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LOOKING AHEAD

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1988 - Pastor Frederick S. Weiser will speak on "Pennsylvania Dutch Christmas". This presentation will not be on genealogical research but will be of interest because so many SCPGS members have Pennsylvania German ancestry and are interested in all aspects of their ancestors' lives. Pastor Weiser, the prominent Pennsylvania German historian and genealogist, is an interesting and informative speaker. He is the capable editor of many of the publications of the Pennsylvania German Society and of various other publications. His years of experience in translating Pennsylvania and Maryland church records which were recorded in German have made him a leading expert in this important work for genealogists. Pastor Weiser is a Fellow of the National Genealogical Society. Plan to attend this program and add a new aspect to this Christmas season. (Taping of Pastor Weiser's presentation is not permitted).

The meeting will be in the Meeting Hall of the Historical Society of York County, 250 East Market Street, York, PA. The meeting will begin at 2:15 p.m. with a brief business meeting. The program will begin about 2:30.

JANUARY 1989 - NO MEETING

FEBRUARY 1989 - PROGRAM TO BE ANNOUNCED

Please note that if the conditions on the highways may make driving unsafe or if weather conditions are threatening on the day of any winter meeting, contact Pat Gross at (717) 843-6169 to learn if the meeting will or will not be held.

RESOURCE PERSON

The following person is willing to help other members needing research assistance in the areas designated:

ILLINOIS - Chicago area, Newberry Library in Chicago, also large genealogical holdings, major strengths: New England, Middle Atlantic, Midwest, & Eastern seaboard. Also Census: to 1830 & 1850 all states & IL to 1910. Richard L. Carns, P.O.Box 408628, Chicago, IL 60640.

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT - SOME GENEALOGICAL TIPS

Types of Genealogists. Genealogists come in all different shapes, sizes, and mind sets. They are not the same as Historians, but some could talk your ear off. Be aware that all people think differently and use their thinking patterns in approaching genealogy. I have noted the following kinds of genealogists.

1. The researcher. This person loves to research and will go at any time any where to find anything. However, none of the discovered items ever get compiled.

2. The chart maker. This person loves to make charts and family group sheets. All time is spent on this and never any reference made to where the information was obtained.

3. The book writer. This person is always planning a book or writing a book or has several books to his or her credit. Many times this person loves to write and puts everything down without references. Books are written, but have no system or index.

4. The know it all. This person has all the answers and will not listen to any other suggestions of items to check or will listen, but never follows up. This person will believe the first thing that they hear or see in print and never believe anything else.

5. The hurrier. This person is always in a hurry. In and out of a courthouse in five minutes. Good research takes time.

6. The dabbler. This person loves to dabble in genealogy, but never comes to any conclusions or writes up their findings.

7. The letter writer. This person writes letters of at least three pages each and either never asks a question or asks so many questions it would be a two day job to answer them all.

8. The dishonest researcher. This person is too cheap to pay for a few copies and steals what they want. They make it hard for everyone and cause many libraries to have all kinds of security measures.

9. The listen to me researcher. This person wants everyone to take their time to listen to their wonderful genealogical stories or they tie up a librarian for several hours seeking help for their special problem.

10. The balanced researcher. This person will take the time necessary to do the job right. They will know the rules of the places where they are researching and abide by them. They will seek to help a library and make their visit remembered with joy. They will record their findings and publish quality works from time to time.

HIVELY'S GENEALOGICAL NOTES

Copies remain available for purchase of the History Old Order River Brethren by Laban T. Breckbill. Printed in 1972, the 239 page book is hardbound. There is no every name index but there are Ministerial and Word Indexes. The cost is $4.50 plus $1.75 for postage and handling. Copies may be ordered from Myron S. Dietz (R.D. 24, Box 556, York PA 17406).

