

Notes September 2017-revised

DISCLAIMER: The "Monthly Calendar" isn't the only communication which has to be reprinted for updates. I, mistakenly, sent this month's Notes early and missed some items I should have included. This is the updated/revised edition

SEPTEMBER 19: 2:00 pm in Manor

Auditorium **Genealogy Writing** -George Nettleton will encourage writing genealogy vignettes. The inspiration or subject may include a family photo, an incident in your life, an interesting ancestor, discussion of an ancestor's occupation or migration, or it could even be an interesting genealogy search you've made. **Please bring a pencil/pen and paper or a laptop/tablet, and an** President: vacant Vice-President: Louise Seaman raylouiseseaman@gmail.com Treasurer: Bob McRobbie bobmcrobbie@gmail.com Secretary: Pat Burkhart (temp) Dir. At Large: Carol Fricke pixfricke@gmail.com Dir. of Programs: Al Fulvio fulvio@comcast.net

event, ancestor of interest or a photograph which can tell a story.Generally, we'll try to stick to one page vignettes; we'll not be writing a family history. If you have something like this which you've done, please bring it.

We don't often request people to bring something to use during the presentation, but, I'm hoping to have a short presentation and time for the members to work.

Please come prepared for this hands-on presentation: bring a laptop or notebook computer, or paper and pen/pencil.

- Our Club Webpage Don't forget to check this to keep up to date on our 2017-2018 schedule. While there, also check out some of the other tabs (to keep "tabs on us," so to speak). And remember the site in case a friend is interested in genealogy, but isn't aware of our club or the site.
- **Dues** Every September, we request your dues (\$10/WV residents, \$15 for County residents). See Bob McRobbie to pay (by check to Willow Valley Genealogy Club, please) or to check to see if you already paid. Or mail it to him (Manor B-208). There's an online application to include with the check.



<u>Officers</u>: We will be voting on a new Secretary, Pat Burkhart, who has agreed to fill this position for two years. And we are still seeking a candidate for

- President-VP Louise Seaman is filling in, but this is a 2nd load for her. Look around and let someone on the Board know if you, or someone you know, would be available for this position.
- <u>Share our Genealogy</u>: Again this month, we encourage any of you with a laptop or mobile device who also have a genealogy subscription site (Ancestry, Newspapers, GenealogyBank, etc.), who might be willing to demonstrate or take requests from members during refreshment time, let someone on the Board know. This would be a great service for some of our members who don't have those sites. We all might prepare some questions or requests to fill holes or answer questions, in our family trees to be prepared when others bring their laptops.. Bringing a flash drive to download information, or your email address to send it to, might be helpful, too.
- **Family History Library microfilm**: As mentioned previously, the Family History Libraries, will no longer be lending microfilm as of September 7. Microfilm is being digitized (at the rate of 1,000 a day!) and they expect to have all the microfilm done by 2020. To find how to access digitized sources on, go to Finding Digital Images on Family Search. You may still search the catalog, and if you find a source you'd like which is not yet digitized, let Familysearch know and they may move it up in the queue.

<u>Free websites</u> which may be of interest.:

genealogygophers.com

county histories and other books-search for an ancestor, then download the book!

Google Books

another good site; includes all kinds of print material

Project Gutenberg

- free e-books (over 53,000, all public domain); also available through Lancaster library site:
- <u>Genealogy In Time</u> is a free weekly newsletter with updates on new records added to various websites. The listings are by country, not website, however. Sign up for it and keep your internet genealogy searching up to date.
- While not a totally free site, the <u>Eastman Weekly Newsletter</u> keeps you up to date with new sites & ideas for your genealogy. There's a free (skimpy) edition and a plus edition (\$20/year for 52 issues).
- **<u>NOTE</u>**: Check the latest "Renaissance" p. 11 "Close to the Vest & Under the Skirt"-about historic. clothing. This, along with costume talks we've had at

our meetings, might help with the time frame for some of the photos you have.

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