



NOTES-April 2017

Our April 18 meeting will feature Ted Pearson with a presentation on *18th Century Immigrants to the U.S.*-Ted has done 17th Century previously and did a masterful job. We look forward to your attendance.

MARCH meeting: Gerald Wilson, a retired Lancaster policeman, gave a great, informative talk on DNA. He will return for another talk in 2017-2018-be sure to attend that one, he's very down-to-earth and interesting (as well as informative).

NOMINATIONS: We are presently looking for two volunteers for the 2017-2018 Genealogy Board:

President-sets the agendas, run meetings, and make sure all's running smoothly

Secretary-keeps and archives minutes of Board meetings, and of General Business meetings (usually 1x/year)

Each is a 2 year position, with meetings once a month September through June, usually a week or two before our general meeting, at a time and place to be mutually agreed upon. *Lois Rilling* has been working hard to get volunteers for these positions, but so far, only two people have stepped forward, one for the **Director At Large** and one for Director of

Programs. The positions are more a time commitment than a workload-as seen above, each is rather easy to carry out. Please consider one of these positions and let Lois Rilling (464-5868) or one of the Board know you are willing.

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MENNONITE FAMILY CONFERENCE (May 18-20, 2017): *New Arrivals in a New Land: 1717 Migration.*

At the Lancaster Farm & Home Center on Acadia Rd

(before Rte 30 overpass, turn right off Manheim Pike on Steelway, then left on Acadia)
\$120 for non-members.

GENEALOGY BOOK CARTS:

Be sure to check out our book carts while having refreshments. There is a green folder for signing out books/dvds; and remember to cross out your name when you return it.

MAY MEETING

—Please note the May meeting (only) will be at the North Auditorium due to a conflict in Manor Club.

DNA UPDATE:

Here's a note I recently received from 23&me-you may have read about it in the Friday LNP:

I am happy to announce that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) granted 23andMe authorization to market ten direct-to-consumer, genetic health risk reports. This new category of health reports will provide customers with information about genetic variants that could increase their risk for certain diseases.

The authorization includes reports on Late-Onset Alzheimer's Disease, Parkinson's Disease, Celiac Disease and Hereditary Thrombophilia as well as six additional conditions. To learn more about these reports and the additional reports covered in the authorization, you can refer to the [FDA's press release](#) or [our blog](#).

I am proud to say we are the first and only company to receive FDA authorization to market genetic health risk reports without a prescription. It's a defining moment - giving individuals direct access to more information about how their DNA could impact their health.

The first set of new genetic health risk reports to be released in the U.S. will include Late-Onset Alzheimer's Disease, Parkinson's Disease, Hereditary Thrombophilia, Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency, and a new carrier status report for Gaucher's Disease. These will be available by the end of April with additional reports to follow.

Anne Wojcicki
CEO and Co-Founder of 23&me

GENEALOGY WEBSITES: Here few interesting websites I've found useful-Let us know if any were of value to you:

[Digitized Newspaper sites](#)

links to sites for digitized US & state newspaper

[Internet Archive](#)

links to free digitized books, music, movies, websites, software & more

[Lancaster Library](#)

Go to *Research* tab-> *Other Databases* and you'll find: Access PA Catalog, Access PA Database, Heritage Quest, to name a few

Research tab->*Genealogy* lists some of the sources available in their library

Books & More->*Local Yearbooks* has a listing of a number of digitized local yearbooks

Happy Hunting!