PHILADELPHIA DIRECTORIES GIVEN TO SOCIETY

IN A MAJOR EXPANSION of the materials available in the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania’s Research Room, Philadelphia City Directories covering most years from 1841 to 1935 have been added to the collection.

This enormously helpful resource came by gift from longtime GSP member Herbert Davis of Elkins Park.

The city directories ordinarily list addresses and occupations in addition to the names of residents. The directories especially can be helpful in tracking individuals who stayed in Philadelphia too short a period of time to be recorded in a U.S. Census. In addition, the “disappearance” of someone from the directories can be used as an indicator that the person may have died or moved elsewhere.

With the acquisition, GSP now has one of the largest collections of Philadelphia directories to be accessible in book form. The volumes by and large are in excellent condition, and to help keep them so, they have been marked “no photocopying.”

GSP PARTICIPATES IN NGS CONFERENCE

THE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF Pennsylvania joined the genealogical world in “Moving a Nation Westward” by being a Participating Society in the National Genealogical Society’s Conference in the States.

The conference was held in Pittsburgh from 28-31 May in the David L. Lawrence Convention Center. The Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society was the host society for the conference and supplied the volunteer team led by Barbara Braden Guffey, the WPGS president who served as local arrangements chair for the conference.

The program was coordinated by John Humphrey of NGS and Marilyn Cocchiola Holt, a WPGS past president and current member of the GSP Board of Directors.

In addition to having a booth in the Exhibit Hall, GSP sponsored a number of events during the conference.

On Wednesday, the GSP Luncheon featured Humphrey, a GSP member who has written a number of articles for The Pennsylvania Genealogical Magazine, speaking on the topic “Character and Genealogy.”

GSP also sponsored two lectures during the conference. Jonathan Stayer of the Pennsylvania State Archives, a GSP Vice President, spoke on Pennsylvania land records on Thursday. Kay Haviland Freilich, president of the Board for Certification of Genealogists, gave a presentation on Saturday about research at the Historical Society of Pennsylvania and in Philadelphia.

For the second year in a row, the new inductee to the National Genealogical Hall of Fame had a GSP connection. The election of Milton Rubin cam (1909-1997), who was a Fellow of the society and whose “Rubincam Family History” collection resides at GSP, was announced at the conference.

GSP RESEARCH ROOM, 215 S. Broad St., 7th Floor, Philadelphia, PA
HOURS: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday to Wednesday; and Saturdays (by prior appointment).

HSP LIBRARY, 1300 Locust St., Philadelphia, PA
HOURS: 1 to 5:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday; 1 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday
UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Saturday, 20 September       1 p.m.
Reading Cemeteries: A Sequel   GSP Research Room

Longtime GSP volunteer Timothy C. Coyne follows up last year’s presentation with an update on the Woodlands Cemetery project and a talk on how to inventory a cemetery with integrity and completeness.

Saturday, 27 September       10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Saturday, 18 October         Woodlands Cemetery
Cemetery Crawls

The volunteer effort at transcribing tombstones at this cemetery continues with a pair of opportunities. (Note: Rain dates will be Sundays, 28 September and 19 October, starting at noon)

Saturday, 8 November         Chester County
The “Stuff” of Family History:  Historical Society
Preserving Genealogical Treasures West Chester, PA

GSP and Partner organization Chester County Historical Society will again co-sponsor a full day of speakers and vendors, this year with a number of presentations that look at how to preserve original family documents such as photographs and textiles as well as other lecture topics.

Look for a separate registration brochure in September!

GSP MAILING LIST

From time to time, the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania receives solicitations from likeminded nonprofit groups to exchange mailing lists.

These requests are generally for a single usage of the mailing list either to send membership or program information, and often are done as an exchange for that organization’s mailing list.

The society is hopeful that most members look at these exchanges as something that is beneficial to them.

However, if you do not wish your name and address to go to other groups on the limited basis described above, please inform the GSP office by phone, mail or e-mail.
UPCOMING EVENTS

17 July - Mercer County Genealogical Society annual picnic, 6 p.m., shelter No. 2 in Buhl Farm Park. Contact the society at PO Box 812, Sharon, PA 16146-0812.

