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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Sunday, May 3, 2015

Tour of the Dritt Mansion at Long Level

This month's meeting will be held at the Susquehanna Gateway Heritage Area offices located at the Zimmerman Center for Heritage, just south of Wrightsville in Long Level ... 1706 Long Level Road, Wrightsville, PA. A brief business meeting will begin at 2:15 PM and the program will immediately follow at approximately 2:30 PM.

from the Susquehanna Gateway website (www.susquehannaheritage.org) ... The historic blue stone home, known to many as the Dritt Mansion, sits on a hill overlooking the Susquehanna River. Lovingly restored and renovated by John and Kathryn Zimmerman in the late-1990's, this Colonial-era masterpiece dates back to the mid-1700's. In the spring of 2007, the Zimmerman's graciously donated the property to Susquehanna Gateway Heritage Area and it was dedicated as the John & Kathryn Zimmerman Center for Heritage. During the home's renovation, archaeological work unearthed over 20,000 artifacts that helped fill in some of the blanks of this wonderful building's history. The Zimmerman's donated these artifacts to the Pennsylvania State Museum in Harrisburg. The home sits on property that was originally named "Pleasant Garden" by Thomas Cresap, who lived in this area in the 1730s and collected taxes for Maryland. The home is listed in the National Register of Historic Places as having been constructed in 1758. Further research has suggested the home may have been built around 1740, after Thomas Cresap departed. The home is commonly known as the Dritt Mansion after the family that owned the home for many years between the late 1700's and mid-1800's. The property remained a working farm until the late 1930's.

Sunday, June 7, 2015

to be announced ... watch our website "scpgs.org" for details

This month's meeting will be held at the Meeting Hall at York County Heritage Trust Library & Archives, 250 East Market Street, York, Pennsylvania. A brief business meeting will begin at 2:15 PM and the program will immediately follow at approximately 2:30 PM.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL NOTICE

The South Central Pennsylvania Genealogical Society welcomes and values your continued membership. Renewing your membership will help us continue to provide services such as special publications and research assistance in the York and Adams County area. Unless you are a life member, your membership will expire on June 30, 2015 and you will not receive membership benefits beyond that date if you do not renew.

To renew your membership in SCPGS for the fiscal year 2015-2016, please promptly mail your payment with the renewal notice included in this newsletter. Please return the entire page. Life members can disregard the renewal form.

Also included in this newsletter is a membership survey ... we value your opinions and hope that you will complete and return the survey with your membership renewal.

Our newsletter is now offered via email if you so desire. To receive the newsletter via email, please submit your request along with your email address to ... scpgswebsite@wildblue.net.

From the President

Jonathan Stayer

Pennsylvania birth and death records on Ancestry.com

By the time this newsletter reaches you, Ancestry.com will have uploaded images of the 1906-8 Pennsylvania birth certificates. These records join the millions of 1906-63 Pennsylvania death certificates on that site. No longer must you travel to the Pennsylvania State Archives in Harrisburg to see these records. If you do not subscribe to Ancestry.com, check with a library or historical society near you. Some such institutions offer access to Ancestry in their facilities. Pennsylvania residents can access these records free of charge through the "Ancestry.com Pennsylvania" link on the website of the State Archives (www.pastatearchives.com).

Occasionally, Ancestry employees misinterpreted the handwriting on the records, causing indexing errors. When you cannot find an ancestor's certificate on Ancestry.com and you know for certain that they were born or died in Pennsylvania during the right time period, try searching by date and location rather than solely by name. Your search will be most successful if you limit yourself only to the birth or death certificates data set. (On Ancestry.com, go to "Card Catalog" and enter "Pennsylvania birth" or "Pennsylvania death.")

You can double check yourself by consulting the indexes on the State Archives website (www.pastatearchives.com, then select "Birth and Death Records"). For births, obtain the exact date of birth and the mother's maiden name, and search Ancestry for those data. For deaths, get the exact date of death and the certificate number, and then search Ancestry.com for those facts. Make certain to select "Exact" for the certificate number and the year of death or you will get unwanted results.

The staff of the Pennsylvania State Archives has become adept at finding "missing" birth and death certificates on Ancestry.com. If you are completely stymied, contact an archivist for assistance at ra-statearchives@pa.gov. Happy hunting!

Some people are your relatives but others are your ancestors, and you choose the ones you want to have as ancestors. You create yourself out of those values.

