



NEWSLETTER

of the

HARFORD COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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

January 2012

NO MEETINGS in JANUARY or FEBRUARY

NOTICE OF NEXT MEETING

Date: **Sunday, March 18, 2012** Time: **2:00 PM**

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

Please save the date, and look for details on our website and in our March Newsletter.

2012 Membership Dues

Enclosed is our 2012 Membership Application and Renewal form for your convenience. Payment is requested before **February 15, 2012**. Additional forms are available on our website. We are always interested in speakers, program topics, and off-site venues for meetings. Please jot down your ideas in the SUGGESTIONS section.

Your support allows the Society to publish research works, bring you 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 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

New Year, New Start

Welcome to 2012. It is my hope that the Christmas and New Year holidays were all that you desired them to be, and you had family at your side.

As the cold months approach, it is likely that you will have more time to catch up with some research projects, including genealogy. More often than not, a year has two things in common with every other year ... the family tree experiences births, marriages, divorces, and deaths, so be sure to take this time to update your records.

The Board solicits Special Publication and meeting ideas from the membership via the membership form, the newsletter editor, and the President's articles. I am pleased that we have had some submissions this year, and I want you to know that the board is trying to find appropriate talent and topics to address your requests. An organization will wither and die unless its membership participates, so keep the ideas coming.

Genealogy research is somewhat unique in that there are so many resources available. Unlike some research where you can only use land records, or newspapers and books, or oral histories, genealogy can use all of these, even if they are not primary sources. Often "breaking through your brick wall" is a matter of just "getting on the right track." To this end, the board hopes to have a program sometime in the future in conjunction with other organizations in the county that may give you a hint of how to find that "right track." So let's all welcome the New Year with a fresh start. *Doug Washburn*

GENEALOGY TIDBITS

War of 1812 Resources

As we commemorate the 200th Anniversary of the War of 1812 between Britain and the new floundering United States, many new genealogical and historical resources are coming to the forefront. Search your family tree for ancestors that were living during the period 1812-1815, then start exploring some of these resources to determine how your ancestors reacted and participated in the events of that day.

The Maryland War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission website <http://starspangled200.org> has a list of online resources (links) that may help with your research. Some of these include:

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| National Society U. S. Daughters of 1812 | http://www.usdaughters1812.org/ |
| The General Society of the War of 1812 | http://www.societyofthewarof1812.org |
| The General Society of the War of 1812 in MD | http://www.societyofthewarof1812.org/inMaryland |
| The Upper Bay War of 1812 | http://www.upperbay1812.com |

Our own Historical Society of Harford County also has materials that could hold gems of information related to your genealogical research. A few of these materials include:

- Archer, George W. & et al ;"War of 1812 Bounty Applications filed by Harford Countians;" HSHC Pub, Call No. GR HC 929.309 (HSHC Library).
- Blizzard, Dennis F.; "The Roster Of The General Society Of The War Of 1812"; The General Society of the War of 1812, 1989, Call No. GR 929.309 (HSHC Library).
- Burns, Annie Walker; "Major Index To Pension List Of The War Of 1812: vol. 1-6;" Privately Printed, Not Dated, Call No. 929.309 (Library of Congress).
- Coles, Harry L; "The War of 1812"; University of Chicago Press, 1965; Call No. 973.5 (HSHC Library).
- Wright, Edward F; "Maryland Militia War of 1812, Vol. 3 Cecil and Harford Counties;" Family Line Pub, 1980; Call No. GR HC 929.309 (HSHC Library).
- War of 1812 - Bounty Lands & Pensions; HSHC Archives Vertical File No. 4579.

War of 1812 - Capture of Havre de Grace; HSHC Archives Vertical File No. 4578.

War of 1812 - Defense of Baltimore; HSHC Archives Vertical File No. 4580.

War of 1812 - Hayes Papers of 40th Regiments; HSHC Archives Vertical File No. 4577.

War of 1812 - Militia; HSHC Archives Vertical File No. 4581.

War of 1812 - Muster Role; HSHC Archives Vertical File No. 5109.

Online Courses - American Genealogy Special Topics Series

Here are some online continuing education opportunities available for reasonable fees from the National Genealogical Society. See http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/online_courses

Family History Skills Learn the basics or refresh your skills in family history research with this online self-paced, self-graded course available only to NGS members—free of charge.

