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UPCOMING EVENTS

Our programs for the current year have all been cancelled. Please check our facebook page and our webpages regarding announcements about the fall schedule.

CANCELLED - April 5 – Mother Cumberland: Researching with Cumberland County Records. The History Center is closed and all activities scheduled are canceled. Please check our facebook page(www.facebook.com/scpgs/) for updates concerning future meetings.

CANCELLED- May 3 –Tour of the MA & PA Heritage Village at Muddy Creek Forks.

We will be visiting this restored historic village at Muddy Creek Forks. The village contains a general store, railroad station, John Grove house and various outbuildings – all set up as example of life in the early 1900's. Our visit will also include a train ride. For more information on the village, exhibits, directions and other information-

visit their
website:www.mandparailroad.com.

CANCELLED -June 3 – Henry J Young Award

Nominations for the award to recognize the genealogical research and contributions to genealogy of an individual are still being accepted.

CHECK:

yorkblog>yorktownsquare>current flu - for articles on York during the 1918 “Spanish flu” epidemic. Many local families were affected by this outbreak. Samantha, Tina, Jennifer, and Lisa have been looking at the cemetery records for Lebanon to see how many African American families died from the influenza. How was your family affected by this epidemic? The first round of the flu occurred in March and a second wave appeared September 1918- November 1918.

MEMORIAM

On February 25th, 2020 – the York History Center and SCPGS lost a beloved volunteer and friend – Albert L. Rose. Al was born on March 21, 1923 in York Springs, Adams County, PA. He was the son of Harry E. and Rose Anna(Stahley) Rose. Al was a member of the First Engineer Special Brigade Amphibious in the U. S. Army during WW II. He participated in the invasion of Normandy, landing on Utah Beach on June 6, 1944. He was also a survivor of the Exercise Tiger Tragedy in the English Channel in April 1944. Al returned to Normandy for the 49th, 60th, and 65th D-Day Anniversaries. He returned, with his son Patrick, in June 2019 for the 75th Anniversary.



Since 1985, Al had volunteered in the Library at the York History Center. For the past 15 years, he had researched, photographed, and cataloged all the war memorials in York County – a project that he was deeply involved in and was still searching for information on several memorials. Al received the Henry James Young Award in 2001. Al will also be remembered for the wooden boxes he built – the boxes that volunteers fill with vital cards, cemetery records, tax records, etc., so that researchers can search in an organized way for information on their families.

He will be missed for his gentle smile and his dedication to not only the Library but also to his family.

A fuller and more complete obituary can be found on [legacy.com](https://www.legacy.com).

POST EVENTS

On February 2nd, several members of the Graveyard Cleanup Volunteers, Samantha Dorm, Tina Hunter, Lisa Nelson, and Jennifer DeJesus, spoke at our meeting about their efforts to locate burials and gravestones at Lebanon Cemetery in North York. One of the highlights of their efforts has been the online postings of individuals buried in the cemetery. Using photos, newspapers clippings, and other documents, they have come up with a unique way to honor their ancestors on their facebook page.

LEBANON CEMETERY NOTABLE BURIALS

Ethel (Carroll) Cowles Armstrong, in 1905, at the age of 20, she claimed the distinction of being the only colored girl in York employed in a factory as a skilled hand. Obenheimer & Orendorff's shirt factory, corner of Howard and Newton Avenues

Completed home nursing course at Crispus Attucks
 Subcommittee Chair, York Women's Suffrage Movement
 Adopted daughter of Rev. Jesse Sumner Cowles
 * First name also listed as Etha

WEDDING INVITATIONS
 Invitations are out for the wedding of M. J. ARMSTRONG of Philadelphia, to Miss Ethel A. Cowles, 323 Cleveland Avenue, this city, to take place next tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock in the A. M. E. Zion Church, East King Street. The ceremony will be performed by the Rev. W. D. DAVIS, pastor. Mr. Armstrong and Miss Cowles are both well known in this city. The former is a doctor, an one of the best dentists and craniologists in the North.

