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LOOKING AHEAD

1 APRIL - Our April meeting will be held in the Meeting Hall of The Historical Society of York County. Business portion of the meeting will begin at 2:15 p.m. and program at 2:30.

Mrs. Jane Adams Clarke will speak on the topic "PHILADELPHIA RECORDS AND SOURCES". Mrs. Clarke is at present Secretary to the Administrative Judge of Family Court in Philadelphia and has done professional genealogical research for the past eight years. She has been successful in tracing three of her early German ancestors to their birth places in Germany. On one line, she has even made a "royal connection".

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

President David Hively has announced the names of members appointed to the Nominating Committee. These are Clair Holtzapple, Chairman, Ruth Gladfelter, and Norman Rinehart. The committee will prepare a slate of candidates for the 1 July 1984 - 30 June 1985 society year. Candidates will be nominated for the offices of President, Vice-President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary and one Director-At-Large. The committee's slate will be presented at the May meeting. At the same meeting nominations can also be accepted from the floor, provided the persons so nominated have given their consent in writing for presentation when nominated. Election occurs at the June meeting.

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

"When it rains, it pours" and my Notes this month have turned into a lengthy list. I do believe much of this information will be of interest to many SCPGS members. I trust that these notices, from many sources, are relatively free of errors and are up-to-date.

Do you have an ancestor who lived in Adams County, PA at an early date? Did that ancestor warrant or patent land in that county? Or did the ancestor purchase Adams County land from another individual? Would you like to know the exact location of such land? A SCPGS member and resident of Adams County, PA is an acknowledged expert in locating Adams County properties. This person provides the service through The Adams County Historical Society. I have seen examples of this land search service and feel the fee charged is quite fair considering the quality and amount of what is received. For additional information and conditions, see a later section of this newsletter titled "Adams County, PA Historical Title Search Program". (A future newsletter will contain information about the Adams County Historical Society.)

Genealogists and historians concerned about the reliability of their research may want to consider purchase of Genealogical Evidence A Guide to the Standard of Proof Relating to Pedigrees, Ancestry, Heirship and Family History by Noel C. Stevenson (1979, paperback, 223 pages). Among the chapter titles are "The Identity Problem"; "Paternity, Maternity, Legitimacy and Illegitimacy"; "The Surname Problem and Genealogy"; "How Accurate are Vital Records?"; "Court Records-II, Criminal Records"; "Principal Unofficial or Private Records";

ADAMS COUNTY, PA

HISTORICAL TITLE SEARCH PROGRAM

The Adams County Historical Society offers to make an effort to determine the exact location of eighteenth and nineteenth century properties which are located within the present limits of the county. Assuming that it is possible to find an early survey or deed description of the property in question, the society uses land, tax, estate, and other records, including aerial maps, in its effort to compile a chain of title, beginning with the original warrant which either the Penn proprietors or, after the American Revolution, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania issued and ending with the current owner.

Although in almost every instance the previous efforts to provide this service have been successful, the society can offer no guarantee other than to make a determined effort to check all of the available sources and, if necessary, to recheck them. In every case, early surveys and deeds must be found (a name on a tax list is not enough) and more recent deeds must be available and in good order. And, the property must be located within the present limits of Adams county.

Among the materials furnished in the report made, if they are available, are a copy of the original survey, abstracts of deeds and similar pertinent information, a summary of any assessments which describe buildings on the property, and copies of several maps (a connected survey blueprint, a topographical map showing the exact location of the property, and pertinent sections of aerial and current tax maps).

The cost of this service is $50 for each investigation. Persons wishing to use it should send a check or money order along with their request to the Adams County Historical Society, Drawer A, Gettysburg, Penna. 17325, together with as much information about the property as is known to them. Since the investigation is a time-consuming and often tedious one, at the very least one month is required to complete it.

A less extensive search can sometimes be made in order to answer the inquirer's questions about a particular property. Persons interested in it should consult the society.

"Rules of Evidence Applied to Genealogy"; and "Definitions of Words, Phrases, and Abbreviations". The book may be purchased from Aegean Park Prss (P. O. Box 2837, Laguna Hills, CA 92653) for $14.80. (The same publisher also sells for $16.80 a book called Civil War Claims in the South by Gary B. Mills.)

