A Message from the President…..

Ah, the month of May has arrived and, with it, Mother’s Day and, with that, a reminder of the important role women have played in our ancestry. It can be challenging to learn about them. When the newspaper mentions Mr. James Smith and wife, who is “wife”? She seems almost like an afterthought, an attachment to Mr. James Smith with no name! Yet she did have a first name, a maiden name and parents, and siblings, and a life story to be constructed and preserved by her descendants. She helped the family exist as a well-defined unit in a larger world. She fed, nourished, clothed and helped those entrusted to her care learn about life, relationships, and values. She is the one, like all women in your family, who cherished the family, knew the family history and stories and passed all on to the next generation. So, the lives of your mother, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers are well worth researching. We owe them much thanks and for a great deal more than just the DNA they contributed!

Carol M. Sheaffer MD, President

The GSP online newsletter

We look forward to keeping you informed by giving you dates and times of upcoming events, answering questions and being a source of information to our membership.

Upcoming Events

GSP May 2018 Events

Beginning May 2018, there will be two lunch events each month – ROOTS and ROOTS FOCUS. Both are designed to allow researchers to discuss genealogy over brown bagging lunch. ROOTS will be an opportunity to discuss all questions with each other and share research, artifacts, photos and questions. ROOTS FOCUS will offer an opportunity to discuss a specific topic. Participants need to register in advance as space is limited and bring their own lunch. GSP will provide coffee, tea and dessert.

The following May 2018 events are held at the GSP offices.

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What are GSP Volunteers Up To?

Enthusiastic and energetic, GSP Volunteers are working hard and making a difference. There are several digitization projects underway which, when completed, will be uploaded to the website for researchers to use.

Tina Lamb has taken on digitizing The Berryman Collection, Mary Phelan and Doug Mondel have tackled the membership applications of early GSP Members, and Debbie Malinowski and Doug Mondel have been working on the huge Mulligan Funeral Home Record Collection. You will hear more about these collections when they are ready for use. You should know that The Berryman Collection contains transcribed records from many Pennsylvania Counties.

Early in its history, GSP required those applying for membership to complete pedigree and family group records. Many applicants included family photos, copies of documents and more. In those days, one needed to have completed a lot of family research in order to join GSP. Today people join GSP to order to start doing family research. What a change over time! The Mulligan Funeral Home Records contain deeds, interment records, and correspondence. On another front, Frank Straup, a new Board member, is indexing a book for GSP and organizing the GSP Storage rooms. Angie Indik, who works full-time and cannot come to the office, has been working from home creating county repository guides for our website. As you may know there are 67 counties in Pennsylvania, so her job is a big one, and we are so pleased that she has taken on this project.

There are other projects available for volunteers like those above. We need volunteers to help with newsletter articles, copying handouts, helping in the office with completion of merchandise and book orders, creating copies of books we print and sell, set-up refreshments for in house meetings and lectures. There is always need for extra hands. So, we will find a volunteer job that fits your interests and schedule as well as helping GSP. Let us know how you can help as a GSP Volunteer with an e-mail to me at president@genpa.org

Carol M. Sheaffer, President
WHEN IS A NAME NOT A NAME?

A cousin in East Tennessee was trying to trace a great-great uncle named Slater Thomas, Thomas being the surname. He also found him referred to as George Slater Thomas. Lonnie guessed that Slater was the mother’s or a grandparent’s surname, and so was trying to find evidence of a family in the area named Slater. He was not having any luck – until he spoke with an elderly aunt who told him that George had gone deaf, and while he could speak perfectly and be understood, he carried a slate so that people could communicate with him. There was another George Thomas in the family, and he was called “Slater” to distinguish him from his cousin. He was even recorded by that name in church and court records.

Nancy Nelson

SHARED FAMILY HISTORY

I found the Baptismal record for John McCANNEY, son of James and Madge McGLENSEY McCANNEY, born 20 July 1846 baptized 30 July 1846. James and Madge McCANNEY, my second great-grandparents left County Tyrone, Ireland about 1845. They left two sons with grandparents in Ireland, Thomas born 1843 and my great-grandfather James born 1844.

