

This document contains a series of articles written by Robert Viguers about the Capital Area Genealogical Society. These articles appeared in The Paxton Herald newspaper between August, 1996 and September 1997.

---

## August, 1996

Capital Area Genealogical Society  
By Bob Viguers

*He that has no fools, knaves, or beggars, in his family, was begot by a flash of lightning.* English Proverb

August is almost over, where does the time go?

Our bus trip to National Archives or the DAR Library is scheduled for Tuesday, October 8, 1996. We will leave 6:45 a.m. from the West Shore Shopping Center, just beside L. B. Smith Ford in Lemoyne.

We will stop for a short break on the way down, and on the way home, we will stop and have our evening meal at Cosey's (Dutch Treat) in Thurmont, Maryland. We will probably get home in the late evening.

Cost will be twenty five dollars each, make checks payable to CAGS and send to C. Lotz, at 318 Lopax Road., Apt. D 13, Harrisburg, PA 17112. Or send to our Post Office Box 4502, Harrisburg, PA 17111-0502.

All are welcome, the Air and Space, and the Smithsonian Institute are within walking distance of National Archives as are many other Washington sights. We will let every one know what time to be back to catch the bus!

September meeting Sunday September 8, at Christ Lutheran Church, corner of Mountain Road and Chapel Street near Linglestown at 2:30 p.m. Speaker will be Bill MINSKER, and he will talk about the churches in Linglestown, how they began and some of their activities. He will have photographs and I know will hold the audiences attention! Bill has done a study on the houses in the original settlement called St. Thomas and is a life long resident. Again, every one is welcome, refreshments after our meeting.

Queries, Can someone help in my search for these ancestors? William HOFFMAN b. Abt. 1820 married Mary SHAFFER. Their son, Edward born 1852 lived in Allegheny County in the late 1800's: George SPANGLER born 1814 married Louisiana "Lucy" SLAUDERBACH, her mother was Rachel MILEY, George SPANGLER was born in Berks County, and was a tailor who conducted business in Allegheny County 1833-1867. Rosemary Hoffman BRAUN, 2709 W. Samson, Spokane, WA 99205-5839

Seeking information with regards to George ALLEMAN and Kathryn FEEZER, My grandmother, Gladys ALLEMAN ROLES was born to George and Kathryn 22 Sep 1927 in Millersburg, Dauphin County. George and Kathryn had five other children, totaling two boys and four girls. After George died, Kathryn married a CARVELL and had two children, a boy and a girl to him. Christa L. PORTER, 240 Belle Street, Evans City, PA 16033-1303

Researching, DEWALD, HOLSHUE, KNAPP, PENNSYL, ROBBINS, SHUEY, STROUP, WOLF, WOODSIDE, ZIMMERMAN. Kay KNAPP, RR#1 Box 368, Paxinos, PA 17860

About twenty five years ago, I started working on the Swartz lineage....I am still working on my Swartz lineage. At one time, I was selective, looking for known family members but now want all I can find on SWARTZ, SCHWARTZ, SCHUETZ, SHOTTS, OLDWEILER, OHLWILER, and URWILER. (She also sent a descendancy chart of John SWARTZ who died 1791 in Cumberland County, Pa., nine pages long. A copy will be shared with any one that wants one, by CAGS for the cost of copying and postage.) Her address, Jenny RASMUSSEN, 4 Hillside Place, Winsted, CT 06098.

Searching for any information for great-grandfather Ralph B. MONTGOMERY, who appears in the 1850 census living with his brother Starrett or Sterrett, and his mother Jane in the household of Henry BRADFORD in Mifflin County. Military records list his home as Northumberland County, and his occupation as storekeeper, Need Help! Richard R. MONTGOMERY, 2402 Appleton Court, Lake Park, FL 33403

Remember Jimmy Durante? "Goodnight Mrs. Calabash!" Wonder if each of us has a Mr. or Mrs. Calabash we wish we could greet each day. Remember some one's birthday, make some one happy! See you at the meeting!

## **September, 1996**

The Capital Genealogical Society News  
By Bob Viguers

"If you want a place in the sun, you must leave the shade of the family tree."  
Osage saying.

September's meeting was well attended and the speaker, Bill Minsker, was even more interesting than expected. He told of the five churches that served Linglestown, four of which are still active. Those active churches are on the four corners of the town, north, east, south, and west.

Several people were there that had seen these notes in the Paxton Herald and,

thanks to our project with the Church of God in Linglestown, we were even able to answer questions about their family for them which even surprised us! Our next meeting will be October 13, 1996, Christ Lutheran Church, corner of Chapel and Mountain Road, use the entrance on the Mountain Road side of the church! Two thirty. Our mailing address, CAGS, P.O. Box 4502, Harrisburg, PA 17111-0045. To join, dues thirteen dollars per year, and we do issue a Quarterly.

Harrisburg Historical Society is sponsoring a tour of the historic Harrisburg Cemetery September the twenty second at one and three o'clock. From personal experience, this is a nice walk and a great tour. Call the society for more information, if interested their number is, (717) 233-3462. A special treat is in store for our November meeting, Mr. John J. Sloanaker, a member of the staff in the Military History Institute, U. S Army War College, will give a talk entitled "Carlisle Indian School". Make sure to keep that date open, if you are interested, remember, you don't have to be a member to enjoy our speakers.

We still have space on our bus which leaves the West Shore Shopping Center at 6:45 a.m., Tuesday October 8 for the DAR and the National Archives in Washington, D.C. Come along!

Letters, several months ago, there was a query about BUCK, Mary T. SANTANEN writes, I am very excited to think I FOUND someone working on my line. (These letters work!) We have had other positive responses also.

