A Message from the President…..

November…Thanksgiving….Ancestors. I am thankful for many things in my life, but most especially for ancestors. So, this month, I offer my thoughts about them and yours as a tribute to them.

ANCESTOR THANK YOU

➢ From ancient cave and village quaint
➢ From countryside and city large
➢ They all emerged.
➢ They lived, they worked, they hoped, they planned
➢ They dreamed of what could be.
➢ New lands, new lives
➢ So far across the sea.

Did they know the dream included me?

It did.

So here I stand in gratitude

Each of them a part of me

So thankful for their dream

Carol M. Sheaffer MD, President

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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.

The GSP Store

GSP UPCOMING EVENTS

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 November 2018 events are held at the GSP offices.

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ORGANIZING TIPS & TRICKS

Now that fall has arrived and winter is right around the corner, it is a great time to reevaluate the methods used for organizing everything related to genealogy. For some it may be the first time evaluating the structure, or lack thereof, of how your genealogical research is conducted and organized. Articles, webinars, and even entire books have been dedicated to the subject of organizing one’s own genealogical research. This brief article will touch on only a few productive ways genealogists can spend some of their time cooped up at home in the coming months.

It is important to remember that even though I may suggest a technique or system which helped me, it may not be the right fit for someone else. Everyone has their own quirks and personal preferences. There is no right or wrong way of organizing your genealogical materials.

Current Research Habits

One of the most common mistakes made by a beginner genealogist is not keeping a research log of some kind. A research log is kept to document every single piece of information known, found, or searched for, even if the result disproves your theory or hypothesis. (I hate to even call it a mistake because beginners are not taught to use a research log when they start. It would be nice if websites such as Ancestry.com would make it an option for users to incorporate a log into their tree. But I digress.) Research logs are at the core of a genealogist’s organizational plan. By using research logs, you could possibly be saving yourself from ordering the same vital record for your great-grandfather Wladyslaw three years after you ordered it the first time (not that I have done that). Also, research logs can save you from spending half a day searching online for an ancestor, realizing that you did this same thing less than a year ago (again, not that I have ever done that).

Many people type out their research logs on their computers, laptops, or other devices. Personally, I prefer Excel as the tool to keep my research in order. I also really enjoy using Evernote, but I’ll go into that more below. Some genealogists would rather stick to pen and paper. They prefer to write in notebooks or on pre-printed forms. Whichever your preferred method, keeping track of your research is always a good idea.

Computer vs. Paper Files

I think most of us are reading this newsletter on some sort of electronic device. Computers, the Internet, and the

NOVEMBER 2018 ONSITE EVENTS

13 November 2018 12 Noon-2 PM
ROOTS: Bring Your Ancestor to Lunch
An opportunity to meet over lunch with other researchers and discuss a specific topic. Led by Carol Sheaffer
Registration: GSP Members Free; GSP Non-Members $5. Advance Registration Required Due to Space Limitations ~ REGISTER

Thursday-15 November 2018 6 PM-8 PM
Lecture: Online Military Records
Led by: Nancy C. Nelson and Carol M. Sheaffer
Registration: GSP Members $15; GSP Non-Members $20. Advance Registration Required Due to Space Limitations ~ REGISTER

DNA SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP
Saturday November 24, 2018 10:00 am—11:30 am
DNA Discussion: Testing, Results, Use in Genealogical Research. Registration: GSP Members Free; GSP Non-Members $5 Advance Registration Required Due to Space Limitations. REGISTER: info@genpa.org

Tuesday-27 November 2018 12 PM-2 PM
ROOTS FOCUS: Online Military Records
An opportunity to meet over lunch with other researchers and discuss a specific topic. Led by Carol Sheaffer. Bring your own Lunch, GSP will supply coffee/tea and dessert
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digitization of records have made genealogical research much easier for everyone, from a novice to a seasoned professional. However, I can’t imagine a world without paper documents to hold and interact with. As I stated above, we all have our own unique ways of completing tasks. I’m not going to say that all genealogists should have only digital files or only paper files. There should be a happy medium. Here is what works for me:

I try to keep both my digital and paper files in a similar organizational structure. In my filing cabinet, I have hanging file folders labeled with one surname each. In each of these hanging file folders are regular file folders with an individual’s name on the label. Depending on the person, I may have more folders inside the individual’s folder if I have accumulated a significant amount of paperwork.