18 July - Clarion County Historical Society's annual "Summer Salad and Dessert Luncheon," 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., on the lawn of the Sutton-Ditz House Museum. Telephone: (814) 226-4450.

19-20 July - A re-enactment of the Battle of Wyoming will occur in Forty Fort, Luzerne County, as part of the celebration of the 225th anniversary of the battle. For information, contact the Luzerne County Historical Society at (570) 823-6244.

24 August - Centre County Genealogical Society's Centre County Family Heritage afternoon, 1:30 to 6 p.m. at the Recreational Building, Grange Fairgrounds, Centre Hall, PA. The society's Web site is rootsweb.com/~pacgs.

3-6 September - "Countdown to Discovery: A World of Hidden Treasures," 2003 Conference of the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) co-sponsored by the Florida State Genealogical Society, at the Renaissance Orlando Resort at SeaWorld, Orlando, Florida. Nearly 100 speakers and nearly 190 workshop sessions. For additional information on FGS or the conference, contact Federation of Genealogical Societies, PO Box 200940, Austin, TX 78702-0940, toll-free phone (888) FGS-1500, toll-free fax (888)380-0500, e-mail: fgs-office@fgs.org. Web site: www.fgs.org.

20 September - The Luzerne County Historical Society will commemorate the 225th anniversary of the kidnaping of Frances Slocum with a tour tracing the steps of the event. The society is at (570) 823-6244.

23 September - Northeast Pennsylvania Genealogical Society meeting: Lance Metz will discuss "The Mystery in the Molly Maguire Trials," 7-8 p.m., in the second floor meeting room of the Veterans Administration Medical Center, Wilkes-Barre. Contact: Karen Brangan Walizer, (570) 826-1762.

27 September - Palatines to America, Pennsylvania Chapter, fall meeting, Yoder's, New Holland, PA. Speakers include Annette K. Burgert. Contact: PA Chapter PALAM, PO Box 280, Strasburg, PA 17579-0280.

4 October - Delaware Genealogical Society workshop: "Laying a Solid Foundation: An Ethnic Genealogy Workshop," 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Delaware History Museum, 504 Market St., Wilmington, DE. The keynote address, delivered by John Konvalinka, will be "Successful Ways to Use Computers and the Internet in Genealogical Research." Contact: Kay Schorah, (302) 328-8764, e-mail: schorahkay@aol.com.

11 October - Berks County Genealogical Society Family Tree Market Place with vendors, door prizes, demonstrations, freebies, coffee, tea and pastry. The Society is at 3618 Kutztown Road, Laureldale, PA 19605, (610) 921-4970. Web site: berksgenes.org.

17-19 October — California Conference, Foster City, CA. Crowne Plaza, 1221 Chess Drive, Foster City, CA 94404 Brochure contact Cath Trindle at cathi@aol.com or 56 Orchard Ave, Redwood City CA 94061-3720 or visit the CSGA website at http://users.lmi.net/catcn/ca-conf

18 October - Downstate Delaware Genealogical Society Fall Conference, at the Modern Maturity Center, Dover, DE. Luncheon speaker will be Caroline Cardell, and her topic will be "DNA and Its Role in Genealogy." Pre-registration is required. The Society address is PO Box 1787, Dover, DE 19903.

18 October - Mid-Atlantic Germanic Society Fall Conference: "Exploring New Records in New Venues," Arsht Hall, University of Delaware, Wilmington Campus, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Registration information: MAGS, Diane M. Kuster, Registrar, 251 Serpentine Drive, Bayville, NJ 08721; (732) 606-6032; e-mail: kusterdm@cs.com.

18 October - "Unlock Your Treasures" at 2003 Valley Forge Genealogy & Family History Conference, Valley Forge Family History Centre, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 721 Paxon Hollow Road, Broomall, PA, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Information: (610) 356-8507.

6-9 November - 7th New England Regional Genealogical Conference, Sea Crest Oceanfront Resort & Conference Center, North Falmouth, Cape Cod, MA. Theme: "New England: America's Melting Pot." Speakers include Sharon DeBartolo Carmack, Sharon Kennedy, John Philip Colletta, Maureen A. Taylor. Contact: (508) 432-5769, e-mail: cranber@attbi.com.

