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Message from the President

Dear Members:

CAGS has had some exciting speakers and good attendance recently for which we are very thankful. We have missed those of you who have not been able to attend.

Professor Michael Barton was a humorous and factual historian of the Old Eighth Ward of Harrisburg a part of Harrisburg's history now gone except for those who have made a study of this colorful part of our city's past. Tony Orsini again presented a wonderful slide presentation of the Amish people of Lancaster County, both past and present. On April 19th, those of you who have ancestors who were miners in the coal fields of Pennsylvania will not want to miss hearing our own Robin Lighty talk about the history of work, injury, death and disaster in the coal mines of PA. Robin is a manager with the PA Bureau of Mining and Reclamation and is a long-time member and officer of CAGS.

If you have not paid your dues for 2009, you may send \$15.00 to the treasurer, Marion O'Neal at CAGS, P. O. Box 4502. Harrisburg, PA 17111-0502.

Sincerely
Esther F. Richwine
President

Future Speakers

A History of Work, Injury, Death and disasters in the coal mines from Pennsylvania's Coal Mining Reports since 1870 will be the April 2009 presentation. Our own Robin Lighty will be the speaker.

The Gettysburg Campaign to the Susquehanna River during the Civil War, by Steve Runkle, will be the May program.

In June we will have The Basics and Beyond, a sharing of research and sources among members and guests.

There is no July meeting to conflict with family reunions and other family based events.

Genealogy Corner:

“To a genealogist, everything is relative and a relative is everything” - from the Connecticut Nutmegger (Sep 2008).

Lancaster Family History is hosting the 30th Annual Educational Event for Genealogists and Family Historians on April 24-25, 2009. It will be held at the Eden Resort Inn, 222 Eden Road, Lancaster, PA. For more information, contact Lancaster County Historical Society at (717) 392-4633 or check <http://www.lancasterhistory.org>

The Society now has an update on the Prospect Hill Cemetery from Karl Fox. The update includes burials through 2005. For records regarding more recent burials, contact Karl.

Computer Website:

If you are searching for a family that may have moved to another Pennsylvania county, below is a good Internet research site.

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

How often have you run across an obituary which states “..died Tuesday” and the article is undated? Below is a calendar for the century that can save time in your hunt for dates.

<http://www.timeanddate.com/calendar/index>

Keep up with Capital Area Genealogical Society news on the Internet at <http://www.capitalareagenealogy.org/>

Research News

Queries

Neil Hamilton is researching Noah Harris Cool, Sr., born June 30, 1810 and died November 20, 1878, and his wife Sophia Harris. He is attempting to verify that they are part of the John Harris family for whom Harrisburg is named. Any information may be submitted to Mr. Hamilton at 60 Gail Drive, Owego, NY 13827 or neilton34@yahoo.com

Judith Hughes is searching for information regarding Andrew Benedict (born 26 Feb 1811) who married Sarah Gear (born 12 May, 1813) on April 20, 1831 in Harrisburg, PA. Any information may be submitted to Ms. Hughes at 535 8th Street, Lincoln, Illinois 62656-2563 or mamajude@insightbb.com

Donations

Remember to “check out” our ever expanding library before the monthly meeting. The society recently received The Life and Times of John H. Miller by Stephen A. Runkle. We now have a genealogy of the Laub Family. Also received was Dewalt Novinger’s Legacy, donated by James G. Novinger. The library opens at 1:15 on meeting afternoons.

Biography

One of the missions of the society is sharing a brief history of a person from this area. This and future newsletters will include a history of someone from the Southcentral Pennsylvania area. If you have a biography to share, consider sending it to Jim McAteer at jmm_17068@yahoo.com.



Meet a Member: Jon Mansch

Jon has been interested in genealogy since he was a child. Every time he would visit his grandparents, he would ask them to reminisce about their childhood in the 1890's and early 1900's. That was the beginning of a lifelong interest in genealogy.

His maternal grandfather, Arden W. Emerick Sr., was born in Perry County during 1890. He married Maude Watts during 1916. Maude's grandfather, John Watts, made Pennsylvania flintlock rifles during the 1830's through the 1850's in the Perry and Juniata county area. One of the rifles is on display in the PA State Museum.

Arden claimed that his maternal grandfather, David Stambaugh, grew rye in his fields and distilled it to make rye whiskey. Arden's great, great, great uncle allegedly went into the fur business with John Jacob Astor in the early 1800's. Astor is stated to have cheated John Nicholas Emerick out of great wealth and real estate. In the 1930's a lawyer from Chicago wrote to all the Emerick family throughout the country and advertised he would represent them against the Astor family in court. Several family members mailed money to the man. He became a millionaire and the Emerick's are still waiting for their settlement.

Jon, currently the librarian for the society, is a member of the Perry Historians, the Historical Society of Perry County, the Mifflin County Historical Society, the Snyder County Historical Society and many other genealogical organizations.

Next issue: Gerald (aka Jerry) H. Byrem is featured.

OUR MEMBERS ARE RESEARCHING

Jonathan Mansch is researching:

Bajor Berryman Emerick Forney Kell Lashinski Mansch
McBride Mumper Schweinert Sheriff Stambaugh Stump Watts
Zartman

Nancy McIntosh (nanmci@ligtel.com) is researching

Arnold (Snyder & Union counties) Lenhart (Perry & Snyder
counties) Maus (Dauphin, Cumberland & Adams counties)
Mumma (W. Hanover Twp, Dauphin County) Rauch (Dauphin
County)

Jean Milliken Bruce (jeanemb@comcast.net) is researching

Milliken McCarty

Mary Barber is researching:

Englehart Snyder Voneida

Dottie Fox is researching (contact dottie9@comcast.net):

Bealor McClurg Richardson Vaughn Vawn Walters

Marion O'Neal is researching (Contact: mari3512@netzero.net):

Arnold Atticks Copenhaver Gingrich O'Neal Rothrock

Charlotte Lotz is researching (Contact: charltz@msn.com):

Vance Fickes Fickel Fishel Glenn Leas Sellers Stambaugh
(all from York, Adams and Cumberland Counties)

Jim McAteer is researching (Contact jmm_17068@yahoo.com):

Egan Gazette Geibel Hefflefinger Selheimer Snodgrass Wolfe
Smith (Union/Snyder/Mifflin counties) Bolender Wittenmeyer
Kinzer

Esther F. Richwine is researching (Contact: esthernu@verizon.net):

Eyster (Ayster, Oyster) Friesen Richwine Shellehamer

Amy Trommer is researching:

Black Cassidy Chambers Siebel Trommer Wilkins

Molly Leidich Ulsh is researching (Contact:Mollyuwho@aol.com):
Bousch Flick Leidich Litz Metherell Nankivell Nitz Ross
Sheets Strawn Ulsh

If you are researching ancestors consider adding your trees and branches.
You never know who else is searching your names. Contact Jim McAteer at
jmm_17068@yahoo.com to add your names to the newsletter.