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LOOKING AHEAD

Friday, April 8, 1988 -- RESEARCH TRIP by bus to Washington, DC. (For information on this trip, see February newsletter.)

Sunday, April 24, 1988 -- Program to be announced. (Note that April 24 is the last Sunday of April and is not the usual meeting date, which would be the first Sunday of May. The change was necessary because no appropriate meeting site could be found for the first Sunday in May.)

Sunday, June 5, 1988 -- Program to be announced.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Elizabeth T. Keller, President, has announced the names of the members appointed to the Nominating Committee. They are Ruthetta N. Jacobs, Chairperson, Clair Holtzapple, & Katharine Brillhart. The committee will prepare a slate of candidates for the 1 July 1988 - 30 June 1989 Fiscal 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 give their consent in writing at the time they are nominated. The election will occur at the June meeting.

RESOURCE PERSONS

The following persons are willing to help other members needing research assistance in designated areas:

NORTH CAROLINA - Guilford, Forsyth, Stokes, & Surry Cos. Also, advice given for Orange, Alamance, & Randolph Cos. Jane Smith Hill, P.O. Box Z, Winston-Salem, NC 27108.

WASHINGTON - Snohomish, King, Skagit & Whatcom Cos. Mrs. Betty Berentson, 3504 Pennyhill Rd., Snohomish, WA 98290.

PENNSYLVANIA - Chester Co. Mr. & Mrs. Edward J. Urban, 630 Red Lion Rd., Kennett Square, PA 19348.

HIVELY'S GENEALOGICAL NOTES

The series, A Genealogist's Guide to Pennsylvania Records", has been completed in the last issue of The Pennsylvania Genealogical Magazine. The issue, Volume XXXV No. 2 1987, contains the listing for York County. Church and pastoral records compose a large portion of the listing. Future issues of the magazine will give listings of new materials which have come to the collections of the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania since the series was begun. The above magazine is published twice a year by the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania (1300 Locust Street, Philadelphia, PA).

The Perry Historians (P.O.Box 73, Newport, PA 17074-0073) is reprinting the History of Perry County by Harry H. Hain (1922). If orders are received by April 1, 1988, the price for Pennsylvania residents is $29.50, which includes postage and tax. For out-of-state residents the price is $28.00. After April

l the basic price is $30.00, which does not include postage and tax. A surname index for this history is being prepared and will be for sale at a future time.

SCPGS member Martha Lewis (Rt. 3, Box 182, Shelby, OH 44875) is interested in the Purdy family of southeastern York County, PA, and will correspond with others on the family. She has found some interesting material on the family in the "JAMES PURDY MSS 229" file at the Ohio Historical Society (1985 Velma Avenue, Columbus, OH 43211). James Purdy moved to Mansfield, OH, prior to 1824. The above file contains boxes of letters from his clients and the "family" letters are interspersed in the file, as all the letters are organized by date. After living in Ohio for a time, James Purdy asked his parents to move to Ohio. Martha Lewis shared with the SCPGS the following quote from a March 26, 1824 letter which Patrick B. Purdy, father of James, sent from Hopewell Township, York County, PA: "We have to take one three horse wagon with our clothing and one two horse wagon with family and farm utensils so that if the two horse wagon goes foremost they will be destitute of clothing and provisions. Hope to be with your by May 10th".

Martha Lewis also shared abstracts from a letter sent ot James Purdy by his cousin, William Wallace, of York County. The letter is dated 16 February 1848 and remarks on York County residents:

"Wm's niece Eliza M. Douglas (?), youngest daughter of Wm's sister Jane;
Wm's mother died Aug. 11, 1847 (85 years old);
Robert Gemmill died two years earlier;
John McCallister & wife both dead;
Jane, Rachel, and Samuel McCallister & wife dead;
Jacob Lanuiz (?) dead;
Christian Leib (was over 90 years old);
Wm. Read died and his widow married again to James Douglas (?);
Joseph Read (bro. to Wm. Read) died a few weeks ago;
Old Mrs. Payne died;
Jane Moore was buried on New Year's day last; she was found dead in her bed. She lived alone;
James Wilson's wife died some years ago;
James Wiley's second wife died and he scampering after another at 75 years of age;
Mr. Gallaspie died a few days ago".

The letter writer, William Wallace, notes "I still remain single".

