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LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, June 5, 2011 — Henry James Young Award Presentation

The presentation of the Henry James Young Awards will be held at 2:15 PM on Sunday, June 5th in the Meeting Hall of the York County Heritage Trust located at 250 East Market Street, York, Pennsylvania. The recipients will be June Lloyd, Barbara Rudy and the late Leonard Heilman. Please plan to attend the meeting and help us honor the genealogical accomplishments of June, Barb and Leonard. Following the presentations, enjoy a time of socializing and light refreshments ... *a pleasant way to end another year of SCPGS programs.*

No meeting of SCPGS will take place in July or August. The first meeting of the 2011-2012 society year is tentatively planned for Sunday, September 11th. There will be a July/August issue of the newsletter published during the summer that will announce the September meeting.



NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

During the business portion of the May meeting of South Central Pennsylvania Genealogical Society, the Nominating Committee presented the slate of officers for 2011-2012 society year. No nominations were made from the floor. All positions are one-year terms except those of treasurer and director-at-large, which are two-year terms. The election will be held June 5th at a brief meeting, prior to the Henry James Young Award Presentations.

The nominees are as follows ...

President: Franklin R. Grove, Jr.

Vice President: Richard Konkel

Recording Secretary: Melody Kraus

Corresponding Secretary: Becky Anstine

Director-at-large: Tom Gibson

A big thank you goes out to Barbara Rudy for again assuming the role of the “nomination committee.”

The board appointed Kimberly Grim to fill the remaining year of her husband David’s term as director-at-large.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL REMINDER

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 July 31, 2011 and you will not receive membership benefits beyond that date if you do not renew.

If you have not already renewed your membership in SCPGS for the year 2011-2012, please promptly mail your payment with the renewal notice included in the April newsletter. Please return the entire page. Life members should disregard the renewal form.

The additional cost for First Class Postage and handling for mailing newsletters is \$5.50.



BIBLE DOCUMENTATION DAY

written by Becky Anstine

On April 30th South Central Pennsylvania Genealogical Society and the York County Heritage Trust held the first Bible Documentation Day. Since the library does not have the storage facilities to accept Bibles, copies of family information has been made and placed in the family files. The idea for the day came from an individual attending a seminar offered by the Trust in the spring of 2010. Seventeen individuals attended – several bringing more than one Bible. The Bibles were scanned by Victoria Miller, assistant librarian, on the library's book scanner and two copies of the scans have been printed – one for the library family files and one for the Bible owner. Each Bible was measured, checked for condition, and publication information noted. A Provenance and Successorship for each Bible was also taken. Copies of loose papers in the Bibles were also made. June Lloyd, librarian emerita, was available to assist with German translations.

Each owner had a story to tell about their Bible. Some had no family history recorded in them but were a book that had been in the family and passed down for generations. One Bible had been bought as part of the purchase of a fraktur.

One of our members, Jan Barnhart, just happened to be in the library and was asked by one of us in passing – did you see the Barnhart Bible? Jan took off on a hunt, located the Bible and talked to the owners. To his delight, the Bible had family information that he did not have in his records.

Amy Marchiano, a reporter from the York Daily Record, came and interviewed various people. The article was published in the Monday, May 2, 2011, edition of the *York Daily Record*.

Those of us who participated, Cindy Hartman, Frank Grove, Lila Fourhman-Shaull, June Lloyd, and myself all agreed that the event was a success and we are already planning for the next Family Bible Documentation Day.

So dig the Family Bibles out of the attic and off the shelf. If you can't attend the next event – take the Bible to a UPS store or whatever copy store is nearby, or scan it into your computer and make copies. You can email SCPGS or the York County Heritage Trust Library and we will send you a copy of the documentation form that we used. Then mail the documentation form and a copy of the Bible pages and any loose clippings of genealogical interest to either SCPGS or the York Heritage Trust Library.

The information is important – don't let it be lost, thrown away, burned or forgotten!

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Franklin R. Grove, Jr.

Wow, spring has really arrived with much color this year! I hope everyone is enjoying the season and if you are in cemeteries searching for family members to add to your family tree, take a little time to enjoy this great time of the year.

