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## GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWS

### **PUBLICATIONS REPORT**

The GSP Publications Committee has recently arranged for a new supply of two publications that had been out of stock.

The first is Special Publication #5, *A Genealogist's Guide to Pennsylvania Records* compiled by the late Helen Hutchison Woodroffe and reprinted from the *Pennsylvania Genealogical Magazine*. Published in 1995, the *Guide* is a paperback volume retailing for \$39.95.

The second is Special Publication #6, *Philadelphia Maps, 1682-1982: Townships, Districts, Wards*. Published in 1996, the map book originated as a publication of the Philadelphia City Archives in 1959. It is a paperback volume retailing for \$18.95.

GSP members, of course, receive a 10% discount on these and all GSP publications not already on special sale.

An updated Publications brochure is in the works, but, in the meantime, why not go online to the publications page of our Web site <<http://www.genpa.org/pubs.html>> and take advantage of our while-supplies-last sale?

### **IN MEMORIAM**

It was with great sadness that the Society learned of the death of Timothy C. Coyne on 19 June at the age of 57. A retired teacher at Lower Moreland High School in Montgomery County, Tim was a longtime volunteer at GSP and a Board member since 2003. A more complete obituary will appear in the next *Pennsylvania Genealogical Magazine*.

The Society also notes with sorrow the passing of Charles C. Mathews, II (1917-2005). "Chick" was a retired metallurgist whose researches on the Mathews family are on the Society's shelves and who could often be found on first Wednesday volunteering in the GSP Research Room.

GSP expresses its condolences to the two families.

### **GSP ON E-BAY!**

Several years ago, Tim Coyne initiated the idea of GSP using the Internet to dispose of books not useful on the shelves of our Research Room (duplicates, for example.) Board member Craig A. TenBroeck, who took over the project from Tim, has recently reported that, since last fall, GSP has sold 164 books, realizing \$2487.27 for GSP.

**GSP RESEARCH ROOM, 215 S. Broad St., 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, Philadelphia, PA  
HOURS: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.**

**HSP LIBRARY, 1300 Locust St., Philadelphia, PA  
HOURS: 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday & Thursday  
12:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday  
10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Friday**



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## GSP Program Committee Initiates Changes for the Coming Year

The Program Committee decided unanimously to change the programming format for the coming year. Under the new arrangement the Society will hold spring and fall seminars as opposed to monthly or semi-monthly events.

The first workshop will be held on 29 October 2005 in cooperation with the Chester County Historical Society. Attendees will have the opportunity to hear a variety of presentations addressing topics of interest to "today's" genealogists! Program brochures will be mailed to all GSP members later this summer.

The Society is looking to hold a spring seminar outside of the Philadelphia area in cooperation with one of GSP's other partnering organizations. An announcement will be made in *Penn in Hand* after the details are finalized.

The Annual Meeting, scheduled for 23 March 2006, will feature as its guest speaker Annette Kunselman Burgert, FGSP, FASG.

Later in that year, GSP in cooperation with the Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society will host the first state-wide genealogical conference. The dates are 29 and 30 September 2006. The location is the Sheraton Station Square, Pittsburgh. Mark your calendars now because this is an event you will not want to miss.

John T. Humphrey  
 Program Committee Chair

## GSP MEMBER SURVEY!

In place of pages 3 and 4 of this *Penn in Hand*, we are distributing a member survey.

Please attend to it as soon as you receive the newsletter, which is a bit late going out.

Simply fill it out and clip on the dotted line and mail. Or, even easier, respond online!

Thank you.

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Pages 3 & 4 were a GSP member survey



