



NEWSLETTER

of the

HARFORD COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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

July 2009

NOTICE OF NEXT MEETING

Date: **Sunday, July 19, 2009** Time: **2:00 PM**
Place: **Historical Society of Harford County, 143 N Main St, Bel Air, MD 21014-3539**

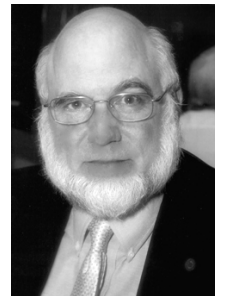
HCGS 30th ANNIVERSARY

We will be celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the founding of our Genealogical Society here in Harford County, Maryland. Starting at 2:00 pm there will be a few announcements, and the recognition of special guests, followed by our Program lasting about one hour. At the conclusion of this presentation, there will be a special reception in recognition of our Charter Members, giving everyone a time to meet the speaker, and special guests, as well as a time to reminisce about our gatherings over the years.

Space is limited so **RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED** before July 7th. Send eMail to HaCoGenSoc@verizon.net or call Mary White at **410-692-6887**.

Program: **Searching the Military Records of Your Ancestors.**

Our speaker is the well-known National Archives and Records Administration Military Records expert, Craig Roberts Scott, MA, CG, who will guide us through the task of Searching Military Records. His talk will focus on how to research a soldier's story, from enlistment to discharge, and from medical care to burial. Topics will include service records, unit records, claims, and pensions.



C.R. Scott



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

We hold five meetings per year, usually on the 3rd 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

As we approach the celebration of our thirty- year anniversary, we are indeed honored to have an able and active Vice-President in the person of Charter Member, Jon Harlan Livezey. Jon was closely involved with the inception and evolution of HCGS. In view of his long-term involvement and record with the Society, I asked Jon to write this month's special message to the membership.

Thanks, Jon, for your many contributions over the years to the HCGS, and in particular for your willingness to prepare this report for our celebratory newsletter.

Looking forward to seeing you all . . .Arch

HARFORD COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY HISTORICAL SKETCH

In 1977, at the behest of Jon Harlan Livezey, and with the support of several other Harford County genealogists, a representative group of interested researchers from northeastern Maryland, including among others Darlene McCall and Dorothy Baird from Cecil County, and Robert Barnes and Margaret Cameron from Baltimore County, met at the Aberdeen branch of the Harford County library and agreed to form a regional genealogical society. It was called The Head of Chesapeake Genealogical Society, and had the purpose of serving as an umbrella organization with local chapters in the three counties so as to provide a means of publishing materials and providing other benefits of a co-operative venture.

An initial issue of a publication called the Head of Chesapeake Genealogical Register was prepared and disseminated and the local chapters were formed. It shortly became clear that co-operation was minimal and the local groups wanted complete autonomy, so the regional group was disbanded and dues collected were distributed. Indeed the Baltimore County Genealogical Society has been very successful. The Cecil County Society flourished for many years, put out worthwhile publications, and held useful meetings, but interest waned after the rise of internet genealogy and the society merged into and donated its holdings to the Cecil County Historical Society.

Andrew M. Bristow was the first president of The Harford County Genealogical Society when it was formally created as an independent unincorporated group in 1979. It has had many interesting meetings (with refreshments) on a semi-monthly basis and published numerous materials over the years, but as with Cecil County, the membership declined after the advent of internet genealogy, although there is a small corps of dedicated workers that has kept the organization going. The society participated in the Genealogical Council of Maryland, but that group also has disbanded and merged with the Maryland Genealogical Society, which itself has a symbiotic relationship with the Maryland Historical Society. For most of its existence, the meetings of the Harford County society were at the Churchville Presbyterian Church, chosen as a midway point between the three incorporated towns of Harford County. The society has never maintained a separate library, donating materials and most importantly, man and woman power, to the Historical Society. It now has its regular meetings at the Historical Society's facilities in the old post office building in Bel Air.

