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GSP RECEIVES BARRA FOUNDATION GRANT

THE SOCIETY'S Special Projects Appeal received a huge shot in the arm in April with the awarding of a special \$15,000 grant from the Barra Foundation of Wyndmoor, PA.

Barra President William Harral III announced the funding, which is targeted to help GSP complete the Computerized Card Catalog portion of the appeal.

With the Barra grant in hand, nearly half of the \$150,000 appeal's goal has been met.

The Computerized Card Catalog project is now well under way. Software from The Library Corp. has been installed, and Kathryn M. Dono-

van, chair of the GSP Library Committee, has been leading the way in getting titles catalogued.

The purpose of the catalog project is to give researchers – both in the GSP Research Room as well as around the world – better access to the books, CD-ROMs, microfilms, and manuscripts that make up the GSP collections.

A crucial item needed as the appeal moves to its "second half" is a microfilm reader printer. Please mark donations for this purpose, "Special Projects Appeal."

HANNAH BENNER ROACH HONORED

LEGENDARY GENEALOGIST Hannah Benner Roach was elected to the National Genealogy Hall of Fame this year, 26 years after her death.

The Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania first nominated Roach for the 1996 award. The society renominated her each year; only one genealogist a year is elected to the Hall of Fame, so Roach's wait is not unusual.

GSP's nomination was supported with "seconding" nominations made by the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, the Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society, and the Historical Society of Montgomery County.

Roach was a Fellow of the American Society

of Genealogists and of GSP. She was born Hannah Josephine Benner in Akron, OH, in 1907, married Spencer Roach in Germantown, and died in 1976 in Philadelphia. She received bachelor's degrees from the University of Pennsylvania in fine arts and architecture. She was one of Penn's first female architecture graduates.

She was a vice president of GSP and served as editor of the *Pennsylvania Genealogical Magazine*.

Probably her most lasting achievement was setting standards for documentation and thorough research that endure to this day. She encouraged genealogists to become social historians,

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UPCOMING GSP PROGRAMMING

Saturday, 21 September

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

"An Embarrassment of Riches: Interpreting the Internet" Historical Society of Pennsylvania

The daylong workshop co-sponsored with HSP will use lectures and panel discussions to examine the pitfalls and opportunities of Internet research for both genealogical and historical researchers, with an eye toward a protocol for testing and citing Internet materials in research. There will be a morning breakout session for genealogists presented by Don L. Stone; a lunch session on evaluation of Web sites; and an afternoon panel discussion featuring Web content providers.

Participants must pre-register and pay the \$11 lunch fee by 30 August — to receive a registration form, write to either GSP or HSP; e-mail to events@hsp.org; or call (215) 925-8090, ext. 246.

Funding provided by a Statewide Conference Grant from the Pennsylvania Historic and Museum Commission.

Saturday, 16 November

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Co-Conference

"Back to the Boat: Immigrant and Ethnic Genealogy" Chester County Historical Society West Chester, PA

For the third year in a row, GSP and Partner organization Chester County Historical Society will co-sponsor a full day of speakers and vendors, this year focusing on the multitude of ethnic groups that make up our area and how to research them "back to the boat" — and beyond.

Look for a separate registration brochure in September!

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ferreting out as much information as possible on each ancestor, not settling for just "names and dates."

Writings by Roach are still in print at GSP (*The Pennsylvania Militia in 1777*, *Colonial Philadelphians*, and *The Back Part of Germantown*), and her collections of unpublished writings (41 volumes worth) were

preserved by the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania and currently are housed as the Hannah Benner Roach Collection in the library of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania.

Also among her accomplishments was a compilation of names from 18th century Philadelphia newspapers, donated to the American Philosophical Society in Philadelphia.

UPCOMING EVENTS

27-29 June - **Palatines to America National Conference**, Hilton Hotel, Springfield, IL. More info: www.palam.org or RalphKroehler@prodigy.net

27-29 June - **St. Louis Genealogical Society**: 32nd annual fair "Find Your Place in History" at University of Missouri, St. Louis Campus, 8001 Natural Bridge Road, St. Louis, MO. More info: PO Box 43010, St. Louis, MO 63143-0010; phone, (314) 647-8547; e-mail, stlgs@primary.net; Web site, www.rootsweb.co/~mostlogs/stindex.htm

6 July - **Pottstown 250th Family History Conference**: "I'm Starting My Family History in Pottstown" held at Pottstown Middle School, Pottstown, PA, with various subjects including Internet and ethnic research. More info: Pottstown 250th Family History Conference, c/o W. Stephen Sharp, 305 Ash Street, Apt. 4A, Stowe, PA 19464-6808.

18 July - **Berks County Genealogical Society**: "The French & Indian War, and Pennsylvania" presented by Dr. Tim Blessing. 7:30 p.m. More info: 3618 Kutztown Road, Laureldale, PA or at the Web site: www.Berksgenes.org.

