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LOOKING AHEAD

10 APRIL 1983 - The April meeting of the S.C.P.G.S. will be held in the Meeting Hall of The Historical Society of York County. A brief business meeting will begin at 2:15 p.m. and the program at 2:30 p.m. Our speaker will be S.C.P.G.S. member John W. Heisey. Mr. Heisey is perhaps best known because of the various Genealogy Courses he has taught throughout southern and eastern PA (see articles, this issue). His presentation is entitled "STONE CUTTER'S ART". This presentation was originally scheduled for our February meeting which was cancelled because of a snow storm. Hopefully, driving conditions will be much better this time around!

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Many member queries have appeared in this newsletter in the last few years. Hopefully many persons have received help as a result of the query section. No one who has information to share with a querist is expected to turn over gratis the result of years of research, but a sharing of some pertinent facts or leads would be appropriate action. At the least, those receiving help should return a letter of thanks, including replacement of postage expended by the informant.

Any experienced researcher of early York County, PA, records knows that very rarely do administration accounts of an estate list the names of the heirs and their relationship to the decedent. Instead, what we have in most accounts are the enticing, but uninformative phrases, "balance to be distributed according to the will"(testate) or "balance to be distributed according to law"(intestate). Had the authorities required a list of heirs, numerous unsolved genealogical problems would not exist. There are exceptions. One known to me is the administrative account of the estate of Jacob Harrington who died intestate. Isaac Harrington, the administrator, exhibited the account on 25 April 1757 with a balance of about 123 pounds distributed to the following persons: Mary, the wife of John Jasper; Isaac Harrington (presumably the administrator and the eldest son, as he received a double share); Ann, the wife of (Thos.(?), document damaged) Lawson; Jacob Harrington; Thomas Harrington; Frances Harrington; Rachel, the wife of John Freeharty; Sarah Harrington; and John Harrington. Jacob Harrington, the decedent, may be the Jacob Harrington who is referred to in depositions involving the attack on Thomas Cresap during the PA-MD border troubles. If so, Harrington came to the area in or about 1729 and was an early settler of York County(see, for instance, Maryland Historical Magazine, Vol. III, No. 1, March 1908, "Attack on Cresap's House", particularly pages 48 and 50).

David P. Hively

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF YORK COUNTY

The library will be CLOSED Saturday, 26 March 1983. Sorry, but everyone is attending the Genealogy Conference at the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society on this date.

SEMINARS - YORK COLLEGE OF PENNSYLVANIA

York College of Pennsylvania is offering two five week seminars in the immediate future which might be of interest to members within reasonable driving distance of York. The Instructor for both is S.C.P.G.S. member John W. Heisey. Because of the time (date) element we suggest, if interested in attending, that you contact Mr. Heisey at his home for further details. His phone number: (717) 843-4051. The Seminars:

BASIC GENEALOGY - A five week seminar on the basics of genealogical research: How and where to search; what to look for; forms used; local, state, and national records; time for questions and sharing; and much more. Class meets Monday evenings for 5 weeks. March 28, April 11, 18, 25, and 2 May 1983. Time - 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at York College. Cost dependent upon number of participants - not yet stated - but probably $25 to $30.

LIFE IN COLONIAL TIMES - A five week seminar, with lots of color slides, on everyday life in America from earliest colonial times down to the start of the American Revolution. An excellent background seminar for genealogists as it will focus on times and events, reasons for migrations, migration patterns, and much more. Class meets Wednesday evenings for 5 weeks. April 6, 13, 20, 27, and 4 May 1983. Time - 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at York College. Cost dependent upon number of participants - not yet stated - but probably $25 to $30.

SEMINAR - LANCASTER MENNONITE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Lancaster Mennonite Hist. Soc. is planning a five week GERMAN FOR GENEALOGY Seminar at the Hist. Soc. headquarters, 2215 Millstream Road, Lancaster, PA 17602. Classes will meet each Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. from 5 April to 3 May 1983. Cost for the seminar is $25 for Mennonite Hist. Soc. members & $30 for non-members. John W. Heisey, Instructor, will introduce participants to the basics of the German Language and its' script handwriting with a strong orientation to vocabulary as needed by genealogists to read tombstones, family Bibles, 18th Cent. correspondence, and foreign archival records. Prior knowledge of German is not required. For more info. contact Carolyn C. Wenger at the above address. Phone (717) 393-9745.

YORK COUNTY, PA DEED ABSTRACTS

Most members are probably aware of the publication entitled YORK COUNTY, PA DEEDS 1749-1758, Vol. 1. This book is an abstract of Deeds found in Deed Book A of York Co. Alguire Abstracts, 765 East 170th Place, South Holland, IL, 60473, publisher of the above, now has available YORK COUNTY, PA - DEEDS 1758-1761, Vol. 2. This is a continuation of the abstracts of Vol. 1. Vol 1 is 103 pages including surname index and Vol. 2 is 107 pages including surname index. Cost of each colume is $12.

BYBERRY/WALTON FAMILIES REUNION

The BYBERRY/WALTON TRICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION will be held on 13 August 1983, 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Byberry Meeting House, 3001 Byberry Rd., Northeast, Philadelphia, PA. All are welcome! For further info. contact: Nancy W. Singleton, M.R. #2, Woodland Rd., Baden, PA 15005.

