



Penn in Hand

Vol. XXVI, No. 4 – Winter 2005/2006

The Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

GENEALOGICAL PARTNERS CONFERENCE

Tom Showler, GSP Executive Director, and Amy Leiser, Curator of the Monroe County Historical Association, have announced that plans are proceeding apace for the upcoming Partners Conference in Northeastern Pennsylvania. Scheduled for Saturday, 13 May from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., the Conference's theme will be: "Delaware River Connections."

Please note that this is a FREE conference and lunch, open to the public, and sponsored by GSP's Pennsylvania Genealogical Partnership through funding from a Statewide Organization Grant received from the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission

So far, two speakers have confirmed their attendance: John T. Humphrey, GSP Vice President and renowned Pennsylvania genealogist, and Richard Musselman, a professional genealogist and photographer who specializes in Northampton County and County Courthouse records.

The location of the conference will be the Northampton Community College Monroe Campus in Tannersville, Monroe County.

Directions to the campus are:

From the East: Take Rt. 80 west to exit 299 (was called 45), Tannersville. Take a right off the exit onto 715 north. Go to the stoplight at Rt. 611 (about 1/2 mile) and take a right on 611 south. Travel 3/10ths of a mile, and take the first right turn onto Old Mill Road, after Mr. Z's Supermarket, but before PNC Bank.

From the West: Take Rt. 80 east to exit 299 (was 45), Tannersville. Take a right off the exit and follow the directions from the east.

From the Lehigh Valley: Take Rt. 33 north to Route 80 west. The road splits to become Rt. 33 and Rt. 209. (Stay on Rt. 33). Take Rt. 80 west to exit 299, Tannersville. Take a right off the exit and follow the directions from the east.

Further information will be forthcoming, as soon as the final details are worked out, but please mark your calendars for 13 May in Tannersville!

GSP RESEARCH ROOM, 215 S. Broad St., 7th 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



Penn in Hand, the newsletter of the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania, is published four times a year: Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter

Copy deadline: 15th of March, June, September and December

Phone (215) 545-0391
FAX (215) 545-0936
E-mail: gsppa@aol.com
Web site: <http://www.genpa.org>

David T. Moore, Editor

Copyright © 2006 by the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania

Officers

President

Hon. Herbert K. Zearfoss

Honorary Presidents

Jane Adams Clarke, FGSP

John Howard Platt Jr.

Vice Presidents

Annette Kunselman Burgert

John T. Humphrey

Don C. Stone

Honorary Vice Presidents

Peter S. Craig, Esq.

Francis James Dallett

Terry A. McNealy

L. Jeanne Pontarelli

Walter Stock, CGRS

Secretary

Kathryn M. Donovan

Treasurer

Lewis L. Neilson, Jr.

Counsel

Michael W. Freeland

Executive Director

J. Thomas Showler

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>

The following three queries were submitted by:

Stephen C. Shisler, 1004 Timberwyck Road, Wilmington DE 19810-1915, e-mail: [<scshisler@aol.com>](mailto:scshisler@aol.com).

MORROW/McMILLAN:
Henry MORROW (1832-1928) emigrated from Ireland ca. 1849 and became a U.S. citizen in Philadelphia in 1855. Seeking when and where his marriage to Mary Ann McMILLAN took place.

MYERS/SHISLER: Seeking information about Mary MYERS.
Family oral history suggests

she married Godfrey SHISLER in January 1821 in Philadelphia, PA, and I'm seeking records of their marriage. Church records of Mary's death suggest she was born in January 1799. Seeking record of her birth and information about her parents.

HOFFNER: Susanna HOFFNER married Jacob SCHUESSLER/SHISLER July 12, 1796 in Philadelphia, PA. Seeking the date and location of her birth and death, and information about her parents. Research has indicated that her brother and father were both named George.

