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#### **EDITORS NOTES** Kenneth E. Zimmerman, Editor

This Notebook has five major articles:

- 1. Using Wills in Genealogical Research. Grace G. Connolly Register of Wills Baltimore Baltimore County spoke at the Baltimore County Historical Society on February 28, 2007.
- 2. The second article is information on the "Zimmerman Graveyard" or "Hebbville Community" near Woodlawn, Maryland.
- 3. Information on the Association of Professional Genealogist
- 4. Two books review and new release of CD's & books for 2007 that are of genealogy interest.
- 5. Baltimore County Administration Accounts Index 1852-1858, Liber J.L.R. No. 1 beginning 26 Mar 1852 and ending 02 Feb 1858. This is the first of a new series for the Notebook.. Our member Carol Porter compiled the index. We greatly appreciate Carol's work and look forward for her to continue this project.

#### Genealogical Tip of the Quarter by Ken Zimmerman

Sometimes it pays to go to a Professional Genealogist even if your own research skills are excellent. Unless, you have lots of time and money to travel it can be difficult to do your own research out of town or outside of Maryland. Paying a Professional Genealogist will save some aggravations and headaches because she or he lives in the area, knows the records and the most efficient way to do the research. It's a good idea to hire someone when you hit a roadblock. Some researchers hire a local genealogist because they cannot travel to the archives or research institution or they do not have special expertise that maybe needed. Refer to the article on Association of Professional Genealogist and the website on Hiring a Professional and Finding a Professional.

#### Using Wills in Genealogy Research

"Wills are the written testamentary wishes of an individual, and show that the testator was alive on the day that the will was signed, and had died before the day on which the will was proven or filed for probate. They may give the names of heirs, the property or bequests each was to receive, and the name of the person or persons who were to carry out the wishes of the testator. Wills may contain references to the institutions the testator supported, where his or her relatives were buried, or other indications of his or her state of mind. The Archives contains wills recorded in the Prerogative Court from 1635 to 1777 (Only the microfilm copies now circulate).

The Archives also has County Wills formerly deposited at county court houses. Many <u>original</u> <u>record books</u> have been accessioned, and some are available on <u>microfilm</u>. Other record books have been <u>recently transferred</u> and have not been accessioned." Refer to MSA website for information on "Probate Records.

"The Register of Wills is responsible for appointing personal representatives to administer decedents' estates and for overseeing the proper and timely administration of these proceedings. We also perform the following duties: assist and advise the public in the preparation of all required forms; maintain and preserve the permanent record of all proceedings; serve as the Clerk to the Orphans' Court; track estates and refer delinquent matters to the Court; determine and collect inheritance taxes and probate fees/court costs; audit accounts of personal representatives and guardians; mail various notices and court orders to interested persons; and, verify compliance with court orders. For further information, please contact the Register in the county (jurisdiction) where the decedent resided at the time of death." Refer to MSA website for information on State of Maryland Register of Wills. <a href="https://www.registers.state.md.us">https://www.registers.state.md.us</a>

The Baltimore County Register of Wills office is located in County Courts Building on 401 Bosley Avenue Towson, Maryland on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor Room 500. It is sometimes referred to as the "New Courthouse".

On February 28, 2007 Grace G. Connolly, Register of Wills, Baltimore County and a staff member spoke to the Baltimore County Historical Society. After 1851 Baltimore City became incorporated and the City and County records were separated from that year forward. The Baltimore County wills were transcribed by hand from 1851 to 1939. From 1939 to 1997 the wills were transcribed by type. Beginning in 1997 to the present all are in a computerized format.

Baltimore County has all the Wills Books from 1851 forward. Starting in 1995 the Baltimore County original wills are currently held in the office of the Register of Wills. The Register of Wills in Baltimore County has all their records indexed on the computer from 1997 forward.

The Maryland State Archives has the original wills that are in safekeeping from 1920-1994. The Maryland State Archives has the Wills (Wills Books) on microfilm form 1851 to 1979 and a microfilm index 1851 to 1969. There are some Assorted Wills, Codicils, Inventories, Correspondence and Renunciations from 1851 to 1956 stored as unprocessed material. at the Maryland State Archives.

If you find a Will and you cannot find a date of death contact the Register of Wills.

When preparing a Will please do not insert Social Security Numbers with names of individuals. Due to personal privacy reasons this is not advisable.

If you have prepared a Will one should let your Personal Representative that will administer the estate know where the Will is stored. If stored in a safe deposit bank one will need to know where the key is located and the name of the bank and location. As a service Baltimore County Register of Wills will provide safekeeping for wills of living persons who reside in Baltimore County. If the decedent had a will, the custodian of the original documents must file promptly

after of date of death. A Petition for Probate Schedule A and all required papers shall be filed with the Register of Wills promptly after date of death.

A handout "Administration Estates in Baltimore County, Maryland" was given out compliments of Grace G. Connolly, Register of Wills Baltimore County. It provides a great overview of the probate process and defines some terms. Their website provides some basic information. Their website address is <a href="http://www.registers.state.md.us">http://www.registers.state.md.us</a> Then Click the Baltimore County link. If you have any questions or need information related to Administration of Estate for Baltimore County call 410-887-6680.