Census Records in Genealogical Research Long considered a basic building block for most family historians, federal population schedules provide a wealth of personal information about the family. This study covers individual censuses back to 1790.

Special Federal Census Schedules Learn facts about special groups such as slaves, Native Americans, veterans, the handicapped, farmers, and manufacturers and their products—even the deceased.

Transcribing, Extracting, and Abstracting Genealogical Records To understand records, researchers must know how to read and accurately record what they find in documents and hand-written manuscripts. This course provides those skills.

Working with Deeds* Researchers often find answers to numerous family history questions in an ancestor's property sale and purchase transactions. This self-graded course provides an understanding of deeds, their unique terminology, and the meaning of the transactions.

Introduction to Religious Records* Researchers often find answers to numerous family history questions in records kept by religious institutions. This course presents instruction on how to find and use these valuable records.

Social Security Sleuthing* This course familiarizes you with the history of the Social Security Act in the United States and how this determines when and where someone may have obtained a Social Security number. It also briefly describes the Social Security numbering system and the clues a number may hold for a genealogist.

Introduction to Civil War Records* This course introduces you to numerous records created for, during, and after the war and provides strategies to identify and locate information on an ancestor living at the time of the Civil War.

** These courses are self-graded from an answer key in the course materials; no certificate of completion is issued.*

GENEALOGY HAPPENINGS

RootsTech Conference

Date: **02-04 February 2012** (Thur-Sat)

Place: **Salt Lake City, Utah**

Registration: see <http://rootstech.familysearch.org> for preliminary information. Fee: \$189 full conference.

Program: A 3-day **RootsTech Conference** is designed to foster innovation by bringing technology users and creators together in a meaningful way. Thousands of genealogists who use technology in pursuit of one of the most popular hobbies in the world will discover how new and emerging technologies can improve and simplify their activities. Genealogists will be treated to technology prototype demonstrations, interactive workshops, and opportunities to test innovative new product and service concepts.

Virginia Genealogical Society 2012 -Spring Conference

Date: **20-21 April 2012** (Fri **Library Tour** 10am-4:00pm & Sat **Conference** 9:00am-4:00pm)

Place: **Virginia Historical Society**, 428 North Blvd, Richmond, VA.

Registration: see flyer <http://www.vgs.org/stories/events/2012-spring-vgs-brochure.pdf> for details & form.

Fee \$60, or \$50 before 06Apr2012 for non-VGS members. Lunch included.

Program: **Fri-** Guided Research and Tours at the **Library of Virginia**, 800 E Broad St, Richmond, VA

Sat- The War of 1812 in Virginia Four sessions: Resources and Treasures of the Virginia Historical Society, Bankruptcy to Equity: Using Federal Court Records, The War of 1812 in Virginia: Did anything happen here?, & Researching Your 1812 Veteran.

National Genealogical Society 2012 -Family History Conference

Date: **09-12 May 2012** (Wed-Sat)

Place: **Duke Energy Convention Center**, 525 Elm St, Cincinnati, OH.

Registration: see 16 page brochure

http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/galleries/new-gallery/2012_Conference_Registration_Brochure.pdf

Conf. Fee \$210, or \$175 before 11Mar2011 if NGS member. Lodging, Luncheons and Social Events are extra. The drive from Bel Air is ~530 miles by taking I-70 to Columbus, OH, then south on I-71. I recommend staying away from the downtown Hyatt, Hilton, & Millennium for lower lodging costs.

Program: **The Ohio River, Gateway to the Western Frontier** This four-day conference will include more than fifty national speakers providing over one hundred lectures including: genealogical skill building, research methods, military records, working with photographs, ethnic records, migration patterns,; religious records; technology updates; and much, much more. Your days can be filled from 8:00am to 8:00pm. See NGS Flyer for details. Hosted by the Ohio Genealogical Society, and its Hamilton County Chapter.

The 2013 NGS Conference will be in Las Vegas, NV.

MARCH MEETING

Our **Sunday, March 18, 2012** 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**. Please save the date, mark your calendars, and invite friends.

See our [HCGS](http://www.hcgs.org) website and the March Newsletter for the latest information.

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IN MEMORIAM

HCGS Member **Regina (Gina) A. Kahoe 1950 – 2011**