NEW ACCESSIONS

Materials catalogued in the GSP Research Room

7 July 2005 – 8 February 2006

Books

- The inscriptions in St. Peter's Church Yard, Philadelphia* copied and arranged by the Rev. William White Bronson, ed. by Charles R. Hildeburn.
- Carmack's guide to copyright & contracts: a primer for genealogists, writers & researchers* by Sharon DeBartolo Carmack, foreword by Karen Kreider Gaunt.
- Inventory of the county archives of Delaware: New Castle County* Prepared by the Delaware Historical Records Survey, Division of Community Service Programs, Work Projects Administration.
- Henry Samson of the Mayflower the first five generations: fifth generation descendants of Henry's son James Samson and daughters Elizabeth (Samson) Sprout, [daughter](Samson) Hanmore, Hannah Samson Holmes, Dorcas (Samson) Bonney* compiled by Jane Fletcher Fiske, Robert Moody Sherman and Ruth Wilder Sherman.
- The Search for my Kauffman Ancestors through the Cobwebs and Shadows of Antiquity* by Robert Jesse Kauffman.
- Duderstadtes Hausbuch [i.e. Duderstadter Hausbuch]* by C. Frederick Kaufholz.
- The descendants of Johann Peter Klinger and Catharina Steinbruch* by Max E. Klinger.
- The Linder sourcebook: origins, distribution, and immigrants* by Harold Linder.
- The Family History of Simon Granser Marshall, Sr., 1791-1877* edited and compiled by G. Payne Marshall.
- The Catholic Herald (varied dates, 1833-1846) Philadelphia, Pa.* excerpts of genealogical interest compiled by Rita Schive Mowrer.
- Briner family history: a genealogy of George Michael Breiner and Anna Catharina Loy, married 1756/7 in Pennsylvania* by Forrest D. Myers, assisted by Jerry A. Clouse.
- Bucks County, Pennsylvania miscellaneous deed docket, 1785-1857* by Thomas G. Myers.
- The Pennsylvania-German in the settlement of Maryland* by Daniel Wunderlich Nead.
- John Peet, 1597-1684, of Stratford, Connecticut & his descendants with appendices, Arnold Peet of New York and Brantford, Ontario, Hiram Peets 1798-1880 and his descendants, William Peet and his descendants - the Long Island Peets, and James Peat of Derbyshire, England & his descendants* by Terry Charles Peet.
- Pennsylvania Gazetteer of Streams.* The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources.
- A century of faith: Parish of St. Patrick, Philadelphia established December 22, 1839.*
- Wetherill genealogy, tables which show in part the descendants of Christopher Wetherill, 1672-1882* compiled by Charles Wetherill.
- Memoirs of Colonel James Worrall, civil engineer, with an obituary postscript by a friend.*
- Bicking burial ground, Gladwyne, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania: tombstone inscriptions*
- Deerfield Presbyterian Church records, 1746-1855, Deerfield, Cumberland County New Jersey.*
- Josiah Foster, J.P., Burlington County, New Jersey, Marriages December 1786 - January 1800* compiled by Rita Schive Mowrer.

(continued on page 4)

(continued from page 3)

Kensington Methodist Church, Philadelphia Pa, Research prepared by Timothy Coyne.
Montgomery Cemetery, West Norriton Township, Montgomery County, PA, transcription of tombstones.
Records of bodies removed from old Methodist Episcopal Church Cemetery, Bustleton, Philadelphia, Pa. to William Penn Cemetery compiled by Austin Brough.
Some Dobbin(s) - Skiles lines from Pennsylvania to North Carolina by June B. Barekman.
St. Denis, R.C. Cemetery Havertown, Delaware Co. Pennsylvania; deaths/burials extracted from city of Philadelphia death register and newspaper death notices 1860-1905 extracted and indexed by Trudy Slaven.
St. Joachim R.C. Cemetery, Church and Griscom Sts. Frankford, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: deaths/burials extracted from City of Philadelphia death register 1860-1910; church records 1853-1856; newspaper death notices; tombstone inscriptions extracted and indexed by Trudy Slaven.
York County Pennsylvania genealogy of Peter Beisel and Maria Schwenk family and descendants compiled by John Gariety.

