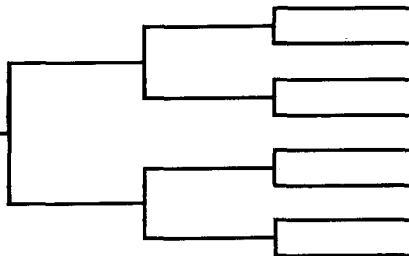


# PRINCE GEORGE'S GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY BULLETIN



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"GETTING OUR GENEALOGICAL ACT TOGETHER", Society's 1980-81 Program Theme

Based on excellent responses to the program questionnaire completed at the June 1980 meeting, a program theme has been selected for 1980-81 with each topic aimed toward fulfilling the requests of our membership.

Here is the 1980-81 program schedule. Please mark your calendar or better still put this issue of the BULLETIN in a safe place for future reference.

- Sept. 3 Philosophy of Genealogy/  
indexing Family Records
- Oct. 1 Using Courthouse Records
- Nov. 5 Research Using Newspapers
- Dec. 3 "Genealogical Feud"
- Jan. 7 Searching by State Workshop
- Feb. 4 Writing for Responses
- March 4 Members Share Genealogical  
Problems
- April 1 Matching History with  
Genealogy
- May 6 How to Publish
- June 3 Getting ready for Summer  
Searching, Election of  
Officers

Members are encouraged to recommend speakers for these programs. Call Jim McCafferty (839-5812) or see him at the meetings.

FIRST Wednesday in September, FIRST Meeting in 1980-81 season, FIRST Program in "Getting our Genealogical Act Together" is a twin bill.

Mrs. Barbara Crissey Dash will highlight the philosophical reasons behind genealogical research with an emphasis on the techniques of biographers.

Mrs. Shirley Langdon Wilcox, C.G. will provide an overview of methods for indexing family records. For many of us with boxes full to overflowing, we welcome suggestions on how to organize our records.

Meetings for Sept. 3, Oct. 1 and Nov. 5 will be held at the Greenbelt Branch Library, 11 Crescent Road in Greenbelt, MD. The business portion of the meetings begins at 7:30 p.m. with the program starting about 8:30 p.m. Ample parking is available in rear of library.

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REMEMBER to keep these dates open for the fall seminars at the Surratts/Clinton Library. Complete details in October BULLETIN.

Oct 15, 22, 29            7 - 9:00 pm  
Nov 12, 19, 22        9:30-12:30 pm

FROM THE PRESIDENT

First, it is a pleasure to announce the appointment of Bee Kennard\* as our Publications Chairman and BULLETIN editor.\*(See comment below)

The Bowie City Council has offered the use of a room in the west wing of the Belair Mansion to the Prince George's County Genealogical Society. The beginnings of a local area library are housed in that wing also. For the present time, we could use the room for storage of our exchange periodicals and Society records, as well as an office for the Society. Future use as a library and research area may be decided later. There is no obligation on our part.

The Education Chairman has suggested placing some of the books in the Society Library in the Bowie Branch Library reference section. These books would remain our property on long-term loan. Only those books which our members are not using would be put there. The more commonly used books and the general reference works would be kept for circulation among the members.

The Society will co-sponsor, with the County Memorial Library system, a Seminar at the Surratt Branch Library beginning Oct. 15 with the final workshop on Nov. 22. Please volunteer if you can help, especially at the workshop.

At the September meeting you will all have a chance to sign up for the Society committees. Elsewhere in the Bulletin are the lists of members already appointed. We hope you will help if you can. The newly formed Ways and Means Committee especially needs your help.

\* \* Editorial Comment

Going to press your new editor is hard pressed to maintain the high standards of excellence set by my predecessors. Don Wilson is a hard act to follow. My thanks to him and the old news hands for their help in getting my first genealogical BULLETIN together.

All library books should be returned at the September meeting. If you do not plan to attend, deliver your books to any council member before September 3. PLEASE.



The President is pleased to announce the following Committee appointments:

Records Committee

Phyllis Cox, Chairman  
Jean Sargent, Registrar  
Mary Beth Abel  
Michael Cassady  
Jane McCafferty  
Joe Norris  
Eleanor Poole  
Irene Shrader  
Ann Whiteside  
Donald Wilson  
Betty Stevens

Education Committee

Dorothy Rainwater, Chairman  
James Sorensen, Librarian  
Donald Barnes, Seminar Chairman  
Barbara Dash  
William E. Miller  
Elise Jennings

Program Committee

James McCafferty, Chairman  
Nova Boyer, Hospitality  
Mary Faust, Publicity

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Shirley Wilcox, Chairman  
Dorothy Rainwater

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Beatrice Kennard, Chairman  
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Jean Sargent, Queries Editor  
Shirley Wilcox, Book Review Editor  
Carma Hutchison, Indexer  
Karen Lowman, Distributor  
Mary Beth Abel  
Mary Mowbray  
Ruth Stultz

Exchange Notes

Following are listed the gift journals from Bernice Wentworth which will be held by Catherine Mayhew with other exchanges:

New England Historical and Genealogical Register

April 1966 through October 1979 (January 1977 missing)

Detroit Society for Genealogical Research Magazine

Fall 1973 through Winter 1979  
(Vol. 37, No. 1- Vol. 43, No. 2)

except

|               |   |                |
|---------------|---|----------------|
| Summer 1975   | - | Vol. 38, No. 4 |
| Spring 1976   | - | Vol. 39, No. 3 |
| Index 1975/76 | - | Vol. 39, No. 5 |
| Spring 1979   | - | Vol. 42, No. 3 |

Maine Old Cemetery Association Newsletter

Summer 1972 through Spring 1980  
(Vol. IV, No. 2 - Vol. XII, No. 1)

except

|             |   |                  |
|-------------|---|------------------|
| Summer 1975 | - | Vol. VII, No. 2  |
| Summer 1976 | - | Vol. VIII, No. 2 |
| Fall 1976   | - | Vol. VIII, No. 3 |
| Summer 1977 | - | Vol. IX, No. 4   |
| Winter 1977 | - | Vol. IX, No. 4   |
| Winter 1979 | - | Vol. XI, No. 4   |

Library Strays

These books have been borrowed from our library but there are no names on the cards. Please check your personal reference collection to see if you have a book belonging to the Society.

Manufacture and Testing of Durable book Paper

National Archives Microfilm Publications (1974)

Development of Early Immigration Trails in the US East of the Mississippi River

Genealogical research methods and Sources, vol. 2

Holy Trinity Church

Walkers of Tooping Castle

Searching for Your Ancestors (Doane)

National Archives Preliminary Inventory of Land Entry Papers of the General Land Office

## PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY LAND RECORDS, 1696-1844

The Land record Books for Prince George's County, Maryland prior to 1844 have been removed to the Courthouse Annex (the brick-cinder block building in the parking lot near the courthouse). We have been advised that the storage is temporary due to the Courthouse renovation. Mr. Norman Pritchett, Clerk of the Circuit Court, informs us that the records are available at all times upon request.

The General Index books and index to Equity Records are still housed in the Courthouse Building, 1st floor. The records on the shelves in the Land Records Section start with book J.B.B. No. 1 dated 1844. It is best to call Steve Manning (952-4137) a day in advance in order to use these records and the Old Equity Records in the vault at the courthouse. Upon arrival or before 9:00 am stop by Mr. Manning's desk located in the Old Treasurer's Office, 1st floor, Courthouse.

Mr. Manning will notify me when the Land Records prior to 1844 are returned to the Courthouse building although he could not even give me an estimated date. If you have any further questions, call Phyllis Cox (567-6418).

## WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

James E. Bates  
 Frances A. Bates  
 16 Woodland Way  
 Greenbelt, MD 20770  
 345-3115

Shirley McCoy  
 1754 Long Drive  
 Crofton, MD 21114

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Janis Knox  
 54 Walnut St.  
 Mt. Devens, ME 01433  
 (617) 772-6610

June H. Faler  
 15110 Motter's Station Rd.  
 Rocky Ridge, MD 21778

## CAN THE SOCIETY POOL IT?

With gasoline prices edging up to \$1.50 by fall some of us may begin counting the \$\$\$ toward attending meetings of the Society. Based on the June 1980 responses to the questionnaire, more than half took 30 minutes or less to travel to the June meeting. We didn't ask how many came in a car pool, but we know there are several who do.

Mrs. Dorothy Rainwater took the June 1980 Society membership list and actually counted the number of Society members by residence. The list is quite long but worthwhile to determine if you can establish or take part in an ongoing car pool. Below are listed all communities where there are three or more members.

|               |    |                |    |
|---------------|----|----------------|----|
| Adelphi       | 4  | kensington     | 4  |
| Bladensburg   | 4  | Lanham         | 4  |
| Bowie         | 47 | Laurel         | 9  |
| Camp Springs  | 3  | new Carrollton | 4  |
| Cheverly      | 5  | Uxon Hill      | 9  |
| Clinton       | 3  | Riverdale      | 7  |
| College Park  | 11 | Rockville      | 4  |
| Crofton       | 3  | Silver Spring  | 14 |
| Dist. of Col. | 6  | Takoma Park    | 5  |
| Greenbelt     | 3  | Temple Hills   | 6  |
| Hyattsville   | 14 | Upper Marlboro | 8  |
|               |    | Virginia       | 13 |

Here are the communities where two of our members live, often in a direct path of one of the above abodes. All sorts of driving combinations could be worked out.

Accokeek, Annapolis, Baltimore, Beltsville, Bethesda, Brandywine, Brentwood, Dunkirk, Forestville, Glendale, Potomac, St. Marys City, Seabrook, Spaulding Heights, Towson, Waldorf

The Society has one member in the following:

Berkshire, Bryans Road, Calloway, Centreville, Cheltenham, Damascus, Darnestown, District Heights, Ellicott City, Forest Heights, Ft. Meade, Friendship, Gaithersburg, Gambrills, Garret Park, Glen Burnie, Hanover, Hollywood, Hughesville, Huntington, Landover, Langley Park, Largo, Leonardtown, Mitchellville, Mt. Rainier, Olney, Rohrsersville, Salisbury, Stevensville, Suitland, Wheaton

## ANCESTORS OF CECILE MOORE FLUHARTY

21 Carolina Avenue, Lockport, New York 14094

1. Cecile Florence MOORE (1913- ) of Lima, WV; and Lockport, NY.

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2. Arch Cecil MOORE (1883-1920) Lima, WV.
3. Florence Emily SMITH (1877-1957) Wilbur, Lima, and Alma, WV.

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4. Israel MOORE (1843-1919) Monongalia and Tyler Counties, WV.
5. Sarah Ann STONEKING (1848-1918) Lima, WV.
6. John Marshall SMITH (1838-1928) Wilbur, WV.
7. Cordelia Ann UNDERWOOD (1852-1920) Wilbur, WV.

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8. Raleigh MOORE (1817-1897) VA, OH, MN; and Lima, WV.
9. Catherine Isabel PILES (c.1814-c.1843) Monongalia Co, VA. \*
10. Henry STONEKING (1805-1867) Lima, WV.
11. Dorcas GAPEN (1812-1899) Lima, WV.
12. James Morris SMITH (1812-1879) Wilbur, WV.
13. Catherine Selmon WELLS (1817-1865) Wilbur, WV.
14. Zane UNDERWOOD (1826-1904) Shirley, WV.
15. Elizabeth H. DAVIS (1829-1910) Salem and Shirley, WV.

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16. Phillip MOORE (1771-1865) PA, VA, WV.
17. Sarah MOORE (bef.1776-aft.1845) VA. \*
18. David PILES (c.1760-1819) MD and VA. \*
19. Jimima — (d. aft.1840) VA. \*
20. Samuel STONEKING, PA. \*
  
22. Stephen GAPEN (1761-1838) VA.
23. Rebecca SNYDER (1788-1849) VA.
24. John SMITH (1775-1845) Wales and VA.
25. Mary MORRIS (1782-1870) PA and WV.
26. John WELLS (1788-1876) VA and MO.
27. Sarah C. BIRKHEAD (1780-bef.1876) MD, VA, and MO. \*
28. William UNDERWOOD (1780-1866) DE and WV.
29. Mary Hannah WILLIS (1780-1869) DE and WV.
30. William DAVIS, Jr. (1792-1865) Salem, WV.
31. Rachel HUGHES (1797-1843) Salem, WV.

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32. Michael MORE/MOORE (1737-c.1814) Hardy and Monongalia Cos, VA \*
33. Catherine — (d. c.1814) VA \*
34. John MOORE ( -1776) VA and Canada. \*
35. Margaret — (d. aft. 1805) VA. \*
36. James PILES ( -1778) MD and VA. \*
37. Lydia OWENS ( -aft.1769) MD and VA. \*
  
44. Zachariah GAPEN (1733-1812) NJ and VA.
45. Ruth TINDALL (1740- ) \*
46. John SNYDER (1743-1830) VA.
47. Dorcas EVANS (1755-1827) PA and VA.
  
50. Rev. Isaac MORRIS (1739-1830) PA and VA.
51. Ruth HENTON (1750-1841) VA.
52. William WELLS (1765-1840) MD and VA.
53. Catherine SELLMAN (1760-1816) MD and VA.
54. John BIRKHEAD (1745-1777) Frederick Co, MD.
55. Mary Deborah SIMMONS ( - ) MD and VA. \*

60. William DAVIS (1754-1840) NJ, VA, and OH.  
 61. Elizabeth HAVENS (1775-1834) NJ, VA, and OH.  
 62. Jonathan HUGHES (1753-1843) VA.  
 63. Sarah Abigail JACKSON ( -1842) NJ and VA. \*
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64. Phillip MORE ( -1762) MD and South Branch of Potomac, VA. \*
68. Phillip MORE (same as 64).  
 74. Robert OWENS ( - ) d. MD. \*  
 75. Rachel HOOK ( - ) d. MD. \*
94. John EVANS (1721-1798) PA.  
 95. Sarah DENNY \*
100. John MORRIS ( - ) d. Reading, PA. \*  
 101. — DAVIS \*  
 102. Rev. William HENTON (1818-1779) PA; and Rockingham Co, VA.  
 103. Mary JONES ( -1787) VA. \*  
 104. Benjamin WELLS (1724-1795) Baltimore Co, MD; Ohio Co, VA.  
 105. Temperance BUTLER (1726-1800) MD and VA.  
 106. Thomas SELLMAN (1727-1794) MD; Ohio Co, VA.  
 107. Ruth SHIPLEY (c.1730-c.1790) Anne Arundel Co, MD; Ohio Co, VA. \*
120. James DAVIS (1720-1777) Monmouth Co, NJ.  
 121. Judith MAXSON (1720-1773) Shrewsbury, NJ.  
 122. John HAVENS ( -1788) Monmouth Co, NJ. \*  
 123. Anna DAVIS (1728-1786) RI and NJ.
126. Edward JACKSON (1741-1807) NJ; Harrison Co, VA.  
 127. Martha MILLER ( - ) NJ and VA. \*
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150. James HOOK(E) ( - ) d. MD. \*  
 151. Margaret THRASHER ( - ) d. MD. \*
188. Samuel EVANS (1691-1770) NJ; Greene Co, PA.  
 204. George HENTON ( - ) England; Olney, PA. \*  
 205. Persis BOON ( - ) d. PA. \*
208. Charles WELLS (c.1703-c.1739) Baltimore Co, MD. \*  
 209. Sarah (WRIGHT) ARNOLD (c.1686-c.1792) d. age 106, in MD. \*  
 210. Henry BUTLER (c.1667-c.1745) MD. \*  
 211. Susanna — ( -1770) MD. \*  
 212. William SELLMAN (1689/90-1742) MD.  
 213. Ann (WEST) SPARROW (1685/86-1749) Accomac Co, VA; Anne Arundel Co, MD.  
 214. Adam SHIPLEY ( -1778) Sykesville, MD. \*  
 215. Ruth TEVIS/TIVIS ( - ) MD. \*
240. Rev. William DAVIS (1663-1745) Wales; and Shrewsbury, NJ.  
 241. Elizabeth PAVOIR ( -1760) NJ. \*  
 242. Joseph MAXSON (1692-1747) RI and NJ.  
 243. Bethea MAXSON (1693-1747) RI and NJ.  
 244. Daniel HAVENS ( -1740) Monmouth Co, NJ. \*  
 245. Christian — \*  
 246. Rev. John DAVIS (1692-1754) PA and RI.  
 247. Elizabeth MAXSON (1695-1751) RI and NJ.



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| 252. | Joseph JACKSON (1710-1769) NY and NJ.                        |   |
| 253. | Mary ROGERS  | * |
| 300. | Thomas HOOKE ( - ) England and MD.                           | * |
| 302. | Benjamin THRASHER ( - ) d. MD.                               | * |
| 376. | Richard EVANS ( - ) Wales; Camden, NJ.                       | * |
| 416. | John WELLS (c.1680-1721) MD.                                 | * |
| 424. | John SELLMAN ( - ) England; and Anne Arundel Co, MD.         | * |
| 425. | Elizabeth — ( -1728/29)                                      | * |
| 426. | John WEST (c.1638-1703) England; Accomac Co, VA.             | * |
| 427. | Matilda SCARBOROUGH (c.1645-1721/22) Accomac Co, VA.         | * |
| 428. | Richard SHIPLEY (c.1677-1725) Baltimore Co, MD.              | * |
| 429. | Susannah STEVENS ( - ) MD.                                   | * |
| 430. | Robert TEVIS/TIVIS ( - ) Baltimore Co, MD.                   | * |
| 484. | Rev. Joseph MAXSON (1672-1750) RI.                           |   |
| 485. | Tacy BURDICK ( - ) d. RI.                                    | * |
| 486. | Rev. John MAXON ( -1748) brother to Joseph (484); RI.        | * |
| 487. | Judith CLARKE (1667- ) Newport, RI.                          | * |
| 488. | John HAVENS ( -1687) NJ.                                     | * |
| 489. | Anna STANNARD ( - ) d. NJ (second wife).                     | * |
| 492. | Rev. William DAVIS (same as #240).                           |   |
| 493. | Elizabeth BRISLEY  | * |
| 494. | Rev. John MAXSON (same as #486).                             |   |
| 495. | Judith CLARKE (same as #487)                                 |   |
| 504. | James JACKSON (c.1670-1735) Hempstead, Long Island, NY.      | * |
| 505. | Rebecca HALLETT (1675-1730) Long Island, NY.                 |   |
| 604. | Peter THRASHER ( - ) d. MD.                                  | * |
| 852. | Anthony WEST ( -1651) England; Northampton Co, VA.           | * |
| 853. | Ann — ( -aft.1767) VA.                                       | * |
| 854. | Col. Edmund SCARBOROUGH (1617-1671) England; Accomac Co, VA. | * |
| 855. | Mary — (c.1610-1691) England; Accomac Co, VA.                | * |

\* Indicates parentage and ancestry or other information wanted.

Mrs. Fluharty writes: "I could have extended it [the chart] another 3 pages (I'm pretty sure) but I'm tired of typing and am sure anyone would be tired on reading by now. Chiefly the rest of my charts are on my New England lines; I felt only the ones for Maryland and Virginia would be of much interest here, so have left them off. ... You will notice that I have a common ancestor with Mr. Freeman Morgan, Jr.: The Robert TEVIS/TIVIS, #430. Mr. Morgan wrote to me on this a long time ago, and we have been delighted to have Mr. and Mrs. Morgan visit us here on two occasions. These visits have certainly been a pleasure for my family and for me; I could just sit and listen to his talk on genealogy for hours on end. We were so pleased to hear of the wonderful luck Mrs. Morgan had on finding her family history on their trip to Europe. Meeting these "Cousins" has also deepened my interest in the Society. ... I am familiar with the tremendous amount of work that goes into the preparation of [the *BULLETIN*], and wish to thank each of you who contribute to this work. ... "

## QUERIES

-- -- -- -- -- Jean Sargent

WILSON  
SWANN  
RYON  
JENKINS  
BURGESS  
TENLEY

Wish to correspond with anyone searching any of fol. P.G. county families: 1) William Henry WILSON m. Mary Catherine SWANN (b ca 1794). issue: Aquilla Henry, William Benjamin and Christiana Catherine. 2) Nelson RYON (1807-1849) m. Martha A. JENKINS (1816-1870). 3) Edward BURGESS (B ca 1813) m. Mary Ellen \_\_\_\_\_ (1813-1886). 4) George m. TENLEY (b ca 1820) m. Annie V. \_\_\_\_\_. Have additional info on these surnames and would be happy to share all material in my files.

Mrs. Gordon R. Moreland  
Route 4, Box 150  
Waldorf, MD 20601

## MEDLEY

Looking for the MEDLEY family in 1700-1750.

Mrs. Clois Watts  
Rt 5, Box 218  
Marshall, AR 72650

MITCHELL  
BRUNER

Searching for parents of William MITCHELL b 20 Feb 1779 (or 1777) in MD, perhaps Charles Co. He m. in PA Mary BRUNER and they moved to KY.

Mrs. Regina Wimberley  
1466 Whitewater Rd.  
Memphis, TN 38117

## BARRON

Who were brothers of Oliver BARRON (1760-1823)?

Seth E. Barron  
20 Burrows St.  
Groton Long Point, CT 06340

CROPPER  
PEEL  
BIHE

Seeking parents of Thomas CROPPER (CRAPPER) m. 1802 in LA. Mar certif shows "of Maryland." Parents shown as Levi CROPPER and Confort PEEL. Baptismal certif for child shows grpar as N. CROPPER and Constance BIHE. will exchange data.

Mrs. Harriet Davis  
1870 Wallace Rd, NW  
Salem, OR 97304

BURRELL  
WADE

would like to correspond with anyone searching early BURRELL and WADE families in MD.

Mrs. Naomi Webster  
Arnold, Kansas 67515

## MINUTES OF THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING

4 June 1980

The meeting was called to order by President William E. Miller, Jr. Since many members had not yet received their June BULLETIN, the Secretary read the minutes from the 7 May meeting. The minutes were then approved as read. The Treasurer, Kenneth Clagett, read his report as follows: \$2,603.29 in savings, \$412.54 in checking, totaling \$3,015.83.

The President reported on Council action as taken at the 21 May meeting, including approval of publication of a Special BULLETIN Supplement in the fall.

Committee Reports:

Since it was appropriate at this last meeting before the summer, the committee chairmen thanked all those whose services on their committees were invaluable.

Membership: Sarah Fleming introduced our newest members: James E. and Frances A. Bates, and Shirley McCoy. Our membership now totals 339.

New Business:

The proposed budget was explained by Ken Clagett, and with no substantial discussion was unanimously adopted.

The proposed slate of candidates was again presented and nominations from the floor were called for. Being none, a motion was made by Dorothy Rainwater to "accept the slate as presented, by acclamation." It was seconded by Lyla G. Gold. The slate was then unanimously approved by the members present numbering approximately 85.

Following a brief intermission, Corma Chapman spoke on doing English research, using slides to describe information available. She also used blackboards to list the information given after a request from the General Register Office, Kingsbury, London, for birth, death or marriage records/information.

JERRY GRAY-BOWERSOL, Secretary

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|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
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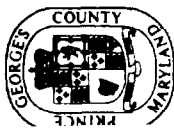
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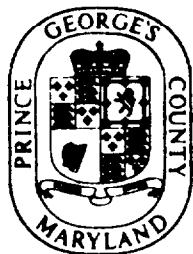
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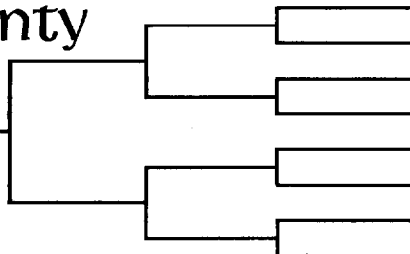
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## "SEMINAR SERIES"

On Wednesday, October 15, we open our 9th Seminar Series at the Surratts-Clinton Branch Library, 9400 Piscataway Road in Clinton, Md. All programs will be on Wednesdays (7-9:30 pm) except for the Workshop on Saturday, November 22 (9:30am-12:30). Registration is not required as we have a large room. As in previous years, we anticipate a large turnout to hear out well qualified speakers. The series is geared to the Beginner but there is always ample material for the more advanced researcher.

- |             |                                      |
|-------------|--------------------------------------|
| Session I   | HOW TO BEGIN                         |
| 15 Oct      | Donald Ray Barnes, C.G.              |
| Session II  | EVALUATING SOURCES & KEEPING RECORDS |
| 22 Oct      | Shirley L. Wilcox, C.G.              |
| Session III | LIBRARIES & ARCHIVES                 |
| 29 Oct      | Freeman E. Morgan, C.G.              |
| Session IV  | USING THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES          |
| 12 Nov      | William E. Miller Jr.                |
| Session V   | COURTHOUSE RECORDS                   |
| 19 Nov      | Olive K. Jones                       |
| Session VI  | WORKSHOP-BRING YOUR PROBLEMS         |
| 22 Nov      |                                      |

Subject: USING COURTHOUSE RECORDS: Resource or Problem?

Speakers: Mrs. Olive K. Jones  
Maryland & Pennsylvania  
Donald L. Wilson  
Virginia

Date: Wednesday, October 1, 1980  
Time: 7:30 pm  
Place: Greenbelt Branch Library  
11 Crescent Road  
Greenbelt, Maryland

Courthouse records constitute the primary reference sources we need to carry out our family research. Many methods of record keeping, voluminous data of different kinds and the various offices where these records can be found confront all of us. Our Society members are experts in this vital area who together will help us meet the challenge in these three states. You are cordially invited to present your questions to our speakers.

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Barton Howell has graciously donated a complete set of LDS Genealogical Research Papers to the Prince George's County Library. The set is on microfiche and available for study in the Reference Room of the Hyattsville Branch.



## FROM THE PRESIDENT

This issue of the BULLETIN contains a very long list of books which are missing from our Society library. Some of these books must be on shelves where they have been forgotten or perhaps they have been there so long that they seem to belong. Please check your personal reference collection to see if any of the Society books are there. If you should find any, please return them at the meeting or mail them to Box 819 marked for Dorothy Rainwater.

It was a real pleasure to welcome Virginia Breeze, a member from Detroit, to our last meeting. We all enjoy meeting our out-of-state members when they are in the area.

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HOSPITALITY CORNER

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Many of our members make our hospitality break so refreshing by the thoughtful and attractive edibles they bring. The spread at the first fall meeting was a delight.

Our appreciation goes to:

Nova Boyer, Chair and Lucy Blocker, Margaret Fisher, Marie Lee, Shirley Jasper, Nan Ledford, Rosalie McGinnis, Minnie Myers plus Ivan and Dorothy Rainwater for the floral center piece. We thank each of YOU!

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Thanks to Mary Beth Abel for again hosting our BULLETIN mailing session and Bee Kennard for helping out. And you two Karen Lowman.

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A belated salute to Freeman Morgan and Bill Miller as the PGCGS delegates who attended the FAGS conference August 11 in Salt Lake City. Our local Society is affiliated with the national Federation of American Genealogy Societies.

Other affiliations of renown: Mary Robinson Conner is now Regent of NSDAR-Thirteen Colonies Chapter. Jerry Bowersox is vice regent of the Belle Air Chapter, NSDAR and Dorothy Rainwater is Treasurer.

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HELP WANTED

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Program Committee Publicity Chair needs your newsclips. Mrs. Mary Faust sends Society meeting notices to several metro and county newspapers. Would you please clip out such announcements, identifying the paper and the date, and give it to her at the next meeting? The clippings will be added to our publicity file. Thanks.

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Rides to attend Society meetings needed by:

Leola Boyd (735-0952)  
District Heights (Rider wanted)

Margaret Fisher lives near  
PG Community College

Ardyce Harrison (229-7920)  
4925 Jamestown Rd, DC  
(Montgomery County)



The President is pleased to announce the following additional Committee appointments:

Ways and Means Committee

Timothy Conner, Chairman  
Shirley Ellis Jasper  
James W. McGinnis  
James Madison Winston Jr.  
Jean Robertson

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Phyllis Cox, Chairman  
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Dorothy Rainwater, Chairman  
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Olive Jones

Publications Committee

Beatrice Kennard, Chairman  
Olive Jones, Exchanges Editor

Education Committee Report \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ Dorothy Rainwater

I wish to thank Jim Sorensen for his past work as Librarian. Since Jim will be very busy with classes this autumn, Ivan has offered to help out as Assistant Librarian.

The suggestion has been made that we place some of the Society library books in the Bowie Branch Library in reference. The books would remain our property on long-term loan and could be withdrawn by the Society if we find a better solution. Only those books which members are not using would be put there. The idea is not new; Shirley Wilcox in February 1971 suggested it. Since the majority of our members live in Bowie or within ease driving distance, placing some books there in the branch library should not impose too great a burden.

Now I wish to bring up a serious problem concerning the location of some of our Library books. Quite a few cannot be accounted for. They have been checked out to people who no longer live in Maryland or who cannot be located by telephone. The Library Strays list in the September BULLETIN represent only those missing with no "signers out" on the cards. In addition, there are 39 books checked out to people whom your President has tried, and I have tried, many times to contact without results. These books were purchased with YOUR money and they belong to YOU.

Since our Society has grown so large, we must improve our means of keeping track of our library books. For that reason I am calling in everything so that we can make an actual physical inventory of our Society library. The sooner the books are returned and inventoried, the sooner we can circulate them again, with the least inconvenience possible to everyone.



Library Strays

These books have been borrowed from our Library. Please check your personal reference collection to see if you have a book belonging to the Society.

The Story of Surnames, L. G. Pine

Federal Population Census, 1790-1890

Sons of the Conqueror: Descendants of Norman Ancestry

A History of Upper Marlboro (1971), Copy 3

Magruder's Maryland Colonial Abstracts: Wills, Accounts & Inventories  
1772-1777

One Man's Family, Lewis, Worland & Worland

The Freeman Family

Prince George's County: A 300 Year Tradition of Achievement

Georgetown Houses of the Federal Period

Reminders of Revolutionary Days in Prince George's County

The Centenary of Catholicity in Kentucky

The County Courthouses and Records of Maryland Part 2: The Records

Guide to Historic Places of Prince George's County, Maryland

Holy Trinity-Collington: Her People and Their Church

The Walkers' of Toaping Castle, Maryland

A Survey of American Church Records, Vol. 2

National Archives Preliminary Inventory of Land Entry Papers of the  
General Land Office

The Handy Book for Genealogists, Copy 2, Acc. 47

The Handy Book for Genealogists, Acc 22

Pre-federal Maps in the National Archives

Arlington County Virginia: A History

The Development of Early Emigrant Trails in the United States  
East of the Mississippi River

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There is a serious disease reportedly going around. Called Genealogy Pox, the symptoms include numerous complaints for names, dates and places. The victims have a blank expression and are deaf to spouses and children. They have no interest in housework but spend days poring over dusty records in musty libraries and courthouses. Often they are found wandering around cemeteries, ruins and remote areas. They feel compelled to write letters to longlost cousins; then swear at the mailman for failure to leave mail. Treatment is useless; just leave the patient alone in a quiet corner. The disease is not fatal but gets progressively worse. The sicker he gets, the more the patient enjoys it. For help seek the nearest genealogical society.





## COMING EVENTS

- Oct 1 Our meeting, 7:30 pm  
Wed Greenbelt Library
- Oct 4 NGS, 2:30 pm National Archives  
Sat Running Your Ancestors to  
Ground Thru Use of Land Records  
Marilyn Duncan
- Oct 5 MHS, 2:00 pm, Baltimore  
Sun Developing Colonial Genealogy:  
Making Use of Hall of Records  
Donald Ray Barnes, C.G.
- Oct 11 Luncheon, 12:30 pm, In State  
Sat Inn, 5151 Allentown Rd, Camp  
Springs, John Hanson Chapter  
SAR(for reservations, see  
Jim McCafferty)
- Oct 18 NGS, 2:30 pm, Natl Archives  
Sat History & Preservation of  
Historic Congressional  
Cemetery-Florian H. Thayn
- Oct 23 Fairfax County GS, 7:45 pm  
Thurs Thoreau Intermediate School,  
Cedar Rd, Vienna, Va.  
District of Columbia Sources:  
Uses & Availability-  
Donald Ray Barnes, C.G.
- Nov 1 NGS, 2:30 pm, Natl Archives  
Sat Public Use of LDS Records-  
Linda Ann Kearney
- Nov 5 Our Meeting, 7:30 pm  
Wed Greenbelt Library
- Nov 8 MGS, 2:00 pm, Baltimore  
Sun Parish Records in England-  
Cora Chapman
- Nov 15 NGS, 2:30 pm, Natl Archives  
Sat Genealogical Research Techni-  
ques-James D. Walker, FNGS
- Nov 20 Fairfax County GS, 7:45 pm  
Thurs Vienna, VA. No Discovery  
without Diligence-Earl Reeves-  
Graybill

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## THE RUSSEY (BUSEY) FAMILIES OF MARYLAND

By Donald L. Wilson

### PART 3: DESCENDANTS OF PAUL BUSEY (con.)

32. PAUL BUSEY [III], born ca. 1690, eldest son of Paul (30) and Sarah (Whipps) Busey, was named one of the executors of his father's will, 1718, Prince George's County.<sup>1</sup> He is listed as a taxable in Mount Calvert Hundred, 1719.<sup>2</sup> In 1721 he joined his widowed mother in selling lot 15 in the town of Upper Marlborough, inherited from Paul Bussey Senr.<sup>3</sup> Paul died testate in Prince George's County between 29 May and 23 June 1731, leaving neither wife nor children. His will mentions only his mother (not named), his brother John and sister Sarah.<sup>4</sup>

33. JOHN BUSEY, born ca. 1695, son of Paul (30) and Sarah (Whipps) Busey. In Jan. 1717/18 he witnessed the will of Ninian Beall, P.G. Co.<sup>5</sup> He acted as administrator of his brother Paul's estate, 1731.<sup>6</sup> In 1733 he is shown as a taxable in Mount Calvert Hundred.<sup>7</sup> As heir-at-law to his deceased brother Charles (34), he deeded part of "Clagetts Purchase" or "Fathers Guift" to his sister-in-law's new husband, Charles Jones, 1737.<sup>8</sup> A bill of lading dated 1741 and a bill of exchange dated 1746 show that John Busey did business with Samuel Hyde, merchant of London.<sup>9</sup> The last record I have found for John is dated 1748, when he joins his surviving brothers in dividing, by means of quit claim deeds, the land they had jointly inherited from their father.<sup>10</sup> No deed was found identifying the portion he himself received, but perhaps as eldest brother he was presumed to inherit all that portion not specifically deeded to the others. No wife joins him in releasing her dower in these deeds nor in the 1737 deed, suggesting that John was a bachelor. By 1750, the date of Prince George's County's earliest debt book, he owned no land there. In that year his portion of "Charles Hills" is in the hands of Samuel Busey (35), his eldest surviving brother, who would be his heir. This seems to indicate that John had died 1748/50, without issue.<sup>11</sup> I have found no probate record for him in Maryland.

34. CHARLES BUSEY, was born about January 1697/8, son of Paul (30) and Sarah (Whipps) Busey. He was baptised 9 Oct. 1698 in St. James Parish, Anne Arundel Co., aged about 9 months.<sup>12</sup> He married MARY MAWDESLEY, prior to 25 March 1731, when his father-in-law, John Mawdesley, of P.G. Co., planter, deeded him a tract called "Clagetts Purchase" or "Charles Guift". Charles Busey was described as a carpenter.<sup>13</sup> Charles Bewsey was alive 22 July 1732 when a debt was incurred.<sup>14</sup> He is found in the 1733 tax lists for P.G. Co., in Potowmack Hundred, next to his brother Joshua and Charles Jones.<sup>15</sup> He died before 28 Oct. 1734 when his estate in Prince George's County was appraised.<sup>16</sup> Leaving no children, the land he owned descended by primogeniture to his eldest surviving brother, John (33). His widow Mary married their neighbor Charles Jones between 9 Nov. 1734 and 26 Nov. 1735.<sup>17</sup> She is mentioned as "daughter Mary Jones" in the will of John Mawdesley, 1743, P.G.Co.<sup>18</sup>

35. SAMUEL BUSEY, born ca. 1705, a son of Paul (30) and Sarah (Whipps) Busey. He witnessed his brother Paul's will, 1731.<sup>4</sup> He is shown as a taxable in Mount Calvert Hundred, P.G. Co., 1733.<sup>19</sup> When he joined in the partition of "Charles Hills", 1748, no wife joined him in his quit claims, indicating that he was single at that time.<sup>10</sup> He may be the same as the Samuel Busey who served in Capt. John Smith's Company of militia, P.G.Co., 1748/9.<sup>20</sup> In 1753, Samuel bought the shares of "Charles Hills" which belonged to his brothers Joshua and Edward.<sup>21</sup> He had apparently already inherited his brother John's share. He is shown in the annual debt books for P.G.Co. as the owner of "Charles Hills", 1750 and 1753-67.

