



# **NEWSLETTER**

of the

**HARFORD COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

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

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**September 2008**

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## **NOTICE OF MEETING**

Date: **Sunday, September 21, 2008** Time: **2:00 PM**

Place: **Historical Society of Harford County, Headquarters**  
143 N. Main St; Bel Air, MD 21014

Program: **Archives of the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland.**

Our speaker, **Ms. Mary O. Klein, Archivist at The Episcopal Diocese of Maryland**, will introduce us to the location, operations, and collections of the Maryland Diocesan Archives. These archives hold the official records, manuscripts, and related materials from 1676, concerning the Church of England in colonial Maryland and its successor since the Revolution, the Episcopal Church in Maryland, to the present.



Ms. Klein has been the Archivist for the Diocese of Maryland since 2002. Her background is in history and archives work, having earned both her B.A and M.A. from Salisbury University. She has been active in Episcopal Church matters on the local, diocesan, and national levels.

The Maryland Diocesan Archives contains a vast collection of materials. The collections are strongest in the period 1730 to 1900. Materials covering the entire state and District of Columbia include official records, correspondence, minutes, and other records of the Diocese of Maryland and its bishops, clergy, churches, institutions, and organizations. These records are augmented by colonial manuscripts, many colonial and later sermons, parish histories, registers of closed churches, biographical writings, family papers, educational materials, and memorabilia. The archival and manuscript collections are supported by a small library of selected books, periodicals, newspapers, maps, and photographs.

You may be surprised to learn that your search for family records could be enhanced by a visit to the Archives of the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland. Ancestors' names may turn-up in surprising places such as eighteenth century parish tax roles, on parish deeds of donation signed by vestry members, or church records kept by clergy who forgot to leave them with the parish.

The Archives is located in the Diocesan Center on the Cathedral grounds, and is open Monday from 9 am until 2 pm., and Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 8:30-4.

Please, mark your calendars and join us for this informative presentation.

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

We hold five meetings per year, usually on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month. The March, July, 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 May meeting is a box lunch held at various historical locations in the county.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

How quickly time passes – I can barely comprehend that it has been two years since I was elected to serve as President of the HCGS. Throughout my term I have been fortunate indeed to have had a superb board of advisors – always on top of issues and at-the-ready to put a shoulder to the wheel and see the job through. Likewise, all we have accomplished would not have been possible without a willing and supportive membership. A great big thank you to one and all!

November is the season for elections, including the biennial election of officers to carry the HCGS through the next two years. The nominations committee is now at work. Our Society is a small, but dedicated and tenacious collection of multi-talented folks. As the nominations committee seeks out individuals for the several open offices, please help them with this important task and say **yes!!** Only by sharing the load can we maintain continuity and vitality.

In the meantime, do be assured that the Board of Advisors will continue to explore potentially viable and interesting programs and activities, making certain that a new slate of officers begins its tenure at full speed ahead. ...*Arch*

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## NOVEMBER HCGS ELECTIONS

Our Society is approaching the time for our biennial changing of the guard. A **Nominating Committee** has been formed, and we invite all of you to submit nominations, including yourself, for office(s) in our Society. Please contact Rich Appel during a meeting, by eMail, or by snail mail Attn: Richard Appel, c/o HCGS; 143 N Main St. Bel Air, MD 21014-3539, with your preferred contact method, and willingness to serve our Society.

Elected offices are: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and three Board of Advisor Members. Appointed positions are Program Chairman, and Newsletter Editor. Volunteers for all positions are welcomed.

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## FROM THE EDITOR

I am not able to “see all” or “read all,” so make it a habit to tell the Editor about what’s happening, what you found, new places to search, good experiences, and the like. Send me an email, or drop a note in our Society’s mail-drawer. Feel free to call me at 410-692-6100 and chat, if you prefer.

I am begging you to submit articles! Writing and sharing is what we are supposed to do.

## GENEALOGY RESOURCES

### The Little Falls Meeting of Friends 1738–1988

This 2006 hardcover reprint contains a **new Surname Index** plus an addendum with a 2006-updated history of the Meeting and its members.