Beginning 1 April 1984 all requests for military service records and passenger arrival records in the National Archives must be on NATF Forms 80 and 81, respectively. After that date the previous versions, NATF Forms 26 and 40, will not be accepted. The new forms are available from Reference Services Branch (NNIR), National Archives and Records Service, Washington, DC 20408. Each type of military record request will need to be submitted on a separate NATF Form 80. Payment will not be made with the new forms at the time of submission.

A series of catalogs of National Archives microfilm publications is available. Each catalog contains descriptions of the records and the information in them, administrative histories of the agencies involved, and roll-by-roll listings of the microfilm. Send a $2 check for each catalog ordered (there is no charge to organizations, research facilities, and associations requesting copies for public use). Make checks payable to National Archives Trust Board and mail to Catalog, Dept. S.H., National Archives, Washington, DC 20408, specifying exact titles desired. Allow 4-6 weeks for delivery. The five available catalogs are (1) Black Studies, (2) American Indians, (3) Immigrant and Passenger Arrivals, (4) Military Service Records, and (5) Genealogical and Biographical Research.

The following information provided by SCPGS member Betty E. Brown may be of interest to other members who have ancestors who came to America during or after the 1870's. For such ancestors there may exist a photograph of the ship on which they came. If you know the ship's name, one good source to contact is the Peabody Museum of Salem (East India Square, Salem, Massachusetts 01970). This museum promptly replied to Mrs. Brown's inquiry which had included a SASE. She received a brochure with general information, a photocopy of the ship of interest to her, and ordering information. She ordered an 8 by 10 matte finish photograph of the "Leipzig". This photograph she framed and gave to her husband who thought it a unique Christmas gift that he truly appreciated. (The "Leipzig" brought Mr. Brown's great grandfather, Joseph and Catharine Braun, and their three children to New York City in 1872. The youngest child, one year old Franz, was Mr. Brown's grandfather.) The Peabody Museum has a photographic collection estimated at over one million prints and negatives dating from the early 1870's. In her research Mrs. Brown has also found useful a book called Passengers and Ships of the World Past and Present by Eugene Smith. She writes that the book contains a wealth of information about ships, including many pictures.

Persons interested in the Weiser family (especially descendants of Johan Conrad Weiser) may want to join the Weiser Family Association (55 Kohler School Road, New Oxford, PA 17350). Besides the newsletter, there are plans for a 1985 book which will contain new pre-1700 European information on the family. Cost is $3 per year for the newsletter.

Available from Gary T. Hawbaker (P. O. Box 207, Hershey, PA 17033) is the book Schweizer Einwanderer in den Kraichgau (Swiss Immigrants into the Kraichgau after the Thirty Years' War), edited by Diefenbacher, Pfister, and Hotz. Although printed in German, the names are listed in alphabetical order. Also guides for English readers are included on colored pages throughout the book. The softcover book of 296 pages lists some 5000 names. The cost is $20 plus $2 postage and handling (PA residents should add an additional $1.20 for tax).

Some SCPGS members may find the following information of much interest. The DDD Company of Landover, MD operates the National Archives Census Microfilm Rental Program. This same company has recently made arrangements to handle in the same fashion the National Archives films on Revolutionary War Soldiers Records. Libraries and societies in your area that participate in the rental program should be able to provide you with additional information.

Anyone interested in the Leighty (Lighty/Lichty) family of Washington Township, York County, PA should consult the genealogy The Leighty Families of Blair County 1737-1971 by Marie Leighty Engel. A significant portion of this book, published in 1971, contains information on Washington Township Leightys who were the ancestors of the Blair County families who are detailed in the book. The Historical Society of York County, PA owns a copy.

The Spring Meeting of the PA Chapter Palatines to America will be held April 7 at Messiah College. Scheduled speakers are Martin Diestler (speaking on the "Developing Social System in Europe and Creative Use of German Records") and James Davis (presenting information on a battalion raised among the Germans in PA and MD for the Continental Army in 1776).

