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Dear SCPGS members,

Greetings! With many of our favorite holidays in the days and weeks ahead, here is your genealogy newsletter for November-December 2021. As we close one year and look forward with hope to a fresh new one, we are thankful for the work and expertise of our vice-president, Jonathan Stayer, who has put together the many fascinating programs coming up in 2022! They are all listed below. We hope you will be able to join us on a Sunday at 2:30 p.m., either in person or via our virtual options. (Please see SCPGS.org for details).

REMINDER: December 2021 – No Meeting

Sunday, January 2, 2022 – *“The Architecture of the Dempwolfs”*

Presenter: Mark D. Shermeyer

Description: A history of the genealogy, education, and careers of the Dempwolf family of architects of York County, tracing their contributions to the architectural heritage of the region.

Biography: Mark Shermeyer is a native of York, PA and President and founder of SAA Architects, Inc., a York-based architectural firm currently celebrating its 25th year. He is a graduate of Carnegie Mellon University and spent his early career working in Pittsburgh, PA, Baltimore, MD and Lancaster, PA, returning to the York area to found SAA Architects, which has subsequently grown into an 18-person firm with a diverse portfolio and currently active in approximately 18 different states. His personal experience and project portfolio include specialities in historic buildings and adaptive reuse projects. A Member and Past Chair of the York Historical Architectural Review Board (HARB) since 1998; Past Member of the Historic York, Inc. Board of Directors; Member and Past Chair of the Affordable Housing Advocates Board of Directors (formerly York Area Housing Group) since 2014; and Member of the York County Community Foundation Sustainable Energy Committee since 2018. Mark's relationship with the Historical Society of York County began in the summers of 1978 and 1979, where he worked as a student intern in the Library Archives. He began researching the Dempwolf architectural firm around 1980 at the encouragement of the staff of Historic York, Inc. The Dempwolf architects became the subject of his thesis at Carnegie Mellon, and he continues to give public presentations on their contributions to the architectural heritage of the region. During this research he became friends with local architect C. William Dize and encouraged Bill to donate his collection of Dempwolf linen drawings to the Library Archives.

Sunday, February 6, 2022 – ***“Pennsylvania’s Celtic Language Heritage”***

Presenter: Charles (Chip) Kauffman

Description: The richness of Pennsylvania history is seasoned uniquely by language contributions of immigrants to America from Wales, Ireland, and Scotland. Thousands of years earlier, the *Celts*, as the Greeks called them, comprised diverse tribes that spoke related languages across Europe and the British Isles – languages that would become Welsh, Irish, and Scottish. This presentation briefly covers the early history of Celtic languages and concentrates mainly on Pennsylvania’s Celtic language heritage in expressions, names, and place names as derived from Welsh, Irish, and Scottish immigrants.

Biography: Charles “Chip” Kauffman is an adjunct faculty member at York College of Pennsylvania where he teaches World Languages. Over many years at several colleges in the region, he has taught Italian, German, Russian and other languages. He is a retired certified U.S. Government linguist and author of various articles on languages and linguistics.

Sunday, March 6, 2022 – ***“Eighteenth-Century Gunsmithing in Eastern Pennsylvania”***

Presenter: Brad Emig

Description: This program will present and share information pertaining to the gunsmith trade as practiced during the colonial period in eastern Pennsylvania. Topics of discussion will include technology, materials, tools, and the tangible effects of diverse cultural influences on material products. Tools and other objects will be on display. This is a program best shared in person.

Biography: Brad Emig, proprietor and master craftsman of Cabin Creek Muzzleloading in Hallam, is one of the country’s preeminent gun builders using eighteenth-century gunsmithing technology. Before opening Cabin Creek in 1995 as a private-sector gun shop operated according to eighteenth-century principles and technology, he transformed the gun shop at the Landis Valley Farm Museum from a static display to a fully functional, working representation of a gun shop from that period, and practiced his craft there for eleven years. In addition to crafting authentic guns, he offers Arms Making Workshops along with his son Shane.

