

# Penn in Hand

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## ANNUAL MEETING

**T**HE ANNUAL MEETING of the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania will be held at 1 p.m. 15 Mar in the society's new headquarters on the 7<sup>th</sup> Floor of 215 S. Broad St. in Philadelphia.

The society will conduct its annual business meeting, along with electing officers and board members for the coming year.

A Nominating Committee chaired by one of GSP's honorary presidents, John H. Platt Jr., has recommended the following nominees for the membership's approval as officers:

President, the Hon. Herbert K. Zearfoss; Vice Presidents, Jefferson M. Moak, Walter Stock, and Dr. Russell Weigley; Secretary, Kathryn Donovan; Treasurer, Lewis L. Neilson; and Counsel, Michael Willis Freeland.

Zearfoss, Moak, Stock, Neilson, and Freeland are incumbents; Donovan became a GSP board member in 2000 and Weigley has been a board member for two three-year terms.

For director posts on the board that expire in the year 2004, the nominees are: Jane Davidson, Marilyn Holt, Margaret Jerrido, and Dr. Robert Gill. Nominated for Donovan's unexpired term (which ends in 2003) is Vivian Taylor, who currently is a GSP vice president.

Capsule backgrounds of nominees who have not previously served on the GSP Board are as follows:

- **Jane Davidson** is Chester County's Historic Preservation Coordinator. She assisted GSP as the head of registration when the society sponsored the National Genealogical Society's 1997 Conference in the States at Valley Forge.
- **Marilyn Holt** is the head of the Pennsylvania Department for the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh. She has been with the Pennsylvania Department for 17 years and also has held many key offices for the Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society.
- **Margaret Jerrido** is the director and archivist for the Urban Archives at Temple University in Philadelphia. She also is a member of the State Historic Records Advisory Board.

The GSP president, secretary, and treasurer will present reports. Giving the primary address will be the society's Executive Director, James M. Beidler, who will speak on "Rededicating GSP for the New Millennium."

Light refreshments will be available after the meeting.

## GENETICS AND GENEALOGY

**A** SPECIAL FREE EVENT with the topic of "Genetics and Genealogy" will be presented in Thomas Jefferson University's Alumni Hall, 10th and Locust streets, Philadelphia, on Saturday, 28 Apr, by GSP and the African-American Genealogy Group of Philadelphia.

"Genetics and Genealogy" will offer lectures from the Brigham Young University Molecular Genealogy team and a panel discussion with a genealogist, a historian and an archivist on the impact of DNA on document-based research.

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## UPCOMING GSP PROGRAMMING

Profiles of GSP's Annual Meeting and Election of Officers on 15 Mar and the Genetics and Genealogy program on 28 Apr are found on Page 1 of this issue of *Penn in Hand*.

Other scheduled programs include:

- At 1 p.m. Thursday, 17 May, H. G. Stuebing will talk on **Genealogy Through Land Records** in order to show how to crack stubborn genealogical problems by using data found in deeds.

- Scheduled for Monday through Friday, July 23-27, will be the sequel to GSP's popular Summer Camp. This

"Summer Camp II" will feature orientations and research at many of the specialty archives found in the Philadelphia area. While targeted to those who have already taken Summer Camp, other members are welcome with the proviso that the camp will not be appropriate for beginners. Members should be receiving a separate brochure on Summer Camp II. Please be aware that sign-up for some repositories is quite limited.

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In addition to the scheduled programs, another conference will likely be held at Chester County Historical Society in late fall.

## GENETICS AND GENEALOGY (cont.)

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"Genetics and Genealogy" is being supported by a grant from the Pennsylvania Humanities Council, the Federal-State Partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

In addition, those who wish to become part of BYU's Molecular Genealogy data base may donate a small blood sample.

The Molecular Genealogy project has a goal of obtaining 100,000 samples in six years, after which time they hope to be able to use the data base to assist genealogists in solving previously blocked lines.

Donating a sample to the data base will not give individual results;

after the data base reaches its sample goal, participants will be able to submit another sample for evaluation.

To participate in either the lectures, the sample collection, or both, please call or e-mail GSP for a registration form. Seating for the lectures is limited.

To take part in the Molecular Genealogy sample collection, participants need to provide a 4-generation pedigree chart.

In addition, consent and release forms will be signed by each participant who chooses to donate a blood sample, which will include options on privacy protections for the donated sample.

