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## LOOKING AHEAD

November 1, 1987 - Donna Munger, Chief, Division of Land Records, Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission, Harrisburg, PA, speaking on "Land Settlement in Pennsylvania: Discussion of Proprietary and State Records and Procedures Relating to Land Settlement". The program will include slides to illustrate the information. Handouts will be provided. Donna Munger is an Associate Historian of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. She has written historical articles on various topics. Presently she is writing "A Guide to Land Settlement in Pennsylvania".

The business portion of the meeting will begin at 2:15 p.m. and the program at about 2:30. The meeting site is the Woman's Club of York building at 228 East Market Street, York, PA. This location is only a short distance west of The Historical Society of York County.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: The annual York Halloween Parade is scheduled for October 25. If inclement weather would postpone this parade it will be rescheduled for November 1, the day of our meeting. If the parade is held on November 1, it will be impossible to hold our meeting. In such a case this program will be rescheduled for a later date. For those living at a distance who plan to attend this meeting and are not certain if the weather on October 25 postponed the Halloween Parade to November 1, please call Pat Gross at (717) 843-6169 to clarify the SCPGS meeting situation.

November 30, 1987 - Bus trip to Maryland State Archives, Annapolis, MD. (Some seats remain available. For details see the previous newsletter. Remember payments are to be made by November 16.)

December 1987 - no meeting

## SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS -- PUBLICATION SCHEDULE

The publication of SCPGS Special Publication #34 has been delayed. Thus Special Publication #35 will be published before Special Publication #34 and therefore it will reach members before #34 does. Special Publication #35 contains about 190 pages and is the combined issue for July 1987, October 1987, and January 1988. Publication #34 is for April 1987. Both Special Publications #34 and #35 should reach members by the end of 1987. The SCPGS regrets the delay in publishing #34.

## DECEASED MEMBERS

1987 - Mr. Bil Lamb, HHC 1st INF DIV (FWD), Attn: Comptrollers Office, APO, NY 09137-5708 - stationed in Germany.

## RESOURCE PERSONS

The following persons are willing to help other members needing research assistance in designated areas:

OHIO - Stark Co. - Mrs. J. C. Mansfield, 4433 Woodland Ave., NW, Canton, OH 44709.

MARYLAND - Baltimore & Carroll Cos. - simple research, Susan Shaffer, 9 Hunter Lake Ct., Upperco, MD 21155.

NORTH CAROLINA - Nash & Edgecomb Cos., Mrs. Carolyn S. Bailey, 1135 Sunset Ave., Rocky Mount, NC 27804.

NEW JERSEY - Research only in Atlantic Co. Historical Society, questions should be typewritten, to the point, pertain to this area, & also include a SASE., Eleanor N. Adams, 10 Elm Ave., Lindwood, NJ 08221.

## HIVELY'S GENEALOGICAL NOTES

The library of The Historical Society of York County, PA, now has the phone number (717) 848-1589.

At the SCPGS meeting on October 4, 1987 the Smyser-Schmeiser Family Reunion Committee presented a set of recently bound volumes of The Smyser/Schmeiser Family to the library of The Historical Society of York County. This family genealogy was begun by the late Howard Smyser Musser and later continued by the late Sarah E. Smyser. These six volumes contain editing notations but the manuscript was never published. Widow Barbara Smeisser and her three children, Margareta, Matthias and George, arrived in Philadelphia in 1731. Margareta married Christian Oyster (Eyster), whose father, John Jacob Oyster, had settled in what is now Montgomery County, PA. The German origins of the Smyser family had previously been known. With the help of a German researcher, SCPGS member Landon Reisinger recently discovered the German origins of the Oyster family. This German information on the Oyster family is found in Volume I. The Oyster's came from Michaelbach am Heuchelberg, Heilbronn County, Baden-Wuerttemberg, West Germany. Of the six volumes of the Smyser family genealogy, the first two contain information on descendants of Margareta Oyster; the next three volumes and part of the last contain descendants of Matthias Smyser; some information on George's descendants is in the last volume. SCPGS members Landon Reisinger and Christine Shryock along with Mr. and Mrs. Richard B. Hershey were involved with making the Smyser manuscript available for use at The Historical Society of York County.

