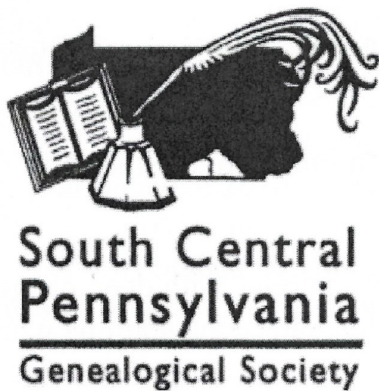




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2026 Next Upcoming Program

Sunday, August 30, 2026, 2:30 p.m. **Tour the York County History Center's new Revolutionary York Exhibit**, led by Nicole Smith.

The first temporary exhibit since the York County History Center's new museum opened in 2024, this installation explores life in York County during the American Revolution, the achievements of the Continental Congress in York, and what independence means to our community today. It features such treasures as an original 1777 printing of the Articles of Confederation, a 1775 Committee of Safety letter, a York Blues militia book, and imprints from the Hall and Sellers press. Admission to the exhibit is free to those attending this SCPGS meeting.

Nicole Smith is Vice President of Interpretation and oversees exhibits and collections. She served as Director of Library & Archives at the York County History Center from 2019 - 2024.

From the President . . .

(for May-June 2026 newsletter)

My Time Is Up!

Because the SCPGS bylaws require that the president hold no more than two consecutive two-year terms, I will transition to the office of vice president on July 1, 2026, after serving for four years. In accordance with our recent elections, current vice president Richard Konkel will once again move into the position of chief executive. I would like to thank all of the current and past board members and each of you society members for the support and encouragement that you have given to me over the past four years. The board in particular has made my job easy, often volunteering to do the "dirty" jobs that I preferred to avoid.

As vice president, I am responsible for scheduling speakers and programs. We already have a full slate of interesting and engaging programs for the coming year (August 2026-June 2027), and I have

commitments from a few speakers for the following year that begins in August 2027. Because our nation is celebrating its 250th anniversary, I intend to place an emphasis on presentations and tours that relate to the American Revolution or the eighteenth century. This emphasis, however, will not preclude programs on other topics. If you have suggestions for speakers, places to visit, or subjects to be covered, please contact me. I am always looking for new things!

Reflecting on my presidency of the past four years, I have some good memories and some regrets. Probably the highlight of this term was our 50th anniversary celebration that we had last year. What a delightful time to recall our history, see old friends, and be reminded of our successes! Another memorable occasion was our June 2024 meeting when I received the Henry James Young Award. I still feel overwhelmed and humbled that the society deemed me worthy of such an honor when so many other people have served our organization for a much longer time. I hope that I can sustain the contributions to the genealogical and historical communities recognized by this award.

Probably my greatest regret has been our inability to fill the position of Director of Public Relations. The realm of publicity is changing with the decline of print outlets and the expansion of electronic and social media. We really need someone who can maximize our exposure in new and relevant ways. Not being a “digital native” and still really enjoying in-person meetings and print media, I was not the leader that our society required to achieve success in this area. Hopefully, we will attract individuals with social media skills who can help us to fill this gap.

Having said that, I remain committed to in-person monthly meetings and conferences and to printed Special Publications. As long as I am on the board, I will oppose any initiative to offer only virtual meetings and electronic publications. I am saddened that organizations such as the Pennsylvania Chapter Palatines to America have gone to all virtual meetings and that the National Genealogical Society now charges an exorbitant fee if one wants to receive its publications in print. I have made many contacts and friends over the years simply by attending various conferences and meetings. And for me, holding a publication in hand is more satisfying and easier to read than staring at a computer screen.

Thanks again for another great four years as president. Please continue to support our society by attending meetings, submitting items for publication, and encouraging others to join. We can look forward to exciting days ahead!

Have an enjoyable and profitable summer!

“A man without a past is poorer than a man without a future.”
--Elie Wiesel, *The Oath* (Avon Books, 1974, p. 76)

Jonathan R. Stayer
President

2026-2027 Future Programs

Sunday, October 4, 2026, 2:30 p.m. - **York County Barns**, presented by Greg Huber

Ever since the first settlers arrived in York County, barns have served to store crops, protect animals, and house farming implements. Presented by a leading expert on Pennsylvania barns, this program will provide a look at various types of barns and representative examples in York County.

