disarray. Local residents took the structures apart to use for fence rails, firewood, etc. Over the years, evidence of the Camp, its cemetery, and buildings disappeared.

The second part of the presentation included a video clip on "digging a hole" – the steps that are taken and what to look for when doing a "dig". The goal of the various digs has been to find postholes which would indicate the location of the stockade and its size. In 1979, when the first dig was started, over 15,000 artifacts were found, consisting of buttons, pottery shards, and other relics. 2021 saw the use of remote sensing to look for signs of where the best spots to dig might be. The 2014 dig discovered 20th century bottles and modern discards. Several test holes were dug. In 2015, a large pit was found. Native American artifacts were also found, indicating that Indians had been present in the area. More artifacts, such a trench and a pipe connecting the Schultz House to a spring were found in 2016. Ground penetrating radar was used in look for anatomies. Some jasper and artifacts were also found. In 2020, large scale collection involved plowing up certain areas to look for clusters. A working sleigh bell, King George coins, and a button associated with the 33rd British battalion were found. 2021 saw a shovel test survey being done and a search for rumored man-made terraces. The team found that the terraces had been built between 1938-1948 – but not as part of the Camp. Some more trenches and a second pit were also found as well as several post holes. In 2022, the holes appeared to form an interior structure, with a shallow pit. A trench with several large and several small holes emerged. In 2023, there was a major discovery when made over 70 post holes and 19th century window glass shards were found in the trenches. The stockade was starting to come together.

The goals for coming digs include figuring out how big the stockade was and what buildings were within the stockade. Guard houses and privies are also on the "to find" list.

During the off season, the areas are covered with plastic and backhoed over for preservation purposes. Before this happens, every find is marked with a numbered flag and recorded. Extensive mapping, drone photos, and 3D models are used to record the finds. The end goal is to have walking paths with signage to outline the Camp for the public to follow.

Camp Security is the only prisoner-of-war camp from the Revolutionary War whose site has not been paved or built over. Very few other sites are available and the preservation of this site for future generations is important.

More information on Camp Security can be found on their website: www.campsecurity.org. The site includes a virtual museum, artifacts gallery, and a more detailed history of the camp and the archaeological dig. Check the York County History Center You Tube channel under SCPGS for a video of this interesting presentation. The Friends of Camp Security are also looking for volunteers to assist with the digs!



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*Tales of Horses from the Southern End**

*(Southeastern York County including Peach Bottom, Fawn, and the Hopewell Townships)
By Erica Runkles

Family research done using a service like newspapers.com can reap some lively results, albeit delightful or sordid. How an ancestor's name "made the news" into a 19th or early 20th newspaper column could have involved countless situations: illness, a social event, business transactions, an accident, or a school or church activity among a myriad of possibilities. One essential creature present in daily life during these times was a horse. I sometimes found that without that particular horse, my relative might have remained totally unknown in the public's eye. What follows will detail the place a horse could have in someone's visibility and family story!

All clippings from newspapers.com **Top left:** The York Daily, York, PA, Feb 27, 1914, Page 5 - Leo Miller, my 1st cousin 4x removed. **Top right:** The Gazette, York, PA, Feb 12, 1910, Page 18 - Clarence Douglass, my great granduncle. **Bottom left:** The Gazette, York, PA, April 12, 1910, Page 5. John Ritz, my grandfather. **Bottom right:** The Gazette, York, PA, Jun 23, 1898, Page 1, - David A. Miller, neighbor of Douglass ancestors.

(Special to The York Daily)
Red Lion, Feb. 26.—A horse belonging to Leo Miller, near Winterstown, missing since last Sunday, was found alive today buried beneath a drift of snow, apparently none the worse for its four day interment.
In a runaway last Sunday the sleigh upset and Mr. Miller was thrown out. The horse disappeared and a search failed to locate the animal. Today a party of men crossing a field about four miles from Winterstown noticed a sleigh runner protruding from a huge drift. Opening the drift they were surprised to find a sleigh and attached to it a horse. One of the party recognized the animal as Miller's and it was driven to his farm. The story, a hard one to believe, was told here today by Mr. Miller.

