Anne Arundel Genealogical Society
SPEAKS

Volume 38 Number 2

June 2012

IN THIS ISSUE:

President’s Message ..................14
Upcoming Programs ..................14
Editor’s Corner ....................15
Feature Article ....................16
Book Reviews ....................18
Reflections - Shelley Pollero ......19
Local and National Events ..........20
Featured Publication ..............21
Officers and Committee Chairs ..22
Volunteers Needed ..................23
Membership Application ..........24

____________________________________

We’re on the web!
Visit our website at
www.aagensoc.org

Kuethe Library
5 Crain Highway, South
Glen Burnie, MD 21060
Phone: (410) 760-9679
Hours of Operation
Thursday, Friday & Saturday
10 A.M. - 4 P.M.

AAGS Dinner and Elections
Diane M. Rey portrayed Maryland Gazette publisher Anne Catherine Green at the AAGS Dinner and Elections held at Hellas Restaurant on May 3rd. She is pictured here with outgoing AAGS President Shelley Pollero and incoming President Bill Wood.

AAGS Programs and Events

June 7 – What’s New on LDS Websites, by Sylvia & Jack Sonneborn
July 5 - The Shipleys of Maryland, by Paul Shipley
August 2 - Basic Use of Family Tree Maker 2011: Sources, Media, Tasks, etc., by Frank Patnaude
September 6 - ABCs of Genealogy, by AAGS members
October 11 - Maryland Historical Markers, by Stephen Blackpool
November 1 - The Story of Louis Hane - Holocaust Survivor, by Herbert Hane
December 6 - Holiday Pot Luck Dinner Party and Brag Night about Your Ancestors, by Everyone – Come One, Come All !!!

BECOME AN AAGS MEMBER - JOIN NOW !

**** Join us at our monthly meetings ****
Held the first Thursday of each month, 7:30 PM
Severn Park United Methodist Church
731 Benfield Boulevard
Severn Park, Maryland 21123-0221

Check out our featured publication on page 21. Please use the order form on our website for purchase, and include postage/handling and tax, where appropriate.
From the President

As your new president, I wish to thank everyone for the confidence you've bestowed. I wish to thank Shelley Pollero for her past and continued service. Shelley's leadership has been an inspiration to me, and her integrity has been a guiding light for other organizations to follow.

I look forward to our getting to know each other better and to building relationships and friendships. I hope, too, that our mutual research explorations will lead to a path of discovery of how 'they' – our ancestors – evolved to become 'us'.

Like many of you, I am heavily involved with my own family research, and continue to amaze myself when famous or infamous relatives emerge as a result of my research. My Wood family (line) originated in Virginia's Scott County. My other family line there is the original Carter Family, mostly known for their pioneering of country music.

Now, a little about myself: Born and raised in Maryland, I have also been a life-long Maryland resident. I am retired

AAGS Upcoming Programs

June 7 - Sylvia & Jack Sonneborn: What’s New on LDS Websites

Sylvia Sonneborn, B.S., M.E., (Shippensburg University) has been an English instructor for 39 years at Eastern York High School [now retired]. She has also served as a family history consultant and staff member of the York Family History Center of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for 15 years. With her first husband, she is the mother of one son, Patshel Landis, and she has one grandson. She has served one year as a worldwide support missionary for new FamilySearch, and presently she is a family history Sunday School teacher. Jack Sonneborn’s avid interest in family history since he married Sylvia in 1985 has blossomed into a large database of connected ancestors. Jack has served as a family history consultant and staff member for the FH Center for over 25 years, and he is also a past director of the Center in York. He is the president of the Susquehanna Trail Genealogy Club. Jack is a economics graduate of C.W. Post College Campus, Long Island University. He is retired from the position of project manager for a construction company in Lancaster, PA. With his first wife, he is the father of one son, Mark, and one daughter, Elizabeth, and he has 4 grandchildren. Jack and Sylvia have researched in Holland, Germany, and France and have frequently attended the FH conferences at Brigham Young University, Provo, UT. They are frequent presenters at family history conferences, and they have taught a family history class in the OLLI Program at Pennsylvania State University, York Campus. They also publish a genealogy newsletter monthly at http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~payork/York2Ward/.

July 7 - Paul Shipley: The Shipleys of Maryland

In March 1681, an enterprising young man named Adam Shipley surveyed and patented 200 acres south of the Severn River. That was the start, according to state historians, of the strong family presence in the county, with Shipley family farms stretching over thousands of acres and scores of years.

