

# GSP NEWSLETTER

Finding Your Pennsylvania Ancestors

Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania

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## Library Hours

GSP Library & FamilySearch Affiliate Library

By appointment:

Mon/Tue/Thurs  
10 am to 4 pm

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays  
10:00 am to 2:00 pm

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## MESSAGE FROM GSP'S PRESIDENT

Welcome to all new members! Last month GSP reached our year-end membership goal of 1,200. Membership is now up to 1,269.

We hope that you'll join us for the Virtual Winter Conference with the Ulster Historical Foundation on Saturday, February 11 (page 2).

If you live near or are visiting Philadelphia, make an appointment to visit the GSP FamilySearch Affiliate Library to view FamilySearch records that are "locked" from home access, the GSP Library, or attend our new Genealogists Helping Genealogists SIG (page 4).

The GSP library has grown by over 30%, thanks to an extremely generous donation of 591 books from the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society in Lancaster. The titles are now on our shelves and an updated online catalog will be online this week (page 5).

Third Thursday recordings currently online include an update on FamilySearch and the Family History Library from David Rencher and a look at HSP's many wonderful resources with Katy Barnes. Don't miss our upcoming webinar on coroner's records with Lisa Alzo on February 16 (page 6).

This month we're highlighting Lehigh County with information on Lehigh County and where to find county specific records (page 7).

We hope that you'll join GSP, virtually or in person, at Rootstech 2023 March 2nd through 4th (page 9). And check out upcoming registration dates for GRIP, IGHR, the NGS Family History Conference and the OGS Conference on page 9.

We are also reviving GSP's formerly retired publications. Please reach out to us at [editor@genpa.org](mailto:editor@genpa.org) with submissions or ideas for articles that you would like to develop with the support of our publications team.

And, as always, a big THANK YOU to our members, donors, and volunteers for your support of GSP.

*Valerie-Anne Lutz  
President, The Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania*

## GSP VIRTUAL WINTER CONFERENCE

Ulster Historical Foundation

**Live on Zoom, Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm EST**  
Lectures and Q & A with Fintan Mullan and Gillian Hunt  
All new topics for 2023!

Tickets \$50, Members \$45 [Registration](#)

### Records and Background on Researching Irish and Scots-Irish

- Emigration from Ireland to North America; an overview
- An Introduction to archives in Ireland and their websites
- Census substitutes and other important sources for the 19<sup>th</sup> century
- Newspapers as a source for Irish research
- Church records for use in genealogical research



**Gillian Hunt** is Research Officer with the Ulster Historical Foundation and is responsible for the management of the Foundation's many genealogical activities. Gillian carries out research for clients and is a hugely experienced user of the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland and the General Register Office. She teaches courses in Northern Ireland and gives talks on family history throughout Ireland, the UK and North America. Gillian has been with the Foundation since 2001, and received a degree in History (BA Hons, 1998) and a Masters in Historical Studies (MA, 2000) from the University of Wales, Aberystwyth.

**Fintan Mullan** is the Executive Director of the Ulster Historical Foundation. Working with technology partners, Fintan was a pioneer in the creation of online resources for Irish research and has maintained the Foundation's prominence in digital database developments for Irish genealogy. As Executive Director of the Ulster Historical Foundation Fintan has managed the production of over 100 publications, including the popular *Researching Scots-Irish Ancestors* and has lectured extensively on Irish history and genealogy in the U.S. and in Canada, the U.K., Australia, and New Zealand.



## UPCOMING VIRTUAL EVENTS

Event times are Eastern Time

[Time Zone Converter](#)



### Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania

[Records and Background on Researching Irish and Scots-Irish](#) (\$50/\$45)

Fintan Mullan, Gillian Hunt

Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

[Cause of Death: Dissecting Coroner's Records for Genealogical Research](#) (FREE)

Lisa Alzo

Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm



### Bucks County Genealogical Society

[Zotero for Genealogy Part 1](#) (\$10/\$5)

Donna Cox Baker

Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am



### Genealogy Quick Start TV

Hosted on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) by Shamele Jordon



### Historical Society of Pennsylvania

[The State of African American Genealogy: A New Reconstruction Era](#)

(\$10/FREE)

Adrienne Abiodun

Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm



### Legacy Family Tree Webinars

[Using Mitochondrial DNA Testing for Genealogical Problem Solving](#) (FREE)

Michael D. Lacopo

Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2:00 pm, EST

[Gradual Emancipation and Enslavement in the North](#) (FREE)

Ari Wilkins

Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2:00 pm EST



### North Hills Genealogists Meeting (FREE)

[Thinking Outside of the \(Search\) Box](#)

Alex Ferretti

Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 6:45 pm EDT

## GSP LIBRARY IN PHILADELPHIA



GSP's FamilySearch Affiliate Library computer stations, and our main library table, now have charging stations for laptops and phones.

Ergonomic training chairs have been purchased for the main library and four additional bookshelves have been added to the library to accommodate ongoing book donations from archives and individual donors.