#### **Zimmerman Graveyard**

(Location: On Rolling Road near Windsor Mill Road in Hebbville.)

The Zimmerman Graveyard is called "Hebbville Community Cemetery" in the State Assessment Data Bank but there is no deed number given although the cemetery is listed as Tax Map 87, Parcel P267. No mailing address for the owners of the cemetery is given.

By tracing the adjoining parcels, it is possible to find clues that the cemetery was part of John J. Zimmerman's estate. The earliest mention of the graveyard occurs in an 1864 deed from Stephen Zimmerman and other family members to Adolph Widermeyer (Deeds JHL 42:45). In this deed, the family did not reserve the cemetery as is sometimes done in deeds but they skirted around it, giving the angles and distances for the west boundary and the north boundary. A deed from Adolph Widermeyer to George Zeigler stated that the property bounded the cemetery on two sides; Wiedermeyer was not able to convey the cemetery to Zeigler because it was never his (Deeds JHL 49:238).

The text of the tombstone inscriptions are presented in the 1977 Bicentennial book for the neighborhood ("Woodlawn, Franklintown and Three Communities –Two Centuries", By the Woodlawn History Committee, Published by the Woodlawn Recreation and Parks Council, 1977). pp. A4-4 to A4-6. (The tombstone inscriptions were copied in 1972 by Baltimore County Historical Society.) Oddly enough, John J. Zimmerman is not listed.

The cemetery is shown in the 1877 G. M. Hopkins *Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland,* Volume II. In this atlas, the grave yard is a chip out of the SE corner of the property of Frederick Kieske, who had purchased it from George Zeigler in 1875 (Deeds JB 911:531).

The north line of the cemetery is 15.2 perches (240.8 feet), and the west side measures 9.8 perches (161.7 feet), as expressed in the 1864, 1866, and 1875 deeds.

SUMMARY: The plat for developing the adjoining property seems to have the correct angles and boundary distances for the cemetery. The cemetery once had a wall of common local stone, possibly basalt. The stones that survive on Rolling Road are two courses high, but in some places the wall does not survive at all. The SE corner of the cemetery is apparently a pile of stones just north of BGE power pole No. 81841. This cemetery is completely overgrown with bushes and small

trees. The wall is not a product of the 20<sup>th</sup> century but probably dated from the 19<sup>th</sup> century when the cemetery was in actual use. Given the existence of a wall of considerable age, there is no reason to believe that burials were made beyond the legal boundaries on the two adjoining properties. The wall that survives is opposite the terminus of Jody Knoll Road, its NE corner more or less in line with the south edge of Jody Knoll Road. The tall oak trees seem to be north of the south edge of Jody Knoll Road, probably outside the cemetery.

John McGrain visited this site on November 13, 2002. The thickest is almost impenetrable. There is no need to copy the tombstone inscriptions because they are available in the 1977 Woodlawn Hebbville book.

(In November 1992 Kenneth Zimmerman took photos of majority the tombstone listed.)

### Amended Concept Plan Comments HISTORIC REVIEW:

Since the preparation of the November 12, 2002 memo for the Concept Plan Conference, the Office of Planning has become aware that the portrayal of Parcel 627 on the plan might not correctly show the actual extent of the historic Hebbville Community Cemetery and it associated stone wall. This cemetery was in existence as early as 1877, but the uncertainties about the cemetery include: the exact limits of the property (in the absence of a known deed); the date at which the stonewall was constructed; and the pattern of burials before (or even after?) construction of the wall.

Thus, before the submittal of a development plan, it should be the responsibility of the developer to verify (and to show on the plan) the location of the stone wall, and to certify, through appropriate professional (archeological) investigation, that there are no unmarked burial sites outside the wall that would be affected by grading or construction of improvements in conjunction with the development.

(Within the last few years a new housing development was built next to the Cemetery. It appears no part of the cemetery has been disturbed from construction.)

Note: The above article was submitted by George Horvath who obtained a copy of some data that was in John McGrian's old files under Cemeteries. John McGrain worked for Baltimore County Government.

#### **Book Review** by Kenneth E. Zimmerman

"Northern Baltimore County Maryland Pioneers The Land and Their Descendants" By Wayne Carroll McGinnis, Heritage Books, paper, 176 pages, indexed. \$28.00.