In 1768 he bought land in Frederick County, being shown in the debt books there until 1773. Because we can track his movements year by year, we can be confident that the Samuel Busey who died testate in Frederick County before 28 July 1774 was the son of Paul (30).<sup>22</sup> If further proof is wanted, consider that he always made the mark of an "S" on his legal documents. His wife, name unknown, apparently died before 1748. In his will, dated 29 Oct. 1770, he names two daughters: (52) MERCY SOPER, apparently the wife of BASIL SOPER;<sup>23</sup> and (53) PRISCILLA HOBBS, apparently the wife of SAMUEL HOBBS.<sup>24</sup>

36. EDWARD BUSEY, born ca. 1709, a son of Paul (30) and Sarah (Whipps) Busey. He was a resident of Upper Piscataway Hundred, P.G.Co., in 1733.<sup>25</sup> In 1739, as Edward Busey, carpenter, he rented 100 acres along Rock Creek for "three lives": those of himself, his wife SARAH, and his daughter (54) MARY, apparently his eldest child.<sup>26</sup> His wife Sarah acknowledged his deeds in 1748 and 1753. In 1748 he served in Capt. George Beall's company of militia, P.G.Co.<sup>27</sup> He moved to Frederick County in 1748, patenting 100 acres called "Black Walnut Plains" that year.<sup>28</sup> He owned that and other land in the Frederick County debt books, 1750, 1753-69. It is believed that he is the Edward Busey who died in Frederick County by 1778.<sup>29</sup> In the administration accounts, 1780, his name is sometimes recorded as Edward Bury, a typographical error for Bucy.<sup>30</sup> His administrator was (55) CHARLES BUCY (or Bury), probably a son. The accounts included payments to (56) EDWARD JUNR., (57) HENRY, and (58) SAMUEL BURY [BUCY], no doubt additional sons. I have not been able to find a final account which would show all his heirs, so the list is not complete. Earlier researchers show, in addition to the above names, sons named (59) JOHN, (60) WILLIAM, and (61) PAUL, but do not indicate what proof they have.<sup>31</sup> The 1778 oaths of allegiance for Montgomery County include the names Charles, Edward, John, Joshua, Paul, and Samuel Busey. Joshua, however, is the younger brother of Edward Sr., and John appears to be Joshua's son.<sup>32</sup>

37. JOSHUA BUSEY, born ca. 1711, youngest son of Paul (30) and Sarah (Whipps) Busey, witnessed his brother Paul's will, 1731. The tax list for 1733 shows him to be a resident of Potomack Hundred, P.G.Co.<sup>33</sup> Along with his brother Edward, he served in Capt. George Beall's company, 1748.<sup>27</sup> Joshua's wife ELEANOR joined him in conveyances in 1748 and 1753.<sup>34</sup> WILLIAM RAY SR. of Frederick Co., in his will, 1760, left 1 shilling to his daughter Elenor Bussey.<sup>35</sup> Joshua Busey became a resident of Frederick County prior to 1751 when he bought land there from Thomas Ray.<sup>36</sup> He is shown in the debt books, 1750 and 1753-1773. He and his family appear in the census of Lower Potomack Hundred, Frederick Co., taken August 1776: Joshua Bucey, age 65; John, age 25; Samuel, age 20; and [his wife] Eleanor Bucey, age 60.<sup>37</sup> They lived on land that soon became part of Montgomery County. In 1785 and 1786, Joshua deeded land and slaves to John and Samuel Busey, who are presumed to be his sons, although relationships are not stated.<sup>38</sup> His wife Eleanor had apparently died prior to July 1786, as she did not acknowledge a deed that date.<sup>39</sup> Joshua was probably living as late as 1790; two males over age 16 are shown in the household of his son Samuel, that year.<sup>40</sup> Joshua appears to have died prior to 4 March 1794 when John Bucey of Montgomery Co. sells to Samuel Busey of Anarundel [sic] Co., all of John's interest in "Jones Slips", a tract that Joshua had owned.<sup>41</sup> It is conceivable that Joshua's death might be recorded in Anne Arundel Co. parish registers, which I have not checked. No will or administration is recorded for him in Montgomery Co. Children of Joshua and Eleanor Busey are: (62) JOHN BUSEY, b. ca. 1751, d. 1807;<sup>42</sup> and (63) SAMUEL BUSEY, b. ca. 1756, d. 1830.<sup>43</sup> There may also be unknown daughters, gone from home before 1776. One might be SARAH, b. ca. 1748, wife of RICHARD BALL of Prince George's Co.<sup>44</sup>

38. ANN BUSEY, born ca. 1693?, a daughter of Paul (30) and Sarah (Whipps) Busey. In her mother's will, 1745, she is shown to be the wife of GRIFFITH DAVIS.<sup>45</sup> He is shown as a taxable in Western Branch Hundred, P.G.Co., 1719<sup>46</sup> and 1733<sup>47</sup>, and also in Mount Calvert Hundred in 1733.<sup>48</sup> Griffith Davis Jr. was a freeholder in Frederick Co., Md., 1751.<sup>48</sup> Among the payments made from the estate of Paul Busey (32), Aug. 1731, was a payment of 19 shillings 4 pence to "Mrs. Ann Miller wife of John Miller, lately called Ann Beckworth." This suggests that Ann Busey had been married (1st) to — BECKWORTH, and (2nd) prior to 1731, to JOHN MILLER.<sup>49</sup> She may be the same as the "Mrs. Beckworth" taxed in Mount Calvert Hundred, 1719, near two John Millers.<sup>50</sup> If so, she was already a widow by that date. John Miller was a taxable in Mount Calvert Hundred, 1733.<sup>51</sup> No attempt has been made to trace Ann's issue.

39. [SUSANNAH?] BUSEY, born ca. 1700?, daughter of Paul (30) and Sarah (Whipps) Busey, and wife of JOSEPH RICHARDSON. It is likely she was one of four unnamed daughters of Paul Busey surviving in 1721.<sup>52</sup> Her mother's will, 1745, mentions son-in-law Joseph Richardson, but does not mention this daughter by name, indicating that she may have died.<sup>53</sup> Richardson was a taxable in Eastern Branch Hundred, P.G.Co., 1733.<sup>54</sup> Harmison and Rouse claim that one of Paul's daughters was Susannah, and that she was the wife of either Joseph Richardson or John(?) Roe [Ray], but no proof is given for her first name.<sup>55</sup> Issue not traced.

40. SARAH BUSEY, was born ca. 1714, a daughter of Paul (30) and Sarah (Whipps) Busey. In Aug. 1731, as "Mrs. Sarah Busey Ju[nio]r" she received 19 shillings from the estate of her deceased brother Paul Busey (32).<sup>56</sup> She probably married JOHN RAY before the year was out. Their first child was born 24 June 1732. A total of twelve children were born to them between 1732 and 1757, as recorded in Queen Anne's parish register, P.G.Co. John Ray Senr., aged 69, and Sarah Ray, aged 62, are recorded in the 1776 census of St. John's and Prince George's Parishes, P.G.Co., along with five of their children.<sup>57</sup> One of their children, Mary, born 1737, was named as a legatee of the will of her grandmother, Sarah (Whipps) Busey, 1745.<sup>45</sup>

41. — BUSEY, born ca. 1702?, was one of four (unnamed) daughters of Paul (30) and Sarah (Whipps) Busey who were living in 1721.<sup>52</sup> She has not been definitely placed. According to Harmison and Rouse, a BENJAMIN ALLEN was named in 1722 as an orphan of Paul Busey in P.G.Co. orphans court.<sup>58</sup> I have not yet seen this reference, but if it is accurate, it probably means that Allen inherited a share in the personal estate left by Busey's will to all his children. As all the other children have been accounted for, this indicates that Allen is the heir (child) or legal representative (husband) of the fourth, unknown daughter. Although I have not settled the question, I now think it more likely that Benjamin Allen was her husband's name. He is shown as a taxable in Patuxent Hundred, P.G.Co., 1733, at a date when a son would surely have been a minor.<sup>59</sup> I also think it unlikely that the woman would happen to have died in the space of one year (1721-22). Issue not traced.

(To be concluded.)

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6. Md. Accounts 11:392, HR [Hall of Records, Annapolis].
7. *Black Books* ¶269. 8. PG Deeds T:528-9. 9. PG Deeds Y:443, BB:63.
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23. Basil Soaper was named an executor of Samuel Busey's will. Samuel, son of Bassil and Massey [sic] Soper was baptized 1 Jan. 1769, King George [St. John's] Parish, PG Co. (Parish Register 1:345; *PG Index of Ch.Reg.* 1:125)
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44. Sarah and Richard Ball named one son Samuel Busey Ball, and apparently had a daughter named Ann Busey Ball. Sarah cannot be the daughter of Samuel Busey who died 1774, or surely she would have been named as an heir. It is doubtful, but possible, that she is a daughter of Edward (36). See my article, "Hillary Ball and his descendants," *P.G.Co.Gen.Soc.Bulletin*, Jan.1979, p.7.
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54. *Black Books* ¶271. 55. See note 31. 56. See note 49.
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59. *Black Books* ¶266.

- QUERIES - - - - Jean A. Sargent
- MATTINGLY Would appreciate any info on Edward, Joseph and/or Leonard MATTINGLY of the 1790 census of P.G. Co. Postage will be returned.  
Thurman J. Mattingly  
1524 Horlacher Ave.  
Kettering, OH 45420
- BRANNON Lawrence (Lorraine) BRANNON b. 1755, in Frederick Co. Census of 1776, age 21, in household of David Walter 35 and wife Ann 26. Served in 7th MD Reg as Sgt until 1781. Married Olympus \_\_\_\_\_. Moved to Loudon Co., VA. Was he son of Thomas BRANNON?  
Ms Florence Montgomery  
8 Woodbury Forrest Dr.  
Hampton, VA 23666
- OWENS Will share info on descendents of Only OWENS, son of Peter OWENS. Only was b. 13 Aug 1735 in Worcester Co., MD, d. 1810 Orange Co., N.C.  
Mrs. Dorris Owens Henson  
P. O. Box 97  
Big Rock, IL 60511
- SPALDING Searching for papers on John B. SPALDING family  
ROLAND which were at one time at SPALDING PLANTATION "Pleasant Hill" near Pomphret, MD. Trying to verify if Moranda ROLINGS/ROLAND, 2d wife of John B. SPALDING was aunt of my grandfather Enoch Nicholas ROLAND b. 1828, who was brought up by SPALDINGS.  
Chas. T. Roland, Sr.  
526 Patterson Rd.  
Bethel Park, PA 15102
- LANHAM Need information on Napoleon Bonaparte LANHAM, father of Thomas N. LANHAM b. 1-5-1841, d. Sep. 1891 Washington Co., KY.  
Margaret Mary Lanham, PH.D.  
408 Gardenas Drive, N.E.  
Albuquerque, N.M. 87108
- MCQUEEN Dougal MCQUEEN on tax list of Calvert Co. 1733; granted warrant for 72 acres in Baltimore Co. 1739, and called "of Prince George's County." Any record of him in P.G. Co. between 1733 and 1739?  
Mrs. Barbara R. Marsh  
1740 No. Illinois  
Wichita, KA 67203

MINUTES OF THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING  
3 September 1980

The meeting was called to order by President Catherine Merwin Mayhew at 7:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Library. The minutes of the 4 June 1980 meeting were approved as printed in the September 1980 BULLETIN. Treasurer Kenneth Clagett reported that the Society has \$2,952.52 in savings and \$441.97 in checking, which totals \$3,394.49.

Along with the President the Society's new officers were seated on the stage and introduced to the membership: 1st Vice President (Programs) James McCafferty, 2nd Vice President (Membership) Sarah Fleming, Secretary Jerry Sue Gray-Bowersox and Treasurer Kenneth Clagett. Also seated there and introduced were the Committee Chairpersons: Special Publications Shirley Langdon Wilcox, Records Phyllis Luskey Cox, BULLETIN Editor Bee Kennard, Ways and Means Tim Conner, and Education Dorothy Rainwater.

The President announced that she had accepted on behalf of the Society the offer of the City of Bowie for the use of an upstairs room at Bel-air Mansion. Also she set up a genealogical display at the Greenbelt Shopping Center on Labor Day.

Committee Reports

Emerald Miner fulfilled a by-laws requirement in auditing the Society books which were "correct and very well kept."

Special Publications: Shirley Wilcox reported sales between Sept 1979-Sept 1980 of the Society's publications 2, 3 and 4. 32 copies of A Bibliography of Published Genealogical Source Records, Prince Georges, 35 copies Prince George's County Land Records, Volume A, 1696-1702, 13 copies 1850 Census Prince George's County, Maryland.

Records: Preliminary of publication No. 5 is about half-finished.

Education: Ivan Rainwater has been appointed new Librarian. Call in of all Society library books is continuing to take a visual inventory.

Ways and Means: Tim Conner manned a table with items for sale (census forms, family group sheets, etc.); also the three Society publications.


Membership: Sarah announced the seven newest Society members: Beatrice J. England, Judith Lutz, Bethel D. Owens, Alice E. Kline, Dorothy Angle, Henry A. Naylor Jr., and Janet M. Johnson. Payment of dues urged; those delinquent will be billed.

New Business: Call Bee Kennard for car pool information, whether a ride is desired or being offered.

After the intermission, James McCafferty introduced the speakers for the evening: first, Shirley Wilcox, C.G., with various methods for indexing family records; and Barbara Crissey Dash, on using all historical data available to learn more about our ancestors than "the basic skeletal family tree." A question and answer period followed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

JERRY SUE GRAY-BOWERSOX  
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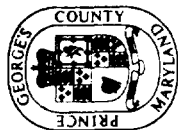
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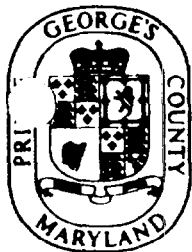


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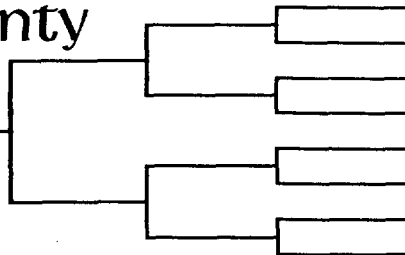
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## SOCIETY MEETINGS MOVE IN 1981!

Lost our Lease

We regret to inform our membership that beginning with our 7 January 1981 meeting, we will move to the Bowie Branch Library, 15210 Annapolis Road, Bowie, MD.

There are many pluses to this move--easy to get to, ample parking, larger meeting room and greater convenience for the majority of our members.

Society meetings scheduled for November 5 and December 3, 1980 will still be held at the Greenbelt Branch Library.

Just REMEMBER that 1981 begins a new meeting place. Try to pool it.

EWITCHING HOUR 10:30 PM

### A Reminder

The regular closing hour at the Greenbelt Branch is 9:30 pm. The Society pays an extra hour of overtime so that we can meet until 10:30 PM. It is important that everyone abide by the 10:30 close down. Tables are to be cleared by 10:15 and everyone on their way home before that bewitching half hour. Or the Society pays overtime. Your usual fine cooperation will be appreciated.

## NEWSPAPER RESEARCH MADE EASY

How often after long tedious research in libraries and court-houses, you find nothing on the line you are searching. And yet have you ever thought of checking newspapers? Even if you don't find exactly the info you need, you learn about the economic, political and social times of our forefathers, just as one of our first speakers, Barbara Crissey Dash emphasized.

RESEARCH USING NEWSPAPERS will be featured at our 5 November meeting of the Society at the Greenbelt Library, 11 Crescent Road in Greenbelt, MD. Commencing at 7:30 pm the regular business meeting will be followed by the program featuring:

Sarah Fleming, who will tell us how to find old newspapers and how to arrange an interlibrary loan.

Ed Wright, who has published "Abstracts of Marriages and Deaths in Caroline County Newspapers, 1830-1874", will share what he has learned and point out the unobvious things to look for.

Betty Stevens will share a great success story using newspaper research. See you in the papers November 5!



## FROM THE PRESIDENT

The President is pleased to appoint the following members to the Education Committee: Ardyce Harrison and Virginia Fox.

At the October meeting Mr. G. R. Wright reported a find at a used book dealer's. It was a shoebox crammed with genealogical correspondence pertaining to the Grear family. This material would probably be thrown out in a short time. At the suggestion of our treasurer, we hope to buy it to save it.

It could have happened to any of us. As Mr. Wright pointed out, most of us have taken no steps to prevent our work from ending up in such a predicament. Have you provided for the preservation of your records, notes and correspondence? Please take a few minutes now to put a note on each of your notebooks or boxes of genealogical material that says:

Please give this material to the Prince George's County Genealogical Society (or other appropriate depository.)

Of course you should also have a statement to this effect in your will. Your family needs to be prepared to deal with your records responsibly.

## HOSPITALITY CORNER

We are much appreciative of the culinary art provided by our members at the 1 Oct meeting. The hot cider and variety of cookie surprises were a delight. Our thanks to Nova Boyer, Mary Faust, Frances Fitz, Beatrice England, Ferne Hardy, Betty McDaniel, Karen Miles, Jean Robertson, June Silvester, Betty Stevens and Ann Turner.

BREAK IT UP, Please.

To give full time to our speakers we will have to limit the break to less than half an hour. Sorry ' about that but with the amount of preparation each speaker undertakes, we want to provide each of them with time for questions following their presentations. Your cooperation in helping us resume the meeting is appreciated.

## WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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## EXCHANGE NOTES

Edited by Donald Ray Barnes, C.G.

Beginning with this issue of the "Bulletin" we will list Exchanges by name only, except those having Maryland material or special publications such as the Augustan. Many of these are included in GPAI (Genealogical Periodical Annual Index), and in the future we shall list all of our Exchanges and note those that are included in GPAI.

Anne Arundel Speaks, A.A. Co. MD. Geneal. Soc., March 1980.

The Augustan Soc. Newsletter, April 1980: Silver Anniversary Newsletter, visit of HRH, Prince of Lippe.

Austin Geneal. Soc., Austin, TX, March 1980.

Baer Newsletter, April 1980.

Beaver Briefs, Willamette Valley Geneal. Soc., Salem, OR, April 1980.

Bismarck-Mandan Hist. & Geneal. Soc., Bismarck, ND, March 1980.

Branches & Twigs, Geneal. Soc. of VT, Winter 1980.

Bulletin, Geneal. Forum of Portland, OR, March 1980 and April 1980.

Bulletin, Seattle Geneal. Soc., Seattle, WA, Spring 1980.

Bulletin, West-Central KY, Family Research Ass'n, Queensboro, KY, Summer 1980.

Bulletin, Whatcom Geneal. Soc., Bellingham, WA, Spring 1980.

Car-Del Scribe, March 1980.

The Family Tree, Howard Co., MD Geneal. Soc., March 1980: new books, Maryland Militia-1812 by Ed Wright, The British Invasion of MD 1812-1815 by Wm. M. Marine, St. James Parish: Old Herring Creek Parish, A.A. Co. - Edith S. Dallam & Annapolis MD Families - Robert H. McIntire.

The Family Tree, Howard Co., MD Geneal. Soc., April 1980: Company "A" and the Patapsco Guards, MD County Maps - How To Get Them.

Footprints, Fort Worth Geneal. Soc., Ft. Worth, TX, Feb. 1980.

Garfield Co. Roots & Branches, Enid, OK, Winter.

Genealogia Newsletter, Mid-Missouri Geneal. Soc., Jefferson City, MO, April 1980.

Geneal. Soc. of Okaloosa Co. Journal, AL, Winter 1979.

The Hoosier Genealogist, IN Hist. Soc., March 1980.

The Johnson Co. Genealogist, KS, March 1980.

KY Family Records, Vol. 8, William Petticord of MD & Some of His Descendants.

Laurel Messenger, Somerset Co., PA, May 1980: the Family of John Forney, Sr.

Lifeline, Geneal. Soc. of Riverside, CA, 1979-1980.

MD Geneal. Soc. Bulletin, Winter 1980: Ethnic Genealogy - A Bibliography, Bibliographical Essay of Md Studies, Czechs in Md before 1900, Bowdle-Slater Family Notes, Marriage Records of First & St. Stephens UCC, Kent Co. Tidbits, Personnett Connection, Records of Rev. Keech, Christs Church, Harford Co., Ancestor Tables, Book Reviews and Queries.

MD Geneal. Soc. Bulletin, Spring 1980: Raphael & Hillery Cane - 1793-1890, A Black Family, Passengers on Ship Goethe - Arrived Baltimore 22 April 1854, the Journals of Dr. J. J. Weaver - 1890-1930, Early Baltimoreans - 1792-1776, A. A. Co. Estate Distributions 1788-1798, Liber JG #1, Bethany UCC - Records Summary, Marylanders Listed in 1850 Census: Bureau, Jersey, LaSalle & Randolph Cos., IL, Ancestor Tables, Thomas Bible, Book Reviews & Queries.

Miami Valley Geneal. Soc., Dayton, OH, Spring 1980.

Michiana Searcher, Elkhart, IN Geneal. Soc., Spring 1980.

Minnesota Genealogist, St. Paul, MN, March 1980.

Moultrie Co. Heritage, Sullivan, IL, Feb. 1980: Index to 1979 Issues (4).

Orange Co., CA Geneal. Soc. Quarterly, March 1980.

Oregon Geneal. Soc. Bulletin, March-April 1980.

The Pioneer, Bedford Co., PA, July 1980.

Pioneer Times, Jefferson, MO, Jan. 1980.

The Prairie Gleaner, West Central MO Geneal. Soc. & Library, March 1980.

Rota-Gene, Int'l Genealogy Fellowship of Rotarians, Sarasota, FL.

St. Louis Geneal. Soc., St. Louis, MO, Spring 1980.

Santa Maria Valley Geneal. Soc., CA, Spring 1980.

Scearce-Scarce Family Newsletter, Spring 1980.

The Schuylerite, Schuyler Co. Hist. Museum, Rushville, IL, Fall 1979, Winter 1979.

Sequoia Geneal. Soc. Newsletter, Visalia, CA, May 1980.

Southwest LA Geneal. Soc., 1980 Surname Index.

Sycamore Leaves, Wabash Valley Geneal. Soc., Terra Haute, IN, March 1980.

Tip-'O'-Texas Geneal. Soc., Harlingen, TX, Jan.-March 1980.

The Topeka Geneal. Soc. Quarterly, Topeka, KS, April 1980.

Where The Trails Cross, South Suburban Geneal. & Hist. Soc., South Holland, IL  
Winter 1980. \* \* \* \*

PS: In April 1980 Vol. 14, No.2 issue of "The Rainbow" quarterly of the Pennsylvania German Society is an article "Eighteenth Century German Church Records from Maryland: A Checklist." This available from that Society at Box 97, Breinigsville, PA 18031 for \$2.00.

PPS: Our Society member Mary Ruth Stultz has taken the plunge. Together with cousins from Texas, Georgia, Virginia and Maryland, they publish a quarterly family newsletter: "HOOKS Chronicles - Histories and Happenings." Anyone interested in the Hooks lineage, subscription is \$5 per year. The address is: Mary Ruth Stultz, 5800 Swarthmore Drive, College Park, MD 20740

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World Conference on Records, Salt Lake City, Utah, Aug 12-15, 1980

We have been asked to cover a few highlights of the Conference. Altogether some 11,000 genealogists including about ten of our Society members attended. Besides our own Milton Rubincam other notable speakers were Alex Haley and Olive Osmond, mother of the Osmond family. Naturally some of the speakers did a better job than others and there were the usual loudspeaker and overcrowding problems. But on the whole the Conference was a big success.

Alex Haley was his usual charismatic self, offering sidelights on his experiences in researching for Roots (and in suffering the resultant fame and fortune) which we had not heard before. Frank Burke of the National Historic Publications and Records Commission announced that a new directory of US archival and manuscript collections will appear late in 1981, covering twice as many repositories as the previous edition. Papers of the Founding Fathers of our nation are all being published; some in book form, some in microfiche only. Lord Teviot, member of the British Parliament, provided new insights into British genealogical research.

An outstanding newsworthy event. Spencer Kimball, President of the LDS Church, announced that the Church will soon build a five-story 136,000 square foot building to house the Genealogical Library. (Bill spent about half his time there doing family research with great success.)

All papers are being published. The North American family history sells for \$14, single papers \$1 and the entire set is \$85. Tapes of the general interest sessions are \$3.50 each. Gordon Ebersole displayed his copy of the order blank at the October meeting and we still have one. You can still order up to October 31. If you miss the deadline, try and see if you can still get them.

The Conference is memorable not only for substantive content but also for the friendliness of the volunteer hosts and for the beauty and cleanliness of the city. Wish all of you could have been there to share the fun!

Marge and Bill Miller



Guidelines for Use of Society Library

1. An Accession List of books in our Library will replace the card file. Copies of this list will be available on the Library table at each meeting.
2. Books most often circulated will be brought to each meeting. Others may be obtained from the Librarian upon request.
3. Books will be checked out only to members of our Society.
4. When checking out books, be sure the Librarian enters the date and your name on checkout card in book pocket.
5. When books are returned be sure your name is crossed off and card is replaced in book pocket.
6. Telephone numbers must be given by borrowers. If your phone number is not on the membership list, write it on the card.
7. If a book you need is checked out, DO NOT put your name on the checkout card. This confuses the records as it indicates that you have the book. A WANT LIST will be provided.
8. Only two books may be borrowed by a member at one time.
9. Books are to be held for no more than two months.
10. All books are to be turned in to the Librarian at the May meeting for physical inventory.

Report on Annual Meeting of the Federation of Genealogical Societies,  
Salt Lake City, Utah, August 11, 1980

Our two representatives to FGS were Freeman Morgan, who was present for the entire meeting, and Bill Miller for about half of it. Robert D. Anderson of Omaha, NE was elected the new President and the retiring President, George E. Williams of West Hartford, CT, was elected Executive Secretary. Directors include Rabbi Malcolm Stern. Publication of a guide for new genealogical societies is currently underway. FGS has formulated a model legislative act to open vital records in all the states. The campaign has met with some success and some failures. FGS also has published a speakers list. The next annual meeting of FGS delegates is scheduled for 22 Oct 1981 at Decatur, IL.

---Bill Miller

## COMING EVENTS

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|--------|--|--------|--|
| Nov 1  | NGS, 2:30 pm, Natl Archives                | Dec 6  | NGS Luncheon at Kennedy-   |
| Sat    | Public Use of LDS Records                  | Sat    | Warren, 3133 Conn Ave.NW   |
| Nov 8  | MGS, 2:00 pm, Baltimore                    |        | The Lighter Side of Genealogy-Milton Rubincam, OG, FASG, FNGS, FGSP, FTSGS |
| Sun    | Parish Records in England                  |        |  |
| Nov 15 | NGS, 2:30 pm, Natl Archives                | Dec 10 | MGS, Christmas Party   |
| Sat    | Gen. Research Techniques                   | Wed    | Cross Keys Inn   |
| Nov 20 | Fairfax County GS, 7:45 pm                 |        |  |
| Thurs  | Vienna, VA. No Discovery without Diligence |        |  |

## PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY WILL BOOK 1, 1698-1770

Abstracted by Donald L. Wilson

(Continued from v. 11, nr. 4 [December 1979], p. 39)

MCW = *Maryland Calendar of Wills*, by Jane Baldwin Cotton (8 v., 1906-1928).

Pages 39-41. [MCW 3:175] Will of Henry RIDGLEY of PG Co, march't [merchant], being sick and weake. Date: 30 April 1705. Item: To my dear and loving wife Mary RIDGLEY all of my plantacons whereon I now dwell, "Catton", in PG Co, forever. Item: To the child wherewith my sd. wife now goeth, if a male child, all my plantacon called "Larkins fforest" purchased of Thomas LARKING and also 100 acres which I took up and added to the same, and alsoe a tract called "Marys delight", containing 500 acres, to him (at age 21) and his heires forever; but if the child be a female, I give the severall tracts aforesaid to her when she comes to age 16 or date of marriage, which first happens, and her heires forever, my wife to have benefit and profit of the said plantacons and land aforesaid till either child shall come of age. If child should die before [Page 40:] coming to age, benefit to my wife during her life. Item: To my son Charles RIDGLEY, plantation called "Hogg neck" and 300 acres to be taken out of the tract called "Waldridge" adjoining "Hogneck", to him and heirs forever; also a tract called "Ridgleys Lott" lying at Huntington in Ann Arundell Co., to the use of him and heirs forever, and also I will that what money is due to Isaac MILLER on his acct. at the time of date hereof be paid by my exec'x. I except the land sold to Thomas REYNOLDS about 30 acres lying in the fork of the branch on that side next to Neal CLARKE joining on Neal CLARKEs lyne seated by Wm. GRIFFIN [MCW: GRIFFITH]. Item: I will that if the child wherew'th my wife now goeth shall dye before it come to age, then that the said tract "Marys Delight" shall be devided between John BREWER and Joseph BREWER[,] Thomas ODELL and Henry ODELL the sons of Thomas ODELL [MCW: ODALL] share and share alike, to them and their heiras, but if either [sic] of the sd. four children should dye without an heire then his or their parts or share to fall to the survivor of them. Item: I will that my wearing apparell may be devided between my brother Wm. RIDGLEY and my son Charles RIDGLEY. Signed: Henry (HR) RIDGLY. Wit.: Tho: REYNOLDS, Rich'd DUCKETT, John RATTENBURY, Lewis DUVALL. On 13 July 1710, came Thomas REYNOLDS, Richard DUCKETT and Lewis DUVALL and solemnly deposed as to the will. W[m] BLADEN, Com'ry Genl.

[Following is shown in MCW as a codicil. In Will Book 1 it appears to be just the transcript of page two of the original will, the will being signed and witnessed at the bottom of each sheet.] Item: To my daughter Sarah ODELL the wife of Thomas ODELL, a Negro girl to be about 16 years of age, to be delivered in some convenient time after my decease by exx., and also 20 pounds sterling. Item: To the child my wife goeth with, the sum of 500 lb. ster., if male at age 21, if female at age 16 or marriage. If said child dyeth without an heir before coming of age and that my wife should dye alsoe, then I give "Larkins ffore[st]" bought of Thomas LARKIN and the 100 ac. taken up as afsd. to be devided between Henry RIDGLY and Nicholas RIDGLEY, my grandchildren, and Henry RIDGLEY the sone of Charles RIDGLEY share and share alike, to them and heirs forever, but if either of them shall dye without an heire then his or their part to fall to the survivor. Item: To my grandson Henry RIDGLEY the son of Henry RIDGLEY the part remaining of tract called "Waldridge" after my son Charles RIDGLEY hath had his 300 acres out of the sd. tract. Item: To everyone of my grandchildren wch shall be living at the dateing hereof, the sum of 10 pounds sterl. w[he]n they come to the age of 21 if male, 16 or day of marriage if female; if any dye before, their part to fall to the next brother or

sister of tehm. Item: To my daughter Martha DUVALL, ffive pounds sterl. and a yearling cow calf. Item: To the use and benefit of the Church of Saint Barnabas in Queen Ann Parish 20 pounds sterl. [Page 41:] Item: To Rich'd DUCKETT, one good hogg, also I will that my grandson Henry RIDGLEY the son of Henry RIDGLEY shall be under the care of Tho. ODELL and Charles GREENSBURY and my grandson Nich. RIDGLEY under the care of my wife till they come to age, but if my wife dye then the sd. Nich. to be under their care alsoe. And lastly for the remainder part of my estate what soever in England or elsewhere to my wife after debts, legacies and funerall charges shall be paid. My wife to be full executrix. Will in two sheets of paper. Signed: Henry (HR) RIDGLEY. Wit.: Tho: REYNOLDS, Rich'd BUCKETT, John RATTENBERRY, Lewis DUVALL. [Proved as above.]

On the back of this will was endorsed: Prerogative Office, 5 May 1736, Mr. Thomas REYNOLDS one of the witnesses, being duly sworn says he saw testator Coll. Henry RIDGLEY sign and seal, and was of sound mind...aforesaid REYNOLDS together with Richard DUCKETT, John RATTENBERRY and Lewis DUVALL (who are since deceased). Sworn before D. DULANEY, Com'ry.

The above probat was taken at the request of the Reverend Mr. Jacob HENDERSON and ordered by His Honour the Comisary to be recorded in the book of wills for this present year 1736. The above probat recorded in Libr. TJ(?)D fol. 548, p[er] John GIBSON, Reg't. Exam'd.

[Note: Genealogy of Henry RIDGLEY (d. 1710) is given by Harry Wright Newman in volume 3 of ANNE ARUNDEL GENTRY, (Annapolis, 1979) p. 122ff.]

Page 41. [MCW 3:189] Will of William HILL of PG Co. Date: 30 Dec. 1710. I, Wm. HILL, being sick and weak... To my dear and well beloved wife Suzhanna, one dark bay maer [mare] and also two cows they being called tog[?] and the other Primrose, and all their increase as a legacie not to be brought to apraisement after my decease. To my son-in-law William WILSON [MCW does not give first name] one heifer of 2 years old for a legasie. All my personal estate after my debts are pay and my wife has her thirds be equally divided into five equal parts between my four children [not named] and my wifes child John POPE by name [MCW: John PAGE] and if any dy its share be equally divided among the rest. Signed: William hill (mark: H). Wit.: James NUTWELL, John (F) RAMSEY, William (M) JOONES. Proved 19 Jan. 1710[1711] in common form by James NUTWELL, John RAMSEY and William JONES, before Edw'd WILLETT, Depty Com'y of PG Co.

Page 42. [MCW 3:206] Will of John LEWIS of PG Co, of perfect memory and remembrance. Date: 5 March 1710-11. All my goods, house, lands, chattels to my wife Elizabeth, she paying my debts, and make her sole executrix. Signed: John LEWIS (mark: John). Wit.: Alex'r BEALL, John (F) HENRY, John (S) BARRETT. Proved 20 April [year not given. MCW: 1711], by oaths of Alexander BEALL and John HENRY and John BARRETT. Before Benj'a BERRY, Dept'y Coms'y of Pr. Geor's Co.

Pages 42-43. [MCW 3:185] Will of Ninian BEALL Junr., being of weake body. Date: This day of Nov. 1710. [MCW: 10 Nov. 1710] My body to be buried at the discretion of my dear and loving wife Elizabeth BEALL and Mr. Samuell MAGRUDER Senr. whome I ordaine and appoint my whole exet'x and executor. (1.) To my dear and loving wife Elizabeth BEALL my now dwelling plantation called "the beginning of Sam'll Beall" [sic] also one third of all my personal estate during her life, then to fall to my sun Samll. BEALL. (2.) Item: To my sone Sam'll BEALL part of a track of land called "Collinton" lying on the west side of Collinton with the water mill and all the utensils their unto belonging knowne as Bealls Mill, also one third of my personal estate, and in case of his mortality without issue, then to fall to my daughter Mary BEALL, and further that Sam'll BEALL shall be att



age to chuse his gardian at 16 years old and have his estate at age 21. (3.) To my daughter Mary BEALL, track of land called "the Addision [Addition] to Bacon Hall [MCW: Addition to Baron Hall] lying on west side of the West branch near Malborah [same in MCW, = Marlboro?] and one third of my personal estate, in case of her mortality to fall to Samll BEALL. (4.) Itt is my will that the other part of "Collinton" lying on the east side of Collinton branch be sold to pay my debts and also my cropp of tobb[acco] now hanging and further I desire thatt the Wayter [water] Mill be cept in good repare until my sone Sam'll BEALL comes of age and so to be delivered to him. [Page 43:] Signed: Ninall [sic]. Wit.: Thomas CLAGETT, Archibald EDMONSTON, James MOORE, Rebecca (R) ELLIS. 6 Jan. 1710[1711], Archibald EDMONDSON and Rebecca ELLIS proved in common form att wch time Mr. Samll. MAGRUDER renounced any part or interest he had to the sd. will. Before Edw'd WILLETT, Depty Com'y of Prince Georges County. Examined, 4-1/2 sides.

Page 43. [MCW 3:187] Will of Robert HARRISON of PG Co, planter, being sick and weake of body. Date: 11 Sept. 1710. [Month and day not shown in MCW.] To be buried as by my wife hereafter named shall be thought meet and convenient. Item: To Ann my wife my plantation called "Harrisons Purchas", as also one Negro called Dick with all my other goods, as also the produce of all my tobb[acc]o in London in Great Brittain. To Mary DUNHORN one cove when she comes to the time of freedom. Item: To Joseph BARRACK all my wearing clothes with one young man called Jenny [sic]. [Mary DUNHORN and Joseph BARRACK not mentioned in MCW.] My well beloved wife Ann my whole and sole executrix. Signed: Robert HARRISON. Wit.: Thomas WELLS, Francis (her mark: F) WELLS, John JACKSON [JACKSON omitted in MCW.] Proved in common form, April the first 1710 ["1710-11" in MCW. Even under the Old Style calendar, the year should have been shown as 1711 from March 25. 1710-11 is only accurate between January 1 and March 24.] by Thomas WELLS, ffrancis WELLS and John JACKSON, before Edw'd WILLETT, Depty Comis'y of PG Co. Examined.

Page 43. [MCW 3:213] Will of Hilllore BALL of PG Co, being in my perfeckt senses but weak in body. [MCW: Hillery BALL] Date: 3 Apprelle 17010 [sic, typographic error for 1710]. Item: To my sone Richard BALL all trak of land "Brothers delit [Delight]" to him and his eaers [heirs] forever. Item: To my sone John, all of "Sisters delit" to him and his eaers forever. Item: My loving wife Ann BALL to be exekutor and remainder of goods and chattels after debts are paid to my loving wife Nan BALL [Nan, of course, is a diminutive form of Ann]. [Page 44:] Item: My two sones shall be at age and free to work for thear selves at eighteen years of age if their mother dy before they come to that age, but if their mother ... [a few words unreadable on microfilm]. Signed: Hellorre BALL. Wit.: William DENT, Richard (#) GARELL, Timothe (M) MAHON, Benj'a WHEELER. [MCW omits Richard GARELL.] Proved 10 Dec. 1710 by oaths of Timothy MAHON and William DENT that they saw Hillerre BALL sign. Before Benj'a BERRY, Depty Com'r, PG Co.

[Note: "Hillary Ball and His Descendants" are described in THE PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY BULLETIN, January 1979, p. 6-8.]