1-3 August - **American Association for State and Local History** will have a workshop in Doylestown, PA, "Interpretation Issues and Strategies". More info: (615) 320-3203 or e-mail: pdreg@aslh.org

7-10 August - **Federation of Genealogical Societies and the California State Genealogical Alliance** present the FGS annual national conference on the theme "California: A Gold Mine of Diversity," in Ontario, CA. More information: (888) FGS-1500 or the office e-mail at fgs-office@fgs.org.

14-19 October - **The International Society for British Genealogy and Family History** will present its 2nd Annual "British Institute" in Salt Lake City at the Salt Lake Plaza Hotel. More info: The British Institute, PO Box 3115, Salt Lake City, UT 84110-3115

18-19 October - **The Mid-Atlantic Germanic Society** will celebrate its 20th anniversary with a banquet at the Hilton Columbia, 5485 Twin Knolls Road, Columbia, MD 21045-3247. Along with **The National Genealogical Society**, MAGS will be the local host society for a conference program on Saturday, 19 Oct. More info: Diane M. Kuster, Registrar, 251 Serpentine Drive, Bayville, NJ 08721-3261 or e-mail: conference@nsgenealogy.org.

26 October - *Tulpehocken Turtle Trundle* will be offered by the **Tulpehocken Settlement Historical Society**. This day includes tours of the Tulpehocken area, local mills, canal beds, Historic homesteads, churches and cemeteries. Contact: Tulpehocken Settlement Historical Society, 116 N. Front St., Womelsdorf, PA 19567 or phone (610) 589-2527.

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NEWS OF OTHER SOCIETIES AND AGENCIES

In the *NGS Newsmagazine* (Vol. 28, No.2, March/April 2002) **National Genealogical Society** announced a new online Census Course. The two-stage course was authored by Suzanne Murray, FNGS. It includes lessons on the various Federal Census Schedules, also the value of the mortality, manufacturing and agricultural schedules. For more information, contact the Society at the Web site: www.ngsgenealogy.org.

In *The Historian* (Vol. 18, No. 1, Winter 2002), newsletter of **Lancaster County Historical Society**, is a Research Alert. The abstracts for the "Orphan's Court Records of Lancaster County from 1742-1791," are now available in three volumes. Once you have searched the abstracts, you can access the original records on microfilm in Lancaster Historical's library. The records are available in the Library of the Society or may be purchased from the bookstore. The Lancaster Historical Society is located at 230 N. President St., Lancaster, PA 17603-3125 or call (717) 392-4633.

The Pioneer (Vol. 24, No. 1, Spring 2002), newsletter of the **Central Pennsylvania Genealogical Pioneers**, has available in the Darrah Genealogical Library a set of books compiled by Edward C. Eisley regarding the *Sunbury American & Northumberland County Democrat* newspapers. Eisley has created an alphabetized index of these Sunbury newspapers from 1812-1816 and 1840-1899. The Charlotte Darrah Walter Library is located in The Hunter House, 1150 N. Front St., Sunbury, PA.

In 1873 the city of Reading decreed that all funeral directors send a "death certificate" to the city office. These records up to January 1906 have been copied into a computerized program by Richard Frank of Muhlenberg Township as a volunteer with the Office of the Register of Wills in Berks County. The CD created from these records is available for a \$25 donation to the Alzheimer's Association. As reported by Gail M. Champlin, Berks County branch coordinator, Alzheimer's Association, Chapter in the Branches of Berks (Vol. 14, No. 4, Spring 2002), newsletter of the **Berks County Genealogical Society**. To order this CD, contact Richard Frank, by mail at 330 Roosevelt Ave., Reading, PA 19605, making check payable to the Alzheimer's Association, SEPA Chapter or e-mail: wennel@juno.com. For more information, call (610) 375-4990.

From the *Tarentum Centennial 1842-1942 Official Program*, as noted in *TGS News* (Vol. 8, No. 1, January/February 2002), newsletter of the **Tarentum Genealogical Society**, is a list of church histories for St. Paul's German Evangelical Church, 1886, St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, 1888, the First Christian Church, 1901,

Wesleyan Methodist Church, 1933, and Ohev Sholem Congregation, 1923. For more information or these histories or the Society, write Tarentum Genealogical Society, PO Box 66, Tarentum, PA 15084-0066 or check at its Web site: www.targensoc.homestead.com.

The **Mifflin County Historical Society** has been the recipient of a donation of more than 100 volumes of history and genealogy and 20 to 30 reels of microfilm from the collections of the late Charles Eater, and his wife Mabel Eater. The Collections include histories of Pennsylvania counties, cemetery records, marriages and deaths from newspapers and family genealogies. The gratitude of the society is extended to Mrs. Eater in the newsletter, *Notes from Monument Square* (Vol. XXVIII, No. 2, March, April, May 2002). The Mifflin County Historical Society is located at 1 W. Market St., Lewisport, PA 17044-2128.