Nelson Rehmeyer sold a horse last week to John Ritz, near Winterstown.



Photo of John Ritz, his horse, and dog from author's collection; circa 1915.

RED LION, Feb. 11.—Clarence O. Douglass, of North Hopewell township, is suffering from a badly injured back and hips, the result of an accident this morning. Mounted on one of his favorite horses he started to the blacksmith shop to have it rough-shod, when the animal slipped and fell over, carrying Mr. Douglass with it. He managed to get to his home, when it was found he was considerably hurt at the points mentioned.

Peculiar Runaway Accident.
Captain D. D. Miller, of Rinely, was last evening the victim of a most peculiar runaway accident about a mile south of Weiglestown. The captain was driving to York in a buggy drawn by two horses and was overtaken by a team belonging to Liveryman Flemming, of this city, which had broken loose from the Weiglestown hotel and was in mad career for home. In the crash the captain's buggy was upset, one wheel was smashed and he was dragged quite a long distance. He escaped without injury except numerous bruises and a few slight cuts.

The following Knights participated in the sports of the day, and took the number of rings annexed to their names respectively:

C. L. Wright, Knight of "Marmion,"	9
Washington Barton, " "Five Forks,"	9
R. B. Stifler, " "I will if I can,"	8
F. Wilson, " "Seven Stars,"	8
William Bosher, " "Ivanhoe,"	8
James F. Gilbert, " "Eureka,"	7
Thomas Harris, " "Still Water,"	7
C. Downes, " "Lochhill,"	6
R. Mathews, " "The Valley,"	6
A. N. McCurdy, " "Douglass,"	5
R. N. Wiley, " "La Rose,"	5
E. M. Day, " "Wood Lawn,"	4
W. H. Wilson, " "Bald Eagle,"	4

The two Sir Knights Wright and Barton each having taken an equal number of rings it became necessary for them to ride off. This riding resulted as follows, viz: Wright 9 and Barton 8.

Miss Sarah L. Hale was chosen by the Knight "Marmion," to be the queen of love and beauty; Miss Emma Douglass was chosen by the Knight "Five Forks" to be the first Maid of Honor; Miss Susie Beard was selected by the Knight "I will if I can" as the second Maid of Honor, and Miss Clara A. Treut was honored as third Maid of Honor by the Knight "Still Water."

The prizes awarded to the successful Knights were riding bridles.

The presentation address was made by Dr. O. Ehrman, of York.

After these exercises were over there was a challenge ride between Dr. A. C. McCurdy and R. N. Wiley. Knight McCurdy took 9 rings and his competitor 8 rings.

The Knights, ladies, judges and others were entertained by Mr. Abraham Miller and his son Capt. D. A. Miller, and their wives, at the most sumptuous dinner and supper. The tables fairly groaned beneath the weight of good things, and many were the praises bestowed for the bountiful repast.

In reference to the accomplishments of the Sir Knights during the day there was one common bestowal of praise. Their horsemanship and skill were of the highest order.

The rings used on the occasion were one and a quarter inch in diameter.

In the evening the assemblage adjourned to meet in a delightful grove where the ceremonies ended by the agreeable exercise of "tripping the light fantastic toe."

The music for the occasion was furnished by the Perseverance Band of Mount Pleasant, and was rendered in fine style.

Everything passed off pleasantly, and the hope was cherished by all that there might be frequent returns of such harmless amusements.