Sept 25, 1913

THE ONLY COLORED GIRL EMPLOYED IN A FACTORY
 Such is Distinction Claimed By Miss Ethel Cowles—Entered As a Substituted and Was Retained
 Miss Ethel Cowles, 20 years old, claims the distinction of being the only colored girl in York employed in a factory as a skilled hand.
 For three years Miss Cowles has been working in Obenheimer & Orendorff's shirt factory, corner of Howard and Newton avenues, and she is rated among the highest and well paid employees of the plant.
 One day three years ago a white machinist employed in the factory became sick and was unable to report for work. Learning that Miss Cowles was on steps with the needle, the boss got word her to the factory as a substitute.
 Later, when the regular employe returned to work, Miss Cowles was ready to quit the factory, but having performed her work to a satisfactory standard, the superintendent decided to retain her services, providing the other employes were not inclined to draw the color line.
 A decrease of the factory was made. It was found that they would be no objection in the presence of Miss Cowles as a hand in the factory and her name was placed on the regular pay roll.
 Miss Cowles was the adopted daughter of the late Rev. Jesse Sumner Cowles, who died in this city about eight years ago.
 York now has a colored population amounting 2,000. The fact has been ascertained, Miss Cowles is the only woman of this colored population, who has been successful in finding and holding employment in a factory.

This memorial page is something that can be adapted for anyone involved with posting information about local cemeteries and remembering their ancestors. See their postings at www.facebook.com/FriendsOLC. A listing of burials can be found through findagrave.com and by typing “North York, York County, Pennsylvania” in the location box.

On March 8th – Fintan Mullan and Gillian Hunt from the Ulster Historical Foundation presented three sessions on researching your Irish roots. The first session talked about the administrative units of the countries (both Ireland and Northern Ireland) – what they are and their differences – examples of baronies, counties, and parishes. Civil registers provide information on births, marriages and deaths and when to use them over church records. Some of these records can be found locally and others in the national Library of Ireland. The second session covered internet resources- specifically “PRONI” (Public Record Office of Northern Ireland). Among the records held by PRONI are street directories, census, land estate records, school records, wills, and emigration records. Examples of various ways to access the records were also shown.

The third session covered a variety of overlooked early resources such as hearth money rolls, the census of Protestant households of 1740, the flaxgrowers' list of 1796, and the petition of Protestant Dissenters of 1775. Both presenters encouraged researchers to not limit their searches to just Northern Ireland or Ireland – many records overlap both countries. For more information about Fintan and Gillian's lecture tours, go to <https://www.ancestryireland.com/usa-lecture-tour-2020/>.

Some of the many useful addresses that were provided:

Irish Family History Foundation: www.rootsireland.ie

Ulster Historical Foundation: www.ancestryireland.com

National Archives of Ireland: www.nationalarchives.ie

National Library of Ireland: www.nli.ie

Military Archives: www.militaryarchives.ie/home

Blog by Clair Santry detailing new records, events & publications:
www.irishgenealogynews.com/

Hidden Resources – York County's Irish Roots

Northern York Historical Organization -<https://northernYorkHistorical.org>

Check out their website for more information on activities and the history of the Irish in the northern part of York County.

“Dill's Tavern” - The story of the Tavern — and of Dillsburg — began in 1742, over thirty years before the founding of our nation. That's when Matthew Dill and his young family from Monaghan County, Ireland, received a land grant of 504 acres and set about establishing a wilderness settlement. By 1750, Dill's Gap (as it came to be known) boasted a log tavern and the beginnings of our community.

The Barrens of Southern York County

The Irish and Scotch settled in the southern part of York County in the townships of Chanceford, Fawn, Hopewell, and Windsor between 1731-1735. They were Presbyterian and built their first church in the Muddy Creek Forks area. **Guinston Presbyterian Church** was built in 1754 by these early settlers. The old stone church and cemetery still exist. The cemetery is the resting place of many of these early settlers. A history of the church can be found at <http://files.usgwarchives.net/pa/york/church/history/guinston-presbyterian> and tombstones (including those of the Wallace family) at www.findagrave.com. Another historic site is the Wallace Cross Mill. The Wallace-Cross Mill is a restored 1826 water-powered grist mill located

in East Hopewell Twp. Pictures and information can be found by googling: “Wallace Cross Mill Historic Site”.