From William K. STEWART, My family lived in Lancaster/Dauphin County about 1745. They were Scotch Irish immigrants and were members of a sect pastured by Rev. Cuthbertson. His records were published by Helen Fields in about 1900 but Mr. STEWART can't find a copy of this book. His main objective is to identify Nancy Martha who married John STEWART who was born in 1770 (probably married circa 1795) They had several children here before moving on to Cincinnati, Ohio. John STEWART's father, Elijah, died about 1807 in Pennsylvania.

Martha L. MACHADO, 1624 South Kier Avenue, Independence, MO 64055, My Great-grandfather was Richard Morgan BAKER, born 26 Apr 1862 in Shamokin, Northumberland County, Pa., his father Henry Augustus BAKER born 5 June 1833, maybe in Philadelphia. He died 7 Feb 1901 in K. C., Mo. Morgans mother was Elizabeth KEELEY born March 22, 1837 in maybe Philadelphia, and she died in Shamokin. Henry and Elizabeth were married somewhere in Pa. Does anyone have any more information about this family?

Steve KAPPER, 2210 Frontier Road, Decatur, IL 62526 would like to correspond with any one with information concerning Conrad WEAVER Jr. families of Lancaster and Cumberland Counties. Wife's name Feronica 1762-1856, children Conrad III b. 1791; Elizabeth 'SNDR'; Hannah; Susan BOWMAN; Sarah SHARP; Frances SMITH; Catherine SAILER;

Polly JONES; and Sophia WHITMER.

Jacqueline Fourman CURRO, 1865 Kings Place, Crofton, MD 21114-2638, I am interested in researching my family in the Hummelstown, Elizabethtown, Palmyra and Campbellstown area. Specifically I'm looking for the parents of John FOORMAN b. 31 Oct 1811 d. 5 Jun 1896 and Elizabeth HOCKER FOORMAN b. 23 Apr 1810 d. 14 Apr 1897 buried in Hummelstown Cemetery. I've found them mentioned in Kelkers History of Dauphin County. I'm guessing his parents are John and Mary FUHRMAN, buried at Sand Hill Church Cemetery and her's are Martin and Barbara HOCKER, buried at the Old Hummelstown Cemetery but I don't have sound proof.

Greg A. BENNETT, 3367 Creekside Dr., San Leandro, CA 94578, I am writing to find information on my ancestors Jacob and Mary (BELLIOU) TALLMAN, appear in the 1840 census and again in the 1860 censuses Jacob TALLMAN age 58 a tavern keeper, born in Germany, wife Mary age 58, four children, Jacob 32; John 18; Amanda 16; and Henry 14, all children born in Pa. Another son Mathias, born 1833 and the above John (my ancestor) left for Carroll County, Illinois in 1866.

That's all Mr. and Mrs. People! Remember, make some one's day! Remember an October Birthday! Give them a kiss, if nothing else, and say "I love you" more often! You can't deny we need more of that!

## **October, 1996**

The Capital Genealogical Society News  
by Bob Viguers

*"Never destroy any aspect of personality, for what you think is the wild branch may be the heart of the tree!"*

Mrs. Henry George

Our trip to Washington D.C. Tuesday October the eight, was a very good one. We had several empty seats, but the goal of providing economical transportation to do research was met. The day was a wet one, so inside work was appropriate.

We had several new faces and that made the trip all that much more interesting. The about eight dollar meal at Cozy's restaurant on the way home would be hard to beat! Make plans to go with us next year, good times should be shared with more people! Thanks, Paxton Herald, several folks read about this trip in your paper!

The meeting Sunday was well attended. Again several new faces that came because they read the article in the paper. We got over our informal type business meeting rather quickly because we were anxious to hear the speaker, Leroy Lingle, a historian and member of the West Hanover Historical Society, tell

of local families and their connection to the Lingles. He brought several photos, and very old documents that pertained to the Lingle family. Oscar Lingle had gathered many facts concerning the Lingles, and Oscar gave his collection to Leroy, a distant cousin, to publish, or share with others interested.

Leah Latsha published a history on the Lenker Family. Her number is (717)758-3385, I believe she said the book will sell for forty dollars, call her for details. Leah is librarian of the Gratz Historical Society, and regularly attends our meetings.

Next meeting of November tenth, the speaker will be from Carlisle Barracks and will speak about the Indian School. Plan to come and enjoy his talk. Two thirty, Christ Lutheran Church, Mountain Road and Chapel Street, plenty of parking, many chairs, refreshments afterward. Will say more about it in next article.

Queries, Searching for any information regarding my great grandfather's family who appeared in the 1880 census of Schuylkill County, Girardville, Pa. His name was JOHN WAGNER married to MARY nee TRESSLIE? Or TRESSLER? Approximate birth date of JOHN 1833, MARY 1837. The census record shows four children, CHARLES b. 1861; MARY E. B. 1864; my grandmother ELLIE b. 1871; and SAMUEL b. 1876. JOHN and his sons were miners. JOHN had lost both his legs as listed in the census. Legend is his legs were lost due to a miner's dispute. And that the last two Mollie McGuires hanged, were the persons responsible! Marilyn A. WEBER, 138 Ambleside Road, Des Plaines, IL 60016

Every month, we get letters asking us to provide a list of researcher's names. We have no such list and no professional researchers belong to the organization. It's risky sending such list to others because, unless they are known, how can we recommend them? The problem I have doing such a project is that I don't like asking for a fee if nothing is found! But time is money, and you would have to charge for time spent.

Ronald G. CHANEY, 204 South 20th Street, La Crosse, WI 54601 would like to learn more about the BOTHEL/BOTHWELL family who he believes lived in Pennsylvania 1790-1810.

