



# NEWSLETTER

of the

**HARFORD COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

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

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**March 2011**

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## NOTICE OF NEXT MEETING

Date: **Sunday, March 20, 2011** Time: **2:00 PM**

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

Program: **Research Afternoon at HSHC**

Gather your research schedules, notes, thoughts, and sticking points. Start preparing by reviewing your genealogical data for brick-walls and un-resolved clues, and then update your research schedules. Genealogy help will be available, and **Historical Society of Harford County** research experts in Family History, Research Library, Court Records, Photographs, and Archives collections will be on-hand to assist with manual and PastPerfect database searches. History and Genealogy buffs interested in Harford County and surrounding areas are welcome to come and learn.

After a brief orientation with highlights of collections added over the past year, everyone will be free to ask for help, ask questions, start searching, or participate in PastPerfect user training. Every Historical Society department will be open at the same time, without charge, and staffed with a knowledgeable Historical Society volunteer. Your specific written research objectives will be a big help to the experts, as well as you.

Light refreshments will be available at no charge in the lobby, especially for those whose head is starting to spin or going into overload. You might even strike-up a conversation with someone who can help with your research.

*-Please join us for a little digging.*



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## **REMINDER** 2011 Membership Dues

For those who have not yet paid there 2011 Membership Dues, please do so promptly. Enclosed is our 2011 Membership Application and Renewal form for your convenience. Our 2011 HCGS Special Publication will be available for distribution at our May meeting, and is FREE to all paid members. Additional forms are available on our website. We are always interested in speakers, program topics, and off-site venues for our May meetings. Please jot down your ideas in the SUGGESTIONS section.

Your support allows the Society to publish research works, provide interesting speakers at our general meetings, and this Newsletter.

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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.

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### FROM THE PRESIDENT

Many members of the Genealogical Society also volunteer at, and are members of The Historical Society of Harford County. Hence, some of the information available at HSHC is the result of our Society's members. Although our by-laws never specifically mention their support, without the Historical Society we would not have a repository for the results of our autonomous efforts, notably our Special Publications. For this reason, we make a yearly monetary gift to HSHC. Sometimes we specify a purpose (e.g., expansion or support of PastPerfect), and sometimes not (e.g., their general budget). We enjoy a close working relationship with their leaders and volunteers. I mention this so that you understand that your membership dues not only cover the printing and mailing expenses of our Special Publications and Newsletters, but also indirectly help HSHC keep their doors open and their, and our, information accessible. Without HSHC's survival, genealogical research of Harford County roots would be severely hindered. You can get a taste of the fruits of these labors by visiting the HSHC PastPerfect-Online Electronic Card Catalog at <http://hshccatalog.org/index.htm> In addition to being of interest, this portal may allow you to get a head-start with your work for the March research day meeting. Keep in mind that not all of the information in the card catalogs has been transferred into PastPerfect, so not finding something on-line does not mean that there is no information available at HQ.

On a different note, I again have the task of informing you of the passing of another of our long time members, Margaret "Peggy" Bishop. Like those I spoke of earlier, Peggy volunteered in the Court Records section of the Historical Society for several decades. Additional information on her other contributions is elsewhere herein. Her dedication and service will be missed by both Societies.

- Doug Washburn

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### IN MEMORIAM

#### Margaret Spencer Bishop 1933 - 2011

It is with deep sorrow that we mark the passing of Peggy Bishop, a long time member of our Society, Secretary for fifteen years, a Family History volunteer, member of The Historical Society of Harford County, MD Historical Society, MD Genealogical Society, and a good friend.

Peggy's activities focused on Family Histories, genealogy, cemetery records, birth and anniversary clippings, and church histories. Some of her published works included HCGS Special Publications dealing with Naturalizations, 1865 Voter Registrations, Funeral Homes, and Older Churches, plus a HSHC *Harford Historical Bulletin*, 42 (Fall 1989), article "Canning Industry in Harford County," and a history of William Watters Memorial Church. Recently, she was one of several volunteers, who are abstracting and indexing documents in HSHC Court Records section.