Sunday, April 3, 2022 – ***“The Challenges Facing the Continental Congress in Yorktown”***

Note: Held at the York History Center Colonial Courthouse on West Market Street in York, at 2:30 p.m.

Presenter: Tom Gibson

Description: It was a difficult time for our German-speaking ancestors in York when the congressional representatives and their families crowded into our small town, resulting in insufficient housing and a shortage of basic necessities. While George Washington and his Army were at Valley Forge, the Congress in York completed the drafting of the Articles of Confederation, our nation’s first Constitution. (Please bring the kids to this family friendly, interactive program at the Colonial Court House. Leave your inhibitions behind and join Tom as we travel back in time to the year 1777, when the Continental Congress was meeting in our community.)

Biography: Tom Gibson is a retired educator and thoroughly enjoys volunteering at the History Center. With significant colonial ancestry, he is a longtime member and officer of the Continental Congress Chapter of the United States Sons of the American Revolution. Tom is a Vietnam veteran, thirty-year Boy Scout leader, bicycle enthusiast, and radio engineer.

Sunday, May 1, 2022 – ***“Researching the History of Institutionalized People in Pennsylvania”***

Presenter: Tyler Stump

Description: Since the early 19th century, the state of Pennsylvania has operated nearly 50 different state institutions for people with intellectual and mental disabilities. Hundreds of thousands of

Pennsylvanians lived in these institutions. Today, the Pennsylvania State Archives holds some of the historical records created by these institutions, which are invaluable resources for researchers and genealogists. Join archivist Tyler Stump to explore this important part of Pennsylvania's history and to learn more about what kinds of information can be found in the archives' collections.

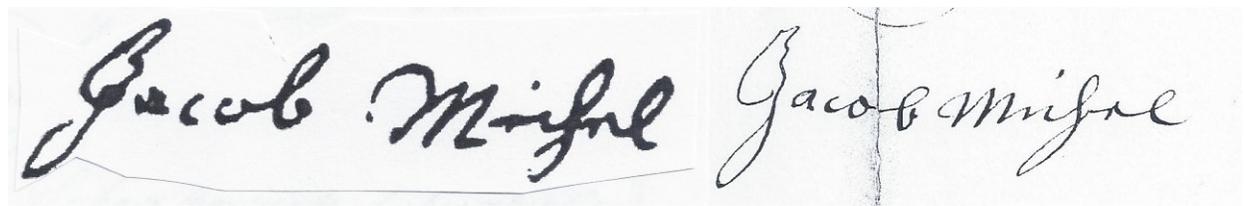
Biography: Tyler Stump has been an acquisitions archivist at the Pennsylvania State Archives since 2016. He mostly works with historical PA government records. He has published several pieces about the history of Pennsylvania's prisons and state-run institutions, most recently an article in *Pennsylvania History* about Fairview State Hospital, an institution in Wayne County. Tyler grew up in the Baltimore area, but his family has lived in the York Township/Dallastown area since the mid 18th century. He currently lives in Camp Hill, PA with his wife Andra (who is also an archivist at the PA House of Representatives Archives).

***The 1753 Emigration and 1754 Second Marriage in Germany of
York County Emigrant Jacob Michel
by SCPGS President Richard K. Konkel, Esquire***

In my last article, I wrote about Wendell Brechbiehl who had emigrated in 1732 to Pennsylvania, but returned to his German hometown of Heidelberg to marry in 1743. This article deals with a similar situation but in a much tighter time frame, and in this case the parties definitely returned to Pennsylvania and have left numerous descendants. SCPGS Special Publication Number 26, February, 1984, *Sundry Genealogical Materials Pertaining to South Central Pennsylvania Book III*, has as its second item on page 12, *Jacob Michael's Unprobated Will*. This will was found to be "especially interesting" because it named a first wife deceased and his children by that marriage who "are in Germany."