Thanks to Mrs. Gloryia Bientz, the SCPGS has received two copies of the printed twelve page program prepared for the dedication on October 16, 1988, of Henry W. Rudisill's memorial stone in Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne, Indiana. According to the biographical material in the program, Henry W. Rudisill was born August 8, 1801, in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and was baptized August 30, 1801, in Trinity Lutheran Church in Lancaster. He arrived in Fort Wayne in 1829 and became an important leader in the early history of the city. He founded two Lutheran Churches in Fort Wayne, St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church and the Trinity English Evangelical Lutheran Church. He died in 1858. For photocopies of the program and four additional pages of material on Rudisill, send $4.00 to the SCPGS. Do NOT include a SASE. (The latter source states that Henry moved with his father to Franklin County, PA, as a child, later went to Chillicothe, OH, and at a later time went

into business in Lancaster, OH. He married Elizabeth Johns, who was related to the Henkel family who included prominent Lutheran clergymen.)

The SCPGS is a member of the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS). The FGS publishes a bimonthly newsletter, which under a proposed new arrangement made with Ancestry, Ltd., will be mailed free to members of any society, such as the SCPGS, which is a member of the FGS. The FGS is to maintain editorial control of the Newsletter and set editorial and advertising policy. Ancestry, Ltd. can use eight additional pages for advertising. Any SCPGS member who wishes to receive the FGS newsletter should complete the form attached to this newsletter NOT LATER THAN JANUARY 1, 1989, AND SEND IT TO THE SOUTH CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY. (If you belong to another society which is also an FGS member and have completed this form through that society, there is no need to complete it through the SCPGS). Since there is no cost for this FGS newsletter, consider subscribing to this newsletter, which in the past has contained from twenty to twenty-five pages? A minimum number of people must request the subscription for the FGS agreement with Ancestry, Ltd. to become valid. Plans are to have the agreement go into effect sometime in 1989. If interested, send the form NOW so you do not forget about it during the holiday rush.

Recently a group of six men completed the three-year restoration of the "old" Round Hill Cemetery on Cemetery Road in North Hopewell Township, York County. This is the first maintenance this cemetery has seen in fifteen years. It is said a significant number of French and Indian, Revolutionary, and Civil War soldiers are buried in the cemetery. Among the surnames of persons buried there as recorded in the 1930's listing of the stone inscriptions as found in The Historical Society of York County are the following: Anderson, Duncan, Edie, Griffith, McCann, Smith, Fulton, Logan, and Warrick.

With the permission of the author, a copy of Jan A. Bankert's 1977 American Studies Thesis for Temple University, titled Digges Choice; A Community Study in Southeastern Pennsylvania, has been placed in the library of The Historical Society of York County. The thesis is twenty-seven pages long, plus there are numerous pages of bibliography, footnotes, and maps. However, the significant color shading of the maps of the original does not photocopy well, and no other supplemental coding is presently available. The paper gives some history of John Digges and his large land tract which was located in present York and Adams Counties in and around Hanover. The controversy surrounding this land resulted in the 1752 death of John Digges' son, Dudley, when he struggled with Jacob Kitzmiller. The paper focuses on the subsequent ownership of this area by religious denomination: "English Catholics, German Lutherans, German Calvinists, and German Mennonites".

SCPGS members interested in having the opportunity to purchase what would be the most complete and most accurate published records (1730-1767) of Trinity Lutheran Church, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, should write or call Closson Press (1935 Sampson Drive, Apollo, PA

15613-9238; phone (412) 337-4482). Portions of the records had been published previously at various times in varying degrees of completeness and accuracy. The burials (which in early records often contain valuable information), communicant lists, and confirmand lists have never been published. This manuscript has been translated and edited by Debra D. Smith and Pastor Frederick S. Weiser. There is an everyname index for the 484 page book. When published the price for the book will be about $40. (Payment should not be sent when you notify Closson of your interest in the publication. You will be notified when the book is ready. The more interest shown in this valuable work, the sooner it will be published).

The above Closson Press has numerous other Pennsylvania materials, especially those of western Pennsylvania, for sale. There is a 188 page Lancaster County, PA Cemetery Surname Index. This publication does not include tombstone inscriptions. The price is $10.50, plus shipping and handling and appropriate taxes. For the exact shipping charges call or write, asking for the information or a copy of their latest catalogue.

A History of Scottish Dissenting Presbyterianism in Franklin County, Pennsylvania, a booklet of 92 pages published in 1987, can be ordered from the author, Reid Stewart (1215 Scenic Dr., Latrobe, PA 15650). This is a brief history of the congregations of Reformed Presbyterian, Associate Presbyterian, Associate Reformed, and United Presbyterian Churches in Franklin County, PA, with biographical sketches of ministers, some names of members, and other information. Twelve appendices include burials in church and family cemeteries. Baptisms, marriages, and communicant rolls of Rev. S.W. Crawford from 1824-1829 appear. There is a bibliography of over five pages and a map locating the churches. There are 319 different surnames in the index. The cost is $6.00 postpaid.