## MEMBERSHIP YEAR REMINDER

As announced in the June 2000 *Penn in Hand*, The Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania is moving from a system of monthly renewals to a single membership year of 1 July to 30 June in an effort to streamline bookkeeping and accounting procedures.

The July-to-June year begins immediately for new members of GSP. Those who are renewing their memberships during the next 12 months will receive a dues notice before their normal renewal month. They will be given the option of:

- Renewing membership at the regular rate for the "short year" through 30 June 2001; or
- Renewing membership at a bargain rate for a "long year" that runs through 30 June 2002.

## ANNUAL FUND RAISING

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## NEWS OF OTHER SOCIETIES AND AGENCIES

In the Winter 2001 (Vol. 23, No. 1) issue of *The Pioneer*, newsletter of **The Central Pennsylvania Genealogical Pioneers**, are abstracts of Northumberland County entries from the 1890 Special Census of Union Veterans. The newsletter also contains an index of Revolutionary soldiers from county histories, including Centre, Clinton, Lycoming and Northumberland Counties. The society's address is Charlotte Darrah Walter Genealogical Library, 1150 N. Front St., Sunbury, PA 17801-1126.

**Historical and Genealogical Society of Somerset County's** newsletter *The Laurel Messenger* has listings from Ling Cemetery, Shade Township, Somerset County. The society is headquartered at 10649 Somerset Pike, Somerset, PA 15501.

The **Federation of Genealogical Societies** announced its partnership with FuneralCENTRAL, a World Wide

Web Internet site designed to provide free daily information from funeral homes in the United States and Canada. Details can be found in the Winter 2000 issue of *Forum*. The FGS address is PO Box 200940, Austin TX, 78720-0940.

*Clark House News*, the monthly newsletter of the **Historical & Genealogical Society of Indiana County**, has a list of the Clark House holdings of City, Political & Business Directories for Indiana County, PA. The society is located at 200 S. Sixth St., Indiana, PA 15701-2999 or on the Internet at the URL, [www.rootsweb.com/~paicgs/](http://www.rootsweb.com/~paicgs/).

The **Venango County Historical Society** has been awarded a grant from the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission to organize the A.W. Raymond Collection.

## JANUARY MEETING

GSP's first program of 2001 on 11 Jan was a summary of "Research in Western Pennsylvania" presented by Marilyn Cocchiola Holt, who is the head of the Pennsylvania Department for the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh. She has been with the Pennsylvania Department for 17 years and also has held many key offices for the Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society.

Holt began by defining "Western Pennsylvania" as the 26 counties west of State College, and added that research in that area has many of the same advantages and disadvantages found across Pennsylvania. "It's no better or worse than any place else," she said. "Courthouses are the same; the basic approach to research is the same."

Pittsburgh, which is by far the commonwealth's largest city out west, has a number of repositories and libraries that are worth a genealogist's time.

Holt began with her home base, the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, which she described as having the "largest genealogical collection in a public library in Western Pennsylvania." Among the resources here are a Biography and Business Index, which is a card file of names taken from biographical histories that cover most counties in Pennsylvania. Other notable indexes include marriages (1786-1910) and death notices (1786-1913, 1968-1988) taken from the *Pittsburgh Gazette*, which was the first newspaper west of the Alleghenies. The Pennsylvania Department also has the entire run of microfilms of the U.S. Census for Pennsylvania.

There is also a vertical file of newspaper clippings starting in roughly 1900 on Pittsburgh and Pennsylvania topics in general. The Carnegie Library has microfilm copies of many newspapers, Holt said, as Pittsburgh had seven newspapers in circulation during the early 1900s. In addition, Holt said, the library includes many more esoteric holdings such as a run of the *Hometown Daily Messenger* newspaper.

Holt said the Carnegie Library does not circulate its microforms or one-of-a-kind books through Interlibrary Loan (She recommends the State Library of Pennsylvania for newspaper microfilm loans). Holt said that she is gradually converting many of the brittle books in the Pennsylvania Department to microforms to prevent further damage to the originals.

The Carnegie Library's holdings from 1972 to the present are available on the Internet, but about half of the Pennsylvania Department's items predate this and can be found only through the department's paper card catalog.

Holt's department has also put together "Pathfinders" on general genealogical research as well as Scotch-Irish, Italian, Ukrainian, and Polish research.

The University of Pittsburgh's Darlington Memorial Library also has helpful items that many researchers overlook, Holt said. These include scrapbooks and

special manuscript collections, including a large amount of material relating to Pittsburgh and the entire Ohio River Valley.