## NEW ACCESSIONS

Materials catalogued in the GSP Research Room 17 March to 6 July 2005

### Books

- Minkler-Minckler Heritage* by Fonda D. Baselt.  
*Gravestone inscriptions, St. James the Less Episcopal Church, Clearfield and Hunting Park Avenue, Falls of the Schuylkill, Philadelphia, Pa.* transcribed by Millicent Norcross Berghaus 1969.  
*Denizations and naturalizations in the British colonies in America, 1607-1775* by Lloyd de Witt Bockstruck.  
*Kent County, Delaware land records 1776-1783* by Mary Marshall Brewer.  
*Kent County, Delaware land records 1782-1785* by Mary Marshall Brewer.  
*Kent County, Delaware land records 1785-1789* by Mary Marshall Brewer.  
*Land Records of York County, Pennsylvania 1771-1775* by Mary Marshall Brewer.  
*Land Records of York County, Pennsylvania 1775-1793* by Mary Marshall Brewer.  
*New Castle County, Delaware wills 1800-1813* by Mary Marshall Brewer.  
*Bryson: families and history to the 1800's* by Ronald Howell Bryson.  
*American migrations, 1765-1799 : the lives, times, and families of colonial Americans who remained loyal to the British Crown before, during, and after the Revolutionary War, as related in their own words and through their correspondence* by Peter Wilson Coldham.  
*Newspaper clippings 1905-1910 most from Pennsylvania, a few from Maryland and New Jersey.*  
*A bibliography of American county histories* compiled by P. William Filby.  
*Jacob Mann, Jr., born 1745: early pioneer of Monroe County, West Virginia and his descendants* by Merilyn K. Fleshman.  
*John Forker 1780-1845 and affiliated families including my Mayflower ancestor* by Christine Forker McBean.  
*Old Philadelphia in early photographs 1839-1914: 215 prints from the collection of the Free Library of Philadelphia* [compiled by] Robert F. Looney.  
*Philadelphia newspaper clippings, 1929 .*  
*From Scotland to America: the Giffin pioneers* by Donald W. Giffin.  
*St. Michael's Lutheran Church, other German records, Germantown - Mt. Airy, 1831-1872* compiled by John H. Heffner.  
*History and genealogy of the Hubbell family* compiled and edited by Harold Berresford Hubbell, Jr. and Donald Sidney Hubbell.  
*Locating your French & Indian war ancestor: a bibliography & finding aid* by Jean O. Morris.  
*Frontier forts of Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, & Ohio 1740-1794 built by the French, English & Americans, a bibliography & finding aid* by Jean S. Morris.  
*Whiskey rebellion bibliography* by Jean S. Morris.  
*Western Migrations by river and canal from PA & NY a bibliography* Jean S. Morris.  
*Historic sacred places of Philadelphia* by Roger W. Moss; photography by Tom Crane.  
*The Brough family with connections to Greenawalt, Deardo, Deardorff, Trimmer, Levering, and Hinkle* by Mary Greenawalt Murphy.

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*Pioneer cemeteries of Hampton Township, Allegheny County, PA published by North Hills Genealogists, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.*

*Record of indentures of individuals bound out as apprentices, servants, etc., and of German and other redemptioners in the office of the Mayor of the city of Philadelphia, October 3, 1771, to October 5, 1773. With a new index.*

*History of St. Vincent's orphan asylum, Tacony, Philadelphia: a memoir of its diamond jubilee, 1844-1933 by Francis Xavier Roth.*

*Russell Families of Adams County, Pennsylvania George Ely Russell.*

*The William Smith Family from Edinburgh, Scotland, join with the Starretts, Findleys, Andersons, Hutchisons, becoming a Smith family of Indiana by John Bernard Smith.*

*Gazetteer of York and Adams Counties, Pennsylvania*

*Silver anniversary of Bethany Temple Presbyterian Church, [1906-1931] Fiftythird and Spruce Streets, Philadelphia, Pa. 1931 with historical sketch by Edward R. Sterrett.*

*Titus: a North American family history by Leo J. Titus, Jr.*

*Directory of archival and manuscript repositories in the Delaware Valley, third edition edited by Evan Towle.*

*Colonial families of New Jersey, Volume 1: Middlesex and Somerset Counties by F. Edward Wright.*

*A brief sketch of the military operations on the Delaware during the late war: together with a copy of the muster-rolls of the several volunteer-corps which composed the Advance Light Brigade, as they stood at the close of the campaign of one thousand eight hundred and fourteen.*

*Montgomery Methodist Episcopal Church, Montgomery Square, Montgomery County PA. Baptisms 1857-1890, Marriages 1867-1884, probationers 1857-1891, alphabetical list of members A-T, class membership lists.*

### **Manuscripts**

*Report of the bibliographical records committee of the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania, 1928-29.*

*New Jersey cemetery transcriptions by John C. Roloff Jr.*

*Manuscript collection of Milton Rubincam containing his correspondence and genealogical research.*

*Saint Denis Roman Catholic parish and cemetery, Havertown, Pa. Sesqui-centennial history 1825-1975 and parish history 175 years 1825-2000, various clippings on the history of the cemetery and map of cemetery.*