Persons interested in the families associated with St. Luke's (Staley's) Church in York County, PA, should note that additional records of the church were photocopied a few months ago and these copies are available at The Historical Society of York County. (Earlier records are available in translated form at the society.) The three record books contain various information for various time periods. Some of the entries are in German. Not all are easy to decipher or are in an easily understandable format. Among the included records are the following: Lutheran Deaths 1871-1887, baptisms 1835-1857 and 1868 into the 1900's, numerous communicant (and some confirmand) lists for the period 1836-1890. A study of the records might indicate extensions to the years given above. In addition to the surnames which had been associated with the church in the 1700's, these records show other surnames, possibly of families who were German immigrants of the 1800's: Heibeck, Eveler (Oubler), Benlein, Hoffmaster, Krouse (Grouse), Uffleman, Olphin, Scheckenbaugh, Weinrauch, Schum, Frigm (Frem), Gontsman, Dettinger, Ritz, Poet (?), Roseman, Beckstead, and Oyerstack (?).

QUERIES

Seeking info. on the fam. of James McCULLOUGH b. 1783, d. 1864, who lived nr. Middletown in northern Balti. Co, MD. He mar. (1) Miriam DALEY & (2) Sarah DALEY, both daus. of Jacob & Martha DALEY. Ch.: William b. 1808, d. 1890, mar. Nancy GORE; Dorcas b. 1812, d. 1908, mar. Mordecai ALBAN; Lysander b. 1814, d. 1906, mar. Eleanor HOSHALL; Susan b. 1820, d. ?; MaryAnn; Sarah b. 1825, d. ? , mar. ? McCOMAS; & James W. b. 1828, d. 1899, never married.

Michael A. Ports, 220 W. Bell Rd., #1077, Phoenix, AZ 85023

Seeking info. & desc. of Paul BIEN, b. 29 Jun 1757, where ?, d. 21 May 1834, bur. St. Paul's Ch. Cem. nr. Glenford, Perry Co., OH with wf. Mary Magdalena ?, b.25 Jun 1758 where ?, d. 11 Sep 1840. Who were the par. of Paul BIEN? Was his wf. a FOSTER/FORSTER?Spons. for ch. at Himmel Ch.,PA were FORSTER, REID, & STEIN. Known ch.: Eva Magtalena, b. 1792, mar. Adam TROUP; Maria Eliz. b. 1794, mar. Andrew SMITH; Christina (Deny) b. 1795, mar. Geo. FOSTER; & Peter b. ca. 1797, mar. Mary ?.

Caral Mechling Bennett, 3456 N. 13th St., Arlington VA 22201.

Seeking info. on Capt. John BOYER, one of four bros. from Germany in mid-1700's settled in PA & VA. One s., John BYERS, b. 12 Sep 1779, Shepherdstown, VA(?), d. 18 Jun 1854, Shepherdstown. BOYER fought PA line in Rev. War. He d. ca. 1781/84, York Co.,PA. Bros. believed to be Conrad, Joseph, & Lawrence. Widow may be Elizabeth ?. Will exchange info.

William B. Byers, 3103 Borden Rd., Austin TX 78731.

Need to know names of par. & their dates of Sarah REESER b. 1819, d. 1902, wf. of Joel GROSS. They lived in York Co. PA.

Need to know names of par. & their dates of Sarah DIEHL, b. 1819, d. 1898, wf. of Stephen STRALEY. They lived in Dover Twp., York Co., PA.

Also, Stephen STRALEY b. 1751, d. 1824, lived York Co, PA,mar. Barbara ?. Need to know Barbara's last name & her dates.

Mr. Eugene Straley, 4532 Swann Ave., Tampa FL 33609.