A History & Genealogy of Carlisle, Cumberland County, PA 1751-1835 has been written by Merri Lou Scribner Schaumann (3221 Brookside Avenue, Dover, PA 17315). Carlisle was laid out in 1751. The town consisted of 312 lots. Br tracing the deeds for the lots, an historical and genealogical picture emerges of the birth and growth of the town and the people who shaped it. The lots were not only owned by Carlisle people, but also by residents of surrounding townships and counties. The book contains a detailed map showing the original lot owners and genealogical notes on the families; tax lists for six years; septennial census for 1807; map information for 1800, 1810, 1820, and 1835; index of over 4000 names. Also deeds for the lots are traced from 1751 to 1835, which can give useful information. Some lot owners moved on to Lancaster, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Ohio, western Pennsylvania, Virginia, Maryland, and North Carolina. For example, when John Yealy bought lot #65 in 1795 he was from York County, PA, and when he sold it in 1807 he was in Fayette County, PA. This softcover book of 265 pages costs $29.95.

Gary T. Hawbaker (P.O.Box 207, Hershey, PA 17033) has published Runaways, Rascals, and Rogues. This contains some 1200 names of servants, slaves, masters, prisoners, horsethieves, deserters, husbands, wives, and a few others who are mentioned in advertisements in the Lancaster Journal (PA) for the years 1794-1810. While these names occur in a Lancaster County, PA, newspaper, numerous of these people were residents of other Pennsylvania counties and other states. The 6 by 9 inch book contains about 136 pages. The price is $10 plus $1.00 for shipping. PA residents need to add 60 cents for the sales tax.

The national headquarters of the National Society United States Daughters of 1812 are at 1461 Rhode Island Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20005. The society's business address is with Mrs. Robert J. Moore, Green Point, Rt. 1, Box 358, Worton, MD 21678.

The article, "Land Name is Key to Finding Mathias Blocher's Village in Germany", by SCPGS member Leona Betteridge, was published in the October 1987 issue of Mennonite Family History. Mathias Blocher lived in Manheim Township, York County, PA, dying there in 1803. The article contains information on other early Blocher families in America. This issue of Mennonite Family History (10 W. Main St., P.O.Box 171, Elverson, PA 19520-0171) can be purchased for $4.

The SCPGS purchased for the library of The Historical Society of York County the five volumes of the Pennsylvania 1860 census index. At the time these NOTES were compiled all of the volumes except that for eastern Pennsylvania had been received and placed in the historical society's library.

The volumes of handwritten will abstracts of several Pennsylvania counties the SCPGS purchased for The Historical Society of York County have arrived and have been placed in the historical society library. The counties are Bucks (2 volumes covering the period 1685-1825); Delaware (2; 1789-1835); Chester (4; 1714-1825); Montgomery (2; 1784-1850); Philadelphia (11; 1682-1825); York (1; 1749-1820). Some years ago the SCPGS had purchased for the library the similar volumes of Berks, Cumberland, and Lancaster Counties.

The Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania and The Historical Society of Pennsylvania are sponsoring a conference on Saturday, November 14, 1987 at 1300 Locust Street, Philadelphia, PA. The conference theme is "Genealogy & History Working Together". Among the topics are "Courthouse Records"; "Sources for Researching Your Pennsylvania German Families"; "Tracking Your Virginia Ancestor"; "Southeastern Pennsylvania Church and Cemetery Records"; and "In Search of Your Welsh Ancestor". For registration and other information call (215) 732-6201.

## QUERIES

Seek info on John Nicholas FERTIG/FERTIGH/FARDIG/FORTICK/FERDIGH, alias DUNN, living in W. Pennsborough Twp., Cumberland Co., PA in 1787, who mar. Maria Elizabeth NEU/NYE on 30 Mar 1779 by Rev. John Casper Stoever, poss. at Stover's Hill Ch., nr. Annville, PA. Nicholas's Fath. was Andreas, who came from Wertheim, Germany on 1 Oct 1754 on the "Phoenix" with his cousin Lorentz ALBERT/ALBRECT & many others from the same area. It is said there are ALBERTs bur. at the Hill Ch. Has anyone documented the gravestones there? Don't know when or where Andreas died. We have a deed dated 29 May 1787 showing a George KOSH selling land to Nicholas, alias DUNN for 50 pounds. On the very next day Nicholas sold the same land to a Jacob LOOSE for 155 pounds- 3 times the amount he paid for it the day before. Wondering how he managed to do that? Was Nicholas related to KOSH or LOOSE? This property was in Middleton Twp., Cumberland Co., PA, & situated on Campbells Run, North side of Conedoquinet Creek. Also we would like to know why Nicholas went by the alias "DUNN"?? In German, "DUNN" means "THIN", could it be that there were two Nicholas FERTIGH's, one being heavy & one thin. Nicholas sold his land & moved to Shenandoah Co., VA ca. 1812 & died there in 1834. Any info welcomed on the FERTIGH's of Cumberland Co., & Tulpehocken Area, PA. Also, anyone working on Lorentz ALBERTs Genealogy. The author Don Yoder's publication: "PA German Immigrants 1709-1786" gives outstanding info on the FERTIG & ALBERT fam. Also Andreas is said to have been in Tulpehocken Area ca. 1760's. Are there existing plot maps for Tulpehocken of that time period?? Son, Nicholas lived in Cumberland Co. pre-1782, where we have found a deed that states Andreas was deceased before then.