The special publications of the Harford County Genealogical Society are highly regarded, and have made many records accessible to the membership and the genealogical public. The society's newsletter has become a bright spot in recent years. Once a year, the society meets at a different church or other historical spot in the county for a picnic or box lunch to allow for more socialization among the members. In 1999, the society, along with the Cecil County society and the local historical societies, hosted the Maryland Genealogical Society's regional conference -"Head of Chesapeake Revisited" - at the Sheraton in Aberdeen, and it was very successful and well received.

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THANK YOU NOTE

Subject: **Coalition to Protect Maryland Burial Sites –Periwinkle Award**

Date: Fri, 12 Jun 2009

To: Mr. J. Arch Philips, President, HCGS:

The Board and Officers of the Coalition to Protect Maryland Burial Sites and the Annual Meeting Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank you for recommending Mr. Gary Wasielewski and his work at Cedar Hill Cemetery to receive our annual Periwinkle Award.

On May 9th in Perryman, Mr. Wasielewski regaled our group with stories involving his work at Cedar Hill. At the conclusion of his presentation, Mrs. Ann Horvath presented him with one of our 2009 Periwinkle Awards. Our members and guests were able to take away ideas from his presentation that will help them with their own cemeteries and cemetery projects.

Sincerely, Diane Nesmeyer, Annual Meeting Committee



Gary Wasielewski

GENEALOGY HAPPENINGS

Maryland Genealogical Society Workshop on Church Records

Date: **July 25, 2009** (Sat) 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Place: **Old Otterbein United Methodist Church**, Baltimore City, MD

For Details: www.mdgensoc.org for a brochure

or contact: **Druscilla Null**, VP MGS d.null@att.net

The Maryland Genealogical Society will hold a **Basics+ Workshop** on church records, which will be held at Baltimore's Old Otterbein United Methodist Church on Saturday, 25 July 2009. The featured speaker will be noted genealogist **John Humphrey**, CG. His presentations will include *Using Church Records Effectively* and *The Genealogists' Handbook for Baptismal Records and Practice*. Members of the MGS Board will round out the program with a presentation and handouts on *Locating and Using Maryland Church Records*.

The program will run from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. (Registration will open at 8:30 am.) The cost for pre-registrants is \$20.00 for MGS members and \$25.00 for non-members. The deadline for pre-registration is July 13. Walk-in registrants will be accepted at an additional \$5.00 cost. Limited free parking is available.

A registration form and further details are available at www.mdgensoc.org. If the site is down for maintenance, please contact d.null@att.net to be emailed a registration form.

Genealogy Conference at Kutztown University

Date: **September 12, 2009** (Sat) 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

Place: McFarland Student Union Building, Kutztown University, **Kutztown, PA**

For Details: go online to: <http://www.kutztown.edu/hcl> or

<http://www.kutztown.edu/community/pgchc/library/2009%20genealogy%20conference.html/>

For additional information and a registration form contact: Lucy Kern, Librarian

484-646-4165 or pagermanlibrary@kutztown.edu

There will be three sequential seminars. A Fee applies.

- **The role of religion in the lives of 18th and 19th century PA German Emigrants.** Don Yoder
- **PA land and the opportunity for 18th century immigrant ownership.** Rosalind Beiler
- **PA Germans: creating ethnic identity through architecture and artifacts.** Cynthia Falk

There will also be an associated narrated bus tour of **Historic Oley Valley** with several stops, on Friday, September 11, 2009. -Preregistration and fee required.

The Heritage Center Library is open M-F 10 AM-12 PM; & 1 PM-4 PM. Fee is \$5.

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.

To correspond, send eMail to: MDHARFOR-L@rootsweb.com

To subscribe or request service, send eMail to: MDHARFOR-L-REQUEST@rootsweb.com

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 enthusiast.

