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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Sunday, August 26, 2018

Update on FamilySearch

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.

Three Temple and Family History Consultants from the York Family History Center, located at 2100 Hollywood Drive, will present this program. Tina Wagner, the lead consultant from the York Family History Center, will discuss the Search resources button, which adds free digitized and indexed family history records almost daily. Sylvia Sonneborn, a long-time family history researcher, consultant, and presenter, will talk about the new features of FamilySearchFamilyTree. The Lancaster Stake Indexing Director Janet Crandall will introduce the FS indexing project, which has indexed over 1.5 billion records in 200 countries. All three presenters have each worked over twenty-five years on their own private collections of family history.

Saturday, September 22, 2018

Pennsylvania German Research Conference

Don't forget to register and attend our conference ... The keynote speaker is June Lloyd, Librarian Emerita at the York County History Center, and her address is "The Pennsylvania German World of Lewis Miller". There will be workshops on Pennsylvania German Research and General Genealogy. The full schedule of sessions and a registration form were in the May/June edition of this newsletter and are available on our website ... scpgs.org

Sunday, October 7, 2018

Solving Genealogical Problems with Land Plats

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.

Land plats, drawing of land tracts from local land records, surveys from the Pennsylvania Land Office, or even drawings you make yourself from deeds or other documents can be the key to unravel genealogical mysteries. This talk shows how land plats have solved real research problems including locating unknown cemeteries, establishing family relationships, sorting out same-name individuals, and providing evidence when more traditionally-used record sets are silent. Our presenter will be Jerry Smith.

From the President

Richard Konkel

Dear Friends and fellow genealogists, it is with great pleasure that I am able to address you as your society's president. Over the last twenty-five years I have had the privilege of continually holding the office of either president or vice president. We owe a great deal of thanks to Jonathan Stayer who has so very excellently served as SCPGS president over the last four years, and will now be serving as vice president. Jonathan raised the bar during his tenure as president, and as such, I am continuing his practice of newsletter messages "From the President."

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During this society year I will provide some brief tips mostly surrounding the use of deeds and similar records in genealogical research, with specific reference to records from York County, Pennsylvania. At the mere mention of deeds many researchers I have known over the years cringe and acknowledge that they have never really used these very useful records, either from fear of the unknown, or an understandable lack of knowledge of how to use deeds and research in the real estate records.

For this first article I am going to discuss Sheriff's/Treasurer's Deeds which strictly speaking were not proper deeds and were not recorded in the office of the Recorder of Deeds in and for York County, Pennsylvania before 1905. Indeed these transfers were recorded in the various dockets of the Prothonotary, which is the civil clerk of courts in York County and other Pennsylvania Counties. Other states do not have Prothonotaries, but rather a Clerk of Courts. In Pennsylvania the Clerk of Courts is the clerk for the criminal courts, but not the civil courts. The York County Archives website at yorkcountychief.org under the heading "Records Available" has a searchable database of Sheriff's/Treasurer's Deeds with "Owners" (those whose property is being sold) and "Buyers" (those buying real estate being sold by the Sheriff). Copies of the actual "deeds" can be obtained from the Archives. The following information about the Sheriff's/Treasurer's Deeds is from yorkcountychief.org:

Sheriff's / Treasurer's Deeds, 1749-1905; 1909-1930 (Treasurer's only)

Description: A sheriff's sale, commonly an auction, is conducted by a sheriff to carry out a decree of execution or foreclosure issued by a court. The recorded location of Sheriff's Deeds vary. The following is a list of where the deeds were recorded.

- 1749-1800 deeds are recorded in the Appearance and Common Pleas Dockets. There is no known index.
- 1800-1837 deeds are still recorded in Appearance and Common Pleas, but are indexed.
- 1837-1874 Sheriff's Deeds are recorded in Prothonotary Miscellaneous Dockets and are indexed.
- 1874-1905 Sheriff's deeds are recorded in Sheriff's Deed books 1-7B and are indexed.
- Sheriff's Deed Books index also includes Treasurer's sales from 1909-1930. Beginning in 1909 Treasurer's sales, now known as tax sales, were no longer recorded as Sheriff's sales. The

index reference TR refers to the Treasurer's Deed Poll Book.