"Emigrants to Northumberland County, Pennsylvania" an article by Roxanne K. Carkhuff in the *Hunterdon Historical Newsletter* (Vol. 38, No. 1, Winter 2002), newsletter of the **Hunterdon County Historical Society(NJ)**, lists names of persons who emigrated "West" from Hunterdon County, NJ. To "old" Northumberland County, PA. Carkhuff's list includes names that appear in records of both counties. The Hunterdon County Historical Society is located at 114 Main St., Flemington, NJ.

The **Chester County Historical Society** has completed a project to inventory Chester County African-American records. The grant, funded by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, has made the records scattered through the collections more accessible to the public. Items include: church records, letters, diaries, newspaper clippings and relate to slavery, county abolition activities, etc. A copy of the guide to the records will be posted on the Society's Web site in the near future. The Chester County Historical Society is located at 225 N. High St., West Chester, PA, phone (610) 692-4000 ext.220. Web site, www.chesco.com/~cchs/.

An article on Marriages of Solebury Residents, from Eastburn Reeder's *Early Settlers of Solebury Township, Bucks County, PA*, appears in the **Bucks County Genealogical Society Newsletter** (Vol. XXI, No. 1, Winter 2002). The names and year are listed where one or both of the parties resided in Solebury, 1686-1720. **Bucks County Genealogical Society**, PO Box 1092, Doylestown, PA 18901 or check at: <http://communities.phillyburbs.com/home/bucksgs>.

VOLUNTEERS OFFER FREE LOOKUPS

Surname indexes to some collections in GSP's Manuscript Archives are now available on the society's World Wide Web Internet site. Four collections are covered by this index:

- **Bible Records:** At the present time the index includes every surname mentioned in the Bible records on file at GSP.
- **Family:** The Family collection file is indexed for every surname folder in this file.
- **Hocker:** The Edward W. Hocker collection is

indexed for every surname folder .

- **Ely:** The Warren Ely collection is indexed through surnames beginning with R.

The surname index is found at the URL, www.libertynet.org/~gspa/SurnamesIndex.htm.

Instructions to request a lookup are on the Web site.

Full transcriptions or photocopies of these records will be handled as "Specific Requests" under the GSP Inquiry Procedures.

GSP INQUIRY PROCEDURES

The following Inquiry Procedures have been established by the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania in an attempt to ensure that your inquiry receives prompt and appropriate attention. Searches will be done only for records in the GSP Research Room and the Historical Society of Pennsylvania Library.

The following services can be provided:

- **Factual questions** are answered by the GSP research staff without charge. If possible, e-mail your question to gsppa@aol.com. If you submit a question by mail, please include a Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope (SASE).
- **Specific record requests (date included)** will be searched for \$10. Includes: Up to five pages of photocopies and postage. Requests running beyond 5 pages become **hourly requests**. Requests for specific records without dates are also treated as **hourly requests**.
- **Hourly requests** will be searched at the rate of \$22 an hour for members or \$35 an hour for non-members. Includes: Report and postage. Photocopies billed at costs below. Searches are for a 1-hour minimum, 2-hour maximum.

Among the limits of the GSP Research Service are the following: Guarantee that the search for records will be successful; search for records outside of the GSP / HSP collections; extended research on family surnames or individuals.

Schedule of Fees and Deposits

- Requests for specific records, date given, \$10 (Up to five pages of a record, includes photocopying and postage) Requests running beyond 5 pages become hourly requests.
- Hourly requests from members, \$22 an hour.
- Hourly requests from non-members, \$35 an hour.
- Postage is included on hourly requests; photocopies are billed at cost: GSP, 25 c for paper, 65 c for microfilm; HSP, 50 c for paper or microfilm. Deposits for specific requests are \$10; hourly requests are \$44 (members) or \$70 (non-members).

If you make an initial request for paid research by e-mail, you need to resubmit the e-mail request by letter accompanied by your deposit check.

Payment may be by check, money order, MasterCard, Visa, or Discover. Refunds of searches that do not reach the deposit amount will be made by check from GSP.

NEWS OF OTHER SOCIETIES AND AGENCIES (cont.)

From The Kittochtinny Historical Society newsletter (Vol. 18, No. 3, March 2002), a reminder to descendants of Franklin County settlers before 1818, that they may apply for membership in "First Families of Franklin County". For further information, contact: Kittochtinny Historical Society, 175 E. King St., PO Box 733, Chambersburg, PA 17201; phone, (717) 264-1667.

This year marks the 150th anniversary of the Presbyterian Historical Society. The society's mission

is to collect, preserve and share information about the history of American Presbyterianism and encourage appreciation of the church's heritage. There are various activities planned for the year in honor of this anniversary. For information about the upcoming events, exhibits and programs, visit the Web site at: www.history.pcusa.org The Presbyterian Historical Society's headquarters in Philadelphia is located at 425 Lombard St., Philadelphia, PA 19147-1516; phone (215) 627-1852.