Alexander

Looking for information about VIOLA OLIVIA "Olie" ALEXANDER (b. 10April1887, d.?) living after 1910 census. She was the daughter of JAMES M. ALEXANDER (b.1857, d.?) and SUSAN MALLICK (b.?, d. before 1910). She was one of six siblings alive in 1910. She was (age 23) living with John Derickson family in 1910 in Harford County after death of her mother. [Rose Wisthoff]

I found her parents marriage certificate at the Historical Society. James M. Alexander of Lancaster, PA and Susan Cullum. [Christopher T. Smithson]

Could not find a John Derickson in Harford County on the 1910 Census. Did find a Viola (b. 1888) living with a James Brewer in Baltimore, on the 1910 Census. [Jo Kilbourn]

Barnett

I have "rescued" an old photograph album full of identified family photographs. The album appears to have belonged to the BARNETT Family from York Co, PA. Other Surnames in album include: ANDREWS, ARNOLD, BROSING, CULVER, DINSMORE, DODSON, DOUGLAS, EVANS, GLASGOW, HESS, HUGGINS, KILGORE, McCURDY, MORGAN, MORRISON, NEEPER, PEARTHREE, SAPPINGTON, SCOTTEN, SHEPPARD, SNODGRASS, SUTHERLAND, & VOGT. I would appreciate your contacting me if you are a member of this family or know someone who might be. [Shelley Cardiel]

Carroll

Looking for information on Daniel H. CARROLL of P., his first wife Daisy DOWLING and their children. Daniel was born 23 July 1878 in Harford Co., died 6 May 1966 in Baltimore. He married Daisy 1 March 1900 at St. Ignatius in HA Co. Their known children were Elizabeth born abt. 1902 and Henry Joseph born 14 Aug. 1903. Daisy probably died between 1910 and 1917. [Lisa Lockett]

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HCGS eMAIL LIST *continued***Day**

Looking for information about my great-great-grandmother, Mary Gouldsmith Day. Family records indicate that she was born 11/28/1811, died 10/11/1867 and married my GGGrandfather, Christopher Chapman Rouse, on 4/7/1834. The Rouses of that time are apparently buried at the Cokesbury Methodist Church in Abingdon, but I have not been able to visit and verify. [John Rouse]

The land records of the time have much of both families laid out in quite some detail, Days back through James Maxwell Day and his wife Sarah, and James' father John Day. Christopher's father was John Rouse. They name all siblings and the sister's husbands of both. [Mike Pierce]

Dick

I am researching the James DICK family from HA Co, MD. In particular, trying to determine James' parentage. Is there someone on the list who would be willing to look up his baptism to discover his parents names? I have all the information I need on James and his family I just need some suggestions in furthering this line to the next generation. James was born about 1802, HA Co, MD. He married Mary Ann ALLENDER. Their children were: Robert, Mary, James, Lewis, Charles, William, Ann, John, and Martha. [Jo Kilbourn]

Gilley, Houck, Visser, & Walker

Where can I find the obits for the following people who died in Harford Co MD: Betty Lou Houck d. April 2007, Lottie Rae Houck Gilley d. Sept 29 2007, Suzanne Trimble Visser d.15 Dec 2008, and Patricia Trimble Walker (unsure of surname) d. Feb 13, 2007. Walker may have passed away in Baltimore, but was a resident of HA Co, as was her children and mother. [Dawn Bastounes]

Guyton

Interested in information about John Guyton (1696-1783) and Mary Guyton (ca. 1700-ca. 1804). [Andrew Cottle]

John born 2/19/1697 Norwich, Norfolk County, England d:2/1783, Harford County, Md. Wife Mary Underhill, 5/23/1708 Kent County, Md. d: abt 1803 Harford County, Md. [Jack W. Singleton]

Hill

Looking for more information on James HILL. James Hill. Diverses Chance, 58 acres. HA Gunpowder Upper and Gunpowder Lower Hundred, p. 65. MSA S 1161-6-7 1/4/5/49 Maryland State Archives MARYLAND INDEXES (Assessment of 1783, Index) 1783 HA Co. [Aaron Hill]

There are a few entries in Henry C. Peden Jr's "Heirs and Legatees of Harford County, Maryland 1774-1802" that might be relevant, including William Hill and James Hill (and Aaron Hill!). It looks as though there might be two William Hill estates in the book (estate file 415, 19 April 1788, adm. by George Hill; estate file 444, 4 April 1789, adm. by James Hill). [Glenn R-P]