- After 1905, Sheriff's deeds are recorded in deed books.

Content: Sheriff's deeds contain the name of the person who purchases the property, the name of the person whose property is being sold by the sheriff, name of the sheriff, description of property including buildings, (buildings are not described in other deeds), and names of adjoining landowners, purchase price, and date of sale. Sheriff's deeds do not include information on the metes and bounds of the property, nor any history of the property other than the name of the current owner.

Here is the full text of a Sheriff's Deed selling the land of my ancestor, the miller, George Hawk (also Georg Haag, modern descendants spell the name Haugh) (1778-1855) whose land was sold by the Sheriff in 1826 to Frederick W. Borkholshouse (Burgholzhaus, now Burg).

York County, Pennsylvania Common Pleas Docket N Page 256

January Term 1826

April 4th Be it remembered that Michael Doudel Esquire, high Sheriff of the County of York Came into Court this day and acknowledged his Deed dated the first day of April A D 1826 to Frederick W. Borkholshouse for a Certain Tract of Land, Containing One Hundred and Eighty acres more or less, with a Grist-mill, Saw mill, log Barn and log dwelling House thereon erected Situate in Windsor and Chanceford Townships, adjoining the lands of Jesse Wilkinson, Frederick Smith, Henry Blous, William Camlor and others, Seized and taken in execution as the Estate of George Hawk, and afterward Sold and Struck off unto the Said Frederick W. Borkholshouse for the Sum of One Thousand Four Hundred and Thirty one Dollars, he being the highest and best bidder for the Same in Pursuance of a Writ of Veditio Expositit the Said Sheriff for that purpose Assisted.

The importance of these records is that many of these individuals, like George Hawk, who lost their property in a Sheriff sale, were never able to own any considerable property ever again. Thus many individuals in these records do not leave much of a trail of records such as further deeds, wills, estate administration etc. I strongly urge all of you to search out your obscure ancestors who may have had been so unfortunate as to lose their property through a Sheriff sale.

Henry James Young Award Recipients: Their Stories

Henry James Young Award recipients were honored at the June 10, 2018 meeting of the SCPGS, and presented a certificate. June Lloyd presented the life and contributions of Lila Fourhman-Shaull and David Hively the life and contributions of Robert Shaub. Following is the biography of each recipient:



Lila Fourhman-Shaull

Lila, born in York County, is one of four children of Glen Rock native Stanley Fourhman and Bettie Lou Fisher from Shenks Ferry. Although her address growing up was Red Lion, living within a half mile of the boro, Lila graduated from Dallastown Area High School.

Her personal interests focus on history and genealogy. She attributes her passion for history to the close proximity to Gettysburg where she still recalls the fourth grade trip to the battlefield that spurred her interest in the Civil War and Abraham Lincoln. Her roots in genealogy are traced to a 1949 volume, written by the late Dr. Charles H. Glatfelter, on the Bortner family that her paternal grandmother from Glen Rock owned. She enjoyed reading the numerous names found in it, especially those pages that had been annotated by her grandmother.

Upon her grandmother's death, Lila inherited the Bortner volume as well as a large box of mostly unidentified family pictures. Following her high school graduation, she began exploring her genealogy. Some of the families that she descends from, in alphabetical order, include Bortner, Fisher, Fourhman, Jones, Kirchner, McKinsey, Oberlander, Rigdon and Smith. During one of her genealogy-related visits to the Kaltreider Library in Red Lion, she met long-time Historical Society of York County library volunteer Betty Brown. Betty encouraged her to visit the library of the historical society. What began as a research trips to the HSYC library on Saturdays with her younger sister Lisa grew into

cemetery visits, calling all of the Fourhmans in the white pages and interviewing numerous family members.