Shipley arrived in the New World in 1668 and worked as an indentured servant before achieving the freedom and social status of a landowner. Like immigrants to this day, it took him years to establish his place in the colonial order. Land was the best way to get ahead.

Generations later, Shipley family members employed immigrants who landed on Baltimore's shores by the thousands in the early 20th century. Most of those picking crops in Anne Arundel County under this system continued on page 19

continued on page 21
Welcome to Our New Members

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Email</th>
<th>Surnames</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Dawn Larson</td>
<td><a href="mailto:dal@larsonlp.com">dal@larsonlp.com</a></td>
<td>Robinson, Robbison</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Walter &amp; Valerie Matthes</td>
<td><a href="mailto:whirlygigger@msn.com">whirlygigger@msn.com</a></td>
<td>Cole</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Denise Martin</td>
<td><a href="mailto:thisoldhouse@hotmail.com">thisoldhouse@hotmail.com</a></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Carolyn Russell</td>
<td><a href="mailto:cir987@aol.com">cir987@aol.com</a></td>
<td>Deike, Brooks, Wilson, Russell, Harris, Jeffries, Underwood, Brookings, Chapman</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ronald Wells</td>
<td><a href="mailto:rwellstoo@verizon.net">rwellstoo@verizon.net</a></td>
<td>Wells, Swirsky, Wilkinsky</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Patti Petry</td>
<td><a href="mailto:patti.petry@verizon.net">patti.petry@verizon.net</a></td>
<td>Solley, Petry, Baker, Durner</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Margret Kaul</td>
<td><a href="mailto:margretkk@comcast.net">margretkk@comcast.net</a></td>
<td>Gallion, Galeon, Galon, Kunze, Wharton</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jeffry Snyder</td>
<td><a href="mailto:jeffryss@aol.com">jeffryss@aol.com</a></td>
<td>Robosson, Robinson, Warfield, Talbot</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Joanne Herold</td>
<td><a href="mailto:jherold1318@verizon.net">jherold1318@verizon.net</a></td>
<td>Benson, Gootee, Gootee, Grubb</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Do We Have Your Email Address?

If you haven’t been receiving email notifications of upcoming AAGS meetings and other events, we may not have your correct email address. Send an email to aags.membership@gmail.com and we will update our records. We also now offer delivery of an Adobe Acrobat version of our newsletter, Speaks, by email. Send an email to the address above to sign up.

Excerpts from The Place Names of Maryland: Their Origin and Meaning

by Hamill Kenny

**GIBSON ISLAND.** An island and postal community at the mouth of Magothy River, Chesapeake Bay, Anne Arundel County. A monument here commemorates “Sturt Symington, Jr. 1874-1926. Founder of Gison Island, 1921.” However, the name is from Gibson, one of the original owners of the island.

**GINGERVILLE CREEK.** On the South River, near Annapolis, Anne Arundel County. It was mapped as Gingerville Creek in 1860. If one may rely on the early spelling, Gingerwell, -well has become -ville, perhaps by folk etymology. I suppose there was an abundance of wild ginger here. Ginger was widely distributed in the Virginia area.

Editor’s Corner

I was disappointed to hear the announcement last week that NBC will not renew Who Do You Think You Are next season. If you aren’t familiar with the show, each week guest celebrities trace the history of one or more of their family lines, aided by researchers and genealogists at locations around the world. Critics of WDYTYA argue that the show oversimplifies genealogy research. How many of us have walked into an archives or courthouse and had a cheerful researcher hand us the exact records we need to trace our family back several generations?

On the other hand, many of the stories that were uncovered about the celebrity families were quite interesting. One of my favorites was Rob Lowe’s ancestor, rumored to be a Revolutionary War veteran. He was, in fact, a veteran, but a Hessian soldier in Rall’s Regiment captured at the Battle of Trenton. Not the usual path to SAR membership!

I also believe the exposure that the show gave to genealogy was invaluable. AAGS membership experienced a bump when each new season started. And one can only imagine how many people have been enticed to begin the search for their ancestors.

I’m sorry to see WDYTYA go.