Greg Huber of Eastern Barn Consultants, Macungie, PA, has been studying and documenting barns for more than 50 years, with an emphasis on those in Pennsylvania and the Mid-Atlantic region. In those five decades, he has recorded to varying degrees more than 5,000 barns. He is the author of *The Historic Barns of Southeastern Pennsylvania: Architecture & Preservation, Built 1750-1900* (Schiffer, 2017).

Sunday, November 1, 2026, 2:30 p.m. - **The Old Order River Brethren – Still on the Quest for Piety and Obedience!** presented by John S. Dietz.

Once nicknamed “Yorkers” owing to their mid-nineteenth-century origin and early concentration in York County, the Old Order River Brethren began as a conservative movement among the River Brethren (now Brethren in Christ). Usually counted among the Plain People of Pennsylvania, the Old Order River Brethren continue the historic practices of plain dress, baptism by immersion, congregational signing without instruments, and worship in homes and barns. A member of this group, John Dietz will discuss their history, beliefs and practices.

John S. Dietz is a member of the Old Order River Brethren, Lancaster District South, and he works to preserve the history of his church. With a background in education, he currently teaches parttime at Sonlight River Brethren School in Lancaster County. On the side, he engaged in organic farming, and his family has a farm stand just off the Lincoln Highway between Hallam and Wrightsville at 141 Stricklers Lane.

Sunday, January 3, 2027, 2:30 p.m. **Give Me Liberty or Give Me Lunch!: A Culinary Exploration of the Revolutionary War Period**, presented by Lydia Stayer.

The culinary scene during the Revolutionary War was a time of blending European traditions, native agricultural staples, and improvisation due to supply shortages. "Give Me Liberty or Give Me Lunch!" will provide attendees with the opportunity to explore the ingredients, cooking preparations, as well as dishes and beverages that were common during this period in history. Following the presentation, savory dishes and sweet treats will be available for sampling.

Lydia Stayer is a special education teacher in York County and holds teaching certifications in Elementary Education, Special Education, and Family and Consumer Science Education. When she is not fulfilling her teaching duties, she enjoys expanding her culinary knowledge through reading cookbooks and trying her hand at new recipes.

Sunday, February 7, 2027, 2:30 p.m. - **“We Find No Freedom ... in Anything by Which Men’s Lives are Destroyed or Hurt”: Pennsylvania Mennonites and the American Revolution**, presented by Steve Nolt.

The American Revolution brought ideas and question about liberty to the fore, and many people made sacrifices for what they believed to be the cause of freedom. But not everyone understood liberty and freedom in the same way. Mennonites were among those who appreciated the freedom they had found in Pennsylvania but were unwilling to sacrifice what they believed was Christ’s call to live peaceably with all. Their convictions placed them in a difficult and unpopular position during the Revolution. They sought to explain their beliefs in letters and petitions, but ended up losing many of their political rights when they would neither fight nor swear loyalty to the new state government after 1776. Their experience is an example of the tension between majority rule and minority rights, and of competing notions of loyalty, liberty, and religious conviction. This presentation will

focus on Mennonites, but the experience of other Pennsylvania peace churches, from Quakers and Moravians to Brethren and Schwenkfelders, will necessarily surface, as well.

Steve Nolt is the Director of the Young Center for Anabaptist and Pietist Studies at Elizabethtown College. He is the author of numerous books and articles on Mennonite, Amish, and broader Pennsylvania German history and contemporary life. Local and national media frequently call upon him to provide expert insight into the history, life and practices of the Amish.

Sunday, March 7, 2027, 2:30 p.m. - **Revolutionary Roots** – our annual show-and-tell meeting

This meeting will be our annual opportunity to share information about ancestors, research or sources and to ask questions for the group to consider. In keeping with the 250th anniversary of our country's founding, we would like you to focus on the American Revolution. Who is your favorite Revolutionary War ancestor? What unique source of information about that period have you found? Where did your family live in the late eighteenth century and why? While the focus of this meeting will be the Revolutionary period, other topics for consideration are welcome.