Employed by the York County History Center for over twenty-five years, Lila's path to employment there was rather a unique journey, following her employment at a sewing factory and a tank ammunitions plant. Beginning as a library volunteer as the result of a New Year's resolution, she was encouraged by June Lloyd, Librarian at that time, to apply for the Assistant Librarian position. She was hired in 1992 and became the Director of the library in 2005. A graduate of York College with a B.A. in History, she also completed the certificate program for Studies in Local History offered by Penn State, York, as well as attended numerous archival seminars. She is a long-time member and board member of the South Central Pennsylvania Genealogical Society.

Lila co-authored with June Lloyd *Lewis Miller's People*, a recent publication by the York County History Center and two other York County Heritage Trust/York County History Center publications: *Millers' Tales: The Mills of York County* and *A Walking Tour of Civil War Era Residents at Prospect Hill Cemetery, York, Pa.* She also compiled SCPGS Special Publication Number 63, *Gazetteer of York and Adams Counties, Pennsylvania* in 2004.

Lila lives in Felton with her husband Brian.

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Robert Shaub

It is an honor for me to make the presentation for Robert Shaub today, as he receives the Henry James Young award for his many contributions to local history and family genealogy. There is no doubt he deserves the award. We all may feel exhausted by the time we hear all Bob has accomplished in his 88 years. He is still working to learn more and share what he learns about local history and families in the Shrewsbury and Railroad Borough areas, and beyond that region of York County, and even beyond York County. Much of what I will present today was written by his daughter Megan Shaub, and I will include a few items of information Bob shared with me, and end with two examples of Bob's willingness to share that affected me.

Bob was born in southern York County on December 31, 1929. It is said the weather was so beautiful on that end of December day that his father was out farming the fields when he was notified his baby boy was born. Bob was an only child as when pregnant with another boy his mother suffered an injury and she lost that child. Bob loved Railroad Borough where he was born and has lived his entire 88 years. He attended Railroad Elementary School, Shrewsbury High School in 1945, and finished his high school career at West York. He attended York Junior College and went on to graduate from Penn State with a dairy science major in 1952. That's interesting because I had an Uncle Amos Hively born almost 18 years before Bob who also majored in dairy science at Penn State. He was not a history and family researcher, but like Bob my uncle was always learning and interested in so many things and just loved talking to people and writing letters.

Bob has served in many organizations throughout his life time. Henry James Young was a historian and genealogist and his life and work is a mirrored reflection of the interests and successes of Mr. Shaub. He has never stopped pursuing the Shaub family history, but the German origins of his Shaub family have so far eluded him, in spite of his serious efforts to solve that mystery.

Bob's interest in family history began early in his life. At about 10 years of age he started to ask his mother questions about her family, as most of his mother's ancestors and older relatives were deceased at the time he was born. There was nothing written down,

but she was able to start him on the quest of finding the Thompson family. His mother told him not to be surprised about what he may find out about her family.

As many family historians do Bob soon branched out into researching many other of his ancestral families and has helped others connect their family trees to his or to the area. He has researched the Keeney, Klinefelter, Thompson, Rehmyer, and Attig families. His Wallace line goes back to Alexander Wallace, a founder of Guinston Presbyterian Church and a family associated with the Wallace/Cross Mill. He has roots and branches that go back to many early founding families of York County. In addition to surnames already mentioned, he connects with Michael Danner, Casper Glatfelter, Ulrich Leib, Rudolph Yount, Benjamin Manifold, plus Lancaster Countian Christopher Eby.

Bob has the most complete history of the Archibald Thompson family in York County. In addition, to the Thompson Genealogy, Bob assisted Lowell Hammer to complete his genealogy book, "Johann Franz Hammer, Palatine Pioneer in Pennsylvania and Maryland and His Descendants," a 519 page book. He also assisted Lou Ella Martin in writing her genealogy book, "Franz Henrich Gantz of York County," some 359 pages. About 2002 Bob became acquainted with Bill Walters from Texas who was looking for the Proudfoot cemetery and homestead of Andrew Proudfoot. Andrew was married to Sarah Thompson, a sister of Bob's great-great-great-grandmother Margaret Thompson. Robert not only found the grave site but became the vice-president of the Proudfoot family group in York County.

