

Capital Area Genealogical Society  
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Editor

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## Message from the President

Dear Member:

**This is the third newsletter by our new editor, James McAteer. I hope you are enjoying them as much as I am. That doesn't mean we aren't grateful to previous editors, Robert Viguers, Dottie Fox and Rae Neubaum. We thank them one and all.**

**Can you believe it is August, summer is almost over and school is about to start? CAGS took a vacation from a meeting in July. Since we visited Cumberland County Historical Society in June, it seems since forever that we have had a meeting but as I write, the August meeting is only a few days away. Ken Frew will be telling us about the resources of the Historical Society of Dauphin County and about the book he is writing.**

**Good programs are planned for September, October and November and then for our Christmas we will reminisce as we eat the goodies that everyone brings. If you are in the area you won't want to miss these monthly programs. Programming is in process for 2009. Only a few months are still open so if you have an idea for a program (speaker) you would like to have, let me know ASAP.**

**Thanks to everyone who has given me so much help. You know who you are.**

**Sincerely,**

**Esther F. Richwine  
President**

## **SPEAKERS**

There are several speakers of interest coming to the Sunday meetings to give a presentation at the society meetings.

In September Linda Piekut, West Shore YMCA Genealogy Club, will explain Using HeritageQuest in your Family Search.

October we have the **Pictorial History of Roberts Valley, a valley between the first and second mountain, north of Harrisburg, on the eastern end of the Rockville Bridge**, presented by Harvey Craig and his sister Trudy Craig. Both are descendants of Daniel Roberts.

In November Jonathan R. Stayer, Head of Reference Section, Pennsylvania State Archives, will tell us about **Sources for Genealogical Research at the PA State Archives**.

In December we will all (hopefully) get together for our annual Christmas party and reminisce about the fine presentations of the year.

### **Genealogy Corner:**

Computer Website:

Consider looking at this free website.

<http://usgenweb.org/>

Many of us find that ancestors moved from Central Pennsylvania to other areas of the country, especially Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. This site may help you find information on extended family.

### **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, not especially famous, from the Southcentral Pennsylvania area. If you have a biography to share, consider sending it to Jim McAteer at [jmm\\_17068@yahoo.com](mailto:jmm_17068@yahoo.com).

George Richard Egan (aka Dick) (6 Aug 1916 – 4 Aug 1982), son of Bessie Gazette and James Egan, was born in Lewistown, Mifflin County. James Egan died early in 1916 before George was born. Dick attended the Girard school for orphans in Philadelphia, graduating in 1933. The National Personnel Records Center verified that Dick entered the United States Marine Corps on September 13, 1937 and was discharged on August 21, 1940. He entered the U. S. Army on June 30, 1942 and was honorably discharged on September 21, 1945. He served in the army airborne during World War II and received both the bronze and the silver star for bravery. The notation on his paperwork states, "A Silver Service Star is awarded in lieu of five Bronze Service Stars". Dick also received the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign medal, the World War II Victory Medal, the Combat Infantryman Badge 1<sup>st</sup> Award and the Honorable Service Lapel

Button WWII. After the war, Dick moved to New Cumberland and worked as a prison guard at White Hill Prison, Camp Hill, Pennsylvania, rising to the rank of captain before he retired. Allegedly as a sergeant at White Hill, Dick ran cell block E on his own. One story told at his funeral was that Dick, while a lieutenant at Camp Hill, took the Corrections Commissioner into the men's room by the scruff of the neck and verbally chastised him severely for bad-mouthing the guards while on an inspection, offering the commissioner his bars if he didn't like what he was hearing. This commissioner attended Dick's funeral. His obituary is listed in the Harrisburg Patriot-News (August 4, 1982, page 16, column 1). Dick married Hazel D. Dean (7/21/1921 – 11/29/1990), in 1946. Hazel was born in Burnham, Mifflin County, the daughter of John D. Dean (1888 - ) & Hazel M. Dean (21 May 1890 – 15 Nov 1968), and died in New Cumberland. She worked for many years in the Pennsylvania Department of Health within the Vital Statistics Section. Both were buried in Rolling Green Memorial Park, Lower Allen Twp, Cumberland County, PA.

## **Research**

In attendance at our August meeting was Deborah White-Hershey, a professional genealogist. If you are interested in contacting Deborah with research questions, she may be reached at Generations Remembered, 4535 London Avenue, Elizabethtown, PA 17022 or 717-367-7610.

The Pennsylvania State Library is holding the second annual Genealogy Day on Saturday, September 20, 2008 at the Forum Auditorium in Harrisburg between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm.

The Mid-Atlantic Germanic Society is holding a genealogy workshop in Bowie, MD, from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM, on October 11, 2008. The theme is Genealogical Research in the Twenty-first Century and it will be held at the Comfort Inn Conference Center, Bowie. You may register at [registration@magegen.com](mailto:registration@magegen.com).

The Juniata County Historical Society is sponsoring a bus trip to the National Archives in Washington, D. C., during October. This is a great place to research ancestors with military backgrounds. There will be two pick-up points, one in Mifflintown and one at the Camp Hill Boscov's. Contact Terry Wheeler at [jchs1931@pa.net](mailto:jchs1931@pa.net) for more information.

OUR MEMBERS ARE RESEARCHING

**Nancy McIntosh ([nanmci@ligtel.com](mailto: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](mailto:jeanemb@comcast.net)) is researching**  
**Milliken**  
**McCarty**

**Meet a Member:**

Molly Ulsh

Molly Ulsh is a long-time member of the Capitol Area Genealogical Society. She has held various offices over the years, including the office of president and for a time, she was co-editor of the newsletter.

Molly's profession was art teacher in the Central Dauphin School District both as a full-time and substitute. For one year she taught in the industrial arts department.

As a child, her grandfather got her interested in genealogical research. She was doing genealogical research before she joined CAGS. She and her sister both do research, Molly researches one side of the family, her sister does the other side. The surnames that Molly is researching have been printed in an earlier issue of the newsletter.

Molly has been married to Steve for fifty years. She has three children and four grandchildren.