



NEWSLETTER

of the

HARFORD COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

143 N. MAIN ST, BEL AIR, MD 21014-3539

JANUARY 2008

2008 MEMBERSHIP DUES

Attached is our 2008 Membership Application and Renewal form for your convenience. Payment is requested before February 15, 2008.

We are always interested in speakers, program topics, and July Meeting venues. Please jot down your ideas in the COMMENTS section.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

2008 Programming Challenge

Upon entering the New Year, my sincere hope is that everyone had a happy and joyous holiday season. We anxiously await hearing about any new tools, with which to dig for family roots that Santa may have brought.

Periodically, I remind myself that in addition to facilitating collection and preservation of genealogical information, that our society is also obligated to inform both the membership and community, as well as help identify and utilize a wide range of resources for genealogical research. Your elected Board of Advisors is also committed to member participation as we seek to fulfill your needs.

Hence, in this context, I am renewing the call for guidance and suggestions as the Board of Advisors seeks out interesting and relevant, programs and activities for the coming months. Enclosed in this Newsletter you will find a questionnaire asking your preferences for future programs and activities. Please take a few minutes and complete the questionnaire; and in the process, do not be shy in suggesting additional topics and recommending persons who might present informative and/or instructive programs. Collectively, members of the Society represent a wonderful array of talent and contacts – let's use it all!

Having your responses and suggestion in hand before February 15, 2008 will be most helpful. Additionally, if you have notes of research relevance or interesting new findings, research tips, etc., do send them to Rich Appel, Newsletter Editor.

Thanks for your help- ...*Arch*

MEETING SCHEDULE: March, May, July, September, & November

We hold five meetings per year, usually on the 3rd Sunday of the month. The March, May, September and November meetings begin at 2:00 PM at The Historical Society of Harford County Inc., 143 North Main Street, Bel Air, MD 21014. The July meeting is a box lunch held at various historical locations in the county.

GENEALOGY FEATURE

HARFORD COUNTY SURNAMES AS GIVEN NAMES

by: ...Jon Harlan Livezey

In Scotland during the 17th century, a new custom arose: the practice of giving surnames for first names, usually only among those belonging to the Protestant faith. The Catholic pressure to name one's children after saints was gone, and parents were free to experiment with "new" names.

The practice of giving surnames for first names often began when boys (frequently firstborns) were given their mother's maiden name, either as a first or as a middle name, in order to honor the mother's family. For example, when John Fox married Mary Kyle, their son might be named John Kyle Fox.

Giving a child one or two surnames-for-a-first-name was originally a practice of the aristocrats, the people most concerned with family ties and legacies. For generations, these kinds of names only existed in families connected with the original surnames (Percy Bysse Shelley was a cousin of the Percy family, for example). Gradually, the practice spread. Indeed, 19th-century American upper classes took to it so readily that it filtered down through the middle classes to the lower classes. After that, the idea of surnames-for-first-names transitioned from relatives' surnames to anyone's surnames [taken from Edgar's Name Pages, © 2001 <http://www.geocities.com/edgarbook/names/frames.html>]. It is these Harford County family or community related names that are of particular interest.

As a lifetime genealogist of Harford County families, with a particular interest in personal names, I am always alert to local examples where all of a person's given names are also surnames.

Most of those whose names are examples of this phenomenon are deceased; many are from the 18th or 19th centuries. Current citizens with all surname monikers include **CLARK PITTS TURNER** and **NELSON WYLIE HOPKINS**.

Most women with surnames as given names do not come within the purview of this, but there can be cases where the name adopted after marriage may qualify where the full maiden name will not. The late **HOPE HARLAN DALLAM** was a descendant of the Hope family; her maiden name of Arid Hope Harlan would not qualify. Because the first name, although distinctive within the family, was not a surname.

Numerous examples developed out of others; **MORGAN MITCHELL** bore his mother's surname as his first name; his grandson **MORGAN MITCHELL RICKEY** and his relative **MORGAN MITCHELL HUGHES** were in turn, named for him. **STEVENSON ARCHER** similarly had a grandson **STEVENSON ARCHER WILLIAMS**, who in turn had a grandson **STEVENSON WILLIAMS CLOSE**. Unrelated citizens, such as **STEVENSON WILLIAMS SHERMAN** and **STEVENSON WILLIAMS NAGLE**, named in his honor, do not qualify to be listed as local incidents of this pattern.

In addition to those mentioned, the following names of Harford County individuals qualify.

GRAFTON BAKER
JARRETT TYLER BALDWIN
TYLER BALDWIN
KENNEDY BAY
STEVENSON ARCHER HUGHES

PRESTON McCOMAS
PACA MOORES MAYNADIER
MALCOLM WALKER MITCHELL
RAYMOND NELSON MITCHELL
SILVER MITCHELL OSBORN

... and a cousin of our President **ARCHER JARRETT TAYLOR**

Readers are encouraged to submit other Harford County examples for publication in the *Newsletter*. Please try to include the family or community connection to each of the person's given-names. Email examples to the Editor at Richard.Appel3@verizon.net or mail them: Attn: Richard Appel, Editor, at the HCGS address shown in the Newsletter banner.

GENEALOGY HAPPENINGS

Maryland Historical Society -Library Orientation Series:

Date: January 19, 2008 (Sat)	9:10 AM – 9:55 AM	Introduction to Genealogical Research
February 16, 2008 (Sat)	9:10 AM – 9:55 AM	Finding Photographs
March 15, 2008 (Sat)	9:10 AM – 9:55 AM	Using Special Collections
April 19, 2008 (Sat)	9:10 AM – 9:55 AM	Introduction to Building Research

Place: **Maryland Historical Society, Baltimore, Maryland**

Registration: Not Required, \$6.00 Admission Fee for non MdHS members.