Although Wales wasn't part of the early migration – it's location to both countries allows the inclusion of another Hidden Resource: The Old Line Museum in Delta, Peach Bottom Twp., PA. (<http://oldlinemuseum.com>). The slate quarries in Peach Bottom Twp. drew the Welsh to settle in this part of the county. The museum offers tours, exhibits, photographs, etc. Jim McClure's blog has an interesting article on the museum(<https://yorkblog.com/yorktownsquare/day-at-the-museum>). Another part of the museum are the Welsh miners' cottages- built in the 1850's – several of the stone cottages have been restored and can be toured (click on the cottage tab of the museum's website for pictures and history of the cottages).

APRIL 1, 2020 – 2020 CENSUS COUNT BEGINS

As family researchers, we have used the census records to find information about our ancestors. We understand the necessity of counting everyone and making sure the information is accurate. Every census record has asked different questions, each record can provide clues and information that can help fill in family details. Here are a few reminders about using census records:

1. Keep a name list – since there are so many variations of surnames – it's important to keep the variations in mind when using the records – spelling can depend on the education of the enumerator, who's providing the information, language spoken by both parties, and if initials or nicknames were used for the first name.
2. Some of the information might not be correct – depends on who gave the information, language spoken by both parties, their education and their memories of the event.
3. Check other schedules besides population – mortality, agricultural, Indian, slave, and manufacturing schedules can provide information about your ancestor.
4. Use the census records to pinpoint important dates – the disappearance of an individual can help narrow down a death date.
5. The appearance of an individual can help determine birth or citizen status, number of years married can lead to a marriage date, and whether they rented or owned property can lead to deeds.
6. Pay attention to neighbors and boarders – sometimes a missing child or parent could be living next door or listed under a different name in the same household.

This newsletter was started at the beginning of the pandemic – at that time it was being compared to the 1918 influenza epidemic. Things have changed dramatically since then. But genealogists are always looking for ways to connect present events to our family histories. The genealogybank.com blog has had several articles of interest. The first, “Influenza Masks Circa 1918 (Gena Philibert-Orgeta, April 20, 2020) talks about the masks worn during the 1918 influenza outbreak has several newspaper articles from 1918 about masks. San Francisco ordered masks to be worn by any person serving the public or coming in contact with the general public. If they didn't wear a mask- they were arrested, sentenced, and fined – the money collected went to the Red Cross. Also included in the blog, were the directions printed in 1918 on how to make a mask – since the mask we have today were not available.

Gena published “A Genealogist's Perspective: Documenting This Pandemic” on March 25, 2020. She suggested ways to document to record your experiences during this time. One suggestion was to create a timeline which dated when you first heard about COVID-19, how your life was affected, when did activities or stores or workplaces close, when did shortages in the grocery stores start, when did sheltering in place start, and when did you start to work from home. She suggested writing a journal or scrapbooking – adding texts, photos, clippings from newspapers, and cell phone pictures. Answer questions about how you spent your days, your thoughts and feelings, friends and funny cartoons or other things that made you laugh during this time.

As we move into the re-opening of stores, restaurants, workplaces – record how you felt about the “new normal”. What restrictions were in place? Did you still socially distance or wear face masks? Did you have any fears about being able to move to a new lifestyle? Did the pandemic and its effect on your life change your feelings or thoughts about what was important to you?

Many of us have no information on how are ancestors were affected by the 1918 influenza pandemic but we have the opportunity now, while it's still fresh in our minds, to leave memories for our descendants to learn how we coped during a difficult time.

RENEWAL NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Now is the time to renew your membership for the fiscal year July 2020 – June 2021. Any member who does NOT PAY their dues by September 1st will automatically be dropped from the mailing list and there will be an additional fee assessed to cover the postage for back copies of our newsletter and any special publications. Please return this notice with your renewal and any address corrections. Members desiring the newsletters to be emailed, please make sure your email address is legible and that you have checked “Yes”

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