Several other repositories that Holt described were:

- **Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania's** library, which has an online catalog and closed stacks. Holt said the historical society is building impressive collections for those of Italian and Jewish heritage. It also has loads of material on Pittsburgh history, families, and companies, though its orientation is toward historians than genealogists.
- **University of Pittsburgh's Archives of Industrial Society** has a number of collections that genealogists can use among its 20,000 feet of paper documents and 100,000 photographs. These include: files of the United Electrical Workers union; records of ethnic churches and organizations; corporate documents; and records of the former city of Allegheny, which in 1907 became the north side of Pittsburgh.
- **Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall** opened in 1910 and is a repository of records relating to individuals with Civil War service from western PA. Among the highlights of its collection are Grand Army of the Republic post records; Army enlistments; and Allegheny County burial records for Civil War veterans.
- **Historic Pittsburgh**, an "online only" collection of materials from Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania and the University of Pittsburgh, has plat maps for the area as well as U.S. Census indexes for Pittsburgh (1850 through 1880) and Allegheny city (1850 through 1870).

As far as religious archives, Holt noted that Roman Catholic records of the Diocese of Pittsburgh can be researched by the diocese on an unrestricted basis for records more than 100 years old and with varying degrees of restriction for newer records. The Western PA Conference of the United Methodist Church, headquartered in Allegheny College, Meadville, has published some of its early records, as has the Pittsburgh Presbytery. There is an Evangelical Lutheran archives on the campus of Thiel College in Greenville.

The Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society, which was founded in 1974, has its own book stacks in the Carnegie Library's Pennsylvania Department and volunteers from the society are available from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

The society's holdings include family files, indexes to members' ancestor charts, and published family histories. Its holdings are described in a separate online catalog as part of the Pennsylvania Department's Web site; there is no paper catalog. The society publishes the WPGS Quarterly and JOTS from the Point newsletter.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

10 Mar - **Pennsylvania Humanities Council:** African American Genealogy Workshop for Advanced Genealogists during Heritage Week.

10 a.m.-12 noon, - Dee Parmer Woodtor, Ph.D., "Finding a Place Called Home: A Guide to African-American Genealogy and Historical Identity." Presented at Community College of Philadelphia, 4725 Chestnut St., Philadelphia.

4 p.m.- 6 p.m. - Dee Parmer Woodtor, Ph.D. lecture "When Memories Differ, Through Whom Shall the Ancestors Speak? African-American Genealogy and the Quest for Historical Identity" at The African American Museum in Philadelphia, 701 Arch St., Philadelphia.

All events are free and open to the public. Registration is required, Contact the PHC at (800) 462-0442 or (215) 925-1005 or e-mail at no later than 8 Mar.

11 Mar - **Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission:** Your Family Heritage Afternoon, 12:30-3 p.m., State Museum of Pennsylvania, Memorial Hall, Third and North streets, Harrisburg. More information, (717) 772-0540.

12 Mar - **Old York Road Genealogical Society:** Guests of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m., auditorium of Newman Building, Gratz College, Old York Road and Melrose Avenue, Elkins Park. More information: Ken Hayes, (215) 887-7683.

13 Mar - **African-American Genealogy Group:** 7 p.m. - Ruth Hodge and Jonathan R. Stayer, present "African American Resources at the Pennsylvania State Archives" at the Community College of Pennsylvania, West Philadelphia Regional Center (auditorium), 4725 Chestnut St., Philadelphia.

15 Mar - **Berks County Genealogical Society:** Annette Burgert will speak on "Using PA Archives". Program held at 7:30 p.m. in the BCGS library, 3618 Kutztown Road, Laureldale, PA.

17 Mar - **Pennsylvania German Heritage Festival:** Among the speakers will be Dr. Don Yoder, FGSP, on "Pennsylvania German Religious Traditions." 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Lebanon Campus, Harrisburg Area Community College, 735 Cumberland St., Lebanon. More information, (717) 270-6349.

31 Mar - **Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society and Lancaster County Historical Society:** 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Lan-

caster Family History Conference, 8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Keynote speaker is Roland Paul, associate director of Institute for Palatine History and Folk Culture, Kaiser-slatuern, Germany. Held at Lancaster Mennonite High School, 2176 Lincoln Highway East, Lancaster. More information, (717) 393-9745.