— Ralph Ellison

Query

Catherine Christina Moser born 9 Dec 1766, New Hanover, Northampton, PA, died 17 Sep 1840 and was buried Moser Burial Ground, York Twp, York County next to her husband John Peter Raab. They had 8 daughters before they got a namesake son all listed in the Orphans Court record. The birth given for Catheran Christine on the tombstone and the birth record in New Hanover are a match. I would like the marriage record that could be in Lancaster Co or York Co, PA, circa 1786. I would like to correspond with anyone working on either Moser or Raab.

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The Columbia Spy

Saturday, July 16, 1864

A WEEK OF EXCITEMENT.—The last week has been one of excitement in Columbia—many startling rumors were afloat, calculated to frighten timid men and nervous women. Some persons had the rebels approaching Wrightsville, and were about to shell our town.

Rumors were abundant. The rebels were reported at Conowingo bridge, and were marching on Lancaster, while others had them moving on the Pennsylvania Railroad to destroy the bridge at Coatesville.

Some of our merchants commenced packing up their goods. The Columbia Bank moved their effects to Lancaster—thence to Reading. Consternation seemed for a while to prevail.

Sunday and Monday were busy days for our ferrymen. The steamboats were constantly running, carrying refugees from York, Franklin, and Adams counties. No fears are now entertained that the "Johney's" will come this way, and things have settled down into quiet. For some days past the refugees have been returning with their horses, cattle, wagons, &c.

Meet the Ancestors II

At our February meeting Richard Konkel presented the ancestry of two of our members: June Lloyd and Barbara Rudy. Following is a brief overview of the presentation ...

June Lucille Burk Lloyd is a fourth cousin to Richard. A DNA test revealed that June has 100% European ancestry ... 51% Great Britain, 18% West Europe, 16% Italy/Greece, 7% East Europe 5% Scandinavian, and 3% from other areas in Europe.

June's parents are Wiley Andrew Burk and Olive May Shelley. Her mother is a descendant of the Sheeley's of Shelley's Island in the Susquehanna River near Three Mile Island. Her grandparents are William Henry Burk and Margaret Eveler. Margaret is the daughter of George Eveler and his second wife Anna Margaretha Schumm. Richard also descends from George Eveler. June's great-grandparents are Amos Burk and Margaret Fregm. A naturalization record for this Fregm family indicates that they were from Russia.

June's 2xGreatGrandfather is Henry Burk born 14 Jan 1810 in Franklin County, Pennsylvania. He married Susanna Crosby whose parents owned the Red Lion Tavern for which the town of Red Lion was named. Henry was a Civil War veteran. According to a Find-A-Grave memorial submitted by Dennis Brandt, he enlisted in Lancaster in October 1861, and mustered into federal service at Camp Negley, Nolin County, Kentucky, December 8th as a private with Company K, 77th Pennsylvania Infantry. Known up to the day of his enlistment as "a strong and healthy man" who was never sick and still capable of doing a hand spring, his age caught up with him, and he fell ill after the battle of Shiloh

and thereafter was assigned as company cook. Hospitalized October 3, 1862, he was discharged by surgeon's certificate December 2, 1862, from Camp Dennison, Ohio, by reason of "hemorrhoids with chronic diarrhea, general debility, and old age." He returned from the army with a severe cough and was unable to work. Henry Burk died 21 Feb 1871 and was buried at Salem in Windsor Township, York County.

Three of Henry Burk's sons also served in the Civil War ... John was likely drafted in October 1862 and assigned to Luther's Independent Militia as a private; George was drafted in York County October 1862, mustered into federal service there in November as a private with Company E, 166th Pennsylvania Infantry (aka "Drafted Militia"); and Amos (June's great grandfather) enlisted January 1, 1862, in camp at Lutherville, Baltimore County, Maryland, with Company F, 87th Pennsylvania Infantry at the rank of private. He was wounded at the battle of Cold Harbor, resulting in amputation of his right arm at the shoulder, and discharged from Columbian U.S. General Hospital December 13, 1864.

Richard also mentioned that June is related to President Dwight David Eisenhower. They are both descendants of Hans Nicholas Eisenhower (1691-1759) and his wife Anna Margaretha Strubel. June descends from son Johannes (1727-1789) and Dwight from son Johan Peter (1716-1810).