Bible Records

Gorey Family Bible Record
Kensil Family Bible Record.

Family Collection

Charles Knapp(1826-1878) and his sister Elise(Knapp) Dittman(1823-1880) of Sternberg, Mecklenberg-Schwerin, Germany and Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, (second edition) by Louis D. Melnick, (2005).
Descendants of Francis Achille Vache [b.1787 France-d.1852 Philadelphia] compiled by Linda Hauns.
Descendants of Frederick Wilhelm and Anna Maria (Engel) Nagle of Northampton Co. and Luzerne Co., Pennsylvania: 1716-1919 by Edward B. Kirsten.
Descendants of Martin Wetzel born 1733 in Switzerland compiled by Susan Schultz.
Notes on the Brinson/Brunson/Brymson family and the Greenland family in New Jersey compiled by Nancy McAdams.
Descendants of a Dotts family from Germany to Philadelphia and Montgomery Counties, Pennsylvania compiled by Nancy N. McAdams.
Diefenderfer, Mattern, Shankweiler, Schneider: a brief introduction to related families that were also related to the Neuhard families in Northampton (now Lehigh) County, Pennsylvania compiled by Nancy McAdams.
Frederick Fetzer and family from Montgomery to Northumberland County, and the Brittain family in Philadelphia County, and Frederick G. Fiedler from Machteberg, Prussia to Northumberland County, Pennsylvania compiled by Nancy McAdams.

(continued on page 5)

(continued from page 4)

Genealogy of the Swanson-Parham family of Philadelphia compiled by Mrs. Jacob Mintzer Parham. *George Frederick Neuhart from Germany and some of his descendants in Northampton, Columbia, Lycoming and Northumberland Counties, Pennsylvania* compiled by Nancy N. McAdams.

Peter Heinrich Bisbing and family and John Michael Kugler and family in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania compiled by Nancy McAdams.

The Bockius and Buckius families compiled by Linda Hauns.

The Farnsworth families from New Jersey to Northumberland and Lycoming Counties, Pennsylvania and other states compiled by Nancy N. McAdams.

The parentage of Paul Beck, Junior, and his descendants compiled by Mary A. B. Laird.

Wentz family burial ground at St. James Methodist Episcopal Church, Tabor Road, Philadelphia, PA.

Manuscripts

Manuscript materials on the Bowman family 1899-1911 of Philadelphia, Pittson and West Chester Pennsylvania and family members in England.

E-BAY UPDATE

At its February meeting, the GSP Board received a report from Craig A. TenBroeck updating his project using E-Bay to sell books not usable on our Research Room shelves (duplicates, for example), some in lots of more than one book. Since our report in June's *Penn in Hand*, we have sold 95 more lots for \$869.49, bringing the 2005/06 total to 269 lots sold for \$3356.76.

ANNUAL MEETING THURSDAY, 23 MARCH

The Annual General membership and Election Meeting of the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania will be held on Thursday 23 March 2006, at 1:00 p.m., in the Society's office at 215 South Broad Street, 7th floor, Philadelphia.

In addition to election of officers and directors, the Annual Meeting will feature as its guest speaker Annette Kunselman Burgert, FGSP, FASG., whose topic is "The Genealogical Contributions of Rev. Henry Melchior Muhlenberg.

IN MEMORIAM

The Society notes with sadness the passing of two of its stalwart members.

Harry Ticknor, who spent very many Thursdays over several years scrolling through the microfilm of Mt. Moriah Cemetery, passed away on 5 November 2005. Harry was responsible for the initial stage of GSP's volunteer project to create a digital database of the records of that cemetery, reading each entry and transcribing it on paper for later computer entry. Numerous GSP researchers already have been beneficiaries of Harry's work on this still-developing project. GSP has extended condolences to Harry's sister Kathleen Schnepf and her family.