This book provides genealogy information on original settlers and pioneers who settled in the Seventh Election District which is part of Northern Baltimore County, Maryland. It has some historical information regarding their communities, land and families and neighbors. The book is well indexed by

last name and first name. There are descendant charts (61) for 2-4 generations on the following individuals with birth, marriage, and death dates:

Joshua AndersonAdam Miller HendrixJonathon PlowmanThomas AyresNehemiah HicksJesse PocockJohn BellThomas HuntJohn Rosier

Edward Bond William Hunter Abraham (Riston) Royston

George Bond Dr. Edward Johnson Thomas Rutledge **Ezekiel Bosley** William Kirkwood Isaac Sampson Isaac Bull John Michael Krout Arthur Shane Adam Burns George Lytle **Daniel Shaw** Capt James Calder John Mays Benjamin Shipley **Hugh Cameron** Robert McClung Ezekiel Slade William Carlin Aquillia McDonald Josiah Sparks Moses Collett Thomas Meredith Christian Stabler Jacob Dailey John Merryman Vincent Standiford John Samuel Morris Joseph Sutton George Elliott Luke Ensor Robert Nelson James H. Tracey Luke Gorsuch Ensor George Chalk John Turnbaugh John Foster Joseph Norris Gist Vaughn Daniel Walker John Garrett **Edward Parrish** Robert Gillis **Thomas Pearce** John Wilson

David Gorsuch William Pearce Josias Grover Walter Perdue

There are four pages of research sources cited. The specific names, dates and events are not source documented. The book has a map inserted that shows the original grants owner names/date/acres for the district. The map was compiled by George Horvath and drawn by Robert Brent Wilderson. A large color version of the map is available for \$20.00. The book comes with a black and white map only. This a good research book that was done by a BCGS member that is great for doing Northern County research. I recommend you purchase a copy.

### "Maryland 1860 Agriculture Census Volume 1" Compiled by Linda L. Green, Willow Bend Books, 2007. pages 264. \$38.50

This census names only the head of the household. There were 48 columns of information in the agricultural census. The book lists only six column of information, which is the name of owner, improved acreage, unimproved acreage, cash value of the farm, value of farm implements and machinery, and value of livestock. This volume includes the counties of Alleghany, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Calvert, Caroline, Carroll, Cecil, Charles, Dorchester, and Frederick. The book does not list the District or Post Office for each resident on the census list. There is no page number in the publication so one can easily refer to the original agriculture census sheet on the microfilm. The index only lists the last name of the head of household and page number. There is no reference to where the researcher can have access to the agriculture census microfilm. Note: The microfilm is at the Maryland State Archives. This publication is only good as a general index because it lacks information to easily cross reference to the microfilm.

#### **NEW BOOKS**

"Colonial Families of Maryland: Bound and Determined to Succeed" Robert Barnes; Format: Paper ,Pages: xxvi + 284 pp. Published: 2007 Price: \$31.50 ISBN: 9780806353166 Item #: CF9095 Genealogical Publishing Company. Information below is from GPC website: http://www.genealogical.com

What actually became of the indentured servants and bonded immigrants who arrived in America during the colonial period? Were they able to cast off the shackles that had brought them here in the first place, and how long did it take? For his latest book, genealogist Robert Barnes traces the fortunes of more than 500 Maryland debtors. His findings will interest genealogists and historians alike.

**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY**: Abbot, Simon; Crandall, Francis; Dowling, Emm; James, Richard; Knighton, Thomas; Maynard, Lawrence; Scrivener, Benjamin; Snowden, Richard

BALTIMORE COUNTY: Ady, Jonathan; Allen, William; Bacon, Martin; Barton, Lewis; Bell, William; Chamness, Anthony; Constable, Thomas; Cox, Christopher; Curtis, Daniel; Durham, John; Ellis, Peter; Guishard, Samuel; Guyton, John; Hissey, Charles; Isgrig, William; Jarrett, Abraham; Jessop, William; Knightsmith, Thomas; Lego, Benjamin; Lofton, William; Love, Robert; Majors, Mary Slider; Mallonee, Peter; Manley, Dorothy; Mead, William; Motherby, Charles; Mumford, Edward; Pearle, William; Pearson, Simon; Peregoy, Joseph; Phelps, Thomas; Pilgrim, Amos; Royston, John; Seabrook, William; Sindall, Philip; Wiesenthal, Charles Frederick

**CALVERT COUNTY**: Armstrong, Edward; Beckwith, George; Bigger, John; Broome, John; Cleverly, Thomas; Fry, Joseph; Gantt, Thomas; Hulse, Meverell; Ireland, Joseph; Kirshaw, James; Mackall, John **CECIL COUNTY**: Atkins, John; Boyer, John; Freeman, William; Pullen, Richard

**CHARLES COUNTY**: Adams, Francis; Edgar, Richard; Farnandis, Peter; Garland, Randolph; Hardy, William; Martin, Michael; Philpott, Edward; Scroggin, George; Wathen, John

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HARFORD COUNTY: Baker, Nicholas; Bull, John

**KENT COUNTY:** Angier, John; Atchison, Vincent; Benton, Mark; Henley, Christopher; Knock, Mary Boyer; Peale, Charles

**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY:** Clarvo, Francis; Lakin, Abraham; Monk, Renaldo; Pottenger, John; Simmons, Jonathan

**QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY:** Arlot, Francis

SOMERSET COUNTY: Boardman, Francis; Boyer, Robert

ST. MARY'S COUNTY: Dunbar, John; Fenwick, Cuthbert; Forrest, Patrick; French, James; Kirby, William; Meakin, William; Sturman, Thomas