Tom McCarriar

Quote

Ribbesford, England, cemetery epitaph for Anna Wallace

The children of Israel wanted bread, And the Lord sent them manna, Old clerk Wallace wanted a wife, And the Devil sent him Anna.

www.aagensoc.org
Six Common Missteps . . . and How to Avoid Them
By Juliana Smith

1. Overlooking Resources in Your Own Backyard

Just because you don’t live in the same area in which your ancestors lived, don’t assume that your local library doesn’t have information that can help you in your family history research. Larger libraries with genealogical collections may largely focus on local materials, but also include materials from other states from which large groups emigrated.

WorldCat is a great tool for locating relevant materials in libraries near your home. Search WorldCat for surnames, geographic location, and other topics of interest, and when you find something of interest, click on the title to locate it in the nearest library. This database is a real time-saver because it searches so many facilities at once, including not only your local public library, but university and other libraries as well.

2. “I'll Remember Where I Got This.”

When you make a new family history discovery, between the “happy dances” and telling everyone within earshot about the new find, it is easy to overlook the more tedious step of recording exactly where and how you found a record. At the time you may even think to yourself, “This is so fantastic, I'll remember this moment and exactly how I came across this record forever.” But time and new discoveries tend to fade that glorious memory and soon you’ll be looking at that miraculous find, scratching your head in bewilderment.

Take the time to make sure you record all the information you need to recreate your search years from now. With records from Ancestry.com, if you choose the “Custom Print” option, you'll not only get the image of the record, but also the index entry, source information, and title automatically, and you can easily add more text if necessary.

3. Heading Straight for the Index

When we find an interesting publication or database, it’s easy to head straight for the index and truth be told, that’s not necessarily a bad thing—provided you don’t stop there. Also take a minute to read any introductory materials in the publication. This will tell you the scope of the information included, and other important details. You may find that there is relevant material to your family, even when their name is not included. For example, in the introduction to the “Roster of South Carolina Patriots in the American Revolution” it says that,

“At the close of the revolution, and for a number of years thereafter, South Carolina compensated he patriot veterans with cash payments. Not always did the soldiers lay claim to such stipends. Years later, the Federal Government attempted to pay the soldiers for their Continental Line services through grants of land. Even then, through ignorance of the law or because of pride, many South Carolinians did not claim their rewards. Furthermore, when the federal government established a pension system for the patriots, most of the ex-soldiers refused to lay claim to what was rightfully theirs . . . Those that did file for a pension often stated that they had not fought for pay, but fought for principles; therefore, they were accepting the federal gratuities because they could not care for themselves.”

The introduction goes on to reveal many other interesting observations of the author that could be helpful to those researching their Revolutionary War ancestors. Ancestry.com members can read the entire passage here.

In the case of databases, take a moment to click on the database title and scroll past the search box to read the extended description. Not only will you find information on the coverage of the database, but you may find helpful information on where to take your search next and on how to interpret your find.
4. Avoiding Certain Records

Some records seem to get a bad rap and we may be tempted to put off searching them. For example, in a previous article, we talked about pre-1850 census records. It’s easy to stay on that familiar path and work with later census, immigration, and vital records, but doing so limits your success. There are so many record types off the beaten track that can break down brick walls and really add depth to your family story. Family history is a constant learning process, so don’t be afraid to tackle something new, whether it is land records, or perhaps records from a different country.

For years, I had shied away from researching my Hungarian ancestors, but on a recent trip to Salt Lake City, I visited the Family History Library and explored some Hungarian church records, using a translation guide that was available. Using the guide I was able to determine the type of record I was looking at, and interpret most of the column headings. One roll of microfilm took my family history research back two generations.

Similar to my experience, once you begin exploring the records, you’ll often find they aren’t as difficult to navigate and understand as you thought. If you do have trouble, seek out the advice of fellow family historians through message boards, mailing lists, or through your local genealogical society.

5. If All Else Fails, Follow Directions

Yes, that old adage recited by fathers everywhere still applies. It’s really tempting to dive right in and start using the new genealogical “toys” we get, tossing that user’s guide on a shelf to collect dust, but although software providers and other technology creators try to make their products as intuitive as possible, you’ll get much more from them if you take some time and read about the tools you use in your family history. In some cases it may mean reading a manual or online help files, but most products come with easy to follow tutorials that can teach you the basics and make sure you get off to a good start.

6. “I'll File This Later.”