Mrs. Lewis also reports there is a very interesting letter from John Purdy, brother of James. The letter is dated 12 October 1852. He never married and went west during the Gold Rush. The letter tells of prospecting. In her previous trip to the Ohio Historical Society, Mrs. Lewis was only able to go through a portion of the James Purdy file. There may be other "family" letters in the file.

Information is now available on the Schurch (Sherk/Sherrick/Shirk) Family Reunion scheduled for July 2 and 3, 1988, at St. Jacobs, Ontario, Canada. If interested in securing the details and a registration form, write to the Reunion Chairman, Jane Sherk (77 Culpepper Drive, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada N2L 5K8) or telephone her at (519) 886-1728.

A Family History Institute of Southwest Virginia (P.O.Box 134, Wytheville, VA 24382; phone 703-228-6305 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.) will be held at Wytheville, VA, on June 11, 1988. Prior to May 15 the registration fee is $31.50, which includes a banquet and all other expenses except housing. For an informational brochure on this event, send a SASE with your request for information to the above address.

The Genealogical Committee of the Fort Antes Chapter DAR is publishing

Burial Records of Kelchner Funeral Home, Jersey Shore, Lycoming County, PA 1901-1934. The hardbound, indexed, book of 286 pages has a prepublication price of $15 if ordered before April 30, 1988. Pennsylvania residents need to add sales tax. Make check payable to Fort Antes Chapter DAR and mail order to Mrs. Mary E. Hoffer (Box 273, Avis, PA 17721).

The Bicksler-Bixler Family Association (432 East Oak Street, Palmyra, Pennsylvania 17078) is moving forward with its plans to revise the "1968 Bicksler-Bixler" book. They plan on entering all available Bixler data in a computer database. The Book Revision Committee is especially interested in the families from four early members of the family -- Peter of Lebanon County; Christian of Lancaster and Berks Counties; John and Christian of York County. The committee would be interested in having Bixler descendants submit their Bixler data. For a family group sheet and additional information send a SASE to the above address. The Association has scheduled the 1988 Bixler Reunion for August 6 at the Fireman's Park, Fredericksburg, PA.

If the family relationship which follows is not known from another source, the unexpected source which provides it may be of significant help to a researcher. Among the estate papers on file in the Register of Wills Office of the York County (PA) Courthouse is a Guardian Account filed on 23 February 1846. It contains two significant sections which are quoted here.

"The account of John Rudisill Senior Guardian of the Person and estate of Susannah Danner a minor daughter of Polly Leinert late of Heidelberg Township in the County of York deceased rendered by Daniel Leese Esq. adm. with the will annexed of the estate of said John Rudisill Senr. late of N. Codorus."

"1832 April 1 The guardian charge(s) himself as follows. Amount received of Jacob Danner illegitimate father of the said Susannah Danner for the maintenance education or bringing up of said child."

For a copy of this document send a SASE with $1 to the SCPGS.

QUERIES

Would appreciate any info on Christophel SCHMIDT & wf. Lavinia/Lucinia ___?___. They had 8 ch. in PA: John, b. 1776; Daniel, b. 27 Dec 1786; Christophel; Henry; Jacob; Eve; Christiana; & Mary. Family moved to Rockingham Co., VA, where Christophel & Lucinda SCHMIDT are buried. From PA Archives tax lists: I find a Christopher SMITH, Chester Co. Pikeland in 1774, 1779, 1780, 1781; Stophel SMITH, Fermanagh Twp., Cumb. Co. in 1778; Stophel SMITH, Paxton Twp., Lanc. Co. in 1779, maybe 1773; & Christopher, Stopel SMITH, 40 A. in Germany Twp., York Co. in 1779 to 1783. From PA German Pioneers, there are a few Christopher SCHMIDTs named, two were Christoffel SCHMIDT, on ship "Crawford", Charles SMITH, Commander, 26 Dec 1769. Another on ship "Patience", Hugh STEEL, Captain, 17 Sep 1753. Also on the ship "Patience": Christoph SCHMIT, age 21; Johan Mathias SMIDT, age 21; Lodwick SMITH, age 22; John Dietrich STEINBRECHER, age 25, & his wf. Christina, son Adam, & maybe son George. Sebastian STEINBRECHER, b. to this fam. in Berks Co., PA on 29 Nov 1755. Sebastian was in Germany Twp., York Co., PA 1779 to 1783, tax list, with no land. He mar. Susannah YEAKLE, on 14 Jun 1778 at Mahany Twp., Northumberland Co., PA, & paid taxes there, from 1781-1797. In 1798 they moved to Rockingham Co., VA. In 1806, their dau., Christina STONEBRAKER, mar. Daniel SMITH, s of Christophel & Lavinia SCHMIDT. In 1806, Sebastian STEINBRECHER moved to Butler Co., OH, then in 1828 to Alamo, Montgomery Co., IN. Daniel & Christina SMITH, with some of their ch., also went Alamo, IN, in 1836, & are all buried there, in Bunker Hill Cem. Christophel SCHMIDTs, s. John b. 1776, PA, moved with his wf. Magdaline BLECHER of MD to Montgomery Co., VA. Will return postage.