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GENEALOGY FEATURE

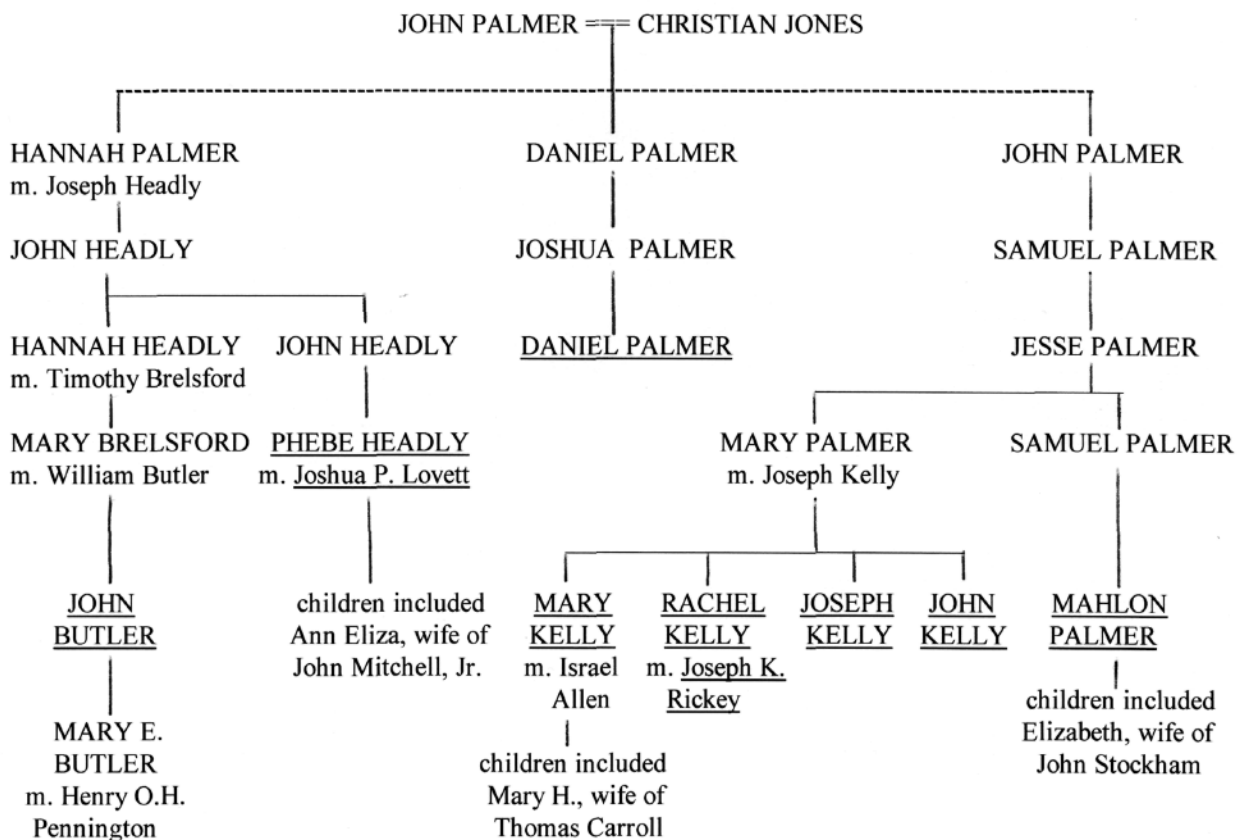
MIGRATION OF RELATED PEOPLE TO HARFORD: An Outstanding Example

by: Jon Harlan Livezey

In my ongoing research on local families, I have noted that it is quite common for one set of migrants to the area to soon be followed by related or neighboring groups from the same place of origin. Of course, the most obvious instance of this pattern is the wholesale migration from Southwestern Virginia and northwestern North Carolina from early in the 20<sup>th</sup> century and continuing to today. In the mid-19<sup>th</sup> Century, there were also many newcomers from the areas around Philadelphia, in both Pennsylvania and New Jersey, with familial connections among them. Some of my own kin fit that mold.

Below is a chart showing the relationships of descendants of a Quaker family named Palmer from Pennsylvania, who eventually migrated to Harford County - principally in the Aberdeen-Perryman and Havre de Grace areas. Most of the supporting data was published in Sarah Moore Fell (1822-1911): *Genealogy of the Palmer Family in America, descended from John & Christian Palmer who settled in Bucks County, Pennsylvania 1683.* (Wilmington, typescript, 1902). Among the more well-known Harford families descending from that couple are Palmer, Pennington, Lovett, Mitchell, Kelly, Allen, Carroll, Rickey, and Stockham. Names underlined are of migrants to Harford County. To reduce clutter, marriages are only shown where a daughter takes her husband's surname. Each horizontal level represents a generation, and lines point to offspring.

Keep this example in mind when one of your ancestors abruptly vanishes from local records. More often than not, they pulled-up roots and followed a relative to greener pastures, to rent or share a new place to live.



