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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Sunday, October 6, 2019 Never Built ... The Town of Pleasant Garden and Other Curiosities

This month's meeting will be held at the Historical Society Museum, 250 East Market Street, York. A brief business meeting will begin at 2:15 PM and the program will immediately follow at approximately 2:30 PM.

The files of the York County History Center contain an old hand-drawn plan of the Town of Pleasant Garden. The town has named streets and contains 175-lots, however it is not dated. This town was never built, and until this research, the planned location was unknown. This presentation focuses on the methods used in the discovery of the planned location for the Town of Pleasant Garden; by using a case study of researching land ownership history in the location where the town was to have been built in the late 1700s. The other curiosities deal with a bridge and a railroad; both planned, but never built. The planned 1793 river bridge, between York and Lancaster Counties, may have been the reason the Town of Pleasant Garden as drawn up in the first place. In the last months of the Civil War a new railroad was surveyed through this region of eastern York County. This railroad was to parallel the canal south from Wrightsville and pass through Long Level. If that railroad would have been built, through lands of the planned Town of Pleasant Garden, maybe we would have that town today. This program will be presented by Stephen Smith.

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Sunday, November 3, 2019 Using DNA Test Results in Genealogical Research

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Sunday, January 5, 2020 Share Your Findings

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Tell us about an unusual or "hidden" resource that you have used in your genealogical research. This is an audience participation meeting.

will be presented by Richard Konkel.

In Memory

On August 22, 2019, SCPGS Board Member, Cynthia "Cindy" Hartman unexpectedly passed away. Cindy wore 3 hats for SCPGS. She was our Special Publications editor, Newsletter editor, and Webmaster for our SCPGS and Facebook pages. In addition, Cindy was abstracting and working on our next Glass Tax Publication. She enjoyed researching her family history – trying to untangle the mysteries of "Vernie Koontz" and the "William Through" were two of her longtime projects. She enjoyed gardening and spending time with her family – she was devoted to her nieces and nephews and always had stories and pictures to share. She was involved with family events and reunions – organizing the Landis family reunion. She will be greatly missed – not only for her contributions to SCPGS but for her sense of humor and friendship. A full obituary can be found at www.legacy.com and www.eberlyfuneralhome.com.



Sunday, March 8, 2020

Irish Research

Join Fintan Mullan and Gillian Hunt from the Ulster Historical Foundation during their annual North American lecture tour to learn how to get the most out of Irish resources and records, gain strategies for breaking down brick walls, and grasp important historical context that may help fill in gaps in your research. Whether you are just beginning your Irish research or have been at it for years, you won't want to miss these workshops!

This meeting will be held at the Historical Society Museum, 250 East Market Street, York. The program is scheduled to begin at 1 PM and last until 5 PM.

This lecture is free to SCPGS members and members of the York County History Center, however, there will be a \$40 charge for non-members.



August 26th, 2019 Meeting Presentation by Bart Stump

CONTINENTAL CURRENCY – YORKTOWN ISSUE – April 11, 1778

Bart Stump's presentation at our August 25th meeting introduced us to an unknown part that York played in the American Revolution. When the British invaded Philadelphia, the Congress had to evacuate. Their first stop was Lancaster – which was too close to Philadelphia and too crowded because the Pennsylvania state government also resided in Lancaster. The Congress decided to put the Susquehanna River between them and the British army. The idea being that the Congress would have plenty of time to evacuate York if the British came closer; because crossing the mile wide Susquehanna would not allow them to make a sneak attack.

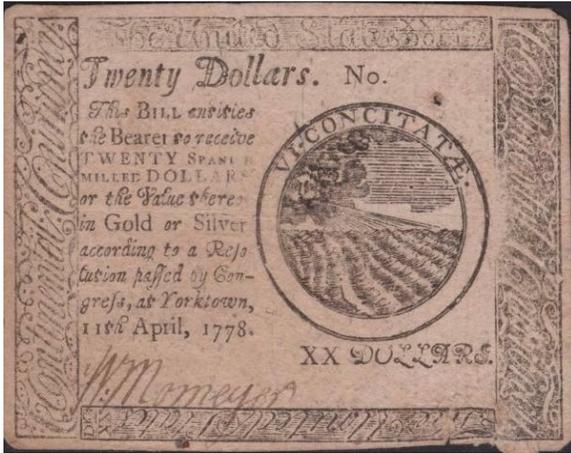
With the Congress, came a printing company of Hall and Sellers. They set up shop on the southwest corner of Market and Beaver Streets in York. In addition to the printing necessary to keep the government running, they also had the responsibility of print five(5) million dollars of continental currency. Benjamin Franklin, (who was once connected with the printers) designed the currency. His theory was to make it a form of politizing the war with a currency that was a constant reminder of the cause. His design included emblems with meaning, mottos in Latin and English on one side and plant leaves on the other.