I am sure their intent was to have their sons brought to them in Philadelphia. Tragedy struck! I found death certificates for Margary McCANNEY and John McCANNEY. Margary died 1 August 1846 of fever. John died 15 August 1846 of marasmus. They were both buried at St. Augustine, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

James and Madge endured a horrible voyage from Ireland to Philadelphia, undoubtedly to escape death from the Great Hunger, only to have their family torn apart by death and separation.

Thomas and James came to Philadelphia in 1861. I have never been able to find their father James in any records beyond 1850 census. I like to think father and sons were reunited!

Regards,

Mary McCanney Finley

Q&A

Do you have questions about Pennsylvania genealogy? We have answers! For example, we can answer questions such as “Where-How can I find marriage license records?” or “When did Pennsylvania start recording birth certificates?” We’ll feature the question and answer in the newsletter. Submit your questions (not family specific research) to: editor@genpa.org

Share your family research story by emailing editor@genpa.org
DNA CORNER

Genetic genealogy made the news again last week when the online service Gedmatch was used to catch a serial murderer. Gedmatch enables people to compare their DNA results with people who have tested from a variety of DNA services, including Ancestry, 23andMe, FamilyTreeDNA, and WeGene, and uploaded their results for comparison. Concerns have been raised over the use of these services by law enforcement and their impact on people's rights to informed consent and 4th amendment rights regarding search and seizure.

These are legitimate concerns, of course, and people need to be aware of the impact of uploading their data to online services. However, many people feel that the benefits of these services outweigh any risks. Through genetic genealogical research, people are able to find family, work their way back in their family research to earlier generations based on shared matches, and learn more about their possible genetic heritage.

Valerie Lutz, Treasurer

Upcoming GSP Events - June and July

https://genpa.org/events/

2nd and 4th Tuesdays – 12:00 –2:00
Bring your Lunch to GSP

JUNE

DNA Basics –
Thursday June 21st 6-8pm

JULY

Excel & Genealogy –
Thursday June 21st 6-8pm
Marriages from the Philadelphia Repertory
May 5th, 1810 to April 13th 1811
**MARRIAGES FROM THE PHILADELPHIA REPERTORY**

**MAY 5TH, 1810 TO APRIL 13TH, 1811**

**WALLAS-WRIGHT.**—On Sunday evening, the 22d of April, by the Rev. Dr. Rogers, Mr. Edward Wallas to Miss Catharine Wright, both of this city.

**ROBERTS-PENNELL.**—On Wednesday evening last, by the same, Mr. George Roberts to Miss Rebecca Pennell, both of Newtown, Delaware County, Pennsylvania.

**MORRICE-EVANS.**—At Friends’ meeting, on Tuesday the 1st, Joseph Morrice to Sarah Evans, both of this city.—May 5, 1810.

**WALSH-MOYLAN.**—Married, on Monday evening last, by the Right Rev. Dr. Egan, Robert Walsh, Jun., Esquire, of Baltimore, to Anna Maria Moylan, only daughter of Jaspar Moylan, Esquire, of this city.—May 12, 1810.

**WURTS-LENTZ.**—On the 19th, by the Rev. Mr. Myers, William Wurts, merchant, to Ann Lentz, eldest daughter of Henry Lentz, Esq., all of this city.

**LUCAS-CARRELL.**—On the 15th, by the Rev. Mr. Hurley, Fielding Lucas, Jun., of Baltimore, to Eliza Carrell, daughter of Mr. John Carrell, of this city.

**BERWICK-TAYLOR.**—Same day, by the Rev. Dr. Rogers, John Berwick, of Baltimore, to Sarah M. Taylor, of this city.

**WOODWORTH-SYMINGTON.**—On the 16th, by the Rev. Dr. Gray, Capt. Reuben Woodworth, of Connecticut, to Miss Margaret Symington, of this city.—May 19, 1810.

**EMERY-FENTON.**—On Saturday evening last, by the Rev. Dr. Rogers, Lewis Emery, Jun., to Sarah Fenton, both of this city.

**PALMER-WALL.**—On Sunday evening, by the Rev. Dr. Abercrombie, George Palmer, printer, to Eliza Wall, both of this city.—May 26, 1810.

**HOYT-NICHOLS.**—In Stamford, Connecticut, Colonel Joseph Hoyt, aged 84, to widow Ann Nichols, aged 82.

**OLIM-AYLESWORTH.**—In East Greenwich, Rhode Island, Mr. Henry Olin, aged 93 years, to Mrs. Sally Aylesworth, aged 55.—June 2, 1810.

