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PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

Researching Quaker Records

Religious Society of Friends



**Sunday, Sept 19, 2010
2:00 – 4:00 pm**

**Historical Society of HA Co HQ
143 N Main St
Bel Air, MD 21014**

Starting around 1706 there have been a number of Quaker Meetings in the area previously called Baltimore County, and since 1774 Harford County, Maryland. The minutes of their weekly gatherings, taken by conscientious Recording Clerks, contain a treasure trove of surnames that are a delight to genealogical researchers. In addition to major life events, there are lists of elders, clerks, overseers, wedding attendees, slave owners, discipline actions, and disownments. Obviously, we can determine the general geographic area of member families by the Meeting they attended.

Some of these Friends Meetings are Bush River, Deer Creek, Little Falls, Forest (Sharon Road & Forest Hill), Gunpowder (APG), Broad Creek, and Darlington.

Some of the facts that might be found are names of those attending a Meeting, names of members with immediate family relationships, pre-wedding processes, wording of wedding certificates, attendees at various functions, disciplinary actions, slave ownership, and the disowning process.

Our speaker, James E. Pickard, is a retired schoolteacher who taught English, History, and Humanities classes to students in grades 6 to 12 for 37 years. Most of his career was with the Harford County School system, with the last four years at the new Harford Friends (Quaker sponsored) School. His hobbies include Quaker history and genealogical research as well as traveling, reading and music. His research is drawn from the extensive Quaker archives at Swarthmore College Library in Pennsylvania.

Please join us for this free seminar on researching Quaker records, plus a little personal networking.

ALL ARE WELCOME