Details: see http://www.mdhs.org/explore/library/user_info.html

Introduction to Genealogical Research

The library staff holds Library Orientation sessions on the third Saturday of each month (excluding December). The 45-minute sessions will begin at 9:10 a.m. in the Library. Sessions are free with library admission. Library hours are 10:00 AM – 4:30 PM Wed-Sat.

Baltimore County Genealogical Society Research Day

Date: **January 27, 2008 (Sun)** 12:00 noon – 4:00 PM

Place: **BCGS HQ, 8601 Harford Road, Parkville, Maryland** on the third floor
of the Parkville Senior Center

<http://www.baltimoregenealogysociety.org>

Registration: Not Required. No Fee

Everyone is invited to fully utilize all of the **research assets of the BCGS Library**. Currently there are more than 2,500 volumes including Family Histories, Genealogies, books on Baltimore City, Baltimore and other counties of Maryland, plus numerous other states and foreign countries. Not to be missed are the Vertical File Collection of Bible records, family group sheets, tax lists, land & cemetery records, plus Microfilm and CD collections

Maryland Genealogical Society Annual Spring Luncheon

Date: **March 08, 2008 (Sat)** 12:00 noon

Place: **Candle Light Inn, Catonsville, Maryland**

For Details & Registration form: www.mdgensoc.org

The Program is titled **Maryland Women I Would Like To Have Known** and features guest speaker Dr. Gregory A. Stiverson. This talk will highlight several of the many fascinating women in Maryland's history – some well known and some not so well known. For details, advance registration form, lunch menu, parking, etc. go to:

<http://www.mdgensoc.org/whatsnew.html>

Lunch menu consists of Salad, Entree, coffee or tea, and Ice Cream. Entries are Chicken Cordon Bleu, Fresh Broiled Salmon, or Tenderloin Tips Burgundy. Price is \$25.00

Mid-Atlantic Germanic Society Spring Meeting

Date: **April 19, 2008 (Sat)**

Place: **Williamsburg, Virginia**

For Details & Registration form: www.magsgen.com

Program topics include “Life of German Ancestors,” “Their Status in German Society: 1500-1800,” “Where Your Ancestors Fit In,” and “Surnames in German Language Regions of Europe.”

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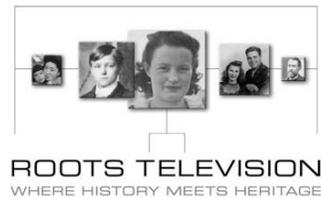
GENEALOGY TIDBITS

DeedMapper™ Software

The presentation at our November Meeting featured a computer program for analyzing old grants, deeds, surveys, and claims, particularly those described by metes and bounds. We saw examples of thousands of plats drawn by Mike Pierce and Jim McConnell using this computer program. DeedMapper™ V4.0 is selling for \$99.00 and can be ordered from Direct Line Software. You can also purchase 15 minute quadrangle map files at less than \$15.00 each depending on quantity, or use your own map files. For details and order forms go to: <http://www.directlinesoftware.com>

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NO JANUARY MEETING

There will be no "Winter" Meetings until March. Our **Sunday, March 16, 2008** Society meeting will be held at the Historical Society of Harford County headquarters at 2:00 PM. Our speaker is from the Lovely Lane Methodist Archives in Baltimore. Mark your calendars and look for details in the MARCH 2008 issue of the NEWSLETTER.

Please return the HCGS Program Questionnaire along with a check for your 2008 DUES and the attached form before February 15, 2008.

HCGS Program Questionnaire

In an attempt to generate fresh ideas and topics of current interest for our Society’s meetings, please complete the survey below and return it.

Please rate the items in terms of your interest and/or your sense of its importance to Society Members. Where indicated, please rate the category as well as the each subsection. Each item is to be rated on a scale of 1 (no interest) to 3 (high interest) by circling the number.

The areas listed are not meant to be all-inclusive, so please add other topics, recommendations, resources and potential speakers under Comments and Suggestions.

- 1. **Programs featuring church denominational archives**1 2 3
 - a. Episcopal1 2 3
 - b. German/Lutheran/Evangelical1 2 3
 - c. Roman Catholic.....1 2 3
 - d. Quaker.....1 2 3
 - e. Scotch/Irish Presbyterian1 2 3

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- 2. **Programs utilizing the Historical Society of Harford County**1 2 3
 - a. Repeats of Court Records, Archives, Library, and Family History1 2 3
 - b. Utilizing Post Office Records1 2 3
 - c. Using the new HSHC PastPerfect™ Consolidated Index1 2 3
 - d. An Open Research Sunday1 2 3

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- 3. **Programs across varied topics and focus:**.....1 2 3
 - a. 19th Century Baltimore and its Immigrant Population1 2 3
 - b. Military Records and the French & Indian War1 2 3
 - c. Harford County in the Civil War1 2 3
 - d. Using Harford County Court House Records1 2 3
 - d. Emerging tools and resources for genealogical research.....1 2 3

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- 4. **Historic Sites for July Picnic and Associated Program:**
 - a. Eden Mill near Pylesville1 2 3
 - b. Mt. Carmel Methodist Church in Emmorton.....1 2 3
 - c. St. Frances de Sales Catholic Church in Abingdon1 2 3
 - d. St. John’s Episcopal Church in Havre de Grace1 2 3
 - e. Steppingstone Farm Museum near Havre de Grace.....1 2 3

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- 5. **Publication Topics of interest:**

Please utilize reverse side for additional comments or suggestions.

Return by Feb 15, 2008 along with your 2008 DUES