**WALLACE-COFFIN.**—At Londonderry, Massachusetts, Master Samuel Wallace, aged 15, to Mrs. Betsey Coffin, aged 57.—June 16, 1810.

**MILLER-AVERILL.**—At Flatbush, on Thursday evening the 14th, by Rev. Mr. Lowe, William A. Miller of Philadelphia, printer, to Miss Laura Averill, daughter of Dr. Averill of the former place.

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FREE-PAUL.—In this city, on Thursday the 14th, by Rev. Joseph Pilmore, D.D., Mr. William Free, son of Mr. Benjamin Free, merchant of this city, to the amiable Miss Sarah Paul, daughter of Capt. Paul, of Northern Liberties.

MCMANMAY-MCDIVETT.—On Sunday evening, the 17th, by Rev. Dr. Rogers, Mr. Patrick McManmay to Miss Ann McDivett, both of this city.

HANSELL-HOFFMAN.—On Thursday evening, the 21st, by the Rev. Dr. Rogers, Mr. George Hansell, of Lower Merion, Montgomery County, to Miss Margaret Hoffman of the Northern Liberties, Philadelphia.—June 23, 1810.

HOW-WISE.—At Rowley, Mass., Philemon How, Esq., aged 89, to Miss Mary Wise, aged 98.

WOODWORTH-CUMMINGS.—At Scipio, New York, Mr. Jonathan Woodworth, aged 19, to Miss Ellen Cummings, aged 11.—June 30, 1810.

BILLINGTON-HUNTER.—On Tuesday, June 19, by Rev. Isaac Grier, Mr. Thomas Billington, of Philadelphia, to Miss Susan Hunter, of Augusta township, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania.

BARCLAY-GODDARD.—On Thursday, June 21st, by Reverend Dr. Green, Mr. Andrew C. Barclay, merchant, to Miss Catharine Goddard, both of this city.—July 7, 1810.

PARHAM-DUNLAP.—On Tuesday evening last, by Right Rev. Bishop White, Mr. Joseph Parham to Miss Harriet Dunlap, daughter of John Dunlap, Esq., both of this city.

BRAGANCA-DE BAIRA.—At Rio de Janeiro, May 13, his most serene highness Don Pedro Carlos de Braganca, Infant of Spain, to the Princess de Baira Donna Maria Teresa, daughter of Prince Regent of Portugal. The city and shipping were illuminated for three nights. A grand display of fire works took place; 2,500 rockets discharged at once.—July 21, 1810.

JOHNSON-THOMSON.—On the 29th July, by Rev. Dr. Rogers, Mr. Jacob Johnson to Miss Harriot Thomson, both of Lower Dublin, Philadelphia County.—August 4, 1810.

WILSON-WILSON.—At Washington, Pennsylvania, on Thursday evening the 19th, by Rev. Matthew Brown, Mr. William Wilson, of the house of Hood and Wilson, Philadelphia, to Miss Margaret Wilson, daughter of John Wilson, Esq., of Washington.—August 11, 1810.

TREADWELL-WILLIAMS.—In New Orleans, Mr. Alexander Philip Socrates Aemilius Cesar Hannibal Marcellus George Washington Treadwell to the amiable Miss Carolina Sophia Margeretta Maria Julienne Wortley Montague Joan of Arc Williams.—August 18, 1810.

VELTHOVEN-CROSSMAN.—On Thursday evening last, by Rev. Mr. Alexander, Mr. Richard Velthoven to Miss Elizabeth Crossman, both of this city.
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**Jones-Leech.**—At Holmesburg, on Saturday evening last, by Rev.
Mr. Wilbank, Richard B. Jones, Esq., of Philadelphia, to Miss Frances
Leech, of North Carolina.

**Roberts-Reed.**—On Friday evening the seventh, by Rev. Dr. Smith,
Mr. William Roberts to Miss Ann Read, both of this city.—September 15,
1810.

**Kinnan-Douglass.**—By Rev. Dr. Rogers on Thursday evening, the 13th,
Mr. Joseph W. Kinnan to Miss Martha Douglass, both of this city.