Theodore J. Smith, 406 S. Livingston, Springfield, IL 62703.

Seek info on following McGIBNEY/McGIBENY/GIBBONEY/McGIBBONEY/GIBNEY fam: James McGIBNEY on 1795 tax list for Chanceford Twp., York Co., PA. Was he related to: Farrell McGIBNEY; Mary McGIBNEY; or James GIBNEY? Did his desc. drop the "Mc" from their last name?

Mary McGIBNEY, age 38, entered thru Port of Baltimore ca. 30 Sep 1826. She came from Ireland & listed her destination as PA. Did she go to Chanceford or Lower Chanceford Twp.? Did she marry?

James GIBNEY of Lower Chanceford (part of Chanceford until 1806) was listed as hiring 3 children between ages 5 & 12. What are ch. names? Did they marry? Are they desc. of James McGIBENY from 1795 tax list?

Farrell McGIBNEY & wf. Bridget Cordella SMITH, b. ca. 1816, Ireland. Entered U.S. between 1837 & 1842. Ch.: Thomas b.ca. 1834; Bridget Cordella b. ca. 1836; Ann/(Ellen?) b. ca. 1838, all b. in Ireland; Mary Jane b. ca. 1842; Philip Farrell b. 20 Apr 1845; & Rosanna b. ca. 1847, all b. in PA. Farrel McGIBNEY naturalized 17 Apr 1847, York Co., PA. Bridget listed as widow 9 Aug 1850. She mar. (2) Hugh DULY/DOOLEY & moved to MD & had 2 more ch. Did this fam. enter the U.S. thru Port of Boston? Did they live in Waltham, MA? Where is Farrell bur.? Did s. Thomas marry? Where did he go when his moth. moved to MD?

Lois J. Scarborough, 3608 Kimble Rd., Baltimore, MD 21218.

Seeking par. of James SHELDON, b. ca. 1746/56. Owned 100 A. in Shrewsbury Twp., York Co., PA, on 1783 tax list - 5 living in fam. Will recorded 1832, proven 1837. Names in Will: wf. Jane; s. James, Thomas, Joseph, & Jesse; daus. Mary, wf. of John FULLERTON, Margaret BEARD; grandsons, David & Jesse. Will recorded at time of death in Belmont Co., OH. James prob. died there. Also, seeking maiden name & par. of wf. Jane.

Marian Harrington, 2 Glenwood Dr., San Rafael, CA 94901.

Would like to contact desc. of Jacob MAY & wf. Barbara of Dover Twp., York Co., PA, & desc. of Henry CROLL/GRAUL/GROWL, d. ca. 1834. Are any still living in York Co., PA? My MAY line: Jacob; Samuel b. 1788 & Elizabeth (GRAUL) MAY; Samuel b. 1828, & Lydia (ASHENFELTER) MAY; Edwin & Lucy (SMITH) MAY; Edwin Berchfield & Iva (McMILLEN) MAY. The last 3 couples died in Decatur, IL, others in York Co., PA. Samuel & Elizabeth resided in Warrington Twp. in 1860, prob. d. before 1867.

Mrs. George Bicknell, 801 Verona Rd., Marshall, MI 49068.

Need info on Adam GEISELMAN, b. 28 Aug 1768, s. of George & Maria Salome (KORBMAN). Adam mar. Magdalena __?__. Had 9 ch. Who was Magdalena? When & where were they mar.? When did Adam & wf. die? Where are they buried? Will exchange info on other GEISELMANs.