The York Daily, York PA, Sept. 11, 1775, Page 1

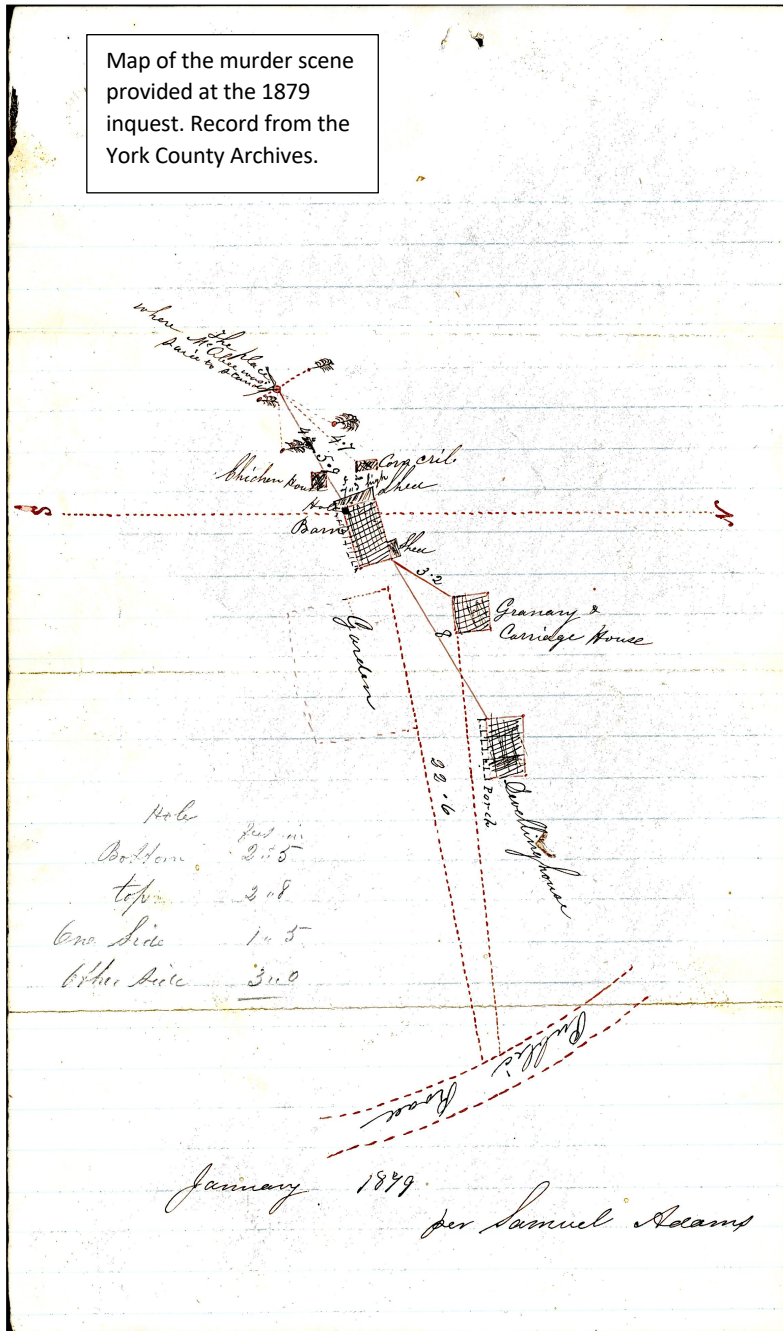
A newspaper search for my great grandfather John McNary Douglass' older sister Emma Douglass yielded a very beguiling Southern York County event underpinned with horses. The September 9, 1875 article announced that the "Grand Tournament at Mount Pleasant" recently held in Hopewell Township was a grand success. "The day was bright and beautiful, the attendance was large, and no unpleasant circumstance occurred to mar the pleasures of the day." I was charmed to discover that what is now Rinely was the site of a "Ring Tournament" which had become popular after the American Civil War, spurred by Sir Walter Scott's *Ivanhoe*. (Mark Twain called the "mania for spearing rings" the Sir Scott disease.) The names of the judges, the marshals, and the heralds, the Sir Knights and Maidens of Honor were all accounted for by the reporter. I found familiar names: Miss Emma Douglass, M. Douglass, Miss Clara A. Trout, and W. H. Wilson.

Emma Jane Douglass was born near the Cross Roads area in 1856, the 3rd of nine children of William Smith Douglass and Lavina Minnich. Two years after the Grand Tournament, on 5 April 1877, she was married to William Harvey Wilson at the Stewartstown Presbyterian Church. Two weeks later, she gave birth to their child, Iva Almeda Wilson. By the 1880 census, Emma was a widow living with her parents and her child. William Harvey Wilson, born in Bald Eagle, Fawn Township, in 1843, the 3rd of eleven children of Josiah E. Wilson and Agnes Mary Watson. Harvey was a Civil War veteran having served in Co L, 9th Pennsylvania Cavalry Vols. In the 1870 census his occupation was as a cattle broker.