Since 1984, the place of origin of Jacob Michel (1705-1787) has been found with records of his first wife and children, and a record of his second marriage has also been located. Jacob Michel appears to have been born about 1705 in Hettenhausen, Kreis Pirmasens, Rheinland-Pfalz, Deutschland, the son of Johann Jacob Michel (1661-1746) and his wife Anna Margaretha (1663-1746). The younger Jacob Michel was married first on 15 June 1728 at the evangelische lutherische Kirche Wallhalben near Hettenhausen to Maria Elisabetha Woll (1705-before 1753), and they had ten children born between 1730 and 1748 who were all baptized at the same church. One son, Wendel Michael (1738-1812) emigrated to America some time before 1778 and lived in York, Pennsylvania and was well known and drawn by the famous York artist Lewis Miller. Wendel's son Ludwig Michael was a clockmaker on the southeastern corner of the square in York.

Jacob Michel appears to have initially emigrated to America in 1753. He emigrated on the Ship *Beulah* to Philadelphia and signed two lists and took the required oaths to the government on 10 September 1753. Strassburger & Hinke, *Pennsylvania German Pioneers, Volume I*, pages 513, 514, 515. When comparing his signature shown below on the left from the Ship *Beulah* in 1753, List 197 C in Strassburger & Hinke, with his signature from his last will and testament dated 10 January 1769 on the right, we can see that they are nearly identical. There is little doubt that the emigrant on the Ship *Beulah* in 1753 is the same man who signed his will in York Township, York County, Pennsylvania in 1769.



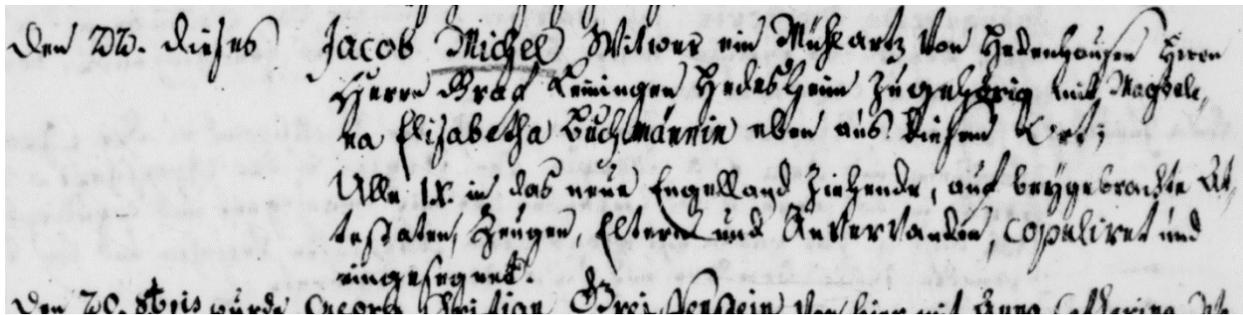
It is following the emigration record of his arrival in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in September 1753 where things are a bit unusual, because his marriage to his second wife, Magdalena Elisabeth Buchmann (1733-after 1792) took place a little more than nine months later at the evangelische lutherische Kirche, Bacharach, Kreis Mainz-Bingen, Rheinland-Pfalz, Deutschland. Bacharach is today a well-known tourist town along one of the most scenic and romantic parts of the Rhein. It is a must stop for the many river cruises along the Rhein.

What appears to have happened is that Jacob Michel, upon landing in Philadelphia, must have almost immediately turned around and returned to Europe and his home area. Why did he do this? It would have been very expensive, and he ended up making three very long and dangerous Atlantic crossings in less than a year's time. Did he seek a wife in America and could not find one? Did he return to Germany to elope with Magdalena Elisabeth Buchmann? Did he already know her? She was nearly 30 years younger than Jacob Michel. There is so much we do not know about their relationship.

Now it would appear that the Lutheran Pastor in Bacharach was a marrying minister who was not too particular about who he was uniting in holy matrimony. In June of 1754 this Pastor married nine couples who were passing through Bacharach on their way down the River Rhein to Rotterdam and on to America. Jacob Michael and Magdalena Elisabeth Buchmann were the last of the nine couples. None of the couples were from Bacharach. Jacob Michel's hometown of Heddenhausen is about 71 miles south of Bacharach.