After a long night of surfing for ancestors, when the wee hours roll around, filing your finds might not be top on your list of priorities. And let’s be realistic here, it won’t always be possible to file everything after a research session. Life happens. But rather than beginning piles that can quickly overrun your desk, designate an easy spot to put things until you can get them filed. A tray with folders for the surnames you’re researching is a great place to temporarily put your discoveries until you have time to enter them in your database and file them properly. Keep a pack of sticky notes handy to make notes reminding yourself where you left off. That way when you come back, the records are already sorted by surname and you can easily pick up your research again.

One last word of advice from someone with first-hand experience: when the tray begins to buckle under the weight of the temporary folders, it’s time to file.


You Can't Believe Everything You Read in the Papers

Baltimore Sun Newspaper—March 4, 1840

Joseph Benson living near Sweetser's Bridge, in Anne Arundel County, came to his death on the 24th ult., by accidental choking.

Baltimore Sun Newspaper—March 7, 1840

Not Dead—Mr. Joseph Benson, of Anne Arundel County, whose death was announced in the papers, as having been caused, we believe, by "choking," positively denies the whole matter. In the first place, he asserts he is not dead—and secondly, he did not die by "choking." We are bound to believe Mr. Benson's statement.
Top Genealogy Website

According to Alexa, a company that profiles website usage, GenealogyInTime Magazine is the most popular genealogy magazine/newsletter on the Internet today. Alexa’s full list can be accessed here.

GenealogyInTime offers a variety of resources that are useful to both new and experienced genealogists. Starting off is a list of genealogy records that have been recently released on the Internet - sorted both by date and by country. Three search engines are available - a general genealogy search engine, and a “family tree search engine” focusing on online family trees and genealogy forums. If you are trying to track down a second-hand or out of print genealogy book, GenealogyInTime also provides a rare book search engine tied to Abe Books.

To bring genealogists closer to the Internet, GenealogyInTime offers a free genealogy toolbar, and gadgets that allow continuous monitoring of genealogy tweets, blogs, and news. There is a Tip of the Week section, and a free newsletter. Top it all off with more than 75 genealogy articles, covering getting started, genealogy tools, finding records, and brickwall solutions, and you have a site that offers something for everyone. Check it out at www.genealogyintime.com.

Book News and Reviews by Robert Barnes


Opening each new volume of Skinner’s is like opening an unexpected present. One never knows what one will find. Dockets and depositions, petitions, and disputes: all help us gain a clearer picture of how those people lived back in the good old days. Jonas Green, publisher of the Maryland Gazette, had died and in April 1767 his widow, Anna Catherine, posted an administration bond. In July 1766 John Hammond was ordered to show cause why he concealed the estate of Samuel Gaither. As with all of Skinner’s books this one is highly recommended.

Tracing Your Irish Ancestors, Fourth Edition

The fourth edition of John Grenham’s Tracing Your Irish Ancestors has recently been published. As more and more Irish records are being digitized and made available on the Internet, online research is becoming an essential part of any Irish family history project. This new edition includes detailed guides to online records, discussing the digital versions of sources and outlining research strategies. The book is available in both print and electronic versions.

Who Are the World’s Greatest Leaders With Irish Roots?

Irish genealogy site findmypast.ie conducted an international poll and asked who are (or were) the world’s greatest leaders with Irish roots? The following results may surprise you:

1. John F. Kennedy
2. Ronald Reagan
3. Barack Obama
4. Che Guevara
5. Woodrow Wilson
6. Ulysses S. Grant
7. James Callaghan (UK)
8. Paul Keating (Australia)
9. Bernardo O’Higgins (Chile)
10. Brian Mulroney (Canada)

See http://www.findmypast.ie/content/news-obama-trails-jfk-in-poll-of-irish-leaders for the details.
from careers at The University of Maryland’s Space Physics Group and NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center. I have a fruit and vegetable farm in Huntingtown in Southern Calvert County. My genealogical ties to Anne Arundel County are through my Pumphrey and Green families.

I am the immediate past (two-term) president of the Prince George’s County Genealogical Society, and was the editor of their BULLETIN for over six years. I am the present editor of The Sons of the American Revolution – Thomas Stone Chapter’s newsletter, and am a member of the following organizations: The National Genealogical Society, Federation of Genealogical Societies, Charles County Genealogical Society, Calvert County Historical Society, and Prince George’s County Historical Society. I play guitar and have a background in broadcasting music.

I’m very excited about what AAGS has to offer its membership and the community at large. We have new projects and benefits for our members that we are presently exploring, and always need volunteers to lend their combined career expertise or hobby enthusiasm to make these projects a reality.