31 Mar - **Slippery Rock Heritage Association:** 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Genealogical Workshop, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Slippery Rock University Union, Slippery Rock, PA. More information: Slippery Rock Heritage Association, Box 511, Slippery Rock, PA 16057 or e-mail: geniespeak@aol.com.

31 Mar - **Fairfax Genealogical Society:** Spring Conference 2001. Best Western Westpark Hotel, Tysons, McLean, Virginia. Featuring Kathleen W. Hinckley, CGRS, with opening and closing programs: "Be Your Own Detective: Locate Lost Family Friends" and "Are You Prepared for the 1930 Census?" More information or to register: Fairfax Genealogical Society, PO Box 2290, Merrifield, VA 22116.

2 Apr - **Historical and Genealogical Society of Somerset County:** Annual Spring Meeting and Board Election will be held at the Somerset Historical Center, 7:30 p.m. George Kaufman will talk about Somerset County history (814) 445-6079.

10 Apr - **Old York Road Genealogical Society:** 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner Meeting, Williamson Restaurant, Horsham, with speaker Kay Haviland Freilich, CG, on "Things I Wish I'd Known Sooner." More information: Ken Hayes, (215) 887-7683.

19 Apr - **Berks County Genealogical Society:** "Thirty Years War" presented by Heinz Hosch. Program held at 7:30 p.m. in the BCGS library, 3618 Kutztown Road, Laureldale, PA.

21 Apr - **Pennsylvania Chapter Palatines to America:** Spring Conference at Yoder's Restaurant, South Tower Road, off East Main Street (Route 23), New Holland, PA. 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. More information or registration, write to: PA Chapter PalAm, Shirley Nystrom, Conference Registrar, 35 Stonehedge Drive, Carlisle, PA. 17013-9120.

21 Apr - **Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society:** Annual Spring Seminar. Radisson Hotel/Greentree, Pittsburgh, PA. Speaker, Christine Crawford Oppenheimer. More information, WPGS, 40400 Forbes Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15213-4080.

### NO RESEARCH TIP

The popular Research Tip feature of Penn in Hand will return next issue.

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## FEBRUARY MEETING

Don Stone, vice chairman of GSP's Technology Special Interest Group and a retired computer science professor, demonstrated the types of sources available to perform credible "Ancient and Medieval Genealogy" with a computerized program on 8 Feb.

Stone is a descendant of the English King Edward I, who reigned in the 13th Century. "If you have a number of ancestors from colonial New England, Quaker Pennsylvania or the Tidewater South, it is likely that you have a traceable descent from royalty," he said.

Once Stone had established his royal lineage, he said it made him ask as a genealogist, "How far back can you really go?"

He said that around A.D. 300 is the stopping point for early Irish lines and generally accepted ancestors of Charlemagne, but that a book by Christian Settiani, *Nos Ancêtres de l'Antiquité*, outlines a possible line back to Pharaoh Ramses II of Egypt (more than 3,000 years ago).

Stone said that Settiani has since come to believe that the crucial link he postulated between the Egypt of the Pharaohs and Persia is unlikely; still, the remainder of the book is a thorough and scholarly review of possible or probable connections with antiquity, and Stone used it (reviewing the evidence for himself) to show a credible lineage for himself back to Megacles I, archon of Athens, who lived around 600 B.C. - 90 generations before the present day.

The presentation illustrated the types of sources that are available those trying to prove connections in these earlier times:

- A medieval dower agreement that named both father-in-law and son-in-law.
- A letter from the patriarch of Constantinople to the pope regarding the marriage of a Byzantine emperor's daughter to "the Frankish King."
- The reverse side of a Syrian coin stamped with a symbol that was only likely to have come about from a marriage between the Syrian king and a Macedonian princess.
- A section of the Greek philosopher Strabo's famed book "Geography" that confirmed another royal intermarriage.

During the 2,600 years documented, Stone showed connections to forebears with French, Byzantine, Armenian, Median, Commagene, Syrian, Macedonian, and Greek blood. "The message is that we're all the products of many different cultural backgrounds," he said. Stone noted in the presentation where evidence was not conclusive in some generations, and called the pedigree "serious and defensible." The pedigree portion of his presentation is available and is linked to the GSP Web site from the Program page at the URL, <http://www.libertynet.org/gspa/program.html>.