NEW INFORMATION ON IMMIGRANT ORIGINS

THROUGH the years, the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania has had a small but dedicated crew of volunteers who have, among other things sorted, indexed and preserved, manuscripts and items given to the Society.

Some twenty years ago a project was started to index all the names in the death, marriage, and wants columns of the *Philadelphia Public Ledger*, the originals of which were at the Historical Society of Pennsylvania. Although these newspapers are no longer available, microfilms of them are at HSP and the central branch of the Philadelphia Public Library at Logan Square. This work started with the initial issue of the paper in 1836 and continued through the year of 1875. This effort resulted in the publication of eighteen volumes of indexed names.

These indexes to death and marriages and local affairs, want ads and personal columns were bound and are available at GSP. Many other libraries have purchased these indexes. Since they are originals and need to be duplicated before sale they are expensive but may be ordered.

- *Public Ledger Index 24 March 1836-30 December 1843* (two volumes) - marriages, deaths, and items of genealogical interest.
- *Public Ledger Index 1844-1851* (three volumes) - marriages, deaths and items of genealogical interest.
- *Public Ledger Index 1852-1865* (two volumes) - marriages
- *Public Ledger Index, 1852-1857* (one volume) - deaths
- *Public Ledger Index, 1858-1865* (two volumes) deaths
- *Public Ledger Index, 1852-1870 - Local Affairs, Want Ads, Personal Columns* (two volumes)
- *Public Ledger Index, 1866-1870* (one volume) - marriages
- *Public Ledger Index, 1866-1870* (two volumes) - deaths
- *Public Ledger Index, 1871-1875* (three vol

umes) - deaths.

Although not part of the *Public Ledger* indexes, *Poulson's Daily Advertiser 1791-1839* (seven volumes) were abstracted and indexed by an earlier group of volunteers.

As the work proceeded into the 1850s, the effects of the Potato Famine in Ireland began to appear. Irish immigrants were marrying and dying and sometimes their newspaper notices began to show their places of origin in the Old Country. Also, immigrants began to advertise in the Wants and Personal columns in the *Public Ledger* upon their arrival in America so as to contact relatives who had come before them. The newspaper columns show names, ages, places of origin, down to parishes and townlands, as well as relationships between individuals.

These piqued the interest of one of the volunteers, a good Irishman, the late Bob O Connor, who suggested that it might be a good idea to go back to these wants, inquiries, etc., information wanted and personals, that previously had only been indexed, although the actual entrees were available. The volunteers all agreed that the abstracts should be listed separately. This portion of the new project was entitled "Origins." Information contained in these notices included not only Ireland and foreign countries, but also other areas of the United States.

Because of the interest in the Irish immigrants this project started with the newspapers of 1848 and continued through 1875. All of the various newspaper columns mentioned above were used. The Wants column mainly was for employment opportunities, everything from hat trimmers to iron moulders, but tucked into this column were ads beginning: "Information Wanted Of." In August of 1848 a new column heading was tried called "Inquiries etc," and it reappeared in April and June of 1849, even as the Wants column continued. In August 1849 another heading was tried as "Information Wanted," but it wasn't until December 1852 that "Personals" began and would

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continue as the column for those seeking friends. The volunteers noted the page and column number below each publication date. The wants and personals were extracted as they appear. Information might include the ship name, date of arrival, other family members, such as cousins or brothers-in-law, and maiden names. Included were persons whose origins or places of marriages or death were in other areas of the country and who were from Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware. There were many deaths in the years during the Civil War because of casualties.

Following are the volumes in the new Origins series. There are separate indexes for each volume:

- *Origins of Philadelphians Who Died Between 1848 and 1875, Vol. I*, pages 1 to 328 (Covers January 1848 to April 1864).
- *Origins of Philadelphians Who Died Between 1848 and 1875, Vol. II*, pages 320 to 656 (April 1864 through 1875).
- *Origins of Philadelphians, Vol. III* (Index).
- *Origins from Want and Personal Columns, 1848-1875, Vol. I*, pages 1 to 200 (1 Jan 1848 to 2 Sep 1857).
- *Origins from Want and Personal Columns, 1848-1875, Vol. II*, pages 201 to 399 (4 Sep 1857 to 24 Dec 1875).
- *Origins from Want and Personal Columns, 1848-1875, Vol. III* (Index).

The series "Origins" includes all of the column headings "Wants," "Inquiries Etc.," "Information Wanted," and "Personals."

If the volunteers could possibly correct misspellings by a clerk uneducated in, for instance, Irish names or the difference between townland and parish, they would put their suggestion in brackets. For instance, every Irish town and townland is in a larger jurisdiction, the Civil parish. Often the ad clerk made no distinction and every place was called a parish. Other additional information that might be of help to the family researcher is also included in brackets.