GSP also extends sympathy to Howard Gant upon the passing of his wife of 53 years, Jean. Jean and Howard have been frequent visitors to GSP's research room and frequent attendees at GSP programs. We will miss seeing her.

GSP ANNUAL FUND

Donations to the Annual Fund are used for general purposes. Levels of support are designated by the GSP Fund Raising Committee. This list contains the names of those whose contributions were received between 1 November 2005 and 14 February 2006.

President's Circle

(minimum gift of \$1000)

Thomas C. Etter, Jr.

Herbert K. Zearfoss

Sponsor

(minimum gift of \$500)

Mrs. George C. McFarland

Contributor

(minimum gift of \$200)

Elizabeth S. Bourquin

Sara H. Brower

Marilyn Cocchiola Holt

Thomas S. Howland, Jr.

Richard W. Palmer

J. Thomas Showler

Friend

(minimum Gift of \$100)

Anonymous

Mr. & Mrs. Rodney Armstrong

John A. Baird, Jr.

Ervin F. Bickley, Jr.

June Bittle Buck

James T. Carson

Margaret VanTrump Combs

Francis James Dallett, FASG,

FGSP

Thomas C. Deas, Jr.

Kathryn M. Donovan

Walter B. Gallagher

Clyde & Sarah Hess

Robert E. & Antoinette M.

Hoagland

Margaret H. Kwadrat

J. Wayne Lee

Frederick W. Parsons, III

John Howard Platt, Jr.

Warren W. Roberts

Louise H. Shafer

Charlotte Taylor

Rebecca Thornton

Deborah W. Troemner

Mary Lee Young

Supporter

(minimum gift of \$50)

Anonymous

Wayne A. & Helene S. Barner

W. Lewis Batchelor, Jr.

Dr. James F. Bowman

Eleanor H. Bracegirdle

Rose E. Brown

Agnes E. Burkus

Jeanne E. Byrnes

Elizabeth W. Claxton

John R. Cooper, Jr.

Mr. & Mrs. Robert B. Diamond

Frances H. Eddy

Harold A. Gennaria

Mrs. James J. Hamm

Joan Hanson

Herbert D. Hart

Rosemary G. Hogan

Margaret J. Jerrido

Laura M. Keller

Edward F. Kenna

Mrs. James C. Kilgannon

Lawrence & Regina Lake

Mary Ann Lawler

Roberta M. Martinez

Dorothy J. Matuszewich

Robert D. McLaren

Lorie M. Morris

Barbara & Ed Niemann

Edwin D. Palmer

Sondra Price

Alfred C. Prime

Mark Reber, Jr.

Margaret E. Stanley

Carolyn A. Strecker

Craig A. TenBroeck

Laura J. Ulmer

Erma I. Walsh

Martha Whitcraft

John A. Zinn

Other

Anonymous

Mary T. Bixler

Anita O. Campbell

Lindsay & Betty Collins

Edwin & Jean Conroy

Bridget A. Coullon

Roberta Daymon

Joan P. Farley

Barbara Ford

Paul S. Frick

Rita F. Gerardine

Virginia R. Good

Gilbert K. Greene

Nancy J. Halli, in Memory of

Rachel Dach

John E. Hopkins

Ann B. Jacobs

C. Josephine Kilbourn

Sharon Koch

Barbara T. Krick

Robert E. McClurken

Nancy C. McNulty

Lida W. Merz

Mrs. Ernest P. Muller

Chris Nicholson

Sarah T. Passalacqua

Eunice L. Ross

David J. Sautter

Nancy E. Schanes

Mary & Paul Schott

Trudy Slaven

Frank W. Straup

Florence R. Thilly

Constance K. Tingley

Delores S. Torr

Mrs. Robert G. Weible

Wilton M. Whisler

Lloyd Zeager

UPCOMING EVENTS

GSP Tech/SIG Schedules Meetings

Computers and the Internet are forever changing the face of genealogy and family history. Recognizing the sea-change in how genealogists now access and disseminate information, GSP's Technology Special Interest Group Committee invites members to attend an innovative series of monthly meetings highlighting technology we can all apply to our research plans. After each presentation, there will be questions and answer time, and we will welcome your thoughts for topics you would like us to present at future gatherings. The following meetings have been scheduled. Please note the varying meeting days, times locations. The Tech/SIG hopes that by offering a wide assortment of topics at differing venues we will have a time and place convenient to our members' busy schedules. Both the GSP Research Room and the Easttown Library and Information Center offer free wireless access allowing you to bring your laptop computers and follow along with each program.