Barbara Ann Wolf Rudy is the daughter of Preston Ellsworth Wolf and Louise Rosalia Hendershot. Her DNA test revealed that she has 99% European ancestry ... 76% West Europe, 14% Italy/Greece, 5% Great Britain and 4% from other areas in Europe.

There are many Wolf's in York County. Barb's Wolf ancestors have been traced back to ...

Jacob Wolf (1773-1860) and Susanna of Hellam Township, York County

- |— John H. Wolf and Mary A. Fahringer
 - |— George F. Wolf and Elizabeth S. Blymire
 - |— Franklin A. Wolf and Elenora Lehman
 - |— Preston Atlee Wolf and Lillian Agnes Runkle
 - |— Preston Ellsworth Wolf

Barb's Hendershot ancestors can be traced back to Christopher Hendershot (1734-1812), a Loyalist who left New Jersey and moved to Ontario, Canada. Two generations later, circa 1880, Barb's ancestors moved to Huron County, Michigan and then by 1919 to York County, Pennsylvania.

Christopher Hendershot and Christine Smith

- |— Joseph Hendershot and Martha Ann Culver
 - |— Samuel Hendershot and Mary Hendershot (Mary's father is Donald Samuel Hendershot, son of Christopher and Christine)
 - |— Ansley John Hendershot and Elizabeth Snodden
 - |— Ford James Hendershot and Rosalia Margaret Boll
 - |— Louise Rosalia Hendershot

You Ask...And I Wonder

[Ancestry Daily News, January 2001]

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Genealogists ask questions of relatives, record keepers, librarians, family members, archivists, historians, and just about anyone who might have knowledge to assist them in their ancestral search. Family historians need to ask questions of others; after all, it's a great way to learn. But questions should not only be directed outward. Sometimes it is helpful if we ask a few questions of ourselves. Here are a few you should ponder.

YOU SAY: "I FOUND A NEW DOCUMENT TODAY." And I wonder:

- Have you entered the information into your genealogy database?
- Have you completely analyzed the document?
- Have you thought about what other records the document suggests you research?
- Have you filed the document so you can find it?
- Have you adequately cited the document so someone else can find the original?

YOU SAY: "I HAVE A DOCUMENT I DON'T UNDERSTAND." And I wonder:

- Have you read the document out loud?
- Have you typed the document?
- Have you asked someone else to look at the document?
- Have you read the entire document?
- Have you read the document backward?
- Have you looked up words you do not understand?
- Do you have the entire document?
- Do you have an incomplete transcription or abstract?

YOU SAY: "I CAN'T FIND WHERE MY ANCESTOR CAME FROM." And I wonder:

- Have you looked at the entire family?
- Have you looked for unknown family members?
- Have you analyzed the neighbors?
- Have you read local histories?
- Have you read regional histories?
- Have you considered geography?
- Have you considered economics?
- Have you considered migration trails?
- Have you considered chain migration?

- Have you considered boundary changes?
- Have you traced the person's life as far as you can?
- Have you started with the most recent events and worked backward?

YOU SAY: "I'M STUCK." And I wonder:

- Have you interviewed all the relatives?
- Have you interviewed former family neighbors?
- Have you identified all the family pictures?
- Have you considered all the spellings?
- Have you considered all the pronunciations?
- Have you taken a break and worked on another line or family?
- Have you written up what you already have?

Also:

- Have you checked vital records?
- Have you checked land records?
- Have you checked court records?
- Have you checked probate records?
- Have you checked local records?
- Have you checked state records?
- Have you checked federal records?
- Have you checked church records?
- Have you checked occupational records?
- Have you checked ethnic organizations?
- Have you checked fraternal organizations?
- Have you researched every organization to which your ancestor belonged (church, fraternal, ethnic, military, etc.)?

Furthermore:

- Have you checked your assumptions?
- Are you researching from the present to the past?
- Have you organized your information?
- Have you double-checked research you did when you were new to genealogy?
- Have you put queries on appropriate bulletin boards?
- Have you posted your question to appropriate listservs?

YOU SAY: "I DON'T UNDERSTAND THIS TOPIC." And I wonder:

- Have you attended a relevant workshop or seminar?
- Have you read an article or book on the subject?
- Have you listened to a conference tape?
- Have you read an appropriate reference work?
- Have you subscribed to an appropriate listserv?
- Have you looked for articles on the Internet?