## UPCOMING EVENTS (cont.)

28 Apr - **The Mid-Atlantic Germanic Society:** MAGS Annual Spring Meeting; Genealogical Research: Some New Perspectives. Blob's Park, Jessup, MD. More information or registration to Diane Kuster, 251 Serpentine Dr., Bayville, NJ 08721, phone (732) 606-6032.

28 Apr - **Neumann College:** Senior Saturday Seminar presents, "My History is America's History." 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in The Life Center. More information or registration, contact: Neumann College, Department of Continuing Education, One Neumann Drive, Aston, PA 19014-1298.

2, 9, 23, 30 May - **National Archives and Records Administration, Mid-Atlantic Region:** Family History Workshops, noon to 2 p.m. 2 May and noon to 1:30 p.m. thereafter. Held at NARA, 9th & Chestnut Streets, Philadelphia, PA. More information, (215) 597-3000.

5 May - **Berks County Genealogical Society:** First Annual Luncheon and Book Auction, Canal Street Pub and Restaurant, 535 Canal St., Reading. More information, David M. Adams, 742 Centre Ave., Reading, PA 19601.

8 May - **Old York Road Genealogical Society:** 7 p.m., Abington Free Library, 1030 Old York Road, Abington. Professional genealogist Timothy Coyne on "What Do I Do Next? Following the Research Chain of Evidence." More information: Ken Hayes, (215) 887-7683.

16-19 May - **National Genealogical Society:** 2001 Conference in the States, "Explore New Frontiers," Oregon Conference Center, Portland, OR. More information: [www.ngsgenealogy.org](http://www.ngsgenealogy.org) or (800) 473-0060.

12-15 Sep - **Federation of Genealogical Societies:** National Conference, "A Heartland Gathering," RiverCenter / Adler Theatre, Davenport, IA. More information: [www.fgs.org](http://www.fgs.org) or (888) 380-0500.

25-26 Jan 2002 - **GENTECH 2002:** Hynes Convention Center, Boston, MA. Two days of lectures, demonstrations, and exhibits focused on the use of technology in genealogy research. More information from the program chairs, Robert Charles Anderson, e-mail [proband@mediaone.net](mailto:proband@mediaone.net) or Stephen Kynder, [kinder@compuserve.com](mailto:kinder@compuserve.com).

## INFORMATION WANTED

Here are the "Information Wanted" rules: 1. Members may submit any number of queries during their membership year. 2. All queries should have a clear PA connection and at least one date. 3. 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 we will, of course, retain the right to edit where necessary. Queries are accepted only from members.

Some Internet sites that offer many queries:

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

**SOCKRIDER/SACKRIDER:** Seeking information about this family name. Most info known is from Lower Delaware/Upper Maryland area, but alleged relative came by boat from Palatinat (1731 Germany) and was in Philadelphia for short time. Have seen name in Montgomery Co., 1790 Census, but lost track there.

*Louise Garcia, 1713 Pennrock Road, Wilmington DE 19809*

**DWYER:** Information on Thomas DWYER and his wife Johanna F., their known children were: Mary V. Dwyer O'Neill, born 11 Aug 1865. Anna Dwyer Wood, b 1870-72. Margaret Dwyer, born 1874. All of the listed children were reported to be born and lived in Philadelphia.

*Edward F. Kenna, 741 Golf Drive, Warrington, PA 18976.  
E-Mail: kenna@comcat.com*

**OWENS:** Information on John OWENS and family. John, b Philadelphia, about 1900. His father, James Owens, born in Brooklyn about 1875. John worked for Railway Express. His wife was named Edith or Edna. Oldest son John, b Philadelphia, about 1925.

*Edward F. Kenna, 741 Golf Drive, Warrington, PA 18976.  
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**MONTGOMERY/CAMPBELL/CARR:** Seek further info re David MONTGOMERY (ca. 1791-2-1825), carter, and wife Isabella CAMPBELL of Philadelphia. Known children (from Third Presbyterian Church records): Robert (1811), Esther (1813), William (1815-1823), Richard (1819), Alexander (1821-1821), Charles (1822), and Adelia Crowley (1824). The mother Isabella was a daughter of John Campbell and Mary CARR of Trenton, NJ. The father, David also had three children by first wife, Martha: John, Mary & Elizabeth. His will mentions property in Philadelphia & Montgomery Co.

*Joseph R. Klett, 14 Blackstone Dr, Princeton, NJ 08540-7904*

**NEWLIN/HALL:** Seeking parents of Mary Ann NEWLIN born January 16, 1824, probably in Chester County, PA. She married Jonas HALL, Jr., February 22, 1848. She died January 29, 1805 and is buried in the Leacock Presbyterian Church.