**TALBOT COUNTY:** Austin, William; Dammes, John; Gregory, Anthony; Lurkey, Nicholas; Roe, Thomas; Start, John; Tomlinson, John; Valiant, John

Abstracts of the Testamentary Proceedings of the Prerogative Court of Maryland. Volume 8: 1697-1700. Libers 17, 18A Compiled by Vernon L. Skinner, Jr. 2007. 259 pp. CC9985 - \$29.50

Information below is from Colonial Roots website http://www.delmarvaroots.com

This is the eighth volume in Skinner's popular series of transcriptions of 17th-century Maryland probate records. Vol. 8 closes out the 17th-century holdings of the Prerogative Court.

The Prerogative Court was the focal point for probate in colonial Maryland. A judge and various clerks staffed the court. All matters of probate went directly to the Prerogative Court, which was located in Annapolis, Maryland's colonial capital. Eventually, administration of probate was delegated to the several county courts; however, many documents related to probate continued to be filed at the Prerogative Court and not in the corresponding county. It should be noted that the Prerogative Court was also the colony's court for equity cases--resolution of disputes over the settlement and distribution of an estate. (Beginning in 1674, inventories and accounts were recorded in a separate series.)

The abstracts are arranged chronologically by court session. For the most part, the transcriptions state the names of the principals (testators, heirs, witnesses, administrators, and so forth) as well as details of bequests, names of slaves, appraisers, and more. Mr. Skinner notes that with the contents of Volume VIII, the Prerogative Court no longer assigned appraisers for the assessment of individuals' property. In all, this volume refers to between 6,000 and 7,000 inhabitants of the Province of Maryland at the end of the 17th century.

#### **New releases on CD-ROM:**

"United Methodist Historical Society Closed Church Records Series, Volume 1, East Baltimore Station Methodist Episcopal Church, 1801-1885". (US0450)

"United Methodist Historical Society Closed Church Records Series, Volume 2, East Baltimore Station Methodist Episcopal Church, 1886-1908". (US0451)

This first volume of the United Methodist Historical Society Closed Church Records Series contains four church registers from the East Baltimore Station Methodist Episcopal Church (formerly Fells Point) spanning the years 1801-1885. The records in this volume include:

Separate Registers
- Marriages 1801-1835
- Marriages 1837-1872
- Baptisms 1838-1872

Register 1873-1885 includes:
-Members as of 1883-1885
-Marriages 1873-1885
-Baptisms 1873-1886

This second volume of the United Methodist Historical Society Closed Church Records Series contains two church registers from the East Baltimore Station Methodist Episcopal Church (formerly Fells Point), 1886-1895 and 1895-1908. The records in this volume include:

Register 1886-1895 - Members 1890-1895 - Marriages 1886-1894 - Baptisms 1885-1895 Register 1895-1908 -Members 1897-1908 -Marriages 1897-1907 -Baptisms 1895-1908 These records are presented in their original sequence using high-resolution greyscale images. They include handwritten records and therefore do not include any facility for an automated search. Pre-printed section headings and every page containing historical records are included. Unused ledger pages are typically not included and account for any appearance of missing page numbers.

The images can be viewed using Adobe Acrobat Reader (version 4 or later recommended) on any Windows, Macintosh, or Unix computer; and are sure to make an excellent addition to your library.

There are a discount bundle of the East Baltimore Station records for 1901-1885 (Product ID US0450) and 1886-1908 (Product ID US0451) which are normally \$19.95 each when purchased separately. This represents a discount of 12% on the pair of CDs. Price: \$34.95 The above information was from their website: <a href="http://www.archivecdbooksusa.com">http://www.archivecdbooksusa.com</a> Archive CD Books USA 9110 Red Branch Road Suite "O" Columbia, Maryland 21045 (410)715-2260

#### **ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL GENEALOGISTS**

Members of the Association of Professional Genealogists understand that each project has unique needs. Our specialists come from many diverse backgrounds.

You can search their <u>online directory of members</u> by specialty or geographic location. You can review member biographies and evaluate their experience related to your project. When hiring a professional, be sure to communicate everything you know about your project and what you want to accomplish. Ask about hourly rates, associated fees, and payment options, including any retainer.

Hourly rates vary widely depending on scope of work, average industry wages, and business expenses such as licensing, insurance, and other overhead. In addition to hourly rates, many types of genealogical work incur associated fees such as travel expenses, copy or microfilm reproduction charges, postage, and other work-related expenses.

The APG member directory has some new and improved features. Check it out by going to http://www.apgen.org.