Looking for the parents of LEAH (BROWNELLER) SNYDER, born 10 Oct. 1805 in Pa., died 8 Jan. 1885 in Kosciusko Co., Indiana, married DAVID SNYDER ca. 1825/1830, probably in Cumberland County, David born late 1790's in Pa., died 3 Oct. 1872 in Kosciusko Co. First two children, LEVI b. Dec. 1830 and CATHERINE b. 1832/33 were born in Pa. Next child ELIZABETH b. 1835 was born in Richland Co., Ohio as were the next five children. The family then moved on to Indiana. Ralph M. CONDIT, 3 Primrose Lane, Grass Valley, CA 95945.

Looking for parents of ADAM ROSS born in Pa. 1803. There is an ADAM ROSS listed in 1820 Index of Dauphin County in Halifax, since my ancestor would be

only 17 in 1820, I thought this may be his father. MARY LEIZURE, born 1814 in Maryland, daughter of JOSEPH LEIZURE b. 1766, in Maryland was married to ADAM about 1830. Their first child, my great grandfather SIMON ROSS was born 29 Apr 1832 in Pa. As were the next two children in 1835 and 1837... ADAM ROSS then left Pa. In 1840 and went to Ohio County Va. PHYLLIS ROSS KRAICH, 282 Custer Av., Akron, CO 80720.

Looking for some one working on the BELL family of Dauphin County. JAMES BELL, born in New York, possibly owned or worked in a livery stable. JOSEPHINE FRITZ, born in Churchill, Pa. Date unknown (orphan) place of residence believed to be Steelton, Dauphin County Pa. (Wonder if Mrs. Wolfe could be referring to Churchville, instead of Churchill, that was the name for Oberlin, and there was an orphanage there, run by the KKK) To them born HENRY JOE BELL 11 Nov 1874, (probably should be 1874) Oberlin, Dauphin Co., Pa., an unknown sister married a LIEBOLD and settled in Hagerstown, Md. And an unknown brother, who went west. HENRY JOE BELL left home at about age 14 due to poor home life, worked the railroads until his retirement in 1955 as Yardmaster of Savannah Rail Yard, Savannah, Carroll Co. IL. My grandfather died in 1962. He refused to discuss his family but made reference to Pa. Dutch as background. Mrs. ROBERTA BELL WOLFE, 1004 Robin Hood Trail, Sturgis, MI 49091

Remember, do a random act of kindness. Kiss your kids! Send a birthday card! Be nice to some one you think doesn't like you! You will feel good for it! And as the old folks say, *"What goes around, comes around! What can you lose by being nice?"* 'Till next time! Bob.

## **November, 1996**

The Capital Area Genealogical Society News  
by Bob Viguers

*"Each of us has a place in history and each of us has a story to tell."* Unknown

November meeting was well attended and included several that just wanted to hear our speaker!

The speaker, Mr. Slonaker, was very interesting and most informed. He gave an overview of the Carlisle Barracks from it's beginnings as a British garrison in 1757 and focused primarily on what led up to it's use as an Indian School from 1879 to 1918. Over 8,000 students attended this school representing 139 tribes.

Currently, a researcher is studying the lives of the graduates to assess the results. Among them several note worthy athletes. This facility is open to the public and tours are available. The museum and library are open daily eight to four thirty.

Next meeting scheduled for December the eighth at 2:30, same address, Christ Lutheran Church, corner of Chapel and Mountain Roads, near Linglestown. The speaker will be Warren Wirebach the Historian at the Dauphin County Historical Society who will have a video and talk about "Old Shakey", the Walnut Street Bridge. This will be our meeting to pick new officers and we would appreciate any volunteers! But come even if you just want to hear Warren talk, see his photos, and enjoy a couple cookies and a cup of coffee.

George C. Seward, put together a 316 page book titled 'Seward and Related Families'. The well written genealogy includes a complete index and photos of people and documents and sells through Higginson Book Company, 148 Washington Street, Salem, MA 01970 for about \$28.50. If you are related to this family, you will be delighted with this book.

Queries,

MICHAEL RAMSEY, P. O. Box 968, Bonifay, FL 32425, I am writing in hope of finding information about one of my Confederate ancestors. Military records from the National Archives state the following: Pvt. JOHN W. MILLER, Co. D 59 Regt. Alabama Infantry deserted from the trenches in front of Petersburg, Va. 17 Jan 1865. He took the oath of Amnesty 20 Jan 1865 at City Point, Va. and transportation was furnished to Pittsburgh, Pa. Also, deserting with him was Pvt. CHARLES B. HUCKABEE who also was sent to Pittsburgh. What happened to deserters, were they utilized in public works? Allowed to live as free citizens? Imprisoned?

Mrs. EUGENE D. LINDSEY, 2400 Powerhorn, Edmond, OK 73034 sent a map showing the area of Conewago Township where she believes JOHN and DAVID JOHNSON's original homesteads were. Can some one write her about these properties? Are private cemeteries on these farms? Does some one know the history of this area? This property is near the end of Hoffet Creek south of Bachmanville near routes marked 570 and 2013. And the JOHNSON's lived there during the Revolution.

WILLIAM C. HARTZ, JR., P.O. Box 1376, Long Beach, WA 98631 Looking for information on GEORGE HATZ (Jr.) a.k.a. GEORGE HOTZ, HATTS HUTZ, died about 20 Mar 1816 (estimated) at West Hanover Twp., Dauphin County, Pa; His father may have been GEORGE HATZ (Sr.) Who died about 1796-7 in Dauphin County. GEORGE, Jr. was married to CATHARINE LONGENECKER and secondly MATALENA. First son SAMUEL, born 17 Jan 1800, who married MARY 'Polly' BRIGHTBILL, daughter of JACOB and CATHARINE, at Zion Lutheran Church, Harrisburg, 3 Aug 1824; Second son JOHN/JOHANNES 10 Oct 1801-30 Dec 1882 who married CATHARINE HERSHEY 20 Apr 1807-28 Nov 1874 at Hummelstown 22 Aug 1825. JOHN and CATHERINE had eleven children. Third known child was SARAH CATHARINE who married JACOB GERBERICH. We are especially interested in WILLIAM HOTZ born Sep 1854, a grandson of JOHN

who married ELIZABETH born Sep 1854, had a daughter LYDIA L. Born Jun 1878 and Mary A. Born Aug. 1874 and resided at 27 Locust Street in Steelton, Pa.