The society has been busy; most recently we had a Bible Documentation Day with the York County Heritage Trust — we had fun helping those who brought Bibles to share the information with the society and possibly people looking for just those pieces of information found in a family Bible. Then, Sunday May 1st the society was given a red carpet reception at the Bethlehem (Steltz) church. A number of church members attended and helped share their church's rich history.



BETHLEHEM (STELTZ) CHURCH

written by Becky Anstine

Our May meeting was at Bethlehem (Steltz) church – known throughout the county as the place where the church is in one state (Pennsylvania) and the cemetery is in another (Maryland).

Rev. John C. Dorr, pastor was our greeter and turned the meeting over to various church members. A slide show of the tearing down and building of the current building was very interesting – several of the members present told stories about the construction. Many original documents were on display for us to look at. As we explored the interior of the church, we saw a drum from the Steltz band and some acid colored stained glass windows in the basement, along with other church artifacts.



The original church was built in 1795 on land that Philip Steltz sold to the congregation. In 1935, the church had out grown the two story log structure and decided to relocate across the road. This church was built for a total of \$46,616.38 – and the debt was paid within three years.

Those of us who were able to walk through the cemetery before it rained found the Fried tombstones have an unusual feature to them. Lila demonstrates the hidden picture. (left)

Lila also pointed out this rare tombstone that was signed by the carver. (right)



The church has an excellent website: <http://www.bethlehemsteltz.com> for researchers. There is a form that one can fill out to request information on burials. You will find two spread sheets: alphabetical listing and burial plots. The alphabetical listing has a great deal of information and references. There is also a cemetery layout map. Church members are accepting obituaries and any information that people might have on those members who attended the church. A history of the church is also on the website.

GENEALOGICAL NOTES

How to Become an Accredited Genealogist

[April 24, 2011] *The following is a Plus Edition article written by and copyright by Dick Eastman.*

In this newsletter you frequently see letters appended after the names of individuals, such as CG or CGL. This means that the individual has received a genealogy accreditation of some level. This week I thought I would describe the various certifications and tell why perhaps you might be interested in obtaining accreditation.

Accreditation is valuable in many fields. We have CPA ratings for accountants and similar ratings for many other professions. When you hire an accountant, a lawyer, a financial planner, a surgeon, or almost any other professional, you want some assurance that he or she has passed an examination by a certifying board which ensures that its members measure up to proper standards. The same is true in genealogy: you want to hire someone who is qualified and has passed an examination.

Genealogy certification is not just for professionals, however. Many individuals seek and obtain genealogy certification for their own satisfaction. Knowing that your work meets high genealogy standards is proof that you know what you are doing, whether you ever accept a dime in payment or not. Many certified genealogists have no intention of earning a living in this field, but they enjoy the confidence that the time they spend researching ancestry will yield results of certifiable quality.

Anyone can claim to be a professional genealogist, whether certified or not. However, most professionals do have certifications. I would suggest that you ask for a person's credentials before hiring them, whether it is for genealogy research, preparing your income taxes, or performing brain surgery.

Board-certified genealogists, whether professionals or highly skilled hobbyists, pass rigorous tests and subscribe to a code of ethics. I would suggest that you settle for nothing less than that. Also remember that most certifying organizations also offer an arbitration service, should a problem ever arise with the conduct or work of a certified member.



Kate Middleton's Coat of Arms

Kate Middleton's family has had a coat of arms designed, which will be featured on the souvenir royal wedding programme. Her father Michael commissioned the heraldic design to mark his daughter's marriage to Prince William on 29 April. It features three acorn sprigs, one for each of the Middletons' children: an idea Miss Middleton suggested.

An video on the BBC web site shows the new coat of arms as Thomas Woodcock, Garter Principal King of Arms, explains the meaning of the various items shown. You can see the video at

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-13127145>

As always, coats of arms are issued to individuals, not to families. This coat of arms is authorized for use by Kate Middleton, not by everyone named Middleton. Her father is authorized to use essentially the same coat of arms except, as a male, he would use a more traditional design featuring a crest. As an unmarried daughter, Kate Middleton uses the "lozenge" design shown here suspended from a ribbon.