I look forward to meeting – and greeting – you at our meetings!

William M. ‘Bill’ Wood

Reflections

It has been my great pleasure to serve as President of AAGS for the past two years. Thank you so much for the opportunity!

I’d like to congratulate and warmly welcome our new officers, President Bill Wood and Treasurer Louis Sapienza, who bring a wealth of experience to our Board. I look forward to their leadership and that of our re-elected officers and those whose terms expire in 2013.

I would like to thank our officers and committee chairpersons for their fine efforts and valuable contributions on behalf of AAGS. This highly functioning Board was a joy to work with and I am proud of what we accomplished together.

During this term, we enjoyed an increase in attendance at our excellent monthly programs on a wide variety of topics. Many of the talks and/or handouts are available on our web site http://www.aagensoc.org/meetings.shtml.

We’ve been working to improve our AAGS web site and a new committee has been formed to include a Web Site Manager, who will interact with our Webmaster. We strive to provide meaningful information and user-friendly access to Anne Arundel County resources for local and out of town family historians and researchers. A growing number of researchers use our online Request a Search service, and pay new or renewal membership dues or research fees by credit card or PayPal via our verified AAGS PayPal account.

In reaching out to promote genealogy and AAGS, in particular, we represent the society and/or speak at genealogical and historical society meetings, events, workshops, festivals, and conferences. Our members collaborate with the Anne Arrundell County Historical Society (AACHS) as volunteers at the Kuethe Library’s Historical and Genealogical Research Center and serve on the Kuethe Library Committee. With AACHS, we have recently undertaken a major indexing project to culminate in a searchable database of the Kuethe Library holdings on the Anne Arundel County Public Library web site.

I look forward to a continued and productive relationship with our membership and Board and hope to see my AAGS friends at our monthly meetings!

Thanks for everything!

Shelley K. Pollero
AAGS President 2010-2012
Cemetery News
If you know anything about the following burial sites, please contact me:

Old Asbury/Old Stage/Asbury Evergreen Cemetery, off S. Villa Ave. near former Bates H.S., Annapolis;

Phipps Family at "Felicity Plains", at #1601 Pleasant Plains Road, St. Margaret’s area;

Wayson Cemetery, on Mt. Airy Road, Davidsonville;

Owens Family Cemetery, in Davidsonville Gardens area, south of Harwood road near unnamed road east of Sands Road, Harwood;

"Roedown" Cemetery, at # 3 8 5 6  W a y s o n  R o a d, Davidsonville;

Unnamed Cemetery on Governor's Bridge Road, past Conne Mara Drive on Buck W a l t o n ' s  f a r m ( 1 9 7 4 ), Davidsonville;

Orme Family Cemetery, at #222 South River Club House Road, located near the house, fieldstones, Harwood;

Mrs. Hill's Burying Ground, possibly near Quiet Waters, Annapolis;

Pinkney Cemetery, at end of Georgetown Road, Annapolis;

T e q u i l a  S t r a i g h t  D r i v e Cemetery, at #1000 in Rio Vista Trailer Park, Lothian;

Phibbins Cemetery, on John Phibbins property (1996) by creek, 2 small stones with only initials, Lothian;

Lankford Family Cemetery, at end of Lankford Road, within circular drive, Harwood.

Tina Simmonstinasimmons622@yahoo.com

Local and National Events

**June 20, 2012 - Beyond the Basics: The 1940 Census**

At the National Archives, Washington, DC, Room G-24. Presented by Connie Potter and Diane Petro. Pre-registration is not required, admission is free. Email kyr@nara.gov for more information.

**July 24, 2012 - First Steps With Family History: Finding Your Ancestors in the U.S. Census of Population**

Learn how to use Ancestry Library Edition and Heritage Quest databases to search U.S. census records. The recent release of the 1940 Census, with its unique method of searching, will be demonstrated, plus a step-by-step method for finding persons in 1940. Presented by Jeff Korman and Eva Slezak From 10:00AM-12:00PM at the Enoch Pratt Central Library Public Computer Center

**August 29 - September 1, 2012 - Federation of Genealogical Societies 2012 Conference, Birmingham, Alabama**


**October 13, 2012 - Mid-Atlantic Germanic Society Fall Meeting - Solving Research Problems with an Interesting Twist**

The MAGS presents Solving Research Problems with an Interesting Twist, featuring the following four presentations:

Our Ancestors are Hiding on the World Wide Web - Susannah E Brooks
It's Never Too Late - Ann Morrison
Unscrambling Genealogical Puzzles - John Humphrey, CG
Your Questions Answered - An Open Forum - John Humphrey, CG & Susannah Brooks

From 8:30AM-4:00PM at the Best Western Westminster Hotel and Conference Center. See http://www.magsgen.com/fallmeeting.html for details.