Sunday, April 4, 2027, 2:30 p.m. - **Tour of the Hanover Area Historical Society's Hormel History and Research Center**

In the fall of 2024, the Hanover Area Historical Society opened the Hormel History and Research Center at the Guthrie Library in Hanover, PA. The Center includes the Society's Yelland Research Library and Archives and the collections of Guthrie's Pennsylvania Reading Room. It holds a wealth of historical and genealogical information on families, places and events in Hanover and the surrounding areas in York and Adams Counties. You will hear from Terri Altland, Executive Director of the Historical Society, as well as from a knowledgeable volunteer will provide a survey of the available resources. An optional tour of the Historical Society's Warehime-Myers Mansion and museum may be offered. We will meet at the Guthrie Library at 2:30 p.m. for this program. More details to come.

Sunday, May 2, 2027, 2:30 p.m. - **Tour of Historic Guinston Presbyterian Church**

Founded in 1754, Guinston Presbyterian Church near Airville, PA is among the oldest religious congregations in York County. Its historic stone meeting house—whose construction was completed in 1774—still stands, surrounded by its cemetery. Join one of the church's historians in an exploration of the old church building and the grounds. The meeting time is subject to change; more details to come.

Sunday, June 13, 2027, 2:30 p.m. - **The Women and Children of Camp Security**, presented by Benjamin Werkley

The Revolutionary War era prisoner of war camp in York County known as Camp Security, its prisoners, and its guards have long been a point of fascination for the residents of York County. The nearly 400 women and children held there are often mentioned in presentations and literature on the site, but they are rarely the focus of that programing. This presentation seeks to further illuminate their history by bringing them to the forefront of the story, arguing that they formed an essential part of Camp Security shaping it in numerous ways. This presentation will explore the history of both the large number of women and children that accompanied the prisoners as well as the few women present among the guards, providing an interesting and thought-provoking new perspective not only on Camp Security itself but also on prisoners of war during the American Revolution as a whole.

Benjamin Werkley is a graduate student at James Madison University where he is pursuing his Master of Arts in History with a concentration in public history. Werkley holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Public History from York College of Pennsylvania. Much of his recent work has focused on how women and children interacted with the prisoner of war system during the American Revolution and eighteenth-century militaries more broadly. He currently serves as a historical researcher on the board of the Friends of Camp Security.

Historical Society of York County Genealogical Reports now available for Research on familysearch.org

By Richard K. Konkel, Esquire SCPGS Vice-President

Among the records scanned in 2024 at the Library of the York County History Center by Mr. and Mrs. Peppinger, missionaries for the LDS church and familysearch.org, were the extensive collection of Genealogical Reports created by the Historical Society of York County from the 1930s through the 1950s. Through this scanning project, these records are now available for researchers free and at home on familysearch.org.

The Historical Society of York County (subsequently the York County Heritage Trust, and today the York County History Center) compiled family reports on over 500 families. Staff and volunteers compiled these in response to mail and other inquiries. Abstractions were made from church records, wills, bonds, orphans' court dockets, deeds, mortgages, and numerous other sources. They can vary in the types of items abstracted. This process began with Mr. George R. Prowell and his staff during the 1920s. The first two volumes, labeled "Prowell, Sanders and Lee", contain reports on over 60 York County families. These are identified in the index with an "*". As the title page describes, "Mr. Prowell made few formal reports and those in narrative form, for he apparently preferred to give the information and opinion in the course of his letters to his clients. Mrs. Sanders originated the more scientific arrangement, and when Miss Lee came to the Society she followed the same system. Henry James Young and his staff continued this process during the 1930s. These were bound into a series of 38 black volumes beginning with Henry James Young's work in 1934 and receive no specific identifications in the index. If a year of compilations was given, it was noted in parentheses in the index. The majority of the reports are by Henry James Young, with some completed by staff members Nell W. Reeser, Edith Beard Cannon, and later by John D. Kilbourne as they continued these reports in the 1950s. The newer reports were later photocopied and placed in a series of blue binders by Historical Society of York County. Many of the reports in the blue binders are updated or revised versions of reports found in the black volumes.