A "Mid-Altantic Genealogy Conference" is scheduled for July 12-14 at the Pikesville Hilton Inn located at Reisterstown Road, Baltimore. The emphasis of the conference will be on research in the Mid-Atlantic region, including Virginia and West Virginia. Featured will be such nationally known genealogical lecturers as Milton Rubincam, James Walker, Helen Harriss, Robert Barnes, Robert Clay, and Mary K. Meyer, as well as other qualified persons. The registration fee is $50.00. Advance publicity refers to "limited registration". For additional information send a SASE to Mary K. Meyer, Chairman, 8768-C, Town and Country Blvd., Ellicott City, MD 21043.

David P. Hively

QUERIES

Seeking info. on b. date/place and par. of Micajah "Cage" POSEY, b. ca. 1752, d. 1828. Mar. 1793 to Rachel (1766-1868), dau. of John and Mary PECK. Settled in Warwick Furnace area, Chester Co., PA, served in Rev. War with Col. Bull's Co. at Battle of Brandywine, seized as POW at Fort Washington, and discharged with rank of Major. Published fa. hist. mentions Gen. Thomas (1750-1818) and William (1759-1821) POSEY with Washington's army at Valley Forge. William mar. Susanna KELLER and remained in Chester Co. Thomas was in public service and became Gov. of IL Territory. No mention of Micajah. Relationship? Son, Micajah, Jr., lived near York Furnace, d. 1882 and bur. Bethel Meth. Ch.

Margaret Galbreath, 1005 Main St., Delta, PA 17314.

I'm seeking info. on Hugh RUTH (1808-1848) mar. to Elizabeth FUNK (1824-?). Also, Eliza BURT (1819-1886) and Thomas McDONALD (1817-1901). I find these two in Washington Co., PA, but believe they or their parents lived in York Co.

Iola F. Armour, 4400 Marigold Lane, Littleton, CO 80123.

Seeking information on Henry LEATHERS, b. 1794 in York, PA. Parents were Jacob and Ursula LEATHERS. Other ch.: George; Anna Maria; Jacob; Lydia; and Jerimias.

Edna M. Hollinger, 482 State Hwy. 506, Castle Rock, WA 98611.

Jacob WINTEROTH/WINTERODE d. 1797 in Littlestown, Adams Co., PA leaving w. Barbara and 8 children including two daus., Margaret and Elizabeth. Would like to prove or disprove family story that these are the two WINTERODE sisters who married ASHBAUGH brothers, sons of Andreas and Maria ASHBAUGH of Adams Co. Margaret _____ b. 1774, d. 1849, Mahoning Co., OH, mar. Andrew ASHBAUGH, and Elizabeth _____ b. 1776, d. 1848, Gettysburg, PA, mar. Thomas ASHBAUGH. Have much info. on both families to exchange.

Jean Laws, 3226 Fairfield Rd., Olympia, WA 98501.

I would like to correspond with anyone researching any of the following: John BAUMGARTNER-ca.1776-1819-Lebanon Co., PA; Andrew KEEFER - ? - 1828-Lebanon Co., PA; Joseph DOUBERT-ca. 1810-1845-Dauphin Co., PA; Emanuel CASSEL-1769-1854; FORNEY--Henry, Christian, Peter-Dauphin ? Lebanon ? Co., PA.

Mrs. Robert R. Miller, P. O. Box 614, Cedaredge, CO 81413.

David DUTT/TOOT b. Weissach, Ger., 19 Jan 1729, arriv. Phila., 16 Oct 1751 with bros. John, George, and Michael. Another passenger was Conrad EISENHART. David mar. Catherine ___?___. 1st. Ch. b. 1 Jan 1755 named Conrad. A dau. b. 15 Sep 1757 named Eva Catherine. Spons. at bapt. at Ch. Luth., York, were Conrad and Anna Catherine EISENHART. They also were spons. for 2 other DUTT ch. In 1762 David DUTT lived in Paradise Twp. and EISENHART in Manchester Twp., York Co., PA. Are these families related? Does anyone know the maiden name of David's wife? Will gladly exchange info. on the DUTT family.

Janet S. Welsh, 7416 Cliffbourne Ct., Derwood, MD 20855.

Need dates, locations for Christian MILLER (Jr.?) b. ?. mar. Catharine KLINGIMAN/CLINGERMAN, etc. Dau. Catharine b. 8 Feb. 1828, York, d. 18 Sep 1907, York, mar. Jacob C. SHULTZ 21 Jan 1847, York, PA. Jacob C. b. Dec 1824/5, York, PA. Son of Samuel b. 1804, York, PA. Son of Jacob b. 1769, York, PA.