## GENEALOGY TIDBITS

### RESEARCH HOMEWORK

March 20, is expected to be a busy research day at the Harford County Historical Society for our members. Are you prepared? As a quick refresher, a list of collections, with brief descriptions has been included in this newsletter. If you see a collection that you have not searched, then gather your notes, and prepare for the hunt. A more detailed inventory of HSHC Archives collection is available online, as prepared by Marlene Magness in 2001, go to <http://www.HarfordHistory.org/ArchHSHCmar01.htm>

Better yet, start searching at home using the HSHC PastPerfect-online database. Check-out the "HSHC PastPerfect-Online" article in the May 2010 HCGS Newsletter, pp. 3-5, available on our Society's website: [http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mdhcg/NEWSLETTER\\_2010-05.pdf](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mdhcg/NEWSLETTER_2010-05.pdf) You will not be searching everything available, because the online index is incomplete, and not every folder and carton has been opened, but it is a giant step forward. Do not forget to note on your Research Log, the revision dates of any index searched. Next year you will want to take another look, and it is a very painless process!

When you walk into the HSHC HQ you will want to immediately start asking Librarians for specific materials. Don't spend valuable time searching indexes that can be searched from home. If you have done your research homework, and created several Research Logs, you will be *off-to-the-races*. Your Logs should specify WHO (**surname, given name**), WHEN (**event and date**), and WHERE (Harford County **geographical location**), followed by the call numbers for the materials you want to examine. More about Research Logs can be found in the Jan 2011 HCGS Newsletter.

It can be helpful to use a word processor to create your Logs, because transferring your search terms and results can be done quickly if you block and COPY the webpage info, then simply PASTE it into your Research Log. Hyperlinks are also moved into your document so descriptions of the materials they reference can be accessed as if you were still on the webpage.

Seek the best tools for the task. Some of the HSHC information can be more conveniently and more robustly searched elsewhere. As an example, most on-line US Census data has recently been indexed and re-indexed using modern techniques, with vigorous crosschecking. Most sites, instantly provide an original hand-written page image for browsing and downloading to your library. The HSHC has a great new microfilm capability, but census data is better searched elsewhere, using Ancestry™ or HeritageQuestOnline™ (available at HCPL).

NEVER bring ORIGINAL documents, books, artifacts, etc. to the HSHC HQ, unless they are gifts to the collections. They took a lot of effort to obtain, and you do not want them damaged *-use a working copy*.

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## GENEALOGY HAPPENINGS

### Lancaster Family History Conference

Date: **02 April 2011** (Sat) 7:30am check-in, 8:30am – 4:30pm

Place: **Double Tree Resort Lancaster /Willow Valley Conference Center**, on Saturday 02 April 2011  
2400 Willow Street Pike, Lancaster, PA 17602

Registration: Fee is \$110 for non-members, with pre-registration ending March 15, 2011

Fee includes Keynote address, Banquet Lunch, Post-lunch Speaker, and four 1-hour sessions each with four seminars selections. For a Brochure visit [www.lmhs.org/Home/Events/History\\_Conference/](http://www.lmhs.org/Home/Events/History_Conference/) or call **717-393-9745** or e-mail **pErb@lmhs.org**. MASTERCARD, VISA, & DISCOVER CARD accepted by telephone. Contact is Ms. Peggy Erb.

Program: **New Ways To Reach Our Roots** is the title of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Family History Conference, sponsored by The Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society. Vendors will be on site Saturday.

Tours/Field Trips are available on Thursday 31 March (2ea), & Friday 01 April (3ea) costing from \$75 to \$100 for non-members, and include lunch.

**Mid-Atlantic German Society - Spring Meeting**

Date: 02 April 2011 (Sat) 8:30 am – 4:00 pm

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

Registration: Fee is \$45 for non-members, with pre-registration ending March 15, 2011 after March 15<sup>th</sup> Fee is \$50. Members receive a \$5 discount.

See <http://www.magsgen.com> for more information, flyer, & registration form..

Program: **Underutilized Twentieth Century Records.** *The Broad Spectrum of Family History Resources at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum* -Megan Lewis; *Records of the US Department of State, National Archives* -Chris Naylor; *A New Deal For Family History Part 1: Intro to Using Records of New Deal Agencies* -Dr.Ken Heger; *A New Deal For Family History Part 2: The Civilian Conservation Corps* -Dr. Ken Heger.

**National Genealogical Society 2011 -Family History Conference**

Date: 11-14 May 2011 (Wed-Sat)

Place: **North Charleston Convention Center**, Charleston, SC.

Registration: see flyer [http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/galleries/new-gallery/NGS\\_CharlestonFlyer\\_web.pdf](http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/galleries/new-gallery/NGS_CharlestonFlyer_web.pdf)

Conf. Fee \$245, or \$175 before 11Mar2011 if NGS member. Lodging, Luncheons and Social Events are extra.