ROBERT H. MOSIER, P.O.Box 190, 77 Bay Ave., Heislerville, NJ 08324, is doing research as relates to Lopez, PA located in Colley Township, Sullivan County. Records in County libraries and deeds show that most of the town was once owned by JAMES L. and AUGUSTA L. McFARLANE. They sub-divided and sold the land in lots, probably in the early 1880's. The survey map of Lopez, PA will most likely say "The allotment of the Village of Lopez by P. E. ALDEN C. E." P. E. ALDEN's full name was PHILO E. ALDEN, born 8/1845. He was chief engineer for State Line and Sullivan Railroad Co. From about 1875 until 1895. Approximately 1902 he became chief engineer for the city of Elkins, W. Va. He may have died and been buried in W. V. JAMES L. and AUGUSTA L. McFARLANE originally lived in Hudson County, NJ; at some time in the late 1890's or early 1900's became residents of LaPorte, Pa. They evidently operated under the company name of J. McFarlane & Co. And bought lumber rights. Locating a survey map by P. E. ALDEN for the McFARLANE's would establish the date

## **December, 1996**

The Capital Area Genealogical Society News  
by Bob Viguers

*"We are all omnibuses in which our ancestors ride, and every now and then one of them sticks his head out and embarrasses us."* Oliver Wendell Holmes

Molly Ulsh wrote an article used in the Fall issue of the Societies Quarterly about GEORGE EVERHART. It's interesting for a couple reasons, it shows how names get changed and it shows what lawyers and people with power can do to large estates!

GEORGE EVERHART was born in Germany and came to this country as a redemptioner, he had no money for his passage here, and he sold himself for from five to seven years to some one who would pay his passage.

This contract was more than a promise to work eight hours a day, a redemptioner actually belonged to the person that owned the contract! He completed his time and on his first trip away from the owner of this contract, some soldiers near Fort Hunter took him prisoner thinking him a runaway redemptioner.

After repeating many times "Ich bin frey", he finally convinced them he was a free man. And went his way know forever after as GEORGE FREY. GEORGE achieved the American Dream and through hard work, became a wealthy man.



When an old man, he began planning his estate. He owned a grist mill with six acres on the Swatara with race rights through the Fisher Estate, another piece of ground of more than 498 acres, and yet another of 248 acres. He owned four houses in Middletown plus 120 lots, 207 acres in Northumberland County and 300 acres in Union County.

Being old and feeble, his will was written drawn up and written by JOHN JOSEPH HENRY, President Judge of Dauphin County and executed 12 May 1806 and GEORGE FREY died 13 May 1806. His wealth was to be used to erect and support an Orphan House called Emaus to educate poor orphans.

His property was fought over by various people involved in one way or another, and the Emaus Orphan Home wasn't established in 1837 and cared for from two to five orphans. The will wasn't completely fulfilled until 1856, fifty years later and many dollars poorer!

For a more complete story, see the Quarterly. Our meetings, second Sunday of the month, at Christ Lutheran Church at Chapel Street and Mountain Road near Linglestown, 2:30 p.m... For additional information, call Bob at 545-2622.

#### QUERIES

NANCY JANE RAMSEY NORRIS, 5118 South 247th West, Goddard, KS 67052, We are trying to finish up the family tree for the JOHN HOOBLER families. We have knowledge that they did live, probably as farmers in Harrisburg, Perry County. For awhile. The only thing I have to go by is my Aunt wrote in a paper about having copies of JOHN HOOBLER's tax records from Pa. Also, the family tree record shows Harrisburg It is thought that JOHN and a brother came from Germany, JOHN had a son GEORGE listed as having been born 1810 in Harrisburg. His brother may have been named JACOB. (This letter copied in part, as written, he also mentions Adams County, KY. May mean PA. or Ohio ). He sent an article that says, 'Great great grandfather took his claim of land in Indiana for his service in the Revolutionary War to get away from the high taxes in Pennsylvania!

JAN WITMAN, 1705 Mountain View Drive, Great Falls, MT 59405, I am researching my family history and would appreciate any help you could give me in my search for my third great grandfather JOHANN ADAM WITTMAN born 16 Feb 1786, died 30 Sep 1872, East Buffalo Township, Union County, Pa. He spoke German and limited English. He was probably married more than once, his last wife was SARAH? Born 23 Oct 1795 and died 30 Jun 1874. JOHANN had four children; HARRY, LEAH, REBECCA, and ANTHONY.

CLARA OVERBO, Rt. 2 Box 24, Westby, WI 54667, I am doing research on a McCONNELL family who lived in Pennsylvania 1746-1855. GEORGE McCONNELL was the immigrant ancestor who arrived as an indentured servant in 1746 having sold himself for his passage to America. He was indentured to a man in Lancaster County. It seems that soon after his seven years were

accomplished, after 1753, he laid claim to land in what is now Juniata County, previously Cumberland, and then Mifflin counties. Did he forge his way further west as so many were doing in those days? These are questions I am asking together with the question as to how were arrangements made for ownership of land? It seems that shortly after 1753 or thereabouts, the French and Indian War and intense trouble with the Indians, caused the family to flee for safety to a fort near Carlisle. As the storey goes the women and children stayed in the fort for twelve years with the men going back, under protection of troops from the fort to do the planting and harvesting of crops. When the peace came, the families returned home. A map secured from the Historical Society Achieves in Carlisle indicates GEORGE McCONNELL's land was surveyed in 1767. Was that when actual ownership took place or did his claim and settling on the land earlier, in 1753 make him the owner?