(To be continued)



- QUERIES - - - - Jean A. Sargent
- GATTON Searching for information on GATTON family in P.G. County.  
Ms Bonita K. Thomas  
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Mansfield, OH 44906
- SLICER Would appreciate info on SLICER family, including William SLICER of Annapolis 1769 and early immigrants  
Mrs. Betty Slicer Kania  
721 Woodtop Rd  
Wilmington, DE 19804
- WELLS Need vital records and spouse of Samuel WELLS who served in Revolution from P.G. Co.  
Mrs. Nancy Wells Berneking  
188 So Circle A Drive  
Wayzata, MN 55391
- O'NEAL Need information on William O'NEAL (d. 1815) of P.G. WALLS Co. who m. Mary Anne Amity WALLS. Ch incl Theodore of Georgetown, D.C. and Walter (1787-1827 of Georgetown and FAirfax Co., Va.  
Basil L. Crapster  
150 W. Broadway  
Gettysburg, PA 17325
- DAPBY Searching for info on Samuel DARBY (1760-1822) of CARR P.G. Co. Was wife Verlin CARR m. 14 Nov 1781. Ch believed to be George Washington b. 1785 plus James, Asa, Thoda, Drusilla, Darius and Ann. Any help appreciated.  
Ms Joanne Darby Booth  
2803 Sterling Dr.  
Tallahassee, FL 32312
- ANDERSON Lawrence and Mary ANDERSON witnessed will of Thomas PLUNKETT of P.G. Co. 1716. Need further info on these families.  
Ms Janet Anderson  
509 South Court  
Gaylord, MI 49735



MINUTES OF THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING 1 OCTOBER 1980

The meeting was called to order by the President at 7:35 p.m. The minutes of the 3 September meeting were approved as published in the BULLETIN with the following correction: Page 23 Records, after preliminary insert checking.

President's Report

The President attended the Montgomery County Genealogical Club Seminar on Saturday 27 September and Olive Jones reported on same. The Manor Care Nursing Home, Hyattsville, Md. would like a genealogical program for the residents and a follow-up. Anyone interested, please contact Kay Mayhew.

Treasurer Kenneth Claggett reported balances of \$349, checking; \$2,952.52 savings; totaling \$3,301.52.

Routine Committee Reports followed:

Records: Chm. Phyllis Cox thanked Sarah Fleming for the preparation of a computerized list of the Wills of Prince George's County prior to the 1850s by liber and folio number.

Education: Librarian Ivan Rainwater read the new guidelines for the library and asked for two volunteers to help staff the library during meetings.

Membership: Chm. Sarah Fleming introduced new Society members of: Thelma Martineau and Corinne M. and Robert C. Reid.

New Business

On behalf of the Society, Kay Mayhew presented Bill Miller with a plaque in recognition of service as President from June 1978 to June 1980.

The business meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. After a brief break, there was a program on Using Courthouse Records - Resource or Problem. Olive Jones covered the Courthouses of Maryland and some counties of PA and Don Wilson explained the Courts of Virginia.

*Phyllis A. Lusky Cox*  
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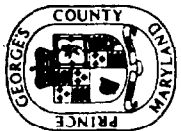
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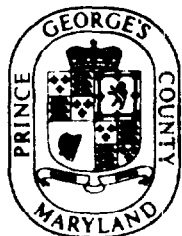
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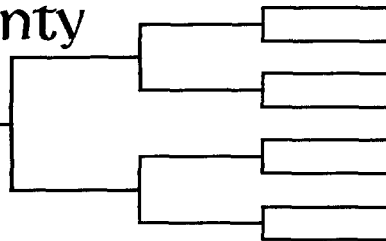
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WHERE Will the Next Meeting Be?  
Members, do you know that...

Our December 3rd meeting will be held at the Greenbelt Branch Library for the last time.

Our January 7 meeting will be held at the Bowie Branch Library, 15210 Annapolis Road, Bowie, MD.

To drive to our new meeting place, come to the juncture of Routes 197 and 450. There's a MacDonald's at the intersection. Turn east on Rte 450 (right for 197 North and Left for 197 South). Proceed down 450 (Annapolis Road) to the second traffic light. Turn left into the parking lot. The Library is next to Bowie Senior High School. You CAN'T miss it--or can you? There will be a light burning in the window just in case for bewildered members lost in the fog, rain, sleet and snow.

So we say Auld Lang Zyne to Greenbelt and Happy New Year 1981 to the Bowie Branch Library.

Exit laughing.

"GENEALOGICAL FEUD"

Be prepared to match your guesses as two of our Genealogical Families match their answers to questions our membership responded to back in October.

This will be a fun meeting and one that will begin your Holiday Season. So watch our families compete and bring your best smile.

We will be meeting December 3 at the Greenbelt Branch Library, 11 Crescent Road in Greenbelt, MD. The business portion of the meeting will begin at 7:30 PM SHARP, with program starting about 8:30 PM.

FEUD PREVENTION - Elton Hays

In tracing the history of a family-proud friend, the genealogist encountered the unfortunate fact that the friend's maternal uncle had committed murder and expired in the electric chair.

Concerned about upsetting his friend but not wishing to violate the ethics of his profession, he consulted a colleague at the university.

"Very simple," said the professor. "You can be both kind and honest. Merely say the uncle eventually occupied the chair of advanced electricity at one of the country's leading institutions."

FROM THE PRESIDENT

After the November meeting, Mr. G. R. Wright presented to our Society the box of Grear genealogical correspondence which he had discovered. Another member Beatrice England has some Grear ancestry and will look over the material.

We have begun planning for a spring seminar which we will cosponsor with the Maryland Genealogical Society, the Anne Arundel County and Howard County Genealogical Societies. The proposed theme is writing your family history. Your presence will make this cooperative effort a success. Please reserve the date--Saturday, March 28, 1981.

HOSPITALITY CORNER

We are most indebted to the choice cakes and cookies furnished at our 5 Nov meeting. Our appreciation goes to Nova Boyer, who chairs our Hospitality Corner, and to Nada Poole, Marge Miller, Doris Perry, Mary Faust, Peggy Beall, Anna Parkes, Judy Wilson, Jean Sargent, Mary Beth Abel and Clive Jones. Thank you, Ladies!

LOST & FOUND

1 Lady's blue cardigan left at Oct meeting.

HELP WANTED

To clean & paint our room at Belair Mansion. Domestic engineers apply to Kay Mayhew (262-8692).

FINAL NOTICE

This is the last issue of the BULLETIN for those who have not yet paid their dues. Turn over a new leaf.

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Drue Anne Turpin  
13109 14th St.  
Bowie, MD 20715  
262-7855

Sarah Peabody Wagner  
20315 Coraline Circle  
Chatsworth, CA 91311  
(213) 341-4921

Thomas Paul Dungan  
1094 Woodberry Dr.  
Bryans Road, MD 20616  
283-6950

Elizabeth Merl Miller  
1206F Woodridge Dr.  
Waldorf, MD 20601  
645-5158

Judy Wilson is the custodian of the Sharing Our Research Experiences Notebook. To borrow it, see her at the meeting or call 532-3365. You'll find it a big help knowing when and where to look out of state.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Dec 3      Our meeting, 7:30 PM  
Wed      Greenbelt Branch Library
- Dec 6      NGS Luncheon at Kennedy-  
Sat      Warren, 3133 Conn Ave NW,  
Washington, DC. "The  
Lighter Side of Genealogy"-  
Milton Rubincam, CG, FASG,  
FNGS, FGSP, FMSGS
- Dec 9      Howard County Gen. Soc.  
Tues      Columbia, Grempler Bldg,  
7:45 PM. "New Light on  
Old Families" - Robert  
Barnes
- Dec 10     MGS Christmas Dinner,  
Wed      Cross Keys Inn, Baltimore  
7:30 PM. "Celtic Con-  
nection: From the Bronze Age  
to 1980"- Morgan Llywelyn,  
Genealogist and Novelist.  
For reservations, call  
Freeman Morgan (434-5736)
- Jan 7      Our meeting, Bowie Branch  
Wed      Library, 7:30 PM. Work-  
shop on Searching by State
- Jan 8      Anne Arundel Gen. Soc.  
Thurs     Open
- Jan 13     Howard County Gen. Soc.  
Tues      Richard Cox, Baltimore  
City Archivist
- Jan 22     MGS Research Bus Trip to  
Thurs     Washington, DC Fee \$8
- Jan 24     NGS, National Archives  
Sat      2:30 PM. "Genealogical  
Applications of Tape  
Recording" - George Archer

## BY-LAWS AMENDMENT

The Council recommends that Article VIII, Section 8 be amended by deleting all words after the comma to read... "No officer may expend more than the total budget allotment without specific Council approval."

## GENEALOGY COURSE

Freeman Morgan will be teaching a course in basic genealogy and family history at Northwestern High School in Hyattsville commencing in February. Alert your friends and watch for details.



The following information on the BRYAN family of Piscataway and Surrats District of Prince George's County was found in various administration papers of Osborn Bryan, Edward Pliny Bryan and William Bryan (of Richard) by Shirley Baltz.

William Bryan who died 1781 and owned "Mistake" and "Lusby's Discovery" had the following children:

1. Rachel Bryan
2. Amelia Bryan
3. George Bryan
4. Thomas Bryan d1822 wife Sarah had the following children:
  - John Bryan
  - Joseph Bryan
  - William Bryan (of Thomas)
  - Edward Bryan
  - Mary Ann Bryan
  - Lucy Ann Bryan
  - Sarah Ann Bryan
  - Osborn Bryan d 1823 wife Eleanor, at his death he left four minor children:
    - Mary Bryan
    - Richard Bryan
    - Norris Bryan
    - Elizabeth Bryan
5. Richard Bryan d1819 (according to Hodges Marriage References he married Rachel Lanham, daughter of Henry Lanham) at his death his wife was named Ann. His children were:
  - Samuel H. Bryan who died as a minor in 1834
  - Edward H. Bryan
  - Eleanor Bryan who married Henry R. V. Cawood
  - William Bryan (of Richard) died intestate on June 18 1853 in the 66th year of his age, he married Susanna(h) P. He owned Belmont Fishery which is opposite Mount Vernon on the Potomac. The children of Susannah and William were:
    - Edward Pliny Bryan
    - John H. B. Bryan
    - William P. Bryan
    - James F. S. Bryan
    - Robert D. S. Bryan
    - Simpronia C. Bryan who married Mr. Semmes
    - Rebecca A. M. Bryan who married Edward Plummer
    - Eleanor A. H. Bryan who married Walter P. Griffin and they had a daughter Nellie G. Brown who had two daughters Anna H. and Eleonor



Mr. John A. Brady and Miss Rosie E. Henry  
were married on the 20th Nov. 1884  
John Edward Brady was born Sept. 22nd 1885  
Mary Florence Brady--born Jan. 20th 1887  
died July 10, 1887  
Rose Ella Brady born March 8, 1888  
James Samuel Brady born Sept. 15, 1890  
died Aug. 4, 1960  
Mary Ann Brady born Sept. 1, 1893  
Helen Lanham Brady born May 15, 1896  
Florence Henry Brady born May 15, 1896  
Benjamin Henry Brady born Feb 8, 1898

Mr. John A. Brady died 4 A.M. Sat., May 12  
1907  
Mrs. Rosie E. Brady died March 10, 1952

Mr. Joseph M. Beall and Miss Rosie E. Brady  
were married on Jan. 14, 1908.  
Mr. John E. Brady and Miss Laura R. Simpson  
were married June 30, 1910 at Bowie, Md.  
Mr. Edgar Lloyd and Miss Mary Ann Brady  
were married Sept. 1, 1910.  
Mr. Clifford Lanham and Miss Helen Lanham Brady  
were married at Bowie Church Sept. 29, 1911.  
Mr. James Brady and Miss Gertrude S. Herb  
were married Jan 1, 1918 at Washington, D. C.

#### THE HENRY SIDE

Mary Ellen Henry was born Dec. 24, 1836  
Rinaldo Henry was born December 24, 1838  
Willie Ann Henry was born March 22, 1840  
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Benjamin Henry was born Sept. 24, 1846  
William F. Henry was born April 12, 1849  
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Edwin Henry was born March 28, 1854  
Rosella Henry was born April 4, 1857  
Richard N. Henry was born July 20, 1860

The above was given to Belair Stables Museum,  
for many years the home of James and Gertrude  
(Herb) Brady, by their daughter, Thelma Brady  
Gasch.

COOPER-JACKSON BIBLE

This bible was purchased from an antique dealer in northern Virginia in 1977. It measures approximately 10½ inches by 16½ inches and is approximately 4½ inches thick. The binding is broken, the front and back cover is detached and the front cover and perhaps a few pages in the front are missing, including the title page. The title page to the new testament reads 'The Christian's New and Complete Family Bible; or, Universal Liberty of Divine Knowledge: Containing the Sacred Texts of the New Testament at Large Illustrated with Notes and Commentaries; Whereby the difficult Passages are explained; the Mistranslations corrected; and the seeming Contradictions found in the Oracles of Truth, reconciled. Together with Practical Reflections on each Chapter; By Those Eminent Divines, Henry, Dodgridge, Gill, Brown, &c, &c. The Whole Forming A Complete Body of Christian Divinity; Calculated to enlighten the Understanding; purify the Heart; promote the Cause of Holiness; and make Men wise unto Salvation. BERNICK: Printed by and for JOHN TAYLOR: And sold by the Booksellers of Long, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Bristol, Bath, Exeter, Plymouth, Newcastle, York, and by all the other Booksellers in Great-Britain.'

There is nothing to indicate the date this bible was published. Indications as to its possible age can be gleaned from the bible records themselves. The bible was given to Ann Cooper Jackson by her father, John Cooper. Since the children of John Cooper and his wife, Rebecca Moore are also listed, we can consider the possibility that the bible was passed down to Ann Cooper Jackson. If this is true, supposing that the bible was purchased new shortly after the marriage of John and Rebecca Cooper, the bible could date from 1764. This, of course, does not allow for the possibility of the bible being passed down to John and Rebecca Cooper, or that it was not new at the time they acquired it.

All of the pages of records are detached from the binding and, indeed, it seems that some were never attached. The births and deaths of James and Mary Jackson's children were written on a sheet of paper that had been folded a number of times with 'Births & Deaths' inscribed on the outside. Another sheet is a duplicate sheet listing the data on the John Cooper family and is no doubt the earliest duplicate. It was also a folded sheet at one time; its condition now is very bad, with holes and tears mended by sewing them with thread and needle. Two other sheets appear to have been blank pages within the binding of the bible. In all, there are five (5) sheets that have records on them.

I am interested in contacting persons researching these families or persons who are descendants as I would like to collect more data on the Cooper and Jackson families of Cecil County, Maryland. I am also most willing to allow any of these interested parties to inspect the original.

September 29, 1980

(Mrs.) Beverly Repass Hoch  
13001 Meadow View Drive  
Gaithersburg, Maryland 20760

An account of the births of John Cooper his wife and their children.  
 John Cooper was born the 9th day of the 12th mo in the year 1739  
 old stile on the seventh day of the week  
 Rebecca Moore his wife was born the 16th of 2nd mo 1744 old stile  
 and was married the 24th of the 10th mo 1764 new stile

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- 1 James Cooper was born the 30th of 6th mo in 1765 on the 1st day of the week at 7 o'clock in the morning

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- 2 Calvin Cooper was born the 13th day of the 12th mo 1766 on 2nd day of the week at 9 o'clock at night

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- 3 John Cooper was born the 6th day of the 9th mo 1769 on fourth day of the week at 6 o'clock in the morning

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- 4 William Cooper was born the 24th of the 5th mo 1772 on 3rd day of the week at 2 o'clock in the morning

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- 5 Ann Cooper was born the 14th of the 3rd mo 1775 on 3rd day of the week at 2 o'clock in the morning

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- 6 Rebecca Cooper was born the 25th of 7th mo 1777 on 6th day at 8 in the evening

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- 7 Jeremiah Cooper was born the 19th of      mo 1780 on 1st day and 8 in the evening

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- 8 Mary Cooper was born the 12th of 9th mo 1784 on the 1st day of the week and 3 (?) o'clock in the morning and died the 20th of 10th mo at 12 at night Aged 3 years 1 month and 8 days wanting 3 hours

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#### Births and Deaths of James & Mary Jacksons Children

Lydia Jackson born the 8th day of 8th mo 1761 died 9th mo 1843 at 24 years of age

Katharine & Susanna Jackson born the 18th day of 4th mo 1763 Susanna died 12 of 12 mo 1802 Katharine the 1st of 5th mo 1814

Mary Jackson born the 31st of 5 mo 1765 and died the 2nd of 2 mo 1766

Ephraim Jackson born the 3rd of 12 mo 1766

Sarah Jackson born 16th of 11 mo 1768 and died 29th of 3 mo 1772

James Jackson born 18th of 6 mo 1771 died 24th of 2 mo 1835

Josiah Jackson born 17th of 1st mo 1773 died 26 of 3rd mo 1817

Alice Jackson born 26th of 5th mo 1775

Thomas Jackson born 28th of 5th mo 1777

## FIFTHS

OF

## James and Ann Cooper Jackson's Children

Rebecca Jackson was born the Twentyeth day of the fifth Month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Ninety six 1796

John C. Jackson was born the Twenty fifth day of the Seventh Month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Ninety seven 1797

Lydia Jackson was born the 30th day of the 10th month in the year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and 98 - 1798

William M Jackson was born the 24th day of the fourth month 1801

Mary Ann Jackson was born the 22nd day of the eighth month 1803 at 5 oclck in the evining and 2nd day of the week

Jeremiah Jackson was born the 24th day of the 12th month in the year 1804 and 2nd of the week and 3 oclck in the morning

James Meller Jackson was born the 28th day of the 9th Month in the year 1807 on 2nd day of the week and 10 oclck in the morning

Alice W Jackson was born on the 25th day of the 9th Month 1814 on the 1st day of the week and 9 oclck in the morning

Alice W Weehster died 9th month 9th 1887

Mary Ann Buckley Departed this life 12th mo. 22nd 1888 - Aged 85 years and 4 months



Ann Jackson's Book given to her by her Father John Cooper

James Jackson and Ann Cooper were Married the twenty seventh day of the fifth Month in the year of our Lord one thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety five 1795

James Jackson died the 24th day of 2 month 1835 at Westnottingham Cecil County Maryland Aged 64 years 3 months 24 days --

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James M Jackson died the 19th day of 3rd Month 1852 in West Nottingham Cecil County Maryland Aged 45 years 6 Months & 9 days

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James R Jackson Died the 11th day of 10th Month 1855 in West Nottingham Cecil County Maryland Aged 10 years 10 Months & 3 day's

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Barclay Jackson died the 15th day of 10th Month 1855 In West Nottingham Cecil County Md Aged 7 years 10 months 22 Days

Anne Jackson was born the 17th day of 4th mo 1841 Died the 3rd day of 6th mo 1845 Aged 4 years 1 mo and 22 days

11 12th of 2 mo 1844

James R Jackson was born 1 mo 7th 1845 at 5 oclck in the morning Snow on the ground

Rebecca Jackson was born the 27 day of 5 mo 1846 c 3 oclck in morning

Barclay Jackson was born on 3rd day the 23 of 11 mo 1847 c 6 oclck in the Evening

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(Written on the back side of one engraving in the bible:)

Margaret J. Jackson wif of James M. Jackson died 5? - 18 - 1897 aged 76 years.

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A bookmark inside the pages made from machine embroidery on red satin has the name: W. S. Jourdan



QUERIES

WILLETT

- - - - Jean A. Sargent  
 Would like to correspond with anyone working on  
 WILLETT families of 1600's and 1700's.

Kenneth L. Tracy  
 422 Princeton Dr.  
 Costa Mesa, CA 92626

VERMILLION

Searching for info on early VERMILLION families,  
 especially re Giles VERMILLION, assigned as a  
 servant in 1699 age ca 13.

Mrs. Robert D. Skelton  
 2376 Red Barn Road  
 Marietta, GA 30064

CLEMENTS  
 DANT  
 STEWART

Who were the CLEMENTS, parents of Eleanora (Ellen)  
 CLEMENTS b 25 Jan 1813, MD; m 27 Jan 1835, Wash,  
 D.C., Thomas E. DANT, and lived in Bladensburg and  
 Vansville, P.G. Co., d 11 Dec 1880, MD. Her sister  
 Sarah (CLEMENTS) STEWART, believed to have married  
 attorney Charles O. STEWART, Wash. D.C.

Dorothy I. Snodgrass  
 4801 Summitview  
 Yakima, WA 98908

THRASHER  
 THRESHOR

Searching for info in early THRASHER/THRESHOR  
 families in MD. My earliest known ancestor John  
 THRASHER b. 1736 P.G. Co., m. Elizabeth ANKROM ca  
 1760 in PA. In 1789 moved to Pendleton Co. KY and  
 d 1817.

Amos J. Thrasher  
 721 S. Sheridan Ave.  
 Ottumwa, IO 52501

SMITH  
 TANNER

Joseph SMITH b. 1807 d. 1911 Wash, D.C., m. Charlotte  
 A. Tanner b. 1844; had son Samuel Moore b. ca 1862.  
 Believe TANNERS came from Maryland. Joseph SMITH  
 was a Cherokee Indian.

Ms Martha Acton Powers  
 4701 Tuckerman St.  
 Riverdale, MD 20840

VENNUM  
 HARDESTY  
 KIRKPATRICK

Searching for info on early VENNUM/VENOM/VENUM  
 families of Maryland. Thomas VENNUM b 14 Sep 1775  
 m. Elizabeth KIRKPATRICK in Wash Co. PA ca 1797.  
 Believe father of Thomas was George VENNUM who m.  
 Mary HARDESTY 1771.

Mrs. Robbie Kroeger  
 2316 Silverbank Place  
 Rowland Heights, CA 91748

MAHEW  
 REASON

Searching for parents of William MAHEW b 1706 and  
 wife Charity --- b. 1711. Were on 1776 census.  
 Son's name was REASON MAHEW, perhaps for mother's fam.

Ms Thelma Martineau  
 4611 Hillcrest Ave.  
 Little Rock, AR 72205

MINUTES OF THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING  
5 November 1980

The meeting was called to order by President Catherine Merwin Mayhew. The minutes of the October meeting were approved as printed in the BULLETIN. Our Treasurer Kenneth Clagett reported we have \$255.49 in the checking account and \$3205.53 in the savings for a total of \$3460.02.

President's Report. Announcements concerning upcoming genealogical seminars were made. It was reported that a \$5 donation for help given by Registrar, Jean Sargent, was turned over to the Treasurer. Material on research at the Kentucky Historical Society will be turned over to the Custodian of our Share and Research Notebook.


Committee Reports. Brief reports were given by all Committee Chairmen. Last month two copies of the Bibliography and one copy of the Land Records were sold. Volunteers are needed for the work shop on Saturday, 22 Nov. from 9:30 - 12:30. The Ways and Means Committee will take orders for forms and books. Four new members were voted into the Society: Drue Anne Turpin, Sara Peabody Wagner, Thomas Paul Dungan and Elizabeth Merl Miller.

The Librarian reminded members that books can be checked out for only two months at a time.

New Business. The Society has received a donation of a Maryland Account Book for 1776, from Dorice Hammerich.

Show and Tell was followed by a break and then the program on Newspaper Research. The speakers were Sarah Fleming, Cdr. Edward Wright and Betty Beltz Stevens. The meeting was then adjourned.

SHIRLEY WILCOX  
Secretary, Pro tem



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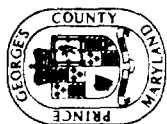
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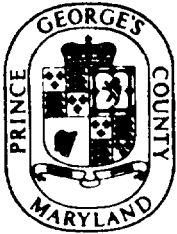
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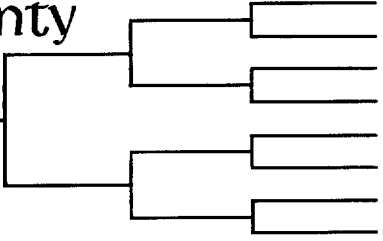
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## 1981 PROGRAMS TO BE HELD AT BOWIE LIBRARY

Our Society meetings January through June 1981 will be held at the Bowie Branch Library, 15210 Annapolis Road, Bowie, MD. For directions on how to get there, consult map on right.

We have an exciting list of speakers who will continue our Society's 1980-81 program theme: "GETTING OUR GENEALOGICAL ACT TOGETHER".

Jan. 7- "Searching by State Workshop" under the direction of Pat Paulkovich who will route you to the proper table where members with special expertise on the State (s), plus their personal genealogical books will be on hand. The eastern seaboard, Midwest and south central states will be featured. Come and bring your problems. We hope our experts will have recommendations for a solution.

Feb. 4 - Jean Sargent, Queries Editor for the BULLETIN, will tell us how to "Write for Responses."

March 4 will be different, indeed. "Sharing Your Genealogical Problem" in 10 minutes or less is open to the first four members who call Jim McCafferty after 7:30 pm at 838-5812. Speak up and speak out!

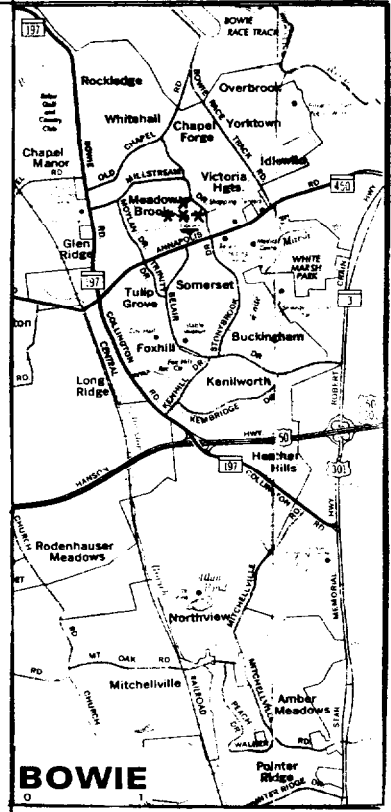
April 1 our very own Milton Rubincam, C.G. will describe how to "Match History with Genealogy." A must and a topic that fits will with the program opener.

May 6 - Dr. Laird C. Towle, Past Society President, will turn our attention to "How to Publish".

June 3 - Election of officers. Program will consist of five members telling how they plan to "Get Ready for Summer Searching." First five who call Jim McCafferty have the floor!!

Mark your calendar right now with the names of our speakers and their topics.

Plan to come and bring a friend.



\*\*\* Bowie Library next to High School. 2nd traffic light past Rte 197-450 (Old Annapolis Road) inter-section.



FROM THE PRESIDENT and COUNCIL

A very Merry Christmas to each and every member, and  
A Happy, Prosperous and Genealogically Successful New Year.

### Delectables Galore

In keeping with the holiday season our Hospitality Chair Nova Boyer arranged three tables containing a lovely centerpiece and many holiday treats furnished by: Paulette Auville, Mary Child, Hannah Clifton, Lyla Gold, Betty Hamilton, Elise Jennings, Bee Kennard, Karen Miles, Jim & Jane McCafferty, Evelyn Miner, Nancy Myers, Pat Paulkovich and Jean Robertson. Our thanks to all of them for the splendid refreshments. The table was bare after the meeting!!!

### Name Please

The book Irish Families, Their Names, Arms and Origins by Edward MacLysaght was donated to the Society at the Nov meeting. Will the lady donor please call Kay Mayhew (262-8692)?

Family Bible of the HOUSE-BEALL of Maryland was discovered at Wayne Hurst Antiques on Lawrenceville Highway in Tucker, GA. The Bible, ca 1824 was part of a religious library near Annapolis, MD purchased by the antique dealer. For further details, contact Susan Jenkins (Moon) at 636-8937.

### Genealogical Feud Huge Success

Based on the TV quiz show, the December meeting featured two families who responded to questions with the answers supplied by our membership at the October meeting.

The Miller Team, sporting bowties, was composed of Bill Miller, Gordon Ebersole, Jim Sorenson, Lyla Gold and Ruth Stultz. The Jennings Team, wearing special headgear, was lead by Elise Jennings, Emerald Minor, Freeman Morgan, Jean Sargent and Karen Lowman. Some may have noticed that Freeman wore a different hat for every question!

Our own Ken Claggett described each of the Society's publications and hopefully stirred our membership to purchase them for holiday presents. Tim Connor was our taskmaster judge and time keeper. His duck caller for the bloopers had everyone in stitches.

Jim McCafferty operated the overhead projector which almost got over his head trying to match the answers to the contestant responses. And Phyllis Cox with Anne Whiteside cheered the opposing teams with the applause signs.

Olive Jones served as the point total expert and declared the JENNINGS TEAM the winner.

It was a great night for every one, especially for the winning as well as the losing teams.

## BACK TO BASICS

A course in Basic Genealogy and Family History will be given at Northwestern High School on Adelphi Road, just two blocks north of the main Prince George's County Library (¼ mile from Prince George Plaza). Starting Tuesday evening February 16, the course features nine lectures of two hours and three field trips of 3 to 4 hours each. The cost is less than \$30.

The course is Past President Freeman E. Morgan Jr., C.G., who has given similar courses for the Prince George's Board of Education. We encourage all members to take a basic course in genealogy somewhere and those that do so find that in the long run they will save both time and money many times over. Such courses review the material covered in the free Seminar Series and go in greater depth on many important areas and some additional areas that could not be treated in the Seminar Series.

For further information, contact FREEMAN MORGAN on 434-5736.

## WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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434-2498

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Bowie, MD 20716  
249-6529

Judith Marie Bostian  
16112 Alderwood Lane  
Bowie, MD 20716  
249-1196

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- |                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| Jan 7<br>Wed    | Our meeting, Bowie Branch Library, 7:30 pm<br>Searching by State Work shop.                 |
| Jan 8<br>Thurs  | Anne Arundel Gen. Soc. Open   |
| Jan 13<br>Tues  | Howard County Gen. Soc. Richard Cox, Baltimore City Archivist                               |
| Jan 22<br>Thurs | MGS Research Bus Trip to Washington, DC. \$8.00   |
| Jan 24<br>Sat   | NGS, Nat'l Archives, 2:30 pm<br>Genealogical Applications of Tape Recordings- George Archer |
| Feb 4<br>Wed    | Our meeting, 7:30 pm<br>How to Write for Responses- Jean Sargent                            |
| Feb 7<br>Sat    | NGS, Nat'l Archives, 2:30 pm<br>3-Dimensional Genealogy- Robert M. Pennington               |
| Feb 21<br>Sat   | NGS, 2:30 pm. Hereditary Societies, Past & Present- Ann Wellhouse                           |



QUERIES

- - - Jean A. Sargent

CATER George CATER m. Mary MOORE in P.G. Co. 1815 and  
MOORE were my gr-gr grandparents. Would like to exchange  
info concerning the CATER and MOORE families of MD.

Bill Cater Walton  
3739 Meadowlark Dr.  
Columbus, GA 31906

GULLION Seeking ancestors and descendents of Neal GULLION/  
O'GULLION who was in P.G. Co. and MD 1745-1755.

Linda B. Atkinson  
32 Greenview Circle  
Sherwood, AR 72116

BELT Searching for info connecting Maryland BELT families  
with those in Ohio. Does anyone have records of  
BELT family reunions around Reisterstown, MD?

Mrs. Olive Belt Helsel  
8807 Weir St.  
Manassas, VA 22110

ORME Need ancestry of John Walter ORME b. MD 14 Jun 1784.  
Will exchange info on ORME FAMILY.

Ms Janice Stansell  
2105-A Oak Hollow  
Longview, TX 75604

MORAN Would like to correspond with anyone researching  
MORAN families of MD prior to 1850.

Ms Janet M. Johnson  
Box 325  
Alma, NE 68920

CHENEY Edward CHENEY, Methodist minister b. ca 1752 in  
MD, married Dorcas \_\_\_\_\_. Migrated to Bedford Co.  
PA ca 1787 with Duvall, Penn, Foster, Moberly, and  
Shreeves families from P.G. Co. Need his parents.  
Will share other CHENEY info.

Mrs. Norman Chaney, Jr.  
312 S. West St.  
Hillsboro, OH 45133

SHORB Have prepared SHORB family history on descendents  
of Joannes SHORB b. 1761 Frederick Co., MD. Will  
share any info on family.

Norm Baker  
4500 Neely  
Midland, TX 79703

GOSNELL Would appreciate any info on GOSNELL family,  
especially from early 1700's to 1800's.

Ms June Gosnell Freed  
59 Marseille Pl.  
Sicklerville, N.J. 08081

JANUARY 1981

ARTICLE XIII, Section 2 states that..."the annual Treasurer's report, the approved budget and the annual audit shall appear in the Bulletin."

FOR THE OFFICIAL RECORD

Mr. E. O. Miner  
2315 Belair Drive  
Bowie, Md. 20715

1 September 1980

Mr. William Miller  
Mrs. Catherine Mayhew

I have audited the Prince George's County Genealogical Society's books for the past year 1979/80 and found them correct and well kept.

|   |                |
|---|----------------|
| Balance at beginning of the year          | \$2232.99      |
| Less membership dues collected in advance | <u>497.00</u>  |
|   | 1735.99        |
| Income for year 1979/80                   | 3405.06        |
| Expenses for year 1979/80                 | <u>1922.13</u> |
| Net Gain                                  | 1482.93        |
| Beginning Balance                         | 1735.99        |
| Net Gain                                  | <u>1482.93</u> |
| Balance August 31, 1980                   | 3218.92        |
| Checking Account Balance                  | 266.40         |
| Savings Account Balance                   | <u>2952.52</u> |
| Total                                     | 3218.92        |

Mr. Kenneth Clagett, Treasurer has devised a very satisfactory method of bookkeeping and done a very good job.

Yours truly,

Emerald O. Miner, Auditor  
1 September 1980



# PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

FOUNDED 1969

P. O. BOX 819-BOWIE, MARYLAND 20715

FINANCIAL STATEMENT -- FISCAL YEAR: 1979 - 1980

|                                       |           |           |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Beginning Balance 30 June 1979 (Cash) |           | \$2232.99 |
| Less Dues paid in for FY 79-80        | \$ 497.00 |           |
| Balance Forwarded                     |           | \$1735.99 |

## INCOME

|                            |           |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| Dues for FY 79-80          | \$1841.50 |
| Special Donation           | 44.00     |
| Regular Publications Comm. | 24.00     |
| Anniversary Forum & Social | 5.48      |
| Savings Account Interest   | 167.46    |
| Special Pubs. Book 2 Sales | 73.50     |
| Special Pubs. Book 3 Sales | 296.75    |
| Special Pubs. Book 4 Sales | 385.50    |
| Education Committee        | 119.48    |
| Dues for FY 80-81          | 395.50    |
| Miscellaneous              | 51.89     |
| TOTAL INCOME               | \$3405.06 |

## EXPENSES

|                              |           |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| Regular Publications Comm.   | \$ 986.17 |
| Special Publications Comm.   | 142.36    |
| Education Committee          | 180.94    |
| President                    | 25.97     |
| First VP & Program Comm.     | 89.26     |
| Second VP & Membership Comm. | 160.04    |
| Secretary                    | 51.44     |
| Treasurer                    | 45.85     |
| Miscellaneous                | 240.10    |
| TOTAL EXPENSES               | \$1922.13 |

NET INCOME FROM FISCAL YEAR 79-80 OPERATIONS 1482.93

BALANCE FORWARDED/AVAILABLE AS OF 30 JUNE 1980 \$3218.92

## CASH BALANCES ON HAND AS OF 30 JUNE 1980

|                                   |           |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| Checking Account (Suburban Trust) | \$ 266.40 |
| Savings Account (John Hanson S&L) | 2952.52   |

TOTAL CASH ON HAND

\$3218.92

*KHA Clagett*  
Kenneth A. Clagett  
Treasurer FY79-80

MINUTES OF THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING

3 DECEMBER 1980

The meeting was called to order by President Catherine Merwin Mayhew at 7:35 P.M. The minutes of the 5 November 1980 meeting, as printed in the October BULLETIN, were approved.

Thanks were extended by the President to three members who assisted in preparing the Society's Room in the Belair Mansion: Dorothy Rainwater, Ivan Rainwater, and Nada Poole.

Secretary Jerry Bowersox read a note of appreciation to Kay Mayhew from the Director of the Kilby Center for her recently-delivered talk.

Thanks are also extended to the donator of the book entitled Irish Families, Their Names, Arms and Origins, by Edward MacLysaght.

The Treasurer, Ken Clagett, reported a total of \$3,855.72 in the Society's accounts.

The Secretary presented for the Council a Bylaws amendment to Article 8, Section 7, as follows: Delete all words after the comma so that the Section reads:

"No officer may expend more than the total budget allotment without specific Council approval."

Programs: On January 7, at the Bowie Library, the program will be a Seminar along the format lines of the Home Seminars.

Special Publications: In the past 30 days, there has been 11 Bibliographies, 12 Land Records, and 3 Census Record books sold.

Records: Thanks to Ann Whiteside for her work this month on publication #5.

Education: Future editions of the "Maryland Historical Society Magazine" and of the "Maryland Magazine of Genealogy" will be donated by Dorothy Rainwater to the Society library holdings.

Membership: There were six new members whose names were announced to the Society: Ben H. Julian, Marie Almina Bryan Etter, Arthur S. Kidwell, Jr., C. Walter England, Faith Waite, and Judith Marie Bostian.

Members were reminded that the next meeting would be held on January 7 at the Bowie Memorial Library. The meeting was then adjourned, and after the break, members of the Society participated in a "Genealogical Feud", M.C.'d by "Jane Dawson" (alias Jane MacCafferty). Commercials were handled by Ken Clagett (touting the three Society publications). It was an appropriate end to this calendar year's meetings. See you in Bowie "next year!"

*Jerry Gray-Bowersox*  
Jerry Gray-Bowersox

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PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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2nd Vice President (Membership) - Sarah R. Fleming  
Secretary - Jerry Gray-Bowersox  
Treasurer - Kenneth A. Clagett

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Meetings of the Society are held the first Wednesday of each month, September through June, at 7:30 pm, Greenbelt Branch Library, 11 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD. Changes of meeting place will be announced in the BULLETIN.

The Society is a non-profit educational and cultural organization, classified by the Internal Revenue Service as 501/c3. Gifts, contributions, endowments and bequests are tax deductible. Unless otherwise instructed, all correspondence, contributions and genealogical materials should be sent to PO Box 819, Bowie, MD 20715.

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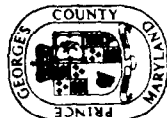
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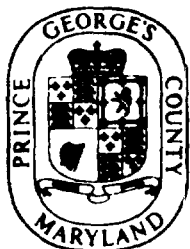
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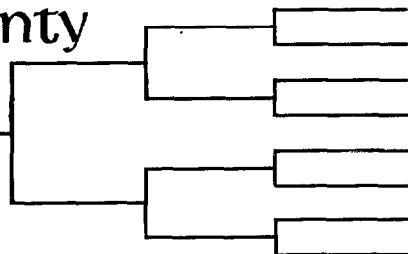
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SAVE THE DATE of 28 MARCH!  
All Day Seminar on Family  
History; Five Outstanding  
Speakers!!!!

