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HARFORD COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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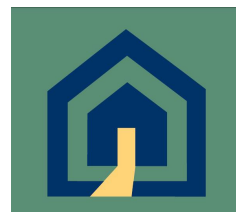
September 2010

NOTICE OF NEXT MEETING

Date: **Sunday, September 19, 2010** Time: **2:00 PM**

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

Program: **Researching Quaker Records**



Starting around 1706, there have been a number of Quaker Meetings in the area then known as Baltimore County, and since 1774 called 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 location of 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 on wedding certificates, attendees at various functions, slave ownership, disciplinary actions, 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.

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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

Keeping The Juices Flowing!

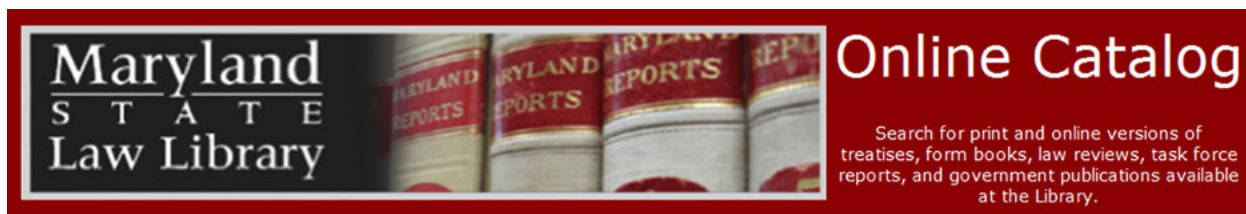
I trust each of you has survived our wretchedly hot summer in reasonable comfort. For me it was a bit schizophrenic as I dashed from outside and back to a cooler inside, shuffled a few more pieces of paper, tackled one of several research projects, and swore at the weather. Lending a hand to identify a mountain of photographs in the Jarrett family collection given to The Historical Society is both revealing and challenging as we find clues in the most unsuspected places. Why oh why are photographs not identified and dated? We are all guilty. The identity of one photo came to light by virtue of happening on a newspaper account of a local wedding in the late 1800's. Ironically, identifying that photo occurred as a result of identifying and sorting documents, photos, and untold memorabilia in a family house currently being emptied. Among these gems is prodigious collection of obituaries, etc., extending over more than a century. When this process is completed all of the materials of potential archival value will find their way to the Historical Society collections. Don't throw away old family documents without careful scrutiny. If not to be preserved by family members, please give our experts at the Historical Society the option of examining them.

Responding to a cousin's inquiry about our Faidley ancestors took my mind immediately to the Genealogy Feature in our most recent newsletter, "We Always Spelled Our name That Way". Our ancestors have documented spellings of Faidley, Fadeley, Faidleley, or Fadley. Which is it and why? Is the origin English or German? And so, the mystery and search continues.

All these activities and a bit of attention to Society matters caused me to again wonder how I ever had time to hold a paying job. But it is all fun, keeps the juice flowing, and the unexpected solving of a family mystery can be downright exhilarating.

Do join us on September 19th to gain new clues and avenues for research as we learn about Quaker records and archives. We will all be well rewarded. See you then. *Arch*

GENEALOGY FEATURE



Recently, I was reminded of the genealogical materials available at the Maryland State Law Library in Annapolis. Many of you are familiar with Henry C. Peden's, **A Guide to Genealogical Research in Maryland**, 5th Ed, MD Historical Society, 2001, which provides a brief synopsis of the Law Library (p.9, MD State Law Library), and its genealogy related holdings. Others may have visited the Library, which is open to the public and located across Rowe Blvd. from the State Archives. Less likely, is that you have heard a Law Library presentation at a genealogical group meeting during the last year, by Carol Carman, a part time Research Librarian at the Law Library.

Although the Library has a collection of hundreds of thousands items, of which only a small portion are genealogy related, computer indices abound! All databases are available to library patrons free of charge from the Library's public computers, and a select number of databases are available via the Library's Wi-Fi connection, and online website.

Genealogical & historical materials available include secondary sources for many counties and cities in Maryland, general family histories, some specific family histories, general genealogy references, some DAR lineage books, Burke's Peerage, Notable Southern Families, and ship passenger lists. Newspaper archives include of full-image content for hundreds of U.S. and international newspapers, from 1759 to present. Every newspaper in the archive is fully searchable by keyword and date. Included is the Baltimore Sun, 1837+ (ProQuest version); Annapolis Capital, 1887-2005; Maryland Republican, 1809-1886; Martindale-Hubble, 1868-1993; and Maryland Gazette, 1745-1839 (the most complete file in existence).

The Law Library provides an online “**Genealogical Guide**” to help researchers plan and execute successful explorations. This Guide provides a sophisticated description of Maryland related genealogy resources, and how they can be used in conjunction with the wide variety of materials in the Library. Topics include cemeteries, death certificates, law & genealogy, memorials, obituaries, and wills. From the website Home page, select **RESEARCH, HOW TO GUIDES, OTHER, -Genealogy Guide**.

The Maryland State Law Library was established in 1826 as the State Library. During its early years, the library collected books on a wide variety of subjects. By the late 1800's the collection began to focus on legal materials and in 1972 was formally made part the judicial branch. The library still has many of these original materials, which is why historians and genealogists often seek-out its collection.

The Maryland State Law Library is located on the first floor of the Robert C. Murphy Courts of Appeal Building, at 361 Rowe Blvd, Annapolis, MD 21401-1697. Hours are Monday, Wednesday, & Fridays 8:00-4:30; Tuesday, & Thursdays 8:00-9:00; and Saturdays 9:00-4:00. Online the URL is: <http://www.lawlib.state.md.us> where the hours are 24/7.