NEWS OF OTHER SOCIETIES AND AGENCIES

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) has launched its “Access to Archival Databases” (AAD) to make a selection of its most popular electronic records available over the Internet. AAD addresses access to just one specific type of electronic record: databases and records that are structured like databases. Web site: www.archives.gov/aad/.

Palatines to America has its new Library Web Catalog up and running. Over half of the currently classified holdings are there; completion of listing the full collection is expected in the fall. Web site: http://palam.rootsweb.com/libcatalch.htm.

The Pennsylvania Room of the Hanover Public Library is up and running. Refer to the Web site: hanoverlibrary.org or call (717) 632-5182.

The Library of Congress’ American Folklife Center is gathering oral histories, letters, diaries, maps, photographs, home movies and other materials from veterans of World Wars I and II, Korea, Vietnam and the Persian Gulf. Also of interest are the reminiscences of civilian volunteers, war industry workers. To learn how to participate, perhaps by interviewing a participant, go to the Web site: loc.gov/folklife/vets/about.html.

The Defiance County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogi cal Society points out an Ancestry.com Web site that links to online passenger lists: http://home.att.net/~wee-monster/onlinelists.html.

The American Swedish Historical Museum in Philadelphia has an exhibit commemorating the bicentennial of the birth of Swedish inventor John Ericsson, best known for the screw propeller and the design of the Union ship Monitor. Web site: www.libertynet.org/ashav/

The Gloucester County (NJ) Historical Society announces that there are now 10,000 additional death records and 20,000 additional cemetery inscriptions to its growing databases of more than 100,000 vital statistics. The Web site is rootsweb.com/~njglouce/gchs. For information or to subscribe to the Web site, call (856) 843-4471.

The Centre County Genealogical Society and Ellen Copper have been honored by the Centre County Historical Society for their many years of identifying and inventorying the county’s cemeteries.

According to the newsletter of the Minnesota Genealogi cal Society, Canada’s largest online data bank (Web site: www.grl.com) is available for a $10 register-online fee, entitling the researcher to one continuous 24 period of access. The GRL database is designed to locate ancestors who lived anywhere in Canada from 1600 to after 1900.

The Kieffer Family Association has announced its new Web site: www.geocities.com/Heartland/Trail/1036/kfa/kfa.html

The Perry Historians pass along the information that there is a Web site providing extensive information on the Civil War’s Company B of the 1st Pennsylvania Rifles (the “Bucktails”): pabucktail.com

The Maryland Historical Society Library in Baltimore, MD, has closed for renovations and expansion with a scheduled reopening in November. Construction updates are available at the Web site: www.mdhs.org. The library staff can be contacted by e-mail: library@mdhs.org or (410) 685-3750, ext. 349.

Past Times, the newsletter of the Mercer County Genealogical Society, has pointed out helpful Web sites for British Isles research. In the February 2003, issue, a site for England and Wales is listed: www.gendocs.demon.co.uk/index.html#HOME, which has a number of free resources including a dictionary of old occupational terms. The March 2003, issue notes the Web site for the National Archives of Ireland: www.nationalarchives.ie/index.html.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Diligent work continues on a computer database of the burials at the gigantic Mount Moriah Cemetery.

Harry Tichnor diligently works transcribing microfilm nearly every Thursday, and Ken Paterson has typed those transcriptions into a database begun by former staff member Rose Mary McKeown.

More help typing the transcriptions is needed. If you can volunteer to aid this worthy project, please contact Herb Hart either at the GSP office or by e-mail to gsppronames@aol.com.
FAMILY REUNIONS

3 August - The annual Strayer reunion will be held at 2:00 p.m. at the Salem Recreation Center, ¾ mile west of the Dover Square, Dover, PA. The speaker will be retired Lutheran minister Pastor Frederick Weiser.

8-10 August - Longanecker Family Reunion, Krauss’s “Rough and Ready Park,” Cave Junction, OR. Contact: Mrs. Katherine Breazeale, 830 NE Victoria St., Apt. 11, Grants Pass, OR 97526.


9 August - The fourteenth annual Leininger Reunion of the descendants of Johann Jacob and Elizabeth (Amman) Leininger. For information, contact Dr. Thomas H. Leininger, 268 Church Road, Mohnton, PA 19540, (610) 777-5576.


