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## LOOKING AHEAD

**Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>**

History of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

We will meet at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran church at 25 West Springettsbury Avenue, York, PA to help celebrate the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the church. The business meeting will start at 2:15 PM and the program at 2:30 PM.

About St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran ... Organized in 1836, St. Paul's split off from Christ Church over the question of whether German or English should be used in the service. It became the second Lutheran church in York and the first to use English west of the Susquehanna River. The new congregation was known as the English Evangelical Lutheran church of York. It later adopted the name St. Paul's. In 1837, St. Paul's Church moved into a building at the corner of Beaver and King Streets. The large, imposing structure stood on the site of the present City Hall. After the Civil War, the church grew in membership and prestige and became one of the most influential churches in York. Disaster struck the church in 1939, when the building burned. For three years, while the new building was under construction at George Street and Springettsbury Avenue, the congregation met at the old YMCA. Before moving into its new building in 1942, St. Paul's merged with St. Luke's Church, which was located on Maple Street, between Duke and Queen (the building later became the old Crispus Attucks Center), and Augsburg Church, which was on the corner of Manor Street and Cottage Avenue. That merger was very significant, churches divide all the time, but when you have three going churches dispose of their properties, to become one church, that is an unusual event. It is believed the three churches were the "first in Lutheranism" to join together while flourishing. The merged churches were led by Rev. Chester S. Simonton, who was the pastor from 1942 to 1961. It was his style of leadership that made it work.

**Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>**

18th & 19th century York County and Court Records

We will meet at the Colonial Courthouse located on the corner of Pershing Avenue and West Market Street in York, Pennsylvania. Richard Konkel will present a program on York County and Court Records from the eighteenth and nineteenth century that may contain family information of genealogical significance. The business meeting will start at 2:15 PM and the program at 2:30 PM.



## YCHT SECOND SATURDAY PROGRAMS

~ 10:30 AM ~

- October 8<sup>th</sup>** — Colonial Gardens: Ingenious uses of plants and herbs  
program presented by Pat Sweetman at the Colonial Complex
- November 12<sup>th</sup>** — Horseshoe Curve: Sabotage and subversion in Railroad City"  
program presented by Dennis McIlnay at the Agricultural & Industrial Museum

## **MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Franklin R. Grove, Jr.

Greetings to all. I hope everyone had a nice summer season with much fun, family gatherings, and some time to learn new information about your families' past history.

A man by the name of Archibald McClean lived in York as early as 1767. His home was located at the Northeast corner of George Street and Center Square. Archibald McClean was the principal surveyor in running Mason and Dixon's line from the Susquehanna River to the top of the Alleghany Mountains. Four of Archibald's brothers helped performing the work under the direction of Mason and Dixon. Archibald McClean was an ardent patriot during the American Revolution. Under the provincial government, Archibald McClean served in several county offices. When the seat of government moved to York in the Fall of 1777, McClean's home was used as the treasury department of the new government. Michael Hillegas, treasurer of the United States kept the continental money which belonged to the new government. In his later life, Archibald McClean moved to the foot of the South Mountains in the Western portion of Adams County, where he eventually died.

Hope you plan to attend as many society meetings as your schedule permits. Many exciting meetings are in the plans for this year.



## **DID YOU KNOW ...**

The 1927 Pennsylvania Triennial Agricultural Census can be found in digitized format on the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission website, this census provides all kinds of interesting information about your Pennsylvania farming relatives.

The assessment reports for the Triennial Farm Census were completed by the local assessor for each borough or township. The information provided by the 1927 census returns includes the name of the occupant or person operating the farm and whether they were owned, rented or managed the farm; number of males and females in the family; total acres of farm land; number of acres for winter wheat, rye, oats, corn (for grain and silage), buck wheat, potatoes, tobacco, tame hay, and alfalfa hay; number of bearing and non-bearing apple trees; number of bearing peach trees; number of animals including horses, mules, dairy cattle, other cattle, swine, sheep, and hens and pullets; number of bee hives; number of silos; amount of equipment such as tractors, trucks, and automobiles; whether the farm is equipped with a radio; and whether the farm is equipped with electricity supplies by either a individual plant or a central station. The 1927 census also recorded if the farm had running water in the kitchen, a furnace heating system, milking machines, gas engines and telephones. These five pieces of data were the only things not also found on the 1924 returns.