New and improved directory features include the following:

- 1. Mapping feature changed to map city, rather than street address to preserve member privacy.
- 2. Map of individual member can be displayed within member profile, rather than opening a Google maps page. If profile includes a photograph, the photo and map toggle back and forth.
- 3. Postal Code search enhanced to map members within 10, 25, 50, 100, or 500-mile radius of target postal code. This feature will assist users locating a member near a courthouse, library, cemetery, etc.
- 4. Option to "select all" for mapping on Directory Search Results Page, rather than marking each member individually. Several member locations can be displayed on the map at once in relationship to the target postal code. Each member marker has a hyperlink to go directly to the profile page.
- 5. "Other Searches" added to list under FIND A RESEARCHER on home page, which directs user to the advanced search option. The advanced search is where you can combine searches, such as members who reside in New York and specialize in Jewish research.

Kenneth and Elaine Zimmerman are members of APG.

#### BALTIMORE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNT INDEX

#### 1852 - 1858

#### Compiled by Carol Porter

The administration account is a report filed by the executor or administrator regarding the settlement of both testate and intestate estates. Of the decedents listed in the following administration account book, one half had a will while the others died intestate. The account should reflect all assets filed in the inventory plus income received after death as well as expenses and debts of the estate. The distribution of the estate can also be found in these accounts and researchers may find heirs listed that were not named in a will. Administration accounts frequently provide more genealogical information than a will. Accounts can be a half page long or run for multiple pages. It is not uncommon for this practice to continue for years. In the case of Charles DeFord, his first account was opened in 1858 and his tenth and final account was filed in 1866. Often the language of the will forces an account to drag on. An example of this being the testator may have willed that his property was not to be distributed until after his widow's death. When an account states it is the final account, this step in the probate process is usually complete.

The following index was compiled by using two sources. The General Index to Administration Accounts No. 1, 1851-1908 Baltimore County, MD. (MSA CR-11007-1) and the individual administration account book (MSA CR-9059-1). Both are on microfilm at the Maryland State Archives. The information below shows the decedent's name, year of the first account and beginning page number.

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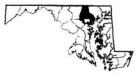
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#### **EDITORS NOTES** Kenneth E. Zimmerman, Editor

This Notebook has five major articles:

- 1. Attendance at the National Genealogical Society –Conference in the States and Family History Fair 2007. Some of Dick Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter article has been reprinted.
- 2. The second article is a list of some valuable newsletters and web sites genealogist should subscribe to or use for research.
- 3. Article "Decay Threads Important Baltimore History Archives" by Antero Pietila from the Baltimore Examiner.
- 4. Article on Interpreting Cause of Death -Antiquus Morbus is a fascinating web site that provides definitions of archaic medical terms, along with their old and modern definitions.
- 5. Baltimore County Administration Accounts Index 1858-1863, Liber J.L.R. No. 2 beginning 10 Feb 1858 and ending 05 Jun 1863. This is the second of a new series for the Notebook.. Our member Carol Porter compiled the index. We greatly appreciate Carol's work and look forward for her to continue this project.

#### Genealogical Tip of the Quarter by Ken Zimmerman

A Research Guide is an educational tool for learning how to do your genealogy research or how to use a particular record, what records are in a library or archives, or how to conduct research related to a specific subject area, geographic area or time period. Research Guides are in various formats publications/books, pamphlets, leaflet, or on the Internet. You need to use a research guide to minimize your learning curve, maximize the use of research time, and increase the effectiveness and success rate in doing your research. The Baltimore County Genealogical Society library has general research guides and special guides for researching Maryland Counties. There are guides published on how to use the Census Records, Land Records, Probate Records and also how to research genealogy in the American Revolution or Civil War. "A researchers success often the result of learning new information or new skills. When you need guidance or "how to" instruction, it's time to look for a research guide!" by Ruth Ann Hager

#### National Genealogical Society Conference May 16-19, 2007

Prior to attending the NGS Conference in Richmond, Virginia there was the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of America. of the settlers first arriving at Jamestown in 1607. Along with the three-day 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration festivals and special activities there was a visit to Jamestown Settlement, a living history museum operated by the state of Virginia, and the Historic Jamestowne, site of the original fort, operated by Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities (APVA) and the National Park Service.

#### **Q:** Why is Jamestown important?

A: Jamestown, settled in 1607, was the first permanent English settlement in the Americas. It is our nation's birthplace. Traditions established at Jamestown - including representative government, the rule of law, free enterprise and cultural diversity - form the basis of American culture today. Plymouth, settled by the pilgrims 13 years later, was established primarily for religious reasons.

#### Q: How long will the Jamestown 2007 commemoration last?

**A:** The series of <u>Signature Events and Programs</u> spans nearly 18 months, beginning with the *Godspeed* Sail in May 2006 and concluding in the fall of 2007. Take some time to visit.

#### **Report from the NGS Conference in Richmond**

The 2007 NGS Conference in the States and Family History Fair wrapped up yesterday, May 19. I managed to survive all four days of this major event, although I think I'll be sleeping for the next three days to compensate for the sleep deprivation encountered.

The conference took place at the Greater Richmond Convention Center and at the adjacent Richmond Marriott Hotel in Richmond, Virginia. This year's conference was sponsored by the U.S. National Genealogical Society with much assistance from the Virginia Genealogical Society, the Fairfax Genealogical Society, and the Genealogical Research Institute of Virginia (GRIVA). Roughly 2,000 people attended this four-day event.