10-12 October - Edward Howell Family Association Reunion in Iowa City, IA. The association’s Web site is www.ehfa.org.

GSP INQUIRY PROCEDURES

The following Inquiry Procedures have been established by the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania in an attempt to ensure that your inquiry receives prompt and appropriate attention. Searches will be done only for records in the GSP Research Room and the Historical Society of Pennsylvania Library.

The following services can be provided:

- **Factual questions** are answered by the GSP research staff without charge. If possible, e-mail your question to gsppa@aol.com. If you submit a question by mail, please include a Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope (SASE).

- **Specific record requests** (date included) will be searched for $10. Includes: Up to five pages of photocopies and postage. Requests running beyond 5 pages become **hourly requests**. Requests for specific records without dates are also treated as **hourly requests**.

- **Hourly requests** will be searched at the rate of $22 an hour for members or $35 an hour for non-members. Includes: Report and postage. Photocopies billed at costs below. Searches are for a 1-hour minimum, 2-hour maximum.

Among the limits of the GSP Research Service are the following: Guarantee that the search for records will be successful; search for records outside of the GSP / HSP collections; extended research on family surnames or individuals.

**Schedule of Fees and Deposits**

- Requests for specific records, date given, $10 (Up to five pages of a record, includes photocopying and postage) Requests running beyond 5 pages become hourly requests.

- **Hourly requests** from members, $22 an hour.

- **Hourly requests** from non-members, $35 an hour.

- **Postage** is included on hourly requests; photocopies are billed at cost: GSP, 25 c for paper, 65 c for microfilm; HSP, 50 c for paper or microfilm. Deposits for specific requests are $10; hourly requests are $44 (members) or $70 (non-members).

If you make an initial request for paid research by e-mail, you need to resubmit the e-mail request by letter accompanied by your deposit check.

Payment may be by check, money order, MasterCard, Visa, or Discover. Refunds of searches that do not reach the deposit amount will be made by check from GSP.
RESEARCH TIP

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Pennsylvania State Archives
County Microfilm Additions

The following is a list of microfilm made available to State Archives researchers for the year 2002. Included are records from counties (Record Group 47) and municipalities (Record Group 48), the type of records, the dates included, how many Rolls and a Search Room number for the Archives Search Room.

Please be aware that the State Archives staff cannot do genealogical research on these records for patrons, however, they are encouraged to view the records in the State Archives Search Room.

Microfilm marked “LR” or “LRGP” can be duplicated by the State Archives. Microfilm marked “LC” or without a letter designation cannot be duplicated for patrons.