A thrill of horror ran through the congregation at Chanceford church, yesterday, when it was announced that Harvey Wilson, of Fawn twp., was shot dead by constable Jamison, of Stewartstown, Sabbath morning. The deceased was brought up in the church, of which his parents were members.

Newspapers.com: The York Dispatch, York, PA, 17 June 1878, Page 1. (See following page for explanation and story on Harvey Wilson.)

There was a notice in the York papers about the Annual Meeting of the York County Horse Thief Detecting Society held May 29, 1871. With a long list of members came a reminder that every member when contacted about a stolen horse was to ride immediately in pursuit one day, so that every road and bye-road be supplied with a rider; the thief must be caught. In 1927, the Mutual Horse Thief Detective Society formally sought dissolution of the organization as the society had not been called upon to pay a claim on a stolen horse or to seek a horse thief for a very long time. (newspapers.com: York Gazette, May 16, 1871, Page 3; York Daily Record, Feb 15, 1927, Page 13.



Epilogue

My great grandaunt Emma Jane Douglass Wilson remarried Mr. Reuben Smith of Dallastown on 14 January 1883. She died of consumption on 18 April 1885 and was buried in an unmarked grave in the Mt Pleasant cemetery in Rinely. Her daughter Iva Almeda Wilson was able to receive a minor's compensation from her father William Harvey Wilson's pension. For going against Constable Jamison's order about no firearm use, Joseph McAbee received a short prison sentence for killing the unarmed Harvey Wilson.

Newspapers.com clipping on far right:
The York Daily, York, PA, June 17, 1878, page 1.

TRAGEDY IN FAWN TOWNSHIP.

An Attempt to Arrest Harvey Wilson, an Escaped Prisoner, at his Residence, in Fawn Twp.—His Resistance and Death from a Pistol Shot.

On Saturday evening last, officer Jamison left Shrewsbury with Joseph McAbee as an assistant, for the home of Harvey Wilson, who escaped from the officer a week ago.

Wilson's residence is in Fawn township. Since his escape he has been out of the State, but, returned home on last Saturday evening. The two upon reaching the neighborhood where Wilson resides, enlisted the services of officer Jamison's brother. The three went to the premises of Wilson and waited for daybreak, and just about daylight, Wilson was seen, as was his usual habit, leaving the house, and going towards the barn to feed the stock. As he reached the stable door, officer Jamison stepped up to him, and was about to take him into custody, when Wilson jumped from him, and reaching into his side pocket, swore if he (Jamison) moved another step towards him, he would blow his brains out, and finishing the sentence, shut the door in the face of the officer. The three men then went to different sides of the building to prevent his escape.

Wilson attempted to escape through an opening at the end of the barn, from which a shed roof projected to within a few feet of the ground. It was in trying to escape by this shed roof to gain the ground, that he encountered Joseph McAbee, who called to Wilson to surrender; Wilson pointed towards McAbee and swore if he did not get out of the way, he would shoot him on the spot. McAbee backed some distance, and fearing that Wilson would shoot him, fired at random at Wilson to frighten him and compel him to surrender. The ball, however, took effect in the abdomen of Wilson, who with an oath said he was shot. He was taken down from the roof and died in about 15 minutes. A physician was sent for, and a justice of the peace, who held an inquest over the body. The result of which we did not learn. The officers returned to Shrewsbury about one o'clock p. m. yesterday.

Harvey Wilson is a brother of James and Frank Wilson, arrested last week, and now in jail, as noticed in the DAILY at the time. He was a married man, thirty-five years of age, was a fine looking man, and, at one time was greatly respected in the neighborhood where he lived. The charges upon which he was arrested heretofore, were assault and battery with intent to kill, and stealing a horse and buggy from Raffensparger's hotel, in Shrewsbury borough.—At his last arrest he made his escape from the officer after he had a hearing before a justice, and was committed to jail. The parents of these three young men are respectable people. The father is suffering from a cancer in his face, and more from the trouble and disgrace which his boys have brought upon him, and now the tragic death of Harvey, adds double weight to his accumulated sorrow.

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