Upon arrival, the immigrant often stopped at a hotel or boarding house, usually along the waterfront, thus you see repeat addresses in City Directories. Many used agencies such as "The Only Incorporated American Emigrants' Friend Office" as a home address. Street addresses from the early years cannot be used to locate the same addresses today, as the present street numbering system did not begin until 1857.

Because of the erratic numbering, additional infor-

mation was given to pinpoint a location, such as "Between Seventh and Eighth Sts." Or "3rd door from the corner of Sixth and Noble sts. ..." Some of the streets and alleys no longer exist, or their names have changed. There is a book available at GSP entitled *Philadelphia Street Name Changes* by Jefferson M. Moak that is very helpful in determining the current address.

There is an every name index for each volume. The volunteers are experienced genealogists and everything has been meticulously checked but there is always a possibility of error.

Following are some examples that may be found in these Origin volumes:

Jan 1, 1848, pg 1. Col. 3 - "Edward Shepperd, Baker by trade, aged 66, the 29th of November 1847, for many years a resident of Kennington England, and arrived at Philadelphia about 14 years ago, if living, his brother John Lord Shepperd, 109 Nassau St., New York, can give him information that will make him happy the rest of his life. Any confirmation of him will be thankfully rec'd."

Jan 25, 1848 pg 3 col. 3 - "This is to inform Richard Green, woolcomber, of Bradford, Yorkshire, England, that his wife Jane Green, and eleven children, arrived in Phila. [Pa.] on Friday, 21st of January 1848 in the ship "Finland."

Aug 6, 1864 "HAZZARD - James, Co. K. 28th Regt. Pa Vols. Died July 5, 1864 aged 31 yrs. 4 mos. Died in Cumberland Hosp., Nashville, Tenn. Of wounds rec'd in Battle of Lost Mt. Va. Only son of John L. & Ellen W. Hazzard. Int. Evergreen Cem., Camden, N.J."

April 25, 1859 Pg. 3 col. 1 - "Miss Jane Maria Seavey (formerly of Portland, Maine), J.W.L. has letter for you from Trinidad de Cuba. Address J.W. Lynn, Phila Hide Association, Willow st., above Eleventh [st., Phila. Pa.]"

Unlike the first series of newspapers indexes, the "Origins" have not been duplicated. The originals are available only at the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania. If you wish the Society to conduct a search contact us for details.

Jane Adams Clarke

INFORMATION WANTED

Here are the "Information Wanted" rules: 1. Members may submit any number of queries during their membership year. 2. All queries should have a clear PA connection and at least one date. 3. 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 we will, of course, retain the right to edit where necessary. Queries are accepted only from members.

Some Internet sites that offer many queries:

- County sites of the PGenWeb project. URL: <http://pa-roots.com/pagenweb/>
- Genealogy.com's GenForum, which offers surname and geographic search. URL: <http://genforum.genealogy.com/pa/philadelphia/>
- GenConnect. URL: <http://genconnect.rootsweb.com/~genbbs/>
- Roots Surname List (Surname List only - no "messages"). URL: <http://rsl.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/rslsql.cgi?surname=&type=Surname&op=search>

ANSLEY: Searching for parents of John William or David ANSLEY. Siblings were b. between 1809 and 1815 in Philadelphia. Also seeking any information their descendants.

Marge Ansley, 7632 N. Quail Ridge Drive, Tucson, AZ 85743

BARTHOLOMEW: Seeking info on Jacob BARTHOLOMEW (b.ca. 1815) and wife Mary (b.ca. 1820) of Lancaster Co., parents of John (b. 1846), Annie (Aug 1848), and Jason (1849 or 1850). Annie m. 21 Aug 1867 John Milton MISHLER. They had 9 children: Rose, Charles, Viola (later Iola), Isaac, Catharine, Anna, Gilbert, Milton, H.N., and Clare.

Harold Bauer, 1201 S. First St., Springfield, IL 62704 or e-mail: Haroldnjude@msn.com

BROSEY: Looking for information on Sarah BROSEY, Philadelphia, between 1787-1866. Need her maiden name, place of birth, any brothers or sisters, m. Emanuel CORYELL, Philadelphia.

Edward P. Donnelly, 8242 38th Ave., N.E., Seattle, WA. 98115.

COLLIN(G)S: Ancestors of Edward COLLIN(G)S, died testate in Philadelphia, PA. Resident of Northern Liberties, Phila., a seedsman by trade; m. 1716 at Christ Church, to Margaret Evans (d.1761) and had issue: Abraham (b.1717), Mary (1720), Elizabeth (1721), Richard (1724), Sarah (1726), Edward (1728), John (1729), William (1731), Margaret (1732), Hannah (1734), John (1735), Thomas (1737), and Anne (1739), all baptized at said Christ Church.