Bob is currently helping a local lady Amy Meyer find the builder of her colonial home on a neighboring farm. He is assisting Claire Kling in completing a book on the Kling family of York County. This will be a very interesting story of how the Kling family went west to seek a new beginning, only to return in a few years because of health reasons, and in a very short time the four children were orphans. It was Bob's grandparents, George and Emma Shaub, who adopted one of the orphaned boys, George Kling, and his great-grandparents, Benjamin and Lucinda Y. Keeney who adopted the orphaned girl.

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Bob has also written a book on local towns and areas. At present he is working on a history of the Tolna area of York County from the first land grant in 1769 in that area, bringing the history forward to the present. Also another ongoing project is the first land grant associated with Railroad Borough to the town's incorporation in 1871. In 1971 he wrote the much sought after book, the "Centennial History of Railroad Borough." Railroad, the town Bob was born in, has an important place of love in his heart and he has given back to the borough. Bob served on the Railroad town council for 48 years and served another eight prior years as tax collector. In January of this year he was honored with an award for his 48 years of service by the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs for his unusually long period of continual service.

Bob has received other awards from organizations, including in 2015 the Heritage Profile Award from the York County Heritage Trust.

Bob is a walking history book. He knows so much history of York County and is so willing to share his knowledge. He continually answers FaceBook questions when an old photo is needing more information, a business is not known, a location is being questioned, and on and on. He follows all the southern York County FaceBook groups, including those of Shrewsbury, New Freedom, Railroad, and Glen Rock. His daughter fears he would be active on more sites if he had more time in a day. He belongs to RetroYork with Jim McClure, the latter who enjoys the knowledge Bob can share with him. When customers come to Megan's garden center Bob can converse with anyone and tell them the history of the area and in some cases the history of the property they live on, which is always enjoyable for them.

Bob and his late wife Margaret, who died March 28, 2014, gave talks on the World War II Prisoner of War Camp which was located in Stewartstown and had as many as 300 prisoners. This was really Margaret's project, but Bob helped her with the research. Bob and Margaret collected a wonderful amount of memorabilia on this slice of history. They researched and found some of the former German prisoners. Bob is saddened that he is not able to give talks any longer since he has Parkinson's, which has affected his voice and stamina.

With his love of history he is the primary person who helped save the Horn Farm and got the first committee together after writing a letter to a newspaper editor when there was the possibility the farm would be developed. We need more people like

Bob who are willing to make great effort to save our history and buildings.

Bob was one of the founding life members of the Codorus Valley Historical Society. He was the editor of the six to eight page newsletter, "Codorus Valley Chronicles," for about ten years. He still tried to attend all of their monthly meetings held in Jefferson. He also enjoys going to other local society meetings. Since he no longer drives, Megan drives him as often as possible to any meeting which has topics of interest to him. If he could drive to York City, he would enjoy helping folks who come to the History Center, but then he would not be getting his history research projects completed at home.

Over the years he has belonged to many organizations, of which the following are a few of them: Lancaster County Mennonite Historical Society; Harford County, Maryland Historical Society; Pennsylvania German Society; Casper Glatfelter Association; South Central Pennsylvania Genealogical Society (of course); Mid-Atlantic Germanic Society; Southwest Pennsylvania Genealogical Society; Carroll County, Maryland Historical Society.

Some of his other history based accomplishments and committees include the following: (1) Bob wrote the chapter on the Helb family for the book, "Collecting Antique Bottles with a York County Perspective" which was published in 1999; (2) He was an official member on the committee of Observation and Correspondence, York County Bicentennial Commission 1975-1978; (3) He was an official member of the 250th Anniversary Commission of York County, Historic Documentation Committee in 1999; (4) He was editor of the Glen Echo newsletter for the 125th Anniversary of Railroad Borough; (5) He was on the Sturgeon Keeney Historical Memorial Committee responsible for getting the highway marker installed in Shrewsbury; (6) He was vice-president of the Proudfoot/Wallace Genealogy group; (7) He was a member of the Horn Farm Preservation Board of Directors; (8) He was a charter member of the Pennsylvania Postal History Society #83; (9) He was a past member of the Association for Living History, Farm and Agricultural Museums.