Modern view of Bacharach am Rhein.



Copy of original marriage record from Rheinland: Archiv der Evangelische Kirche: Bacharach lutherische: Eheschließung, 1716-1798, www.archion.de

Transcription and translation by Sabine Schleichert, professional genealogist of Munich, Germany:

Den 22. dieses Jacob Michel Witwer ein Muhlartz von Hedenhausen Hn. Herrn Graf Leiningen Hedesheim zugehörig, mit Magdalena Elisabetha Buchmännin eben aus diesem ort; alle IX in das neue Engelland ziehende, auf beygebrachte attestaten, zeugen, eltern und anverwandten, copuliret und eingeseget.

[1754] the 22 of the same [June] [marriage between] Jacob Michel, widower, mill builder from Hettenhausen (part of the Grafschaft Leiningen-Heddesheim), and Magdalena Elisabeth Buchmann from the same place. Note: all nine [preceding couples] emigrate to New England [America]; the marriages are held after reception of the necessary documents and with witnesses, parents, and relatives.

The note by the Pastor after the nine marriage entries that the marriages all had the necessary documents with witnesses, parents, and relatives appears to be an after the fact attempt to cover his liability for what may have been questionable ceremonies for couples on the run. It is presumed that Jacob Michel and his new bride Magdalena Elisabeth Buchmann continued down the Rhein and emigrated to Pennsylvania during the summer of 1754. Jacob Michel does not appear in any ship list in Strassburger & Hinke after 1753. Would he have been required to sign the oaths to the government upon his return to Pennsylvania?

Jacob Michel and Magdalena Elisabeth first appear in York County records for the baptism on 30 May 1756 of their son Johann Conrad at Canadochly Church in Lower Windsor Township, York County, Pennsylvania. He was born almost a year before on 8 June 1755. The baptism in 1763 of their son Johann Conrad Michael at First Reformed Church in York confirms Magdalena Elisabeth Buchmann's maiden name. They were the parents of five children.

Jacob Michael lived and died on lands he acquired along Mill Creek and Springwood Road in York Township, York County, Pennsylvania between present day Yoe and Red Lion Boroughs. He obtained a Warrant for 100 acres on 31 May 1762. A Survey was done on 8 November 1766 for 214.51 acres called "Old Miller." Neal Otto Hively: *York, Windsor and Lower Windsor Township York County, Pennsylvania Original Pennsylvania Land Records (Volume 9)*. Page 84, Survey # 1773. It is interesting to note that the tract was called the "Old Miller" reflecting Jacob Michel's occupation nearly identical to that in his marriage record of *Muhlartz* [literally "mill doctor" but likely a builder or repairer of mills.]

Reviews of recently held program meetings

On October 3, 2021: "***Genealogical Resources in the Library and Archives***"

Reviewed by Erica Runkles.

Nicole Smith, Director of York County History Center's Library and Archives, gave a compact overview of the facility's many resources, both in-house and via its website. She explained upfront that services have been slightly affected by the current pandemic: hours are now 10-4, Tuesday to Saturday with the necessity of reservations made online or through the front desk. You may bring your own laptop to access various online sites such as ancestry.com, fold3 or newspapers.com through the library's portal. Since YCHC is now an official Family Search affiliate you can gain special access to data collections not available from home. Nicole also touted the library's Family Files for 9000 different surnames, Family Reports for 500 surnames, Land Records (think warrants and surveys), the Church Registry Collection, newspaper indexes for marriages and deaths, Vital Statistics' cards on births, baptisms, deaths, taxes, estates, burials, York and Adams County atlases and maps, Sanborne insurance maps, and library shelves of some 3000 family genealogy books, to cite just the "tip of the iceberg." If you can't go to the History Center, please know the website offers a surname database of family reports, an index to the Hively Land records, searchable photographs, and guides to military collections such as Dennis Brandt's Civil War soldier database, which will soon to be updated from the current 3000 to 25,000 names. Nicole also reminds the audience that research can be done by mail and that the library welcomes your genealogical research on your York County families.

