GENEALOGICAL PARTNERS CONFERENCE

Tom Showier, 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
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/rslsq1.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>.

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


_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.


_The Search for my Kauffman Ancestors through the Cobwebs and Shadows of Antiquity_ by Robert Jesse Kauffman.

_Duderstadies 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.


_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 docketts, 1785-1857_ by Thomas G. Myers.

_The Pennsylvania-German in the settlement of Maryland_ by Daniel Wunderlich Nead.


_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._


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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.


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


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.

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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


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.

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 Schneppe 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.

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."
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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 a.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.

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