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YOU SAY: "I GOT IT OFF THE INTERNET." And I wonder:

- Have you located the original source?
- Have you located records the online source suggests?
- Have you considered that the online source might be incorrect?
- Have you considered using offline sources as well?
- Are you using the Internet source as a clue?
- Have you contacted the compiler?

YOU SAY: "I CAN'T FIND IT IN THE INDEX." And I wonder:

- Have you made certain you know how the index is compiled?
- Have you read the compiler's introduction (it might list record problems)?
- Have you considered typographical errors?
- Have you considered transcription errors?
- Have you considered searching the records themselves?

YOU SAY: "I CAN'T FIND IT IN THE PUBLISHED SUMMARIES." And I wonder:

- Have you considered reading the original records?
- Have you read the published material's preface?

YOU SAY: "I STARTED RESEARCH IN A NEW AREA" And I wonder:

- Have you read research guides to that area?
- Have you located maps of that area?
- Have you contacted the local genealogical/historical society?
- Have you considered joining genealogy listservs for that area?
- Have you seen the USGenWeb page for that county?
- Have you seen the UsGenWeb page for that state?
- Have you checked Cyndi's List for that state?
- Do you understand the political boundaries of that area?
- Are you remembering that each area has different records?
- Are you remembering that each area may have different laws?
- Are you aware that each area has a different culture?

This listing is not meant to be comprehensive. However, if it makes you wonder about your own research, then it has served its purpose.

The Columbia Spy

Saturday, August 3, 1889

The Pennsylvania Railroad Seashore Excursions—Admirable Holiday Trips to the Jersey Coast.

With excellent railway facilities and rates so low, everybody can and ought to spend a few days of recreation at the seashore. Such a trip is not only delightful, but the benefits to mind and body resulting from it cannot be estimated. In order that the residents of this section may enjoy such a holiday, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will run another special excursion to the choicest points on the Jersey coast, on August 21st. Tickets will be sold to Long Branch, Ocean Grove, Asbury Park, Atlantic City, Cape May, Ocean City, or Sea Isle City, and one may make choice of any point. The rates are exceedingly liberal, and the return coupons are valid for six days, including the day of issue.

A special train will be provided as far as Philadelphia, from which point the excursionists will take any regular train of that day to the seaside destination.

Tickets will be sold to the points indicated from stations named, at the rates quoted, and the special train will run on the schedule affixed:

<i>Train Leaves, A. M.</i>	<i>FARE,</i>	<i>FARE,</i>
	<i>Long Branch, Asbury Park, or Ocean Grove.</i>	<i>Atlantic City, Ocean City, Sea Isle City, or Cape May.</i>
5.10...York.....	\$4 25	\$4 75
5.27...Hellam.....	4 00	3 50
5.40...Wrightsville...	3 75	3 25
5.55...Columbia.....	3 75	3 25
5.40...Marietta.....	4 00	3 50
5.43...Watts.....	4 00	3 50
5.45...Chickies.....	4 00	3 50
5.04...Mountville.....	3 75	3 25
9.00...Arrive Phila.

Children between five and twelve years of age, half rates.

"The most treasured heirlooms are the sweet memories of our family that we pass down to our children."



Palatines to America

[www.palam.org]

Saturday, May 2

Pennsylvania Chapter Spring Conference
Kutztown University [8 AM – 2:30 PM]
Academic Forum, Bldg 9, Lytle Lane, Kutztown, PA

Speakers are Jonathan R. Stayer, Patrick Donmoyer, and Edward E. Quinter.

Pre-1790 Oaths of Allegiance and Naturalizations in Pennsylvania:

For the Colonial and Revolutionary periods, the Pennsylvania State Archives holds lists of Germanic immigrants arriving in the port of Philadelphia, records of naturalizations authorized by the General Assembly and the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, and records of oaths taken by those swearing loyalty to the new Revolutionary government. Stayer will discuss the available sources and their accessibility.

Life and Influence of Rev. Abraham Blumer

Rev. Abraham Blumer was a pastor of the Zion Reformed Church in Allentown, one of the four churches in his pastorate (1771-1801). Quinter's translation of this venerable minister's extant papers and other materials will be discussed, including research in archives in Pennsylvania and Zurich, which led to an exhibit in Glarus, Switzerland, in collaboration with its local historical society, and discussions with Blumer's Swiss descendants.