On November 7, 2021: "***York's Churches and Chaplains in the Civil War 1816-1865***"

Reviewed by Becky Anstine.

This was the title of Scott Mingus' presentation to SCPGS at our November 7th meeting. It was a program that is best viewed on the History Center's You Tube website under the SCPGS tab. Scott's presentation was interesting and informative. He started with a brief look at York prior to the Civil War. The county was moving from an agriculturally based society to an industrial community. Churches were still a major influence on the community – a view of the skyline of the city was dominated by the steeples of at least a dozen churches.

The churches' stands on slavery had started evolving as early as 1837 when the Church of the Brethren voted to revoke the church memberships of slave owners. During the 1840s, the Methodists, Baptists, Presbyterians, and Lutherans began to take stands against slavery. The Catholic church condemned slave trade but did not order the release of slaves. Churches ranged from being ambivalent to anti-Lincoln. In some cases, a clergyman such as the Presbyterian minister Rev. Charles J. Hutchins left the church because his views on abolition clashed so much with his congregation.

At the start of the war, there were no official chaplains assigned to various units. They came to York from as far away as Pittsburgh to serve at the barracks on South George Street, at the First Baptist Church, and at the York Fairgrounds on East King and Queen Streets. In 1861, President Lincoln ordered chaplains be paid by the government. Chaplains for the 87th Pa. Vol. included local men such as James A. Brown, John F. Baird and David Christian Eberhart.

Chaplains also served in the hospital that was set up in Penn Commons. Among the local chaplains who offered their assistance were: John A Geer (Methodist Episcopal), Rev. Charles West Thompson (St.

John's Episcopal), Thomas Street (Presbyterian), S. Morgan Smith (York Moravian). The churches in Hanover were also deeply involved in relief activity and included Rev. William K Zeiber.

The involvement, opinions, and actions of the various churches and chaplains in York County had not been deeply researched, written about, or organized until Scott Mingus delved into this aspect of York's participation in the Civil War. Watching the recording of his presentation gives a deeper insight of how this conflict affected the religious community of York.

Released of Special Publication #86

The latest Special Publication of the 1862 Draft Enrollment Lists has been issued in November. Volume 2 (Number 86) of the Civil War Draft Enrollment Lists covers Central York County, which includes Jackson Township, Manchester Township, Paradise Township, Spring Garden Township and West Manchester Township. The lists include the individual's name, age, occupation, residence, and sometimes, if already enrolled in service, the date entered, capacity, regiment company, and special remarks. If you have not received your copy by now, please let us know. These special publications come as a benefit of your membership. If you know of anyone interested in a copy who is not a member, the publication can be purchased through SCPGS for \$25.00. Please see our complete list of publications and prices on our website, www.scpgs.org.

Pennsylvania Agricultural History Project - Federal Agricultural Schedules

contributed by Erica Runkles

The federal government collected public information through surveys, censuses, or schedules over the years. We are all acquainted with and have participated in the counting of the national population which has occurred every ten years since 1790. However, there are six federal non-population schedules which might be new to you: Agricultural, Manufacturing/Industrial, Defection, dependent, and delinquent classes, Mortality, Slave, and Social Statistics.

If you have ancestors who were farmers, particularly in Pennsylvania, you might be interested in an offering on the Pennsylvania State Archives website which provides an easy link to specific online locations for Federal Agricultural Schedules. The years covered for Pennsylvania are **1850, 1880, and 1927**. The layout for each of these three years is slightly different, although many of the categories of farm data are similar. They include farmers' names, land use and acreage, livestock counts, and varieties and quantities of items grown and produced. Searches start with counties and are then narrow to municipalities. For example, **1850 data** shows the aggregated county data, while **1850 manuscripts** provide the individual farmer's inventory. If some ancestors had less than three acres or had a smaller level of production, they may or may not be included.

<http://www.phmc.state.pa.us/portal/communities/agriculture/census/index.html>

"Media Release from Family Search" with a reminder that YCHC is now a Family Search affiliate:

<https://media.familysearch.org/familysearch-completes-digitization-of-massive-microfilm-collection/>

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