On my computer’s hard drive, I keep the exact same organizational scheme. I have one main genealogy folder (filing cabinet), surname folders (hanging file folders), and individuals’ folders (file folders).

Again, this is my basic structure and it works for me. Don’t be afraid to try out a system and have it not work. Unfortunately, this is not an overnight process.

**LOCKSS**

If you are an archivist or librarian, you should be familiar with this acronym already. LOCKSS stands for Lots Of Copies Keep Stuff Safe. There is a LOCKSS Program which is “an open-source, library-led digital preservation system built on the principle that ‘lots of copies keep stuff safe.’” Initially, this may not seem like a topic related to organizing your genealogy research. However, genealogists of all skill levels should have multiple copies of their photos, scans, downloads of records, and other important components of their research. There are a few key points to remember when organizing your backup system:

Keep at least one copy of your files off-site or at least in a fireproof safe. If a catastrophic event hits your home, it won’t do you much good to have a few copies in one place. Try keeping an external hard drive at a friend’s house or in a safe deposit box. You can update this backup copy quarterly or whatever timeframe fits your needs.

External hard drives come in very handy. Are you prepared if your computer crashed tomorrow and you couldn’t retrieve any of the data? It is easy to find a very good external hard drive with more space than you will probably ever need for less than $100. Try to get on a schedule to back up your data. Once a month is usually sufficient, but some people might need to do it more often.

A cloud service can automatically back up your data to the Cloud. There are many companies that do this and prices vary. Dropbox and Backblaze are two that come to mind right away. I would not have this be my only backup since there is the possibility that the company might lose your data or not be in business when you need them the most. It is always best to have copies on as many different types of media as possible.

**Additional Help**

There are so many books, websites, and apps on the topic of genealogy organizing waiting for you to explore. One of the first genealogy books I bought was Organize Your Genealogy: Strategies and Solutions for Every Researcher by Drew Smith. I strongly recommend it for anyone who reads this article and wants further information. I also don’t know what I would do without Evernote. Evernote is an app for your computer and phone that basically organizes your life. Even though Evernote was not made for genealogists, at times it seems like it was.

If you can, take some time to think about how you organize your genealogical research. You might be surprised with your increased rate of efficiency. Are there any other organizational tools or tips and tricks which help you with your genealogical research?

Joseph Roby, GSP Copy Editor
USING THE “FAN CLUB” TO IDENTIFY A PHOTO

Elizabeth Shown Mills, nationally known genealogy speaker and author, coined the phrase “FAN Club” as a practice for genealogists. She advises us that in tracking our direct ancestors we should also make note and keep track of their Family, Associates and Neighbors. One time when this practice is useful is in attempting to identify old family photos. Even when there is a name on the photo, you can sometimes be unsure of just who that person is.

One member of my own FAN Club is my ‘cousin by marriage’ Susie. We call ourselves that because our connection is this: Susie’s 2nd great grandfather’s first wife was a sister of my 2nd great grandfather. Pretty far-fetched, right? On the contrary, the two of us have found a great deal of family data by working together. Susie owns the receipt book of her 2nd great grandfather, Richard Wilson, which allowed us to track the family from Philadelphia to the Bordentown, NJ area. We learned when they moved from a rented to a purchased home, and the burials of a number of family members were recorded there.

I thought that all of our common family information had been shared, but recently Susie took a second look at this lovely old photo. She had no record of a John Carr in her family records, so she sent me a copy of the photo – front and back, of course – to see if it meant anything to me.

My family is used to hearing shouts, whether of joy or frustration, when I’m working at my computer. On that day the shout was definitely of joy. I knew that Mrs. John Carr was Mary Ann Gominger Carr, a sister of Susan Gominger Wilson and of my 2nd great-grandfather James Gominger.

A search for the photographer, Jones & Bro of Arch Street in Philadelphia, shows that the business operated in Philadelphia in the 1860’s. The fashion of her dress and the carte-de-visite style of the photo also testify to the 1860’s date for the photo. Mrs. Carr’s sister Susan, the first wife of Susie’s ancestor Richard Wilson, had died in 1847, another reason why it took our Susie a while to make a connection to my family.

Richard Wilson and Susan Gominger had a family of nine children, four of whom were still alive in the 1860’s, and of course even though their mother had died, her family were still their relatives.