Carved in Stone: The Interpretation of Pennsylvania Dutch Tombstone Inscriptions and Decorations

This photographic exploration will showcase some of the earliest examples of decorated and inscribed Pennsylvania Dutch gravestones from Bucks, Berks, Montgomery, Lehigh, Lebanon, and Lancaster Counties. Closely examining common trends and content, this presentation will offer advice for genealogists and historians in meeting the interpretive challenges in German language inscriptions in Southeastern Pennsylvania, as well as suggestions for best practices in graveyard preservation.

Friday, June 26 and Saturday, June 27

National Conference
Crowne Plaza Hotel [time to be announced]
23 South Second Street, Harrisburg, PA

This conference promises to be extraordinary! Come hear about:

- Genealogical Resources at the Pennsylvania State Archives
- Resources on the Palatines Available at the PA State Library
- Understanding the State Land Records of Pennsylvania— Warrants, Surveys & Patents
- The State Library of Pennsylvania
- The Germanna Colony of Virginia of 1714 and Later Arrivals
- German Genealogy and the Internet: Beyond the Basics
- Finding and Using German Church Records
- German City Dwellers in Nineteenth Century America
- Gems of Wisdom: things I Learned from Over Three Decades as a Genealogist
- Germans in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia
- Methods of Identifying the German Origins of American Immigrants
- The Early Religious Experience in America: The Stories & Theology Behind the Church Books
- The Excitement & Satisfaction of Travelling in the Footsteps of Your German Ancestors

Scheduled speakers are Michael D. Lacopo, D.V.M., Jonathan R. Stayer, Katherine Lowe Brown, Ph.D., Iren Snavelly, Ph. D., M.S., Joe Lieby, Kathleen Hale.

Additional activities ...

Wednesday June 24

Bus trip to Conrad Weiser Homestead and Lititz Historical Foundation and Museum

Thursday June 25

Pennsylvania Archives Library Research

Calendar of Local Events

Friday, May 1

Lunch with the Librarians: Unlocking a Building, How to Begin Property Research

York County Heritage Trust, 250 East Market St, York, PA [12:30 PM to 1:30 PM]

Many home- and business-owners want to learn about the history of their property. We'll discuss strategies for beginning your research and the resources available at the Trust's Library & Archives for unlocking your property's past. Pre-registration and lunch orders due by Wednesday, April 29th (contact aeveler@yorkheritage.org)

Saturday, May 9

Second Saturdays; A Miner's Tale

York County Heritage Trust, 250 East Market St, York, PA [10:30 AM]

Actor Robert Hughes will tell the story of turn of the century anthracite coal miners from northeastern Pennsylvania. Portraying five historic characters, an Italian immigrant, a Slovakian family, a bachelor miner, an Irish immigrant, and a mine owner, Hughes' performance will pay tribute Pennsylvania's miners while showcasing the sacrifice and hard work that impacted the industrialization of America.

Saturday, May 9

150 Year Commemorative Symposium: Tudor Hall, the Booths of Maryland, and the Civil War

Bel Air Armory, 37 North Main Street, Bel Air, MD [8 AM-4:45 PM]

[<http://www.harfordhistory.net/events.php>]

The Junius B. Booth Society (JBBS) and the Historical Society of Harford County (HSHC) are holding a one day, one-of-a kind symposium to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Lincoln Assassination and the end of the Civil War. The symposium will explore the complex theatrical Booths — who left their mark on America forever (good and bad), the history of Tudor Hall and the attitudes of Marylanders during the Civil War. As was true with many Maryland families during the Civil War; the Booths were truly a house divided. This is a fundraiser for both JBBS and HCHS. JBBS proceeds to be used for turning Tudor Hall into a museum. Registration is \$75 per person.

Tudor Hall, the home of the theatrical Booths of Maryland, will be open to the attendees following the symposium for tours until 7 PM.