Mr. Charles H. Fattig, 32 Larson Rd., McCleary, WA 98557.

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Would like to correspond with descendants of Emanuel SPANGLER, d. 1846 in Wrightsville, PA, mar. 1813 to Barbara WOHLEIM in First Trinity Ref. Ch. of York. Ch.: Cassie b. 1814 mar. John HARTLEY; Rebecca b. 1815; Rachael b. 1817; & Charlotte b. 1821 mar. Peter DELLINGER.

Also, need help proving parentage of Peter DELLINGER, d. 12/13 Jul 1896 (Bible), mar. to Charlotte SPANGLER,, d. 1884. Ch.: Barton; Rebecca; & Peter Paul. Left York for IL between 1855-59. Think returned to York after 1884 & mar. Anna Catharine BOND. Is Peter, s. of Daniel & Christine (KELLER) DELLINGER, & grandson of Jacob & Christina (SHAFER) DELLINGER, members of Canadochly Ch., York, PA?

Also need lots of help on John HARTLEY b. 13 Jul 1812, Lancaster Co., PA, mar. Catharine (Cassie) SPANGLER. Ch.: George B. b. 20 Jan 1836; William H.; Albert; Gilbert; Jerome; Barbara J.; Elnora; Stephen A.; & Charlotte. Left Lancaster for IN between 1848-50, where he was a wagonmaker & later a farmer.

R. M. Dellinger, P.O. Box 380163, Duncanville, TX 75138.

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Seeking info on fam. of Phillip & Christina DIEHL of York & Baltimore Cos. Ch. listed in First Record Book for Ref. & Luth. Cong. at Manchester, MD: Maria Magdalena b. 1760; Elisabeth b. 1763; Johannes b. 1765; Margareth b. 1767; Christina b. 1772; Julianna b. 1774; Susannah b. 1777; Anna Maria b. 1780; & Sophia b. 1783.

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

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Need info on surname Sally WELKER, b. ca. 1825 in Northumberland Co., PA, mar. Isaac COBLE ca. 1845. Who were her par. & where were they from? Any other children?

Patricia Esterday, 314 Knoll Dr., Rochelle, IL 61068.

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Seek info on William SHAFFER of Carroll Co., MD, b. 1811 mar. (1) Margaret, (2) Sarah Ann COLE, & (3) Mary Ann BOOSE. Ch.: Ann Cath. mar. Henry FUHRMAN; Barbara mar. John KELBAUGH; Julia Ann mar (1) Theodore C. BOWERS, & (2) Henry FUHRMAN; & William Franklin mar. (1) Lydia Jane HILDEBRAND, & (2) Mary Eliz. Ann PATTERSON.

Susan Shaffer, 9 Hunter Lake Ct., Upperco, MD 21155.

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Would like to exchange favors with members living in York & Adams Co., PA, if any are interested in Nash & Edgecomb Cos., NC.

Mrs. Carolyn S. Bailey, 1135 Sunset Ave., Rocky Mount, NC 27804.

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Wish to contact desc. of daughters of Valentine KOHLMAN/COLEMAN: Anna Maria/Polly who mar. Benjamin SCHNEIDER, 1807; Margaret/Rebecca who mar. Samuel PETERS, 1812; Catherine who mar. Henry WELTY, 1827; & Anna/Nancy who mar. Daniel KING, 1831.

Joanne Skelton, 1060 E. Harrison, Cottage Grove, OR 97424.

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