Nancy C Nelson, First Families Chair
A Medical Journal as a Genealogical Source

The American Medical Recorder, "conducted by several respectable physicians of Philadelphia" first appeared in January 1818. In this age of HIPPA and a plethora of privacy statements, it is surprising that some case reports fully identified the patient and supplied details of genealogical interest. The abstracts below are American cases and other notices that appeared in the volumes for 1818 and 1819. While most are from Pennsylvania, the geographic spread is wide. There were also a number of cases reprinted from British journals which provided the same type of details that I have not included here. Examination of other such journals seems likely to yield further nuggets of family data.

This manuscript is four pages long and contains about 25 abstracts.

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v.1, no. 1, Jan 1818

"Observations on Febris Puerperarum", by Ezra Michener, Philadelphia Dispensary, 11th mo. 1st 1817 [p. 13-16]. [p. 14] "Esther Cooper, a woman of colour residing in seventh below south street, was delivered of a healthy child, on the 17th of the 8th month last." She survived the fever.

"Extraordinary Case of a Wound Of the Abdomen Successfully Treated", by William Shaw. [p. 20-22]. [p. 20] "On the 28th day of April 1810 I was called to see the wife of David Roberts, aged about sixty-two years, then living on Col. Williams' Farm, three miles up the Canal Road who had been shockingly gored by a cow". [p. 21] "Subject...still living in the neighborhood."

v. 1, no. 2, April 1818.

"Tribute to the Memory of the late Caspar Wistar, M. D. Professor of Anatomy, &c. in the University of Pennsylvania, President of the American Philosophical Society &c.", by David Hosack M. D. Professor &c. in the University of the state of New York. [p. 149-155 plus frontispiece portrait]. [p. 150] Born Philadelphia in 1760; "parents of German extraction and belonged to the society of friends".

"An Account of a Sudden Death, which became the subject of Forensic Inquiry", by Joseph Klapp M. D., one of the Physicians of the Philadelphia Almshouse [p. 156-165]. [p. 156] Mr. William Hoffner, residing in the Neck...at two o'clock in the morning of the 8th [August 1817] he expired. [p. 161-162] January

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1818, Samuel Hergesheimer indicted for manslaughter in the court of oyer and terminer, and general jail delivery for the city and county of Philadelphia. Found not guilty. Article dated "Philadelphia, March 4, 1818" at end. A footnote refers to the American Centinel "of about the middle of last month" for an account of the trial.


"A Case of Dropsy, communicated by Dr. Culbertson, of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, dated February 28, 1818" [p. 167-175]. [p. 168] 13th July 1817 saw "general Robert Young of Alexandria, aged about forty-eight years, then on a visit at his brother's in this neighborhood." [p. 173] By the 20th of September he was well enough to "return to his home by the common mail stage."


"A Case of a Wounded Shoulder Joint in which the Head of the Humerus was removed", by Henry Hunt of Washington D. C. [p. 365-366]. A few days before the battle of Plattsburg ... lieut. Duncan of the navy wounded in the right shoulder. Lieut. Duncan left Burlington the last of November to join the fleet at White Hall. In the spring, 1815, Lieut. Duncan joined the U. S. frigate Guerriere and went to the Mediterranean where he remained on active duty until the close of the war with Algiers.


Pennsylvania Hospital, 22 February 1815, a 25 pound tumor was removed, discharged on 15th April. "She is at this time...perfectly well."

v. 1, no. 4, October 1818.

None.

v. 2, no. 1, January 1, 1819.

"Biographical Notice of the Late John Syng Dorsey M. D., Professor of Anatomy in the University of Pennsylvania" [p. 1-5 plus frontispiece portrait]. Born Philadelphia, 23 December 1783; studied under his uncle Dr. Physick; graduated as doctor Spring 1802; died 12th November in the 35th year of his age.

"An Account of the Epidemic Fever which prevailed in that district of Virginia called the "Northern Neck" in the year 1814-1815", by the late Thomas B. W. Gray M. D. of Tappahanock, Va. [p. 28-36]. Cited as evidence for author's death.

"On Cantharides", by Joseph Klapp M. D. one of the Physicians to the Infirmary of the Philadelphia Alms-house [p. 37-58]. "November 30, 1818. Mary Ann Johnson, a coloured woman about 18 months ago became affected with amenorrhea. ... When I saw her about four weeks ago ... pain in the lumbar region which came on about two months before, and I conceive was occasioned by her marriage."

"A Case of Periostitis", communicated by W. Bradley Tyler M. D. of Fredericktown, Maryland [p. 69-72]. 10th June 1818, visited "the son of captain H. Steiner of this town, aged about 3 years". [p. 71] Child died on the 15th.