Hunter C. Sutherland’s book chronicles the history of the Little Falls Meeting of Friends from its founding in 1738 by William Amos and other early Quakers in Harford County, Maryland to the celebration of its 250th anniversary in 1988. This volume lists names of families that were a part of the Meeting, cemetery records, and marriages performed under the care of Little Falls during that time.

Format: **Hardcover**, Pages: 149, Pub: 1988, Reprinted: **2006** by Gateway Press

Price: **\$20.00** +S/H \$5.00 for 1<sup>st</sup> copy, plus \$1.00 for each additional copy.

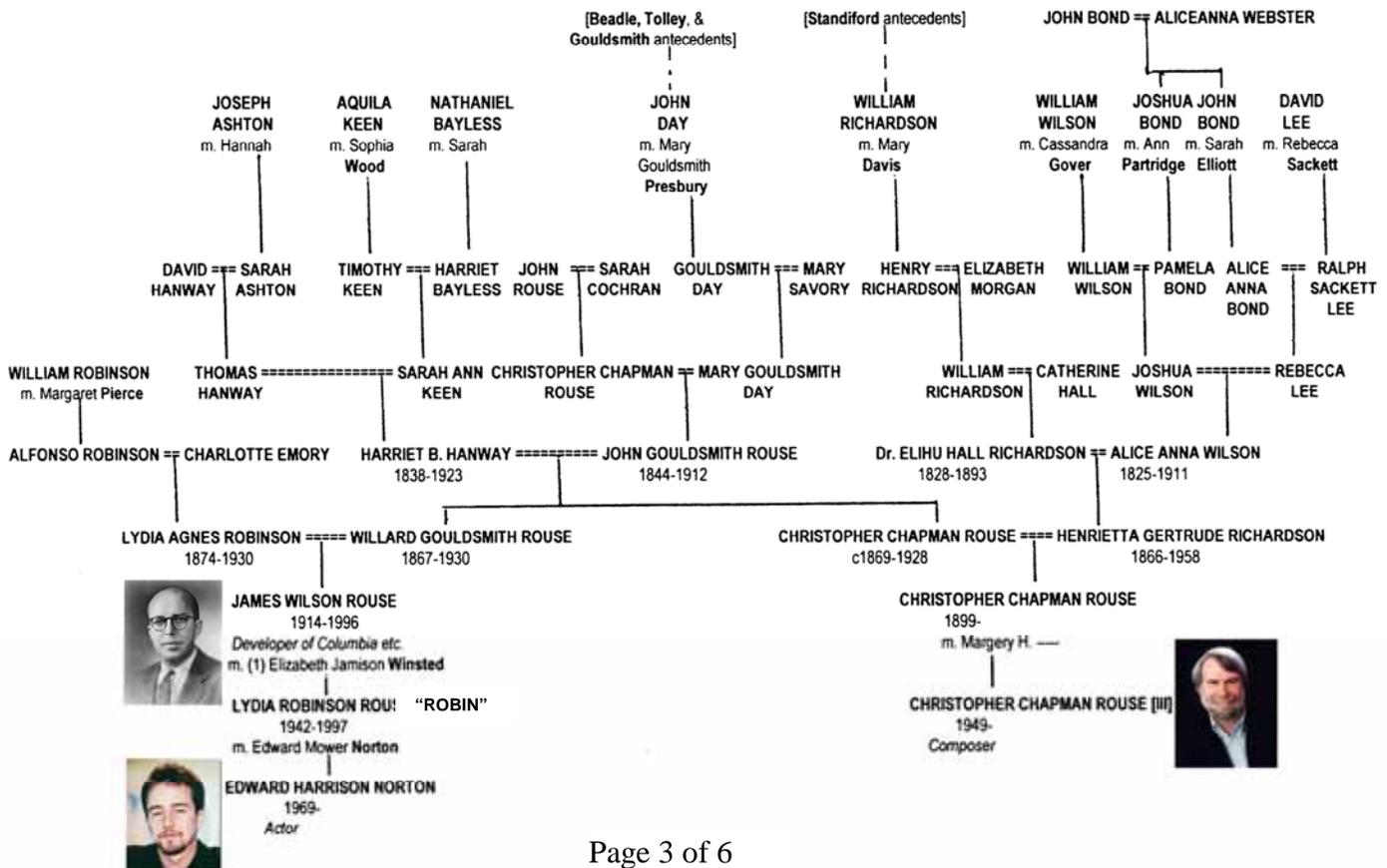
Send orders to: Attn: Hunter C. Sutherland, Little Falls Meeting of Friends, PO BOX 240, FALLSTON MD 21047-0240. *submitted by: Margaret S. “Peggy” Bishop*