Hull

Looking for my ancestor, Sarah HULL (1759-1836), m. James BANKSON in Baltimore in 1783. James had connections through his mother Elizabeth GILES BANKSON (1726-1787) to the GILES, WEBSTER, and SMITH families of Harford County. I've only seen the transcribed record of their marriage, not the original so think her surname could have been Hall or Haile, though the transcribed record shows Hull. [Martha Lyle]

Krebs

Looking for family members of John Roberts Krebs (abt 1901 - 1939/40). John was married to Mary Estelle August and had 2 daughters, both born in 1930's in the Baltimore/Havre de Grace area. John was killed in an auto accident involving a Greyhound bus in what my mother believes was the the spring of 1939 or 1940. He worked for the Fabrizzio's at the Sparklers Fireworks factory in Edgewood and was taking employees to work in a bad rainstorm when he went off the road to avoid the bus and died instantly. [Karen Gilmore]

Scarborough

looking for documentation for the marriage of Joseph Scarborough to Sarah Rogers on April 27, 1777 at Scarboro, and information on Sarah's parents. [Dotty Burdick]

Silver Creek Harmony Church

Can anyone provide information about Silver Creek Harmony Church? Where in HA Co was it located? When was it in use? What denomination? Etc. [Ken Gorrell]

The Silver Creek Harmony Church is more then likely another name for Deer Creek Harmony Church which is on Darlington Road (MD 161) [Christopher T. Smithson]

The Silver could refer to the family name of Silver. The Gorrells and Silvers intermarried. [Bettie in FL]

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HCGS eMAIL LIST *continued***Singleton**

I need the names of the wife and children, if any, of William Henry Singleton b: July 1827 HA Co, MD. d: Aug 30, 1912. He was son of William and Martha Singleton. [Jack W. Singleton]

Ward

Looking for a headstone for a Mary Elizabeth (Myers) Ward who died in 1934 and was married to a James Ward. Does anyone know their parents? Would church records have the mother's maiden name? How do I find out for sure if our Mary Ward is actually buried at Tabernacle Church & Cemetery in northern HA Co as stated on her death certificate? [Michael L. Wayne]

Whitaker

Does anyone have a copy of the following article: Whitaker, Beaumont W. "The Whitaker Family of Baltimore County, Maryland, 1677-1767" ["Maryland Historical Magazine," Vol. 79, No. 2, Summer 1984, pp 165-182] [Christopher T. Smithson]

You can borrow the book from the LDS Family History Library. The book sells for \$9.50 if you want to buy it. -go to RobertsBookShop.com [Rich Appel]

Whitaker, Hannah

Need ancestors of Hannah Whitaker b: 3/26/1732 d: 5/30/1812. Married Joseph Guyton 1732-1816. South Carolina [Jack W. Singleton]

Wood, Joshua

Does anyone happen to know what Joshua Wood, m. 1732 to Mary Garrett, did for a living? I have identified my John Wood, of Cecil Co. and perhaps elsewhere, as a nail maker. I believe that my John Wood was born circa 1734/35 in MD or PA. [Bev W] *Many significant replies were received.*

CHARTER MEMBER SEARCH

In preparation for the **Harford County Genealogical Society's 30th Anniversary** Celebration that includes a special reception for our Charter Members, we have worked diligently to locate inactive Charter Members in order that we might send them a personal invitation to our July 19th Meeting. At this time, we have yet to locate a few.

If anyone knows the whereabouts of any of the following persons, please contact Richard Appel, Secretary HCGS at Richard.appel3@verizon.net or HaCoGenSoc@verizon.net or 410-692-6100.

It would be great if you could provide their mailing address, but any information would be helpful.

Still searching for: **Elizabeth Marion Pentz** **Elma Weaver Rinehart**

Catherine Y. Young **Sharon Phipps Young**

SEPTEMBER MEETING

Our **Sunday, September 20, 2009** 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**. Look for details in the September 2009 issue of the NEWSLETTER.

Our guest speaker is **Father Michael Roach** who will be talking about searching for families using Catholic Church Records.

30th Anniversary Meeting

Don't forget to make your reservation before July 7th