**Sitter-Williams.**—Also, by the same, on Thursday the 29th, Mr.
William Sitter, Junr., to Miss Elizabeth Williams, both of Chester County,
Pennsylvania.—September 29, 1810.

**Asheburner-Eyre.**—On Thursday evening last, by Right Rev. Bishop
White, Mr. John Asheburner, Jr., merchant, to Miss Eliza Eyre, both of
this city.

** Tyson-Maule.**—On Thursday last, at the Friends’ Meeting in Arch
Street, Mr. George Tyson, merchant, to Miss Sarah B. Maule, both of
this city.

**Bissell-Barrett.**—On the 2d October at Vernon, Conn., Capt. Ozius
Bissell, aged 80, to Miss Hannah Barrett, aged 67.

**Payne-vaughn.**—On Monday, the 10th Sept., by George Gustin, Esq.,
Mr. Jason Payne, of Newton, Sussex County, New Jersey, aged 37 years,
to Miss Dina Vaughn of the same place, aged 11 years and 4 months.—
October 13, 1810.

**Chauncey-Teackle.**—In the district of Columbia, on the 13th, by Rev.
Mr. Addison, Elihu Chauncey, Esq., of Philadelphia, to Miss Henrietta
Teackle, of Georgetown.

**LaFaucerie-Allison.**—In this city, on Thursday evening last, by
Rev. Dr. Rogers, Mr. John B. Lafaucheris, of Bordentown, New Jersey,
to Miss Susan M. Allison, daughter of the Rev. Dr. Allison, of this
city.—October 20, 1810.

**Davis-Hely.**—On Saturday, 13th, at Charlotte Hall, St. Mary’s
County, Maryland, by Rev. Dr. Bowman, Capt. William Davis, of
Philadelphia, to Miss Margaret Matilda Hely.

**Harley-Ford.**—In this city, on Thursday evening last, by Rev. Dr.
Rogers, Mr. Francis Harley to Miss Jane Ford, both of this city.

**Dilworth-Chamberlain.**—On the same evening, by the same, Mr.
James Dilworth, of Chester County, Penna., to Miss Ann Chamberlain,
of Delaware County.—October 27, 1810.

**Mitchell-Mason.**—On Thursday evening, 25th, by the Rev. P. F.
Mayer, Mr. Benjamin Mitchell to Miss Mary Mason, both of Northern
Liberties.—November 3, 1810.

**Bispham-Newbold.**—At Chestnut Farm, on Thursday evening, 25th,
by Rev. Thomas Grant, Mr. Stacy B. Bispham, merchant of Philadelphia,
to Miss Ann W. Newbold, daughter of Mr. Berzillai Newbold of Chester-
field, New Jersey.
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WHITE-ERME.-At Milton, on the 14th, ult., by John McKisson, Esq., Mr. John White, millstone cutter, aged 73, to Miss Christiana Erme, aged 63. Neither of the parties exceeds three feet and a half in height. —November 10, 1810.

OGDEN-BROWN.—At Bridgetown, New Jersey, on Thursday evening, the first, by Rev. Mr. Osborn, Doctor Elipha Ogden to Miss Mary Brown, daughter of Thomas Brown, Esq.

BROWN-MULFORD.—On the same evening, by the same, Mr. William Brown to Miss Hope Mulford, daughter of Mrs. Brown.

MILNOR-KISSELMAN.—In this city, on Thursday, 15th, by Rev. Dr. Blackwell, William Milnor, Jr., Esq., to Miss Susan Kisseelman. —November 24, 1810.

Hoffman-Evans.—On Thursday evening, 6th, by Rev. Dr. Rogers, Mr. Joseph Hoffman to Miss Catherine Evans, both of Chester County, Pennsylvania.

Townsend-Worrell.—On Saturday evening, 8th, by the same, Mr. Philip Townsend to Miss Mary Worrell, both of Delaware County.

Herns-Williams.—On Thursday evening, 18th, by the same, Mr. John Herns to Miss Esther Williams, both of Delaware County.

Stevens-Care.—On Monday morning last, by Right Rev. Bishop White, Mr. David Stevens, of Savannah, Georgia, merchant, to Miss Theresa Care, daughter of Peter Care, Esq., of this city.—December 15, 1810.

