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VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT FOR PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE

As you know, the Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society and GSP are jointly holding a fantastic PA Genealogy Conference on 29-30 September in Pittsburgh. We have the program set, the publicity is ongoing, great vendors are coming, the syllabus is in progress, the registrations are coming fast and furious, all we need now are YOU, the volunteers. One of the most enjoyable parts of a convention is helping others, being on the "in" without all the work. We are looking for 75 people to spend time at the registration desk, help speakers, monitor rooms, assist vendors, do work behind the scenes and have fun!

Room monitor: I think this the most enjoyable and easiest volunteer job. We ask you to make sure the speaker has a glass of water, be at the door of the room to greet the attendees, hand out anything the speaker wants handed out, and to be sure that the people have badges. Then enjoy the program.

Speaker Introduction: This volunteer assignment is a great way to meet and make friends with our speakers. All you have to do is to appear before the program, introduce yourself to the speaker, and then introduce to the room that this is so and so, the program title is such and such. We will have it all printed for you. I have done this many times and met some very neat people doing it.

Registration: check off names, hand out packets, and assist in registering walk-ins; the first conference contact must be fun.

Welcome committee: This is a real toughie — you have to greet and direct arrivals to make the attendees feel at home.

Now to the down side of volunteering to help. Volunteers still pay for the convention, and for parking, and for your room. BUT there are two fantastic rewards. First the great feeling you get when someone says "Thank you" and second the fun! Oh, you will be tired and sore, in my experience, mainly from laughing and smiling non stop for 3 days! Plus the jokes we tell are on the house - this year the best one wins a prize!

To volunteer please e-mail me at:
<Dunnl@einetwork.net>.

IMPORTANT: In the subject line please use: <[PA Conference] Volunteering>. By using that as the subject my e-mail will not delete your kindness as spam. By the way be sure to send your name, what you are volunteering for and your E-mail address. I will reply and let you know what and when. Thank you!

*Lesle Dunn, WPGS Library Chairperson
Conference Volunteer Committee Chair*

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12:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday
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SPECIAL NOTICE: Please See "Wanted — Genealogist" on Page 3!



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WANTED - GENEALOGIST

GSP is searching for a genealogist to work here on either Mondays or Tuesdays or both days. This person would be primarily responsible for providing genealogical research assistance to patrons, but would also be responsible for handling petty cash transactions (admissions and photocopies). Length of employment would be approximately one year. Pay would be at the rate of \$77 per day for a workday beginning at 9:30 a.m. and ending at 4:30 p.m. Some reimbursement for SEPTA transportation cost is available.

If you live in the Delaware Valley area, have some knowledge of genealogical resources, enjoy working with people, and think this sounds like something you'd enjoy doing for a year, please call Executive Director Tom Showler at 215-545-0391, or E-mail him at <gspexdir@aol.com>.

CAN YOU HELP?

The Research Room is in need of several items. Our loyal and active volunteers are requesting additional "secretarial" chairs (armless, swivel, on casters). And, as one of our public service computers has died and another is beyond ancient, we stand in need of one or two Pentium II (or better, if possible) computers.

If you can help, please contact Executive Director Tom Showler at 215-545-0391 or E-mail him at <gspexdir@aol.com>. Thank you!

HERITAGE QUEST ONLINE ENDS AS GSP MEMBER BENEFIT

As many of you may already know, ProQuest has decided not to renew contracts for home access to its Heritage Quest Online database for members of genealogical and historical societies. This means that, once our contract with ProQuest expires, GSP will no longer be able to offer our members remote access to the HQ Online database on their home computers. As you can imagine, this has caused consternation among many historical and genealogical societies across the nation. Our board has done everything possible to persuade ProQuest to rethink this decision, to no avail. Therefore, GSP members' access will be terminated as of 30 September.

More details on this decision can be found in Dick Eastman's online newsletter at <http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/2006/06/proquest_termin.html>.

The Encyclopedia of Genealogy has long maintained a list of organizations that offer in-home access to Heritage Quest Online and we hope that many members will find that they may still have access through other means. This page is available at <www.eogen.com/HeritageQuestOnline>.

We regret the loss of this service to our members but hope that the other benefits of their membership such as *Penn in Hand* and the *Pennsylvania Genealogical Magazine* as well as discounts on GSP publications and access to GSP's collection of research materials will continue to be valuable resources in their genealogical research.