Our Society is one of the co-sponsors of the Maryland Genealogical Society all day seminar to be held on Saturday, March 28 at the Ramada Inn on Powder Mill Road (off I-95) in Beltsville, MD.

The theme is "Humanizing Your Family History" and a truly outstanding list of speakers has been lined up.

Bill Linder of National Archives- Family History Today

Harriet Stryker Rodda - Interrelationship between Local and family History.

After break for lunch in the afternoon, Betty McKeever Key - Oral History specialist.

Robert Barnes - Use of Documents and Home Sources  
Conclude with Milton Rubincam - Putting Spice in Family History.

Would you believe that this incredible array of genealogical talent and expertise is yours for only \$3? A catered lunch of soup and salad costs \$7.25, or you can brown bag it. There are only 175 places available so get your reservations in post haste. Make check payable to Bill Miller, Finance Chairman, and mail to PO Box 819, Bowie, MD 20715, Attn: Kay Mayhew

QUERIES?? QUESTIONS??  
Jean Sargent Featured Speaker  
on February 4, 1981

Everyone, including the beginner, has had the frustration of the unanswered query. Often the failed response was due to how you wrote your letter and what you expected. There probably is no way to guarantee a response but there are ways to obtain information you need.

Jean Sargent who has served as our Society's Queries Editor for the BULLETIN, will give us some of her tips on writing for information as well as how to share genealogical facts.

This program will follow the regular business meeting which begins at 7:30 PM at the Bowie Branch Library, 15210 Annapolis Road, Bowie, MD. See You There!

A HOME WORKSHOP  
for sharing genealogical information on research in southern states will be held on Friday, Feb. 20 at 7:30 PM in Berwyn Heights, 5800 Swarthmore Drive. Phone Pat Paulkovich (474-7676) for details and directions.

THE CENTER FOLD of the Bulletin contains the Accession List of the Society's Library Reference Collection. Pull out pages 50-52 and keep them handy to reserve books in advance from Librarian Ivan Rainwater (262-2854).



## FROM THE PRESIDENT

The renovation in the Prince George's County Courthouse at Upper Marlboro is now completed. The land records for the years before 1844 had been removed and stored in the annex. The old land records are now back in the courthouse. They are in the office of the Land Records Supervisor, Mrs. Welch.

Those of you who braved ice and cold for the January meeting were well rewarded. If you would like to repeat the experience and work one-on-one again, sign up for one of the home workshops. You can sign up for a workshop on "middle Atlantic states" or simply "any group meeting in the Clinton area." Our Society is too large for much individual help to be given at regular meeting. This is your Society--make it work for you.

## GENEALOGY WORKSHOP GREAT SUCCESS

Our most able Pat Paulkovich chaired and obtained a host of experts for our "Searching By State Workshop" held at the Bowie Branch Library, Jan 7, 1981. Six basic areas were represented by our experts. A big thank you to Pat and these experts:

Beginners: Shirley Wilcox  
Marge Miller  
Irving Luskey  
James D. Sorensen

Special Problems: Freeman Morgan  
Bill Miller  
H. Ivan Rainwater  
Gordon Ebersole

New England: Jean Sargent  
Lair Towle

Mid-Atlantic: Phyllis Cox  
Mary Beth Abel  
Milton Rubincam

Frontier: Jan McCafferty  
Jim Reep, Lyle Gold,  
Emerald Miner, Sarah  
Fleming, Pat Paulkovich

South-West-SW: Dorothy Rainwater  
Don Wilson  
Bea Kennard

## GRAND HOSPITALITY on January 7th

Our fellow "genies" took advantage of the many edibles and refreshing drinks before sitting down with the Workshop Experts and learning another approach to a specific genealogical problem. We are most indebted to Nova Boyer who brings out the best culinary skills among our membership. Our thanks for all of the goodies go to Judith Bostian, Helen Hall, Shirley Jasper, Mary Mowbray, Myrna Smith, Lillian Stueber, LaVerne Taylor, Faith Waite and Ann Whiteside.

## HELP - HELP - HELP - HELP

WANTED: Three volunteers who want to share their family genealogical problem at the March 4 meeting. If you have a problem which will stump us, call Jim McCafferty after 7:30 PM at 839-5812 or on the weekend.

Or contact him direct at Feb 4 meeting. Tremendous chance for lucky three!!!

## WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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Washington D.C. 20016

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(404) 687-5914

Marian E. Beall  
6256 Sea Breeze Dr.  
Long Beach, CA 90803

Personal Name Badges

The hard plastic name plates with the PG Coat of Arms will cost \$3 each in 1981, payable in advance. Tim Conner, Ways & Means Chair, accepts orders and delivers the badges normally at the following meeting.

The names are large enough to be read easily by almost anyone from several feet away and the arms, in color, are very attractive. Some out-of-town members have also ordered these distinctive name plates to wear at meetings, libraries and courthouses in their own area and while traveling.

Basic Genealogy Course

The PG County Board of Education Adult Evening Course in Genealogy and Family History begins Tuesday, Feb 17 (7-9:00 pm) at Northwestern HS on Adelphi Road in west Hyattsville near the public library. If interested, contact instructor Freeman Morgan (434-5736) as soon as possible for further info.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Feb 4 Our meeting, Bowie Library  
Wed How to Write for Responses-  
7:30 Jean Sargent
- Feb 5 Anne Arundel Gen.Soc., United  
Thurs Methodist Church, Severna Park  
7:30 Thomas Jefferson & Southern  
Genealogy-Jim Bradford
- Feb 7 NGS, Nat'l Archives  
Sat 3-Dimensional Genealogy-  
2:30 Robert M. Pennington
- Feb 11 Howard County Gen.Soc.  
Wed Central Library, Columbia  
7:45 Baltimore City Archives-  
Richard Cox
- Feb 14 MGS, Baltimore, 201 W.Monument  
Sat Workshop on Colonial  
2-4:00 Genealogy
- Feb 21 NGS, Nat'l Archives  
Sat Hereditary Societies Past &  
2:30 Present-Ann Wellhouse
- Mar 4 Our meeting, Bowie Library  
Wed Sharing Your Genealogical  
7:30 Problem
- Mar 7 NGS, Washington, DC  
Sat They Came from Europe-  
2:30 John W. Heisey
- Mar 11 Howard County Gen.Soc.  
Wed Genealogy Room of Library  
7:45 of Congress-Samuel Andrusko
- Mar 9-13 DAR, 1776 D St NW, Washington  
Mon-Fri Jewish Community in Early  
9-4:00 America 1654-1830. Weeklong  
Mar 15 seminar, concludes Sunday 1-5
- Mar 21 NGS, Nat'l Archives.  
Sat British Convict Experience  
2:30 in America - Mary K. Meyer
- Mar 28 Md Gen.Soc. & Tri-Counties  
Sat Joint Seminar on Family His-  
9-5 tory. 6 outstanding speakers.  
Ramada Inn, Calverton(off I-95)  
Phone 434-7636.

REGISTER OF THE EARLY FRIENDS AT NEW GARDEN, NORTH CAROLINA and PARTS  
ADJACENT (copied by Josephine Frost from the original copy 1923)

It would appear that the settlement of Friends at this place was made about the middle of the last century. Among the very first, if not themselves the first who settled in the neighborhood, were Eleazar Hunt, Richards Williams and Henry Ballinger. To them the land on which the Meeting House stands is understood to have been made. These Friends having been members of Cane Creek Monthly Meeting previously to the setting up at New Garden, probably settled there about the year 1750 when there were as yet very few white settlers. The Monthly Meeting at New Garden, Guilford County, was established on the 27th of the Third Month, 1754.

Richard Williams, son of George Williams, and Prudence Beals, daughter of John Beals of Monoquosy in Prince George County and Province of Maryland, having declared intentions at Fairfax, Virginia, and Monocacy aforesaid, married on the 11th day of the Tenth Month, 1746.

Witnesses:

|                 |                  |
|-----------------|------------------|
| Sarah Beales    | William Kersey   |
| Ann Hunt        | John Wright      |
| Elizh. Pooley   | Anthony Chamness |
| Geo. Mathews    | Joseph Wells     |
| Matthias Pooley | Thomas Hunt      |
| Daniel Matthews | Eleazar Hunt     |

Richard Williams, son of George, died 1781. Prudence died 1815.  
Their children:

Silas, born 1747, married Mary Hunt  
Charity, born 1750, married William Hiatt  
Jesse, born 1753, married Eleanor Johnson & Sarah Terrell  
Richard, born 1755, married Sarah Baldwin  
Prudence, born 1758, married Levi Coffin  
Matthias, born 1760, never married  
Sarah, born 1763, married Samuel Stanley  
Dorcas, born 1765, married David Hockett  
Ruth, born 1768, married Charles Gordon  
Mary, born 1770, married Jonathan Hockett. She Died 1814.  
John, born 1773  
Anna, born 1775, married Thomas Jessup

Thomas Beales of the County of Prince George in Maryland, and Sarah Ankram of the same place, having declared intentions in Virginia and Maryland, were married 12 of 9 Mo. 1741.

Witnesses:

|                    |                 |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| Marry Matthews     | Oliver Matthews |
| Sarah Beals        | Thos. Matthews  |
| Elizabeth Matthews | Francis Henley  |
| Hannah Ballenger   | Amos Jenny      |
| Susanna Moon       | Evan Thomas     |
| Mary Tannyhill     | John Wright     |

Thomas Beals, married 9 mo. 12, 1741 Sarah Andram in Prince George County, Maryland. Their children.

Mary, born 1742

Mary, born 1743 (twin) (in pencil, married Thomas Jessop)

Sarah, born 1743 (twin)

Thomas, born 1745

Patience, born 1747

William, born 1750

Daniel, born 1753, married Susanna Jackson

Elizabeth, born 1755, married Samuel Bond

Margaret, born 1757, married James Horton

Hannah, born 1759

Rachel, born 1763 (twin)

John, born 1763 (twin)

Jacob, born 1768

NOTE: More complete dates can be found in Hinshaw's Volume One of Encyclopedia of American Quaker Genealogy.

Abstracted by Shirley Wilcox from The North Carolinian, Vol. I  
Witnesses to North Carolina Quaker  
Marriages by Wm. Perry Johnson

A biographical sketch on WILLIAM AUSTIN, found in an 1882 book on Clinton County, Ohio, shows that William was born in Prince George's County, Maryland, a son of Samuel Austin. A brother Thomas Austin is also mentioned as having lived in Ohio near Clarksville. William's wife was born in Calvert County but apparently they were both raised principally in Albemarle County, Virginia. They were married in 1798 and went to Surry County, North Carolina in 1799, then to Ohio in 1811, being accompanied by William's father Samuel Austin. William and Elizabeth Austin had nine children, eight who survived infancy. They were: Thomas, Samuel S., Mary (m Jonathan Tribbey), James B., William R., Benjamin N., Henry R., and David S.  
Additional data can be found by consulting the actual text. (SEW, C.G.)

History of Kent County Maryland, 1630-1916, by Fred. G. Usilton, the out of print classic for Eastern Shore genealogists and researchers, has been reissued with additions by his nephew, Bill Usilton. For a copy of Reprinted Edition of the popular history, write to: Perry Publications, RFD 3, Box 30, Chestertown, MD 21620  
The cost will be \$30 plus mailing and handling charges. Bill Usilton will autograph your copy if requested.

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1. Index of Revolutionary War Pension Applications
2. The Story of Surnames
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4. Graveyards and Gravestones of Wicomico
5. Genealogy of Rev. W. H. Van Deusen
6. The Mary & John, Story of Founding of Dorchester, Massachusetts
7. Federal Population Census, 1790-1890
8. Searching for Your Ancestors, Gilbert H. Doane
9. Index of Marriage Licenses, Prince George's County, MD(1777-1886)
10. Genealogical Research in Maryland, a guide
11. Illustrated Historical Atlas of State of Iowa
13. List of record groups of National Archives & Records Services
14. A History of Upper Marlboro (250th Anniversary, 1971)
15. Sons of the Conqueror: Descendants of Norman Ancestry
16. A History of Upper Marlboro (copy 2)
17. A History of Upper Marlboro (copy 3)
18. Princes of Wales
19. English Surnames, Their Sources and Significations
20. The Highland Clans, Their Origins and History
21. Prince George's County, Md., 1800 Census
22. The Handy Book for Genealogists, 1967
23. Girls' Christian Names: Their History, Meaning and Association
24. Prince George's Heritage, Louise F. Hinton
25. Federal Land Series, Vol. 1
26. Revolutionary Records of Maryland, 1967
27. Marriages and Deaths 1800-1820 from National Intelligencer, D.C.
28. Magruder's Maryland Colonial Abstracts 1772-1777, Wills, Accounts & Inventories
29. Marriages and Deaths from Maryland Gazette, 1727-1839
30. Maryland Revolutionary Records
31. United States Census Compendium
32. Genealogical Research: Methods and Sources, Vol. 2
33. Cecil County, Maryland Marriage Licensis, 1777-1840
34. Index of Marriage Licenses, Prince George's County, Md. 1777-1886
35. An Survey of American Church Records, Vol. 1, 3rd edition
36. Original Patentees of Land at Washington prior to 1700
37. Catalog of National Archives Microfilm Publications (copy 2)
38. List of Record Groups of National Archives, 1973
39. One Man's Family by Lewis, Worland & Worland
40. The Researcher's Guide to American Genealogy, Val D. Greenwood
41. Genealogical Notes of Champerlaine Family of Maryland
42. The Freeman Family
43. Prince George's County, A 300 Year Tradition of Achievements (1974)
44. St. Ignatius Church (1974)
45. St. Ignatius Church (1974)
46. Search and Research: The Researcher's Handbook
47. The Handy Book for Genealogists, 1967 (copy 2)
48. Across the Years in Prince George's County, 1975
49. Marriage Licenses of Caroline County, Md. 1774-1815
51. Men of Maryland
52. Historic Graves of Maryland & the District of Columbia

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53. How to Read the Handwriting and Records of Early America
54. Inventory of County and Town Archives of Maryland, #2
55. Georgetown Houses of Federal Period, 1780-1830, Washington, D.C.
56. Colonial Maryland Naturalizations
57. DAR Reminders of Revolutionary Days in Prince George's County
58. Index to Genealogical Periodicals, 3 vols in 1, 1973, Donald Jacobus
59. Genealogical Periodical Annual Index, 1969, Vol. 8
60. Centenary of Catholicity in Kentucky
61. Early Settlers of Maryland
62. County Courthouses and Records of Maryland
63. John Skelton of Georgia
64. Genealogical Periodical Annual Index, Vol. 13, 1974
66. Development of Early Emigrant Trails in US East of Mississippi
67. The Crosier Story, A History of Crosier Fathers in the US
68. Survey of American Church Records, Vol. 2
69. Heraldry, Ancestry and Titles: Questions and Answers
70. Directory of Genealogical Societies in USA and Canada
71. Prince George's County Land Records, Vol. A, 1696-1702
72. Barrow Method of Restoring Deteriorated Documents
73. Manufacture and Testing of Durable Book Papers
74. Permanence/Durability of the Book: Two-Year Research Program
75. " II: Test Data of Naturally Aged Papers
76. " III: Spray Deacidification
77. " IV: Polyvinylacetate (PVA) Adhesives
78. " V: Strength & Other Characteristics of Book Paper
79. " VI: Spot Testing for Unstable Modern Book Paper
80. Out of the Past: Prince Georgians and Their Land
81. Orphans and Infants of Prince George's County, Md. 1696-1750
82. My Own Edmonstons and a few others
83. County Courthouses and Records of Maryland, Part 2, the records
85. National Archives Microfilm Publications (copy 1)
86. Guide to Historic Places of Prince George's County, Maryland
87. 17th Century Colonial Ancestors, Nat'l Society of Colonial Dames
88. John Fleming: Carolina to California: Some Descendants 1734-1972
89. New Hampshire Genealogical Research Guide
90. Directory of Genealogical Periodicals
91. Walkers of Toaping Castle, Maryland
92. Waters Family of Virginia and Maryland
93. Lest We Forget: Guide to Genealogical Research in Nation's Capital
94. Genealogical Books in Print
95. Genealogical & Local History Books in Print, Vol. 2
96. Arnold Livers Family in America
97. Heraldic Design: Its Origins, Ancient Forms and Modern Usage
98. List of Selected Maps of States and Territories
99. Pre-federal Maps in National Archives: Annotated List



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100. Arlington County, Virginia: A History
101. Manuscript Collections of Maryland Historical Society
102. Register of Graduates & Former Cadets of US Military Academy
103. National Archives Microfilm Publications
104. Maryland Records: Colonial, Revolutionary, County & Church Vol. 1
105. Maryland Records: Vol 2 from Original Sources
106. Mareen Duvall of Middle Plantation
107. Six Generation Ancestor Tables-Bicentennial Project-Book 1
108. Les Habrecht: Une Dynestie d'horlogers Strasbourgeois XVI<sup>e</sup>-XVII<sup>e</sup> siecle
109. 1850 Census Prince George's County, Maryland
110. Index to Registers of St. Paul's Parish, Baden, Prince George's County, 1831-1885
112. Holy Trinity- Collington: Her People and Their Church
113. Census of Deceased Personnel Burried In Fort George G. Meade, Md.
114. Guide of Maryland Hall of Records: Local, Judicial & Administrative Records, Vol. 1
115. Calvert County, Maryland Family Records, 1670-1929
116. The Smith Genealogy by Napoli
117. Tombstone Inscriptions of South Arundel County, Marlborough DAR Chap.
118. The Ancestors of Susan Wheeler Decatur by walter Ball
119. John Wheeler, 1630-1693 of Charles County by walter Ball
120. York and the Home District (Fall 1975 FAMILIES, Ontario Gen.Soc.)
121. Genealogical History of Our Ancestors by Wm. K. Rutherford
122. Genealogical History of Our Ancestors by Wm. K. Rutherford, Vol 1
123. Genealogical History of Our Ancestors by Wm. K. Rutherford, Vol 2
124. Descendants of Caleb Wright, 1760-1979 by Edward F. Wright
125. Maryland at the Beginning by Lois G. Carr
126. Comp. Indexes of Church Registers, Prince George's County, 1686-1885
127. Vol. II " " " " Vol 1
128. Daniel Carroll II, One Man and His Descendants, 1730-1978
129. History of St. Mary's County, Md. by Regina Combs Hammett
130. Irish Families, Their Names, Arms and Origins by Edw. MacLysaght
131. Marriage Bonds, Henry County, Virginia 1778, 1799
132. Maryland Account Book #54, 1766, by Bettie Carothers
133. St Mary's County Cemeteries, Maryland
134. Colonial Piscataway in Maryland, Katharine A. Kellock, 1962
135. Walkers of Toaping Castle, Md. by Samuel Walker. Copy 2 (circulating)
140. Prince George's Heritage, Early History from 1696-1800. Copy 1
141. Prince George's Heritage, Early History from 1696-1800. Copy 2
142. Genealogical Periodical Annual Index, 1946, Vol 15
143. Maryland Genealogies (taken from Md Historical Magazine), Vol 1
144. Maryland Genealogies (taken from Md.Historical Magazine), Vol 1
145. Dulany-Furlong and Kindred Families by Roland Dulany Furlong
146. Belle Air in Bowie
147. A History of Suitland, Maryland, 1867-1976
148. County by County in Ohio Genealogy
149. The Berrys of Maryland compiled by George R. Griffiths
150. Tracing Your Ancestors in Canada
151. Dinwiddie Clan Records (NW Indiana) by T. H. Ball, Editor
153. Index to 1850 Federal Census of Wyoming County, Pennsylvania
154. Index to Colonial Genealogist, Vol IV (1971-72)
155. Microforms Catalog. 1975 Bell & Howell
156. Preliminary Inventory of Land-Entry Papers of General Land Office
157. Guide of Historic Places of Prince George's County, Md.
158. Official Maryland Guide to Landmarks of Revolutionary Era in Md.
159. Bibliography of Published Genealogical Source Records, P.G. Co.
160. Prince George's County Land Records Vol A 1696-1702



BOOK REVIEWS by Shirley Langdon Wilcox, C.G.

MARYLAND ACCOUNT BOOK #54, 1766. Published by Bettie Carothers. 1976. 22 pp. indexed. A gift from Dorice Hammerich.

These abstracts from Maryland Accounts were transcribed many years ago by Annie Walker Burns but this publication has been updated with additions and corrections. Although the title suggests that only records for the year 1766 are covered, there are 24 entries dated either September or October 1765 and one dated July 1765. The entries are arranged in alphabetical order of deceased, and show the county, date and page number in the original volume. This is followed by the name of the administrator or executor and other information of value to researchers. In some cases the names of the widow and children were listed. An index of four pages allows for comprehensive use of the publication. Those deceased persons shown for Prince George's County were Samuel Conn, John Godart, Jacob Henderson, Mary Henderson and John Stephens.

HISTORY OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY, MARYLAND by Regina Combs Hammett. c1977. 546 pp indexed.

St. Mary's County Bicentennial Commission obtained the services of Regina Hammett, a lifelong resident, to compile this history. Many sources and research facilities were used by Mrs. Hammett and she has carefully documented her references. The history of St. Mary's County is traced from its beginning in 1634 down to the present. There are 26 chapters, many of which will be of interest to genealogists. The text contains numerous maps, photographs and charts which are helpful and interesting to the reader. A comprehensive index ensures that the casual reader can make quick use of the material.

DANIEL CARROLL II, ONE MAN AND HIS DESCENDANTS 1730-1978 by Sister M. Virginia Geiger. c1979. 314 pp indexed.

This book is an expansion of an earlier doctoral dissertation written by the author. The material from the dissertation "Daniel Carroll, Frammer of the Constitution" has been revised and is the basis for the first section of the book. The author goes into great detail about the life of Daniel Carroll and this material is very carefully documented. The second section of the book concerns the descendants of Daniel Carroll and comprises the bulk of the book. This section is written in a narrative style and does not follow the format of a traditional genealogy. Usually only the year of an event is given and places of birth and death, for instance, are often omitted. Although it appears to be carefully compiled, references are not given in this section of the book. 115 families are covered. These sections often give the history for several generations before the family married into the Carroll family. There are eight pages of index but it is not an every name index.

MARRIAGE BONDS, HENRY COUNTY, VIRGINIA 1778-1799, compiled by Douglas McDonald. 7 pp mimeographed. indexed

The marriage bonds for this county are presented in alphabetical order by grooms. An index at the end enables the reader to quickly check for females.

QUERIES

- - - - Jean A. Sargent

LEWIS  
SCEARCE  
KETCHAMJohn LEWIS b. 1736 P. G. Co., m. Sarah SCEARCE  
and (2) Mary KETCHAM in Washington Co. Need  
parents of John.M. Tracy Cox Carpenter  
315 East Sale St.  
Tuscola, IL 61953BARRON  
BURCHWho were children of Thomas BARRON, Jr. (1730-  
ca 1800) and Margaret BURCH other than Oliver  
(1760-1823)?Seth E. Barron  
20 Burrows St.  
Groton Long Point, CT 06340

LONG

Searching for info on Philip LONG, of King's  
American Regiment during Revolution.Ghislain Long  
Casier postal 199  
Clair, Madawaska, N. B.  
Canada EOL 1B0BROOKE  
WILSONMary BROOKE m. Isaac WILSON at Nottingham, MD in  
1807. Need ancestry of Mary and Isaac.Mrs. Harold F. Hannon, Jr.  
407 East Cherry  
Normal, IL 61761RAISIN  
REASON  
WOOD  
MAHEWAaron WOOD enlisted 1776 in Frederick Co., MD. Had  
son Rezin WOOD b. 16 Nov 1785. William MAHEW b.  
1733 P.G. Co. m. Charity ---- b. 1753 had son  
Reason MAHEW b. 1797. After war both families  
purchased land in York Dist., S.C. Believe they were  
related somehow thru Raisin/Reason family. Would  
appreciate any leads.Mrs. Thelma Martineau  
4611 Hillcrest Ave.  
Little Rock, AR 72205PEACH  
HYATTJoseph PEACH, Jr. (1731-1775) of P.G. Co. m.  
Lucy ----. She m. (2) Christopher HYATT. Need  
surname of Lucy.Mrs. Mary C. Claypool  
161 W. Trafford St.  
Long Beach, CA 90805

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The meeting was called to order by President Catherine Merwin Mayhew at 7:30 p.m. in the Bowie Library. The minutes of the 3 December 1980 meeting were approved as printed in the January 1981 BULLETIN.

In the absence of Treasurer Kenneth Calgett, Kay Mayhew announced a total balance of \$3,975.75 in the Society's accounts.

The Secretary read a note of thanks to Donald R. Barnes from the Prince George's County Memorial Library System, Surratts-Clinton Branch. Norma Bryen, Librarian, expressed appreciation to the Society and to Donald for the recent genealogical workshop held there.

Shirley Wilcox and Kay Mayhew attended the awards dinner held by the Maryland Genealogical Society in Baltimore. Shirley accepted, for the Society, a matted certificate and award.

Special Publications: Shirley Wilcox announced the sale of one copy each of A Bibliography of Published Genealogical Source Records - Prince George's County, Md. and Prince George's County, Md., Land Records, Vol. 1, 1692 - 1702, in the past month.

Programs: Photographs of the "Genealogical Feud" held last month were shared by James MacCafferty. At the 4 February meeting, Society Queries Editor and Registrar, Jean Sargent, will talk on "How to Write for Responses."

Education: Dorothy Rainwater called on Pat Paulovich, who passed around a clip board on which members were to indicate their desire to attend or hold a geographically designated workshop.

Ivon Rainwater was next recognized by Dorothy Rainwater. He expressed his appreciation to members for their cooperation in following the new Library guidelines. (The three page list of Library holdings are printed elsewhere in the BULLETIN.)

Membership: Five new members' names were announced by Sarah Fleming: John Gould, Bill C. Walton, Richard C. Bentley, Margaret M. Stansbury, and Phillip Thuma.

Irish Families, Their Names, Arms and Origins, by Edward MacLysaght, was donated by Betty Hamilton. Again we extend our thanks.

Preliminary Historic Sites and Districts Plan for Prince George's County was donated by Kay Mayhew to the Society's library.

Following a motion by Milton Rubincam, and a second by William Miller, an amendment to Article 8, Section 7 of the Society's Bylaws, as presented at the 3 December 1980 meeting, was approved as follows:

"No officer may expend more than the total budget allotment without specific Council approval."

The vote of approval was unanimous.

The Society Council meeting will be held on 21 January 1981. The next general Society meeting will be held on 4 February 1981 at Bowie Library.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. The program consisted of member-experts set up at tables designated by specific geographical areas. Members and guests were invited to question those experts on specific or general genealogical problems.

*Jerry Gray-Bowersox*  
Secretary

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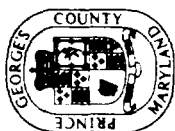
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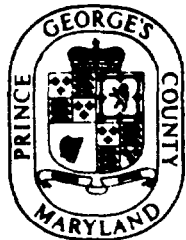
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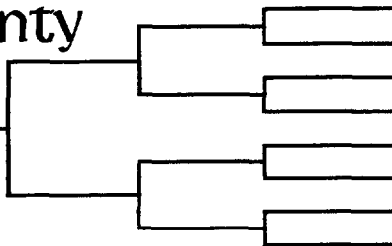
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## PGCGS OPENS NEW LIBRARY ROOM

At last the Society books, records, papers and exchanges have been collected under one roof. The Library is located in the West Wing on the second floor of the Belair Mansion in Bowie. The mansion address is 12207 Tulip Grove Drive, off Rte 197 between Rtes 450 and 50.

Beginning March 4, 1981 the PGCGS Library will be open from 10 to 1 every Wednesday. Rules and regulations governing Library operations are printed on page 60 of the BULLETIN.

The Library will feature help for beginners during March and April. Please come browse in YOUR NEW Library!

## GO FIRST CLASS

Donald Barnes, CG, is teaching a five week course Introduction to Library of Congress. Offered by the Montgomery County Genealogical Club, the course runs from 7:30 to 9:30 on Monday nights, April 6, 13, 20, 27 and May 4. Includes tours and work sessions at LOC. Class limited to 10. For details, contact Donald Barnes (727-6460 home or 869-1950 business).

## PROBLEM-PROBLEM-PROBLEM

Sharing the Stumpers in the Family Tree- March 4 Meeting

How often have we mused that all our years of genealogical searching have come down to one or two unresolved problems. We begin the search thinking every ancestor has left a good audit trail of records. But alas, we discover quite early that those forebears who lived fourscore or less handed down little documentary evidence of their existence. They also moved around a lot.

Four of our members with compound-complex genealogical PROBLEMS to stump you are:

Bee Kennard  
Ivan Rainwater  
June Purdy Silvester  
Mary Ruth Ingram Stultz

Get your memory caps on and join us March 4 at the Bowie Branch Library, 15210 Annapolis Rd, Bowie, MD. Come early and get a front row seat!

REMEMBER Allday Seminar on Family History March 28th. Directions: Washington Beltway (495) to 95 North. Take first exit Rte 212 West (Calverton). Ramada Inn, 4050 Powder Mill Road on right in shopping center. Telephone number just-in-case 434-5736.



## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our Society has a new library! Those at the last meeting were invited to an impromptu open house on February 8 to see the renovated rooms on the second floor of the west wing of Belair Mansion. Beginning March 4, 1981, the PGCs Library will be open Wednesdays from 10 to 1 pm. For the first two months (March and April) members will be on hand to help beginners also.

Our thanks to the following people who are helping to make this a successful endeavor for our Society:

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|--------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| Marge & Bill Miller      | Emerald & Evelyn Miner | Helen Rowe      |
| Mary Mowbray             | Paulette Auville       | Orville Russell |
| LaVerne & William Taylor | Jim Dunston            | Eleanor Park    |
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| Hannah (Jan) Clifton     | Mary Russell           | Elise Jennings  |
| Karen Lowman             | Lyla Gold              | Faith Waite     |
| Dorothy & Ivan Rainwater | Judy Bostian           | Joe Norris      |
| Pat Paulkovich           | Russell Kay            | Doris Brown     |
| Don Wilson               |                        | Shirley Wilcox  |

HOSPITALITY CARRIES ON

Our Hospitality Chair Nova Boyer will be proud of Ann Whiteside and Mary Russell who put together the hospitality table at our Feb 4 meeting with a Valentine motif. Thanks to a large assortment of cookies, cakes, cheese and crackers furnished by Jerry Bowersox, Doris Brown, Phyllis Cox, Barbara Dash, Carma Hutchison, Corinne Reid, Helen Rowe and Mary Winston. Everyone of 105 members present got into the Valentine spirit.

HOSPITALITY BOX with coffee supplies needs home takers for April, May and June. All you do is put water in urn, coffee in strainer, set out cups. Takes about 30 minutes and you still share in meeting. If you volunteer, we promise to run a credit line. Now how else could you get your name in the BULLETIN free? See Nova Boyer or Jim McCafferty at next meeting Mar 4.

HELP WANTED Volunteer staff for Society Library. Volunteers are asked for once a week, once a month or once in a while (we do need substitutes). Call Kay 262-8992

QUESTION? Can we open Library one night a month? If you would be willing to staff library 7-9 starting sometime in April or May, call Kay 262-8692.

EXCHANGE NOTICE. All Exchanges now stored in members' homes are to be turned in to our new Library at Belair Mansion. Call Ivan Rainwater (262-2854) or Kay Mayhew to make arrangements. Please review Exchanges on display and pass on your comments to Exchange editor Olive Jones re genealogical bulletins, newsletters you find interesting and informative. We need to prune and update.

BON MOT. Overheard, Jim McCafferty telling about new grandson. Barbara Dash quietly listening, then remarking: "Now you're an Ancestor!"

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mar 4 Our meeting, Bowie Library  
Wed Sharing Your Genealogical  
7:30 Problem

Mar 7 NGS, Nat'l Archives  
Sat They Came from Europe-  
2:30 John W. Heisey

Mar 11 Howard County Gen.Soc.  
Wed Genealogy Room of Library  
7:45 of Congress-Samuel Andrusko

Mar 9-13 DAR Hqs, Washington DC  
Mon-Fri Jewish Community in Early  
9-4:00 America 1654-1830. Weeklong  
Mar 15 seminar; concludes Sunday 1-5

Mar 21 NGS, Nat'l Archives  
Sat British Convict Experience  
2:30 in America- Mary K. Meyer

Mar 26 Fairfax Genealogy Club  
Thurs Vienna, VA. Indian Genealogy  
7:45 for Non-Indians-Robt.Pennington

Mar 28 MGS & Tri-Counties Joint  
Sat Seminar on Family History  
9-5 Ramada Inn, Calverton I-95N

Apr 1 Our meeting, Bowie Library  
Wed Matching History with  
7:30 Genealogy-Milton Rubincam

Apr 4 NGS, Nat'l Archives  
Sat Charting Your Course-  
2:30 Phyllis W. Johnson

Apr 18 NGS, Nat'l Archives  
Sat Early Migration Trails by  
2:30 Water & Land-Mrs. R.Taylor Drake

SEARCH NAMES by MEMBER

|          |     |      |
|----------|-----|------|
| BOWMAN   | NY  | 1790 |
| MONROE   | NY  | 1790 |
| ROSSMAN  | NY  | 1790 |
| SHEPLEY  | CA  | 1910 |
| CHAVASSE | Eng | 1800 |

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Catherine Mayhew  
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Editorial Note

To aid members in their personal research, the BULLETIN will publish as a regular column the 3x5 Card Index of Surnames. Jot down five family names you are currently researching together with your name and address, and give card to Editor Bee Kennard.

## Prince George's County Genealogical Society Library - Procedures

## I. LIBRARY LOCATION AND HOURS

The Library is now located in the Society Room on the second floor in the west wing of the Belair Mansion, 12207 Tulip Grove Drive, Bowie, Maryland. The Library is open for society members' use on Wednesday of each week from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. A society sign will designate the entry door.

## II. TYPES OF PUBLICATIONS IN THE LIBRARY

Circulating

- a. Numbered Acquisitions
- b. Un-numbered Acquisitions
- c. Exchanges

Non-circulating

- a. Society Reference Books
- b. Society Members' Private Loan Books
- c. Other Private Loan Books

## III. GUIDELINES FOR USE OF THE LIBRARY

1. A current list of society publications was published in the February 1981 Bulletin. The list is also available in the Library and at society meetings.
2. Books most often requested will be on display and available for checkout at meetings.
3. Books may be reserved for pick up at meetings by calling the Librarian at least 24 hours before the meeting day.
4. Books and Exchanges are to be borrowed only by members of the society. A current membership list will be maintained at the Library and available at society meetings.
5. Books are to be charged out by the Librarian and checked in by the Librarian.
6. Books are to be held for no more than two months except under special situations.
7. A WANT LIST will be available to reserve books which are already out on loan. See the Librarian.
8. A physical inventory will be made in May of each year.

Ivan Rainwater  
Librarian  
262-2854





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Glenda Marie (SNODGRASS) JENSEN (1949- ) Yakima, WA

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2. Glenn O. SNODGRASS (1915- ) Yakima, WA
3. Dorothy Mae INGRAM (1917- ) Bickleton, Yakima, WA

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4. Otis K. SNODGRASS (1879-1958) Iowa; Yamhill Co, OR; Yakima, WA
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7. Dora NELSON (1895-1971) Bickleton, WA; Yakima, WA

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14. James Christian NELSON (1853-1930) Denmark; Cal; Bickleton, WA
15. Anna M. CHRISTENSEN (1868-1898) Denmark; Oregon; Bickleton, WA

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16. William T. SNODGRASS (1824-1886) Kentucky; Hendricks Co, Ind.
17. Mary HOLLINGSWORTH (1833-1897) Hendricks Co, Ind.
18. Aaron MILLS (1821-1905) Indiana
19. Catherine FARMER (1828-1866) Indiana \*
20. John Wilson BECK (1828-1903) Indiana; Missouri; Yakima, WA
21. Martha 'Patsy' GOODWIN (1830-1908) Indiana; Yakima, WA
22. Braxton Duncan SOUTHERN (1833-1917) VA; Michigan; Iowa; WA
23. Nancy Jane VEACH (1835-1924) Michigan; Iowa; WA
24. James INGRAM II (1821-1886) Tenn; Ark; Oregon
25. Minerva INGRAHAM/INGRAM (1824-1904) Tenn; Ark; Oregon \*
26. Dr. Edward Marion DANT CLEMENTS (1836-1900) MD; MO; Oregon \*
27. Marietta Rebecca BAKER (1844-1883) Missouri; Oregon \*
28. Nels P. CHRISTISEN (1800-1875) Denmark \*
29. Johanna JENSEN ( -1876) Denmark \*
30. Christen CHRISTEN ( - ) Denmark \*

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32. Nathan SNODGRASS (1799-1869) Hendricks Co, Indiana \*
33. Hannah HERREN/HERRING (1788-1872) Indiana \*
34. John HOLLINGSWORTH (1797-1842) Hendricks Co, Indiana
35. Mary VESTAL (1799-c 1848) Indiana \*
36. Henry MILLS (1780-1833) Indiana
37. Hannah (Millikan) WOODWARD (1790-1862) \*
38. Jacob FARMER ( - ) \*
39. Penelope ( - ) \*
40. James BECK (1789-after 1870) North Carolina; Indiana
41. Margaret CANNEDY/KENNEDY ( -after Aug 1831) Tenn; Indiana \*
42. Abner E. GOODWIN (1792-1849) Kentucky; Indiana
43. Charlotte GINN ( -c 1832) Kentucky; Indiana \*
44. John SOUTHERN (1781-1840) North Carolina; Iowa \*
45. Elizabeth ( - ) North Carolina; Iowa \*
46. Eli W. VEACH (1803-1855) New Jersey; Michigan \*
47. Lucretia ROBINSON (1806- ) Kentucky; Michigan \*

(\* Indicates parentage, ancestry or other info wanted.)