Edward J. Hogan, 4044 Vinal Ave., NW, Canton, OH 44709.

Researching the ancestry of Johann George HEAGEY, b. 1755, Lancaster Co., PA, who lived & d. in Mt. Joy Twp., Adams Co., PA. His fath. Johan Jacob HAGE, d. Lancaster Co. Johan Jacob & his bro. Johan Georg immigrated with their fath. Hans Jacob HAGE/HAGI/HEGI to Lancaster Co. in 1732 from Elsenz, Baden, Germany. Does anyone have further info on this fam.? Has follow-up research been done on the book, "The HAGEY Families of North America"? Does anyone know the where abouts of the authors of the book, King Albert HAGEY or William HAGEY?

Garry Heagy, 531 Teakwood Dr., Waterloo, ONT., Canada N2L 4L5.

Seeking confirmation that John STEER, pvt. with Capt. John McLeer's Co. 3rd Btln., Cumb. Co. Militia under Col. John Dunlap in 1777, & Joseph STEER, pvt. with Capt. Henry Moore's Co., York Co. Militia, from Aug. to Sep. 1781, were also s. of John STEER, Sr. of Sadsbury, Lanc./Chester Co., PA. John, Sr. is the s. of Isaac & Ruth (MERCER) STEER. John Sr. d. 1758, Lanc. Co. - John, Jr.

b. ca. 1735 & Joseph b. ca. 1736 were Adms. At that time, Moth., Rachel (EVANS) STEER at Fairfax MM, Loudon Co., VA. Both s. disowned by moth. for marrying out of faith - John, Jr. mar. Mary GEORGE on 25 Jul 1767 & Joseph mar. Ellen GEORGE on 25 Aug 1770 in Lanc. Co. (?). Later John, Jr. to KY & Joseph in 1799 to Centre Co., PA. Will gladly exchange info.

Daniel H. Stere, 19034 Old Mehama Rd., Stayton, OR 97383.

Seeking any SHEAFFER/etc. info. I can get which relates to my line. Fam. tradition has it that two bros. came over from Germany, & we descend from one of them. Believe to have narrowed my search down to Johann Nicholas SCHAEFFER/SHAFER/SCHEFFER/SHAFFER, who came to America in 1749 with bro. Georg Jacob on ship "Dragon". Johann's will in York Courthouse, states his "beloved bro." shall be one of the guardians to his estate. Johann died sometime between 25 Jun 1776 (the date he made his will) & 6 Aug 1776, when the will was proved. At time of death he was living on "George St. in the Town of York". Johann, had a s. Georg who mar. Elizabeth (?) in 1786. I know, my ancestor, Georg mar. a Elizabeth HEINER, & their 1st ch. was b. 4 Apr 1787, which would coincide with a marriage in 1786. This child, Joseph, & other ch. were bapt. at Ref. Ch. in Abbottstown, PA. My direct ancestor, George SCHEFFER (as name appears on birth cert.) was b. 1799 & mar. Susanna WHEALER on 21 Nov 1822.

William T. Shaeffer, 3474 Chiswick Ct., Silver Spring, MD 20906.

The McAdams Hist. Soc. would like to hire a person in the Nashville, TN area, at a reasonable rate to do some research work in the TN Archives on the McADAMS Fam. Please, send name & rates.

Joe McAdams, 14018 Davana Terr., Sherman Oaks, CA 91423.

Will exchange info with anyone researching SEABROOK(S) fam. of MD & PA (Lanc./York)Adams Cos.) Especially, would like to identify: Rachel, wf. of Jesse SEABROOK, d. 1845, Fairfield, Adams Co., PA; Mary, wf. of Moses SEABROOK, d. 1830/39, same area; & Gideon SEABROOK, who mar. Polly HORPER at Piney Creek Presbyt. Ch., Emmittsburg in 1821.

Also, seeking any info concerning the fam. of Weygand DIEHL, d. 20 Dec 1777 Trappe, Providence Twp., Phila. Co., PA, & his wf. Eva Appolonia HORSTENHOFER. Also, their s. George & wf. Elizabeth.

Richard S. Wheeler, 806 Stanislaus Cir., Claremont, CA 91711.