## GENEALOGY FEATURE

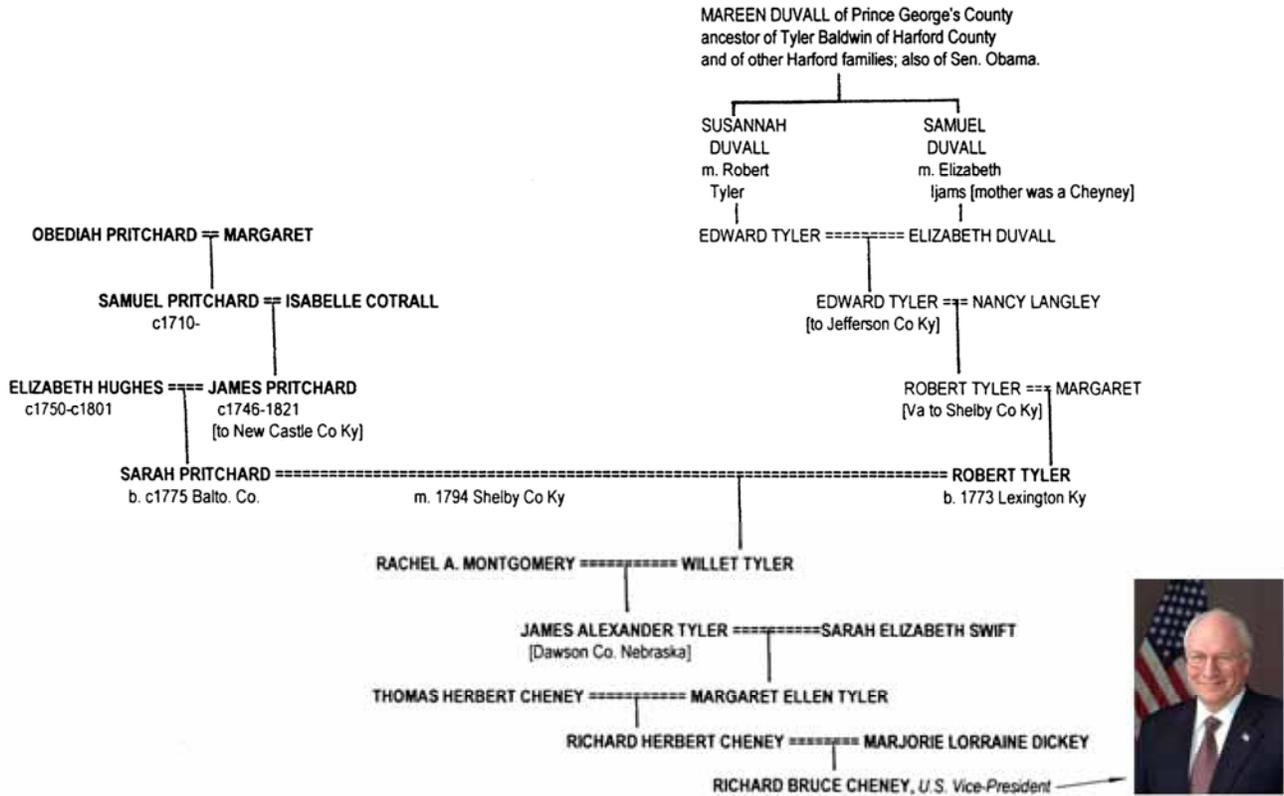
### Pedigree Charts for Prominent Persons

Is a prominent person related to you? Is Vice President Dick Cheney a cousin? Here are some Pedigree Charts for well-known persons whose roots can be traced to Harford County. Jon Livezey has provided us with a little entertainment by compiling these charts for us.

The first chart begins with three current-day celebrities: the late Real Estate Developer James W. Rouse, Music Composer Christopher C. Rouse, and Motion Picture Actor Edward Norton.