Seek info. on Solomon BAKER b. 1807, d. 1848,bur. Barreus Cem., & wf. Catharine b. 1809, d. 1887. Their s., Henry BAKER b. 1834, d. 1892, & wf. Sarah Jane (WOLF) BAKER b. 1832, d. 1905. Also, on Jacob BAKER/BECKER b. 1781, d.1854, & wf. Juliana WOLLET b. 17?, d. 18?. They were from Dillsburg, PA area.

Gloria Hopkins, 2441 Logan Rd., York PA 17404.

Would like to corresp. with anyone who is searching for a Jacob GEISLER, b. 1789, York Co, PA. The Jacob, which I have lists his age as 61 years old, 1850. Who is his fath. & when was his fath. born? Believe I know where he moved to after leaving PA, & where he lived when he died.

Verlin Geisler, Rt. 3, Box 257, McLoud, OK 74851.

Seeking info. on Frederick & John TEEL/DEIHL/THEIL/TEELE. Frederick poss. b. 1784, mar. Eva GLAP(?), b. 1802. John b. 1786,

10 September 1988

Dear Society Member:

In its on-going effort to service the member societies, the Federation of Genealogical Societies is developing a new program. We are negotiating to provide each member of our member societies with the opportunity to receive the FGS Newsletter at no additiional cost to the member or member society. This service will be financed by FGS and the publisher.

You, as a recipient of the Newsletter will find how valuable it is for any genealogist with its background articles, its book reviews, its advice on "where to" and "how to", and its gleanings from newsletters all over the country. The Newsletter will

1. provide those who subscribe with an excellent key to what is happening in genealogy.

2. give member societies a bonus to enlarge their membership.

3. provide information on FGS publications available at a member society discount.

4. provide information on NEW publications available through advertising.

We cannot begin this exciting process without your assistance. This form releasing your name and address to FGS must be completed and returned by January 1, 1989 through your member society, the SCPGS, P. O. Box 1824, York, PA 17405.

[ ] Yes, I would like to receive the FGS Newsletter at no cost to me.

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mar. Marie ?. Would like to corresp. with anyone researching TEEL/etc. fam.

Larry A. Teel, 727 Maplewood, Willard, OH 44830

Need par. of William Silas WILLEY b. 1796, Marblehead, MA, d. 1870, Somerfield, Somerset Co, PA, mar. ca. 1828 to Elizabeth Tidy MCAULEY b. 1811, MD, poss. Baltimore area. Ch. b. between 1830 & 1857 in Somerfield: Dr. Andrew; George; Mathilda BEALE; Rebecca COHN; Hiram; Milton; Aza; Mary METZGER; Orr; Otto; & Calvin. This record listed in WILLEY Bible records. Rebecca MCAULEY d. 16 Dec. 1857, age 74 yrs., 2 mos., 20 days. Need info about Rebecca. Could possibly be moth. of Elizabeth who mar. William WILLEY.

Need birth & death dates & par. of Richard/Richardt AMON/AMENDT b. abt. 1758 & mar. ca. 1788 to Margaretha ?, b. 1760. Lived in York Co., PA, migrated to Pulaski, Mercer Co. abt. 1806 where he died. She died aft. 1850 in Deer Creek Twp., Mercer Co. Ch. bapt. in York Co., PA between 1789 & 1803: George; John Lewis; Jacob; Ludwig; Richard; & Margaretha GUNDY.

Bessie Amon Blair, 133 Aspen Cir., Leesburg FL 32748.

Seek info. on families of 8 daughters of Levi STARE d. 1938, York PA.

Dorothy Gross Hanson, 12915 Ashwood Dr., Sun City West, AZ 85375

Desire any info. on John DICKEY/DICKE who mar. Mary HESSING in 1759 at Abington Presb. Ch., Montgomery Co., PA. Poss. ch.: Elizabeth LLOYD; Margaret FOLKROD; Mary; Judith; & Tacy. Also, any info of Charles DICKEY b. 1760, d. 1823 Narriton Twp., Montgomery Co., PA who mar. ca. 1798 to Lydia DOUGLASS. Ch. were: John; Benjamin; Mary; Charles Jr.; Eli; Ann; Jesse; Hiram & Henry (twins). Related surnames: MELONE; BOYER; BARR; SHOCK; CHRISTY; RUMNEY; BALDERSON; & SNYDER.

Nancy L. Bicknell, 801 Verona Rd., Marshall MI 49068

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