BEN C. BOELL, RR 1, Box 128M, Republican City, NE 68971, I'm doing research on SAMUEL CAMERON who was born 6 Nov 1812 at Sugar Valley, Pa. He left Pennsylvania some time in May of 1870 and ended up in the state of Kansas, Jewell County. I have no idea where Sugar Valley was located and it has now probably ceased to exist. If you could possibly enlighten me I'd appreciate it very much.

And remember not to forget that important anniversary, I know you may not think it important, but how about him/her? Make someone happy, be pleasant! It's hard sometimes but worth the effort! It's not the destination that counts, it's enjoying the trip! 'Till next time dear friends, Bob.

## **January, 1997**

The Capital Area Genealogical Society News  
by Bob Viguers

January 11, 1997. This will be the fifteenth year for Capital Area Genealogical Society. We meet once a month from September through June at Christ Lutheran Church at the corner of Chapel and Mountain Roads near Linglestown.

Our primary interest is the greater Harrisburg area although several of us have very few relatives in this area. If you wanted to see VIGUERS on a headstone, besides that of my father and Uncle George, you would have to get a lot closer to Philadelphia, for instance.

Our dues are still 13.00 per person, 15.00 per household and a check made payable CAGS would pay for a year which includes The Keystone Seekers, our Quarterly which contains Church records, cemeteries we copied, and other tidbits of information about families that once lived in this area.

We also publish Queries and sometimes even supply answers! The large cemetery published this year was The Willow Grove Cemetery which is next to the Church where we meet. 1997 Quarterly will contain the Fishburn Cemetery which is near Hershey, toward Elizabethtown.

Included is a partial index of names that appeared in the 1996 Quarterlies. Back issues can be had for a donation of four dollars per copy, and postage would be appreciated. Our address is Capital Area Genealogical Society, P. O. Box 4502, Harrisburg, PA 17111-0502 (This is the correct zip code even though it's listed differently elsewhere.)

## **February, 1997**

Capital Area Genealogical Society  
by Robert Viguers

*"The only thing wrong with immortality is that it tends to go on forever!"*  
- Herb Caen

December's meeting was well attended but without me! I was busy supporting my local hospital. Just the flu, but a real experience. I got home in time for that Friday ice storm and fell and broke ribs! But that's enough!

January, was attended by fifteen people and proved to be very enjoyable and productive. Bob Maley set up a web page for us and the article appearing in the Paxton Herald is among the features found there. The address <http://www.paonline.com/rmaley/cags.htm> please visit.

We have speakers scheduled for every upcoming meeting in 1997. And February's speaker will talk about the Pennamite and Yankee War, a war between settlers from Connecticut, the Pennamites, and Pennsylvanian's, or Yankees.

It all came about because of Connecticut's claim to northern Pennsylvania. Forts were constructed and many sieges and skirmishes followed. The Connecticut forces were usually successful and they organized a separate state, but could not maintain it. The Pennamites were forced to surrender and the Yankees again controlled the region. The battle broke out again several years later, much property was destroyed and many lives lost. It was not until 1807 that the legal battle actually ended and Connecticut finally gave up the claim.

This past year, we published the Willow Grove Cemetery, a list of the headstones and the information found on them. This is the cemetery immediately south of Carl's body shop in Linglestown on Mountain Road. If there were Willow trees, they are long gone!

This coming year, we will do Fishburn Cemetery which is a few miles from Hershey toward Elizabethtown. Also, want to publish records from Dr. M. D. Lehr's obstetrical records. He delivered at least 1,985 babies before 1923! His record starts with first baby born in 1884.

Records of birth can be found at Pennsylvania Courthouses from 1893-1905, and from 1905 all records kept at New Castle. So the Doctor's record can substantiate birth's for another nine years, wish we could find more such records.

And of course, we publish queries, and sometimes, we even come up with answers! We found the obituary Mrs. Santanen who wrote from California. Frank Buck was the only one killed in the accident which happened in Altoona, not Harrisburg as she thought. He died of being scalded by steam which happened so often during the days of steam engines on the railroad.

The obit was one of those very descriptive ones, the engine jumped the track and took down a signal tower, the crew jumped clear, but "Old Buck stayed with the old girl until she turned over and pitched him through the roof," they said. "He stayed with his train in an attempt to save his human cargo and he died in line of duty." The train was Pennsylvania Railroad's Liberty Limited, and Buck was the engineer.

#### Queries

Connie GRIGGS, 2229 Shepard Ave, Hampton, CT 06518, searching for someone who is working on the BROWN family of Cumberland County. JOHN BROWN born 26 Jul 1782 died 20 May 1844 near Mechanicsburg. DAVID BROWN born 9 Mar 1808 died 14 July 1882, and DANIEL S. BROWN born 31 May 1842 died 24 Sep 1916 in Wormleysburg.

ROBERT CAPP, 3424 Woods Dr., Richmond, IN 47374-2545 writes: One of my grandfathers, JACOB COPP, married in Columbiana County, Ohio in 1834, age 22, to one ISABELLA KEES, she was born in Columbiana County, however JACOB in all census records from 1840 through 1860 lists his birthplace as Pennsylvania. The KEES family immigrated to Boston where ISABELLA's grandfather was bound to pay for his and his family's passage. At age 21 he was released and he and his wife moved to Western Pennsylvania. He goes on to say that he has searched for COPP in Pennsylvania and found a MICHAEL CAPP Esq. In Dauphin County as owner of 100 acres, date of survey was 3 Mar 1788. No connection, if there is one, yet found to JACOB. Please help!

KENNETH M. YARGER, 3031 OLD Springfield Rd., Washington C. H., OH 43160, I have been doing research on the YARGER family in southeast Ohio and all information I have so far tells me that JOSEPH YARGER of Highland County, Ohio, came here from Pennsylvania. This is where I am having problems finding his roots. All information I have shows a lot of YARGER's in central Pa.,

particularly in Huntington County. Can anyone tell me more about JOSEPH YARGER born 1783? Wife may have been MARY REBECCA.