Adams County, Board of County Commissioners, Register for Out-door Relief and Almshouse Register, 1853-1928, 1 Roll (LR 419. Search Room #13584)
Allegeny County, Clerk of Orphans’ Court, Delayed Birth Records, 1941-1971, 54 Rolls (Search Room #12704-12757)
Allegeny County, Prothonotary, Declarations of Intention (Court of Common Pleas No.1), 1905-1906, 1 Roll (Search Room #12758)
Allegeny County, Prothonotary, Miscellaneous Medical Registers and Stallion Register, 1881-1964, 3 Rolls (Search Room #12798-12760)
Allegeny County, Register of Wills, Will Books, 1905-1917, 24 Rolls (Search Room #12680-12703)
Allegeny County, City of Pittsburgh, Bureau of Health, Birth Registers and Indexes, 1870-1905, 49 Rolls (Search Room #13585-13633)
Allegeny County, City of Pittsburgh, Bureau of Health, Death Registers, 1851-1906, 48 Rolls (Search Room #13634-13681)
Armstrong County, Prothonotary, Declarations of Intention & Oaths of Allegiance, 1906-1952, 3 Rolls (LRGP 103. Search Room #13743-13745)
Armstrong County, Prothonotary, Naturalization Petition & Record Books, 1906-1968, 8 Rolls (Search Room #13809-13816)
Armstrong County, Prothonotary, Naturalization Records, 1807-1969, 5 Rolls (LRGP 104. Search Room #13746-13750)
Beaver County, New Galilee Borough, Borough Minutes, Ordinances & Treasurers Books, 1869-1996, 2 Rolls (LR 415. Search Room #13499-13500)
Bucks County, Clerk of Courts, Road and Bridge Papers, 1699-1984, 39 Rolls (LR 73. Search Room #13175-13213)
Cambria County, Register of Wills, Estate Files, 1930-1934, 10 Rolls (LRGP 71. Search Room #12828-12837)
Carbon County, Recorder of Deeds, Deed Books; & Grantor/Grantee Indexes, 1843-1934, 25 Rolls (Search Room #13375-13399)
Carbon County, Recorder of Deeds, Grantee Indexes, 1843-1934, 4 Rolls (LRGP 63. Search Room #12767-12770)
Chester County, Prothonotary’s Office, Appearance Papers, 1903-1930, 81 Rolls (LR 74. Search Room #13203-13303)
Chester County, Kennett Township, Kennett Township Minute Books and Book of Accounts, 1899-1998, 3 Rolls, (LR 404. Search Room #12668-12670)
Claron County, Prothonotary, Declarations of Intention, 1907-1951, 1 Roll (LRGP 85. Search Room #12939)
Claron County, Prothonotary, Naturalization Certificates, 1907-1926, 1 Roll (LRGP 84. Search Room #12956)
Claron County, Prothonotary, Naturalization Papers, 1841-1906, 2 Rolls (LRGP 83. Search Room #12934-12935)
Claron County, Prothonotary, Naturalization Petitions, 1907-1959, 2 Rolls (LRGP 86. Search Room #12937-12938)
Claron County, Prothonotary, Road and Bridge Papers, 1840-1899, 8 Rolls (LRGP 82. Search Room #12926-12933)
Claron County, Register of Wills, Orphans’ Court Files, 1899-1915, 12 Rolls (LRGP 51. Search Room #12816-12827)
Columbia County, Board of County Commissioners, Annual & Triennial Tax Assessment Records, 1840-1930, 42 Rolls (LR 411. Search Room #13767-13808)
Crawford County, Register of Wills, Affidavits of Death, 1845-1894, 1 Roll (LRGP 64. Search Room #12772)
Crawford County, Register of Wills, Docket Books, 1801-1905, 4 Rolls (LRGP 65. Search Room #12773-12776)
Crawford County, Register of Wills, Estate Indices, 1801-1974, 1 Roll (LRGP 66. Search Room #12771)
Crawford County, Register of Wills, Wills, 1801-1905, 10 Rolls (LRGP 67. Search Room #12777-12786)
Cumberland County, Register of Wills, Index of Cumberland County Estate Inventories, 1750-1960, 1 Roll (LR394. Search Room #12765)
Cumberland County, Camp Hill Borough, Camp Hill Borough Plot Deeds, 1807-2001, 1 Roll, (LRGP 112)
Cumberland County, Camp Hill Borough, Cemetery Plot Cards, 1807-2001, 2 Rolls (LRGP 210)
Cumberland County, Camp Hill Borough, Camp Hill Borough Receipt Books, 1897-1959, 1 Roll (LRGP 111)
Cumberland County, Lower Allen Township, Lower Allen Township Minute Books, 1851-1990, 10 Rolls (LR 413. Search Room #13340-13349)
Dauphin County, Harrisburg City, City Clerk, Harrisburg City Council Minute Books, 1860-1963, 26 Rolls (LC 78. Search Room #13400-13425)
Dauphin County, Harrisburg City, City Clerk, Harrisburg City Council Ordinance Books, 1962, 12 Rolls (LC 79. Search Room #13426-13437)
Dauphin County, Middle Paxton Township, Township Minute Books and Transcripts, 1941-2000, 3 Rolls (LR 407. Search Room #12762-12764)
Elk County, Register of Wills, Marriage License Dockets, 1885-1992, 17 Rolls (LC 75. Search Room #13304-13320)
Fayette County, Recorder of Deeds, Property Warrants, 1784-1900, 7 Rolls (LRGP 93. Search Room #13084-13090)
Greene County, Prothonotary, Civil Records, 1823-1873, 9 Rolls (LRGP 105. Search Room #13751-13759)
Greene County, Prothonotary, Naturalization Petitions & Record Books, 1906-1953, 5 Rolls (LRGP 106. Search Room #13760-13764)
Huntingdon County, Prothonotary, Naturalization Papers, 1798-1873, 3 Rolls (LRGP 69. Search Room #12813-12815)
Huntingdon County, Prothonotary, Quarter Session Dockets, 1788-1972, 15 Rolls (LRGP 68. Search Room #12798-12812)
Huntingdon County, Prothonotary, Quarter Session Papers, 1787-1839, 11 Rolls (LRGP 70. Search Room #12787-12797)
Indiana County, Prothonotary's Office, Declarations of Intentions, 1806-1959, 5 Rolls (LRGP 97. Search Room #13565-13569)
Indiana County, Prothonotary's Office, Naturalization Petition and Record Books, 1806-1902, 2 Rolls (LC 81. Search Room #13582-13583)
Indiana County, Prothonotary's Office, Naturalization Petition and Records Books and Master Indexes, 1806-1959, 12 Rolls (LRGP 98. Search Room #13570-13581)
Lackawanna County, Register of Wills, Index to Marriage License Dockets, 1885-1914, 2 Rolls, (LRGP 81. Search Room #12919-12920)
Lackawanna County, Register of Wills & Clerk of Orphans Ct., Register of Wills, Delayed Births & Index filed 1940-1980, Births ca.1872-1905, 32 Rolls (Search Room #13091-13122)
Lackawanna County, Register of Wills & Clerk of Orphans Court, Register of Wills Marriage Indexes, 1915-1957, 5 Rolls (Search Room #13123-13127)
Lackawanna County, Register of Wills, Marriage License Dockets, 1910-1913, 5 Rolls (LC 72. Search Room #12921-12925)
Lackawanna County, Register of Wills, Marriage License Dockets, 1913-1926, 24 Rolls (LRGP 80. Search Room #12895-12918)
Lackawanna County, Register of Wills & Clerk of Orphans Court, Register of Wills Marriage License Dockets, 1926-1950, 40 Rolls (Search Room #13135-13174)
Lackawanna County, Register of Wills & Clerk of Orphans Court, Register of Wills Probate Files, 1878-1885, 7 Rolls (Search Room #13128-13134)
Lawrence County, Board of County Commissioners, Commissioners Minute Books, 1849-1957, 9 Rolls (LRGP 101. Search Room #13734-13742)
Lawrence County, Register of Wills, Register of Wills Index, 1849-1993, 3 Rolls, (LRGP 100. Search Room #13731-13733)
Luzerne County, Tax Records, 1809-1900, 121 Rolls (LR 398. Search Room #12954-13052, 13438-13459)
Luzerne County, Prothonotary, Naturalization Docket Books, 1936-1941, 7 Rolls (LRGP 87. Search Room #12940-12946)