Saturday, 18 March 2006, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.: *Using Online Census Data*

GSP Board Member Michael Freeland will present a program designed to: 1) identify various sources of federal decennial census information; 2) demonstrate and discuss the use of computer technology for recording online census information; and 3) to illustrate and discuss citation for information found in the census.

Easttown Library and Information Center, 720 First Avenue, Berwyn, PA 19312, 610-644-0138, <www.easttownlibrary.org>

Note on Directions: First Avenue is two blocks south of Lancaster Pike (Route 30). From Route 30 West in Berwyn make a left onto Bridge Street. There is a Tires Plus building on the corner. Two blocks, make a left onto First Avenue. The Library will be on your right. There is plenty of free parking.

SEPTA R5 trains stop in Berwyn. The library is three blocks from the train station.

Thursday, 20 April 2006, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.: *Posting Family History Information on the Internet: Pros, Cons, Dos and Don'ts*

Michael Freeland will discuss what every genealogist should know before uploading their family trees to the Internet.

Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania Research Room, 215 South Broad St. 7th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19107, 215-545-0391, <www.genpa.org>

The Tech/SIG Committee already has programs on the drawing board for May and June, as well as new programs for the Fall calendar beginning in September. Future meetings will be posted on the website. If you have suggestions for future meetings, please let us hear from you by letter or email to <GSPEXDir@aol.com>.

Statewide Genealogy Conference

If you have *not* already received the registration brochure for the 29-30 September conference in Pittsburgh, please let the GSP office know. Thank you! We look forward to seeing you there.

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

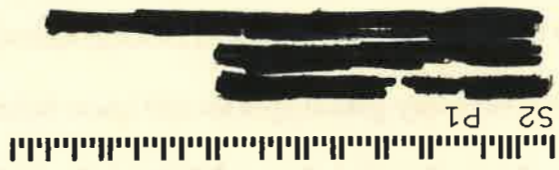
I want to thank all those members who have made contributions to our Annual Fund since that mailing went out in late 2005. If you made a donation, you should have received a letter of thanks from President Zearfoss confirming the donation amount and method of payment. Your annual contributions, over and above the dues you so faithfully send us each summer, are a vital part of our budget and you need to know how much we count on your generosity.

You should be making plans to attend the Pennsylvania Genealogical Conference in Pittsburgh the last weekend in September. If you've looked closely at the brochure, you can see it is a first-class production all the way. The most recent information I have from one of the WPGS organizers is that reservations are coming in at a much faster pace than anyone had envisioned, and additional resources, such as another hotel, are being investigated. It's possible this well be a sell-out. Get your reservations in before you misplace the brochure and discover you're too late!

Notice also the one-day Genealogical Partnership conference in May which GSP is organizing with the Monroe County Historical Association. Thanks to generous support from a Statewide Organization Grant of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, this conference is free to attendees, and lunch will be provided. Where else can you get a "free" lunch these days? The brochure should be mailed in March.

I give a special thanks to those members who live some distance from the Delaware Valley, but who support GSP through your dues and contributions because at some point in the past, your ancestors had some connection with this area. We hope the publications you receive and other benefits we provide you keep you connected with this area.

*J. Thomas Showler
Executive Director*



DATED MATERIAL

The Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania
215 S. Broad St., 7th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19107-5325

Non-Profit Organization
U.S. Postage
PAID
Philadelphia, PA
Permit No. 4260