Marilyn Cocchiola Holt, Chair
Membership Services & Publicity Committee

PITTSBURGH THE PLACE TO BE IN SEPTEMBER!

From 28 to 30 September, Pittsburgh will be the center of genealogical activity in the Keystone State, with both the *Ancestors Road Show* on Thursday 28 September and the *Pennsylvania Genealogical Conference* on Friday and Saturday 29 & 30 September. Here are the details.

FREE "BRICK WALL" CONSULTATIONS

The Philadelphia Area Chapter and the Great Lakes Chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists are bringing their Ancestors Road show to Pittsburgh for an afternoon of free one-on-one genealogical brick wall consultations on Thursday 28 September 2006 from 1 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. in the 3rd floor conference room of the Carnegie Public Library, 4400 Forbes Avenue.

You can make your appointment for your 15-minute consultation with a professional researcher beginning at 12:30 p.m. on 28 September on a first come, first served basis in front of the conference room.

Please bring with you a pedigree chart and family group sheets that pertain to the problem as well as a list of sources you have already consulted.

Chapters of the APG across the country offer this service periodically as a way to help family historians by sharing their expertise with those who need it. For more information about APG and its chapters, please see <www.APGen.org>. For more information on this event, please contact the Great Lakes Chapter president, Amy E. K. Arner at <Amy@ArnerResearch.com>.

PENNSYLVANIA GENEALOGICAL CONFERENCE IS ALMOST HERE!

Just a reminder to all Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania members that our joint conference with the Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society is almost here! Now is the time to complete your registration for this great opportunity to network with fellow family historians and enjoy presentations on a variety of topics pertaining to Pennsylvania research.

The conference will be held at the Sheraton Station Square in Pittsburgh, PA, on September 29 and 30, 2006. Speakers include our own Annette Burgert, Patricia Law Hatcher, Sandra Hewlett, John Humphrey, and Jonathan Stayer, as well as nationally known lecturers such as Christine Rose, Roger Minert, and Curt Witcher.

Almost 200 genealogical enthusiasts are already registered and accommodations are filling up fast. This will be the first statewide genealogical conference to be held in Pennsylvania – don't miss it! Register now! Just log onto the conference website at <www.pagenealogyconference.com/> for more information and to access the conference registration form. And see page 1 of this *Penn in Hand* for volunteer opportunities.

We look forward to seeing you there!

UPCOMING EVENTS

BRITISH GENEALOGY

On Saturday 16 September, GSP and the Chester County Historical Society (CCHS) are co-sponsoring a program with Paul Blake and Maggie Loughran, British genealogists, who will present lectures and workshops examining major aspects of research in the British Isles. Both speakers have lectured widely, and will have appeared at the Federation of Genealogical Societies conference in Boston just weeks before their visit to us.

The 16 September program, to be held at the CCHS in West Chester, will consist of four lectures: *Beginning Your British Research*; *Scots-Irish (part 2)*; *Sources for Emigrants to North America before 1756*; and *British Quakers*.

A brochure with specific information is being prepared for mailing; however, the program will run roughly from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Cost is \$35 for members of GSP or CCHS and \$45 for non-members. Lunch is additional. Watch for further details!

For those in the Baltimore Washington area, the Maryland Genealogical society is offering a more extensive program with the same speakers a week later. The two day seminar will take place 23 & 24 September at the Hilton, 5485 Twin Knolls Road, Columbia, MD. For more details and registration forms, visit the MGS Web site at <www.MdGenSoc.org>.

THE SOCIETY OF THE DESCENDANTS OF THE SCHWENKFELDIAN EXILES

The Society will hold its annual Fall Meeting & Election of officers on Sunday 22 October, at 2:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room, 1st Floor, Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center, 105 Seminary Street, Pennsburg, PA.

The program, at 2:30 p.m. will be "Abraham Wagner: Schwenkfelder Exile and Pennsylvania Physician - What does he tell us about health care in the 18th century and today?" presented by Dr. John Crellin.

GSP TECHNOLOGY SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

The next three programs of the TecSig will be:

*Saturday, 9 September, 10 a.m. to Noon in the Easttown Library in Berwyn; Karen Higgins will present *Census Online: Sources, Tips and Tricks*.

*Thursday, 19 October 7 to 9 p.m. in the GSP Research Room; John T. Humphrey will present *Accessing German Resources Online*.