*John Farmer, 15743 Valley Ave., Blue Ridge Summit, PA 17214*

**COMPTON:** Seeking information about William & Jane COMPTON, approximately 1750-1833, Quakers, arrived 1795 in Maryland. Settled in Chester County, PA. Children: Elizabeth Compton Sauders; William E., b 1789; Thomas married Ann Goodwin, 1811; and Robert B., b 1793-d.1869. Rev. A.G. Compton was a direct descendant of the same family.

*Joseph E. Compton, 2903 E. Eisenhower Parkway, Ann Arbor, MI 48108.*

**HEATH/BUCKINGHAM:** Need names of parents of John HEATH b 1694. Where? He married Hannah BUCKINGHAM, 1723. Where? John Heath wrote will 8 Dec 1747, and died 1748 in New Castle County, DE. He is buried in Brandywine Church Cemetery, Chester County, PA (now Delaware County). John Heath acquired 88 acres in New Castle, PA in 1735 by a deed made in Chester County, PA. Witnesses to deed were Benjamin Heath and Zack Butcher.

*Bernice White, 506 Glendale Ave., Houma, LA 70360-7320*

**EVANS/MAYNES:** Seeking other descendants and relatives of John R. EVANS, born 18 May 1843 in Newton, Montgomeryshire, Wales. His wife, Mary MAYNES, born in 1846 in Ireland, and their daughters, Catherine (b 1867, married James A. Long), Rose (b. 1870, married Bill Wethman), Mary (b 1871, married Joseph Phelan), Susan (b 1875, married Thomas J. Snyder), Lizzie (b1877, married Jacob Wethman), Laura (b 1880), and Isabelle (b 1885). The last two did not marry. The Evans, and most of their daughters lived in Philadelphia.

*Harold Bauer, 1201 S. First St., Springfield, IL 62704*

**GUTMANN/GUTHMAN/GOODMAN:** In 1870 Census, Peter age 32, Catherine 31, Children: Catherine, age 7, married Ashton Berry, Annie, age 5, married George Knickerbocker, George, age 3, John almost a year. Location, Northern Liberties, Kensington, Philadelphia, PA. Peter born in Somborn, Hesse-Cassel, Catherine maiden name was Speer from Ruit, Baden. I have located some info on the Knickerbockers but not as much as needed. Related lines: Bauer, Speer, Knickerbocker.

*Kay T. Gallagher, 2131 Welsh Rd., Unit 202, Philadelphia, PA 19115-4950*

### FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

GSP's volunteer spirit was challenged in recent months by the necessity of moving to the society's new quarters.

GSP volunteers met the challenge.

Volunteers packed the books of the Research Room.

Volunteers moved those boxes.

Volunteers reconstructed the shelving units and then unpacked the hundreds of boxes of materials.

And in the middle of all this, some of these same volunteers packed nearly a hundred boxes from renowned genealogist Walter Lee Sheppard's estate for transportation to GSP.

GSP has benefited year round - year in and year out - from its volunteers. The work of those in the Tuesday volunteer group combined with that of board members, staff, and newly found volunteers in making this move possible is merely the latest example.

While professional movers were still needed

for furniture and filing cabinets, the society easily saved upwards of \$10,000 in moving costs by utilizing volunteer labor where possible.

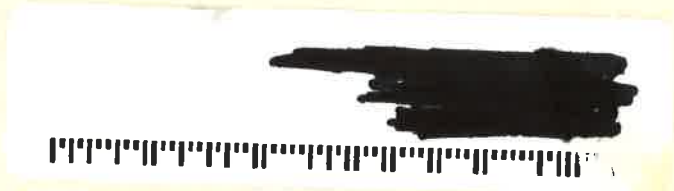
As a result of this huge volunteer effort, GSP is now reopened to researchers just two months after its closing on Locust Street.

Now we are able to get back to the mission of making available genealogical information, and I invite all of you to find a way to get involved in that mission. Whether you are near or far, GSP has some role for you to play.

A good starting point might be attending the GSP Annual Meeting on 15 March. I have the privilege of addressing this meeting for the second straight year, and my topic will be "Rededicating GSP for the New Millennium."

Come and hear how we all can benefit as the society moves forward.

James M. Beidler  
Executive Director



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