V. 2, no. 2, April 1, 1819.


a) [p. 174] From Rice's Magazine, Richmond. Edward Taylor, aged twelve years was bitten on 27th March 1818. Symptoms appeared on the 42nd day after the bite and he died in twenty hours.

b) [p 175-176]. Related by Dr. Henning in the Richmond Inquirer, July 5. James S. West, aged 2 years, bitten 22nd May 1818. Disease appeared on June 22nd in the night...between 2 and 3 p.m. the child died.

c) [p. 176-177] [Case numbered 4; no case 3.] Richmond Virginia, 1818, related by Dr. Trent, appeared in Richmond Inquirer, Nov. 24. Oct. 23rd, a negro man, Burwell, scratched by the dog's tooth;
apparently died 17th November.

"Remarks", by the Editor [John Eberle of Philadelphia] [p. 190-192]. [p. 191] "Lately came under my care, (Mrs. Warner, Green-street near the Ridge-road)".


V. 2, no. 3, July 1819.

"Observations in the Military Hospital at Buffalo, on the Niagara Frontier, in the campaign of 1814", by W. E. Horner M. D., late Hospital Surgeon's Mate, Demonstrator of Anatomy in the University of Pennsylvania [p. 313-330].

[p. 316] "John Price, a private of the first regiment of infantry, was wounded at Bridgewater on the 25th of July 1814"; shot through brain; died 2nd of September following, five weeks afterwards.

[p. 319] "J. Ring, private in captain now major Biddle's company of artillery"; severely wounded but recovered.

[p. 324] "Serjeant Smith of the 11th infantry was wounded on the 5th of July." [p. 325] On the 24th of December sent to the general hospital at Williamsville "in a convalescent state".

[p. 326] "John M'Gulrick, aged 45, ... a private in the 100th British regiment, 4th company, was wounded and taken prisoner at Chippewa on 5th July 1814." [p. 330] Dec. 23rd, "general hospital being broken up at Buffalo"; patient sent to Williamsville, eleven miles off; believed he would recover, but Dr. Horner left the frontier on Dec. 24th and did not know the outcome.


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"Obituary"


[p. 468-469] Dr. James Philips Freeman, born 1796; B.A. University of Pennsylvania 1816. [p. 469] Received M. D. 1819, but a few days afterwards, 30 April 1819, died of a malignant fever.

[p. 469] Died in Warrenten [sic] (N. C.) on the 8th instant, at an advanced age, Dr. James D. Brehon, for near 40 years a resident of that state, the greater part in that place. Native of Ireland; came to this country "previous to the revolutionary war"; during that conflict was a surgeon in the navy; many years a widower; died without issue.

V. 2, no. 4, October 1819.


. Another account of this incident is H. R. Doc. No. 555, 23d Congr., 1st Sess. (1834), "Claim of Captain Silas Duncan for arrears of naval pension, on account of extraordinary character of his wound and long suffering under it."


. Name variant, Foulkrod; Foulkrod St. exists currently in the Frankford section of Philadelphia.

Anne Gometz, GSP Member Contributor
GSP at The Parkway Central Library

On October 11th, Nancy C. Nelson and Carol M. Sheaffer gave a lecture (“Genealogy…Get Ready, Get Set, Get Going!”) at The Central Library, 1901 Vine Street, Philadelphia. Designed for beginners, the lecture introduced the audience to procedures and resources for genealogists. The library intends to start a genealogy club at the facility and this was their kick-off meeting.

The Central Library has been undergoing a lot of renovations and work is in progress on an addition which is exciting and allows for expansion of programming and holdings. Among the items useful to genealogy researchers are: a collection of Philadelphia newspapers from 1719-present, ward and fire insurance maps from 1859-present, local directories, maps and gazetteers. A full listing of genealogy sources is available on their website.

Major Genealogical Resources

- How-to genealogy books, especially those for beginners and those concerned with ethnic or national-group genealogy.
- Standard genealogy reference books, especially those dealing with Philadelphia and the Delaware Valley.
- Local ward and fire insurance maps, from around 1859 to the present.
- Gazetteers for all countries.
- Local directories of all kinds.
- Biographies and collective biographies.
- Lists of published genealogies.
- Local newspapers, from 1719 to the present.
- The federal census of Philadelphia 1790 – 1930, with either indexes or enumeration district descriptions.
- Government publications. The Free Library is a Government Depository Library.

