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James M. McAteer, Editor

Message from the President

Dear Member:

This is the last newsletter for 2008. Our programs for the year have been successful. I hope that you have been able to attend. If not, plan to put our meetings on your calendar for 2009. We meet on the second Sunday of the month at 2:30 p.m. at Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, Linglestown. Programs with speakers are planned through May of 2009.

For the June meeting, we will all bring our research and discuss our genealogical research and hope that our experiences will help and encourage others. In October we plan to take a field trip to the Lebanon County Historical Society to tour their facility and museum and do some research.

Our website is presently not in operation but we hope to have that remedied soon.

The Executive Board joins with me in wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a joyous New Year. We hope to see you soon.

Esther F. Richwine
President

Next Meeting

The Capital Area Genealogical Society will open the library for research at 1:15 on Sunday, January 11, 2009 in the basement of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, Linglestown.

Membership Dues

Membership dues are \$15.00 annually for both individual and family memberships. New members are always welcome. Non-members are welcome to attend any and all meetings of the society.

Speakers & Programs

January 11, 2009 John Lyter of the Dauphin-Middle Paxton Historical Society will speak to us about his group, what they have by way of research material for genealogical purposes and what they have in their museum.

February 8, 2009 Professor Michael Barton of Penn State University will talk about Harrisburg's Old Eighth Ward.

March 8, 2009 Tony Orsini will give us his slide presentation on the Pennsylvania Dutch-"Amish."

April 19, 2009 Robin Lighty will speak to us on "A History of Work, Injury, Death and Disaster in the Coal Mines." - from Pennsylvania's Annual Mining Reports since 1870. (Note: This is the third Sunday because of Easter)

May 17, 2009 Steve Runkle will have a slide presentation and a talk on the Civil War "The Gettysburg Campaign to the Susquehanna River." (Note: This is the third Sunday because of Mother's Day)

June 14, 2009 The "Basics and Beyond" of genealogical research. Each participant will bring their own research to share their experiences. Questions from not so seasoned researchers will be welcomed as will those from more experienced researchers who may have hit a brick wall. This will be a sharing and learning time for all who wish to participate.

July 2009 **No meeting**

August 2009 **To be announced at a later date**

September 2009 **TBA**

October 2009 Field trip to the Lebanon County Historical Society

November 2009 **TBA**

December 2009 **Christmas Party**

Computer Websites:

<http://www.pagenweb.org/>

Consider looking at this free website. It contains an ever increasing amount of Pennsylvania research data.

<http://www.capitalareagenealogy.org/>

This is the official website of the society.

New Officers

The Capital Area Genealogical Society officers for 2009 are:

President	Esther Richwine
Vice-President	Jim McAteer
Secretary	Freda Yocum
Treasurer	Marion O'Neal
Director	Fern Keefer Boyer
Director	Richard Rudisill
Director	Karl Fox
Librarian	Jon Mansch

Biography

William W. Vance (1824 – 1909)

William was born December 21, 1824 in South Middleton Township, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, the son of Daniel Vance and Margaret Glenn. Daniel Vance died young and William had to find work to support himself. At age 14 years William petitioned the Orphan's Court to appoint a guardian as his step-father was squandering his wages, William's only means for clothing and maintenance. His verified work experience was in the lumber business, as a laborer, clerk and eventually co-owner of Vance & Co., Ltd. Carlisle.

As a young man, William went to Montgomery County, Kentucky and eventually met his first wife, Eliza Jane Ingram. They had a daughter, Mary Elizabeth Vance. Eliza Jane refused to return to Pennsylvania and the marriage ended up in divorce. All records of the marriage and divorce were ruined during the Civil War when the Montgomery County Courthouse was destroyed. Mary Vance died at the age of 42 years from tuberculosis.

Returning to Carlisle, William again worked for a lumber company. On August 6, 1862, he left his job and volunteered for a nine-month enlistment with the 130th Regiment, Co. A, Pennsylvania Volunteers. He reported to Camp Curtin, Harrisburg and quickly attained the rank of sergeant. Within a month of reporting to Camp Curtin, he was participating in the Battle of Antietam at Bloody Lane.

After completing his military service, William married Harriet Fickel (1829 – 26 May 1888) of Adams County, PA. She died in 1888 without children and is buried in the Old Carlisle Graveyard.

In October of 1889 William married Amanda Fickel, (23 Nov 1854 -), niece of Harriet, and had seven children after he was 64 years of age. Amanda was born in December 1864 and was 30 years younger than William. She was the daughter of John W. Fickel (1820 – 1902) and Margaret Sellers (1821 – 1902) of Latimore Township, Adams County, PA. Children of William and Amanda were Willie, Margaret (born Nov. 1890), John (born Jan 1892), Mary E., Daniel H. (born Jan 1895), Robert G. (born Oct 1897) and Miriam. Three of the children died in infancy.

William was a member of the German Reformed Church, a charter member of the Captain Colwell Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) Post 201, the Odd Fellows Lodge and several other community organizations when he died October 22, 1909. He is buried in the historic Old Graveyard in Carlisle, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania.

Mary Elizabeth Vance (1854 – Sep 1892), daughter of William and Eliza Vance, married Thomas Cockram, year and specific location unknown. She died in Montgomery County, Kentucky.

Margaret Louise Vance (1890 – 1 Feb 1980) was born in Carlisle. She married Penn Lloyd Stambaugh (1883 – 1935) of Mechanicsburg during 1916. They had two daughters, Helen (1917 – 2007) and Charlotte (1927).

Margaret died in Harrisburg, Dauphin County, PA and is buried in the Mechanicsburg Cemetery.

John Wilbur Vance (1892 – Oct 1972) married Catherine Adams of Couth Carolina after World War I. He died in Jacksonville, Florida. John had one son, John W. Vance Jr.

Daniel Hastings Vance (6 Jan 1895 – Sep 1959) married Anna Turner who died during the flu epidemic after World War I. He later married Mary Hubbel of Windsor, Ontario. Daniel had children Wallace and Robert Bruce. He died in Cleveland, Ohio.

Robert Glenn Vance (6 Oct 1897 – Feb 1972) married Martha E. Myers of Carlisle on December 24, 1924. They had a daughter Betty. Robert died in Carlisle.

Our members are researching:

If you are researching a family tree or branch and suspect others may be researching the same family, let us know and we will include your family name(s) in the newsletter.

Meet a Member: James M. McAteer

Jim has been a member of the society for four years. He is currently vice-president of the society and also editor of this newsletter.

He was born in Brooklyn, New York and moved to central Pennsylvania in 1972, when his wife Patricia secured a teaching position at West Perry High School in Perry County. The family lived in New Bloomfield until 1999 when they moved to Lebanon County. A graduate of Shippensburg University, Jim was employed by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania until he retired in 2003. In Perry County, Jim was active in the Historical Society of Perry County, serving as president in 1994-1995. He is currently a life member of that historical society and a member of the Perry Historians. He is also a member of the Mifflin County Historical Society, the Lebanon County Historical Society, the Sons of Union Civil War Veterans, the Sons of Spanish-American War Veterans, the Palmyra Area Genealogical Society, the Connecticut Genealogical Society and the Pennsylvania Genealogical Society. In addition, Jim volunteers at the Lebanon County Historical Society as a genealogy research volunteer.