Bob's love of history got him into collection stamps and postcards. He possibly has one of the most extensive York County Post Card collections and memorabilia. This led him to belong to stamp and postcard clubs all around the region. He provided

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Harry McLaughlin with many of the Then and Now photographs for the York Dispatch Around Town articles that were a regular feature in the 1990s. Now in addition to all the above, Robert had energy enough to find time to raise a family of three children, at one time farmed 1000 acres, and assisted his daughter for many years with her business as it grew. Plus he was involved in a hunting camp, holding offices of president and treasurer, active in the Guernsey Breeders Association for which he was president for a time, and active in the York County Potato Growers for whom he served as treasurer. He served in the Army and was Soldier of the Month in September 1955 at Camp Chaffer, now Fort Smith, in Arkansas and in 1956 at Fort Hamilton, New York.

For many years I researched in great detail the history of the church I formerly attended. In January 1994 I received a package in the mail from Bob Shaub. It contained eleven issues of a church publication called the New Harmony Visitor. The issues were scattered, but the first was dated May 1896 and the latest one was dated November 1899. From the volume numbers and the issue numbers I could tell it began monthly publication in January 1896. I do not know how long it was published. This was all very exciting because in spite of all my detailed research I had no idea such a publication even existed. Since Bob mailed me the copies he found and purchased at a flea market, only one other issue of the New Harmony Visitor has come to light. It was in possession of a New Harmony member who died at the age of 105. Bob would not have had to gift the issues he found to me, but he generously did. They contain fabulous details about New Harmony's events occurring at the time and sermonettes by Rev. McKee lecturing the members for not being as enthusiastic and serious about their Christian life as he thought they should be. By the way the envelope in which Bob mailed the issues to me has on it ten large 29 cent stamps, four different issues, all very colorful.

A few years ago before the SCPGS was founded in 1975, I had begun researching my family history, starting with the Hively family because no living person remembered how my Hively family was related to the Myers/Hively family in Carroll County, Maryland that held annual reunions beginning long before I was born. In time I figured out my great-grandfather was a brother of their Hively ancestor.

I had early on discovered Hively was not the original surname spelling of my family, but rather the original was Haible and it was a German family. That this surname ancestry was of German origins was a surprise to me, a novice genealogist at that time. My

immigrant ancestor Jacob Haible, along with his younger brother, came as single men in 1749. Living first in or around Yorktown for some years, after his marriage, in 1764 Jacob bought land in Shrewsbury Township. Jacob lived on that property until his death in 1785 or 1786. By his will he ordered the property sold. The property was bought and sold by a few owners in a short number of years until it was bought in 1794 by Baltzer Faust. Fortunately there is a very informative unrecorded deed here at the History Center which gives a history of the property from the time it was warranted and then sold to Jacob Haible until Baltzer Faust began selling lots off the property in 1797.

The Faust deed, that had him as a seller of a lot in what is now Shrewsbury Borough, informed me that at least a part of Jacob Haible's farm had become part of the town of Shrewsbury. With a little more investigation I discovered where the farm was. Guess what? Much of the farm that has not been developed is now owned by Robert Shaub. I visited him and he welcomed me and showed me the oldest part of his home, some of which could easily have been the actual building in which the Jacob Hively family lived until Jacob's death. In 1999 when the 250th anniversary of the Hively arrival in America was celebrated with a Hively reunion in York County, Robert graciously welcomed the big tour into the old part of his home. Bob is generous.

Thank you Bob for all you have done to benefit so many others.

Reminder ... nominations for the Henry James Young Award can be made at any time

This award recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to the preservation of history and genealogy. Nominees, living or deceased, will be considered and membership in the South Central Pennsylvania Genealogical Society is not required.