Mrs. ELIZABETH V. GREGG, P.O.Box 908, Houston, B. C. CANADA V0J 1Z0, RE: HENRY FULTON POWERS my great-grandfather, I have an old letter written to his son that says; "You want to know where father was born. He was born at or near Middletown, Connecticut. His father moving to Hoagestown (pronounced Hogtown), Pennsylvania when father was 2 years old. Father left home at age 20. Enlisted in the First Dragoons at Carlisle, Pa., 1845, served through the Mexican War under Zachariah Taylor, Captain Sommers Company: 3 enlistments, 16 years, 21 days." Things I would like to know, The date of his birth and death, his mother and fathers names, his wife's maiden name, and any interesting facts about his service in the 1st Dragoons. Thank you.

Hope everyone had a good December, and is having the best of New Years! Hope no one forgot that special birthday that happens during the Christmas season! Don't forget Valentine's Day! But if you do, be advised that being nice, a kind word, a bouquet of flowers are always appreciated!

## **March, 1997**

The Capital Area Genealogical Society News  
by Bob Viguers

*"People will not look forward to posterity who never look backward to their ancestors."*  
Edmund Burke

Its dues time again! Still thirteen bucks a year, many already paid and the rest just need a reminder! Send dues to CAGS, P.O. Box 4502, Harrisburg PA 17111-0502. Thanks.

Fifteen people attended the meeting Sunday, March 9th and heard the speaker, a life long resident of Dauphin, tell stories and relate historical facts about this mountain and river bound community that just can't grow.

Janet Lyter told us of fables and stories as told by 'old timers'. Some folks in Dauphin took tape recorders to interview the older generation and some oldsters had a lot to tell!

The story of "The Sunken Sidewalk" where a jilted lover shot and killed his ex-girl friend, now any walk built their 'sinks'.

And of a pastor who once preached there that the congregation didn't like who then left and put a curse on the town, which then lost it's industry and businesses to surrounding communities.

And of a one armed grave digger that used a digging bar and shovel to dig the shale filled soil and even used a wheel barrow! Of the steel mill and railroad industries that were there. Of the old high school that only went to the eleventh year, the twelfth year to be completed in Harrisburg and how the students had to make the daily trip.

All very interesting and the fact that most, if not all spent an hour talking with each other after the meeting ended leads me to think all enjoyed themselves.

April's meeting will be held the second Sunday at two thirty at Christ Lutheran Church, corner Chapel and Mountain Roads, near Linglestown and the title of speaker Frank Herzel talk will be "Why did my ancestors move?"

Come, and enjoy, you will hear reasons you never thought of. SHUYLER BROSSMAN might come! He's been making noises like he wants to now that his most successful surgery is over! And refreshment and conversation will follow.

Our first Quarterly containing cemetery records from Fishburn Church and birth Records recorded by Dr, Lahr of Gratz, has been mailed. Comments so far favorable. And several people found birth records and comments concerning parents, grand parents, Uncles and Aunts they previously didn't know existed!

#### QUERIES

ARLENE HUSS, P.O. Box 5093, Lancaster, PA 17606, METZGER-DING Have much data to share on JACOB MEZGER son of JACOB, who married EVA DING, daughter of CHRISTOPHER DING 14 Jul 1745 in Lancaster First Reformed Church, but nothing on EVA. Any help welcome.

ANN D. TUOHY 1707 7th Street, Snohomish, WA 98290, I would like to find an obituary for two sisters who died in Harrisburg JOSEPHINE GLADYS DOBBS, born 9 Nov 1895, died Jan 1974. CLARA MABEL DOBBS, born 10 Apr 1890, died 23 Aug 1992 at the age of 102. Can you help me, or recommend someone who could?

Mrs. DAN THURMAN 412 W. Hudson, Peoria, Il 61604-1520, Need death dates of DANIEL and/or ELIZABETH LINE, parents of LEVINA LINE LUTZ. What was ELIZABETH's maiden name? Levina married JOHN LUTZ- who were his parents? (Wonder what time frame all this happened in BV?)

Mrs. MARGARET S. WINTER, 17 Linda Lane, Williamsport, PA 17701-9611, Need parents and siblings of MARTIN ZIMMERMAN born 11 Oct 1796, buried Long's Cemetery, Halifax 2 Mar 1861 with his second wife, NANCY ELLEN COLEMAN. MARTIN ZIMMERMAN was married to SALOME RUB for 24 years and had five sons and eight daughters. SALOME is buried at the Wenrich Lutheran Church at Linglestown dates 26 Feb 1801-1 Aug 1840. Need Parents,

siblings, and children's names for SALOME RUB, I am from SALOME's daughter SARAH.

Matthew COWDEN, 2003 Kalia Rd. 5A, Honolulu, HI 96815-1906, sent us a picture of his Great Grandfather, the original owned by the Dauphin County Historical Society, of JOHN WALLACE COWDEN 1817-1872 who with ISAAC J. WILCOX engaged in the manufacture of stone ware, COWDEN & WILCOX operated in the area now occupied by The Budding Company on Herr Street along side the Pennsylvania Canal. Every now and then, you can find a COWDEN & WILCOX crock or Jug at a sale or in the antique shops.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY all those born in Jan., Feb., and March. If a baby was born in Feb, 1995 and celebrated it's birthday in 1997, it would only be two years old, but wouldn't be it's third birthday! My Grandfather tried to convince the Social Security Office he was sixty five on his sixty fourth birthday using this logic! Don't think he convinced them.