The following copy of the table of content for the Baker-Becker report by Nell W. Reeser found in volume I of the Blue Binder Series shows the types of records found in a full report. Much of the information researched were abstracts of records from the Offices of the Register of Wills and the Recorder of Deeds. This was very time-consuming work and is a great aid to modern genealogical researchers. While most of these abstracts are fairly reliable, it is advisable for the modern researcher to use these abstracts as a finding tool and consult with original records to verify the information or find additional details that were not included in the abstract.

The Genealogical Reports generally only provide information up to the year 1850, which when they were originally compiled was a period that was less than 100 years before. The cemetery records are from the cemetery surveys performed by the Historical Society of York County in the 1930s, likewise the vital records in the later reports are copies of information found in the vital statistic card file as it existed at the

time the report was made. The Revolutionary Services in the reports is information found in the Black and Red Series of York County in the American Revolution by Henry James Young.

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The following is a listing of Family Reports found in the Blue Binder Series of Genealogical Reports of the Historical Society of York County:

v. 1. Alexander, Anstine, Bartmess, Baker-Becker – v. 2. Beals-Bails, Beitzel, Berkheimer, Billmyer, Blessing, Blymire – v. 3. Carpenter-Zimmerman, Carson, Chandlee, Cloninger, Creaker, Criswell, Croft-Kraft, Comfort, Dunlap – v. 4. Dickson, Dritt-Tritt, Ehrhart, Eichelberger – v. 5. Elliott, Entler, Kopp, Tyson, Wolford, Zorger-Sorger-Zarger, Zinn, Hartzell-Hartzler – v. 6. Fahs, Fickel, Flinchbaugh, Freed, Ganshorn-Goshorn, Garner, Gemmill, Gilliland, Glass, Glen – v. 7. Hoover, Irwin, Irion-Irons, Julius, Kump, Kitzmiller – v. 8. Hake-Houck-Hoke, Hamacher, Hedich, Householder – v. 9. Lau, Marsh, Meredith, Melsheimer, McCleary, McCurdy, McDonald – v. 10. McGrew, McKinley, Naylor, Ness, Overlander, Opp-Upp, Picking – v. 11. Prowell, Rosenmiller, Saltzgiver, Shoemaker, Siddon, Slaybaugh, Stair, Stehly – v. 12. Slagle, Tawser, Waltermeyer, Weigel, Winebrenner – v. 13. Wineholt, Wire-Weyer, Wise-White – v. 14. Young, Kunkle, Ness, Smyser – v. 15. Young, Lehman, Thomas (revision 1949) – v. 16. Jacobs, Arnold, Baugher, Friedly-Fritzlein-Friedline, Robinson, Leber, Morrison, Lauer – v. 17. Kline/Little, Miller (cemetery records only), Scott, Thomas (revised 1949), Arnold/Ermold – v. 18. Duncan, Foltz-Fultz, Hoffheins, Klinefelter, Strickler of York County 1936, revised 1949.

Revolutionary War Records at the PSA

The following pages are handouts from Aaron McWilliams' Program on May 3.

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Collections:

- Record Group 2 – Records of the Department of the Auditor General
- Record Group 4 – Records of the Office of the Comptroller General
- Record Group 17 – Records of the Land Office
- Record Group 27 – Records of Pennsylvania's Revolutionary Governments

Indexes:

- **Revolutionary War Military Abstract Card File (RG-13)** – arranged alphabetically by the surname of the individual. The abstract card file contains transcriptions of data extracted from original records in the custody of the Pennsylvania State Archives. The source of the information is cited at the bottom of each card.
 - Available online at www.ancestry.com under the title "Pennsylvania, U.S., Veterans Card Files, 1775-1948"
- **Pennsylvania Archives, Fifth and Sixth Series** - the volumes contain transcriptions of original Revolutionary War rolls and returns from the Pennsylvania State Archives and other repositories. A name index is available for the Fifth Series in the Pennsylvania Archives, Sixth Series, Volume XV and for the Sixth Series in the Pennsylvania Archives, Seventh Series.
 - Available online through Hathitrust.org, Ancestry.com, and Fold3.com
 - *Not all original records transcribed in the published Pennsylvania Archives Series are held by the Pennsylvania State Archives.*