Nominations should be in the form of a letter that describes the nominee's contribution or accomplishments, and must be signed by the nominator. They may be submitted to the South Central Pennsylvania Genealogical Society Board of Directors at any time or sent to the Society's email scpgswebsite@wildblue.net, or mailed to

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Mid-Atlantic History & Resources

Mid-Atlantic Germanic Society Fall Conference
 Saturday, October 13 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
 DoubleTree by Hilton, Lancaster, PA

History of Baltimore Immigration
 Presented by Nicholas Fessenden (AM session)

European and particularly German immigrants arrived in Maryland and Pennsylvania and had a significant impact on Baltimore's history. Find out what happened to these immigrants, trace their footsteps, and their influence on Maryland's largest city.

Sister Ports: Philadelphia & Baltimore
 Presented by Debra A. Hoffman (AM session)

Philadelphia and Baltimore were major entry points for immigrants to America. Learn about the history and the sources available to document individuals who arrived through these ports.

Columbia Institution: Its History & Records
 Presented by Debra A. Hoffman (PM session)

In 1857, Congress passed legislation that founded the Columbia Institute for the Instruction of the Deaf and Dumb, which was located in Washington, DC. Learn about the history and records of this iconic institution that attracted students from across the United States as well as the world.

History & Records of the German Aid Societies (NY, PA, MD, SC)
 Presented by Debra A. Hoffman (PM session)

German Aid societies helped German-speaking immigrants address grievances and acclimate to their new home in the United States. Learn about the history of the four major societies and the types of records available for researchers.

Visit magsgen.com for more information about this conference.

Process Reminder: Manually Searching

from Michael John Neill's Genealogy Tip of the Day
 July 28, 2018

It can be a pain and it can take time.

But it can result in great discoveries – manually searching records.

Indexes and finding aids fail. They are not perfect. Sometimes a person needs to go page by page in order to make certain that the record they want really is not there. Before you search page by page, there are some things to consider to increase the chance you actually find that person, you should determine:

- how the records were originally organized
- how the records are organized in the format you are using them (probably the same as when they were created, but it may be different)
- where your person should be in the records—probable residence for materials organized geographically, date of event for items organized chronologically)
- how complete the records actually are
- why the person *might not* be in the records

How Closely Do You Look At the Neighbors?

from Michael John Neill's Genealogy Tip of the Day
 July 20, 2018

If your relatives are in a “new” area, your search for relatives in the area should include more than just neighbors with the same last name. Look at the first names, look at the places of birth for these neighbors. Does a neighboring family have children with many of the same first names as your ancestral family (hopefully ones that are **not** common)? Does that neighboring family have places of birth that suggest they could be related to yours or at least followed a similar migration path to the area where they are now living?

That's a good way to find nearby families that are related to a family in a way other than through the father.

Sometimes it's not the last name that's the clue.

Have you visited our website scpgs.org?

On our website you will find information about our upcoming meetings and events, a complete listing of our Special Publications, Henry James Young Award Recipients, as well as links to resources.

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2018-2019 SCPGS Officers

The following officers were either elected at our June meeting or will be serving the second year of a two-year term:

Richard Konkel, President
Jonathan Stayer, Vice President
Margaret Burg, Treasurer
Gerald "Jerry" Smith, Recording Secretary
Rebecca Anstine, Membership & Corresponding Secretary
Thomas Gibson, Director-at-Large
Erica Runkles, Director-at-Large

Thanks also go to those who served in appointed board positions during the past year and will continue to do so in the 2018-2019 year:

Cynthia Hartman, Director of Publications and newsletter editor
Mardella Brenneman, Director of Public Relations
Barbara Rudy, Director of Special Projects
Lila Fourhman-Shaull, Representative for the York County History Center

REMINDER to Renew Your Membership

Our membership year ended on June 30, if you haven't already ... please pay your dues soon (the renewal form was in the March/April newsletter). If we do not receive your annual dues by September 1st, you will no longer receive this newsletter or the Special Publications, or enjoy the other benefits of membership.



"You found who in your family tree?"