*Saturday, 18 November, 10 a.m. to Noon in the GSP Research Room; GSP webmaster Don Stone and TechSIG Program Chair Michael Freeland will demonstrate *Scanning photos, illustrations, and documents*.

NEW ACCESSIONS

Catalogued in the GSP Research Room 8 February – 30 June 2006

Books

- The Bartine Family of Marshall County, Iowa* by Edwin W. Bartine, II.
Colonial families of Delaware, volume 8 by Ralph and Catherine Beverly.
Abstracts of Administrations of Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, 1822-1850 and *Abstracts of the Wills of Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, 1824-1850* by Mary Marshall Brewer.
Annotated obituaries from the Cherokee Advance, Canton, Georgia, 1880-1938 by John Carver.
Long-distance genealogy by Christine Crawford-Oppenheimer.
American patriot vs. Hessian mercenary--fourteen generations of the Arnolds, the Maughts, the Richards, and related families, 1500-1991 and *American patriot-- the new frontier : Alexander, Sprague & related families* researched & compiled by Lynda Alexander Fonde & Marsha Alexander Groff.
Bellewood, North Coventry Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania by Paul Sumner Frick.
Black tie, white tie:: chronicle of an American family 1739-1940 by Lyle E. Gibson.
Tracing your Irish ancestors: the complete guide by John Grenham.
Hale family from Broadstairs, Kent, England to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and related lines, revised, corrected and updated by Patricia Musick Hornik.
The ancestors and descendants of Jan Lucken by Jill J. Hurd.
East New Jersey land records 1747-1757 books G2 and H2 and *East New Jersey land records 1757-1763 books I2 and K2* by Richard S. Hutchinson.
Family of John Howland, the first four generations of his children Lydia, Hannah, Joseph, Jabez, Ruth, and Isaac compiled by Ann Smith Lainhart and Robert S. Wakefield.
History and genealogy of Peter Montague of Jamestowne Colony, Virginia (the first three generations) researched, compiled and edited by Robert V. Montague, III.
Colonial families of New Jersey, Volume 2: Middlesex, Somerset and Hunterdon counties by F. Edward Wright.
Abstracts of marriages and deaths in Harford County, Maryland, Newspapers 1837-1871 by Henry C. Peden, Jr.
Researching Scots-Irish ancestors: the essential genealogical guide to early modern Ulster, 1600-1800 by William J. Roulston.
The Ark and the Dove adventurers by the Society of the Ark and the Dove, edited by George Ely Russell & Donna Valley Russell.
The Sanders Family of Virginia, Kentucky, Indiana, Kansas and Texas by Christine Chilton Sanders.
Need to succeed by Lou Seelig.
The Isen family history and genealogy, with allied families written by R. William Taylor, sponsored by Harold D. Isen.
A common heritage: the descendants of Ole Torbjrnson Leine and Anna Johannesdatter Bergen by Craig L. Torbenson.
A monograph of the New Goschenhoppen and Great Swamp Reformed Charge, 1731-1881 by C.Z. Weiser.
Records of the Welsh Tract Baptist Meeting, Pencader Hundred, New Castle County, DE 1701 to 1828.

Family Files

- Paul Saylor Frick, photo album, Pottstown, Pa., 1946-1960
 The scrapbook of Paul Sumner Frick, Pottstown, Pa. 1939-1943.

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 retains the right to edit where necessary.

DOLAN/MILLER/FRICK: I am researching the Joseph Robison DOLAN and Wilson T. MILLER families of Limerick Square, Limerick Twp., Montgomery Co., PA, and would appreciate being contacted by Benjamin Sumner Dolan (b. 23 October 1915) and Joseph William Dolan (b. 14 March 1919) or members of their families. Benjamin and I might be related; I was born in Pottstown, PA, in 1925.
Paul Sumner Frick, 215 W. Paseo Del Chino, Green Valley, AZ, 85614-3741. <jmwpsf@aol.com>. (520)648-0635.

McCREIGHT: James McCREIGHT, born Philadelphia, PA, 1838; parents born in Scotland. Son James born Philadelphia 1876, married Mary Doyle 26 September 1896, lived in the 28th Ward at 2410 Newkirk St., had three sons, James, Charles, Francis. Seeking any information about these McCREIGHTs especially their roots in Scotland.
Juniata Lechleitner, 530 Maple Avenue, Hershey PA 17033, (717)533-4314, <nanalechen@aol.com>.

