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LOOKING AHEAD

APR. 13 The April meeting of the S.C.P.G.S. will be held at 2:15 p.m.(see next article) in the Meeting Hall of The Hist. Soc. of York County. Our speaker will be S.C.P.G.S. member Olive Kniesche Jones. Mrs. Jones' topic will be Researching In Maryland. Olive is an accomplished speaker and an experienced Maryland researcher. Her informative talk will cover all aspects of Maryland research - the primary and secondary source materials available, where they are located, and will include an explanation of the various(often confusing) indexing systems found in the county courthouses.

CHANGE IN TIME OF MONTHLY MEETING

Many of our members who regularly attend monthly meetings find it difficult to make the 2:00 starting time. This is particularly so for those driving 20 miles(& often more) who have church services that don't end till 12:00. In an effort to allow these members a bit more time to arrive and still not have the meetings end too late in the afternoon we will begin a new time schedule starting with the April meeting.

Beginning Sunday, April 13, the business portion of the meeting will begin at 2:15 p.m. and end at 2:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible. The planned program will begin at 2:30 p.m.(unless the business portion runs overtime) or as soon thereafter as possible. Hopefully this will make it possible for members coming from a distance to arrive on time for the featured program portion of the meeting. While some might miss a portion of the business meeting it is felt that this will not be as detrimental as missing the beginning of someones' presentation. A determined effort will always be made to keep the business portion 15 minutes in length, and thus, still allow the meeting to end at a reasonable time in the afternoon.

PRICE REDUCTION ON ANCESTRAL CHARTS BOOKS

Our storage space is at a premium. In an effort to keep our inventory of publications at a resonable level we have decided to sell our excess copies of the Ancestral Charts Publications at the following reduced prices:

Book I, Bicentennial Edition	$3.75
Book II, Articles of Conf. Ed.	7.75
Index(Incl. one for each of above)	1.50

We have no plans to reprint any of the above - when our current supply is exhausted - that's it!

RENEWAL NOTICES

Our current Fiscal Year runs from July 1, 1979 to June 30, 1980. Near the end of April all members will be sent renewal notices for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 1980. No other renewal notice will be sent at a later date.

RESEARCH COMMITTEE CALENDAR

The current work schedule:

MAR. 17-22 Ray Bloom, Bill Major, Daisy Wilt.
MAR. 24-29 Estelle Allison, Pat Bryan, Romaine Wills.
MAR. 31-APR. 5 Clair Holtzapple, Alfreda Patton, Henry Rhoads.
APR. 7-12 Mary Helen Emery, Linda Frigm, Kathryn Jordan.
APR. 14-19 Gloria Aughenbaugh, Dave Hively, Bill Lightner.

BEFORE YOU BUY - THINK - AND READ THAT AD OR LETTER CAREFULLY!!

Most S.C.P.G.S. members are aware that Genealogy is one of the largest hobbies in the U.S. today. Probably most would agree that the vast majority of genealogists they know are helpful, honest, and sincere people.

What many fail to realize is what the above immediately means. What is that? Simply this - along with the above combination you also have something else - $ $ $ - and an extremely dedicated group of "professionals"(authors, speakers, etc.), "publishing" and "service" type businesses, and "just plain down home type folks" eager to get those $ $ $.

The computer group, with their directories, indexes, lists, and you name it type "services" still holds top place in the $ $ $ game. But, currently trying to make a dent in their take is an old stand-by - the "down home folks". If you've not yet been fortunate enough to get on their mailing lists, don't fret. They're bound to discover your address sooner or later.

In the "down home folks" group, family histories are currently being pushed. One of the more popular gimmicks being used to entice you to buy is the "Dear Friend ---------- Sincerely, John and Mary" type letter. Mary often is a retired teacher while John probably still works their small farm(Penna. is usual location). They've been doing extensive research costing thousands and taking months to complete. Now they are ready to publish a book about the very rare and distinct (your surname) family. It will, of course, be beautifully stamped, include material on family crests, heraldry, name origin, and reference sources. Quite often it will include a (your surname) family directory. Naturally there will be only one limited printing with each book numbered(maybe also "registered"). Yes, you may buy one(but, only one) if you do so now, as the book is scheduled for printing in just a few weeks.

What the above "Dear Friend" type letters won't tell you is that the book you'll receive for your $18 to $25 is with one exception, the same as the ones they have for all other family names. Your book, say on the Jones Family, will have a Jones Family Directory slipped into the back(including addresses for many now deceased) while John Smith will receive exactly the same book as yours' except that his will have a Smith Family Directory at the end(including addresses for many now deceased - we've always been a bit curious as to how we were to get in touch with

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these!). Those in this rip-off game with the most "style" or "class" might include, with the "Directory", a "Certificate of Authenticity"(same in all books) on which your name will be typed in. The remainder of "your" family history book includes exactly the same material as "his" family history book. Usually it will consist of several "how to get started" type chapters (extremely general in coverage and poorly written) designed to help a beginning genealogist. If blank charts are included, then, of course, "your" book and "his" book will become individualized if both fill in their own family histories on the charts.