Guides to the Collection

See Researching Your Family History at the Parkway Central Library for a brief summary of Free Library resources and search strategies. This four-page handout is available at the reference desks in the Newspapers and Microfilm Center (abbreviated NEWS), the Social Science and History Department (SSH), and the lobby, and as "Genealogy 101" in the Genealogy section of our homepage.

https://libwww.freelibrary.org/explore/guide/genealogy-101

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Carol M. Sheaffer MD, President—Nancy C Nelson, Vice-President
DNA CORNER

Using the New DNA Match Labeling for AncestryDNA

Genetic genealogist Blaine Bettinger has developed, with the help of a programmer, a new extension for use with the Chrome browser that enables you to add color-coded circles next to the names of each of your DNA matches. These circles enable you to see, at a glance, matches from different categories. You can assign them to matches to represent particular lines of your family, those who share specific geographic origins, or whatever other categories are useful for your research.

The browser extension is installed only on your computer. No one else can see the color coding. To install it, go to https://chrome.google.com/webstore/detail/dna-match-labeling/kgkhflocmjcgbilbdhjkmmaohlemfc

For more details, see Blaine’s article at: https://thegeneticgenealogist.com/2018/09/16/introducing-dna-match-labeling-sorting-mechanism-ancestrydna-matches/

Happy sorting!

Valerie Lutz, Treasurer

GSP Events
https://genpa.org/events/

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

November

Online Military Records –
Thursday November 15th  6-8pm

December 8th, 2018—Holiday Open House

A Note from GSP to Keep You Informed

As the 2018 year comes to an end, we thank all of you for your support and interest and wish all of you a wonderful holiday. In order to allow you to focus on your family and its traditions and give our staff, volunteers, and Board time to focus on 2019 plans, we have scheduled limited activities during December and January. We will resume events, activities, and our newsletter in February. During the hiatus we will not be that far away. Feel free to call 267.686.2296, or e-mail info@genpa.org, your questions, requests and comments.
LISTEN TO YOUR MOTHER…

…or at least, pay attention to her stories. When I was young, my mom told me a story about where her name came from. She recited what her mother had told her: John Perot married Eleanor Rice, and they had a daughter Hannah Perot. Hannah married William Macauley, and they had a daughter Eleanor Rice Macauley. Eleanor married Joseph Banford, and they had a daughter Jane Reid Banford. Jane married George Edward Cooper and they had a daughter Eleanor Rice (my mom).

Once I got interested in genealogy, I remembered my mom’s story and starting digging. Amazingly enough, I found the marriage of John Perot and Eleanor Rice in 1815 in London, their children (some born in England, some in Pennsylvania), and their immigration in 1832. Hannah was born in 1842 in Philadelphia, and after her marriage to William Macauley, their daughter Eleanor Rice was born in January 1860. Eleanor’s marriage to Joseph Banford was followed by the birth of their daughter Jane in 1888, and Jane’s marriage to George Edward Cooper in 1907 was followed by the birth of their daughter Eleanor Rice (mom) in 1910. Having that story from my mom is likely the only way I would have been able to get so far back in her family history… and along the way, I discovered the likely origin of my name, as Jane Reed married William Hogan and their daughter Mary Hogan married John Banford… father of William Banford.

– Jane Reid Benner, GSP Library Director

COME TO THE ANNUAL GSP HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

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SATURDAY DECEMBER 8th

Register for any 2 hour time segment

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12 Noon - 2 PM
2 PM – 4 PM

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ABSTRACTS OF WILLS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, REGISTERED AT LITTLE WASHINGTON, PENNSYLVANIA.

(ABSTRACTED AND CONTRIBUTED BY MARY ELLISON WOOD.)

Jacob Johnson or Johnston of Washington County, dated January 16, 1781, proved August 16, 1781; wife Mary; children: Nicholas, Esther, Elizabeth Pearce, Eleanor Dackar (De Kar) and Mary Jacobs; land wherof John Buchanan lives; slaves; executors, son Nicholas and son-in-law Andrew Pearce: witnesses, James Innis, Jacob Jones and William Linnard. 1, p. 1.

Adam Wise of Ten Mile Creek, farmer, dated April 13, 1781, proved October 10, 1781; wife Catherine; children, Peter, two oldest daughters Mary and Mary Ann Wise, two youngest daughters Ulian and Judith, Jacob, Daniel, Tobias, Frederick, Henry, Adam, Abraham and Andrew, all under age except Peter: executors, Andrew Wise, Peter Wishe and John Buckingham; witnesses, Solomon Leslie and George Grigar. 1, p. 2.