More than 180 seminars, luncheons, dinners, and other events were squeezed into four days (five days if you count "Librarians' Day," which was held the day before the official opening of the conference). Genealogy beginners and experts alike had plenty of topics to choose from. You can find a list of all the events at <a href="http://www.eshow2000.com/ngs/2007/conf\_program.cfm">http://www.eshow2000.com/ngs/2007/conf\_program.cfm</a>.

Many awards were presented at the Friday evening conference banquet. I don't have a list of all of them, but I can report that Curt Witcher received the Filby Prize.

The annual Filby Prize is awarded to a librarian who has made significant contributions to the field of genealogy and local history. The nominee must have at least five years experience in a public or special library. The award is named for the late P. William Filby, Director of the Maryland Historical Society and author of many outstanding genealogical reference books. More details about the prize can be found at an article in this newsletter at <a href="http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans\_online\_genealogy/2007/02/filby\_prize\_cal.html">http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans\_online\_genealogy/2007/02/filby\_prize\_cal.html</a>.

Curt B. Witcher is the Department Manager for the Historical Genealogy Department of the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He is a past president of the National Genealogical Society and a past president of the Federation of Genealogical Societies. He also has memberships in a number of historical and genealogical organizations and is the founding president of the Indiana Genealogical Society. He is an adjunct professor in Indiana University's Continuing Education Program and is coeditor of the 1987 through 2000 editions of the Periodical Source Index, published by the Allen County Public Library Foundation. Curt is also a leader in providing genealogy library in digital format to library patrons, both in libraries' facilities as well as to remote patrons around the world. I also have had the pleasure of knowing Curt Witcher for years and can tell you that this year's award was well deserved. Curt is one of the giants of our time.

Unlike past NGS conferences, I found almost no new products on display. A few vendors have added books or CD-ROM disks or databases to web sites, but almost all products and services on display were incremental improvements to previous years' offerings.

The huge news, however, was the announcement of partnerships. Most of the announcements focused on partnerships signed by various vendors with FamilySearch, the genealogy arm of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The Exhibitors' Hall was abuzz as several vendors were talking about the wide exposure their products will soon receive.

Footnote, sponsors of this newsletter, announced that the complete Revolutionary War Era Pension and Bounty-Land Warrant Application Files will soon appear on the company's site. Even better, these records will be available free of charge to patrons who are at any of the FamilySearch centers around the world, as well as at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. The same records will also be available to in-home users for very modest fees.

NOTE: SELECTED records from the Revolutionary War Pension Files have been available for some time at various libraries via HeritageQuest Online. However, these records are no longer available to individuals who are not affiliated with a participating library. To access these records on HeritageQuest Online, you must use the facilities of a subscribing library. In addition, the records available to date have been limited to "selected records," not the complete collection. In contrast, Footnote is placing the complete collection online for the first time, and this collection will be available in-home with no library affiliation required. The complete collection includes many applications that are 100 pages or more, documents previously not available online.

Footnote has several other databases online now and is also promising much more data in the next few months for modest fees. The company is presently adding two million documents per month to the site and plans to increase that number in the future. Even better, the company recently dropped its prices. In fact, Footnote is becoming the bargain-priced provider of historical documents. For more information about Footnote's many online databases, go to. http://www.footnote.com

Since Footnote sponsors this newsletter, I am obviously biased to the company's services. However, even if Footnote was not a sponsor, I think I would still be very enthused about this company's announced plans. With its ambitious plans and low prices, Footnote is becoming a major online resource for genealogists, historians, and many others.

Quintin Publications announced a partnership with WorldVitalRecords.com to provide access to thousands of genealogical and historical databases. Quintin Publications has long been a small, specialty publisher of genealogical and historical books. The late Bob Quintin started the company by republishing out-of-print French-Canadian genealogical books, then expanded into other ethnic groups and eventually into all sorts of historical materials. His catalog eventually included more than 10,000 titles. Sadly, Bob Quintin lost his battle with cancer in September 2005.

I knew Bob for years and purchased a number of books from him, both on paper and on CD-ROM disks. I was delighted to see that Bob's son Phil and Phil's wife Carol are now running the business, along with Bob's widow. Now Quintin Publications is about to place more than two and a half million pages of historical and genealogical material online through a new partnership with both FamilySearch and WorldVitalRecords.com. The material will be available free of charge to patrons who are at any of the FamilySearch centers around the world as well as at the

Family History Library in Salt Lake City. The same records will also be available to in-home users on WorldVitalRecords.com for modest fees.

The Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation, Inc., World Vital Records, Inc., and FamilySearch announced at the conference a partnership whereby the historic collection of Ellis Island passenger arrival records will now also be freely available to visitors of the www.worldvitalrecords.com and www.familysearch.com websites. These records have been available online for some time but will now receive wider distribution. WorldVitalRecords.com's genealogical records and resources will also be freely available to anyone who visits the <a href="www.worldvitalrecords.com">www.worldvitalrecords.com</a> and <a href="www.familysearch.com">www.familysearch.com</a> websites, thanks to an agreement between FamilySearch (TM) and WorldVitalRecords.com.