*Client genealogical research of Robert E. Hoagland 1978 to 2003.*

### **Family Files**

*Descendancy chart of Robert Tatnall.*

*Photograph of Emilie Pierce age 2.*

*Autograph book of Annie C. Beatty, Philadelphia, Pa. 1878.*

*Endingen emigrants to America, Johann Georg Kommer by David J. Sauttler.*

### **CD-ROMs**

*The Genealogist's address book, 5th edition.*

*Descendants of John Elmes of Lincolnshire through Christopher Helme of Rhode Island.*

## INFORMATION WANTED

Here are the "Information Wanted" rules:

1. Queries are accepted only from members.
2. Members are encouraged to submit queries, understanding that GSP may have to limit the number from any one member in any one issue of *Penn In Hand*.
3. All queries should have a clear Pennsylvania connection and at least one date.
4. Please try to keep all queries to 75 words or less. You may include all the information you need to make your request as clear as possible but GSP, of course, retains the right to edit where necessary.

Some Internet sites that offer many queries:

- County sites of the **PAGenWeb** project. URL: <http://www.pagenweb.org/>
- Genealogy.com's **GenForum**, which offers surname and geographic search. URL: <http://genforum.genealogy.com/pa/philadelphia/>
- **Roots Surname List** (Surname List only - no "messages")  
URL: <http://rsl.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/rsllsql.cgi?surname=&type=Surname&op=search>

BECK: Seeking ancestors/descendants of John H. BECK, born 11 Feb. 1786 in Northampton County, PA, died 20 Jun 1855 in Dauphin County, PA. He married Susan GREENSWICHT before 1819. Some descendants lived in Northumberland County, PA. Allied family: Fasold of Northumberland County, PA.

*Nancy Grant Lewis, 8984 Bayside Drive, Dover, DE 19901. E-mail: JackCLewis@aol.com.*

GRANT: Seeking information re Thomas GRANT, born 20 Nov. 1758, died 16 June 1815, of Sunbury, Northumberland County, PA. He was a Col. in the Militia. He married Deborah MARTIN, born 19 Jan. 1763, died 22 Feb. 1845. She was the daughter of Robert MARTIN of Northumberland County, PA.

He was an original member of the Society of the Cincinnati of PA.

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GIBBONS: Need parents, siblings, date of death, on Horace GIBBONS, born 1824, Westmoreland County, PA. Married Elizabeth GREGG of Allegheny County, PA 22 September 1846. Moved to Osceola in 1862. Children: 1) John; 2) Mary, married \_\_\_ PAINTER; 3) Margaret, married James COLLIGAN; 4) William O. B.; 5) Abba Etta, married Adam LANE. The Gibbonses were in Westmoreland County, PA, for a short period of time.  
*Charles M. Ferguson, 811 South Market, Shawnee, OK 74801*

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### FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

GSP's Summer Camp 2005 is now history. By all accounts, this Camp was the most successful of our past several ones. It sold out within a few weeks of the first announcement, and follow-up evaluation forms from the campers were overwhelmingly positive.

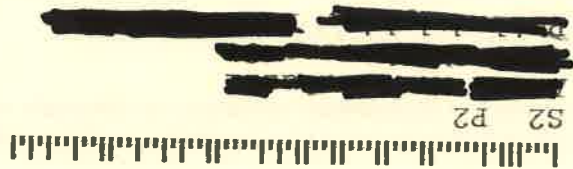
We began with a welcoming dinner on a Sunday night at the Italian Bistro Restaurant - our neighbor to the immediate north on Broad Street. The following Monday morning, all thirty-two campers descended on our Research Room for an orientation. The balance of the day was spent in our facilities, where lunch was brought in to them so they would have more research time. For the next four days, the entire Camp was split into four groups of eight, and each group then visited, in turn, the Mid-Atlantic National Archives, Philadelphia City Hall and Archives, the Free Library of Philadelphia, and the Historical Society of Pennsylvania. An option exercised by the majority of the campers on Tuesday evening was a "Duck" amphibious vehicle

tour of the historic Old City area, followed by a "dip" in the Delaware River and a view of Penn's Landing by water. Dinner followed at a restaurant in the Old City area.

New this year was an option to remain over the following weekend and then visit, on Monday and Tuesday, the Historical Societies and Libraries of Bucks, Chester and Montgomery Counties, as well as the Friends Historical Library in Swarthmore. Seven campers took advantage of this opportunity to extend their stay.

I'd like to give a special accolade to the four counselors who stayed with the campers all week and worked so closely with each one individually: Anita Sheahan Coraluzzi, Kay Freilich, Sandi Hewlett and Susan Koelble. Overall coordinator for the Camp was GSP Secretary Cass Donovan.

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