Monday, May 11

Advanced Genealogy

LancasterHistory.org [6:30-8:30 PM]
230 N President Avenue, Lancaster, PA

[lancasterhistory.org/events/classes-lectures-workshops]

This advanced course addresses the use of military records; the focus is on analyzing and solving genealogical problems. Includes citing sources and the genealogical proof standard. Prerequisite: Intermediate knowledge of genealogy. Presenter is Kevin Shue. [Members: \$15, Non-members: \$20]

Friday, May 15

Discovering Your Roots: Genealogy Sources at the Lancaster County Archives

Lancaster County Archives [9 AM to Noon]
150 N. Queen St., Suite 10, Lancaster, PA

[web.co.lancaster.pa.us/127/Archives-Division]

Are you curious about an ancestor that came to Lancaster County from the "Old Country?" Records within the Lancaster County Archives are a unique resource and can provide valuable information for researchers. Unravel the mystery behind the records kept at the archives which may be the key to finding your own family history. This course provides an introduction to the beginner for searching the traditional sources found within the archives. Get familiar with the birth, marriage, death, and land records that may hold vital information about your ancestors. Learn valuable research tips when examining a variety of records and see how to make connections to additional sources. Begin the search for discovering your roots at the Lancaster County Archives. *Free and available to everyone ...* to reserve your seat call 717-299-8318.

Saturday, May 16 & Sunday, May 17

World War II Encampment

LancasterHistory.org [10 AM-4 PM]
230 N President Avenue, Lancaster, PA

[lancasterhistory.org/events/classes-lectures-workshops]

Our annual World War II Encampment returns for another year of reenactors, military equipment & demonstrations, and the Saturday night USO dance! This is a *free* event, however, the USO dance, featuring live big-band music by *The Moonlighters*, that starts at 7 PM on Saturday evening has a \$5 entrance fee.

Monday, May 18

German Catholic Influence in Western Maryland
Carroll County Genealogical Society [7:30 PM]
Dixon Room, Westminster Library, 50 East Main St,
Westminster, MD [carr.org/ccgs/]

Not all German-speaking immigrants from Germany, Austria, and Switzerland were Lutheran, Reformed, or other Protestant denominations. CCGS member John Foertschbeck, Sr. traces the arrival of German Catholics in Philadelphia and Baltimore and their migration to the western counties of Pennsylvania and Maryland. Catholics were a minority in those colonies and German Catholics were even fewer, first appearing in the Philadelphia area in the early to mid-1700s and in Baltimore in the late 1790s. John will address the rapid growth of the Catholic Church after the Revolution and the contribution of German Catholics throughout the 19th century with emphasis on western Maryland counties.

Sunday, May 24

The ABCs of DNA for Genealogy
Baltimore County Genealogical Society [3-4 PM]
Parkville Senior Center, Room 308 (3rd Floor), 8601
Harford Rd, Parkville, MD
[baltimoregenealogysociety.org]

What is DNA? What types of DNA are used for genealogy? What are their strengths and weaknesses? How do I know what test to take? Well, I got my results, now what? If you have asked yourself these questions then this presentation is for you. If the highly technical nature of most DNA talks confuses you then this presentation is for you. As the name implies, this presentation will answer your questions using a non-technical, genealogy – oriented approach. It will also address what DNA does not do to help set your expectations. Speaker is Eileen Souza, owner of *Old Bones Genealogy* and a professional genealogist who specializes in Maryland research.

The Columbia Spy

Saturday, July 20, 1889

Buried Again.

Deputy Coroner Hershey went to Wrightsville, Monday afternoon and viewed the body of the unknown man found floating among the rafts above the bridge. The body was identified as the same one found a short time ago, and buried on the island. It was again buried, this time on the river bank.

Friday, June 5

Lunch with the Librarians: Oral Histories, The Basics of Where to Start and What to Ask
York County Heritage Trust, 250 East Market St,
York, PA [12:30 PM to 1:30 PM]

People's stories about their experiences and how national or world events impacted their lives are invaluable - they bring history alive and make it personal in a way nothing else can. Learn more about how to conduct an oral history, including equipment to use and the kinds of questions to ask. Pre-registration and lunch orders due by Wednesday, June 3rd (contact aeveler@yorkheritage.org)

Friday, June 5

Homemade History: Researching Your Historic Home at the Lancaster County Archives
Lancaster County Archives [9 AM to Noon]
150 N. Queen St., Suite 10, Lancaster, PA
[web.co.lancaster.pa.us/127/Archives-Division]

Since walls do not talk we cannot rely on the physical fabric or 'bricks and mortar' of an old home to tell its history. Was your home once owned by someone notable in the local community? What kind of people lived in your home and how was it furnished? Written records within the Lancaster County Archives can provide answers and reveal direct evidence of your home's history. This course provides an introduction to the beginner researcher on sources available at the Lancaster County Archives to find the history of your old house. It also shows how to use the records found here to uncover a wealth of sources outside of the archives. Deeds are the framework of your home's history while county maps depict your home at a certain point in time. Orphan's Court records may provide the clues necessary to understanding the people that once lived in your home. Discover a variety of records and learn valuable research tips. Go beyond preserving your home to revealing its unique history. Start uncovering the answers to these questions and give meaning to the material evidence of your home. *Free and available to everyone ... to reserve your seat call 717-299-8318.*

Sunday, June 28

Research Day
Baltimore County Genealogical Society
Parkville Senior Center, Room 308 (3rd Floor), 8601
Harford Rd, Parkville, MD

Everyone is invited to use all of the research assets of our Library from noon until 4 PM.