Have a good day and be kind to one another. St. Patrick's Day March 17th another important day! Wear some GREEN!  
Bob E-mail Rviguers@aol.com

## **April, 1997**

The Capital Area Genealogical Society News  
by Bob Viguers

*"Everyone has something ancestral, even if it is nothing more than a disease."*  
Ed Howe

Meeting held April 13 attended by twenty five people and the speaker, Dr. Frank Hertzler spoke about 'Why our ancestors moved'. He used his own family as the example, they were Welsh and left Wales when living there became intolerable because of politics, pollution, and overcrowding.

They came to this country to find that the situation wasn't much better and moved around from county to county and town to town until they at last found conditions to their liking. The time period he spoke of was between the years 1800 to 1850 when the United States and Pennsylvania were going through some trying times.

NO MEETING IN APRIL, Our regular second Sunday is Mother's Day and it was thought everyone would be with there Mother!

However the Dauphin County Historical Society is having a "History Comes Alive in the Harrisburg Cemetery Walking Tour" Saturday and Sunday May 17 and 18, Harrisburg Cemetery entrance at 13 and Liberty Streets in Harrisburg, 1:00 p.m. refreshments, Exhibition in the Caretakers House of the Cemetery, cost \$10.00.

This Walking Tour introduces you to a few of the more loquacious residents of this historic cemetery, which still has space to let. You will meet costumed actors portraying SIMON CAMERON and find out why he's holding a 'hot stove'. You'll meet G. S. PETERS, the famous fraktur artist who invented children's books, and find out why he's holding his stomach.

You'll meet a Revolutionary War Drummer Boy, the famous DOCK sisters, a lady holding a tea cup and GEORGE GREY BARNARD, the sculptor of the statues that grace the entrance to the Pennsylvania Capitol. I haven't seen it in writing but think you will meet REV. WINEBRENNER there also. Call the Historical Society (717) 233-6059 if you need more detail.

Our meeting June 8 will be held at Christ Lutheran Church, corner Chapel and Mountain Roads 2:30 p.m., and the speaker will be DAVID HARTMAN who will tell us of his research on the HARTMAN family. We will have refreshments afterward and enjoyable conversation. Come on out and meet us.

I read recently, that genealogy was second only to stamp collecting as far as hobbies go, but I question that! Current publications, ease of access to records and information, the Internet seems to be changing all that.

There is a 'mystery tombstone' in the Manada United Christian Church Cemetery in East Hanover Township. The 'mystery stone' reads "Three Confederate Soldiers" This inscription brings to mind many questions to which I appeal to readers for answers.

The first and foremost is how did three Confederate soldiers happen to be in East Hanover Township and how did they die? Were they in a battle with a local militia? Were they part of a larger group possibly on a scouting mission? Just when (what date) did they die? Was there ever a newspaper account? Has there been published a magazine article or book?

Who decided to bury the bodies in this little country cemetery? The headstone is of government issue like in Arlington National Cemetery. Who erected the stone? And who put Confederate flags on the stone? All this from my good friend Schuyler Brossman, Box 43, Rehrersburg, PA 19550-0043 (Just think, some High School Student could research this and come up with an interesting paper that would generate a good mark!)

QUERIES

Peggy PAULSON, P.O. Box 514, Vernal, UTAH 84078, I am doing Family research and am trying to locate the following people. I find them in various census in Ohio which list their birthplace as Pennsylvania, but where in PA? WILLIAM JOLLIFF born about 1781 died 15 Mar 1836 in Ohio married CATHERINE YEAGER/YAGER, moved from Pennsylvania to Ohio in 1817, first



child was born in PA.; JACOB FELIX born abt. 1831 married MARY LIVINGSTON, they had a son, THEODORE A. FELIX born 1851 in PA. And BENJAMIN CARRY/CARY married MARY JANE WILFORD born 12 Nov 1814.

LYNN LANDON, 6323 N.W. 201 Terr., Hialeah, FL 33015 writes; I would appreciate it if you would send me a copy of my Grandmother's birth certificate or some information from the local census or church records in reference to her birth. Her name was NELLIE E. WILSON. She was born in 1879. Also, if there is a fee for this service please let me know how much it will be.

GLENDA CHILCOTE, 1765 Sagamore Drive, York, PA 17402-1809; I am doing research and would like to know if you have any records in your locality for the birth of an ELIZABETH ROTHROCK born approximately 1794. Also please check for her marriage to JOHN CRISSMAN which probably occurred 1815 or earlier. Please advise if there is a fee for this service.

Mrs. Fred L. JONES, 410 N. West St., Tipton, IN 46072; JOHN BROWN, Sr. was born in Ireland about 1760 and came with his father ADA BROWN and family to Harrisburg. In Harrisburg he married and had three children ELIZABETH, RACHEL, and JOHN BROWN, Jr.. His wife died date unknown and he married Mrs. HANNAH JONES who had a son DAVID JONES born 9-13-1780. Would like dates of first marriage and first wife's death date. Would like more information on HANNAH JONES first husband. Would like the wedding date of DAVID JONES to RACHEL WHITE, the daughter of JACOB and ABIGAIL WHITE, would like to know how long the BROWN's, JONES and WHITE families lived in Harrisburg before moving west.

MARC THOMPSON, 528A Chestnut Grove Rd., Dillsburg PA 17019 Would like to hear from others concerning HOFFMAN (married UPDEGROVE) Dauphin & Schuylkill Co. WELKER, married BATDORF, PETERS and SWARTZ from Perry County. GOODMAN married THOMPSON, Schuylkill and Dauphin Counties. McCLOUD married DUNCAN Northumberland and Snyder Counties, and FRANTZ married ROW Dauphin County.

Mrs. MARY ZUKOWSKI, 1660 Prospect Ave., LaSalle, IL 61301-1335 Would like confirmation of a marriage that she says took place 21 Sep 1871 between CHARLES F. KEUTZER/KUETZER/KITZER and MARY A. PETERS. Can't believe people think that these 18 century records would be so organized that any person could just go to the '1800 Rolodex' and look under the proper letter and find the information!