The currency was on a double printer sheet. 20, 834 sheets were needed and everything was done by hand. The notes were hand numbered and had two signatures – one in red ink and one in either blue or brown ink. To prevent counterfeiting (although the British managed to produce counterfeit notes), blue fibered paper was made by the Ivy Mills in Chester County. A detection sheet was printed in blue and given to banks and businesses to help them detect counterfeit bills.

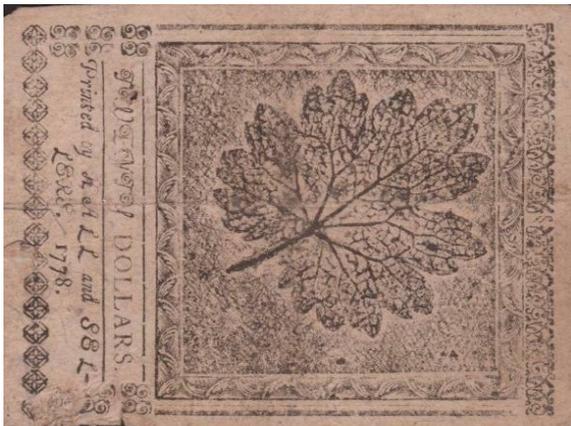
Bills were printed in 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 20, 30, and 40 paper bills. For example, the four dollar bill emblem showed a boar running towards a spear. The Latin motto was “Aut Mors Aut Vita Décor”, The English motto read “Death or Liberty” and a buttercup leaf was on the back of the bill. Each bill was different.

When the Congress was able to return to Philadelphia – production of the York Town bills ceased. The bills were later recalled and destroyed. The Yorktown bills are the rarest examples of the Continental currency. The History Center has several bills in its collection.

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You can purchase this bill on EBay for \$2450 —in 1778 – the value of this bill was “not worth a Continental” due to inflation. The Spanish milled dollar, gold and silver never lost their value.



Help wanted advertisement from the *Pennsylvania Packer* (Philadelphia, PA)—10 January 1778, Wednesday, page 5.

WANTED IMMEDIATELY,
A COPPER-PLATE PRINTER, a person of a good character, capable of carrying on this branch of business. Such a one may, by applying to Messrs. **HALL and SELLERS, Printers, in York-Town, Pennsylvania,** or to the Printer hereof, enter into immediate employ.

Gettysburg Civil War Reenactment to be Canceled

Starting in 2020, the Gettysburg Anniversary Committee will not be hosting the summer reenactment. Principle and Operations Manager Randy Phiel said that the committee had reevaluated hosting the event for several reasons:

- The risks and dynamics of hosting an outdoor event

- The reenactment hobby is decreasing due to an aging demographic

- Visitor interest has declined because of a lack of related movies and shows

The event has been hosted by the committee for the past 25 years – for a total of over 100,000 reenactors, 500,000 visitors and provided over 1000 community staff positions. The committee is considering various alternatives – including hosting the event every five years. The reenactment cancellation will not effect the Gettysburg National Park services.

The entire article was published in the *York Daily Record* on Thursday, Sept 5, 2019 on pages 1/A and 7/A. It was written by Marina Veloso of *the Hanover Evening Sun*.

This month's newsletter is a shortened edition, due to the death of Cindy Hartman, our newsletter editor. Cindy had been working on the newsletter and had planned to have it ready by the end of September.

If anyone would like to volunteer to take over the newsletter—it would be greatly appreciated.

If you receive a copy of the newsletter in the mail and had asked for an email version - please email Margaret Burg,(burg2margaret@aol.com) so she can make the change on our membership list.

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