I heard reports that several more holders of genealogical materials, large and small, are in negotiations with FamilySearch to make their collections available online. I suspect there will be many more announcements in coming months.

The FamilySearch folks obviously were smiling at all the news circulating about their many new partnerships. FamilySearch had a huge booth at the conference, exhibiting some of the many services available.

I was pleasantly surprised to see a demonstration of what is being called "New Search." That name may change, but the functionality is assured. "New Search" is a beta version of a search interface and document viewer being developed by the Church for use on <a href="www.FamilySearch.org">www.FamilySearch.org</a>. This new user interface is difficult to describe in words; all I can say is that it is really slick. It should make records easier to find, and images of original documents will be easy to view. In fact, the document viewer is excellent. It looks a lot like the one used at Footnote.com although it was developed independently. In any case, it is an excellent viewer; it's easy to use, and it renders excellent reproductions of images.

I doubt if the New Search interface will be available to users in the next few months. However, the fact that it was being demonstrated at the conference indicates that it is a "real" product and eventually will be available to everyone once any remaining bugs have been removed. In other news, ProQuest CSA and LexisNexis announced during the NGS conference that the two companies are working together to add genealogical data from the LexisNexis U.S. Serial Set Digital Collection to HeritageQuest Online. Information to be added will include the Private Relief Actions and Memorials and Petitions from the LexisNexis Serial Set collection.

The Generations Network, owners of Ancestry.com and several other web sites, gave private viewings of the new Ancestry Press service. This personal publishing service allows you to combine historical records, images, and other information from your family tree in professionally designed pages. You can then print them out and create a custom book for your family. A professional book binding service will also be available.

Ancestry Press allows the user to easily write family history books, complete with excellent source citations of various documents. For instance, when writing about the life of great-grandpa, you can easily insert images of the U.S. census records that list him. You might be able to include his World War I draft registration document or other documents created during his life. Source citations are automatically generated although you can modify them or add to them, if you wish. You can use pre-defined templates or create your own book format from scratch. You

can make family history books now, and Ancestry Press is also developing family calendars, posters, photo albums, and more. You can choose to print books, share them online, or keep them private, as you wish. You can also upload your own pictures, write additional text, change page layouts, and much more. The user interface on this product is one of the best that I have seen in genealogy.

I will be writing more about Ancestry Press as it nears the end of beta. You can look at Ancestry Press now at <a href="http://www.ancestrypress.com">http://www.ancestrypress.com</a>.

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Members from the Baltimore County Genealogy Society attending the NGS Conference in Richmond, VA were Dorothy Reed, Wanda Hall, Jane Thursby, Barbara Fisher, Glen Peddicord. Elaine Zimmerman and Ken Zimmerman

#### GENEALOGY NEWSLETERS AND WEB SITE FOR GENELOGIST

Editor Note: I would highly recommend reviewing their web sites and the sign-up for a subscription. The vendors were at the NGS Conference exhibiting and demonstrating their information. We need to keep up with the new technology and databases that are coming on-line.

New Digital Magazine –Exploring the Convergence of Genealogy and Technology Digital Genealogist, LLC, was formed in 2006 by Elizabeth Kelley Kerstens, CG, CGL. The company exists solely to create and distribute *Digital Genealogist*, a digital magazine. .Subscriptions to *Digital Genealogist* are \$20 a year for six issues. Issues come out bimonthly at the beginning of January, March, May, July, September, and November. <a href="http://www.digitalgenealogist.com">http://www.digitalgenealogist.com</a>

#### Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter

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#### Big News from Footnote

- Footnote Partners with FamilySearch
- Footnote and The National Archives Work to Digitize Records
- Revolutionary War Pension Files Launch on Footnote
- Footnote to be Featured in Family History Centers for FREE

All Access Membership is \$7.95 monthly or \$59.95 a year Or go to web site to register for FREE access. http://www.footnote.com

#### Special Collections at Genealogy Today

Filled with unique family history information & photos, their databases are updated regularly with new names. Here are a few of the recently established projects.

- Funeral Cards
- Masonic Rosters
- Railroad Employees
- Ration Books

- Criminal Records
- Business Cards

Genealogy Today has been committed to keeping genealogists informed of the latest resources and research techniques. Regular columns and articles provide free guidance for those just getting started, and the newsletter and databases offer value to more experienced visitors. http://www.genealogytoday.com.

On April 16, 2007 Antero Pietila has written an article in the (Baltimore) Examiner

#### **Decay Threatens Important Baltimore History Archives**

**BALTIMORE** Among the Enoch Pratt Free Library's little-known treasures are the vertical files in the Maryland department. They hold 7,000 large envelopes full of yellowing newspaper clippings, reports and documents detailing Baltimore's life and development, mostly from the 1930s to the 1980s.