Montgomery County, West Conshohocken Borough, Borough Minute Books, 1874-1930, 3 Rolls (LR 405. Search Room #12671-12673)

Perry County, Prothonotary, Appearance Dockets, Quarter Session Dockets, Rough Docket, S.E.Ledger; Miscellaneous Oyer & Terminer Docket, Naturalization Docket; Sheriffs Appropriation Docket; Defendant Ad Section Index Execution Docket; Execution Dockets, 1799-1943, 40 Rolls (LRGP 95. Search Room #13501-13540)

Perry County, Recorder of Deeds, Deed Book, 1851-1866, 7 Rolls (Search Room #12947-12953)

Perry County, Penn Township, Township Minute Books, 1950-2000, 4 Rolls (LR 409. Search Room #13080-13083)

Snyder County, Recorder of Deeds, Deed Book, 1855-1934, 17 Rolls (LC 76. Search Room #13321-13336)

Somerset County, Prothonotary, Facts of Declaration of Intention, 1929-1956, 1 Roll (LRGP 77. Search Room #12874)

Somerset County, Prothonotary, Facts for Declaration of Intention, 1908-1920, 2 Rolls (LRGP 75. Search Room #12877-12878)

Somerset County, Prothonotary, Facts for Petition for Naturalization, 1908-1935, 3 Rolls (LRGP 79. Search Room #12870-12872)