To all MOTHER's, I'm sure we all wish you a wonderful day, and much health and happiness!!!

Happy Birthday all you fine ARIES and TAURUS people! Some of the world's nicest people celebrate birthdays this time of year. Maybe it got something to do

with July fireworks!!! Hope you get a nice bouquet of flowers, or maybe a warm hug and a little kiss. Be nice, It's not hard to do! 'Til next time Bob

## September, 1997

The Capital Area Genealogical Society News  
by Bob Viguers

*"Nothing is so soothing to our self-esteem as to find our bad traits in our forebears. It seems to absolve us."* Van Wyck Brooks

June, July and August, the 'fastest months of the year', and now almost gone! If this winter is as wet as the summer was dry, we are in for a good one! Hope every one had an enjoyable season!

Next meeting, second Sunday of the month! September 14th at Christ Lutheran Church at corner of Mountain Road and Chapel near Linglestown, 2:30 p.m.. The speaker will be Warren Wirebach, Historian at the Harrisburg Historical Society and he's going to speak about Middletown, the oldest town in Dauphin County and the first stop for the stage coach on the eight day trip from Harrisburg to Philadelphia. That trip was a 'hands on' experience too! Passengers had to get out and help with broken wheels, fording streams, getting unstuck from a muddy roads! Warren has lived in this area most his life and is a knowledgeable historian. He will be of interest to all who attend.

Dr. Udo P. Krauthausen wrote from Germany about the PARTHMORE family which he has been researching for many years. He writes about the PARTHMORE Family History, a book that was published in Harrisburg in 1885.

And his greatest problem with the book is the spelling of the name which was PARTENHEIMER in olden times, one branch of the German family uses PARTHEMER today and many American families use this spelling also. When the book was published in Harrisburg, it induced many PARTHEMER's to change it to PARTHMORE! He also stated that he thought that this family may have the largest documented genealogy there is!

His wife is a PARTENHEIMER and I'm sure he would enjoy hearing from any who share this name in any form. Any one wanting to correspond with Dr. Krauthausen write him at Postfach 43 12 04, 55076 Mainz, Germany.

### Queries

Stacey TREVINO, 4890 Cooley Lk. Rd., Waterford MI 48327-2810  
([Raytreveno@earthlink.net](mailto:Raytreveno@earthlink.net)) I am currently researching the HOLTZBERGER line of Dauphin and Lebanon Counties. There are variant spellings such as HOLTZBERG or HOLSBERG. In particular, I am looking for the parents of GEORGE HOLSBERG b. 6 Jul 1806, any information of GEORGE's parents or

his own family would be useful. I am also looking for information on his son WILLIAM b. 6 Sep 1852 in Harrisburg. I have conflicting information on his wife's name. I have an EMMA JANE GRAY or an EMMA LANGLETZ, could these be two different wives? Or was she married twice?

Barbara ANDERSON, 110 North La Canoa, Green Valley AZ 85614-3743, I am interested in securing a death record and/or will of JOHN MESSNER, born in East Earl, PA. in 1750; father, CASPER MESSNER, mother ANNA BARBARA ECKHARDT. He married ANNA CATHATINE MOSSNER 26 Jul 1773 and moved to Mifflin Township, Dauphin County, PA about 1794, where he operated a large farm. Both he and Anna are buried in St. John's Church Cemetery, Berrysburg, Dauphin County. The only date I have for his death is 1821.

Mrs. WARNER M. ESTES, 113 WILLIAMSBURG LANE, BROWNSVILLE TN 398012, sent several family group sheets concerning MULHERIN and related families for the organizations files. She also sent a note saying she is researching MULHERIN, BUCHANAN, ESTES, SMEDLEY, MARR, DURHAM, STANLEY, MORRIS, POPE.

Mrs. FREDERICK JONES, 410 N. West St., Tipton, IN 46072-1329 sent family groups sheets, as above, for JOHN BROWN b. Ca. 1760 in Ireland or maybe PA married Mrs. HANNAH JONES! Left Pennsylvania and settled in Scioto County, Ohio

MARC THOMPSON, 528A Chestnut Grove Rd., Dillsburg PA 17019 I am searching the parentage, spouses, and birthplaces of the following; HENRY MINNICH born circa 1845 in PA; he married ANNA? Born circa 1850 in PA; he resided in Dauphin and Schuylkill Counties; his child Mary E. (Married WHITTLE) was born 1872 in Dauphin County. JACOB WHITTLE and wife both born in PA circa 1840; he resided in Lancaster and Dauphin Counties Pa; his child JOHN WHITTLE b. 1868 Dauphin County, PA. SAMUEL PETERS b. Cir. 1819 in PA; he married MARY ANN SWARTZ b. Cir. 1823 in PA He resided in Dauphin? And Perry Counties PA.; His child CATHERINE (married WERT) was born 1830 in PA.

JOSEPH WORKMAN b. 1795 in PA; he married SUSAN ROMBERGER b. 1799 in PA; he resided in Dauphin County; his child CATHERINE (married HENSEL) b. 1838 in Old Lincoln, PA.

ARLETTE M. HALL 356 Meadowrue Lane, Batavia, IL 60510-2813 I am looking for information on JOHN BECK b. 30 Jan 1763 d. 16 May 1850 buried Shoop's Burial Ground. Lived in Lower Paxton and Susquehanna Township. Wife BARBARA b. 20 Jul 1762 d. 26 May 1837 buried with husband. Looking for birthplace, parents and siblings.

I want to wish all those that had birthday's this summer a belated best wishes and many more! And the same to those born in September! Remember some

ones birthday! Buy them a flower! Make them feel guilty for not remembering yours! See you at the meeting! Bob.