The second chart shows Vice President Cheney’s Harford County roots.



Are you a cousin of one of these celebrities? Let us hear about your connection at our September meeting.

## GENEALOGY HAPPENINGS

### Harford County Public Library Genealogy Discussion Group

Date: **The first Thursday of each month, 6:30 pm** (6 pm informal discussion)

Place: **Jarrettsville Branch Harford County Public Library .**

Programs: **September 4<sup>th</sup> – Census Roadblocks,**

**October 2<sup>nd</sup> – Ethnic Genealogy – German, English & Irish Genealogy,**

**November 6<sup>th</sup> – Obituaries -including an optional write your own.**

For Details: **Contact Ann Winkler, Librarian 410-638-3608** Registration is not required

Join them as the group contributes tips, techniques, and information on topics of interest to the serious genealogist.

### Maryland Historical Society -Library Orientation Series:

The library staff holds Library orientation sessions titled **Introduction to Genealogical Research** on the third Saturday of Jan, Feb. Mar, Apr. May, Aug, Sep, Oct, & Nov. Each 45-minute session begins at 9:10 a.m. in the Library. Library hours are 10 AM – 4:30 PM Wed-Sat.

Topics, that rotate each session, include: **Using Special Collections, Introduction to Building Research, Introduction to Genealogical Research, Finding Photographs, & Introduction to Building Research.**

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

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

Details: see <http://www.mdhs.org/explore/library/research/Orientation.html>

**Maryland Historical Society -Family History Workshop Series:**

Date: **October 4, 2008 (Sat) 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

Program: **Immigration & Naturalization Records**

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

**For Details and Registration** Call 410-685-3750 ext. 321 or email [ekimes@mdhs.org](mailto:ekimes@mdhs.org)

Sessions (watch for additional dates) will include continental breakfast and box lunch. Each session is \$40/ MdHS Member, \$50/ non-members, or you may purchase the series for \$140/ MdHS members and \$175/ non-members.

Join noted author and genealogist **Robert Barnes** for this new series of workshops designed to introduce new family historians to techniques and allow seasoned researchers to find new resources. Mr. Barnes will be joined by guest speakers throughout the series. Each session will include a chance to ask questions of our experts and a chance to visit the MdHS Museum and Library during breaks. All sessions will include information on both print and online sources.

**Mid-Atlantic Germanic Society Fall 2008 Meeting**

Date: **October 11, 2008 (Sat) 8:30 am to 4:00 pm**

Place: **Comfort Inn Conference Center, Bowie, MD**

Program: **Genealogical Research in the Twenty-first Century**

Registration: MAGS Members \$40, Non-members \$45 After October 1, 2008 add \$5

Mail Registration to: Mid-Atlantic Germanic Society, Attn: Diane Kuster, 6411 Town Creek Rd, Elm City, NC 27822 forms at: [registration@magsgen.com](mailto:registration@magsgen.com)

DNA Testing: The Very, Very Basics; Race, Ethnicity, *Thomas H. Shawker, M.D.*; Ancesrty: Genetic Genealogy & DNA Testing, *Thomas H. Shawker, M.D.*; Maryland Online, *Patricia O'Brien Shawker, CG*; The 'www' of German Genealogy, *John T. Humphrey, CG*

**Maryland Genealogical Society Fall 2008 Seminar**

Date: **November 1, 2008 (Sat) 8:30 AM - 4 PM**

Place: **Comfort Inn and Conference Center, Bowie, Maryland**

Program: **DNA and Family History – Exploring the “Gene” in Genealogy**

Registration: MGS Members, \$50.00 - Non-members, \$55.00 payable to Maryland Genealogical Society (Cost includes A.M. coffee, lunch, and P.M. sodas and snacks.)

**DEADLINE: 20 October 2008** (Lunch provided only to pre-registrants.)

Mail registration to: Maryland Genealogical Society, 201 W Monument St, Baltimore, Maryland 21201 [http://www.mdgensoc.org/2008\\_Fall\\_Seminar\\_Registration.html](http://www.mdgensoc.org/2008_Fall_Seminar_Registration.html)

Presentations: DNA Testing: The Very, Very Basics *Thomas H. Shawker, M.D.*; What DNA Can Show: Case Studies of Some Practical Applications to Genealogy *Donn Devine, CG, CGL*; Managing a Large Surname DNA Project and Some Interesting Results *Robert D. McLaren*; Maximizing your Surname Project's Utility Online, *Alastair Greenshields*.