## NEW: Genealogists Helping Genealogists

Frank Straup launched a new in-person Special Interest Group (SIG) on January 14<sup>th</sup> at GSP headquarters, "Genealogists Helping Genealogists."

The meeting opened with a tip for researching Philadelphia marriage records on FamilySearch.org, followed by round table discussion.

The SIG will be held on **2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays, 10 am – noon.**

Note:

In February Genealogists Helping Genealogists is rescheduled for **Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>** due to GSP's virtual, all-day Ulster conference on February 11<sup>th</sup>.



## ERHS BOOK DONATION

In October, GSP was contacted by Alex Torchio, archivist at the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society (ERHS) in Lancaster. ERHS was in the process of realigning its holdings with an updated collection policy and looking for a good home for hundreds of family history books. As a result, the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania received a donation of 584 books/manuscripts for our library in Philadelphia.



*Angie Indik, Kathy Donahue*

Angie Indik (GSP Office Manager), Jim Beidler (Executive Director) and Kathy Donahue (Collections Co-chair) traveled to Lancaster to meet with Alex and transport the books from Lancaster to Philadelphia.



*Angie Indik, Alex Torchio, Jim Beidler*

The books are now processed and available for research in our library. Out of copyright materials will be scanned and made available on our website. This is an excellent example of two repositories collaborating for the benefit of genealogists researching ancestors in Pennsylvania!



Search for family surnames in the [GSP Library Catalog](#).

## THIRD THURSDAY WEBINAR RECORDINGS

On-demand access: A benefit of membership - [Join GSP!](#)

Members must [log in](#) to [access webinar recordings](#).



### What's New at FamilySearch and the Family History Library?

David E. Rencher

Webinar is available until February 12, 2023.



### Beyond the Usual Suspects: Genealogy Resources at the Historical Society of Pennsylvania

Katy Bodenhorn Barnes

Webinar is available until March 20, 2023.

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## UPCOMING THIRD THURSDAY WEBINAR

Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm EST

Live Zoom event, FREE



### Cause of Death: Dissecting Coroner's Records for Genealogical Research

Lisa Alzo

Coroners get involved in all types of unexplained deaths from drug overdoses to drownings, mishaps to murders, making their records an excellent resource to research for details about an ancestor's untimely death. This presentation will cover where to find coroner's records and how to mine them for genealogy research clues.

[Registration and more information](#)

## COUNTY SPOTLIGHT: LEHIGH

Pennsylvania became a state 12 December 1787. There are 67 counties and 2561 municipalities.

Lehigh County was formed on March 6, 1812, from parts of Northampton County. The county seat is Allentown.

**Prominent People:** Chuck Bednarik, Sabrina Carpenter, Michaela Conlin, Gloria Ehret, Lee Iacocca, Russell David Johnson, Sarah Knauss, Carson Kressley, Amanda Seyfried, Curt Simmons, Christine Taylor



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](#) > [Research Guides](#) > [County and Municipal Records](#) (under Genealogy)

### Finding Family and Historical Records in Lehigh County

- I. Lehigh County Orphans Court: <https://www.lccpa.org/orphans/>
- II. Lehigh County Register of Wills: <https://www.lehighcounty.org/Departments/Clerk-of-Judicial-Records/Register-of-Wills>
- III. Lehigh County Recorder of Deeds: <https://www.lehighcounty.org/Departments/Clerk-of-Judicial-Records/Recorder-of-Deeds-Home/Records-Search>
- IV. FamilySearch Wiki on Lehigh County: [https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Lehigh\\_County,\\_Pennsylvania\\_Genealogy](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Lehigh_County,_Pennsylvania_Genealogy)
- V. Lehigh County Historical Society: <https://www.lehighcountyhistoricalsociety.org/>
- VI. Lehigh County USGenWeb: <http://usgwarchives.net/pa/lehigh/>
- VII. Find A Grave Lehigh County Cemetery List: [https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery-browse/USA/Pennsylvania/Lehigh-County?id=county\\_2279](https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery-browse/USA/Pennsylvania/Lehigh-County?id=county_2279)
- VIII. Lehigh County Survey Map (1865): <https://www.loc.gov/resource/g3823l.la000767/?r=-0.113,0.149,1.205,0.5,0>
- IX. *History of Lehigh County, Pennsylvania and a genealogical and biographical record of its families* by Charles Rhoads Roberts and John Baer Stoudt (free eBook): <https://archive.org/details/historyoflehighc03robe/mode/2up>
- X. *History of the Counties of Lehigh and Carbon in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania* by Alfred Matthews (free eBook): <https://archive.org/details/historyofcountie01math/mode/2up>
- XI. Pennsylvania Resource Guides: <https://genpa.org/public-%20collections/pennsylvania-%20resources/>

## FAMILYSEARCH

Rootstech 2023

March 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup>



### [REGISTER](#)

Salt Palace Convention Center  
100 S W Temple St  
Salt Lake City, UT 84101

#### **Includes Virtual Pass, PLUS:**

- Exclusive classes from expert genealogists
- Access to the world-renowned FamilySearch Library
- Face-to-face connections with friends and industry experts

### [Browse In-person Classes](#)

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#### **Attend Virtually** [REGISTER](#)

Includes:

- 200+ NEW on-demand class sessions and classes
- All-year learning from the comfort of your own space
- Connect via digital chat with friends and industry experts

**Look for GSP in Salt Lake City and Online – See you there!!!**

In the meantime, browse Rootstech 2019-2022 classes.  
Search the full [on-demand library](#).