The data is not indexed, so the user will need to browse for the family they are searching for. The online data is posted as a series of Adobe PDF files, with links arranged alphabetically by county. When you click on a county link, you can then select the appropriate link to the township or borough of your choice. According to the website, if a county or township does not appear, there is no data for it or it did not exist in 1927.

Note that there was a 1924 Pennsylvania Triennial Agricultural Census that is available for research in manuscript format only. The two censuses are found in 58 boxes at the Pennsylvania State Archives.



## GENEALOGICAL NOTES

### Archaeologists Comb Newly-discovered Civil War POW Camp

Camp Lawton was a Confederate camp that imprisoned about 10,000 Union soldiers after it opened in October 1864 to replace the infamous Andersonville prison. It was open only about six weeks before Sherman's army arrived and burned it during his march from Atlanta to Savannah. The soldiers and prisoners abandoned the camp in a hurry, after being rousted out in the middle of the night and loaded onto trains. As a result, they didn't have much time to pack and load everything. They mostly grabbed what they could and abandoned the rest. 150 years later, archaeologists are finding all sorts of historical items at the newly-discovered site, including rings, buckles, coins and other keepsakes as well as a lot more.

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New Brand will Honor and Remember those who have Served

LONDON, UTAH -- (August 18, 2011) – Footnote.com, a premier destination for discovering family history records, today announced it will now focus primarily on offering the finest and most comprehensive collection of U.S. Military records available on the internet. The site gathers the most valuable U.S. military records, photos and stories to help family historians and others discover and share the memories of those who served.

As part of this new focus, the name of the site will change from Footnote to Fold3. The Fold3 name is derived from the third fold in a traditional military flag folding ceremony which “is made in honor and remembrance of the veteran departing our ranks who gave a portion of his or her life for the defense of our country to attain peace throughout the world.”

Fold3 is the web's premier collection and destination for original U.S. military records, helping people find and share more than 74 million images of historical documents and photos. These records include valuable collections from the Revolutionary War, War of 1812, Civil War, World Wars I and II and America's more recent engagements in Vietnam and elsewhere. Specializing in digitization of paper, microfilm and microfiche collections, Fold3 brings many never-before-seen historic documents to the web through patented processes and unique partnerships with The National Archives and other institutions. This combination of innovative technology and access to strategic partners provides subscribers with an easy way to search original documents and discover stories about the people, places and events in the conflicts that shaped America and the world. “We have already begun expanding Fold3's robust military collection to include new pension application files and draft cards,” said Brian Hansen, General Manager of Fold3. “It's truly gratifying to help researchers easily discover at home what they previously could find only by traveling to an archive.” Fold3's significant collections illuminate history that was once hidden. For example, Fold3's World War II photos, Missing Air Crew Reports and JAG case files include detailed information about the ordeal of Louis Zamperini, subject of the New York Times Best Seller, Unbroken. Similar stories about millions of service men and women lie undiscovered within the records available on Fold3.

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## **NEW ACQUISITIONS AT YCHT LIBRARY**

Among the recently received and/or recently catalogued materials at the York County Heritage Trust Library and Archives are:

*Delta, Pa: A Centennial Community.* Borough of Delta, 1980.

*One Room Schools and Post Offices of Codorus & Manheim Townships, York County, Pa included are some grist mills, etc.* 2010; Miller, F. Donald.

*Baltimore County: Celebrating A Legacy, 1659-2009.* Historical Society of Baltimore Co., 2009; Lanman, Barry A.

*Farquhar Family.*

*Five Family History Books: Five Books that Summarize 38 Years of Research & 72 Years of Thought.* 2011.

*History of My Own Times.* Cornell University Press, 1995; Otter, William.

*Diary of Rev. Josias Wilson, born Aughish Parish of Ballimena Antrim Ireland.* 1987

*So Close From Home: The Legacy of Brownboro Road.* Herr House Press, 2007; Renan, Lynn S.

## **1940 US CENSUS to be FREE on ANCESTRY.COM**

Ancestry.com, the world's largest online family history resource, recently announced that both the images and indexes to the 1940 U.S. Federal Census will be made free to search, browse, and explore in the United States when this important collection commences streaming onto the website in mid-April 2012. It will be Ancestry.com's most comprehensively indexed set of historical records to date.