In a nut-shell - what we're trying to point out through the above example is - if you're "hooked" on genealogy - BE AWARE - others are also hooked, not on genealogy, but on trying to cash-in on it!!

QUERIES

Need any info on Christian and Barbara(SMOKER) HESS, b. ca. 1800, Lanc. Co., PA. Ch.: Samuel b. 1835; John Randolph b. 1837; Mariah b. Ca. 1840; Clinton b. ca. 1836.

Mrs. Elda Hess Anderson, 10401 Kingswood Circle, Sun City, AZ, 85351.

Seeking info on par. and fam. of Abdul or Aptile FUHRMAN & his w. Lydia UTZ. Ch.: Harvey Milton; Chester Henry; Anna Mary; Jacob; Howard; Clinton; Amanda. The fam. lived in the Menges Mill area of York Co., PA, & it is believed that many relatives are now living in or near Hanover, York Co. It is known that Jacob UTZ(father of Lydia?) owned a farm near Hanover.

Calvin S. Fuhrman, 35 N. Chestnut St., Marietta, PA,17547.

MISSING PERSON - Would the Lois CROWL who was working on the Michael TANNER family of York Co., PA, please contact me?

Lee E. Vaughan, 1706 Cherrywood Lane, Lindenhurst,IL,60046.

Need b. & mar. dates, par. & ch. of Catherine MYERS(b. Lanc. Co., PA) who mar. Conrad DOLL. A son, Jacob Myers DOLL(b. 15 Jly. 1815, Lanc. Co.) mar. Margaret BAILEY(b. 8 June 1821, Lanc. Co.). Also need her par. & children.

William L. Porter, 2316 N. Sheridan Road, Peoria, IL,61604.

The ch.(order unknown) of John McCLEAN, d. Dec. 1796, Washington Co., PA, were: William; Alexander; James; Elizabeth m. a JAMESON; Mary m. a BILL; Sarah m. Tempest TUCKER; John m. Rachel TUCKER; Arthur m. Anna CARMICHAEL; Joseph; Nancy m. Luther AXTELL, Jr.; Rachel m. Abraham COOKE. Who was their mother? Where were they born? Did John McCLEAN, Sr. mar. more than once?

William McCLEAN is reported bur. at Lower Marsh Creek, York (now Adams) Co., PA, in June 1785. Is an estate settlement available? Seek info. on his s. John, b. 1740.

Ruth Jurgensen, 434 N.W. 19th. St., Oklahoma City,OK,73103.

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Seeking the par. of James STALL of Franklin Co., PA. Born ca. 1761. Mar. Anna Maria SIMON ca. 1763. James STALL d. Trumbull Co., OH, 1808 & bur. in Poland Cem. Related by mar. to the DIEHL family. Will remit postage.
Mrs. Crystal Dunn, 1021 Marywood Dr., Royal Oak, MI,48067.

Want to correspond & will exchange info with anyone doing research on the BOWERS fam. in So. Cent. part of PA. Interested in knowing par. of Wm. BOWERS, b. ca. 1830 & his w. Sarah Ann KUNCKLE, who came to Elizabeth Twp., Miami Co., OH, ca. 1854 from Adams Co.?, PA. I will answer all correspondence.
Roger J. Bowers, 2104 Patterson Road, Dayton,OH, 45420.

Am seeking info on three York Co., PA, persons: Abram HOUSEHOLDER(Hopewell Twp.); Jacob HOUSEHOLDER(York Twp.); Magdalena HOUSEHOLDER(Heidelberg Twp.) as per 1830 Census. Any info(names, dates, etc.) will be appreciated.
Robert D. Thompson, P.O. Box 2345, Clearwater, FL, 33517.

Seeking info on Casper SPENGLER who was immigrant to PA in 1727, and Baltzer SPENGLER who arrived in 1733. Both were in York Co., PA by 1740. Any help will be welcome.
Thomas L. Spangler, 80 N. Fairfield, Dover, DE, 19901.

Trying to find immigrant ancestor of Barbara BOWER/BAUER of Huntington Twp.(York, now Adams Co., PA) who mar. Georg Ludwig ROSENMULLER/ROSEMILLER after 1754 & before 1767. Ludwig (Lewis) paid taxes in Huntington Twp. by 1782. Had dau. Mary Ann b. 1767 & s. Lewis b. 1778. Georg Ludwig & w. said to be bur. at Abbottstown(Adams Co., PA)? He was said to be a merchant & manufacturer. Of what, & where?
Barbara Marvin, 4629 Tilden St., N.W., Washington, DC,20016