Mrs. Connie Dillow,"Forgotten Hollow", Rt. 4, Box 141-C,Bentonville, AR 72712.

Where was John A. NEIL living in the 1820's in York Co., PA? Mar. Mary LIGHTFOOT; when, where, parents? Children b. in PA: James 1820; Elizabeth J. 1822; Catharine 1824; John 1825. To Wayne Co., OH in 1826. Also, Samuel LIGHTFOOT b. 1817 York Co., PA. Where and parents? In 1834 to Wayne Co., OH with father. "Mother" died several years prior; name, when died, where buried?

Thelma S. Ungerer, 681 Ashland Co. Rd., #1302, Ashland, OH 44805.

Peter and Nicholas VANCE on 1783 Tax List and 1790 Census, Reading Twp., York Co., and 1800 Census, Monaughan Twp., York Co. Were they related, what became of them, did they go to TN? Where? Who were their parents? Any info. will be of help; tracing ancestry of Peter C. VANCE b. 1794 in TN.

Mrs. Edna Renner, 1218 Edwards St., Beardstown, IL 62618.

Need info. about wife of Johannes SCHÄFER. Children: Jacob; Heinrich; and Susanna were born 1797 to 1802, were listed in Steltz Union Ch. records. Was wife Anna Elizabeth KLINEFELTER? Susanna mar. George PRICE, 6 Nov 1825, York Co., PA.

Helene Green, 114 Dieckman Rd., Chehalis, WA 98532.

Seeking info. on the following families: SHELINE/SHELLIN/SHELIN/SCHELLIN; HABICH; SCHILLER; ANDERSON; COLE/KOHL; and DILLON/DILLIN. They resided in PA and MD and possibly OH and WV. Any info. is welcome and I will correspond with all who answer.

Mrs. Elaine Habich, 75 Groton Dr., Westerville, OH 43081.

Elizabeth SPECK b. 22 Jul or Apr 1793, Dover Twp., mar. Christopher GERBER. She d. 21 Sep 1857, bur. Strayer's Ch. Her parents were John SPECK and Maria Maijern (MAIJERN). Any info. on John SPECK & Maria and their children will be appreciated.

Evelyn V. Miller, R. D. #2, Box 115, East Berlin, PA 17316.

Seek info. on parents of Thomas D. BRACKBILL, b. 1 Mar 1843, Spruce Hill, Juniata Co., PA. Death record states father as John BRACKBILL, mother as unknown. Have seen reference to a John and "Susan" BRACKBILL, are these parents I am looking for?

Also, seeking parents of Sarah (?) YOHN, mar. to Matthew CHISHOLM, Scottish immigrant, about 1830 in Perry Co., PA. Would appreciate any info. about either family.

Connie S. Goss, 1654 Driftwood Dr., Sparks, NV 89431.

Need info. on Jacob LANDIS and w. Fronica, who had one s. Stephen. Jacob died in York, PA around 1764, his will was probated 31 Jul 1764. Did he come to America with possibly bros.: Benjamin; Samuel; & Joseph from Alsaci Loraine and first settle in Bunkerhill, Cumberland Co., PA? Any info. on this family would be greatly appreciated.

Robert A. Gienke, 24799 Lake Shore Blvd., #319, Euclid, OH 44123.

Searching for family of Martha Jane REEDY b. 18 Apr 1835, Deanville, PA (Armstrong Co.), mar. Samuel SHOEMAKER. Any help appreciated.

Also, need info. on Samuel YOUNG's parents or bros. & sisters. He was b. 3 May 1823, d. 24 Jun 1881 Armstrong Co., PA; mar. Catherine SHOEMAKER and had Ch.: Minnie; Chloe; Therrie; Mary Alice; Narrie; Joseph S.; John H.; Peter B.; Massie; William J.; and Jennie.

Mary Huff, Rt. # 2, Box 300-A, Lawrenceburg, IN 47025.