**May 8-11, 2013 - NGS 2013 Family History Conference**

To be held at The LVH-Las Vegas Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada. See http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/galleries/new-gallery/2013_Announcement_Brochure_27_April.pdf for the announcement brochure. Mark your calendars.

For a more complete listing of local and national genealogy events, see Harold McClendon’s listing of Upcoming Genealogy Events at http://www.mvgenealogy.org/PDFs/Upcoming_Genealogy_Events.pdf.

www.aagensoc.org

20

Speaks June 2012
Featured Publication

In looking back over the Society’s publications that have been featured in these pages of Speaks, there remain only four that haven’t taken their turn in this column. The two that are featured in this issue are probably our most popular seller and our shortest tome.

Marriage Records of Anne Arundel County, Anne Arundel County, Maryland 1777-1877, John Powell, Editor. One of our best sellers over the years, this little red-covered book contains over 4700 marriage records covering the period indicated. Grooms are listed alphabetically, and brides are indexed.

The Old Stone House, Anne Arundel County, Maryland by Margaret Sparrow. This 20-page labor of love is a comprehensive history of the old stone house owned by the Beard, Robinson, and Tydings families. The soft-cover, 8-1/2” x 11” book contains a family chart of the descendants of Richard Beard and Rachel Robins, and tombstone inscriptions from the old burial ground on the property. Margaret Sparrow was one of the best genealogical researchers from the “old school”, that is before the Internet.

New Tombstone Technology

Technology on a tombstone? The Allen Monument Company in Crawfordsville, Indiana, is one company making changes. The company is now adding QR codes to tombstones.

QR Code (abbreviated from Quick Response Code) is the trademark for a type of matrix barcode (or two-dimensional code) first designed for the automotive industry. You can see a typical QR Code above. You probably have seen similar QR Codes on all sorts of products and advertisements. To use a QR Code, use a smartphone (typically an Apple iPhone or an Android phone) with appropriate software installed to take a close-up picture of the QR Code. The software reads the QR Code and then opens a web browser that displays the web page address that is embedded within the dots of the QR Code.

In effect, the QR Code becomes a "pointer" that points to a place where you may find more information. The process of displaying that information is automated with little human interaction required, other than snapping the picture. QR Codes are now popular on everything from Coca-Cola advertisements to tombstones.

The QR Code system has become popular due to its fast readability and large storage capacity compared to standard UPC barcodes.

continued from page 14

were Polish Jews or other Eastern Europeans. Women, children or older people made up much of the work force.

The Shipley family name has stretched far beyond the original 200 acres, from the Shipley community in Linthicum to Shipley’s Choice Elementary School in Millersville.

[Source: Shipley Collection at the University of Maryland and Paul McCardell, Sun library researcher]

August 2 - Frank Patnaude: Basic Use of Family Tree Maker 2011: Sources, Media, Tasks, etc.

Frank Patnaude is president elect of the Guild for Life at Anne Arundel Community College and a member of the Odenton Genial Genealogists. Frank has been working with Family Tree Maker (FTM) for 10 years (FTM has both Mac and PC versions) and with ‘Generations Suite’ prior to that. This presentation is sure to offer new genealogical techniques and insights that will be of benefit to both novice and veteran genealogists.

Don’t miss the next AAHS/AAGS Book Sale on October 6, 2012, from 9am - 3pm, at the Glen Burnie Improvement Association next to the Kueethe Library, Glen Burnie, Maryland.
The code consists of black modules arranged in a square pattern on a white background. The information encoded can be made up of four standardized kinds ("modes") of data (numeric, alphanumeric, byte/binary, Kanji), or through supported extensions, virtually any kind of data.

Randy Allen, owner of the Allen Monument Company, says that a QR code "makes the memorial almost like a form of social media. Other people can text messages to the family. They can also share other stories that they’d like to share as well. It’s all up to the family."

Allen said the tiny QR code can connect you to an entire memorial site about a loved one, including photos, biography, and other information. He said it’s as simple as scanning it with your smart phone.