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**HCGS eMAIL LIST**

Our Society sponsors a mailing list for the discussion of genealogy related to Harford County families, including families of the part of Baltimore County that became Harford County in 1774. Let them know if you are willing to help with details, or tell them about good sources of information.

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To correspond, send eMail to: [MDHARFOR-L@rootsweb.com](mailto:MDHARFOR-L@rootsweb.com)

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To subscribe: Send service request email with "subscribe" in the message subject and body.

To unsubscribe: Send service request email with "unsubscribe" in the message subject and body.

Here are extracts from some recent inquiries posted on the **Harford MailList**. Only 25% of our society members are subscribers, so these are presented to spark your interest in sharing answers and questions with other subscribing genealogy enthusiasts.

### **Broad Creek Cemetery**

Has Broad Creek Cemetery been transcribed and if so, where are the records? . [Cheryl C. Rigdon] Ans: Peggy Bishop has done the transcriptions and a short essay on the Quaker Meeting at Broad Creek. Her work is part of a HA Co Genealogical Society Publication due out in 2009. [Appel]

### **Carson, John**

I am helping my sister research the family of John Carson who apparently changed his name to Carsins (or Carsin--it is written several different ways). He was born February 18, 1795 and died October 20, 1838. He lived in Harford County, MD and was apprenticed at the age of 11 to a man named Dean to be a miller. His apprenticeship papers do not indicate that he had parents. He married Ann Coen, also of Harford Co. MD. At the time of his death he was the Sheriff of Harford Co. He resided in what became Carsins Run. I know a lot about his descendents, but have no clue about his ancestors. Any ideas would be appreciated. [Sandi Wallis]

### **Charshee, Barnes, & Fletcher Families**

I have charsha/charshee/charshe, barnes, fletcher family information, if anyone is interested. [Debbie]

### **Griffith, Tho.**

I found the Will of Tho. Griffith with bequests to his wife Lucey Griffith of 1000 acres on the Susquehannah River (450 acres on the north side "Mount Arakat" and 550 acres on the south side of "Alveys"); Edward Helle his choice of 3 islands; Elizabeth Ward, sister; Mary Saward and 2 oldest sons; Henry Hazellwood. Date 20 April 1665. Witnesses: Lewis Stockett, Rich. Loes. Will proved on 25 June 1666 by Lewis Stockett. I'm interested in learning any information about... people mentioned in this Will and their relationships... [Ellen Ward]

### **Haunted House of Joppa**

I'm trying to put together a "Cast Genealogy" from the old Haunted House of Joppa which ran from 1966 to 1981. Any leads or resources? Any links to the old Harford Democrat? [Ron Byrd] Ans: *many family members have responded.*

### **Woodside property**

Trying to find the house built in the 1820s by my gr/gr/gr grandfather, Dr. Joshua Wilson. The house, named "Woodside," is near Emmorton and was occupied by family at least until the 1960s. It was the subject of a 1961 article in the Aegis. Several references to it are in the Historical Society card file, and the name "J.Wilson" appears near Emmorton on the historical wall map of the Society. Despite these leads, I was unable to learn the address or whether the house has been razed. My trips up and down the Emmorton and Old Emmorton Roads turned up nothing useful. Any information about "Woodside" would be helpful. [John Rouse] Ans: *several responders including Brian Johnson & Mary E. Henderson.*

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## **NOVEMBER MEETING**

Our **Sunday, November 16, 2008** Society meeting will be held at the Historical Society of Harford County Headquarters, 143 N. Main St; Bel Air, MD 21014 at 2:00 PM.

Our program will be on the **Digital Image Retrieval System for Land Records** hosted by the State of Maryland. As a follow-up to the Genealogy Feature article in our July Newsletter, Doug Washburn will be demonstrating how to navigate this system with a live online search for information contained in Harford County deeds that mention his ancestors.

Please, mark your calendars for this educational opportunity. Look for details in the NOVEMBER 2008 issue of the NEWSLETTER.