Somerset County, Prothonotary, Miscellaneous Naturalization Papers, 1919-1948, 1 Roll (LRGP 78. Search Room #128730)

Somerset County, Prothonotary, Naturalization Court Orders & Lists, 1930-1960, 1 Roll (LRGP 76. Search Room #12875)

Somerset County, Prothonotary, Naturalization Petitions and Declarations, 1800-1959, 17 Rolls (LRGP 73. Search Room #12879-12894)

Somerset County, Prothonotary, Repatriations, 1938-1959, 1 Roll (LRGP 74. Search Room #12876)

Somerset County, Register of Wills, Death Registers, 1893-1908, 2 Rolls (LC 77. Search Room #13373-13374)

Somerset County, Register of Wills, Estate Records, 1795-1921, 74 Rolls (LRGP 72. Search Room #12838-12869, #13053-13079 #13541-13555)

Somerset County, Register of Wills, Marriage License Docket Books, 1945-1977, 23 Rolls (LRGP 94. Search Room #13350-13372)


Washington County, Beallsville Borough, Borough Minute Books, 1852-1902, 1 Roll (LR 408. Search Room #12761)

Westmoreland County, Register of Wills, Probate Records and Will Abstracts, 1777-1819, 1 Roll (Search Room Roll #13556.)

NEW ACCESSIONS

BOOKS

250th Anniversary of the Coetus German Reformed Church in Pennsylvania September 27, 1997, Old First Reformed Church, United Church of Christ, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

... 60 Poles to a Sugar Tree and Thence to the Beginning: a social history of the pioneer Hibben family 1730 to the early 1900s / George C. Hibben


Christoph von Graffenried's Account of the founding of New Bern. [Edited with an historical introduction and an English translation by Vincent H. Todd in cooperation with Julius Goebel]

The complete beginner's guide to genealogy, the Internet, and your genealogy computer program / by Karen Clifford.

Coon-Cohn descendants from Chanceford Township, York County, Pennsylvania / by Frances Davis McTeer.


Dewalt Novinger's legacy: the Novinger family in the United States from 1737 to 2001 / compiled by James G. Novinger.

Discovering the history of your house and your neighborhood / Betsy J. Green.

The early Ward families of Southern Maryland / Ralph D. Smith

Familienkundliches Worterbuch / von Fritz Verdenhalven

The family tree guide book: everything you need to know to trace your genealogy across North America / the editors of Family Tree Magazine.

Friedrich Kieffer/Frederick Cooper, 1743-c.1835 from Oberacker, Germany to Washington County, Pennsylvania / researched and prepared by Karen Harper Ermutlu and Dixie Johnson Clark.

A genealogist's guide to discovering your African-American ancestors: how to find and record your unique heritage / Franklin Carter Smith and Emily Anne Croom.

A genealogist's guide to discovering your female ancestors: special strategies for uncovering hard-to-find information about your female lineage / Sharon DeBartslo Carmack.
NEW ACCESSIONS (cont.)