Program: **Where the Past is Still Present** The four-day conference will include more than fifty national speakers providing over one hundred lectures including: researching in South Carolina and the surrounding states; migration to Georgia, Tennessee and the Gulf states; military records; research methodology; record analysis; problem solving; religious records; technology updates; and much, much more. See NGS Flyer for details.

**Virginia Genealogical Society 2011 -Spring Conference**

Date: 20-21 May 2011 (Fri Library time 10am-3:00pm & Sat Conference 8:30am-4pm)

Place: **Library of Virginia**, 800 E. Broad St, Richmond, VA.

Registration: see flyer <http://www.vgs.org/pdf/VGS-Spring-2011-Brochure.pdf> for details & form  
Fee \$60, or \$40 before 09May2011 if VGS member. Lunch included.

Program: **Bring the Gray Ghosts to Life -Civil War Confederate Records.** Four sessions: Southern Claims Commission, Ladies of the Civil War, Confederate Records at NARA, & Civil War Maps. Remember many Marylanders, including Harford Countians, fought for the Confederacy.

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## MAY MEETING

Our **Sunday, May 15, 2011** Society meeting will be held off-site at **Susquehanna State Park** at **2:00 PM**. We will be touring the **Archer/Stump Mansion Museum** and **Rock Run Grist Mill**, followed by a box-lunch picnic in the Mansion garden area. Please save the date, mark your calendars, bring a lawn chair, and invite friends.

History buffs will also be drawn to the restored Rock Run Historical Area with its working gristmill, the Archer/Stump Mansion, Jersey Toll House, and remains of the Susquehanna Tidewater Canal.

More information plus lunch (~\$10) order forms, and directions, will be posted on our website, and included with the MAY issue of our NEWSLETTER. NOTICE! Museum is not handicap accessible.

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## Historical Society of Harford County

# COLLECTIONS

DESIGNATION	DESCRIPTION
<b>Obituaries</b>	Surname, Given-name index to published Obituaries & Death Notices held in the Family History (Genealogy) Library. AEGIS, Harford Democrat Jan1982, African-American or "Colored"
<b>Births &amp; Anniversaries</b>	Surname, Given-name index to published Announcements of Births & Marriage Anniversaries compiled by Bishop and held in the Family History (Genealogy) Library.
<b>Cemeteries</b>	Cemetery names with Location description. Includes divisions for: HA Co Cem., HA Co Black Cem., Near-by Cem., Funeral Homes Past & Present Unknown Surnames by any "identifier" index to HA Co Cemeteries Surname, Given-name index to burials in HA Co Cemeteries.
<b>Marriage Licenses</b>	Certificates arranged by year, then by Groom's surname 1865-1990
<b>Genealogies / Family Histories</b>	Surname index to Family Histories & Pedigrees held in the Family History (Genealogy) Library.
<b>1850 Census</b>	Surname, Given-name index to the 1850 US Census of Harford County {Index for 1850 US Census records are not commonly available.
<b>Special Collections</b>	Surname index by PEDEN to Special documents held in the Family History (Genealogy) Library.
<b>Historical Sites</b>	Building Name Index to Historical HA Co Buildings,
<b>Indentures &amp; Guardianships</b>	Surname, Given-name index to HA Co Orphans Court records: <b>1774-1788</b> Minutes, 1777-1799 Book 1, 1800- <b>1809</b> Book 2, held in the Family History (Genealogy) Library.
<b>Herrick's 1858 Map of HA Co</b>	see <b>HCGS SP 9</b> for printed Surnames, Given-names index to one-minute longitude & latitude quadrangle coordinates on Jennings & Herrick's 1858 HA Co Map. Surnames, Given-names index to road names on Jennings & Herrick's 1858 HA Co Map.
<b>Land Tracts</b>	Land Tract Name index to Liber & Folio numbers of 1658-1783 BA & HA Co Deeds.
<b>HA Co Directory</b>	Surname Index to Harford County Directory of 1953.
<b>Historical Bulletins</b>	Surname Index to Harford Historical Bulletins, Author, & Title Index to Harford Historical Bulletins,
<b>Court Records</b>	Surname, Given-name index to Harford County Court documents held in the Court Records Collection.
<b>Archives Collection</b>	Subject, and Surname cross-reference index to documents (articles, plats, ledgers, pamphlets, etc) held in the Archives Collection.
<b>Archives Photos</b>	Subject index to photographs, & slides held in the Archives Photo Collection.
<b>Research Library</b>	Subject, Title, & Author index to published books held in the Research Library.
<b>Microfilm Rolls</b>	Local Newspapers, Fed. Census 1790-1920, Church Records (St George's, St John's, & HdG Methodist), Federal Assessments 1798, Militia Enrollments 1862, MD Soc. SAR Applications.