Adding a QR Code to a tombstone requires a one-time fee that's included in the cost of the headstone. It can range from $99 to $400. A web page is also required although the page can exist on any web server. You can make changes to the web site whenever you’d like.

Are tombstone QR Codes becoming popular? "We're selling probably a few a day," said Randy Allen.

You can read more in the newsnet5.com web site at http://goo.gl/5BPS7.

This article is from Eastman’s Online Genealogy Newsletter and is copyright by Richard W. Eastman. It is re-published here with the permission of the author. Information about the newsletter is available at http://www.eogn.com
Anne Arundel Genealogical Society  
Cemetery Inscription Day  
Cedar Bluff Cemetery  
Summer 2012

Who: YOU and your friends  
What: Help us transcribe information from very old tombstones use by genealogy researchers  
Where: Cedar Bluff Cemetery, Annapolis  
When: Saturday, July 14, 2012 10:00 AM–1:00 PM  
Directions: Rt. 50 to Rowe Blvd. Go through 2 traffic lights then bear right to Calvert Street. Go right on Clay Street and right again on Washington St. Park along Northwest Street. Enter the cemetery through the chain link fence – cemetery is on the left side if facing the creek (St. Anne’s cemetery is on the right)  
In case of rain contact Tina Simmons: 410–978–7167

Volunteers Needed

The AAGS needs volunteers for the following projects. We would also like to thank those persons who have already stepped forward.

**Computerized card catalog:** We are embarking on a renewed effort to transfer the record of our holdings at the Kuethe Library to a searchable electronic database. How we go about this task is currently under discussion by the board. However this project is undertaken, it could use the support of volunteers. For more information, contact the AAGS Library Catalog Chair Carol Carman at ccarman114@aol.com.

**Transcriber:** One or more volunteers to transcribe naturalization records from Camp Meade, Maryland. The records are contained in 20 ledgers at the Maryland State Archives. Digital photographs have been taken for some of the records. The data are being transcribed into a spreadsheet. We can get you started by emailing a copy of the spreadsheet and details of how to have the ledgers pulled from storage at the archives. The AAGS plans to publish these records. To assist with this effort, please contact the AAGS Publications Chair, Paul Izat at p_izat@hotmail.com.

**Outreach Help:** Members are needed to represent the AAGS at festivals, classes, and meetings throughout the year. The benefits are free entry to some great events and great camaraderie. Contact the AAGS Publicity Chair, Tina Simmons at tinasimmons622@yahoo.com.

**Cemetery Transcription:** Several large commercial cemeteries in the county need to be copied or photographed so records of those burials can be recorded. Locations needing copying/photographing are Holy Cross, Brooklyn Park; Glen Haven, Glen Burnie; Cedar Bluffs, Annapolis; Lakemont Memorial Gardens, Davidsonville; Hillcrest, Annapolis; Annapolis Memorial Gardens, Annapolis; and Friendship United Methodist Church, Friendship. This is also an excellent opportunity for high school students who need community service credits. Contact the AAGS Cemetery Chair Tina Simmons at tinasimmons622@yahoo.com.
AAGS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Mail this page to AAGS Membership, P.O. Box 221, Pasadena, Maryland 21123-0221
Make check payable to Anne Arundel Genealogical Society or
for payment by credit card or PayPal via our web site, go to http://www.aagensoc.org/membership.shtml

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Membership Type</th>
<th>Individual</th>
<th>Family</th>
<th>Life</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>New</td>
<td>$25.00</td>
<td>$30.00</td>
<td>$500.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Renewal</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Payment Method</th>
<th>Account Holder</th>
<th>Date Paid</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Make check payable to Anne Arundel Genealogical Society or</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>for payment by credit card or PayPal via our web site, go to <a href="http://www.aagensoc.org/membership.shtml">http://www.aagensoc.org/membership.shtml</a></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Make changes to your membership information below:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name:</th>
<th>Address:</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>City:</th>
<th>Email Address:</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Telephone Number:</th>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Please list up to six surnames you are researching with location (e.g. Smith, Annapolis, AA Co., MD)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>1)</th>
<th>2)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>3)</th>
<th>4)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>5)</th>
<th>6)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Please check your mailing label for your membership expiration date. If your expiration date is
highlighted, this is your last issue. Please take the time to renew, and thank you for your support.

Anne Arundel Genealogical Society
P.O. Box 221
Pasadena, Maryland 21123-0221

Return Service Requested