48. James Wilson INGRAM ( -1846) N. Carolina; Tenn; Arkansas \*
49. Nancy \_\_\_\_\_ ( - ) N. Carolina; Tenn; Arkansas \*
50. \_\_\_\_\_ INGRAHAM/INGRAM ( - ) N. Carolina \*
52. Thomas E. DANT (1815-1898) Bladensburg, MD; Washington DC
53. Eleanora (Ellen) C. CLEMENTS (1813-1880) Bladensburg, MD \*
54. \_\_\_\_\_ BAKER ( - ) Memphis, Scotland Co, Missouri \*
55. Saphrona Ann MERRELL (1823- ) New York; Missouri
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68. John HOLLINGSWORTH (1764-1807) Ohio
69. Rachel WRIGHT ( - ) Ohio \*
70. \_\_\_\_\_ VESTAL ( - ) \*
72. Aaron MILLS (1749-1794)
73. Charity MENDENHALL (1754-1836)
80. Michel/Michael BECK (c 1764-after 1810) N. Carolina
81. Ann(e) \_\_\_\_\_ ( - ) N. Carolina \*
84. John GOODWIN (before 1740-1815) VA; Wheeling, W. VA; KY; PA \*
85. 1) Naomi POTTER \*
- 2) Annie HEDDIE (1755- ) \*
86. James GINN ( - ) Kentucky \*
104. Thomas DANT (1790-1854) MD; Washington DC \*
105. Martha B. OUTERIDGE (1797- ) England, Washington, DC \*
110. Charles Giles MERRELL (1799-1876) New York; Oregon \*
111. Margaret DeVOE (DeVEAUX) (1799-1882) New York; Oregon \*
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136. George HOLLINGSWORTH ( - ) \*
137. 1) Hannah McKAY (1 - ) \*
- 2) Jane ELWELL ( - ) \*
144. Henry MILLS (1720-1810) PA; VA; N. Carolina
145. Hannah THORNBURG (1725-1791) VA \*
146. Mordecai MENDENHALL ( - ) W. VA \*
147. Charity BEESON ( - ) \*
160. Johann Frederick BECK ( -1800) Germany; Granville Co, NC \*
161. Nancy \_\_\_\_\_ ( -after 1810) Granville Co, NC \*
222. \_\_\_\_\_ DeVOE/DeVEAUX ( - ) \*
223. Jane BOGARDUS ( - ) \*
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272. Abraham HOLLINGSWORTH ( - ) \*
273. Ann ROBINSON ( - ) \*
288. John MILLS (1688-1760) PA; Roan Co, N. Carolina
289. 1) Rachel BATES (1688-1740) PA \*
- 2) Rebeckah HARROLD (11 - ) VA; N. Carolina \*
290. Walter THORNBURG ( - ) \*
292. John MENDENHALL ( - ) \*
293. Susan PEARSON ( - ) \*
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544. Thomas HOLLINGSWORTH (1661- ) Ireland
545. 1) Margaret CALVERT ( - ) sister of his step-mother \*
- 2) Grace COOK ( - ) \*
576. John MILLS-The IMMIGRANT (1660-1665 - 1704) England; PA \*
577. Sarah HARROLD ( -1759) \*
584. John MENDENHALL ( - ) \*
585. Elizabeth MARIS ( - ) \*
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1088. Valentine HOLLINGSWORTH (1632-1711) Ireland
1089. 1) Ann REE/WRAY ( - ) \*
- 2) Ann CALVERT ( - ) \*
1170. George MARIS ( - ) From England 1683 \*
1171. Alice ( - ) \*

## EXCHANGE NOTES

Edited by Olive K. Jones

- "The Sun City Genealogist", Sun City, Ariz., Summer 1980:  
Ancestral charts and queries.
- "Lifeline", Gen. Soc. of Riverside, Cal., Sept. 1980:  
History of Corona; Corona Cem. Rec.; Wills; Probate  
Rec. 1905; Coroners Inq., 1893-1915.
- "Santa Maria Valley CA Gen. Soc., Fall 1980: Santa Barbara  
Co. Marr. Rec.; Cem. Rec.; Rev. War. Rec.; Bible Rec.;  
Newspaper Excerpts 1890.
- Gen. Soc. of Okaloosa Co., FL, Winter 1980-1: Almarant  
cem. rec.; Bible rec.,; queries; Anc. index.
- "Florida Gen. Journal", Oct. 1980: Cem. rec. (with map  
showing location of cem.--- Great!); queries.
- Ill. State Gen. Soc. Newsletter, Jan. 1981: Spring and  
Fall Conference info.
- "Where the Trails Cross", S. Sub. Gen. and Hist. Soc., IL,  
Spring-Summer 1980: Cem. Rec. ; early settlers; Decl.  
of Intentions Index.
- "Hoosier Journal of Ancestry" Naomi Sexton, Ind., April 1980:  
Records from Bartholomew, Brown, Clark, Crawford, Floyd,  
Fayette, Franklin, Jackson, Monroe, Orange, Scott, and  
Washington Cos., Ind.
- "Hoosier Genealogist", Ind. Hist. Soc., Sept. 1980:  
Marion Co. Nat.; Bible rec.; Clinton Co. marr.; Newspaper  
extracts- 1815.
- "Sycamore Leaves", Wabash Valley Ind. Gen. Soc., Oct. 1980:  
Vigo Co. Cem. rec.; Briggs Family; Bio. of Otter Creek Twp.
- "The Johnson Co. Gen.", KS, Sept. 1980: Johnson Co. marr.  
rec.; 1865 Johnson Co. state census (4 Twps.); Shawnee  
Indian, Calvery, and Edgerton Cem.rec.
- "The Topeka Gen. Soc. Quar.", KS, Oct 1980: Cem. rec. in Lyon,  
Jefferson, Jackson, and Rush Cos.; early newspaper abstracts,  
queries, index.
- "The Bulletin", W.-Cen. KY Family Research Assn., KY, Winter  
1980: Henderson and McLean Cos. family records.
- "Genealogy", Ind. Hist. Soc., Oct. 1980: Nor. "Farm Names",  
(by Freeman Morgan),; Brethern Encyclo. Info.

- Ken. Family Records, Vol. VIII, KY: Craig, Eades, Church,  
Murray, Bethel, Freels, family rec.; Bible rec.; Cem rec.
- "Michaiana Searcher", Elkhart Co. Gen. Soc., IN, Fall 1980:  
Loucks family rec.; cem. rec.; Bible rec.; old obits;  
Legal Voter List- 1892.
- "Kinfolks", S. W. LA Gen. Soc., LA, Summer 1980: Hopewell  
cem. rec.; marr. rec.; church rec.; queries.
- Maryland Gen. Soc. Bulletin, Spring 1980: Cane family, Pass.  
on ship "Goethe", 1854; Rec. of Rev. Dr. J.J. Weaver,  
Carroll Co., 1890-1930; early Baltimoreans, 1729-1776;  
A.A. Co. Estate Dist., 1788-1798; Bethany U. Ch. of Christ  
rec.; Md.ers in 1850 Il. census.
- Maryland Gen. Soc. Bulletin, Fall 1980: Balto. City and Co.  
cem. rec.; Rev. Gibson's Episc. Ch. rec. (some are in  
D.C. area); surname exch.
- Maryland Ge. Soc. Bulletin, Winter 1980: Czechs in Md. before  
1900; Bowdle-Slater fam. rec.; First and St. Stevens U.  
Ch. of Christ marr. rec.; Kent Co. data (by Mary Abel);  
Har. Co. church rec.; Bible rec.
- "The Family Tree", Howard Co, Md. Gen. Soc., Oct 1980:  
Restoring/Recording tombstones; how to order Howard Co.  
church rec. thru Interlibrary loan.
- "Anne Arundel Speaks". A.A.Co. Md., Dec. 1980 : Meetings, queries.
- "News and Notes", Prince George's Co. Md. Hist. Soc., Sept.,  
Oct., Nov., 1980: Notes on P.G. Co. history.
- "Cal-Del Scribe, MA, July 1980: Queries, books and book  
reviews.
- Minn. Gen., Minn., Sept. 1980: British Research; Hennepin  
Co. cem.; 1849 census Minn. Terr.; Wash. Co. cem. rec.
- "News and Notes", St. Louis Mo. Gen. Soc., Nov. 1980: Meetings.
- "The Prairie Gleaner", W. Cent. Mo. Gen. Soc., Sept 1980:  
Bates Co. marr. rec.; Benton, Cass, and Henry cos. family  
rec.; Jackson, Johnson, Saline, St. Clair, Cos. cem.  
rec.; Lafayette and Pettis Cos. church rec.; queries.
- "The Prairie Gleaner", W. Cent. MO Gen. Soc., Dec. 1980:  
Index Vol. 11; Bates Co. marr. rec.; Cass. Saline,  
St. Clair Cos. cem. rec.; Jackson, Pettis Cos. church  
rec.; Bible rec.; queries.
- St. Louis MO Gen. Soc. Quarterly, Fall 1980: Twp. rec.;  
cem. rec.; Conf. Soldier rec.; queries.

## LOOKING FOR A MISSING BIBLE?

I am establishing a Central File to help unite families with their misplaced or lost Bibles. Bibles are turning up all over the United States at garage sales, flea markets and antique shops. You might be in Virginia and your Bible in Oklahoma. By creating a Central File I hope to somewhat resolve this problem, but I will need your help to make the file work.

For a \$1.00 registration fee, a self addressed, stamped envelope, and two post cards I will send you 4 file cards to fill out. On the front side list all the important facts about your family using one surname per card. On the reverse side list the allied families and YOUR NAME and ADDRESS. If you would like to enter additional surnames you may do so on a 3x5 index card, following the same form as above, for 4 cards for \$.50. Send them to me for the Central Request File. I will use the postcards to notify you when I have a Bible located with the surname you are interested in. I WILL NOT PURCHASE the Bible but will contact you with the name and the address of the seller, also the price if known.

Now is where the mutual help comes in. If you find a Bible that is for sale please copy all the family information on a 3x5 index card. Be sure to include the date and place of publication. Use the same form as when sending information for a request. On the reverse side put the name and address of the seller as well as the price. Please include your name as finder. Mail the cards to me and I will cross reference them with the cards in the request file. If I am able to match the surname with a card on file I will also be able to tell them who took the time and effort to help.

This file will work if we are willing to help one another. If you do purchase a Bible through the central file please let me know so I can put your name on that Bibles card. I would like to have a zerox copy, if possible, of the family information including the title page and date of publication.

If you will send an extra post card I will be glad to notify you if someone else is searching for your surname.

Marie Varrelman Melchiori CGRS  
121 Tapawingo Rd. SW  
Vienna, VA 22180



QUERIES

- - - Jean A. Sargent

ELSON

Trying to connect Archibald ELSON of Coshocton Co., OH, 1809/10 with Archibald ELSON of P. G. Co., MD 1790 and 1800. Son John of former indicated in 1850 that he was born 1788 in D.C. area.

Lou Ann Jacobs  
107-B North Orr Dr.  
Normal, IL 61761

GRAY

BONIFANT  
BONIFIELD

Thomas Lloyd GRAY b. ca 1755 m. Mary BONIFANT/BONIFIELD who was b. 7 Apr 1764. Would like to correspond with anyone searching these surnames.

Karen Cary  
5662 S. Washoe  
Mendota, CA 93640

WHEELER  
OFFUTT

Drummond WHEELER, Jr. m. Jane OFFUTT of P. G. Co. ca 1790, and later moved to KY. Need proof of marriage and her descent from William OFFUTT III and Elizabeth MAGRUDER.

Donald A. Clark  
2925 A Candlelight Way  
Lexington, KY 40502

MIZELLE  
MATTHEWS

Nancy Jane MIZELLE b. 3-27-1819 d. 3-27-1879, m. Robert Calvin MATTHEWS. Robert b. 9-26-1819, d. 3-19-1901. Need parents of both and her place of birth.

MILLER  
WOLVERTON

Dr. Jack MILLER b. ca 1850, m. Louisa WOLVERTON. Need dates and parents of both.

LOWERY  
MILLER

Davis Bartlett LOWERY b. ca 1875 m. Mary Keturah MILLER, dau of Dr. Jack MILLER & Louise (WOLVERTON). Need dates and places.

Jean Matthews Nelson  
14201 Duckett Rd.  
Brandywine, MD 20613

DUVALL  
PEARCE

John Pearce DUVALL (1737-1803) m. Martha ----. Need her surname and ancestry. Also need proof that his mother Eleanor PEARCE was dau of John PEARCE, Gentleman of Northampton, P. G. Co.

Phil Thuma  
2005 N. 2nd St.  
Ironton, OH 45638

MINUTES OF THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING

4 February 1981

President Catherine Merwin Mayhew called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Bowie Library. Minutes of the 7 January 1981 meeting, as printed in the February BULLETIN, were approved.

Among the guests and new members recognized was Dr. C. Walter England, author of four England genealogies.

In the absence of Treasurer Kenneth Clagett, the current Society accounts total was not accounted.

A thank you note was written to Donald Schuder for his donation of \$24 to the Society.

President Mayhew announced an Open House reception at the Society's newly renovated room in the Belair Mansion. Again recognized were those members whose help made the first phase of the renovation possible this quickly. The Open House will be held on Sunday, 8 Feb. from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Beginning in April, the room will be open on Wednesdays from 10:00 - 1:00 p.m. As volunteers are able, the room will be opened for other days and for longer hours.

Committee Reports

Records: Marianne M. Gill, a new member, will be helping to check the information for publication #5.

Education: There was a request for petty cash made to be able to complete renovation of the Society's room in Belair Mansion.

Pat Paulkovich thanked all participants in the Program/Seminar held last month. There is a home seminar scheduled at the home of Ruth Stoltz on 20 February. Please RSVP. Call Pat around 1 March for more information on the home seminar scheduled for that month.

Ways and Means: Volume 3 of Genealogical and Local History Books in Print is now available. Name tags previously carried by Freeman Morgan are now ordered by Tim O'Conner through Ways and Means also.

Membership: There are now 326 paid members in the Society including the 10 new ones as listed herein and as announced at the meeting: Marianne M. Gill, Russell Wright Kay, Marion E. Beall, Retha F. Hollenbeck, M. Tracy Carpenter, Merlene Benz Webster, Russell Newlin Abel, Charlotte White, Dorothy Haney, and Vera Marie Thorne.

The All-Day Seminar, Family History - Humanizing Your Ancestor, will be held on Saturday, 28 March 1981, at the Calverton Ramada Inn, at Interstate 95 and Md. 212. The cost will be \$3.00, which is less than 20% of the prevailing price for comparable All-Day meetings, and which is possible only because of substantial funding assistance from the Maryland Committee for the Humanities.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m. for a refreshment break prior to Jean Sargent's talk on "How to Write for Responses."

There were 91 attendees at the meeting.

*Jerry Gray-Bowersox*  
Jerry Gray-Bowersox, Secretary

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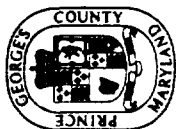
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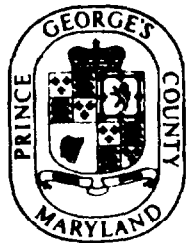


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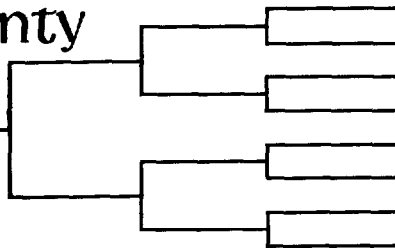
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MARYLAND DAY, MARCH 25, 1634  
The Ark and The Dove Land

The King of England granted to the first Lord Baltimore, land from the south bank of the Potomac River north to 40° to found a refuge for Catholics. George Calvert died soon thereafter and his son Cecelius received the grant. He fitted out at Gravesend, a port near London, the Ark, a ship of 300 tons, and the Dove, a pinnace of 50 tons.

They started out for America but the ships were forced to stop at Cowes, Isle of Wight, where the King's "searcher" came aboard to administer the oath of allegiance. Then on Nov 22, 1633 they sailed for Maryland. They stopped at Barbadoes and St. Christopher's Islands from Jan 3 to Jan 24, 1633; then to Virginia Feb 27 to March 3 and then to the waters of the Potomac.

After seeking the most suitable place and making peace with the Indians who lined the banks, the apprehensive colonists land on St. Clements (now Blackistone) Island near St. Mary's on March 25, 1634. That date is still celebrated as the state holiday.

The number or names of the people who reached Maryland is not known with certainty. In a letter Cecelius Calvert says 20 Gentlemen of good family and upwards of 300 laboring men made the trip. Among the listed passengers is one John NEVILLE and among his lineal descendants are Society members Shirley Wilcox and Evelyn and Emerald Miner. It's a small world.

MATCHING HISTORY WITH GENEALOGY  
April 1 Meeting

We welcome to our program series Mr. Milton Rubincam, a long time member of our Society and a distinguished genealogist of international fame.

Many of us have had the pleasure of hearing Mr. Rubincam speak on Pennsylvania genealogy as well as attending his lectures. Here is an opportunity to share with him another look at genealogy through another perspective.

Often as we labor with our family trees we find that a better grasp of the history of the region, the county and the community will provide new places to look. His topic correlates history and genealogy.

Our meetings begin promptly at 7:30 PM, followed by a short break and then the speaker of the evening, Mr. Milton Rubincam.

Join us on April 1 at the Bowie Branch Library, 15210 Annapolis Road, Bowie, MD.  
No fooling.

SUPPLEMENT INSIDE  
Genealogical Correspondence Hints

The handouts supplied by Queries Editor Jean Sargent at her February talk have proved so helpful to our members. They merit wider distribution. With the kind permission of the author, we are reprinting Genealogical Correspondence Hints.



## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our President Kay Mayhew has been flat on her back literally, with a nerve inflammation. To fill in her corner, we call on Dear Abby to explain the cousin relationship again. It bears repeating.

The child of your parent's brother or sister is your first cousin. However, your first cousin's child is NOT your second cousin but your first cousin ONCE REMOVED. The child of your first cousin once removed is your first cousin TWICE REMOVED, and HIS child is your first cousin three times removed.

Your second cousin is your grandparent's brother's (or sister's) grandchild. That second cousin's child is your second cousin once removed, his child your second cousin twice removed, and so on.

And your third cousin? It's your great-grandparent's brother's or sister's great-grandchild. The third cousin's child is your third cousin once removed, his child is your third cousin twice removed.

The grandchild of your brother or sister is your GRANDnephew or GRANDniece. The sister or brother of your grandparent is your GREAT-aunt or GREAT-uncle. The sister or brother of your great-grandparent is your GREAT-GRAND-aunt or GREAT-GRAND-uncle.

Now who are your Kissin' Cousins?

HOSPITALITY EFFORT IS ANOTHER HIT

Our Hospitality Chair, Mrs.

Nova Boyer after a short vacation was back again with a host of good snacks furnished by Frederick Beck, Irene D'Amato, Barbara Dolney, Pauline Dunn, Gordon Ebersole, Virginia Fox, Lucia Lawrence and Dorothy Rainwater. (Dorothy told us that her contribution was some of the treats that remained following the open house at our new Library at Belair Mansion.)

## HAVE YOU HEARD?...

Wm. Harmen of Titusville, PA reportedly committed suicide and left following letter: I married a widow who had a grownup step-daughter. My father fell in love with my step-daughter and married her, so my father became my son-in-law and my step-daughter my mother because she was my father's wife. She had a son who is both my brother and my grandchild. My wife had a son who was my father's brother-in-law and my uncle. My wife was my grandmother and as my wife's husband and grandchild at the same time, I am my own grandfather. (Taken from Hoosier Genealogist, Vol 20, No. 4, Dec 1980)

SOME GENIE PROBLEMS - Solved and UnResolved

Four of our members presented real genealogicalstumpers on March 4. As we promised we are carrying their names and the family line they are interested in.

Bee Kennard is attempting to disentangle the SAUNDERS families of Sumner County, Tennessee.

Ivan Rainwater is trying to ascertain the ethnic derivation of his surname and connect English and German RAINWATERS in the USA with a North Carolina ancestor.

June and Walt Silvester are linking up the PURDY family in Wisconsin.

Ruth Stultz is seeking the parentage of Christian WINGARD, born in SC 13 May 1804-died 10 May 1895 in Alabama.

Can our membership at large conjure up some answers?



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## SEARCH NAMES by MEMBER

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| MORELAND  | MD | 1850 |
| ADDISON   | SC | 1780 |
| BURGESS   | MD | 1850 |
| WHITMARSH | NY | 1780 |
| RALPH     | SC | 1780 |

Mrs. Gordon R. Moreland  
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Waldorf, MD 20601

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Apr 1 Our meeting, Bowie Library  
Wed Matching History with  
7:30 Genealogy-Milton Rubincam

Apr 4 NGS, Nat'l Archives  
Sat Charting Your Course-  
2:30 Phyllis W. Johnson

Apr 18 NGS, Nat'l Archives  
Sat Early Migration Trails by  
2:30 Water & Land-Mrs. R.Taylor Drake

Apr 23 Fairfax GC, Vienna, VA  
Thurs Local History & Genealogical  
7:45 Collections at Lloyd House-  
Allan W. Robbins

May 6 Our Meeting, Bowie Library  
Wed How to Publish-Dr. Laird C.  
7:30 Towle

May 7-9 First annual NGS Conference  
Thurs- in the States- Atlanta, GA  
Sat

Introduction to Library of Congress  
A five week course taught by Donald  
Barnes, C.G., begins Monday night,  
April 6, 7:30-9:30. For details,  
contact him (727-6460).

April 6 Introduction, Montgomery County  
Historical Society Library

Apr 13 Main Catalog, Scorpio at LOC

Apr 20 Microforms, Scorpio at LOC

Apr 27 Law Library, Rare Book Room  
Newspapers

May 4 Thomas Jefferson Room and stacks



Recent Additions to the Accession List in PGCs Library

- 136 A Guide to Kentucky Research Sources
- 137 Genealogical & Local History Books in Print. Schreiner-Yantis
- 138 Revolutionary War Period (Bible, Family & Marriage Records)  
Vol 1, Lu & Neumann
- 139 Cite Your Sources, Richard S. Lackey
- 152 The Jewish Community in Early America: 1654-1830. DAR Museum Exhibit
- 161 Hudson in the Early Days, G. C. Day
- 162 Hudson Tales Retold, Willis H. Miller
- 163 Baptismal Records of Apple's Church: 1773-1848 (Maryland)
- 164 The Coronado Story, J. Harold Peterson
- 165 Index of the DAR Seimes Microfilm Center
- 166 First Supplement to DAR Seimes Microfilm Center
- 167 Survey of American Church Records, Vol. I
- 168 Guide to Genealogical Records in National Archives, 1964
- 169 Connecticut State Register and Manual, 1925
- 170 Jonathan Fisher, Maine Parson, 1768-1847
- 171 Proceedings of New York State Historical Association, Vol XXVI, 1928
- 172 Ohio Archaeological & Historical Publication, Vol. VI, 1898
- 173 Early Chicago and Illinois ( Chicago Historical Society's Collection, Vol IV)
- 174 History of Logan County, West Virginia, 1896
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## BOOK REVIEWS by Shirley Langdon Wilcox, C. G.

REVOLUTIONARY WAR PERIOD, BIBLE, FAMILY & MARRIAGE RECORDS, Vol I, c 1980 121pp  
 GLEANED FROM PENSION APPLICATIONS by Helen M. Lu and Gwen B. Neumann  
 Purchased by PGCs. This is an extremely useful publication and we look forward to seeing additional volumes appear. The information was taken from the selected records sections of Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application files. The surnames of pensioners in this first volume are those from AARON to AUSLEY. The important vital statistics of each pensioner and his family were abstracted when this info was available. Most claims show the wife's maiden name and the date and place of marriage. Sometimes children's names and birthdates are included. This guide can save much research time for genealogists because one can tell at a glance whether it might be fruitful to look at the complete pension file.

GENEALOGICAL AND LOCAL HISTORY BOOKS IN PRINT by Netti Schreiner-Yantis. 3d edition, 1981, 1000 pp. The format of this 3rd edition is the same as the previous two. The book is divided into sections on General Reference, Localities and Family Genealogies, which are indexed at the end. Each entry gives the author, title of publication, price and vendor number. Sometimes descriptive data is included also. The names and addresses of vendors are listed in the front of the book. Over 10,000 titles are included making it the most comprehensive list presently available. However, if the vendor did not pay for a listing the books will not be found in this catalogue.



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A GUIDE TO KENTUCKY RESEARCH SOURCES 11 pp Purchased by the Society. This guide list record depositories and research facilities, their address, hours of operation, and a brief summary of their holdings. Publications of historical and genealogical societies are also listed. The last two pages give the reader some tips helpful for doing Kentucky courthouse research either by person or mail.

IRISH FAMILIES, THEIR NAMES, ARMS AND ORIGINS by Edward MacLysaght. Dublin Hodges Figgis & Co Ltd c 1957 366 pp , indexed. Donated by Betty Hamilton The stated purpose of this volume is "to correct errors long current and to present in easily accessible form essential facts about Irish nomenclature and families." It is the author's opinion that the popular books on Irish families consulted by Americans, are often inaccurate, especially in regards to the armorial material they present. The arms in this book have been taken from the archives of the Irish Office of Arms and the illustrations are by their heraldic artist. The genealogical data has been obtained from many sources. After some introductory material on Irish families and surnames, Part Two on Irish Families is presented. An alphabetical listing of surnames, each containing one or more paragraphs of background data, is followed by a section with colored Irish family arms. There is also a section on Anglo-Irish families.

ST. MARY'S COUNTY CEMETERIES. 107 loose pages. 1976

The compilation of these records was a project of the Social Studies Seminar, Chopticon High School, Morganza, MD and was supported by the St. Mary's County Bicentennial Commission. Each cemetery lists the names of the deceased in alphabetical order. Old, private and abandoned cemeteries which had previously been indexed by the St. Mary's County Historical Society, were not included. These can be found in a card file at the Historical Society and are also available on LDS film. For some cemeteries which had previously been indexed by the Historical Society, this compilation includes only graves since 1930.

COLONIAL PISCATAWAY IN MARYLAND by Katherine A. Kellock. The Alice Ferguson Foundation, Accokeek, MD c 1962 58 pp

A lot of information is packed into this small volume. After a general introduction giving history on the settling of Maryland, the author concentrates on the Piscataway tracts and their owners. Each tract is treated separately with one or more paragraphs stating when the land was patented and by whom. Subsequent owners are often mentioned and genealogical data about the owners is often supplied. A portion of the tract map of the late Mrs. Louise J. Hinton has been used so that readers can easily identify the location of the various tracts.

ABSTRACT from The Roster of Texas Daughters Revolutionary Ancestors- Shirley Wilcox

John Edgar WADE, b Nov 16, 1735 Prince George's Co, MD; d 1781 Montgomery Co, MD; married c 1754 Abigail BROWNER(BRAWNER) b 1740, d before Sept 17, 1813 Montgomery Co, MD.

Service: Private under Capt. Joseph McGruder, 29th Bn, Montgomery Co, MD; helped Gen. Washington in New Jersey Campaign of 1777 and 1778

Children: William b Jan 1, 1762, m 1)Cassandra Jones 2) Mrs. Vaux Pebbles Ann  
Jesse, m 1) Martha Oxviold ?, 2) Mary Fleming  
James, b Nov 1770, m 1) Ann McGruder 2) Mrs. Trammel Harris  
Elizabeth, m Edward McGruder  
John, b 1760, m Elizabeth Offult (?)  
Leir, m Virginia Barksdale  
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## THE BUSSEY (BUSEY) FAMILIES OF MARYLAND

By Donald L. Wilson

## PART 4: CONCLUSION

(Continued from v. 12, no. 2 [Oct. 1980], p. 21)

42. CHARLES BUSEY, born ca. 1695, was the eldest son of Charles (31) Busey of Calvert County. He is named first among the "eldest children" in his father's will, 1727.<sup>1</sup> A certain Charles Busey, probably this one, married, prior to 10 April 1725, ELIZABETH, widow of JOHN EASTWOOD of Anne Arundel County.<sup>2</sup> (If she died prior to 1731, however, she may be the wife of Charles Busey of PG Co. [34]). Under the law of primogeniture, Charles would inherit all his father's lands not specifically willed to others. Nevertheless, he is not found in the 1733 tax list for Calvert Co. A Charles Busey, perhaps this one, served in Capt. Edward Gent (or Gant)'s company of militia from Calvert Co., ca. 1748.<sup>3</sup> In 1751, as Charles Busey, planter, of Charles County, he appeared in Maryland Provincial Court to testify regarding the current ownership of "Dunkirk" in Calvert County, to which he had a former claim.<sup>4</sup> ("Dunkirk" had been the property of his father, now deceased. Records of its transfer would have been found among the now-destroyed land records of Calvert County.) Although the records of Charles County are fairly complete, I have not found him there in land or probate records. Charles County debt books which begin in 1753 do not mention him. Issue not traced (cf. 48).

43. SUSANNAH BUSEY, born ca. 1698, a daughter of Charles (31) Busey, married prior to 1727, — BENSON. A family of that name were neighbors of the Buseys in Calvert County, but I have been unable to fit her in.

44. MARY BUSEY, born ca. 1700, a daughter of Charles (31) Busey, married prior to 1727, — SIMPSON, possibly the JAMES SIMPSON who lived in Lyons Creek Hundred, Calvert Co., in 1733.<sup>5</sup> Issue not traced.

45. SARAH BUSEY, born ca. 1702, a daughter of Charles (31) Busey, was unmarried in 1727. She was probably born to Charles' first wife who died prior to 1704. Not traced.

46. PAUL BUSEY, born ca. 1706, was a son of Charles (31) Busey of Calvert Co. By his father's will, 1727, he was to divide the tract on the other side of Thomas Smith's mill branch with the relict Dinah Busey (probably his mother, but perhaps his stepmother). Paul is not shown as a taxable in Calvert or PG Co., 1733. In 1738 he witnessed the will of Peter Davis of Calvert Co.<sup>6</sup> In 1742 he was a debtor, languishing in the Calvert County jail, one of several prisoners who petitioned the Maryland legislature for relief, which was granted.<sup>7</sup> He is possibly the Paul Busey who served in Capt. Edward Gant's company, Calvert Co., ca. 1748.<sup>8</sup> It is known that he died before 1751, owning land in Lyons Creek Hundred, adjacent to "Dunkirk", although no probate for his estate has been found.<sup>9</sup> Issue not known (cf. Daniel [48]).

47. SAMUEL BUSEY, born ca. 1708, was a son of Charles and Dinah (Brown) Busey. He was apparently over 18 when his father's will was written, 1727. He is probably the Samuel Bussey who was taxed in Lyons Creek Hundred, Calvert Co., 1733, although this might refer to Samuel Bussey (15), ca. 1676—after 1732.<sup>10</sup> By the process of elimination, he appears to be the Samuel Busey who moved to Rowan Co., N.C., before 1761. He was one of thirty signers of a petition to the North Carolina legislature, 1768, protesting oppressive laws. He served on juries there in 1771 and 1772. He may be the Samuel Bucey shown in the 1790 census of Rowan County.<sup>11</sup> Other Buseys in Rowan County who might be children of Samuel:

(64) CHARLES, m. 28 March 1765, — —: living Stokes Co., N.C., 1790.

- (65) MATHEW BUSEY, b. 7 or 9 Apr. 1742, Md.; d. 2 Jan. 1824, Shelby Co., Ky.; m. 1767 in Rowan Co., N.C., EDITH (or EDRY) (PHILPOT) WILCOXEN.<sup>12</sup>
- (66) SARAH BUSEY, b. ca. 1745, m. 20 Feb. 1765, DAVID HALL; Samuel Busey, bondsman.
- (67) JOHN BUSEY, on Rowan Co. tax list, 1768; perhaps the John Buse in Anson Co., N.C., 1790.

48. DANIEL BUSEY, born ca. 1710, was a son of Charles and Dinah (Brown) Busey. He was under 18 at the date of his father's will, 1727. He was apparently named for his grandfather, Daniel Brown of Calvert Co. After his father's death, he moved with his mother and stepfather John Williams to PG Co. He is found there, next door to John Williams, as a taxable in Mount Calvert Hundred, 1733.<sup>13</sup> As Daniel Beusey he witnessed the will of his aunt, Sarah (Whipps) Busey, 1745, making a "B" for his mark.<sup>14</sup> He has not been found in later records. Circumstantial evidence (names and locations) suggests he is the father of the following men, although they might be sons (or grandsons) of his brothers Charles (42) and Paul (46): (68) CHARLES, (69) DANIEL, (70) PAUL, (71) SAMUEL.

49. ELIZABETH BUSEY, born ca. 1712, a daughter of Charles (31) and Dinah (Brown) Busey, was unmarried in 1727. She is probably the same as ELIZABETH MASON who signed the inventory of John Williams (her stepfather) as next of kin, 25 June 1740, PG Co.<sup>15</sup> Her husband has not been identified.

50. VERLINDA BUSEY, born ca. 1715, a daughter of Charles (31) and Dinah (Brown) Busey, was also unmarried in 1727. She also signed the inventory of John Williams, as kin, 1740.<sup>15</sup> Her name is written there as "Belinda Busey" but she made her mark as a "V". Not traced.

51. CLARE BUSEY, born ca. 1718, apparently the youngest child of Charles (31) and Dinah (Brown) Busey, was unmarried in 1727. Not traced. She perhaps was named for Clare (Watkins) Norris, a witness to her father's will, possibly her godmother.

55. CHARLES BUSEY, born ca. 1745?, was probably a son of Edward (36) and Sarah Busey. He acted as administrator of Edward's estate, Frederick Co., Md., 1778-80. I have been unable to prove the names of Edward's children because of defective records. Frederick County court minutes are missing for 1771-1781. The administration accounts for his estate are poorly recorded as well: I have been able to find only the initial account, which merely shows payments to creditors.<sup>16</sup> Charles took the oath of allegiance in Montgomery Co., 1778.<sup>17</sup> In 1789, as Charles (X) Bucey of Frederick Co., farmer, he sold a horse.<sup>18</sup> He is shown with a family in the U.S. census for Frederick Co., 1790 and 1800.<sup>19</sup> He may have left Maryland. A Charles Busy appears in the 1810 census for Bucks Co., Pa., along with Abram, Henry, and Jacob Busy.<sup>20</sup> Cf. Charles Bucey of South Hampton Twp., Bedford Co., Pa., shown in tax records in 1822.<sup>21</sup> Descendants said to have gone to Jefferson Co., (W)Va.<sup>28</sup>

56. EDWARD BUSEY JR., born ca. 1750?, was probably a son of Edward (36) and Sarah Busey. He received a payment (as creditor) from his presumed father's estate, 1780. He took the oath of allegiance, Montgomery Co., 1778.<sup>22</sup> He was assessed in Linganore Hundred, Montgomery Co., in 1783.<sup>23</sup> He probably can be found in Pittsylvania Co., Va., tax lists, 1790-1805.<sup>28</sup>

57. HENRY BUSEY, born ca. 1755, was probably a son of Edward (36) and Sarah Busey, having received a payment (as creditor) from Edward's estate, 1780. Henry Bucey was married to ANN TRUMAN, in Frederick Co., Md., by license dated 26 Sept. 1778. She may be the Ann Truman, age 24, who was living in Lower Potomack Hundred, Frederick Co., in 1776.<sup>24</sup> He is listed in the 1790 census of Frederick Co., where he voted, in 1796, as Harry Busey.<sup>25</sup> It is not known if he died in Maryland or in Jefferson Co., (W.)Va. He probably is the same as Henry Busey who was married (2nd) to ANN MACCATTEE, in Frederick Co., by license dated 11 Aug. 1792. The census records imply that he had a family of at least nine children. From information

supplied by a descendant, Capt. Francis L. Busey, USN (ret.), Box 906, LaPlata, MD 20646, it is believed that some of these children are:

- (72) BENJAMIN TRUMAN BUSEY, 1784-1839, of Jefferson Co., (W.)Va., who married in 1817, MARY, dau. of CASPER WALPER. They are Capt. Busey's ancestors.
- (73) WASHINGTON BUSEY, said to have fought at the Battle of Bladensburg (no proof found), was living in Jefferson Co., (W.)Va. in 1840.
- (74) EDWARD BUSEY, living in Jefferson Co., (W.)Va. in 1830.
- (75) HENRY BUSEY, traditionally a brother of Benjamin and Washington Busey, thought to have died unmarried. Has not been identified in Maryland or Virginia census indexes.

Family tradition asserts that Washington Busey's father was named George and that he served under General Washington at Valley Forge, later walking beside the hearse at the General's funeral. Washington Busey's mother was remembered as being the daughter of a "Scotch Earl." No proof of these statements has been found.<sup>26</sup>

58. SAMUEL BUSEY, born ca. 1765, was probably a son of Edward (36) and Sarah Busey of Frederick Co. He received a payment from Edward's estate, 1780. He is found in the census for Allegany Co., Md., 1800-1830 (its census for 1790 is lost). Samuel died testate there between 1 April 1839 and 10 March 1840.<sup>27</sup> After the death of his wife SARAH, his estate was to be equally divided among his children (not named), his son Henry being executor. George Busey was a witness. The names of Samuel's nine children were recorded in a quit claim deed in 1853: (76) SAMUEL, (77) JOHN, (78) HENRY, (79) BROOKS, (80) NANCY married [1819, DANIEL] McBRIDE [she was probably residing in Fayette Co., Pa., in 1853], (81) CHARLES, (82) ELLEN [m. 1817 GREENBURY TWIGG], (83) JEMIMA [m. 1820 THOMAS COX], and (84) RACHEL.