James McKnight of County Youghagenia, Virginia, Yeoman, dated February 25, 1781, proved December 15, 1781; wife Barbara; children, John (oldest), Susannah McKnight, Mary, Phebe, daughter-in-law Ann McKnight (widow), Robert, Frank (a girl) and grand-daughter Sidney (a minor); executors, John Robb, sr., and Andrew Reed; witnesses, John Reed and David Reed. 1, p. 3.

Nicholas Veneman of County of Yohogania, farmer, dated September 14, 1779, proved January 3, 1782; wife Mary; children, John (land lying on Conooguenge Creek, Frederick County, State of Maryland), grandson John Veneman, Garrett (land in Yohogania County on Chairport Creek), George (land wherof he now lives adjoining James Roberts), Andrew (tract he lives on adjoining George Gillespie and his brother George), Nicholas (tract on which testator now lives), Catherine Wall, Hannah Alexander, Elizabeth Wiley, Susanna Roberts and Jean Veneman; executors, sons Garrett and George; witnesses, John McDowell, Thomas Byers and William Lock. A codicil mentions daughter Mary McCollum(?). 1, p. 5.

Oliver or Toliver Miller of Peters Township, Washington County, dated February 3, 1782, proved March 12, 1782; wife Mary; children, Thomas (land wherein is old mill site adjoining Thomas Miller, Benjamin Sweet and Frezer), William, Oliver (testator's still house adjoining Joseph Kirkpatrick), James, Mary (a minor), John and grandson Oliver Miller (son of Alexander Miller) (land lying on forks of Monongahela and Yohogania Rivers); all remainder to be divided equally between the following, viz: John Congheim(?), Alexander Miller, Thomas Miller, John Miller, Robert McKe, John Boyer, Oliver Miller, James Miller and Mary Miller; (135)
Pennsylvania Featured County - Beaver County

Pennsylvania became a state December 12, 1787. There are 67 counties and 2561 municipalities. Beaver County was established on March 12, 1800 from parts of Allegheny and Washington Counties. The county seat is Beaver.

Prominent People: Christina Aguilera, Joe Namath, Henry Mancini, Jesse Steinfeld, Tory Dorsett, Mike Ditka, Terry Francona, Donnie Iris, Lauryn Williams, Brad Davis and Babe Parcilli

Microfilm copies of county records along with the tools to help research county records are available at the Pennsylvania State Archives - PHMC > Archives > Research Online > County and Municipal Records

Finding Family and Historical Records in Beaver County

I. Register of Wills: [http://www.beavercountypa.gov/Depts/RegWills/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.beavercountypa.gov/Depts/RegWills/Pages/default.aspx)

II. Beaver County Vital Records: [http://www.vitalrec.com/pacounties2.html#Beaver](http://www.vitalrec.com/pacounties2.html#Beaver)


IV. Beaver County Genealogy and History Center: [http://beavercountyhistory.org/](http://beavercountyhistory.org/)

V. Genealogical and Personal History of Beaver County, Pennsylvania (Free eBook):
   - Volume I: [https://books.google.com/books/about/Genealogical_and_Personal_History_of_Bea.html?id=88wAQAAMAAJ](https://books.google.com/books/about/Genealogical_and_Personal_History_of_Bea.html?id=88wAQAAMAAJ)


VII. Chronology of Pennsylvania Counties: [http://www.buckscountyhistory.com/chronological.htm](http://www.buckscountyhistory.com/chronological.htm)

Angie Indik, GSP Copy Editor
PHILADELPHIA RECORD COLLECTION NEWLY INDEXED ON FAMILYSEARCH

FamilySearch.org has recently indexed a records collection entitled “Pennsylvania, Philadelphia City Births, 1860-1906.” According to the description of the collection, these birth records are from the Board of Health. The original documents are housed at the Department of Records in Philadelphia. While this collection has been available in the catalog at FamilySearch.org to browse by image, this is the first time the collection has been searchable. In order to view the images, you need to go to a family history center or a family history affiliate library, such as the Historical Society of Pennsylvania. See the links below for more information.

- Search Collection
- Complete Catalog Entry
- Pennsylvania, Philadelphia City Births FamilySearch Wiki Article
- FamilySearch Updates

Joseph Roby, GSP Copy Editor

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