Pyle-Burkhardt.—On Sunday evening last, by Rev. Philip F. Myers, Mr. Joseph Pyle, merchant, of Chester County, to Miss Mary Burkhardt, of this city.

Simpson-Dietz.—On Thursday evening last, the 20th, by Rev. Dr. Rogers, Mr. Mark Simpson, of Chester County, Pennsylvania, to Miss Mary Dietz of this city.

Simpson-Lees.—Also, Mr. James Simpson to Miss Eliza Lees, both of Philadelphia County.

Coddington-Flood.—At Perth-Amboy, 19th of Oct., by Rev. William Mills, Mr. Uzziah Coddington, aged about 70 years, to Miss Jerima Flood, of Woodbridge, aged 28 years.—December 22, 1810.

Higginbotham-Garrigues.—On Monday evening last, at the seat of Mr. Samuel Burling, by Rev. Dr. Hams, Mr. David Higginbotham, of Milton, Virginia, to Miss Mary E. Garrigues, daughter of Benjamin F. Garrigues, of Philadelphia.—December 29, 1810.

Taylor-Weston.—On New Year’s evening, by Rev. Dr. Rogers, Mr. Joseph Taylor, of Chester County, to Miss Mary Weston, of Delaware County, Pennsylvania.

Kain-Rogers.—On Saturday evening, 5th, by the same, Mr. Dennis Kain to Miss Phebe Rogers, both of this city.

Edwards-Paist.—On Thursday evening, 10th, by the same, Mr. Edward Edwards to Miss Mary Paist, both of Delaware County, Pennsylvania.—January 12, 1811.
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HOOD-McFARLAND.—On Monday evening last, by Rev. Dr. Abercrombie, Mr. Nathaniel Hood, printer, to Miss Ruth McFarland, both of this city.—January 18, 1811.

Piper-Smith.—On 27th, by Rev. George S. Woodhall, Dr. Frederick A. Piper, of Philadelphia, to Miss Rebecca B. Smith, of New Jersey.

Applegate-Thorn.—On Thursday evening, 26th, by Rev. Dr. Stoughton, Mr. William Applegate, to Miss Diadema Thorz, both of this city.—February 2, 1811.

Scott-Madison.—On the evening of the 31st of January, in Williamsburg, Virginia, by Rev. John Bracken, Mr. Robert Scott, of Georgia, to Miss Susan R. Madison, daughter of Bishop Madison.—February 9, 1811.

Worth-Taylor.—On Monday evening 18th, by Rev. Dr. Rogers, Mr. Benjamin Worth to Miss Phebe Taylor, both of Chester County, Pennsylvania.

Gallehe-Miller.—On Thursday evening 21st, by the same, Mr. John Gallehe to Miss Sarah Miller, both of Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.—March 2, 1811.

Steinburg-Cone.—On Thursday evening last, by Rev. Dr. William Stoughton, Mr. Jacob Steinburgh to Miss Eliza Cone, both of this city.—March 23, 1811.

Meeter-Thomas.—On Thursday evening last, by Rev. Dr. Rogers, Mr. William Meeter, of Baltimore, merchant, to Miss Hannah Thomas, daughter of John Thomas, of Bloockley, Philadelphia County.—April 6, 1811.

Bach-Clay.—At Dorchester, Mass., on 4th, inst, by Rev. Mr. Codman, Mr. Alexander Bach, merchant, of Philadelphia, to Miss Ann Clay, of the former place.

Barnes-Smith.—Last Sunday, at Trenton, by Robert M. Neely, Esq., Mr. Thomas Barnes, Jun., of Philadelphia, to Miss Lydia Smith, of Trenton.

Jones-Levering.—On Tuesday evening last, at Roxborough, by Rev. Dr. Rogers of this city, the Rev. Horatio Gates Jones, pastor of the Baptist Church at Lower Merion, to Miss Deborah Levering, daughter of Mr. Nathan Levering of Roxborough, Philadelphia County.

Sutter-Ritter.—In this city, on Saturday evening, 6th, by Rev. Mr. Burch, Mr. Charles J. Sutter to the amiable Miss Mary Bitter, both of this city.

West-Vansise.—On Friday evening, 5th, Mr. Joseph H. West, to Miss Aan Vansise, daughter of Capt. Joseph Vansise, merchant, of this city.—April 13, 1811.
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