59. JOHN BUSEY, said to be a son of Edward (36) Busey.<sup>28</sup> I have no evidence of such a son. The John Busey who took the oath of allegiance in Montgomery Co., 1778, is in all probability the son of Joshua (37), and likewise the Samuel Busey listed next to him.<sup>29</sup>

60. WILLIAM BUSEY, said to be a son of Edward (36) Busey.<sup>28</sup> A man with such a name took the oath of fidelity in PG Co., 1776,<sup>29</sup> and voted in Frederick Co., 1796.<sup>30</sup>

61. PAUL BUSEY, born ca. 1757, was probably a son of Edward (36) and Sarah Busey. Although I have not found a mention of him in Edward's estate, Paul signed the oath of fidelity immediately after his presumed brother Edward (Jr.), Montgomery Co., 1778.<sup>31</sup> Other circumstantial evidence: He named two of his children Edward and Sarah. He purchased land in Allegany Co., Md., 1793.<sup>32</sup> He is found there in the censuses of 1810 and 1820. In 1816 his wife was called JEMIMA.<sup>33</sup> She had apparently died by the time Paul made his will, 20 Nov. 1824; it was probated 9 March 1830.<sup>34</sup> In it he names the following children: (85) SAMUEL, (86) EDWARD, (87) NANCY wife of JEREMIAH PLUMMER, (88) SALLY [SARAH] wife of REZIN BEALL [m. 1802, they are the ancestors of Col. (Ret.) Robert S. Drake, 7602 Adelphi Road, Hyattsville, MD 20783], (89) PAUL JR., MARY wife of AMOS DAVIS [m. 1805], and (91) LUCY wife of WILLIAM STREET.

68. CHARLES BUSEY, born ca. 1740, was perhaps the son of Daniel (48) Busey. He is shown in the 1776 census for St. James Parish, Anne Arundel Co., Md., with one white woman and two white boys under 21.<sup>35</sup> He is apparently the same as Charles Bussey Jr. listed in the 1782 tax list for Lyons Hundred, Calvert Co., owning 98 acres ("Griffith's Pasture" and "Skinner's Chance"), with one male over 16 and 4 white persons total in the household.<sup>36</sup> It is not clear who Charles Busey Sr. would be unless Charles (42), his uncle, or possibly his father, is still alive, at nearly 90 years of age. Charles Sr. and Charles Jr. are both listed in the 1783 assessment of Calvert Co.<sup>37</sup> Charles [Jr.] died by 1794 in Anne Arundel Co.<sup>38</sup>; his heirs in 1799 were: (92) HENRY, (93) ANN, (94) MARY, and (95) NELLY BUSEY.<sup>39</sup> Henry and Daniel Busey were the administrators. Henry is probably the eldest son.



Census records indicate that Henry was born 1774/76; he was married 7 June 1795, in St. James Parish, to SARAH POWELL.<sup>40</sup>

69. DANIEL BUSEY, born ca. 1745?, was perhaps a son of Daniel (48) Busey. It is doubtful that he could be the same person as the elder Daniel, since he would be about 90 years old in 1799. At that date he acted as administrator for his presumed brother, Charles (68), in Anne Arundel Co. The distribution proves he is not a son of Charles. He is not found in the 1800 census for Maryland.

70. PAUL BUSEY, born ca. 1750, perhaps a son of Daniel (48) Busey. He married, 1772, in St. James Parish, Anne Arundel Co., SARAH CRANDEL.<sup>41</sup> He was taxed in West River Hundred, A.A. Co., 1783.<sup>42</sup> He is probably the — Busey living in A.A.Co. in 1790 with 3 males under 16 and 2 females.<sup>43</sup> He died before 24 Feb. 1800, when his widow Sarah and John Phips obtained license to marry, A.A.Co.<sup>44</sup> The distribution of his estate in 1803 listed seven children: (96) WILLIAM, (97) BENJAMIN, (98) SAMUEL, (99) SARAH, (100) JANE, (101) JOSEPH, and (102) MARY BUSY.<sup>45</sup>

71. SAMUEL BUSEY, born ca. 1755, was perhaps a son of Daniel (48) Busey. In 1782, as Samuel Bussey, he was living in Lyons Hundred, Calvert Co., near Charles (68) Busey Jr.<sup>46</sup> He owned no land; there were two persons in his household. He is probably one of two males under age 16 living in the household of Charles Busey in 1776. He is probably the Samuel Busey who was married to SARAH ROBERTS, by license dated 13 July 1777, PG Co. He was one of two Samuel Buseys living in Anne Arundel Co., 1800, the other being his cousin (63), the son of Joshua.<sup>47</sup>

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QUERIES

- - - - Jean A. Sargent

## HAVENER

Bazel HAVENER has been traced back to Prince George's Co. in 1800. Searching for his parents.

Mrs. R. W. Greenfield  
24114 135th Ave., S.E.  
Kent, WA 98031

SPIRES  
SPIERS

Searching for any records on the SPIRES/SPIERS family. A John SPIRES was in Col. John Stewart's Maryland regiment at Battle of Yorktown, and later moved to Indiana Co., PA.

Mrs. Garnet Spires Marshall  
16 Silsbee Rd., Penn Acres  
New Castle, DE 19720

MANNING  
KING  
GROVES  
HAMMOND

Great grandmother was named Rosetta Eevaline KING HAMMOND GROVES (1796-1827) and married Ignatius MANNING 2 Feb 1815. The MANNINGS originated in St. Mary's Co.; Ignatius moved to Benning, D.C., and later bought farm at Accokeek and named house "Monticello." Need info on later and present owners of Accoteek farm on Mattawoman Branch, which was originally "Strife" owned by Col Addison and Wm. Hutchinson, 1694. Also searching for connection of KING, HAMMOND & GROVES families.

Mrs. Carroll Stansbury  
3900 Cathedral Ave., NW, Apr 204A  
Washington, D.C. 20016

CURRENCE  
CURRENTS  
CURRENS

Would like to correspond with anyone searching CURRENCE/CURRENTS/CURRENS lines in Maryland, particularly William CURRENCE of Frederick Co., whose will mentions sons Matthew and James, among others.

Ms Ferne S. Hardy  
1623 Shamrock Ave.  
Spaulding Heights, MD 20027

FERGUSON  
SHEARLOCK  
EARLEY

Desire to exchange info on the following Prince George's County surnames: FERGUSON, SHEARLOCK, and EARLEY.

Ms Ann Chandler  
13930 SW Rawhide Court  
Beaverton, OR 97005

CHAPMAN  
WALLINGFORD

Searching for ancestors of William CHAPMAN and wife Ann WALLINGFORD (m. 7/28/1812 Washington Co.). Was this William descended from the William CHAPMAN of Charles Co. (d. 1740) or the William CHAPMAN of Anne Arundel Co. (d. 1763)?

Ms Althea Egle  
29306 Jefferson  
St. Clair Shores, MI 48081



# MINUTES OF THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING

4 March 1981

The meeting was called to order by our President Catherine Merwin Mayhew at 7:35 in the Bowie Library. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved with one change: the name of our Ways and Means Chairman is Tim Conner, not O'Conner.

The President announced that a council meeting will be held March 18th. Our treasurer Kenneth Claggett reported a balance of \$4098.11.

## Committee Reports

Bee Kennard, our Publications Chairman, thanked all those people who helped to mail our Bulletin. Phyllis Cox, our Records Chairman, gave an update on Special Publication #5 and said that we will need volunteers to copy names from file folders at the courthouse. Ivan Rainwater, our Librarian reported that our library is now open on Wednesdays from 10-1 at the Belair Mansion. People are needed to staff the room. Several new books have been added in the past month and these will be reviewed and made available to members.

Our Library or Research Center still needs supplies such as a three-hole binder punch, slip cases, book ends, 3x5 cards, typewriter table, stapler and a coat rack.


Our March 28th seminar has drawn a lot of interest and 271 people have signed up to attend. Persons desiring help on English Research can contact Mr. Chapman at the LDS Library in Silver Spring. A class on how to use LDS Libraries is being held on Monday evenings. Those interested should contact Mr. Chapman.

Tim Conner, Ways and Means Chairman, has materials for sale and orders can be placed with him. Sarah Fleming, Membership Chairman, announced the following new members: Lula Forwood Schmelz, Everett Walter Zupke, Ella Burgess Thompson Murphey, Charlotte M. Morrison, Dr. David Edward Herrick, Anne Milliden Herrick, Nancy Harrington Snyder, Charlotte R. Hartmeyer, Judith Clark Beck, Alice Stockton Konze. We now have 339 members.

During announcements and Show and Tell, Olive Jones read two formulas for preserving newspaper clippings. These will be published in the Bulletin. Mary Jenkins told of two companies nearby that sell acid free paper and other supplies. They are Hollinger Corporation, 3810 Four Mile Run, Arlington, VA; and Conservation Resources International, 111 N. Royal St., Alexandria, VA.

The meeting was adjourned and four persons shared in presenting our program which was a problem sharing night. Eighty-four persons were in attendance.

Shirley Wilcox  
Secretary Pro-Tem



GENEALOGICAL CORRESPONDENCE HINTS

By Jean A. Sargent

*Basic Rules of Genealogical Letter Writing:*

1. Make letters *SHORT, SWEET, and TO THE POINT.*
2. Keep a carbon copy of every outgoing letter.
3. Key your letter to the recipient.
4. Follow the 4-S Formula -- Keep them *SHORT, keep them SIMPLE, keep them STRONG, keep them SINCERE.*
5. Be yourself.

*Categories of Genealogical Correspondence:*

1. *Business style formal correspondence:*
  - a. *Vital Records Offices.*
  - b. *Probate Registrars.*
  - c. *Deeds Offices.*
  - d. *Town Clerks.*
  - e. *National Archives.*
  - f. *Cemetery Associations.*
  - g. *Genealogical Societies.*
  - h. *Historical Societies.*
  - i. *Archival Centers.*
  - j. *Church Records Offices.*
2. *Specialized format, observing requirements such as payment of dues, publication fees, word limitations, word order, limitation of coverage:*
  - a. *Queries for columns in genealogical publications.*
  - b. *Queries for columns in newspapers and magazines.*
3. *Let-your-hair-down genealogist to genealogist type letters.*
  - a. *Responses to other people's queries in publications.*
  - b. *Responses to responses to your own queries.*
4. *Folksy, friendly letters.*  
*Grandparents, great aunts and uncles, and other knowledgeable relatives.*



GENEALOGICAL CORRESPONDENCE HINTS

DO'S

Always express appreciation for assistance.

Inclose SASE when you expect reply unless a "going" correspondence of mutual help with individual.

Make carbon copy of all letters.

Type letters on good 8 1/2 x 11 paper.

Type surnames in solid caps.

Put your full address on letter - top or bottom.

Always date correspondence.

Keep vocabulary simple.

Keep sentences fairly short.

Ask specific questions.

Leave pleasing margins.

Keep letters to one page.

Try to find name of a specific person to write to.

Type letters business style with complete name and address that you are writing to at beginning of letter.

Plan letters ahead and prepare drafts of the "sticky" ones.

Keep careful files of outgoing corres. and incoming replies.

Pin your request down to a particular surname, a particular time frame, a particular part of the country and a particular something that you want to know.

Allow several months before following up on a letter.

DON'TS

Don't deal with more than 1 subject.

Don't write letters in pencil.

Don't go beyond one page unless you get in correspondence with someone mutually "writative."

Don't send out reproduced query letters - unless they look individually typed and are hand signed.

Don't ask for "everything you have". You will probably get nothing.

Don't send geneo charts or family group sheets to public officials.

Don't let misspellings or other errors creep through.

Don't use \$25 words.

Don't send out sloppy letters.

Don't chastise a correspondent for not replying.

Don't assume you are the only correspondent of the person or organization and try to monopolize their time.

Don't beat around the bush - get to the point right away.

Don't send letters on ruled pad type paper. Avoid using small envelopes which require extra folds in your paper.

Don't call yourself a "genealogist" in your letter. It turns some non-genealogists off. You are just a person looking for information about your relatives!!



GENEALOGICAL CORRESPONDENCE HINTS

OPENINGS

I would appreciate it if you would check your records to see if you have any probate information on Samuel Jones (1802-1869).

I would appreciate it if you would furnish me with a copy of the marriage record for the following persons:

Thank you for your response to my letter about John Brown.

I am searching for a John Ellis, who was born in Maryland, 22 December 1781, and moved to Ohio before 1820.

Thank you for your letter of June 30, 1980 regarding John MARBURY.

I am looking for information on the lineage and descendents of \_\_\_\_\_ who was in Prince Georges County, MD 1745-1755.

It was such a pleasure to receive your letter of \_\_\_\_\_ regarding the BEALL Family.

I am searching for gravestones of two ancestors of mine who settled in Vershire, VT in 1787.

What fun to get a letter from Laurel, MD, about my Uncle George BABB and his family in Maine!

Can you give me the name and address of someone who researches at the \_\_\_\_\_ for a fee?

It was certainly a pleasure to hear from you and to hear that the SAMPSON material was of much interest to you.

Your name has been furnished to me by the National Office of the DAR as the Regent of the \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter in \_\_\_\_\_.

I am doing research on the \_\_\_\_\_ family and have found that an early \_\_\_\_\_ family originated in your County.

What a delight it was to receive your letter and know that I finally succeeded in reaching you.

Your letter brought surprise - that is joy!



GENEALOGICAL CORRESPONDENCE HINTS

CLOSINGS

Thank you for your assistance in helping me locate this data.

Of course I will gladly pay any expenses involved.

If I find anything further, I shall certainly let you know -- after all, we must be "umpteenth" cousins!

Thank you for any information that you can furnish.

Please find enclosed a stamped self-addressed envelope for your convenience.

I shall look forward to your reply.

I will be glad to pay for services rendered. Thank you.

I have enclosed a check for \$4 to cover the \$2 fee for each of these copies.

If you have records of this individual, please advise me of the cost on the bottom of this letter, and I will send you a check immediately.

Thank you in advance. I am enclosing a SASE for your convenience.

I would appreciate any information or suggestions.

I shall appreciate your help on this problem.

Thank you for your kind assistance.

Please advise me of your fee and I will be glad to reimburse you for your time.

Please advise me of your hourly fee before beginning any research.

A SASE is inclosed for your reply, which may be written on the bottom of this letter.



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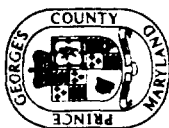
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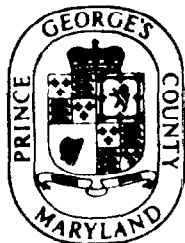


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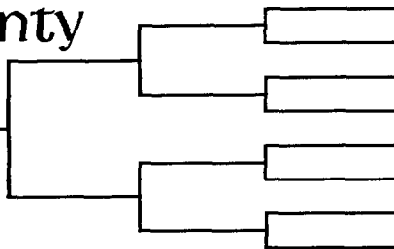
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## SEARCHING FOR YOUR ANCESTORS?

Learn the BASIC research steps from PGGCS members at a series of free programs to be held at the Bowie Branch Library, Phone 262-7000.

- May 4      Session I. How to Get  
Mon      Started -Introduction  
7-9:30    Barbara Crissey Dash
- May 11     Session II. Evaluating  
Mon      Sources & Keeping Records  
7-9:30    Shirley L. Wilcox, C.G.
- May 18     Session III. Libraries &  
Mon      Archives-Basic Info  
7-9:30    Freeman Morgan Jr., C.G.
- June 1      Session IV. Using National  
Mon      Archives-Basic Info  
7-9:30    William E. Miller Jr.
- June 8      Session V. Courthouse  
Mon      Records-How to Find & Use  
7-9:30    Olive Kniesche Jones
- June 13     Session VI. Workshop  
Sat      Get one-to-one help with  
9:30-12:30 your personal research  
            problems.

These programs will be interpreted for the deaf and hearing impaired.

Visit the Society's Research Center in the Belair Mansion on Tulip Grove Drive, Bowie. (Open Wed, 10-1 PM)

PULL OUT the complete membership list of the Prince George's County Genealogical Society--all 13 pages!

## DR. LAIRD C. TOWLE, May 6 Society Speaker

One of the hopes all genealogists have is putting together their family history and having it published. Any visit to a large genealogical resource provides witness to the caliber of publishing from mimeograph to fine offset to leather bound one of a kind productions.

Dr. Laird C. Towle, past Society President, will help us around the publication pitfalls when he tells us "How to Publish" at our May 6 meeting. It will be held at the Bowie Branch Library, 15210 Annapolis Road, Bowie, MD.

All meetings begin at 7:30 PM. Our speaker is introduced about 8:30 or later following our hospitality break.

Come and bring a fellow genie.

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## CAN OUR SOCIETY SHED ANY LIGHT ON THIS MYSTERY?

In clearing the wooded knoll to the right of St. Bernardine of Siena Church, we have found a fallen tombstone with the following inscription: OUR BELOVED SON-Herman W. Steiner, Born Dec 23, 1901-Died Oct 8, 1923--- GRANDMOTHER-Louise S. Heinrich, Born March 3, 1833-Died Jan 30, 1918.

If you have any information re the Steiner/Heinrich families, please call Father John Higgins in Suitland, MD. 736-0707.



## FROM THE PRESIDENT

While genealogists differ in their support of the family research problems of adoptees, many of our Society members have been remarkably successful in their search for adoptees' natural family lines.

We have a new member who has expressed interest in this area of genealogy. I hope he is successful, both in his research and his request for others with the same interest to call him. But I am delighted that he is asking. We have a number of members who join vaguely hoping someone will mention he is working on a particular area. Many would be pleasantly surprised at the response if they would only ask.

An important goal of our Society is to bring together people of similar interests and concerns. And our new member is indeed helping us to do this. I hope the rest of us will follow his good example. We will all gain.

HOSPITALITY FOR 92 APRIL 1 ATTENDEES

Thanks to a fine assortment of cookies and other mouth watering specialities the 92 persons who attended our April 1st meeting featuring Milton Rubincam, C.G. obtained adequate nourishment, both physical and intellectual. We owe a vote of thanks to Kay Mayhew for the punch and to the Emerald Minors who provided the Fostoria punch bowl.

Nova Boyer lined up several volunteers who brought their own culinary efforts. These were: Ann Brown, Marianne Gill, Russell Kay, Betty Stevens, Mary Stultz, Vera Thorne and Shirley Wilcox. Our thanks to all of them.

HOSPITALITY BOX RECEIVES HELP

After pleas from President Kay Mayhew and 1st Vice Pres Jim McCafferty, two of our members came forward to help us with our HOSPITALITY BOX. We are most appreciative that Mr. and Mrs. Emerald O. Miner accepted this responsibility for our May meeting. For June, Mrs. Irene Allen D'Amato will handle this important task.

OUR SPECIAL THANKS TO BULLETIN MAILERS Karen Lowman, Ruth Stultz, Pat Paulkovich and hostess Myrna Smith whose quick nimble fingers bring you your copy (with extras) last month. Keep 'em coming.

SUMMER GENEALOGICAL PLANS

Most of us have set goals to discover our branches on the family tree (or someone elses) during the summer. For those who plan to trek across the USA or overseas, how about sharing your plans with us at our June 3rd meeting? The program will be devoted to members explaining how they are getting ready for their summer searching. Call Jim McCafferty at 839-5812 right now!!!

SHARING OUR RESEARCH EXPERIENCE NOTEBOOK

This notebook is fat with information you can use if you are going to do out-of-town research, or if you are just going to conduct your research from your arm chair. Among the states with detailed info are ALA, GA, Kentucky, Texas, VA, MD, North and South Carolina, TENN, PENN, MO, the DC Metropolitan Area, and limited guides from other states.

In order to further expand our services in this book, we would like to add the names of members who are willing to share their personal research experience in certain states and counties. Please let us have your name and telephone number. Some one in the Society is certainly researching in your area! After the June meeting the notebook will repose in the PGCGS Library at BelAir Mansion.  
-Pat Paulkovich



## WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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Kew Gardens, NY 11418

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425 S. Lindbergh  
St. Louis, MO 63131 993-4400

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Audubon Park, NJ 08106 547-9598

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Box 371-K Bay Drive  
Lusby, MD 20657 326-4544

Change of Address

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310 N700E  
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Russell & Mary Abel  
RR#1, Box 55A  
Church Hill, MD 21623

WILLETT Book being considered seriously. Leo Willett desires contact with descendants of EDWARD WILLETT SR (d 1743 Prince George's County, MD)

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 6 Our meeting, Bowie Library  
Wed How to Publish- Dr. Laird  
7:30 C. Towle

May 2 NGS, Nat'l Archives  
Sat Heraldry as Research Tool  
2:30

May 7-9 NGS-GGS Atlanta Conference  
Thurs-Sat

May 13 Howard County GS  
Wed Ellicott City at Historical  
7:45 Society-Tour

May 16 NGS Garden Party  
Sat 1921 Sunderland Place, NW  
2:30

May 23 MHS Seminar on MD Genealogi-  
Sat cal Research. Fee \$10 or \$25  
9-4 for 3-May 23, June 6 and 20.

May 28 Fairfax Genealogy Club-Vienna  
Thurs Beginning Research in England-  
7:45 Bill Linder

June 3 Our meeting, Bowie Library  
Wed Election of Officers  
7:30

Apr 13- DAR LIBRARY will be closed  
May 15 to non-members while Conti-  
nental Congress meets.

LOC and LDS Classes To Be Repeated. The Genealogical Club of the Montgomery County Historical Society will again be offering these courses on the five Mondays in June--1,8,15,22 & 29. For details on Introduction to the Library of Congress and the LDS Branch Library, contact Donald Barnes (727-6460).

SEARCH NAMES by MEMBER

|               |         |
|---------------|---------|
| E.WALLINGFORD | 1780 MD |
| H.PILES       | 1780 MD |
| D. LANHAM     | 1760 MD |
| V.LANHAM      | 1758 MD |
| J.ALLEN       | 1760 MD |

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Rockville, MD 20853



## RECENT ADDITIONS TO THE PGCGS LIBRARY (Ivan Rainwater, Archivist)

- 183 Newspapers in the Illinois State Historical Library, 1973
- 184 Bible, Family & Marriage Records from Pension Applications, 1981. Rev. War. Per.
- 185 Genealogical Evidence, A Guide to the Standard of Proof, 1979
- 186 Minnesota Territorial Census, 1850. Minn. Hist. Soc., 1972
- 187 List of Free Black Heads of Families in the First Census of U.S. 1790.
- 188 Atlas of Prince George's County, Maryland, 1878. Pub. 1975
- 189 Valentine Hill, Sparkplug of Early New England, 1981 by Jean A. Sargent
- 190 Guide to Genealogical & Historical Research in Pennsylvania, 1978
- 191 The First Frontier, Life in Colonial America, 1966
- 192 The American Heritage Book of the Revolution, 1965
- 193 Gaslights & Gingerbread, Colorado's Historic Homes, 1965
- 194 Yankee Folk by Edwin V. Mitchell
- 195 Coaching Roads of Old New England, Their Inns and Taverns & their Stories
- 196 An Island Patchwork by Eleanor Early
- 197 It's An Old Pennsylvania Custom by Edwin V. Mitchell
- 198 East of the Cascades by Phil E. Brogan
- 199 The Formation of the State of Oklahoma by Ray Gettinger
- 200 Tercentenary History of Maryland by S.J. Clarke, 1925. Vols. I, II, III, IV

## BOOK REVIEWS by Shirley Langdon Wilcox, C.G.

BAPTISMAL RECORDS OF APPLE'S CHURCH (Lutheran & Reformed) near Thurmont, MD 1773-1848 July 1963, 90 pp, indexed. A gift of Willis H. Miller

It is marvelous when one can find early church records such as these German church records of Frederick County. If you've never had a German Lutheran or Reformed ancestor you don't know what you are missing. The material found in their records is much more complete than many other denominations. Each baptismal entry gives the name of the child, the names of the parents, the birthdate and baptismal date, and the names of the sponsors, who were often relatives. This publication contains a complete name index which includes sponsors.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS USED IN THE FEDERAL COURTS. Prepared by Administrative Office of the United States Courts. 1980 30 pp. A gift of Jim McCafferty.

This booklet was designed to be used by newly employed deputy clerks and clerical assistants who have had no previous court experience. It is therefore written in laymen's language, making it a very helpful booklet for genealogists. Copies are available free of charge by writing to: Statistical Analysis & Reports Division, Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, Washington, D. C. 20544.

THE JEWISH COMMUNITY IN EARLY AMERICA: 1654-1830, DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION MUSEUM, Dec 11 1980-March 15, 1981. 25pp. A gift of Dorothy and Ivan Rainwater.

This a guide to the exhibition that was at the DAR Museum for 3 months. The objects are listed within six major groups--portraits, miniatures, silver, furniture and other decorative arts, textiles, and documents. Background data is given on the subjects of the portraits and miniatures, and on persons who owned or created the various objects.



## EXCHANGE NOTES

Edited by Clive K. Jones

- "Pioneer Times", Mid-Missouri Gen. Soc.; July 1980: Land Sales 1818-1903; Civil War Assess. Lists; some 1840-1850 Census data.
- Southwest Neb. Gen. Soc.; Oct. and Nov. 1980: Pioneer Tales--some fascinating!
- Bismarck-Mandan Hist. and Gen. Soc.; Sept. 1980: 1884 and 1912 area directory info; cem. rec.; old newspaper obits; 1885 Terr. Census.
- Bismarck-Mandan Hist. and Gen. Soc.; Dec. 1980: 1885 Terr. Census; 1912 Dir. info; cem index; old newspaper obits.
- Miami Valley Gen. Soc., Ohio; Winter 1980: Mont. Co. marr. rec.; Fletcher cem. rec.; Bible rec.; Hoover family hist.; Roush (Rausch) fam. reunion; queries.
- Baer Newsletter; Oct. 1980: much data on Baer family.
- Garfield Co. Gen. Soc.; Enid, OK; Summer 1980: 1909-1911 Funeral Home rec.; 1897 Marr. rec.; queries.
- Gen. Forum of Portland, Ore.; 1980 Yearbook: Members; Surname add.; Index 1979 Yearbook; Periodical Exch.
- "Bulletin", Gen. Forum of Portland, Ore.; Oct. 1980: New books; Ore. land claims; Pioneer families; queries; Index.
- "Bulletin", Gen. Forum of Portland, Ore.; Nov. 1980: New books; Abst. Ore. land claims; Pioneer fam. data; queries.
- Oregon Gen. Soc. Bulletin; Fall 1980: Persons voting for Prov. gov't. 1843; Ore. Trail story; 1910 Taxpayers Lane Co.; 1843 Ore. Trail Scouts; queries.
- "Laurel Messenger", Hist. and Gen. Soc. of Somerset Co., Pa.; Nov. 1980: Coleman fam.; 1845-49 Marr. rec.; queries; 1825 Estate Accts.
- "Laurel Messenger", Hist. and Gen. Soc. of Somerset Co., Pa.; Feb. 1981: Som. Co. Weavers (i.e. locc.); 1825 Est. Accts.; Coleman Fam.; Blough (Blauch) - Johns Fam.; queries.
- Austin Gen. Soc., TX; Sep. 1980: TX Vol. Mex. War; 1891 Newspaper abst.; queries.



Austin Gen. Soc.; TA; Nov. 1980: Mug Book- TA State Arch.;  
TA Vol. in Mex. War; queries; Index for 1980 issue.

"Gen. Tips", Tip-O-Texas Gen. Soc. , Harlingen, TA; July-Sept.  
1980: Hist. of Soc.; books in library; queries.

"Branches and Twigs", Gen. Soc. of Ver., Summer 1980 : Cem.  
rec.; Bible Rec.; Ver.'ers in Cre., Pa., W.N.; Exch.  
notes; Manley fam.; Book reviews; Vt. Public Record  
Office holdings; Surname lists; members; queries.

"Bulletin", Seattle Wash. Gen. Soc.; Fall 1980: Fall City  
history; Old letter; Ore. lawyers pre-1910; Aldridge-  
Kelley Bible rec.; Plymouth MS data; Ohio Gen. info  
sources(with addresses); KY Hist. Soc. Lib. data; New  
England anc. file; queries.

Bulletin of the Whatcom Gen. Soc. , Bellingham WA; Fall 1980:  
Skagit Co. cem. rec.; Bible rec.; Skagit Co. Marr. lic.  
1884-1908; 1870 Wash. Terr. Census; Surname index;  
queries.

#### RECIPES FOR PRESERVING OLD NEWS CLIPPINGS

1. Dissolve milk of magnesia tablet in quart of club soda overnight.
2. Pour into large tray or pan and soak clippings for an hour.
3. Remove from tray and pat dry.

This process will stretch life expectancy of newspaper clippings up to 200 years. This cannot be done to handwritten articles, only printed matter or papers written in permanent ink. Test corner of paper first.

The above formula was published in the Oct 1978 issue of Family Tree, Howard County Genealogical Society, who had taken it from the Iriquois Stalker.

The formula recommended by National Archives is similar.

1. Mix 2 tsps magnesium carbonate with 1 quart club soda in large plastic dish.
2. Sandwich clippings between two pieces of screen or pellon (sold in fabric shops) and soak for 30 minutes.
3. Mop up excess water with blotting paper or allow to dry overnight on more blotting paper.
4. After using this preservation technique, store clippings in well sealed plastic bag. They should keep forever.

The NA formula was taken from Sycamore Leaves, Oct 1980, Wabash Genealogical Society, Terre Haute, Ind.

There appeared in Heloise column two ways to prevent newspaper clippings from turning yellow. One being to spray them with hair spray (any brand) lightly 3-4 times about 30 seconds apart while the clippings are lying on a flat surface.

If they have already yellowed, soak them for 10-15 minutes, one at a time in a weak solution of bleach and water. Rinse carefully with clean water and slap them on your refrigerator door to dry. Good luck.



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288. John SPALDING ( -1726) of Charles Co., Maryland  
 289. Priscilla SMITH " " " "  
 368. Nicolas HENSHAW (1705-1777) " " " "  
 369. Rebecca SMITH " " " "  
 372. Abraham MCCONNELL " " " "  
 374. J ohn COWAN " " " "  
 376. Robert SNODGRASS, Sr. (1742-1823)  
 377. Susannah RAWLINGS (1742-1820)  
 378. James VERDIER (c.1730-1785)  
 379. Susannah ? ( -1807)  
 380. Robert SNODGRASS Sr. (1742-1823)  
 381. Susannah RAWLINGS (1742-1820)
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All located in what is now  
 Berkeley County, West Virginia  
 (Martinsburg, Hedgesville, areas)

\* Parentage and ancestry wanted

#### THE NOVEL APPROACH--Marge Miller

We all know that we can make the story of our family much more interesting by using available information about the places our ancestors lived, and the historical times they lived in, to fill out the "bare bones" of facts about the family.

If you would like to see what really creative use of genealogical and historical research can produce, you might want to read three historical novels by Eugenia Price: Lighthouse, New Moon Rising and Beloved Invader. These three books relate the history of the Gould family of St. Simons Island, Georgia, beginning with a progenitor at the time of the Revolution and ending after the Civil War. Miss Price has filled in and romanticized more than you would want to in writing a genealogical history of your own family, but her work is founded on real family records and on historical research.

In addition to the three novels, she has written St Simons Memoir telling how she became interested in the Gould family, how she did the research and wrote the books--and how she ended up falling in love with St. Simons Island and moving there, after having lived most of her life in Chicago.

Each of the novels also has an Afterword which gives some additional info about the main characters and described Miss Price's research on the book. I found them all very interesting and they gave me a real feel for the way in which family history can be brought to life. All four of the books are available in the PG County Library.

Footnote: The Union List of over 10,000 Methodist Ministers dating from 1793 is available at the United Methodist Publishing House Library, 201 8th Ave SW, Nashville, TENN 37202.



## REGISTER OF PROVINCIAL FAMILIES OF MARYLAND

1. Registration in PROVINCIAL FAMILIES OF MARYLAND is open to all sons and daughters of Colonial Maryland regardless of race, color, or creed through natural descent or legal adoption.
2. Applicants are required to submit a written application, on a form provided for that purpose, proving to the satisfaction of the Examining Board, his or her natural descent or descent through legal adoption, from an ancestor resident in the Province of Maryland prior to 4 July 1776.
3. Copies of evidential documents which support statements made in the application must accompany the application.
4. A fee of \$25.00 must accompany the application. If the application proves unacceptable due to faulty research or insufficient proof, it will be returned with a letter of explanation. However, such rejection shall not prohibit application at a later date. A charge of \$15.00 will be made each time an application is re-submitted.
5. Upon acceptance, the applicant will be given a suitable certificate and the name of the ancestor will be placed in the Register of Provincial Ancestors.
6. The Board of Examiners will not, under any circumstances, provide genealogical research services to applicants. If such services are required, a list of professional genealogists will be provided.
7. All applications and accompanying documents will become the property of the Genealogical Council of Maryland and may be made available to the public for research purposes.
8. Any and all moneys accruing from the PROVINCIAL FAMILIES OF MARYLAND program will be used to further the cause of genealogical research in Maryland as determined by the Genealogical Council of Maryland.
9. Checks should be made payable to the Genealogical Council of Maryland. All correspondence, including requests for application forms should be directed to

PROVINCIAL FAMILIES OF MARYLAND  
c/o Mrs. Mary K. Meyer  
201 West Monumnet Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21201



QUERIES

----Jean A. Sargent

COFFREN Searching for ancestors of Francis Levette COFFREN  
 BRIGHTWELL b. ca 1793-8 m. Henrietta BRIGHTWELL of MD.

Ms Jean E. Earling  
 6 Hummingbird Rd.  
 Audubon Park, N. J. 08106

WILLSON Henry WILLSON m. Verlinda \_\_\_ d. 1781 Mont. Co.  
 MORSELL Son John of Henry d. P. G. Co. by 11 Feb 1823.  
 Need info on both wives. Henry M. WILLSON, son  
 of John of Henry m. Elizabeth MORSELL 1 Jul 1803  
 Mont. Co. Have info on MORSELL family and will  
 share and exchange.

Ms Marion E. Beall  
 6256 Seabreeze Dr.

MOCKBEE My 3rd Gr Grandfather Henson MOCKBEE b. MD 1792.  
 MOCKABEE Would like to exchange info on MOCKBEE/MOCKABEE?  
 MOCKBY (or related spelling) families of MD.

Ms Shirley Mockabee Ames  
 6107 N.W. 51st Terrace  
 Parkville, MO 64151

McABEE Searching for McABEE families of Frederick and  
 P.G. Counties. Can trace back only to 1850 so  
 far. Will apprec. any help.

Ms Evelyn McAbee Rencher  
 3218 E. Southcross  
 San Antonio, TX 78223

MEDLEY Would like to exchange info on MEDLEY families.

Ms Roberta Ferguson  
 1003 W. Bunn Ave.  
 Harrison, AR 72601

GRAY Thomas Lloyd GRAY b. ca 1755 P.G. Co. m. 1781 Mary  
 BONIFANT BONIFANT b. 9 Mar 1759, P.G.Co. Moved to Greenup  
 Co. KY. 9 ch. Need info on ancestry.

Ms Karen Cary  
 5662 S. Washoe  
 Mendota, CA 93640

WILSON Need ancestors of George WILSON who d. P.G. Co.  
 1788. Had ch George, Jr., Agnes, Mary, Ann, and  
 Zedikiah. Will exchange info on descendents.

Mrs. Doris N. Suresch  
 317 Johnson Farm Lane  
 Glen Burnie, MD 21061

Minutes of the Prince George's County Genealogical Society Meeting

1 April 1981

The meeting was called to order by President Catherine Merwin Mayhew at the Bowie Memorial Library at 7:40 p.m. The minutes of the 4 March meeting, as printed in the BULLETIN, were approved.

Kenneth Claggett reported a total of \$3,994.10 in the Society's accounts.

President Mayhew announced the four members of the nominating committee are Timothy Conner, Freeman Morgan, Jr., Elise Jennings, and Nova Boyer. Tim will head the committee, and anyone wishing to add their name to the candidate list should contact him.

A proposed ByLaws amendment, approved for presentation to the membership at the 24 March 1981 Council meeting, was read by the Secretary. The words "... and Archives," are proposed to be added to the end of the first sentence in Article 9, Section 1, after "...Ways and Means..." The amendment will be voted upon at the 6 May meeting.

An Archives and Library AdHoc committee was appointed by the President. It will be chaired by H. Ivan Rainwater and will include Karen Miles, William Taylor, and Dorothy Rainwater.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Special Publications: Shirley Wilcox reported on book sales during the month of March:

Land Records 6 copies  
Bibliography 9 copies  
Census 3 copies

Education: Dorothy Rainwater thanked members who'd made recent donations to our Library in the Belair Mansion. Also, she announced that books on history have been added to our Library.

Ways & Means: Timothy Conner reported on good sales of our publications at the 20 March Seminar. Also, Netti Shriner-Yantis' newest publication is available by order from the committee.

Library: Since our Library holdings are being used by so many members, the loan period will now be 30 days, instead of 60 days.

Membership: Eleven new members have been added to our list as follows: Joseph D. Harrington, Phyllis Michaux, Margaret Boland Loftus, Susan Elaine Janowski, Doris Helva Guresch, Elizabeth Bosch, Capt. Francis L. Busey, USN, Ret., Beth C. Gott, Leo Willett, Jean Elva Coffren Earling, Margaret Wright Cook. Our membership list now totals 550.

William E. Miller, Jr., announced a Beginner's Seminar to be held at the Bowie Library starting on 4 May. Flyers will be distributed locally with details, or those interested may contact Bill.

During Announcements/Show & Tell, Jean Sargeant presented a copy of her recent publication on Valentine Hill, an ancestor who helped found Baltimore Harbor.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. Milton Rubincam spoke after the break on how a knowledge of history can help in genealogical research.

The meeting was attended by 92 members and visitors.