GRIESEMER FAMILY

The Griesemer Family Association, c/o James Griesemer, R.D. #1, Lamms Rd., Wernersville, PA, 19565, has available for purchase, limited copies of THE GRIESEMERS. This 300 page hard cover book is indexed and includes

illustrations. It has chapters on the family origins in Europe, the 1730 imm. John Valentine Griesemer and his descendants, families they married into (especially Gerys, Cunnius, Bertolets), and other Griesemer/Griesheimer families who came to America. Cost is $26.50 including shipping and postage (PA res. add $1.50 sales tax).

KITZMILLER FAMILY

The Kitzmiller Family Association, 4470 South Ceylon Way, Aurora, CO, 80015, is planning to shortly publish THE KITZMILLER FAMILY: PENNSYLVANIA PALATINES OF 1728. For more information contact the association at the above address.

QUERIES

Seeking par. of Henry NEUKOMMET/NEWCOMER, shoemaker (1773-1851), mar. Elizabeth BILLOK/BILLOW (1778-1863). Children: Sarah (1805-1885) mar. John HEPPENSTALL, II; Elizabeth (1806-1889); John (1815-1889) mar. Magdalena LEHMAN (1813-1852); Catharine (1819-1859); Henry (1825-1871) mar. Sarah COLLENSWOOD.
Nancy N. Lau, Box 593, RD #1, Dallastown, PA 17313.

HOLLINGER, John, was the fath. of Peter S. HOLLINGER b. ____1848, d. ____ 1925. Peter and wf. Alice J. RAFFENSBERGER (1851-1914) are bur. in Prospect Hill Cem. in York, PA. Who are John's parents, his b. & d. dates, & did John have any children? Will exchange info.
T. L. Spangler, 80 N. Fairfield Dr., Dover, DE 19901.

Need parents of Edward WILT (1829-1913), bur. Yoe Cem., York Co., PA, blacksmith in York Twp. (York Co.) in 1870. Edward mar. Catherine A. _____ (1840-1924). Had children: John W.; Reuben L.; William Edward; Elizabeth Jane; Maggie.
Mary B. Wilt, 2419 N. Fountain, Wichita, KS 67220.

Would like to exchange data on the following families: MOSER; GEISELMAN; WAMBACH; INNERST; MICHAEL; HUFSCHMIDT; HABER; BUCHMANN; BLECHRODT; HAGNER; & WADSWORTH.
Robert V. Fisher, 121 - 51st St., Des Moines, IA 50312.

Seeking info. on Levi & Eliza WADSWORTH of Carroll Twp., York Co., PA. Levi b. ca. 1827, d. __?__ , bur. Filey's Church. Wife Eliza d. 26 Dec. 1895, bur. same. Son of Samuel & Katherine (MOLISEE) WADSWORTH, resided York Co. all his life. Would like names of ch. & to correspond with descendants. Will exchange info.
Mrs. Mary Jane Wadsworth, 5447 SR 380, Wilmington, OH 45177.

Are John & Catherine SPITLER, bur. Emanuel Ref. Church, Hanover, York Co., PA, my Anna Spitler SMITH's parents? John d. 1801 & Catherine d. 1811.
Who are parents of Mary Catherine HEIBEL/HEBLE/HEVELL? She mar. John ALTHOFF, d. 1867, Taneytown, MD.
Need info. on Thomas & Magdalen ADAMS. Thomas d. 1776 & bur. at Conewago Chapel, Adams Co., PA. Magdalen d. 1826, Taneytown, MD.
Need par. of Anthony KLEIN/LITTLE who mar. Catherine STRAUSBAUGH ca. 1797. Anthony d. 1823, Conewago.
Barbara Brady O'Keefe, 2120 SW 127th Ave., Miami, FL 33175.

GONDER, Martin, 1780-Manor Twp., Lancaster Co., PA Tax List; 1790-Washington Co., MD, Census; 1793-Somerset Co. landowner. Need connection with John & Peter GONDER, gunsmiths in Lancaster, possibly York Co. sons of John Peter.

Were they brothers?
Ruby Weiss Gonter, 312 High St., Rt. 3, Sugarcreek, OH 44681.

John George "William" BAGER/BAUGHER b. 15 Apr 1750, Simmern, Ger., WP 18 Apr 1798 Berwick Twp., York(now Adams) Co., PA, mca 1770/2 Catherine ___?___ . Need info. on Catherine. Maiden Name, parents, sibbs., b. & d. dates.

The Rev. John George BAGER, pioneer Luth. minister to PA, MD, & NY, & the fath. of John George William BAGER/BAUGHER, has been accepted by DAR as a new ancestor record. Will gladly share what info I have on this family.

Mrs. Wm. K. Russell, Rte. 1, Box 207E, Mountain Grove, MO 65711.

Wish to correspond with anyone researching the SEABROOK(s) families of PA & adjacent areas of MD.

Seek any info. concerning John MARSH "of Adams County" who in Mar. 1850 bought tracts of parts of land called "Ohio" & "Mt. Pleasant" in Carroll Co., MD, from John & Mary OVERDEER. Was he the John MARSH(age 26) who mar. Louisa Jane MYERS of Balt. Co., MD, in Dec 1850?

Richard S. Wheeler, 711 Colorado St., Claremont, CA 91711.

Can you identify this quotation? "On account of the bequest of the late Ezekiah HOPKINS, of Lebanon, PA, U.S.A., there is now another vacancy open which entitles a member of the League to a salary of 1b. 4 a week for purely nominal services". Were there ever any HOPKINS families in Lebanon, PA?

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