John Henry MYER (1757-1826), s. of Jacob & Susanna MEYER, & Ann Charity WIRE (1760-1802), dau. of Peter & Anna Elizabeth WEYER, were both bapt. in Evang. Ref. Ch., Frederick, MD. Bible in possession of Frank MYER, grandson, living in Livingston, IL in early 1900's gives marriage as 4 Aug 1778, Lanc.,PA. Would like additional record of this marriage.

Also, Jacob MEYER/MYER & Peter WEYER were supposed to have served in Rev. War under George Washington, & wintered at Valley Forge 1777/78. Jacob MEYER thought to have served in Washington's employ as a stone mason in bridge-building as well as an expert horseman. Need suggestions for proving service at Valley Forge.

Lolita Guthrie, 123 N. Grove, Bowling Green, OH 43402.

Would like to know if Adam REAMER, who mar. Mary LENHART, dau. of Adam & Mary, in 1790, PA, is the s. of Fredrick REAMER, who served in Rev. War as a Lieut. under Col. John King, 4th Batt. in York Co. Militia, PA, Fredrick mar. Catherine HIETLER on 25 Dec 1773. Had 5 ch.: Adam; Henry; Christian; Robert; & Fredrick. Does anyone have fam. records for these 5 ch.?

Verona Hosack, 2120 Orleans, Detroit, MI 48207.

Seeking origins of Richard WHITE, who settled in Loudoun Co., VA ca. 1740, with wf. Rebekah, & s. William, Samuel, Daniel, Benjamin, & Joseph. On 13 Jan

1805, David WHITE, of Adams Co., PA was appointed Adms. of the estate of his fath., David, Sr., of Huntington Twp., Adams Co., PA, & in 1815, became Adms. for Sarah, his moth. estate. In Loudoun Co., VA, in 1806, Benjamin WHITE, s. of Richard, acted as agent in land transactions for David WHITE, Adms. of David, Sr's estate. David, Sr. seems to have had bro. James, & nephews, Samuel & James also of Adams Co., PA. Where did the Adams Co. WHITEs originate? Is there a relationship between the WHITEs of Adams Co., PA, & the WHITEs of Loudoun Co., VA? Would appreciate any help, & will be happy to share WHITE info.

Phyllis Boozell Hoke, 13300 - 107 Los Coches Rd., E., El Cajon, CA 92021.

Seek data & desc. of Peter HERROLD, d. before 3 Jan 1793, Newberry Twp., York Co., PA, leaving ch. Mary mar. Abram SHELLEY, Rebecca b. ca. 1773, & Peter b. 1776, d. 1835. Was his wf. a LOUGHMAN? Grandson, John HARROLD, b. ca. 6 Nov 1793 (?), d. 18 Nov 1862, Jackson Twp., York Co., bur. Holtzschwamm, had mar. Elizabeth ___?___. Had ch.: Samuel; John; Daniel; Mathilda; Emanuel; Catharine; Leah; Sarah; & Jesse?

Also, seek par., birthdate, info about wives, & desc. of John DOLL, d. 4 Jan 1818 (?), Paradise Twp., York Co., PA. Dates on his tombstone may have been copied wrong, bur. Emanuel Ref., Abbottstown. He named 17 ch. in his will & may have had 3 wives - Elizabeth ___?___, Catharine ___?___, & Maria ___?___(?)

Sherry Shopp Rehr, 1808 - 1st Ave., W., Seattle, WA 98119.

Seeking info on Hugh MORTHLAND, mentioned as s. of Hugh MORTHLAND in will of Hugh, Sr., dated ___?___ Feb 1812, Washington Twp., York Co., PA, & bro. of Michael MORTHLAND, will dated 8 Apr 1815. Need to know if this is the Hugh who is listed in Columbiana Co., OH, Census in 1830. Need names of his ch. & ancestors.

Trudy G. Ward, 438 Lexington Ave., Iowa City, IA 52240.

Catherine MORNINGSTAR/MORGENSTERN, b. abt. 1782, d. 1835, Wadsworth, Medina Co., OH. She mar. abt. 1797, prob. York Co., PA to Samuel BLOCHER, s. of Mathias & Barbara (SCHWAB) BLOCHER. Ch.: David; Eli; Lydia mar. Abraham FRANKS; Amanda mar. Nicholas LONG; Elizabeth mar. David BACHMAN; & Sherman. Who were the par. of Catherine & where did they live & die?

Leona Betteridge, 2709 W. Soundview Dr., Tacoma, WA 98466.

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