Posted by Dick Eastman on April 21, 2011 in Heraldry

The Easy Way to Add Maps to Your Family History Projects

Would you like to include U.S. maps in your family history projects, but can't find what you want? Would you like to add maps to a book you plan to publish but cannot find anything that isn't copyrighted? Do you need a simple, prepared map that you can print at home, at school, or in the office? A service provided by the U.S. Government will provide maps for you. Best of all, there are no copyrights on the maps. You can use them in commercial books as well as for personal purposes.



The National Atlas is a map-making platform sponsored by the Federal Government that lets you build your own maps. You can create maps that capture and depict patterns, conditions, and trends of American life. You can use the National Atlas templates to create maps that cover all of the United States or just your area of interest. The National Atlas of the United States of America is a web site created by the United States Department of the Interior. The online atlas provides a map-like view of geospatial and geostatistical data collected for the United States. Unlike the big, bound map collections, the National Atlas includes electronic maps and services that are delivered online.

In the National Atlas Map Maker you can assemble, view, and print your own maps. In most cases, you can choose from hundreds of layers of geographic information to make maps. Each map layer can be displayed individually or mixed with others as you tailor a map to your needs. Once you assemble the layers of choice, you can print the map or save it electronically.

For example, you can make a map showing America's streams and lakes. Then you can add new map layers showing additional geographic information, such as state boundaries, county boundaries, roads, railroads, and towns and cities. Once you've zoomed in on an area you want to map, you can choose from the display elements available on the right of the program window to display water elements, roads, boundaries and other features. Finally, you can add your own information by first saving the map to your hard drive and then using any appropriate photo editing program to add text and new symbols.

The online National Atlas can be used for many purposes other than genealogy. The site is full of examples for agriculture, biology, climate, environmental, history, and more.

For more information, or to try it yourself, you can visit the National Atlas at

<http://www.nationalatlas.gov/>

Posted by Dick Eastman on April 24, 2011



Modern Man Has Grown 4 Inches Taller than his Ancestors in 100 Years

Nobel Prize-winning US economist Robert Fogel and his colleagues have found that the height of the average man has increased by four inches in the last century due to improvements in diet and public health. In 1900, a typical male was 5ft 6in tall, but by 2000 that had gone up to 5ft 10in. Over the same time women have grown by one-and-a-half inches, from just under 5ft 3in to just over 5ft 4in, according to their data. The scientists believe the growth spurt is mostly due to pregnant mothers eating better food which meant their babies grew up to be stronger and healthier. Better sanitation and improvements in technology has also played a part by rescuing mankind from endless illness, malnutrition and brutal working conditions.

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QUERIES

I would like to find the bible of Joseph REIDER which was purchased in 1850, at his estate sale, by his son-in-law, Martin KREIDLER. Perhaps it was passed down in the family to Martin's grandchildren, John or Phoebe LEVERGOOD.

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YCHT BOOK BLAST

The York County Heritage Trust's 11th Annual Book Blast opens to the public on August 11th and runs thru August 13th. As in previous years, the event will share space with the A-Frame at the Agricultural and Industrial Museum at 217 West Princess Street. Remember that YCHT members get a special invitation to the August 10th *Members Only* day. This event benefits the collections, programs, and educational activities of the YCHT. Questions: please call Lila Fourhman-Shaull 848-1587 ext. 223 or email at lfourhman-shaull@yorkheritage.org.

Free Wi-Fi comes to the York County Heritage Trust

Looking for a quiet, comfortable place to work, browse the internet, or do research? Look no further! The York County Heritage Trust welcomes you to take advantage of our free Wi-Fi in Founders Hall, located at the Trust's Historical Society Museum building at 250 East Market Street. Wi-Fi access is available during normal Trust business hours and is provided thanks to a grant from the Olde Town East Neighborhood Association. An additional connection was installed in the Library at the Historical Society Museum. Laptops are NOT provided by the Trust; however, there is a charging station for those patrons who wish to bring their own computers.