Walter Zane Collings, 831 Christina Mill Drive, Newark, DE 19711, or e-mail: wzanecollings@msn.com

COLLIN(G)S: Ancestors of Edward COLLIN(G)S, died intestate 1746 in Philadelphia, PA. Resident of Chelten-

ham/Abington, a stonemason by trade. This Edward was active in Trinity Church, Oxford. M. 3 times and had issue: Edward (ca. 1715, d. 1755, testate, Philadelphia), Elizabeth (ca 1717), Susannah (ca. 1719), Hannah (ca. 1721), Sarah (ca. 1723), and Joseph (ca. 1725); by second wife: William (ca. 1727); by 3rd wife, Rebecca (GREGORY) Winder, widow of Thomas WINDER of Hunterdon Co., NJ; Rebecca (ca. 1739) and John (ca. 1741).

Margaret Collings, PO Box 430, Onley, VA. 23418 or e-mail: margcoll@intercom.net

GEORGE: Seeking info, especially date of d. for paternal ancestor who was likely the one who moved from the Boston, MA, to the Philadelphia area, Benjamin Edmond GEORGE, b. 23 July 1853 in Boston, date and location of death unknown. His son, Benjamin Franklin GEORGE b. 8 Aug 1880, also in Boston. He m. 5 June 1904, PA, and d. 8 Oct 1929, Philadelphia.

Harold Bauer, 1201 S. First St., Springfield, IL 62704 or e-mail: Haroldnjude@msn.com

HART/WOOLLAS: Seeking parents/siblings of William HART, possibly from Philadelphia, b.ca. 1777, m. ca. 1799 Phoebe WOOLLAS. Phoebe was dau. of Hannah HEACOCK and Nicholas WOOLLAS of Delaware Co. William and Phoebe moved to area now Union Twp., Schuylkill Co., in the early 1800s. Children included: John, Jesse, Amos, Elizabeth, Joanna, Sidney, Sally, and Edith. Would also like info on Nicholas WOOLLAS' parents/siblings.

Dorothy Spence, 6349 Paseo San Andres, Tucson, AZ 85710-2120; e-mail: dottycom@flash.net

HENRY: Seeking information on Jacob HENRY b. 1798 PA, d. 1870 Doylestown, PA, and wf. Margaret, b. 1809 PA, d. 1873 Doylestown. Moved to Doylestown 1833 from Philadelphia. Their children: Susannah m. Israel

INFORMATION WANTED (cont.)

BENDEL; Mary m. William VAUX; Margaret m. Charles KELLY; Sarah m. Samuel GARREN; Charlotte m. Charles KOLBE; Jacob; Emma m. John LONG; Peter m1. Mary KEELER, m2. Ellen MARTIN; Amanda m. George TODD; Wilhelmina m. Thomas CLAMPFER.
Mary Beth Damiani, 53 Tally Ho Drive, Warminster, PA 18974

JONES/JEFFRIES: Seeking info and descendants of Mary JONES. Mary m1. Willard JEFFRIES, who d. by 1915. Two known children, John JEFFRIES, b. 15 Dec 1894, Philadelphia. After Willard's death, she remarried a Mr. PERKINS. Mary and Willard's second child was named Lillian.
Harold Bauer, 1201 S. First St., Springfield, IL 62704 or e-mail: Haroldnjude@msn.com

KELLER/GETZ: George KELLER, died 1794 Conestoga Twp., Lancaster Co., PA; m. Catherine GETZ, dau. of Leonard ca. 1765. George lived in Lancaster and Northumberland counties, PA. Known children: John William, Margaret Catherine, Elizabeth Ann, Magdalena. Possible children: Henry, Philip, Leonard, George, and Susannah.
Mrs. Cheryl Knowles, 979 Simon Lane, Chillicothe, OH 45601-2161

KELLY/KELLEY: Seek information on Patrick KELLY, a Civil War vet (regiment unknown). In 1867, Patrick resides New York. His parents, Patrick and Ann McQuade KELLY, came with 5 children to Phoenixville, PA, ca. 1850 from Aughnacloy, County Tyrone, Ireland. His sister Mary m. John QUINN in Conshohocken, PA.
Charles J. Kelly, 253 Spring Mill Ave., Conshohocken, PA, 19428-2037 or e-mail: Ckelly@comcast.net

MARTIN/HILL: Seeking parents of Jonas MARTIN b. 1822 (Bedminster?) Bucks County, PA Veteran of Civil War, Regt. 104th PA Volunteers, d. 1865 City Point, VA., m. 1844 Hannah HILL (b. 1821 Bedminster, d. 1905 Erwinna, PA). Children: Mary m. Jacob BEEGLE; Ellen m1. Charles KEYSER, m2. Peter HENRY; Jonas m1. Mary CROUTHAMEL, m2. Jemima FORSYTHE; Ann; David; Reuben m. Ella RAND; Amos.
Mary Beth Damiani, 53 Tally Ho Drive, Warminster, PA 18974

MERSHON/THOMAS: Seeking ancestors of and information about Izilla Clark THOMAS, b. 20 Jan 1823, Philadelphia, m. 1841 Henry MERSHON (b. 9 Jan 1817, Philadelphia). Parents of William Franklin MERSHON. Izilla was dau. of James Wallace THOMAS and Amelia

AIRS. Henry was son of Henry and Ruth DILWORTH MERSHON. Couple moved first to Vermont, IL, and later to Stafford, KS.
Harold Bauer, 1201 S. First St., Springfield, IL. 62704.