Dick Eastman (eogn.com), March 3, 2015

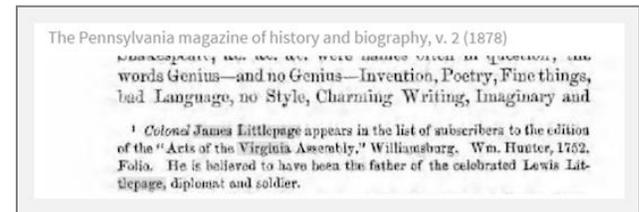
A new website enables genealogists for the first time to have free, easy, and precise searching of family history books

SALT LAKE CITY – Researching family histories online is an activity that has begun to come of age. Thousands of family history books and magazines are available to be searched directly from multiple websites. But searching through these websites and combing through the jumble of information they return can be a frustrating, costly, and fruitless process. The newly launched family history website, GenGophers.com, solves these problems by providing precise and free access to the industry's most effective online search tools and a growing library of more than 40,000 downloadable family and personal histories, local histories, and genealogy newsletters.

Many searchable book websites, like Google Books and archive.org, make it difficult to restrict their searches to genealogy-related books. The result is that online searches for names, dates, and places return lists of thousands of potential books completely unrelated to genealogy.

GenGophers.com is the only website that – *completely for free* – returns genealogy book results only.

Results include the publication name and a snippet from the page showing the highlighted search terms:



The pages and publications returned in a search are then downloadable for free by users. “In addition to focusing our searches only on genealogy books, our search engine also employs a completely different approach than those used by other book-searching websites”, said Dallan Quass, founder of GenGophers.com. “While other websites can only search for specific words contained in books, our engine uses artificial intelligence to first identify and index all people mentioned in a publication and then allows specific searches for names, dates, and places associated with them. This approach significantly increases the chance of discovering extended family connections, stories about the lives of ancestors, and bringing family histories to life.”

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The Columbia Spy

Saturday, April 14, 1883

From an article titled “Local Brevities”...

The cork is an article that often gets in a tight place.

↳ Glen Rock talks of organizing a Grand Army Post.

↳ A sweet old friend in a new coat—Fresh maple sugar.

After while people will be saying, “Oh, how warm.”

Don't be in too much of a hurry about leaving off your flannels.

The Pennsylvania Railroad pay car is expected in town to-day.

The farmers ought to petition against the passage of the free pipe bill.

Eighteen years ago last Monday, Leo surrendered to Grant at Appomattox.

It is not an easy thing to account for the milk in the cocoanut, but any fruit dealer can give you the whole thing in a nutshell.

Henry Dellinger, of Hellam, York county, has two apples which he took from a tree in Lower Windsor township 52 years ago. He has kept them ever since in a tin box.

A thrifty father took his son to the doctor. “If you can cure him for less than funeral expenses,” he said, “go ahead; but if you can't, sonny will have to take his chances.”

Melancholy suicide—a little boy, on being threatened with a whipping hung, his head.

Many things are not at hand when they are wanted; but one thing can always be found—fault.



National Genealogical Society Launches NGS Monthly

The National Genealogical Society (NGS) launched *NGS Monthly*, a new digital publication that, each month, will feature a selection of original articles on genealogical methodology, research techniques, sources, and the latest news from NGS. Published mid-month starting after the February launch, NGS Monthly was created to replace the Society's older newsletter, *What's Happening*, with a new content and design strategy.