SIMONTON: Seeking information on Theophilus SIMONTON, wife Mary SMITH, children 1) Theophilus, d. 1750 Lancaster Co., PA, wife probably ___ FRAME, daughter of Robert, 2) Robert b. abt. 1710 m. Margaret ? GASTON, 3) Ann, wife of Andrew ALLISON, 4) Mary, wife of Samuel THORNTON, 5) Magdalen, wife of Thomas ALLISON, 6) William, m. Mary McKEE. Theophilus, wife Mary and grown children lived in Manor Twp., Conestoga, Lancaster Co. until 1754 when Theophilus, Sr. died. Widow Mary and children moved to Rowan Co., NC. Can find no land records; could have paid quit rents to Proprietaries. Where would records of renters and rents collected be kept?
Jaclym Helmke, 209 Henderson St., San Antonio TX 78209-4639. <jhelmke@sbcglobal.net>.

The following four queries are from Charles M. Ferguson:

McCONNAUGHAY: Need birth date and place, death date and place, parentage, siblings and other family information on Robert McCONNAUGHAY. Lived Chester Co., PA, as early as 1733, died intestate West Nantmeal in Chester Co.. His son James was Administrator for his estate (no date given).

McCONNAUGHAY: Need marriage date and place, plus maiden name of wife, for James McCONNAUGHAY and wife Cicily. May have married in Chester Co., PA. Children: James (b. 24 February 1759), John (b. 7 October 1760), David (b. 13 June 1763), Mary (b. 17 October 1765).

DOBBINS/GIBBONS: Need family information on and contact with descendants of John DOBBINS. Mother is Elizabeth DOBBINS who was born in Ireland. Her husband died and she came to PA; married Joseph GIBBONS in Greene or Fayette Cos., PA, before 1790. John DOBBINS is on the 1800 Census in Whitely Twp., Greene Co., PA: 1-0-1-0-0 males, 3-0-1-0-0 females. Joseph GIBBONS is on the 1790 Census in Whitely Twp., Greene Co., PA.

ALTON/DEAVERS/DOBBINS/GIBBONS/ROSE: Researching these families in Greene & Fayette Cos., PA: William ROSE & Elizabeth ALTON, Erasmus ALTON, John ALTON, Joseph GIBBONS & Elizabeth DOBBINS. Also, John DEAVERS & Hannah ALTON of Baltimore Co. MD. All families for 1785-1799+.
Charles M. Ferguson, 811 S. Market, Shawnee, OK 74801.

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

When GSP relocated from HSP to 1305 Locust Street in 1996, long time member Dorothy Rodgers, then recently retired from CoreStates Bank, volunteered to assist GSP "settle in." Soon she was asked to take the job as Librarian, a task she continued when we moved to our Broad Street quarters. Researchers at GSP in the past ten years have found Dottie to be extremely knowledgeable regarding our holdings and generous with her advice and friendly demeanor.

Heading home on Monday 12 June, Dottie fell at Market East train station, suffered a bad gash on the back of her head, spent a day and a half at a downtown hospital, then arranged to recuperate at her daughter's home just across the river in New Jersey. During her recuperation, Dottie had time to talk with her family about her future. The end result is that she decided to retire from her work here.

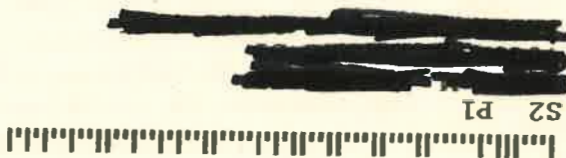
GSP Secretary Kathryn "Cass" Donovan has been coming in on Mondays to assist patrons; she is here regularly on Tuesday with other volunteers, all of whom assist patrons on that day.

Wednesday brings David T. Moore's expertise to the Research Room. Thus GSP continues to have friendly and expert help available all hours it is open to the public.

David will continue on Wednesdays, but GSP is now searching for a genealogist for Mondays and Tuesdays to help patrons with their genealogical research. Please see "WANTED - GENEALOGIST" on page 3 for the job particulars.

Those of us who saw Dottie on a regular basis are planning a small reception in her honor at GSP sometime in the next few months. We haven't decided whether it will be daytime or in the evening, but most likely it will be on a weekday. Once we know the exact date and time, I will be happy to contact anyone who would like to attend. We do understand you may or may not be able to attend at the time we eventually designate. Call me at GSP's number, or e-mail me at gspexdir@aol.com.

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