Seek info. on the following surnames that might lead to establishing a relationship with Erhart APLER/APPLER/EPPLER of Pipe Creek area of Carroll Co., MD. Bapt. records of Kreider's Evang. Luth. Ch. near Westminster, MD reveal that Jacob KEULER was b. 9 May 1768 to George KEULER and w. Esther. Spons. were Susanna EPPLERIN and Heinrich KOCH, both single. Seek to establish proof that Susanna EPPLERIN later mar. Heinrich KOCH and that she was a sister to Esther KEULER/KILER, and that they were daus. whom Erhart APLER mentioned in his will as Susanna H. ROCK (KOCH) and Esther REIL (KEULER/KILER). I suspect that the R's were misread from original documents and should have been K.

Charles R. Appler, 503 Park Ave., Berkeley Hghts., NJ 07922.

Daniel WEIDNER, b. abt. 1765, think Montgomery Co., PA, will dated 11 Jun 1822. Wife Mary b. 1768 - Where? D. 24 Aug 1850, bur. Bendersville Cem., Menallen Twp., Adams Co., PA. Ch. were: Cathern b. 1788, Adams Co., PA; Jonas; Lazarus b. 1792, Adams Co., PA; Sarah (Sally) b. 1796, Adams Co., PA; Daniel b. 1798, Adams Co., PA; Jacob b. 1802, Adams Co., PA; & Mary (Polly) b. 1808, Adams Co., PA. Daniel lived in Tyrone Twp. Believe he is the s. of Rev. Lazarus WEIDNER & Elizabeth YODER of Montgomery, PA, but have no proof. Found him in Adams Co. Tax List 1789/90.

Jean Manning, 812 Alta Loma Dr., So., San Francisco, CA 94080.

Seeking info. on the family of Johan Philip PORTS/BORTZ, and his w. Elizabetha Margaretha, of Pipe Creek Hundred, Baltimore Co., MD. Philip d. ca. 1801. Ch. were: Ann Mary, b. 1766, York Co., mar. John BROWN; Henry, d. 1803, Baltimore Co.; Johan (1772-1854) mar. Catherine WENTZ (dau. of Valentine); Johan Jacob, mar. Charlotte _____, d. Washington Co.; Johan Adam, mar. Mary HOLLOW, moved to Bedford Co.; Magdalena, mar. Francis LOUDENSCHLAGER; and Philip, mar. Anna HAYS.

Michael A. Ports, 2036 Camp St., New Orleans, LA 70130.

Searching family of Daniel and Letitia LeFEVRE, s. John Allen b. c. 1868. Did John die in OH?

Is Thomas ADAMS, b. 1735, d. 1776, bur, Conewago Chapel, a bro. of Simon ADAMS of Goshenhoppen?

Need other ch. of John and Catherine(WEIBEL) ALTHOFF. Have Joseph, Jacob/James, Samuel b. 1821, Taneytown, MD. Were there more?

Can not find parents of Anna SPITLER, b. c. 1751, mar. Charles SMITH of Bonneauville, Adams Co., PA. Perhaps her name was SITLER?

Barbara O'Keefe, 2120 SW 127th Ave., Miami, FL 33175.

Would like to correspond with anyone researching the MICHL or LEFFERT families. Joseph MICHL emmigrated from Bavaria in 1846 with mother and sibling (s). Lived in Cincinnati, Hamilton, OH, Logansport, IN, Decatur, IL. Mary Catherine LEFFERT emmigrated in 1841 from Prussia with family and lived in Logansport until 1858. She mar. Joseph MICHL 25 Jan 1855.

Nancy M. MacKenzie, 9209 Stonewall Rd., Manassas, VA 22110.

Desire confirmation of birth date of James PARKINSON (1760-1770), and info. on parents in Lancaster or York Cos., PA.

G. B. Parkinson, 10260 Fuerte Dr., La Mesa, CA 92041.

Who were the parents of Katherine STAUFFER/STOUFFER (b. 1803 probably Lancaster or York Cos., PA - d. 1887 Hellam Twp., York Co., PA) who mar. John HEILAND (b. 13 Jan 1804 - d. 27 Mar 1876 Hellam Twp., York Co., PA). Also, can anyone further prove that John HEILAND was the s. of William HEIGHLAND/HIGHLANDS d. 1806 owning several lots in Waterford (Marietta), East Donegal Twp., Lancaster Co., PA, leaving a w. Mary Ann, and two minor children, John and Jane.

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