For more information visit the NGS website at
http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/ngs_monthly

2014 NGS Research Trip to Allen County Public Library — August 18-22

The Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center in Fort Wayne, Indiana is the second largest genealogy collection in the United States. During this five-day, four-night trip, participants have access to more than 350,000 printed volumes and 513,000 microforms for their family history research. The library is open Monday through Thursday from 9 AM to 9 PM, and Friday and Saturday from 9 AM to 6 PM. The Allen County Public Library is also home to the Periodical Source Index (PERSI), which indexes over 11,000 different periodicals. These publications are available at the library for viewing. For more information and to register please visit
www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/ft_wayne_research_trip
 ... *the deadline to register is June 1st.*

More Books Donated

South Central Pennsylvania Genealogical Society member David Hively recently donated the following books to the York County Heritage Trust library ...

1. Wythe County Marriages 1790-1850 by Vogt, John et al
2. Shenandoah County Marriages 1772-1850 by Vogt, John et al
3. Rockingham County Marriages 1778-1850 by Vogt, John et al
4. Rockbridge County Marriages 1778-1850 by Kirkpatrick, Dorthie et al
5. Roanoke County Marriages 1838-1850 by Vogt, John et al
6. Page County Marriages 1831-1850 by Vogt, John et al
7. Madison County Marriages 1792-1850 by Vogt, John et al
8. Loudoun County Marriages 1760-1850 by Vogt, John et al
9. Giles County Marriages 1806-1850 by Vogt, John et al
10. Frederick County Marriages 1738-1850 by Vogt, John et al
11. Botetourt County Marriages 1770-1853, Volume 2 by Vogt, John et al
12. Botetourt County Marriages 1770-1853, Volume 1 by Vogt, John et al
13. Augusta County Marriages 1748-1850 by Vogt, John et al
14. Marriage Records in the Virginia State Library: A Researcher's Guide by Vogt, John et al
15. History of Roane County, West Virginia From the Time of Its Exploration To A.D. 1927 by Bishop, William H.
16. Index to the Guide to the Microfilm of the Records of Pennsylvania's Revolutionary Governments 1775-1790 by Baumann, Roland M. et al
17. Guide to the Microfilm of the Records of Pennsylvania's Revolutionary Governments 1775-1790 (Record Group 27) in the Pennsylvania State Archives, 54 Rolls by Baumann, Roland M.
18. Fort Loudon on the Frontier 1756-1766 by Hawbaker, Gary T.
19. Church of the Singing Bells by Cooper, H. Austin
20. Forty Four Years of The Life of a Hunter by Browning, Meshach
21. Steam Power on the American Farm by Wik, Reynold M.

2015 MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

What is the greatest benefit of membership in the South Central Pennsylvania Genealogical Society to you?

What can we do better for you?

MONTHLY MEETINGS / ACTIVITIES

Is the meeting day and time convenient? (i.e. 1st Sunday at 2:30 PM) Y N

Is the meeting location satisfactory? (i.e. York County Heritage Trust) Y N

If NO, what day, time or location would you prefer?

What areas of genealogy/local history should receive more/less attention in our programs?

MORE ...

LESS ...

Do you have suggestions for speakers or program topics?

Do you like meetings that involve visiting local points of interest? Y N

Should we sponsor trips to research facilities? Y N

Should we host social activities like picnics or dinners? Y N

Should we sponsor workshops? Y N

If YES, on what subjects?

Should we continue to co-host a biannual genealogy conference? Y N

Why or why not ...

If YES, do you have suggestions for conference speakers or program topics?

2015 MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

NEWSLETTER

What do you like most/least about our newsletter?

MOST ...

LEAST ...

What suggestions do you have to improve our newsletter?

SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS

Have you found the special publications to be helpful to you?

Y N

Which publication did you enjoy most/least, and why?

MOST ...

LEAST ...

What suggestions do you have to improve our Special Publications?

SCPGS.ORG WEBSITE

Your Email:

How frequently do you visit our website?

Monthly Every 3-6 months Never
 Once a Year

What suggestions do you have to improve our website?

DEMOGRAPHICS

Age Group: High School College under 30 30-55 55-75 over 75

How would you classify your genealogical interest and ability?

Casual Beginner Intermediate Advanced Professional

In which counties do you do most of your research?

York Adams Cumberland Lancaster Northern Maryland

Other (please specify) _____

How long have you been a member of SCPGS?

less than 1 year 1-5 years 5-10 years 10-20 years more than 20 years

How long have you been engaged in genealogical research?

less than 1 year 1-5 years 5-10 years 10-20 years more than 20 years

What do you feel is your greatest strength in genealogy?

What do you feel is your greatest weakness in genealogy?

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