*Jerry Sue Gray-Dowersox*  
Jerry Sue Gray-Dowersox, Secretary

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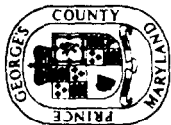
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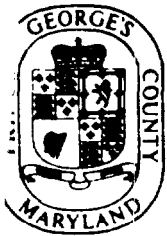
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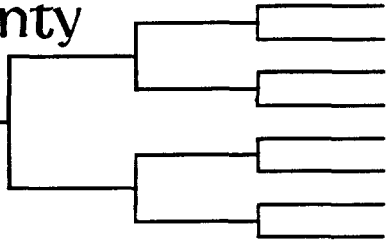
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## SOCIETY MEETS AT GREENBELT BRANCH LIBRARY IN FALL

Check your calendar or circle the date for Society meetings this fall. The dates are:

Sept 2  
Oct 7  
Nov 4  
Dec 2  
Jan 6, 1982  
Feb 3, 1982

All meetings will begin at 7:30 PM followed by the program. The place is: Greenbelt Branch Library, 11 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD. Ample parking is available in the rear of the library.

## DO YOU HAVE A PROGRAM IDEA?

Our 1980-81 program year featured the theme: "Getting Our Genealogical Act Together."

What type of theme would you like the Society to feature? And what about program ideas, names of speakers or other suggestions to provide fundamental information for our members?

If you have an idea, jot it down and mail it to Jim McCafferty, 613 Rosier Rd, Oxon Hill, MD 20022. Or if you prefer, give him a call at 839-5812 after 7 PM and on weekends. OKAY?

## JUNE 3 WILL FEATURE SUMMER PLANNING, ELECTION OF OFFICERS

All of us have some plans to go cemetery hopping, courthouse looking or seeing family this summer in connection with our genealogical quests.

Under the able interlocuter Ms Pat Burk Paulkovich, some of our members will give us insights on how to organize a successful "genie" search.

Our organized summer planners will be:

William Bowker Clifton  
James W. Reep  
Mary R. Ingram Stultz

So plan to attend the last meeting of the Society's 1980-81 year. Participate in the election of the new officers. Say adieu or bon voyage to our trio "genie" searchers.

Meetings begin promptly at 7:30 PM at the Bowie Branch Library, 15210 Annapolis Road, Bowie, MD. Come and bring a friend.

## EXTRA! EXTRA!! For Your Reading Pleasure

Contributing Editor Donald Barnes has put together a 20-page supplement of three outstanding lectures from last year's programs. Look inside.



## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Please let us take some time to express our appreciation. Your officers and Council have served you well this year.

The Secretary Jerry Gray-Bowersox recorded the meetings and distributed reams of mail. Ken Clagett, Treasurer, and Sarah Fleming, Membership, created a new financial system to meet the needs of a growing Society. Jim McCafferty has provided an interesting series of programs for us. And we never quite appreciate the vast amount of work and time Phyllis Cox puts in to accumulate and verify the data for Records. This will go into a Special Publication to be edited (and promoted and sold) by Shirley Wilcox.

We found the forms and books we wanted were provided by Tim Conner, the first Ways and Means Chairman. Especially we need to recognize the cleaning, scraping, plastering and painting, bookcase building, etc--certainly above the call of duty--which created our new research rooms at Belair Mansion. We are fortunate to have Dorothy Rainwater as Education Chairman and Ivan Rainwater as Archives Chairman.

And, of course, the overwhelming support of all of you in so many ways has made this a very successful year. I am proud to have served as your President this year. Thank you.

HOSPITALITY HAS ANOTHER SUCCESS

We all recognized Nova Boyer's able assistance to the Society these last 2 years and know the monthly success is due to her efforts to attract some of the best culinary art in the Society.

This last May 6 meeting met our expectations when the following provided their delicious surprises:

Jerry Sue Gray Bowersox  
Anne Milliken Herrick  
Mary Ingersoll Jenkins  
Karen M. Aamot Lowman  
J. Evelyn Weir Miner  
Ellas Burgess Thompson Murphy  
Lula M. Forwood Schmelz  
Nancy Harrington Snyder

SPECIAL THANKS TO DEBBIE DOLNEY

who typed our By-Laws.  
Copies will be available at the June 3 meeting.

SOCIETY STRINGER HAS GREAT SUCCESS

We are pleased that Mary Dees Faust has provided stories of our monthly meetings. In the newspaper jargon she might be called a "stringer." The fact that we have had our meeting notices in the PG Journal and Sentinel, local community papers as well as the metropolitan dailies, Washington Post and Evening Star has been a great success story this year.

Our thanks to Mary Faust who has served our Society well this year as well as in years past.

SPECIAL THANKS TO BULLETIN MAILING TEAM  
for assembling and distributing the big May issue, all 394 copies.

Hostess: Mary Ruth Stultz  
Pat Paulkovich  
Myrna Smith and Mrs. Eunice Smith (Myrna's mother-in-law)

Head Distributor: Karen Lowman  
WELL DONE, thou good and faithful.



WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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Change of Phone No.

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5435 Taylor St.  
Bladensburg, MD 20710 927-5020

SEARCH NAMES by MEMBER

|          |     |      |
|----------|-----|------|
| TUCKER   | PA  | 1750 |
| MORRIS   | PA  | 1750 |
| HAMILTON | NY  | 1785 |
| McBRIDE  | PA  | 1810 |
| MULLARKY | ILL | 1830 |

Betty Hamilton  
6115 86th Ave.  
New Carrollton, MD 20784

PGCGS MEMBERS ACTIVE ELSEWHERE IN MD

Freeman Morgan has been elected President of the Maryland Genealogical Society for a 2-yr term. He is also serving this year and next, together with Jim Sorensen, as Joint Program Chairmen of the Montgomery County Genealogical Club.

Ann Wellhouse is Vice Chair of the Montgomery Club and Donald Barnes chairs the Education Committee. Beverly Hoch and Gwen Read are Co-Editors of their newsletter Line Upon Line. That puts six PG members on their board.

Milton Rubincam, Bill Miller and Freeman Morgan are all on the Genealogy Committee of the Maryland Historical Society.

Doris Jones, Nancy Myers and Mildred Fletcher all hold offices in the St. Mary's County Society this year.

All this gives PG a strong representation around the state and, along with the MD Council, helps to keep our local Society informed of trends in the genealogy movement.

We invite our out-of-town members to let us know what offices they hold in their local Societies.

SEARCH NAMES by MEMBER

|           |      |         |
|-----------|------|---------|
| BURGE     | PA   | 1770/90 |
| RUSSELL   | IOWA | 1860    |
| McKEOWN   | VA   | 1860    |
| SIMPSON   | VA   | 1850    |
| BLACKBURN | VA   | 1880    |

Shirley M. McKeown  
10521 Edgefield Dr.  
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BALL  
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WHEAT

Mrs. Lloyd M. Swartz  
229 Connecting Rd.  
Mt. Lebanon, Penna 15228



NGS Conference - Atlanta --- Freeman E. Morgan, Jr.

The "First Annual NGS Conference in The States," held May 7-9, 1981, in their 78th year of activity, was a terrific success! The affair drew about 635 registrants from all over the country, most of them active genealogists. Others had to be turned away! Unlike the World Conferences in SLC that were pitched largely toward beginners, the Atlanta meeting was designed to improve the genealogical level of everyone.

As with the Maryland Seminar on March 28 with 330 registrants, the Atlanta Conference attendance surprised everyone, including the sponsors (NGS and the Georgia Genealogical Society). These two large meetings, so close together coupled with a large Ohio State Conference only the week before Atlanta, indicate a growing awareness of the advantages to be gained by attending such progressive programs.

During most of the two days of genealogy sessions, the registrant had to choose which of four concurrent lectures would be the most helpful. Some were individual lectures and some were panel sessions. The three special speakers from England made a big hit.

The morning preceding May 7 was devoted to special group meetings such as the Educational & Professional Associations, the Federation of Genealogical Societies Board, etc. The general welcoming session was held that same afternoon. Meanwhile the Exhibit Hall with more than 100 commercial booths with genealogy offerings was open for browsing. Many new and novel items were noted. This alone was worth the trip to Atlanta.

Pervading the entire affair was that well renowned "southern hospitality." Many new friends and genealogical contacts were made! Among the PG County Society members attending were Bill and Marge Miller, Mr. & Mrs. Clair Penrod, Freeman and Ruth Morgan, Gwen Read and Milton Rubincam (a speaker). There may have been others we missed in the crowd. George Ely Russell, a former PG member and one of our founders, was also a speaker.

The 1982 Conference will be in Indianapolis and the 1983 conference in Ft. Worth, Texas. Start planning your schedule now!

BENEFIT FROM EXPERIENCE

Freeman E. Morgan Jr, C.G. will be teaching a class in Basic Genealogy & Family History at the Bethesda Center of Montgomery College beginning June 15th. There will be six 2-hr sessions, 10 to 12, Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Anyone wishing more information on this intensive course, please call the College(656-7482), located at 7815 Woodmont Ave, Washington, D.C. 20014.





## SHARING OUR RESEARCH EXPERIENCE Notebook ---Pat Paulkovich

Ft. Wayne, IND Public Library, Fred J. Reynolds Historical and Genealogical Dept.

The collection includes microfilmed set of North Carolina records arranged by county; copy of the Draper Collection of information about the Old Northwest frontier, the region surrounding the Great Lakes; the Baldwin Collection of western Pennsylvania and eastern Ohio data; and abstracts of local documents for West Virginia and Tennessee. Located at 900 Webster St, the Ft. Wayne Public Library is open to the public from 9 to 9, Mon thru Friday and from 9 to 6 on Sat. If anyone has visited this library, please let us know about your experience so that we can include it in our Research Experience Notebook.

Indiana History Bulletin, Vol 58, No 2, Feb 1981: Good news for researchers. Project now underway in Indiana which will eventually microfilm records in counties that will make easier access for researchers. Major emphasis is upon records which contain vital statistics and are of primary genealogical interest, i.e. wills, probate order books, probate complete order books, naturalization records, Negro registers, marriages, deeds and grantor/grantee indices. Non-official records such as cemetery, morticians, church baptisms, etc, are also being sought for filming. Major funding is thru Genealogy Society of Utah.

We have been informed that DAR Library is getting ready to ship the original census records to other depositories so that, hopefully, they may be examined in person or inquiries answered. Many of the 1881 census microfilms contain many pages that are absolutely unreadable. The following 1880 census will be shipped out:

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|---------------|----------------------------------|
| Connecticut   | - Connecticut Library, Hartford  |
| Missouri      | - State Archives, Jefferson City |
| New Hampshire | - State Archives, Concord        |
| Utah          | - State Capitol, Salt Lake City  |

Census for Georgia, Kentucky, Tennessee and Wyoming have not yet been designated for transferral.

Burton Historical Collection, Detroit Public Library

This Library has almost 300,000 original volumes, historic maps, manuscripts, pictures, magazines, indices. Has anyone visited this library? Will you please let us know your impression and details you wish to share with us.

The Watauga Historical Association has gathered together early Carter County Court Records. The documents derive originally from the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions and date from 1796 to 1866. Included in the collection are: affidavits, bonds, deposition, writs, declarations, notes, judgements, oaths, petitions, warrants, subpoenas and transcripts. Since the 1790, 1800 and 1810 Tennessee censi were destroyed, these records are important to researchers on the early settlers of East Tennessee. The WHA papers are now part of the Archives holdings, the Sherrod Library, East Tennessee State University, Johnson City 37614.

315 East Sale Street - Tuscola, Illinois 61953

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1. Charles Eugene Carpenter  
and M. Tracy Cox Carpenter of Tuscola, Illinois

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  2. James Milton COX (1873-1957) of Monroe Co., Ind. and Tuscola, Ill.
  3. Mary CREVISTON (1881-1948) of Douglas Co., Ill. (Arthur and Tuscola)

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  4. Isaac Milton COX (1838-1917) of Bloomington, Ind. and Tuscola, Ill.
  5. Tracy Ann GRIFFITH (1842-1917) of Bloomington, Ind. and Tuscola, Ill.
  6. Jacob CREVISTON (1840-1905) of Vigo Co., Ind. and Douglas Co., Ill.
  7. Maranda DAVIS (1847-1927) of St. Claire Co. and Douglas Co., Ill.

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  8. Isaac COX (1807-1873) of Jonesboro, Tenn. and Monroe Co., Ind.
  9. Delilah REED (18 -1842) of Tenn. and Monroe Co., Ind. \*
  10. John Lewis GRIFFITH (1810-1871) of Shelby Co., Ky. and Monroe Co., Ind.
  11. Hettie Esther WAMPLER (1811-1904) of Wythe Co., Va. and Monroe Co., Ind.
  12. John CREVISTON (c1798-1880) of Pa., Wayne and Vigo Co., Ind., Douglas Co., Ill.
  13. Isabel GRUWELL (c1802-1876) of O., Wayne and Vigo Co., Ind., Douglas Co., Ill.
  14. James DAVIS (c1820-1881) of Nelson Co., Ky., Vigo Co., Ind., Douglas Co., Ill.
  15. Rebecca FERRY (c1820-1872) of O., Vigo Co., Ind. and Douglas Co., Ill.\*

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  16. Joab COX (c1771-1843) of N.C., Jefferson Co., Tenn. and Monroe Co., Ind.
  17. Margaret WILHITE (c1770-1854) of N.C., Jefferson Co., Tenn. and Monroe Co., Ind.
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  - 19.
  20. John GRIFFITH (c1774-1865) of Pa., Shelby Co., Ky. and Monroe Co., Ind.\*
  21. Deborah LEWIS (1783-1823) of Wash. Co., Md., Shelby Co., Ky., Monroe Co., Ind.
  22. Joseph WAMPLER (1774-1846) of Pa., Wythe Co., Va. and Monroe Co., Ind.
  23. Esther KINSEY (1783-1833) of Pa., Wythe Co., Va. and Monroe Co., Ind.
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  - 25.
  26. Asa Gruwell (c1762-1821) of Del., O. and Wayne Co., Ind.
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  28. John DAVIS (1769-1857) of Va., Nelson Co., Ky., Vigo Co., Ind., Douglas Co., Ill.
  29. Jane (Miller?) (c1791-1861) of S.C., Nelson Co., Ky., Vigo Ind. Douglas Co., Ill.\*
  30. John FERRY of Ohio, Vigo Co., Ind.\*

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  32. Edward Cox ( - ) of Va., N.C. and Tenn. \*
  33. Miriam
  34. James WILHITE of Va., N.C. and Tenn.\*
  - 35.
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  - 37.
  - 38.
  - 39.
  40. John ? GRIFFITH of Pa. and Shelby Co., Ky.\*
  - 41.
  42. John LEWIS (1736-1817) of Prince George Co., Md. and Shelby Co., Ky.\*
  43. Mary KETCHAM (1759- ) of Wash. Co., Md., Shelby and Henry Cos., Ky.
  44. George Wampler (1736-1815) of Switz., Montgomery and Wythe Co., Va.\*
  45. Elizabeth STEPHAN (1738-1807) of Phila. Co., Pa., Montgomery and Wythe Cos. Va.
  46. Jacob Kinser of Wythe Co., Va.\*
  47. Esther Wampler of Pa. and Wythe Co., Va.

52. Jacob GRUMELL (c1750- ) of Kent Co., Del. \* 99  
53. Margaret ( -1798) of Kent Co., Del.\*  
58. Samuel MILLER ? of Ohio \*

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86. Joseph KETCHAM (1715-1808) of Wash. Co., Md. and Shelby Co., Ky. \*  
87. Gertrude JOHNSON  
88. Hans Peter WAMPLER (1701-1749) of Switzerland and Lancaster, Pa.  
89. Veronica  
90. Ulrich STEPHAN (1710-1760) of Bern Canton Switz., Phila. Co., Pa., Lancaster Co. Pa.  
91. Anna Marie Schirmer (1716- ) of Alsace, Lancaster Co. and Berks Co., Pa.  
92.  
93.  
94. Hans Michael Wampler (1725-cal789) of Switz., Lancaster Co. Pa., Montgomery Co. Va.  
95. Anna Elizabeth ( ) of Lancaster Co., Pa., Montgomery and Wythe Cos. Va.

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172. Joseph Ketcham  
173. Martha Phillips

188. Hans Peter Wampler (1701-1749) of Switzerland and Lancaster, Pa.  
189. Veronica

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344. John Ketcham (1625-1695) of Newton, L.I., N.Y.  
345. Bethia Richardson

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688. Edward Ketcham (1590-1655)  
689. Mary Hall

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\* Indicates parentage, ancestry or other info wanted.

BOOK REVIEWS by Shirley Langdon Wilcox, C.G.

VALENTINE HILL, SPARKPLUG OF EARLY NEW ENGLAND by Jean A. Sargent. Laurel, MD 1981. 71 pp plus appendices. Index to text but not appendices. A gift of the author.

It is obvious that the author has spent a great deal of time researching for numerous details about the life of Valentine Hill, a merchant in Boston who later moved to Dover, New Hampshire where he had sawmills. He was active in the public affairs in both towns and the author has used town records and other public records to document his life. He was only forty years old when he died in 1661, but he accomplished much in his short lifetime. Numerous maps are used in the text and the footnoting shows careful research. There are 22 items in the appendices with much supporting data easily found in this section. So many genealogists spend years collecting data and then never put it together for publication. We hope this book will be an inspiration to others to set down what they have gathered for the benefit of future generations.



EXCHANGE TIDBITS by Olive K. Jones, Exchange Editor

Did you have an ancestor "Working on the Railroad"?

For information on Railroad Men--pension data, questions about an individual (be specific about names, dates of employment, etc.), send a SASE to: USA Railroad Retirement Board, 844 Rush St, Chicago, ILL 60611

Did you have an ancestor living in New England prior to 1800?

The Seattle Gen. Soc. accepts ancestor cards--3x5 with name, dates & one place of residence for each ancestor (immigrant or not) born before 1800 & who lived in Maine, Mass, RI, Conn, NH, Ver or NY--from members & publishes the ancestor names in their bulletin.

The Historical Society of Karlskoga, Sweden is doing research on the approximate 5,000 people who left that area to go to America. They want to find out where the people settled, what led them to that particular place, what they did for a living in America and where their descendants are now. Info can be sent to: Hembygdsarkivet, Biblioteket, S-69100, Karlskoga, Sweden

Did you have an ancestor in the Brethren Church? (Brethren Church, Church of the Brethren, Dunkard Brethren, Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches and Old German Baptist Brethren).

Family information sought for Brethren Encyclopedia to be published in three volumes. Brief genealogical entries will identify first immigrant (with place of origin in Europe if available) and area of early settlement in North America. Write to: Brethern Theological Seminary, Oakbrook, ILL 60521  
Editor: Donald F. Durnbaugh

Did you have an ancestor from Schleswig-Holstein, Germany?

If so, write Prof. Paul C. Buchloh, Kiel University, Kiel, Germany. They are researching all who lived in Schleswig-Holstein area.

Research Maryland church records? The Hall of Records in Annapolis has many microfilm copies of church records. The microfilm may be ordered through inter-library loan system. Address inter-library loan requests to:

Miss Sue Collins, MD Hall of Records, PO Box 828, Annapolis, MD 21404

If your church has not had their records copied by the Hall of Records, it should. Please encourage your church to take advantage of this project. There is no charge to the church. Information can be given to the church (and pastor) by the Hall of Records. They have a write-up and will answer questions about the project.

Le jour de gloire est arrive at Peabody Library in Baltimore. It has received 1000 volume gift of European genealogical periodicals. This treasure trove reported by June Silvester. Button up your overcoat. Peabody Library is kept cold to protect all those rare books.



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QUERIES

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----Jean A. Sargent

- CLARKE Archibald Smith CLARKE, b. Prince George's Co. MD 1788.  
THAYER Member of Congress fr New York State. Need to know  
when and where he married Chloe THAYER.
- Ms Matie C. Litz  
251 Fletcher St.  
Tonawonda, N.Y. 14150
- CROMWELL Philip CROMWELL of Dover, NH, b. ca 1709 d by 1757  
m. Lydia \_\_\_\_\_. Three sons: Joseph, Caleb, and Joshua  
were in Portland (Falmouth Foreside) Maine ca 1742.  
Joshua to Harpswell, Joseph to Boothbay later. Would  
like to hear from any CROMWELL descendents.
- Miss Clara M. Cromwell  
30 Wainwright Circle East  
South Portland, ME 04106
- WILLETT Desire contact with descendents of Edward WILLETT, Sr,  
who d. 1743 P. G. Co. A WILLETT book being considered.
- Brother Leo Willett  
425 S. Lindbergh  
St. Louis, MO 63131
- WHEELER Looking for descendents of Thomas and Elizabeth  
WHEELER of Bedford Co., VA, who originated in MD. CH:  
John b. 1762, Lucy (Mrs. Benjamin Borden), William,  
Benjamin, Peter, Thomas, Sally (Mrs. Isaac Cundiff),  
Joel, Gabriel, Joicy (Mrs. Charles Craig), and James  
b. 1788. Some descendents went to TN, MO, MD and  
elsewhere. Would like to hear from any possible  
relations.
- Ms Marcella Wheeler  
14862 U Plaza  
Omaha, NE 68137
- SIMPSON Searching for descendents of Elizabeth SIMPSON on 1776  
Census of St. John and Prince George's Parish, and for  
ancestors of Richard SIMPSON found later in Frederick  
Co. Would like to hear from anyone with Maryland  
SIMPSON ancestry.
- Mrs. Paul J. Will, Jr.  
118 Nielson Dr.  
Clairton, PA 15025
- BEALL Searching for parents of Erasmus Perry BEALL b. Maryland  
1804. Was he related to Erasmus b. 28 Oct 1762 Prince  
George Parish, MD?
- Mr. C. Robert Bell  
790 Century Plaza Bldg.  
Wichita, KS 67202



QUERIES (Cont.)

HALL                    Need parents of Caleb LETTON/LEYTON/LYTTON and  
 LETTON/LYTTON Grace \_\_\_\_\_, whose dau Johanna b. 7-7-1732 P. G. Co.  
 HARTLEY                m. Leonard HALL. Also Caleb's wife's maiden name -  
 BURTON                 HARTLEY or BURTON? And need Leonard HALL's parents.  
                           Will exchange info and answer all letters.

Ms Joni L. Wolfson  
 2421 Lower Lake Rd.  
 Seneca Falls, N.Y. 13148

CUMBERLEDGE         Seeking parents of Joseph and Alice CUMBERLEDGE.  
 Joseph b. ca 1735-40 prob MD, m. ca 1760, d. 23 Apr  
 1792 Monongalia Co. W. VA. Alice d. bef 28 Feb 1804  
 Frederick Co. MD.

Mrs. Frances Kelly  
 4810 Candy Lane  
 Manlius, NY 13104

GANTT                   George GANTT s/o Thomas GANTT & Priscilla BROOKE.  
 GAUNTT                 d. P. G. Co. 1779. m. Hannah \_\_\_\_\_. Issue: James,  
                           Priscilla, William Pitt, d. 1790 Frederick Co., Joseph,  
                           Edward, George, Ann m. Thomas Harwood III, Eleanor  
                           b. 1771 d. 1831, m. (1) John Higdon, (2) Leonard  
                           Townshend. Need maiden name of Hannah. Will exchange  
                           info.

WALL                    Martha Jane WALL b. 12 Jan 1819, d. 18 Sep 1881.  
 WALLS                 m. George Samuel TOWNSHEND 11 Oct. 1838 P. G. Co. MD.  
 TOWNSHEND             Need her parents.

HAMILTON             Need parents of Elizabeth HAMILTON who m. Elexius  
 SANSBURY             SANSBURY, prob b. Charles Co. MD. Issue: Thomas,  
                           John M. 1797-1874, Joseph, Maria (Sister Angela to  
                           Mother Angela KY d. Ohio), Sophia and Elexius. Will  
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MINUTES OF THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING

6 MAY 1981

The meeting was called to order by President Catherine Merwin Mayhew at the Bowie Memorial Library at 7:35 p.m. There was one correction to the Minutes of the 1 April 1981 meeting as printed in the May 1981 BULLETIN. The fourth paragraph, which refers to the proposed ByLaws amendment, contains one too many "and's". The minutes were then approved as corrected.

Treasurer Kenneth Clagett announced a total of \$3,798.05 in the checking and savings' accounts.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership: Sarah announced the names of three new members: Ann Florine Collins, Joni L. Wolfson, and Eileen M. McConnell.

Members were reminded that our Society's year is from 1 July to 30 June. All present members will, this year, be billed for their membership, although Sarah will accept dues at the 3 June 1981 meeting.

Special Publications: For Shirley Wilcox, Dorothy Rainwater announced sales of 5 Bibliographies, 5 Land Records, and 1 Census.

Records: Phyllis Cox extended thanks to Maryann Gill, Mike Cassidy, and Jean Sargent for their help in proofing the information which will be printed in our publication #5.

Education: Dorothy Rainwater thanked Bill Taylor for making the additional shelves for the Society Library and to Gordon Ebersole for transporting the hardboard necessary for the back of the shelves. A third room at the Belair Mansion has now been cleaned, plastered, and painted and is usable by members.

Librarian/Archivist: The Library at Belair Mansion now contains approximately 250 books and booklets available to members. The hours of service for May are: Wednesdays the 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. On Sunday the 17th it will be open from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. and again from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Nominating Committee: Chairman Tim Conner announced the following proposed slate of candidates for the term of office 1 July 1981 to 30 June 1982:

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The proposed slate will be voted upon at the 3 June 1981 meeting, and as per the ByLaws, Article X, Section 4, they will take office at the end of that election meeting, except for the Treasurer.

The business meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m., after which there was a 20-minute refreshment break, followed by a detailed talk by Dr. Laird C. Towle on "How to Publish".

The meeting was attended by 100 members and visitors.

*Jerry Sue Gray-Bowersox*  
Jerry Sue Gray-Bowersox, Secretary

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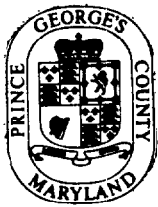


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# PREFACE

BULLETIN SUPPLEMENT No. 2 is a continuation of our Society's intent to publish a few of the excellent lectures given at our monthly program meetings. We endeavor to enrich our entire readership in this way, and especially the large body of out-of-town members that cannot normally attend our meetings. (With a membership of about 350 currently, we draw from 80 to 125 to each meeting.)

Again, it is my privilege to extend thanks to Milton Rubincam, and also this time to Bill Stapp for contributing their material. Sincere thanks go also to Freeman Morgan for his artistry in arranging and setting up the "camera-ready-copy" and to my wife, June, for typing the three articles. Without their willing assistance, our publication deadline could never have been met!

Donald Ray Barnes, C.G.  
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## AN EXCURSION INTO THE PROBLEMS OF WELSH GENEALOGIES

By Milton Rubincam, CG, FASG, FNGS, FGSP, FTSGS

An Expansion of a Talk Given Before the Prince George's County Genealogical Society  
April 2, 1980

We are very fortunate to have as our speaker tonight a gentleman who is an internationally renowned genealogist. He has been engaged in genealogical research since he was 15 years old. He has served as president of the National Genealogical Society and the American Society of Genealogists; he is presently on the Board for Certification of Genealogists; he's a Fellow of the American Society of Genealogists, the National Genealogical Society; the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania, and the Texas State Genealogical Society, at least in the last listing I saw and I'm sure he belongs to a lot more than that. He has lectured at numerous genealogical seminars and institutes and has authored a large number of articles published in genealogical and historical periodicals in the United States, in England, Germany and Canada. He claims Pa. German, English, Canadian and Scottish ancestry; they found some Welsh lines for his wife, the former Priscilla Teasdale, who is with us here tonight. Tonight he is going to speak of some of these Welsh genealogical problems. It's my honor and pleasure to present to you tonight Milton Rubincam.

Thank you, Kay, for your very flattering introduction. Tonight I'm going to talk about problems encountered in Welsh genealogies -- note I said Welsh genealogies. I'll deal mostly with printed pedigrees, not so much with research in Wales itself. There are problems in working out your Welsh ancestry. For one thing, until recent times they had no surnames. They used patronymics such as John ap Thomas (John, son of Thomas), Llewelyn ap (son of) Griffith, Catherine verch (daughter of) Madog, and so on. Sometimes a Welshman would tell you who he was by naming twenty ancestors, each name in his lineage separated by an "ap." Often the names would not be so separated -- they would all be strung together. One of my wife's Welsh ancestors was usually called Evan Robert Lewis, i.e., Evan, son of Robert, son of Lewis. But when he was buried on 28 September 1668, the Llandderfel (Merionethshire) parish register recorded him simply as Evan ap Robt. There is a common saying today, even in Wales, "as long as a Welsh pedigree," for a great many families love to trace their pedigrees to the princes and kings of Wales who lived a thousand or more years ago -- whether or not they can prove it.

In addition to the lack of surnames and the fact everyone was known by his or her given names, much of their early genealogy was based on oral tradition handed down by word of mouth from father to son to grandson, and so on down the line. The great families of Wales had their private bards who by song and poem recited their genealogies generation after generation, and that would be the only record of their ancestries. Another problem with Welsh pedigrees is the almost complete lack of dates and places of residence, and the fact that in so many cases no wives are named. It's amazing how many Welshmen had no mothers!

The history of Wales for the last two thousand years has been very turbulent. In medieval times the country was divided into a number of principalities; Deheubarth, Powys, Gwynedd, and others. In 1066 there occurred an event that transformed the history of the British Isles -- the conquest of England by William, Duke of Normandy. Under him and his successors the Normans began to infiltrate Wales and Ireland, and even claimed suzerainty over the kingdom of

Scotland. A large segment of the Welsh nobility was composed of Norman families. The rulers of the various principalities strove for supremacy in the country and by the thirteenth century Gwynedd was the dominant power to such an extent that its prince, Llewelyn ap Gruffydd, was able to proclaim himself Prince of Wales in 1258. But in the ensuing struggle with Edward I of England he lost his life in 1282, and henceforth, beginning with Edward's son Edward (afterwards King Edward II) the Princes of Wales were English. Edward I marched into Wales, seized the country, and established a number of lordships along the Anglo-Welsh border to guard against possible Welsh incursions into England.

There was an abortive attempt in the 1400-1416 period to re-establish Welsh independence by the famous rebel Owain ap Gruffydd Vychan, better known in Wales as Owain Glyndwr and in England as Owen Glendower. With his disappearance (and possible death?) in 1416 the independence movement collapsed. In 1485 England acquired its first Welsh king, Henry VII, of the House of Tudor. In the reign of his son and successor, Henry VIII -- he of the famous six wives! -- Wales was united with England politically and administratively by two Acts of Parliament (1536 and 1543), whereby Welshmen enjoyed the same status before the law as Englishmen. In 1538, by a decree of Thomas Cromwell, the King's chief minister, parish registers of the new Church of England began to be kept in England and Wales.

The Welsh have always taken great pride in their ancestry. Major Francis Jones, the leading authority today on Welsh genealogy, quoted the Reverend John Evans of Bath, who wrote in 1804: "A Welsh gentleman will climb up a ladder of his pedigree into princely extraction; and that it may be said, Men are made heralds in other countries, but born so in Wales." (Francis Jones, "An Approach to Welsh Genealogy," The Transactions of the Honourable Society of Cymmrodorion, Session 1948, p. 303.)

We have an excellent example of the claims that many Welsh families formerly made. This was the Cadwalader family of Philadelphia, from which my wife descends, and its collateral branch, the Jones family of Merion, Philadelphia (now Montgomery) County, Pennsylvania. The common ancestor in the male line of the two families was Thomas ap Hugh of Llaethgwm, parish of Llandderfel, Merionethshire, Wales, who died between 29 December 1664, date of his will, and 4 April 1666, date of its probate. One of his sons was Cadwalader Thomas ap Hugh, whose son, John ap Cadwalader, settled in Pennsylvania in 1697 and took his father's name as his surname. Another son of Thomas ap Hugh was John Thomas ap Hugh, who died in Wales in 1683 but whose widow and children came to Pennsylvania and took his name (Jones means "son of John") as their surname. The widow and children of John Thomas ap Hugh brought with them a pedigree that had been prepared a few years earlier. It was a remarkable production; 118 generations, tracing the ancestry of the Cadwalader and Jones families to the mythical hero of Troy and Rome, Aeneas, the Greek and Roman gods Jupiter and Saturn, and, finally, to "Adam, the son of God"!!! Truly the oldest family in the world!

A few years ago I was the speaker at the annual dinner of the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research, Samford University, Birmingham, Alabama. The subject assigned to me was the progress of genealogical research in America. I began by talking about the old days when there was seemingly a lack of progress and some of the fables that had been accepted as true. Among the stories I related was the origin of the Cadwalader and Jones families as shown in the 1683 pedigree. When I got to that part where I said that Jupiter and Saturn were



descended from "Adam, the son of God," I remarked, piously and self-righteously, "So you see, my wife and sons are of divine origin." I no sooner got that out than wham! outside there was a terrific burst of thunder, a brilliant flash of lightning, and the lights went out all over the building! One of my friends in the audience called out, "Jupiter's trying to tell you something, Milt!"

Why was genealogy so important in Wales? Major Jones informs us that under Welsh law, if a man had no pedigree he was socially, politically and economically a nobody. The land was held by family groups and only blood members of these groups could be freemen and freeholders. There was no law of primogeniture -- on a man's death his lands were divided among his sons, and then among the sons of the sons. Welsh women had no rights of property until 1283, when the Statute of Rhuddlan enacted that women should inherit under gavelkind on failure of male heirs. (The custom of gavelkind means that land descended to all males equally, and in default of sons to the daughters.) Thus, pedigrees had to be preserved as they were constantly produced in testimony in legal cases.

The period 1450-1600 is termed by Major Jones as "The Golden Age of Welsh Genealogy." It produced such great bards and genealogists as Gwilym Tew, Gutton Owain, Ieuan Brechta, Griffith Hiraethog, and Lewys Dwnn. The last-named is the best known of them all, because of his Heraldic Visitations of Wales. He derived his surname from his mother, Catharine, daughter of Captain Rhys Goch Dwnn of Cefn y Gwestad, of an ancient family. Through his father he was sprung from an old family of Montgomeryshire. In 1586 he was appointed Deputy Herald for all Wales, and immediately began a serious of visitations throughout the country which continued to 1613. The results of his investigations were not published until 233 years later; in 1846 appeared in two large volumes his Heraldic Visitations of Wales and Part of the Marches between the Years 1586 and 1613, under the authority of Clarenceux and Norroy, two Kings at Arms, transcribed from the original manuscripts and edited with numerous explanatory notes by Sir Samuel Rush Meyrick. Published for the Welsh Mss. Society.

Major Jones compared the printed Visitations with one of the manuscripts in the British Museum. The results, he wrote, were "pretty frightening." Not a single pedigree had been accurately transcribed. In some, whole generations were omitted. Younger sons were made into their fathers' brothers. Younger children were omitted in the published version. Personal and place-names were inaccurately copied. In one pedigree a place-name was converted into an elder son. "The blame is not altogether that of the transcribers, whoever those unfortunates may have been," the Major writes, "Those familiar with Dwnn's vile handwriting will agree that he was a cacographist of the deepest dye. In addition, his arrangement of the pedigrees and their infuriating untidiness often suggests the work of a short-sighted eccentric. But by exercising great patience and working slowly it is quite possible to disentangle the pedigrees and to read them accurately. Unfortunately, in several places, where the transcribers failed to make out a word by Dwnn, they supplied what, in their opinion, it should have been. Despite all this, Dwnn stands out as a great man." (Jones, "An Approach to Welsh Genealogy," pp. 376-77.)

The first Welsh settlement in America was made in 1683 when a large number of Quakers in Wales accepted William Penn's offer of religious sanctuary and political and economic freedom in his province of Pennsylvania. They made their homes at Haverford, Merion, and Gwynedd in that part of Philadelphia County that has since become Montgomery County, and at Radnor in Chester (now in Delaware) County.

Many of them brought to the colony their pedigrees of which they were intensely proud. They belonged to that class of society known as bonheddig, which Major Jones translates as "man with a pedigree." None of them equalled the fantastic divine origin of the Cadwalader and Jones families, but were more modest in their claims. Among them were the four Evans brothers of Gwynedd (1698), in which they traced their ancestry for 27 generations to the ancient prince Rhodri Mawr ap Mervyn Vrych; Hugh Meredith, of Radnor (about 1683), who went back only four generations; Rowland Ellis, of Merion, and his wives, 1697; and Edward Foulke, of Gwynedd, 1702, who boasted 14 generations back to Ririd Flaidd, Lord of Penllyn. The text of these and other pedigrees is in vol. 1, pp. 143-50 of Thomas Allen Glenn's Welsh Founders of Pennsylvania, and the Cadwalader-Jones mythological pedigree is reproduced on pp. 32-35 of the same volume.

Thomas Allen Glenn was descended from Robert Owen, of an ancient Welsh family, who settled in Pennsylvania in 1690. He published two important books on the early Welsh settlers, namely, Merion in the Welsh Tract, With Sketches of the Townships of Haverford and Radnor (Norristown, 1896; reprinted by Genealogical Pub. Co., Baltimore, 1970), and Welsh Founders of Pennsylvania (Oxford, England, 2 vols., 1911-13; reprinted by GPC in 2 vols.-in-1, 1970). A close examination of these works, especially Welsh Founders, shows that he was a critical genealogist who was quick to point out inaccuracies and inconsistencies in the material he used. His knowledge of the Welsh language enabled him to do original research in Wales. Whenever possible he cited documentary evidence for his statements. I would say that the long pedigrees he published for the Cadwalader, Wynne, Owen and other families are generally accurate from about 1500. He cited subsidy rolls, parish registers, probate records, etc. However, for his medieval generations he relied heavily on Dwnn's Heraldic Visitations of Wales as edited by Meyrick, and here we must remember Major Jones's comparison of some of the printed pedigrees with Dwnn's original manuscripts. Dwnn is regarded as one of the most accurate of Welsh genealogists, but unfortunately, in the hands of Meyrick's transcribers the pedigrees became garbled in print.