MICHAEL/MICHEL: Seeking parents/siblings of Ulrich MICHAEL, b. 6 Feb 1767, Northampton Co., d. 30 Mar 1853, Columbia Co., PA, m. Maria Clara and had children: Adam, Elizabeth, Maria Eva, Peter, John. Resided Hanover Twp. and Whitehall Twp., Northampton Co., PA., before moving to Columbia County around 1812. Death certificate names father as Adam, mother's name blank. Would also like info on Maria Clara's parents/siblings.
Dorothy Spence, 6349 Paseo San Andres, Tucson, AZ 85710-2120; e-mail: dottycom@flash.net

NEEDHAM/MOORE: Seeking info on Patrick NEEDHAM, b. 1830 Ireland, m. 1858 Germantown, Philadelphia, PA, d. 1898 Germantown, Philadelphia, PA. Wf: Mary MOORE b. 1839 Ireland, d. 1910 Philadelphia. Children: Mary; David; John m. Rebecca WILKINSON; Margaret m. Anthony WEISENBERGER, m2. Mr. MARTIN; Mary m. James WILSON; Michael; Thomas m. Jennie WILKINS.
Mary Beth Damiani, 53 Tally Ho Drive, Warminster, PA 18974

WELCH: William A., b. ca. 1861, possibly in PA, d. 27 May 1938 in Denver, CO; m. Sarah Elizabeth CAPSON of New Brunswick, Canada (13 Feb, 1849-25 Jul 1936 at Lyons, CO). B. to Aristides WELCH(?-ca. 1897) of the famed Erdenheim Stock Farm in Chestnut Hills, home of the Kentucky Derby winner, Iroquois, and probably Rachel Henrietta Jackson Armstrong. Siblings known from census records: Robert A., b. Washington, D. C. and James A., b. PA.
Diane G. Benedict; PO Box 2567; Lyons, CO; or e-mail; degebe@earthlink.net

ZIMMERMAN/LABENBERG: Seeking parents/siblings of Jacob ZIMMERMAN b. 10 April 1778, d. 14 Dec 1845. M. Christiana LABENBERG, dau. of Frederick LABENBERG/LOWENBERG and Catherina. Both families lived in Union Twp., Schuylkill Co. at time of their deaths. Some sources list Emanuel and Hannah ZIMMERMAN as parents of Jacob, but birth dates refute this. Catherina Lowenberg's maiden name was suggested to be MUENCH or MINNICH, but need source material to confirm.
Dorothy Spence, 6349 Paseo San Andres, Tucson, AZ 85710-2120; e-mail: dottycom@flash.net

FAMILY REUNIONS

ARNER/ORNER: 24-25 Aug "Honoring Hans Ulrich Arner and Verena Eberhard(t): Gathering Their Far-flung Descendants" around Schnecksville in the Lehigh Valley near Allentown. Further info: check out the Arner listserv at ArnerL@rootsweb.com), or contact the local hosts Judy McElderry (judyd@netcarrier.com) or (215) 348-1774 or Minerva Arner (mini2sew@juno.co) or (215) 679-2668.

BLACKBURN: Reunion, to be held 9-11 Aug at the Holiday Inn in Weirton, WV. Further info: Blackburn Family Association Inc., 171 Sawgrass Drive, Blue Bell, PA 19422.

CLOUD: The Cloud Family Gathering will be held this year in Austin, TX, on 12-13 Jul. Reservations can be made with the Hotel Red Lion. Further info: Cloud Family Association, c/o Linda Boose, Sec./Texas, 508 Crestwood Drive, Eastland, TX 76448.

ENDERS: 80th annual Enders Family Association Reunion will be held in Enders Grove, Enders, Halifax, PA, on 10 Aug. Grove will be open all day. Memorial service begins at 1 p.m., followed by a group picture, children's games, and the Egerlander German Band from 5 to 8 p.m. Recreational vehicle hookups available. Further info: President Gene C. Enders, (717) 766-5573 or Secretary Cecil Potteiger, (301) 696-8370; Web site: www.endersfamily.org.

EWING: The Clan Ewing will have its 7th Reunion, "Across The Wide Missouri" on 10-13 Oct. The reunion will be held at the Quality Inn in Columbia, MO. Further info: Clan Ewing in America, PO Box 8313, The Woodlands, TX 77387-8313 or check online at www.ClanEwing.org or e-mail: Ewing@clanewing.org.