Genealogy on CD-ROM / Marthe Arends
Genealogy software guide / Marthe Arends.
A guide to Maryland State Archives holdings of
Worcester county records on microform.
Hendrik Gerrit Kiel : Dutch immigrant to Pennsylvania :
a genealogy : collateral lines of Stratford, Wilson, and
Briggs / Frank Wilson Kiel.
A hidden phase of American history; Ireland's part in
America's struggle for liberty.
Index of death notices and marriage notices appearing
in the Cincinnati daily gazette, 1827-1881 / indexed by
Jeffrey G. Herbert.
The Irish family history library catalogue--simplified / by
Linda Adair Hjem.
Irish genealogical office manuscripts a guide to the mi-
crofilm / prepared by Anne Toohy, Local History and
Genealogy Teams, Humanities and Social Sciences, Di-
vision of Library of Congress
Joachim Nagel and his descendants / compiled by
Marion Nagle Rhoads and Janet Snyder Welsh.
Land Records of Sussex County, Delaware, 1789-1792
Land records of York county Pennsylvania, 1764-1771
Life in early Philadelphia: documents from the Revo-
lutionary and early national periods / edited by Billy G.
Smith.
Locating your roots : discover your ancestors using land
records / Patricia Law Hatcher.
McCulloch Spelled with O: The History of John and
Esther (Gamble) McCulloch of Washington County,
Pennsylvania, Beaver County, Pennsylvania, Harrison
County, Ohio, and some of their descendants, by Mary
Louise (McCulloch) Eaton and Charlotte
My early life / by Erland Reuter
Netting your ancestors : genealogical research on the
Internet / Cyndi Howells.
New Jersey Bible records / Volume 1: Atlantic, Burling-
ton, Cape May, and Gloucester counties edited by Anna
Miller Watring.
New Jersey Bible records Volume 2: Salem and Cumber-
land counties edited by Anna Miller Watring.
A New Jersey biographical index : covering some
100,000 biographies and associated portraits in 237 New
Jersey cemeteries, histories, yearbooks, periodicals,
and other collective biographical sources published to
about 1980.
New Jersey Libraries: a bibliography of their printed
catalogs, 1758-1921 / compiled by Donald Arleigh Sin-
clar
Original Land Titles in Delaware Commonly Known as
The Duke of York Record, 1646-1679.
Pocket guide to genealogical resource centers of the
mid-Atlantic.
Probasco on the United States census
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The Longenecker Family Newsletter notes the publication of *Coventry, The Skool Kill District (A Basic History of the Three Coventry Townships, 1700-1850)*, by Estelle Cremer and Pamela Shenk, 186 pages, published by Masthof Press. The book, which documents the 18th century Swiss-German colonization of the northern section of Chester County, PA, may be ordered for $35.00 ($30 + $5 shipping) from Estelle Cremer, Historical Land Research, 1801 Ridge road, Pottstown, PA 19465.

The Kittontinny Historical Society and the *Public Opinion* have joined together to publish *A Pictorial History of Franklin County: Volume One - The Early Years*. Call the *Public Opinion* at (717) 264-6161 Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for ordering information.

**North Sewickley Cemetery**: North Sewickley Township, Beaver County, Pennsylvania. By Dwight Copper, RR31 Box 100, New Castle, PA, 16101-9514. 78 pages, softbound, available for $8.50 plus postage from Mechling Bookbindery, 1124 Oneida Valley Road, Route 38, Chicora, PA, 16025, (800) 941-3735.

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**Walking Among Our Ancestors: Cemetery Inscriptions of Ashland Township, Clarion County, Pennsylvania**. Preface by Ruth Nelson Craig and a brief history of Clarion County and Ashland Township by Helen W. Urban. Includes an alphabetical listing of all Clarion County cemeteries and an Ashland Township cemetery map with directions. 73 pages, available from the Clarion County Historical Society for $12.95, plus $6 for shipping and 6% sales tax for Pennsylvania residents, by calling (814) 226-4450 or email: chhs@csonline.net.

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- GenConnect. URL: http://genconnect.rootsweb.com/~genbbs/
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Few days are as pleasant as the one this spring when the call came in that a longtime GSP member, Herbert Davis of Elkins Park, was interested in donating his entire collection of Philadelphia City Directories to the society.

After consulting with GSP’s Library chair, Kathryn “Cass” Donovan, about accepting the gift — her answer was “yes, yes, yes” despite the fact that we have a bit of a space crunch — I dispatched myself to pick up the directories.

Fortunately, the directories had already been boxed by Mr. Davis’ family, so it was just a matter of lugging them out of his basement and into my sport-utility vehicle.

After that job was done — and profuse thanks were given to Mr. Davis for thinking of us with this donation — it remained to drive the directories back to the city and unload them at GSP’s Research Room.

Staff was filled with an air of immediate excitement as we organized the volumes chronologically in a prominent place in the Research Room.

Some found it difficult to contain themselves and began to look up ancestors’ names on the way to shelving the volumes!

We were also dazzled by the near-pristine condition of most of the re-bound volumes, which were published between 1841 and 1935. (It’s always welcome to receive such a gift, but even more welcome when it is not in need of immediate preservation)

Since their arrival at GSP, the Philadelphia City Directories have proved popular items for use in the Research Room.

As Cass Donovan predicted: “This is something customers always ask for.”

James M. Beidler
Executive Director