I am not an expert on Welsh genealogy. My interest in the subject was stimulated by my investigation of my wife's very interesting ancestry. The researcher who wishes to learn about genealogical methods and sources is referred to the 3-volume work by David E. Gardner and Frank Smith, Genealogical Research in England and Wales (Salt Lake City, Bookcraft, Inc., 1956-1964). In Vol. 2, pp. 211-307, the counties of both countries are arranged in a strict alphabetical sequence. Under each county essential information is given about the area, number of "Ancient Parishes" (those in existence before 1813), the county towns (where the County Record Offices are generally, although not always, located), main occupations of the inhabitants, principal rivers, ecclesiastical divisions, parish registers (and whether or not any have been transcribed and/or printed), Bishop's Transcripts, marriage licenses, probate records, Nonconformist registers, and publications. Some of the County Record Offices have published guides to their holdings. The National Library of Wales at Aberystwith is a treasure-house of genealogical, biographical, and historical information. It has published at least three (and perhaps more) volumes on deeds and documents in its custody; Calendar of Deeds and Documents, vol. 1, The Coleman Deeds (1921), vol. 2, The Crosswood Deeds (1927), and vol. 3, The Hawarden Deeds (1931). Although these documents bear the names of the original collectors before their transfer to The National Library, they contain a wealth of information on thousands of families going back many centuries.



The University of Wales Press at Cardiff has published for The Board of Celtic Studies Welsh Genealogies, A.D. 300-1400, by Peter C. Bartrum (8 vols., 1972). Mr. Bartrum has examined many original manuscripts in the Welsh language, including Lewis Dwnn's, and has given us a careful compilation of pedigrees covering the eleven centuries stated in the title.

Another much-cited work, which is also the basis for some of Glenn's pedigrees, is J. Y. W. Lloyd's The History of the Princes, the Lords Marchers, and the Ancient Nobility of Powys Fadog, and the Ancient Lords of Arwystli, Cedewen, and Mericonydd (London, 6 vols., 1881-1887). It is, so far as I know, authoritative. Another work that is an authority in the field is John Edwards Griffith's Pedigrees of Anglesey and Carnarvonshire Families, with their collateral branches in Denbighshire, Merionethshire, and other parts (Horncastle, England, 1914). I have used Griffith's work to advantage, but I have not had occasion (yet) to use the following publications: Limbus Patrum Morganiae et Glamorganiae. Being the Genealogies of the older families of Morgan and Glamorgan (London, 1886). In 1967 there was published at Llandaran, Glamorganshire, Wales, A List of the Names and Residences of the High Sheriffs of the County of Glamorgan from 1541 to 1966, With an Introduction by Richard John and Notes by George Williams. For other books relating to Wales see P. William Filby, American & British Genealogy & Heraldry (Chicago; American Library Association, 1975), pp. 330-33.

The following Welsh magazines all have a wealth of genealogical information: Archaeologia Cambrensis. The Journal of the Cambrian Archaeological Association (in progress since 1846), Y Cymmrodor. The Magazine of the Honourable Society of Cymmrodorion (published from 1877 to 1912), The Transactions of the Honourable Society of Cymmrodorion (in progress since 1893), and West Wales Historical Records: The Annual Magazine of the Historical Society of West Wales (since 1910).

An excellent account of Wales in the Middle Ages is R. Ian Jack's Medieval Wales (Ithaca, N.Y.; Cornell University Press, 1972: The Sources of History: Studies in the Uses of Historical Evidence.) It discusses the literary sources, the official records of Wales and of the English Government, archives of individuals and corporations, ecclesiastical records, the antiquaries, archaeology and numismatics, and cartography and place-names.

## PHOTOGRAPHS, THEIR HISTORY AND CARE

By William F. Stapp\*

I am a photographic historian - one of a few in this country and as Kay said, I am the Curator of Photographs at the National Portrait Gallery. My field, my current specialty is American portrait photography, and at the Portrait Gallery specifically, the portraits of historically significant Americans. In my capacity as Curator I receive a great deal of correspondence and requests from people like yourselves who may have images they believe may be of their family; that have been identified, but they request my assistance in verifying such identification. Sometimes all they want is a clue. Quite frequently my help is sought in authenticating a picture that is believed to be of a certain "somebody."

There are many ways to look at photographs. They can tell you some things, but unfortunately there are many things they cannot tell you. I have to apologize because I can't give you specific information about a lot of things -- I can say this was done about such a time, or perhaps at this time, give or take a couple of years. There are many different kinds of photographic processes that have been used over the years; different kinds of images that look different and have different characteristics; various standard sizes in vogue during particular periods; there were different things that were in the photograph's props, and so on and so forth, that changed with the times; as fads and fashions changed. Look at those things and you can date photographs approximately -- always bearing in mind that anything done in New York would probably take at least three or four years to reach the hinterlands, so there is always a little bit of leeway.

Daguerreotype - One thing that you should remember (and I say this because I've had people send me photographs that they say were taken in 1820), is that the daguerreotype, the first successful photographic process and the first to reach this country, was introduced to America in mid-September 1839. At that time it was not a suitable medium for portraiture -- even the small plate, and when I say small plate I mean -- well this is a relatively large one by some standards -- this is a 6-plate daguerreotype -- there were some made at that time that were about 1-1/2 x 1-3/4 inches. Even a plate like this in 1839 would take perhaps 15 minutes to expose and it was rather difficult for one to sit in front of a camera for that long, although it was done.

By the early part of 1840 it was possible to take portraits. The very first thing that people did when photography was introduced was to improve it to the point where it could become an economically viable medium and what they saw as viability was portraiture. The first studios were opened in this country in the spring of 1840 in New York, Philadelphia and Boston. There were studios in Washington in 1841, in Richmond, and I believe, definitely in Baltimore and in most of the major cities. Within 2 or 3 years it had reached the hinterlands and I mean literally reached the hinterlands: there were itinerant daguerreians all around. And for about the next 15 or 20 years -- roughly up until the time of the Civil War, this was the single most important portrait medium. Can you see what I'm holding? Can you see what it looks like? Okay, a daguerreotype is very easily recognizable

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-- the image is on a silvered copper plate and many times when you look at it you won't see anything except yourself. You'll see a reflection -- it looks like a mirror and Oliver Wendel Holmes called it the mirror with the memory. Frequently it has tarnished -- there is silver tarnish around the edge of this thing -- and you have to hold it at exactly the right angle or you won't see anything or the image will sort of flash from the positive to the negative -- it's both things at once. It's very fragile -- and it was usually cased like this. It was protected by a brass mat over the plate -- in the very early days you'd find a paper mat -- and by a cover glass.

Beginning about 1849 or so they introduced the "preserver" -- it's a thin brass strip that folds over the edges here around the outside of the plate and crimps along the back and it was used in part to ensure an airtight seal. The daguerreotype was used well into the 1850's.

Now how do you date these things? There are several different ways to date photographs as well as processes and I'll explain that as I go along.

One way, unfortunately, was costume and that's frequently all that we've got to go on. And you have to have an eye for it; you have to know the books, you have to have access to a good library. And you have to remember as I've said before, I think, that styles would hold on longer -- it would take longer for a fashion to reach the countryside than it would the cities and it would stay longer in the countryside -- people tended to be more conservative -- probably had a lot less money, so if a man bought a suit he'd wear it for 10 or 15 years. But you can also date them by what you've got in your hands -- you can date it by the mat; you can sometimes date them by the case. There's a very good book for that by Floyd and Mariam Rinhart called American Miniature Case Art. It's out of print but copies turn up in virtually every photographic book catalogue that I've seen -- and it sells for about \$50. A good library should have it. It's a photographic index with dates of many of the cases that were in use -- there are hundreds of different styles.

Mat styles are a very definite clue. The mat is the brass part here -- you may not be able to see it in this case but it's an oval. The early mat styles tended to be rather simple -- it would be square on the very early cases -- they would cut the corners off in the 1840's to form an hexagonal or an octagonal design. Those were used roughly from the mid 40's into the second half of the 40's to about 47 or 48. The oval was introduced roughly at the end of that period and also a kind of scalloped design. The earlier mats were also simple -- this one is undecorated in any way with a florentine finish. In the 1850's they became thinner -- almost paper-thin and much more ornate with very elaborate patterns around the opening. By the beginning of the 1860's -- and I say this because these mats were used on the ambrotype medium as well -- you'd have patriotic motifs -- canon and people holding flags and so on and so forth.

Another way to date the daguerreotype is by the case itself. This plate's from the very late 40's to the very early 50's. You've probably all seen what are frequently called gutta-percha cases. Those were introduced in the mid-1850's, 1854 to be exact, so any dagguereotype that comes in one of those, assuming that the case is original, cannot date from before that, but those are just clues. I've never opened this one up -- this one came from an antique shop in Texas and my mother gave it to me at Christmas. I opened one case at the Portrait Gallery -- some lady gave us a shoebox of family images, because she had no one else to give them to and



there was an ambrotype -- this is an ambrotype of a child -- a little baby, and I opened it up and there was a big curl of the baby's hair inside, and I jumped about a foot. Sometimes you'll find inscriptions on the back of these cases -- sometimes there will be a pair of names -- I've got another one which came out of that same shoebox -- I've the name of the male sitter and then I've got the name of a young lady -- presumably he gave it to her; it's also dated.

Frequently the photographer will be identified, either down here on the mat (that will be stamped in) and usually the city is given, so you can go to the city directories and look through them -- and that's another way of dating these things. Sometimes we'll find the photographer's name on the back; a pencil inscription, a lock of hair. This is what it looks like uncased; you can see the copper back. These things are very fragile when taken out of their cases. If I look this thing apart and ran my thumb across it, I'd wipe it away, so my advice is, no matter how much it tempts you don't open it up please. Not only is there a danger of scratching, but the air today will help destroy these things -- they are very susceptible to pollutants in the air. They do oxidize -- it's almost pure silver on the surface and will tarnish rather rapidly, so they're very easily destroyed and of course they scratch extremely easily. They were definitely the predominant portrait mode from the early 1840's -- 1840, when the first studios were introduced -- until the second half of the mid-1850's. About 1855 two photographic processes were introduced which are frequently confused with daguerreotype, although they look very different.

One is the ambrotype, the other is the tintype. There is a lady here who showed me an ambrotype, a little one -- this is a plain glass one. Could you just pull that out of the envelope and hold it up in the air. She's holding up a piece of glass with a negative on it. That is an ambrotype image and when I put it against the sleeve of my jacket it becomes a positive image. Like the daguerreotype it's unique. I should have explained that. This plate is the thing that is stuck in the back of the camera -- it's the only one like it in the world, so in spite of the fact that I don't know who this man is, by virtue of that it becomes a very precious object, an historic object. An ambrotype is similar. That plate is the thing that is stuck in the back of the camera. Ambrotypes were introduced in 1855; they're on glass and usually come -- in fact almost always come -- in a case with a map and a keeper around it. They look very much like a daguerreotype in that respect. It's impossible to confuse them with the daguerreotype, however. You can see them from any angle. They don't have that mirrorlike surface; they have a kind of transparency to them that the daguerreotype doesn't have. They are heavy for their weight -- they usually have this dark background here and sometimes they are identified at the bottom of the mat -- the maker's name is identified. It was not an expensive medium and the cheaper studios, after about 1856 and 57, just used a piece of glass stuck over. This one is an early plate with Cutting's patent stamp on it, which dates it to about '55 or '56.

The ambrotype was popular from 1855 through the early stages of the Civil War. Ambrotypists followed the armies around -- I've seen photographs of an ambrotypists studio from the war -- a little shack that they threw up and stuck a sign on. The Post Office Department in 1861 complained of the weight of the mail coming back from the front, specifically because of the ambrotypes that were in the mail sacks.

This plate is like the plate that was stuck in the back of the camera; just like the roll of film or slides when it comes back from the processor -- the slide is an



original object. This too, is an original object; it's not like a print, which is another kind of original object. The real advantage was that it was a lot cheaper and it's not on silver plate and it involved a new process which was somewhat more convenient and a little bit less dangerous to the photographer. Daguerreotype plate is developed with mercury vapor and many photographers complained of strange illnesses in the early days that we now know was mercury poisoning. Of course these things were not too safe. Colodium is gun carbon dissolved in ether and there were several instances of photographers blowing themselves literally to pieces, mixing the stuff up. These things were fixed in cyanide.

Very early studios discovered that daguerreotypes and ambrotypes could be tinted. Many studios usually employed women to do that. I've seen daguerreotypes that were so beautifully colored, so naturalistically colored that it looked almost like a Kodachrome transparency. The tinting could be very beautiful or very delicate, or it could be very garish. Sometimes it was only just the cheeks; sometimes they would put a dab of gold on a brooch at the neck, or on a ring -- especially to emphasize a wedding ring. It was not at all uncommon.

Those were meant to be worn as locketts. Ulysses Grant's wife wore one that was taken around the time they were married and she wore it all her life.

This is a tintype. It's got the dark color of an ambrotype, except it's on sheet metal -- sheet iron to be exact -- tintype is a misnomer. You can test these with a magnet.

Most of these images, ambrotypes, tintypes, daguerreotypes were portraits, and it's rather unusual to find a view. They were made. There were, for example, several studios at Niagara Falls, on both sides, Canadian and American, specializing in views. And there was apparently a concession stand in front of Washington's tomb at Mount Vernon.

There were standardized sizes: the standard was full plate 6-1/2 by 8-1/2 inches. Cut in half it yielded two half plates, approximately 4-1/2 by 6-1/2 inches (that's a little bit inaccurate; they were usually 4-1/2 by 5-1/2 inches). Cut in half you have 4 quarter plates, 3-1/4 by 4-1/4 inches, cut it into 6th plates you would have 6 plates 2-3/4 by 3-1/4 inches. It could be cut into 9th plates, approximately 2-1/4 by 2-3/4 inches and into 16th plates which are somewhat larger than a postage stamp, and sometimes even smaller, for locketts. Those were the standard formats and standard terminology that was used well into the 19th century.

In 1860 a new kind of picture was introduced -- a new format -- and that was the familiar carte de visite. CDVs were on paper. Paper photographs had been made in America since the mid-1850's, but they were never very popular. A lot of that had to do with economics and a lot of it had to do with a kind of prestige of having a cased picture. The Civil War changed all that. The carte de visite size (the name refers to the size and not the use), was introduced in France about 1856 and took a few years to cross the Atlantic; the first ones were made here in 1858-59. They appeared in the 1860 presidential election -- Lincoln posed for Mathew Brady in New York City on the day he gave a talk at the Cooper Institute. The photograph was published in great numbers and Lincoln always credited Brady and that speech with making him president.

When the war broke out there was a tremendous demand for photographs. For several reasons: one is that the size is small, both the tintype and the carte de visite.

The tintype was virtually indestructible; it was very light, you could carry it in your pocket; if it's been varnished you can dunk it in water -- you really can't hurt it. It also mails easily. The same thing is true for the carte de visit. But the big advantage of these pictures was that you could collect them in albums. This is a carte de visit album from the 1860's. You see these things all over the place. This one is a bit unusual because it is totally family pictures. Many of them, especially from the 60's have civil war figures in them -- the generals, the politicians, the social or theatrical personalities, and so on. You can tell a person's politics from the album, from the people in his album. Cartes de visit were mass produced. The northern photographers supplied the southern photographers with photographic equipment and chemicals so that they could smuggle the negatives back north and publish them. It was a major business -- it was such a major industry that between September 1864 and August 1866 cartes de visit like this, and in fact all photographs were taxed 2¢ on the quarter. CDV's usually sold for about a quarter, which was not cheap -- that would buy you a good meal in a good hotel. I suspect a substantial revenue was raised because of that.

The carte de visit for all practical purposes came onto the market in 1859-1860. There was not much evolution in them except in the mounts. The early mounts were thin -- they're usually plain; later lithographic ornamentation was introduced. Sometimes there will be a copyright notice imprinted on the bottom. A little bit later they began to print the photographer's name down at the bottom. Frequently there will also be an imprint on the back. The real heyday of the CDV was the 1860's. They continued to be made well into the 70's and 80's and even into the 90's. They can be dated from that period by the kind of printing paper that was used -- by the photographic paper -- but that's a job for a specialist.

In the late 60's the cabinet was introduced. When the war ended, there was an immediate slump in the photographic business and photographers decided the only way to combat it was to introduce a new size and get people all interested in collecting again. So they introduced the cabinet card. Usually they were sold and were kept in albums. The cabinet is a very distinctive size -- it's about 4-1/4 by 6-1/2 inches -- not quite a halfplate size. This format also stuck around a long time; late ones are printed on a gelatine silver paper. There was enlargement from the 1850's on but it was very difficult -- it required a solar enlarger which meant that there was a big box which was stuck up on the roof and required a tracking mechanism and hours of exposure time. So usually up until about 1890 if you wanted a big picture you sat in front of a big camera -- you had a big negative. I have seen camera lenses for portrait studio cameras 12 inches in diameter and two feet long -- that's just the lens barrel. You can imagine that must have been terrifying to sit before. Photographers study their customers stuck into a posing chair with a little armrest (I've seen them with little braces for your arms -- steel bracelets for your arms) and of course a neck clamp. (It was probably not as bad as it seems -- it was just meant to steady you not to imprison you.) But I think at the same time it was something of an unpleasant experience. This technique had the benefit of not requiring artificial light though -- it was done in natural light. This was one reason why many of these photographs have a beautiful illumination to them. The studios were usually on the top floor of a building. Mathew Brady's studio is still extant in Washington -- a few blocks from me -- in fact there are several old 19th century studios easily recognizable -- look up at the roofline and you'll see a greenhouse. It sticks out. There's one, I think, in Baltimore and several in Richmond.



Until the late 1880's virtually all photography in America was done by professionals. There were some amateurs but they really don't count. The Kodak camera was introduced in 1888 and it changed photography. The Kodak's motto was "you pull the string, we do the rest." You had to cock the camera and pull the string and push the button to release the shutter. It came loaded with a roll that held 100 exposures and when you took your 100 exposures you mailed it back to Rochester and they sent you this little box full of pictures mounted on cards. They were round. There were two cameras -- 2 Kodaks -- that took that round image. They differed in size, the first one was 3-1/2 inches, the other only 3 inches in diameter, and they are beautiful, wonderful pictures.

In 1895 the pocket Kodak was introduced -- it was much smaller. I have one at home; it's about half the size of this album and you can literally carry it in your pocket. These are pictures from a pocket Kodak right here -- amateur pictures. With that, photography really became much more accessible, created many more problems for photographic historians and many more problems for you. Now I don't know that I've been able to tell you very much specific -- if you have a question that will help clarify anything I've said, or something that applies to your specific case.

Question regarding photographers copying portrait paintings. That was done very early; there are daguerreotypes of George Washington. There are, of course, daguerreotypes, many of them the portraits by Gilbert Stuart which are now in Washington. They were fairly popular. I have a daguerreotype of a woman sitting next to a painted portrait of a man. The painted portrait looks like its from about 1830, draped in crepe. I believe that that is a portrait of a woman and her late husband. Many of these pictures; daguerreotypes especially, well many photographs from this period were done on special occasions -- the wedding portrait goes back a long long time, for example. It's not always possible to determine exactly what that occasion was -- sometimes you can learn that from an inscription on the back -- if it was something that was really special it was usually inscribed on the back.

Those were done very early and have been made ever since then. Photographers used to advertise the fact they they specialized in postmortem portraits and that they could make the dead appear lifelike. You will find a lot of them of children and of course, I've forgotten what the exact rate was, but the infant mortality rate was incredible, and these things were considered, very literally considered, means of preserving the physical presence of a person. So much so that there is one story that was published in one of the journals in the 1850's -- it was told by a daguerrian of a man, a farmer, with whom the daguerrian had always had trouble. The man didn't like the idea of having pictures and he would always hassle him about that, but one day the farmer rode into town on his buggy. He was very agitated and dashed into the studio and told the photographer to pick up his camera and come out to the house quickly, which he did. The farmer said his wife had died several days before and she was already buried because the summer was so hot, but he had to have a picture of her. So he took out her clothes and laid them out and arranged them as if someone were inside them. He told the photographer to take a photograph of them, which he did. The process was very quick (I should explain that you could have a daguerreotype from the time the exposure was made to the finished plate in maybe 10 to 15 minutes). It could be done on the spot, providing the photographer had a portable darkroom. When the farmer saw the finished daguerreotype he told the photographer that it was as if he could see his wife in the picture. That story is the best example I know of how powerful the magic of these images were.



Question regarding fading. Sunlight wouldn't do that -- that's some other problem. The worst thing you can do to a photograph really, except possibly a daguerreotype, is expose it to sunlight. Most photographs are what is technically known as fugitive images -- silver salts are very unstable and if they're exposed to sunlight it will cause fading, if nothing else, of the image. Now daguerreotypes have a slightly different kind of chemistry involved. It's not the light that will bother them, it's the heat, as well as oxygen. So it's not a good idea to expose any kind of photographic image to sunlight; don't hang it where sunlight can strike it through a window. I hate to say it also, but fluorescent lights are really bad for it -- fluorescents have more ultraviolet light, which is the real killer for photographs, than sunlight has.

Question regarding cleaning and restoring tintypes. A bent tintype probably could be straightened out but the line would always remain. If it's dirty and it's a varnished plate you could probably wash it in distilled water and ivory snow -- a diluted solution of ivory snow -- swish it around in that; don't try to dry it off, just let it air dry. Rinse it with distilled water.

Question about repairing daguerreotype cases. That's a real problem. The best thing that you can do is to take it to a bookbinder and have them build a new spine for it, or glue in a new hinge, but that can be pretty expensive. You can do it yourself, if you take a very thin (I think it's called a spline of leather) it's a very very thin leather, and glue it to the back or to the inside. Lately I've been using thick archival paper, adhesive paper, just to hold it together and give it a little bit of stability, but there's really nothing you can do for them and that's because the paper dries out and becomes brittle and tears.

Question about storage of photographs. These pictures should be removed from this album (with "self sticking" pages) -- thank you for reminding me to say that. This is very bad stuff. The plasticizers in albums like this in effect corrode the image -- they will eventually deteriorate the photographic emulsions and destroy the pictures. I would recommend that pictures be stored separately; each one in a separate archival quality negative envelope which you can get in all sizes from 4 x 5 up to at least 8 x 10 if not larger. The ones that are standard are made by Hollinger -- that's not a plug, that's a statement -- Hollinger is based in Arlington Virginia, and the materials are reasonable if you want longevity. Each picture should be slipped in an envelope and you can write on the outside of the paper with a pencil -- it won't hurt anything -- it's an easy way to identify it. It does mean that the picture is a lot less visible. They should not be stored in plastic albums. And if you've got the sticky stuff on the album, well I don't know what to tell you. There's very little you can do to remove it.

Question about the permanence of color prints and slides. There is no permanent color process. If you have color pictures that you wish to preserve: (1) don't look at them; (2) freeze them. Absolutely, freeze them in the deep freeze. That will preserve the color; it will inhibit any rapid deterioration. Color processes are really strange -- I have some Kodachrome slides at home that I made in 1970 that are already going, going very bad -- there's a very definite color shift in them. I also have some Kodachrome slides that I made in 1965, which is not that much older than that, but they're perfectly good. Kodachrome was introduced just before the Second World War, and I've seen experimental Kodachrome that dates from the 1930's, absolutely beautiful.

Question about how to protect original color pictures and still be able to use them.

There are two ways to get around it: one is to duplicate them in color -- is to have copy slides made; you can probably make better copy slides yourself with a little bit of practice and the proper equipment. That's one thing to do. If you really want a permanent image have what's called three-color separation negatives made from them: black and white negatives made through color filters -- 3 separate color filters which can be printed to produce what's called a dye-transfer print. You can have a dye-transfer print made, but it is very expensive. It's a complicated process: you're working from three negatives and in effect making three separate prints on separate gelatine tissues which are superimposed one on top of the other. The black and white negatives will be permanent -- you will have three negatives made from three separate color filters that will be printed on three complementary color gelatine tissues and then squashed one on top of the other.

Black and white film is much more stable -- it's particularly stable if it's archivally washed -- wash it for a long time using a hypo eliminator and test for residual hypo content and then gold tone it. That's a lot easier to do with film, because the film base is plastic and doesn't absorb chemicals. Paper does absorb chemicals. The two kinds of paper available on the market now -- one is real paper and one is RC paper (resin coated paper). Most color prints that come back today are done on RC paper. RC paper is plastic -- even the most optimistic manufacturers will only claim about a 10-year life span for those things -- black and white, or color. So if you've got RC prints forget them. They don't look like paper; they don't feel like paper -- they look like plastic; they feel like plastic. But a paper-base print can be archivally processed. It should be washed in hypo eliminator -- sodium thiosulfite is the real villain in photography -- it decomposes into sulphur compounds which attack the silver. But if a print is archivally washed, archivally processed and then toned -- usually with a gold toner (gold because it's stable and it clads the silver to protect it from tarnish) -- it will have what is called archival permanence, which means that it's expected to last, under proper storage conditions, at least 500 years.

Question about the "restorations" advertised by many commercial studios. That involves a lot of retouching. I don't like that because usually what's done is -- well they use the term restoration very loosely, let's say; and what you get is something that bears very little resemblance to the image that you took in. Any competent photographer, any competent professional and many competent amateurs, can give you a very presentable copy of a photograph. That copy print can be spotted to eliminate the worst blemishes -- it won't restore areas that are missing, which is good -- it won't add color, but at least it will give you a record image. That is probably the best thing to do. If you have a lot of photographs that are old and valuable and precious to you, minimize the handling -- have copy photographs made and use those for your image research.

Question about an "india ink" print. This is very typical of pictures that were made oh probably from the late 60's, certainly 70's, 80's, 90's into the turn of the century. It's a very faint enlargement onto a paper very much like a salted paper. (The paper itself is impregnated with photosensitive chemicals.) It was just worked over with a crayon or with a pencil to give it the look of a drawing. Many of these are copied from a smaller image -- the original might have been a tintype or a carte de visit or something like that. It was enlarged and then retouched. I get the impression -- I can't document this, but I think a lot of these things are kind of posthumous -- they were done basically after the people that they represent were dead.

## HOW TO USE CHANCERY COURT RECORDS IN TRACING YOUR ANCESTRY

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Tonight we are going to talk about chancery court records. When we talk about chancery, we will also be talking about equity -- the term is synonymous. You will find these records included in the Superior Court records but we are talking about chancery or equity prior to about 1853. It was at that point in the United States that they tended or tried to make the court system uniform throughout the then United States.

There are two types of judicial functions -- one is law; that asks for monetary damages; they also call it a tort -- and then there is equity; when the court is asked to declare something: an adoption, a divorce, a partition of land, etc.

The chancery court in England, where the chancery court originated, evolved out of the ecclesiastical court. When the king went anywhere, he carried the court with him; not just the jewels, the crown, orb and sceptre, but he carried the ecclesiastics with him, the scribes, etc. This is how the chancery court evolved -- probably atop wagon and horse. We have called it chancery since the time of Edward III. If you get into the British chancery records, you will find they are tremendous. We are not going to discuss them tonight; many of them have been abstracted and you may read these abstracts at the Library of Congress, among other places.

At the height of the influence of the chancery court, which was about the time when the English started colonizing America, bringing with them their laws and procedures, the early colonies had equity powers exercised by their governors who were appointed by the king or queen, depending on the reigning monarch. They were, of course, called royal governors. In Rhode Island their assembly acted as a court of chancery. In all the colonies except Pennsylvania, the chanceries existed as a distinct tribunal, and they were exempted from the common law courts. Pennsylvania has historically done things a little bit differently from any of the original colonies. Pennsylvania had its equity administered by the law courts, and it was according to common law until the mid-1800's. After the various colonies became states, their separate courts of equity were presided over by a chancellor. The equity powers were also conferred by or to ordinary courts. States and territories were divided into three groups regarding the administration of equity. You have states where separate courts of chancery maintain the law and equity administered by the district courts. In this instance, the court of chancery is similar to its cousin in England, and it has the same powers and jurisdiction. Historically this group has included Alabama, Delaware, Mississippi, New Jersey and Tennessee.

In many states law and equity were distinct although administered by the same court. There were definite boundaries between these two systems. The most important member of this group has been the federal government of the United States, comprising the various federal courts which follow the system uniformly and are not influenced by state legislation. The states that historically belong in this group are: Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Hampshire, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia and West Virginia. Some states and territories have adopted what they call the civil code, when there is no distinction between the actions at law and equity, and relief is administered through a civil action. This group includes those states not mentioned above. All equity records now are what we call civil actions.



Many of the original colonies, and a few other states, have clung rather tenaciously to the old common law custom, and equity definitions and procedures. If you're really interested in a very detailed outline of the equity courts in America, look at The Researcher's Guide to American Genealogy, by Val Greenwood. There are other excellent books, but this in my opinion is one of the best. The pages of particular interest are 339-44.

That's a brief legal description. There are definite types of information to be found in equity records, making them a tremendous historical and genealogical source for information, such as: specific relationships, names of tracts, how and when they were acquired, the improvements thereon or the lack thereof; quite often the crops raised, a definite time and place, sometimes a reference to specific events -- so many years before or after a war, or during a war, or what have you -- an insurrection or an Indian massacre, depending on where and when. Sometimes it refers to previous places of residence, current residences of heirs and biographical data and witnesses. For instance, you may be descended from an early German who was named Frantz Hamer (Anglicized, it becomes Francis Hammer), who came from Germany into the port of Philadelphia, where he met a young lady who was the daughter of German immigrants and whose name was Rebecca Eisen. They were duly married at Christ Lutheran Church in York County, where they lived and had three of their children. Francis Hammer purchased 120 acres in Frederick County, Maryland, where, after making his last will and testament naming his wife as his executrix, he eventually expired. Rebecca Hammer died prior to the probating of her husband's estate and accordingly, the heirs petitioned the chancery court of Frederick County, Maryland, to distribute the assets. In this action are listed all of his children, his deceased daughters, their husbands and children. Even his granddaughter's husbands and some of his great grandchildren are named.

Other information found in chancery proceedings includes: mention of the sale of land, subsequently recorded in one of three categories: (1) a partition suit among heirs -- for the obvious reasons. A person dies leaving X number of acres which cannot be adequately divided among the heirs, so the court is petitioned for permission to sell the land. The partition suit will list minors under 21 years of age (the age now is 18 years), who cannot sign a deed, or disagreement of claims, and then the actual partition. (2) A foreclosure or real estate inheritance lists creditors of decedents, and (3) an attachment or sheriff's sale involving a creditor or a part owner. These are very common today and have been during the last 150 years. You will invariably find in any county for your own or somebody else's ancestors that property has been sold by order of sheriff's sale, often for nonpayment of taxes. This is nothing to become upset about. Today people file personal bankruptcy petitions at an alarming rate. This is what they were doing years ago -- going bankrupt.

There are some basic steps to follow in chancery:

1. Bill of Complaint by orator/trix of a person's next friend listing the parties to the action, places of residence, minority or incompetency, description of property, source of title, deed exhibits, wills and letters of administration.

2. Process (the sheriff serves the papers) -- non est if one can not be found and decree pro-confesso, right to proceed.

3. Answers -- may correct or dispute the facts, names of parties (very important genealogically).

4. Appointment of Guardian ad litem for minors. Guardian filed a perfunctory answer although they were supposed to research facts.
5. Testimony - necessary when minors, often none when adults.
6. Decree -- appointment of trustee to sell property.
7. Report of Sale - order nisi, sale confirmed, time given to object, pending claims.
8. Claims and dispositions.
9. Ratification of auditors reports and Distribution which proves heirs are alive as of a certain date, marriages, places of residence, etc.

To reiterate: types of information to be found includes relationships, names of tracts, how and when acquired, improvements thereon, sets time and place, sometimes refers to previous places of residence and current residence of heirs, biographical information and witnesses.

There was a family by the name of Wetzel who lived in the Frederick/Montgomery County area. Mrs. Wetzel's father was Jasper Yost, but his name was incorrectly listed in the 1776 Census as Casperly or Casper. Jasper Yost lived in Georgetown, then Montgomery County, in 1777 and was a very large landowner. Frederick Wetzel died in 1821 in the District of Columbia and Margaret, his wife, on 6 December 1830. Margaret's date of death is found in the chancery records. There is no church record or tombstone. They had only two sons, one of whom had many children, but they all died in one of the many epidemics in Georgetown -- husband, wife and children. They were buried on the grounds of Georgetown and later, when Georgetown started building some years ago, all the bones were removed, but nobody knows what happened to them. Luckily, Gaius Marcus Brumbaugh, who used to be the editor of the National Genealogical Society in the early part of this century, went around to all the cemeteries that were being torn up to make way for building and collected these records, which were later published by NGS over the years.

There are other types of equity records. The ones in which you will be most interested are the land records we have just discussed, because that's where we are in genealogy, hopefully, but there are many other types, such as divorce. You might be working on a genealogy of anybody, say John Frederick Goebels, and you may be stymied on a current line. Well, if there has been a divorce in the family, you may be luckier than you imagine, as you can garner specific information such as where and when people were married; where and when their children were born. An elderly aunt may be embarrassed to tell you facts about her family: granddaughters who married and had children rather quickly; but it is not uncommon in divorce proceedings to have, along with the names of the parties to the action, their dates and places of birth. It also may give you other types of injunctions: a declaratory judgment determines rights of titles; you have actions involving boundary disputes. One person's property abuts another -- the county wants to condemn a small piece of your ground for a road -- they did that on some property my father's family owned, which was a godsend. It told me a lot of very specific information; how they had acquired the land in 1852; even an approximate marriage date for my great aunt and uncle that I did not know, and other specific genealogical information.

Then you have paternity actions, too. Paternity actions are really great in that they provide very specific information, like the name of the father, an essential piece of data necessary to extend your lineage. Always remember that a stopped line eliminates all those ancestors who double every generation. You also have support and nonsupport; tax sales; and foreclosures against original mortgages or original assignees. Original mortgage records, as you undoubtedly know, are very very useful.

You can also have incompetency, inebriates, guardianships and name changes. Inebriates can really be fun records to search. Guardianships are always very interesting as you know they give you very specific information -- they'll tell you somebody will be such an age by a certain time -- that type of information. You also have trusts and other fiduciary matters.

Now, I hope by this time you're saying "golly, I just can't wait until tomorrow morning; I've got to get right in the car! -- I've got to go wherever necessary to find these records." Let me try to tell you where to find these records and then you can get right into your car tomorrow morning.

Generally, they have not been microfilmed by the Latter Day Saints, so these records are to be found in the courthouses or at the State Archives. In Maryland you go either to the Hall of Records or to the county courthouse. You proceed to check the chancery index (remember to check all surnames, this is why it is necessary to know who the daughters married), and the tract index. Always remember to check both chancery indexes, those where decisions were made and those where decisions were not made. Even the cases where no decision was made will give some of the same information. There will be a bill of complaint; plaintiff and defendant; some questions and answers, though this will not be a judgment. So, you should go to the courthouses for these records. Also, most of the early states, the original 13 colonies, have some abstracts of these records which have been published and are used as precedents (examples) for later law opinions. These are at the Library of Congress and filed under "Equity." If you look up chancery, it's going to tell you to see "equity," etc. In the case of Great Britain, it's going to give you a long list of the various chancery records that have been published; and there have been some very famous ones in the 1700's and 1800's and some particularly interesting paternity cases involving noble families brought into chancery court. In any event, these records are at the Library of Congress, so possibly you may want to go there and look at the records published by the individual states, just to see if any of your ancestors might appear. Even if you do find an abstract, you would still want to look at the original papers. You realize that, of course, because the original papers provide many more details. Then you would also go to the State Archives. Virginia has some chancery records, not all. In the case of Fairfax County, Virginia, you should go to the Colonial Room in the Old Courthouse Building, where they have a cabinet about as tall as my shoulders containing eight drawers -- four top and bottom -- packed chock-o-block full with chancery records, some going as far back as shortly after Fairfax County was created in 1742, and many after 1800.

Concerning indexing: they are indexed, generally speaking, by plaintiff and defendant only. If you had been looking for the chancery record of Frederick Wetzel of Georgetown, for example, you would never have found it without knowing that Frederick Wetzel had a wife Margaret and that they had 10 children, seven of whom were daughters, whose husbands' names would also be necessary, in order to recog-

nize the names of the plaintiff and defendant. In the case of the Wetzel family, it was Ann Collins and her husband James. Ann Collins was one of the daughters of Frederick Wetzel and his wife Margaret, who incidentally are collateral relatives of my late great uncle. In any event, Ann Collins and her husband, James, sued her sister, Mary Poor (also called Mary Power). Mary's husband, Francis Poor/Power, owned a farm near present day Olney, Maryland. Be sure you know all of the surnames that could possibly be involved before checking the chancery index. It is not nearly so easy to use the District records because there is no general index to work with.

Let me tell you some of the facts I garnered about Frederick Wetzel. He lived on what is now Wisconsin Avenue, where Hot Shoppe is located at Wisconsin and Van Ness. He was a shoemaker by trade. He resided in a two story brick house he had built, containing four bedrooms upstairs and four rooms down, probably two parlors. I know the specific dimensions of the house; how much it cost to build. (It cost \$2.00, by the way, for the Italian marble mantel for the fireplaces.) Even though he was a shoemaker, he obviously was not a poor man. He had china, silver, crystal, and some everyday flatware. He had a dozen chairs, some paintings hung in gold leaf frames. Even the subjects of the paintings and in which rooms they were hung is mentioned. A description of his various purchases of ground, etc., is given along with information on all of his children and to whom they were married.

As I mentioned, there are many abstracts of these chancery records at the Library of Congress. Sometimes when you are looking through deed records in the courthouse, you will come across a particular citation. You may be very lucky and find a citation to both the case and the page number. There are innumerable instances of this in both Bedford County and Somerset County, Pennsylvania. I know, because I have worked extensively in these counties. They also do this in the deed records in Virginia, which makes it much easier. Now you do not want to arbitrarily look for chancery records -- you should have completed other research before deciding some of your ancestors may have been involved in a civil suit. Please don't be like the two persons I overheard one day at lunch, one saying to the other "I'm certain my family would never be in chancery records. After all, they were genteel people; they would never be in the court." Pray that your ancestors were, for that will enable you to get so many records. Get down on your knees and thank God. I believe that is where all the meat of the records is to be found.

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