- **Revolutionary War Pensioner Index** – an index to the state pension records. The index also includes pensioners who served in the Indian War, Whiskey Rebellion, and War of 1812.
 - Available Online: Google “Revolutionary War Pensioners Index Main Interface”

Basic Record Types:

- **Class Rolls** – A list of men, grouped by class, in a company. Class rolls contain the names of all able-bodied, white males between the ages of 18 and 53 in a given area required to perform militia service.
- **Muster Rolls** – A roster of men in a company on active duty. Most muster rolls were done at time of discharge and contain each soldier's date of entry and discharge from active duty.
- **Non-performance/Substitute fines** – Fines assessed for not turning out for active duty when drafted.
- **Non-attendance fines** – Fines assessed for not appearing for muster and field training days.
- **Appeal records** – Records related to militia men seeking relief from fines or requirements under the militia laws.
- **Militia Loan Certificates** – Certificates issued after the war to militia men and civilians due money from the State for services rendered during the war. The certificates were also issued to individuals due money from forfeited estates.
- **Depreciation Certificates** – Certificates issued to Pennsylvania Line soldiers in compensation for depreciation in pay.

Records:

Most of the original records cited in the **Revolutionary War Military Abstract Card File (RG-13)** and many of those published in the *Pennsylvania Archives, Fifth and Sixth Series* are found among the following record series at the Pennsylvania State Archives:

- **Revolutionary War Accounts and Miscellaneous Records, 1775-1809 (RG-4)** – this record series is comprised of muster rolls, payrolls, receipts, returns, and miscellaneous accounts for the Associators, Militia, Line, and Navy units.
 - Available online at <https://oa-psa.libnova.com/>
- **Militia Loan Accounts, 1781-1792 (RG-4)** - The records relate to monies owed or paid to soldiers.
 - Available online at <https://oa-psa.libnova.com/browse/collection/121?limit=10>
- **Depreciation Certificate Accounts, 1781-1792 (RG-4)** - Grouped by military unit, and thereunder arranged alphabetically by surname of soldier.
 - Available online at <https://oa-psa.libnova.com/browse/collection/119?limit=10>
- **Military Returns, 1775-1790 (RG-27)** – returns of militia, line, and Bucks County associates and non-associates.

- Available online at <https://oa-psa.libnova.com/browse/collection/289?limit=10>
- **Donation & Depreciation Lands (RG-17)** - land given to veterans of the Pennsylvania Continental Line in western Pennsylvania.
 - Available online at www.pastatearchives.com under Research Guides, "Land Record Indexes"

Additional Resources

Pennsylvania Archives, Colonial Records and First Series – These series contain transcriptions of the Committee of Safety, Council of Safety, Supreme Executive Council, Board of War and Navy Board minutes and correspondence. Available online at www.fold3.com & Ancestry.com.

Roach, Hannah Benner. "The Pennsylvania Militia in 1777," *The Pennsylvania Genealogical Magazine* 23 (1964): 161-229. (available free online with free account through Familysearch.org)

Trussell, John B.B., Jr. *The Pennsylvania Line: Regimental Organization and Operations, 1776-1783*. Harrisburg: Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, 1977

New Online Surname Indexes to our Special Publications.

Since 1977, the South Central Pennsylvania Genealogical Society has published scores of Special Publications, many of them containing valuable information not found anywhere online. Members receive a copy of each new publication during their membership but may be unaware of the previous publications that could contain information about their ancestors.

To aid in your research, Special Publication surname indexes have recently been made available online on the SCPGS website. To review the surname indexes to the various publications, follow these instructions.

1. Visit our Special Publications website page: <https://www.scpgs.org/special-publications.html>
2. Select your category of interest from the right navigation pane.
3. Browse the publication descriptions to identify those of interest.
4. Click on the hyperlinked text: "surname index."

EUROPEAN ORIGINS in CHURCH RECORDS of SOUTH CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA, and ADJACENT AREAS

Introduction and Surname Index ←

Abstracts of 203 entries found in ten church records that identify a European origin. Surnames of all individuals mentioned in the entries are included. Also includes three surname listings that identify 168 more European origin entries in three published church records currently under copyright.

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5. A pdf file of the index will open in a new window, which you may search for your surname(s) of interest.

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Video 20:00 – 1:18:50

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