FRETZ: 114th anniversary will be held 10 Aug at Camp Men-O-Lan. Further info: Betty Heazel, 213 Holland Road, Severna Park, MD 21146 or phone (410) 647-5449 or the Fretz Family Association Web site: www.fretz.org

HOWELL: Edward Howell Family Association will hold its 202 Reunion on 11-13 Oct at Holiday Inn, Fredericksburg, VA. Further info: Tat Reistrup, 8614 Brook Road, McLean, VA 22102 or phone (703) 827-0437.

HULL: On 19-21 Sep the Hull Family Association will hold its 17th Annual Meeting in Des Moines, IA. Further info: David or Denise Hull, 402 Chester Ave., Ottumwa, IA 52501 or e-mail: dhull@lisco.com

JOHNSTON(E): The 2002 annual general meeting will be held at the Stone Mountain Highland Games and Scottish Festival in Stone Mountain, GA, on 18-20 Oct. Further info: Dennis Watts, PO Box 1041, Tucker, GA 30085 or at the Web site: www.clanjohnston.org

KOLB-KULP-CULP: 75th annual reunion on 16 Jun at Lower Skippack Mennonite Church, Evansburg and Meeting House roads, Skippack, PA 19474. Further info: Ruth Oberholtzer, 209 S. Fifth St., North Wales, PA 19454.

LEININGER: 13th annual reunion of the descendants of Johan Jacob and Elisabeth Leininger will be held on 10 Aug in Mohn's Memorial Church at Mohn's Hill, PA. Further info: Dr. Thomas Leininger, 268 Church Road, Mohnton, PA or call (610) 777-5576.

LONGENECKER: The family reunion is scheduled for 23-25 Aug at the Krauss Private Park, Cave Junction, OR. For further information contact: Ted and Julie Peckham, PO Box 2103, Cave Junction, OR 97523.

LYBARGER: The Lybarger Memorial Association family reunion will be held on 20-21 July at Lybarger Lutheran Church in Madley, PA. Further info: call Jack Lybarger at (814) 266-7919 or other questions, call John H. Lybarger, the LMA president, at (740) 343-3110.

MENDENHALL: The Mendenhall Family Association will hold its annual reunion 13-15 Sep in Salt Lake City at the Wyndham Hotel. Further info: Gerald Mendenhall, 1908 Sparks St., Midland, TX 79705-8529.

PARKE: Parke Society 2002 Convocation will be held in Arlington, VA, on 25-28 July. The headquarters for this event will be the Crowne Plaza at Reagan National Airport, VA. Further info: Arliene P. Callahan, 324 Sullivan Road, Schenectady, NY 12304-3625.

STAUDT-STOUDT-STOUT: 28th annual reunion will take place on 11 Aug. The reunion will be held at Umbenhauer's Park, Bernville, PA, Route 183, north of Reading Regional Airport. Further info: Beulah Stoudt Follmer, 1610 Crowder Ave., Shillington, PA 19607 or call (610) 777-4814. Kim Stoudt can be reached by e-mail for further questions at: concordek@aol.com.

WOMELSDORF: The Womelsdorf Family Association is planning a reunion 9-11 Aug. It will be held at the Hampton Inn, 1800 Papermill Road, Wyomissing, PA 19610. Further info: Womelsdorf Family Association, 150 Elm St., Reading, PA 19601.

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

It was a sick moment in the office when I discovered that the Membership Renewal notices had the wrong price listed for the single category.

It wasn't as if we hadn't prepared for Membership Renewal time. This was the first time since we went from a monthly system of renewals to a "set" membership year that such a "master renewal" mailing was going to be done.

And despite the best efforts of staff, the error was not found until all those notices were out on the street.

Once the error was discovered, the debate became what to do about it. I consulted with GSP President Herbert K. Zearfoss and Membership Chair Jonathan Stayer.

There was the possibility of just eating the loss, but as most of you are aware, GSP has financial challenges.

Finally, what was decided was that I would write an apology letter to go out with the receipts and membership cards to those who had chosen the category of single without HSP Library visits.

Since most of you are single members, you received that letter (If you chose another category of membership or if you chose single and made an additional donation, you did not receive a notice).

After writing it, I was on pins and needles wondering if there would be a response and, if so, what type of responses the letter would generate.

I must say I am gratified by the many who have forgiven our error and sent in the additional \$5. A few individuals even sent in \$10 — saying here's an extra \$5 in case someone else does not!

Others commented that they liked my letter (which referred to a boss of mine who once said a co-worker had messed up so badly that he "not only had egg on his face but the whole breakfast.")

The only negative feedback so far has been a couple of people who pointed out that the society should have included a stamped return envelope.

All I can say is that it's a point well taken. If anything, we were not optimistic enough about what the response would be to the error. Had we known so many of you were this proud of your membership in GSP, we would have gladly included the envelope!

James M. Beidler
Executive Director

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