## UPCOMING REGISTRATION DATES

### RootsTech 2023, March 2-4

[Registration is open](#)

### GRIP - Genealogical Research Institute Pittsburgh

[Registration](#) – Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>

- June 18<sup>th</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup> Virtual on Zoom
- July 9<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> In-person

### IGGP – International German Genealogy Partnership

[Early Bird Registration ends March 3rd](#)

[Reserve your hotel room in Fort Wayne, Ind.](#)

### IGHR – Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research

(Virtual) July 23<sup>rd</sup> -28<sup>th</sup>

[Registration](#) – March 4<sup>th</sup>

### NGS Family History Conference

Richmond, Va., May 31<sup>st</sup> – June 3<sup>rd</sup>

Early Bird Registration ends March 31<sup>st</sup>

Regular Registration begins April 1<sup>st</sup>

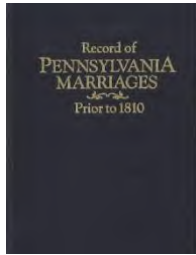
[Registration](#)

### OGS Annual Conference, April 26-29

[Registration is open](#)



## USED BOOKS IN THE [GSP STORE](#)



### [Record of Pennsylvania Marriages Prior to 1810: Volume 1](#)

**\$20** (Used in good condition. Pages are intact. No highlighting. There are a few pen marks with a light stain on outer page edge. Cover page has a library stamp.)

#### Description

Year: 1987

Pages: 790

Binding: Hardback

ISBN: 0-8063-0214-3

Marriages recorded by the Registrar General of the Province, 1685-1689; Marriage record of Christ Church, Philadelphia, 1709-1806; Marriage record of the Swedes' church (Gloria Dei) 1750-1810; Marriage record of the First Presbyterian Church at Carlisle, 1785-1812; Marriage record of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Chester, 1704-1733; Marriage record of the Reformed Church, Falkner Swamp, Montgomery County, Pa., 1748-1800; Marriage record of the Lutheran Church, New Hanover, Montgomery County, Pa., 1745-1809; Marriage record of the German Reformed Church at Philadelphia, 1748-1802; Marriage record of the First Baptist Church, Philadelphia, 1761-1803; Marriage record of Paxtang and Derry churches, 1741-1810



### [The Johannes Schwab Family: 240 years in America](#)

**\$55** (Used in Like New Condition. First page has library stamp. All pages are crisp, clean and intact.)

#### Description

Year: 1994

Pages: 480

Binding: Hardback

ASIN: B0006F31WI

James Jonas Swab

The immigrant ancestor Johannes (Jacob) Schwab (1720-1785) was born in Germany and came to America on the ship "Halifax" arriving in Philadelphia, Pa. in 1754. In 1760/61 he appears as a renter on the Heidelberg Twp., Berks Co., Pa. tax list. He appears on the Bethel Twp. tax list from 1762 until his death in 1785. Descendants and family members live in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Kansas, Montana and elsewhere.



### [The Welcome Claimants Proved, Disproved & Doubtful with an account of some of their descendants, \(Penn's colony Vol. 2\)](#)

**\$35** (Used in Very Good Condition. Inside cover has library label and stamp. Spine has library sticker. Pages are clean, crisp and intact.)

#### Description

Year: 1970

Pages: 660

Binding: Hardback

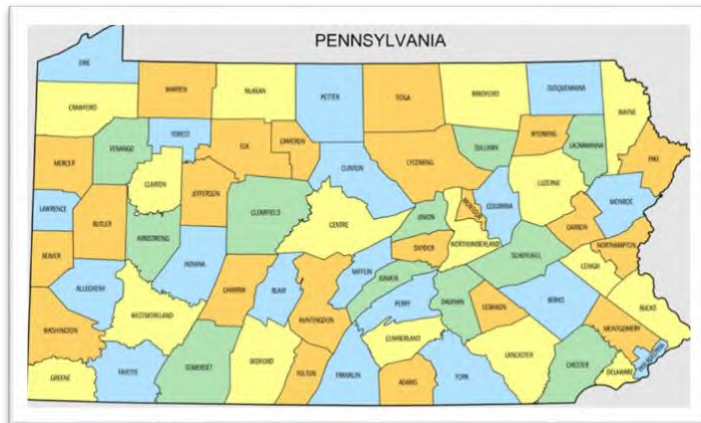
ISBN: 8063-0398-0

George E. McCracken

A Critique of all available evidence regarding 304 alleged passengers; traces their genealogies for three generations. The definitive source.

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