I hope your appetite has been stimulated, and that you will visit the Law Library, physically and virtually. Please share your experience with our Society members, by sending an email to the editor describing your adventure.

Richard Appel

GENEALOGY HAPPENINGS

2010 Baltimore Family History & Genealogy Workshop

Date: **11 September 2010** (Sat)

Place: **Baltimore Maryland Stake**, Essex, MD

Registration: Registration for Classes opens July 15. This FREE workshop is sponsored by: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 120 Stemmers Run Rd, Essex, MD, 21221

Program: There are many **beginning** classes, including Where to Start, Beginning Maryland Research, Beginning Genealogy on the Internet, and African-American Research with a Maryland emphasis, **as well as intermediate and advanced classes**. Our own **Jon Livezey** will be one of the workshop speakers.

This workshop will feature at least 50 classes in 6 time periods covering all aspects of genealogy. There is no charge for the conference. Online registration will open in late summer and participants can go to the website and request to be put their email list for notification when registration has begun. For more info visit www.baltimorefamilyhistoryworkshop.org.

Reginald F. Lewis Museum -September Program

Date: **18 September 2010** (Sat) 10:00 am

Place: **Reginald F. Lewis Maryland Museum of African American History & Culture**,
830 E. Pratt St., Baltimore, MD. Parking at 815 E Pratt St. \$6

Registration: Call Lisa Crawley at 443-263-1816 to register. \$8 non-member admission fee.

See <http://www.africanamericanculture.org/septemberprograms2010.html> for more information.

Program: “**The Document Please: African American Genealogy & Maryland Primary Records.**” Genealogist Reginald Bishop uncovers antebellum era documents of families and historic African American communities of Harford County.

The Maryland Historical Society – Workshop Series

Date: continuing on **October 02, 2010** (Sat) 9:30 am – 3:30 pm

Place: **The Maryland Historical Society**, Baltimore City, MD

Registration: non-members \$65 per session, Pre-registration is required. Discounts apply for MHS members. Fee includes snacks & boxed lunch. Obtain registration form at <http://www.mdhs.org>

Program: **Immigration & Naturalization Records**, the final 2010 program in the **Family History Workshop Series** hosted by Robert Barnes.

MidAtlantic German Society -Fall Meeting

Date: **02 October 2010** (Sat) 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

Place: **Holiday Inn Harrisburg East**, Harrisburg, PA 888-465-4329 - Room Reservations & Rates.

Registration: Details are online with a registration form. Fee \$45 non-members.

Contact is Diane Kuster, 252-281-5000. For brochure, registration form and more information see:

http://www.magsgen.com/images/MAGS_Meeting_Flyer_-Fall_2010.pdf

Program: **EXPLORING AN ARRAY OF RESOURCES. The Origins of Eighteenth-Century Immigration**, by John Humphrey, CG; **An Immigrant's Life in Little Germany**, by Sharon Hodges; **Military Records and Their Benefits to Genealogists and Family Historians**, by Martin Andresen; **German Ahnentafel by the Thousands!**, by John Humphrey, CG.

Downstate Delaware Genealogical Society

Date: **09 October 2010** (Sat) 8:30 am to 12:30 pm

Place: **Hilton Garden Inn Dover**, 1706 N. DuPont Highway, Dover, DE.

Registration: see brochure at <http://www.downstatedegenealogists.org/resources/DDGS+DNA+Brochure.pdf>

or call Sally Williams at 302.697.8930 or Email: info@downstatedegenealogists.org

Fee is \$30 for non-members.

Program: DNA and Its Link To Family History is guaranteed to be very worthwhile in learning not only about DNA and the forensic science involved, but also its value to family history. There will be three 45 minute seminars:

DNA Testing: The Very, Very Basics, along with **Race, Ethnicity, and Ancestry: Genetic Genealogy & DNA Testing** both presented by Thomas H. Shawker, M.D., chairman of the National Genealogical Society Committee on Genetic Genealogy.

The Genealogical & Scientific Roles Family Members Play in the Identification of Missing Service Members from Military Conflicts: Unknowns Never Again, by Mark J. Wadhams, MS, Quality Manager at the Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory.

MD Genealogical Society -Fall Seminar

Date: **09 October 2010** (Sat) 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

Place: **The 5th Regiment Armory**, 219 West Hoffman St, Baltimore, MD

Light Rail Stop nearby. Free street parking is available.

Registration: see http://www.mdgensoc.org/2010%20Files/MDGN_v38_n3_Fall_Seminar_Insert.pdf

Fee is \$45 for non-members.

Program: **War Records of our Ancestors**. There will be five seminars plus a tour of the Armory's museum and library: **Overview of NARA Military and Pension Records from the Revolutionary War to the 20th Century**, and **Army Service in the War of 1812**, both by John Deeben. **Maryland – the Divided State**, by Dr. R. J. Rockefeller, plus talks by Michael Murphy, and Michael McCormick.

NOVEMBER MEETING

Our **Sunday, November 21, 2010** 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**.

The program will be a discussion of **Harford County Grist Mills and Millers**. Our speaker, Robert "Bob" Marks will discuss Harford County mills, milling operations, and a number of miller families. Look for details in the November 2010 issue of the NEWSLETTER and on our HCGS website.

Elections will be held for 2011-2012 Officers and Board Members. Nominations of Society members will be accepted by eMail or from the floor.