For information about Baltimore during World War II or about the city's housing and education problems, visiting the vertical files is mandatory.

Over the years, the vertical files have spawned innumerable books, dissertations and term papers. But many of those brittle files are literally turning to dust.

Equally important material decays at other institutions. For example, the oral history collections of the Maryland Historical Society and the University of Baltimore are now so fragile researchers may no longer listen to original interviews for fear of damaging the audio tapes beyond repair.

This is nothing short of a calamity. Many important interviews have not been transcribed on paper. If neglect destroys the original tapes, valuable first-person assessments of Maryland's recent history will be lost, including a huge interview project on local civil rights struggles. The local institutions housing this material must digitize the documents as soon as possible before the files and audio tapes disintegrate. They will need extra money to complete the project and should band together to maximize private and public fundraising.

Restoration will not be an easy job. Many paper documents in the vertical files at the Pratt exist in so many pieces that trying to put them together is no different from assembling a puzzle. Similar problems will doubtless face audio engineers, trying to patch the reel-to-reel tapes.

The condition of many other local history sources is equally worrisome. The Baltimore Sun's library is one example. A skeleton staff operates the "morgue," whose future is as cloudy as the newspaper's.

Huge gaps mark the library — including a "black hole" extending roughly from 1975 until 1990, when staff clipped but did not file newspaper articles. They still have not been filed and never will.

Contents of The Sun are available electronically from 1990 onward through ProQuest, a truly amazing archival system accessible from home computers free of charge to Pratt library cardholders.

The newspaper's goal was to expand ProQuest archives to cover all issues of The Sun since 1837. But with the paper's parent, Chicago's Tribune Company, in the midst of an ownership change, The Sun's future, too, stands in limbo.

Even if The Sun completes the ProQuest digitization project, it would not include The Evening Sun. Never mind that The Evening Sun was H. L. Mencken's newspaper and the prime chronicler of Baltimoreana over decades when The Sun was more preoccupied with national and international news.

One beauty of ProQuest is that it presents a digital image of an article the way it originally appeared in the newspaper. An added bonus is full searchability, using an internal search engine. ProQuest is a fabulous research tool since users can already retrieve the contents of every issue of The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal and The Washington Post from their inception in it.

But ProQuest is no substitute to vertical files or oral history tapes. Those must be saved for future generations.

Antero Pietila is writing a book about how bigotry shaped the Baltimore metropolitan area. He can be reached at hap5905@hotmail.com.

#### RESEARCH-DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

By Raymond Barley (member of BCGS)

The Washington DC Archives has Death Records only to 1932. Later records are located on the First Floor at the Bureau of Vital Records, 825 North Capital Street. I traveled from the Greenbelt subway station to the Union Station subway station. Vital Records is a short walk from this station.

I thought I could do my own research, much like we all do at the Maryland State Archives. No such luck. You will not be allowed to do any research, it will be done for you. I told the cashier that I only wanted to look at a 1949 Death Certificate and I did not need a copy. It does not matter, they still want their \$18.00. Another wonderful thing was in store for me. My call number was 107. The Vital Records personnel explained that records later than 1970 are searchable by computer. Older records than 1970 must be searched manually. I did not get waited on until call number 152. Most of the customers there were trying to get their birth

certificates and no one was older than 1970. I arrived at the Bureau of Vital Records at 11:10am and I left with document in hand at 12:50pm.

I had been riding the Washington DC Metro rail from the mid-1980s until the late 1990s. Upon trying to leave the parking lot at the Greenbelt subway station, I discovered that I could no longer pay in cash to a live attendant. Because the parking lot was so crowded with cars, I had to park at the extreme north end. I now had to walk all the way back to the subway station and purchase a SMART TRIP card. I only wanted a \$5.00 card to cover one round trip. The minimum purchase is \$10.00.

If you only have one document that you are trying to get, save yourself the grief. Go on the Vital Records website: <a href="http://www.os.dc.gov/os/site/default.asp">http://www.os.dc.gov/os/site/default.asp</a>

Complete their document request on-line. Mail it in with their \$18.00 fee with a copy of a Photo ID and call it a day.

#### The Genealogist's Resource for Interpreting Causes of Death

Antiquus Morbus is a fascinating web site that provides definitions of archaic medical terms, along with their old and modern definitions. The primary focus of this web site is to help decipher the causes of death found on mortality lists, certificates of death, and church death records from the 19th century and earlier. It often can give insights to understanding your ancestor's life style and last days.

The site is more than a simple dictionary. It not only provides modern-day equivalents of old terminology, but also provides supplemental information on many of the terms found, such as when and where such terminology was found. Many terms include descriptions of the causes of the medical condition. Even better, the web site provides lists of archaic medical terms, diseases, and causes of death in English, German, French and a few other languages.

As an example, on this site you learn that "Gall Sickness" is a popular name for the remitting fever occasioned by marsh miasmata in the Netherlands , which proved so fatal to thousands of the English soldiers after the capture of Walcheren in the year 1809.

This and several thousand more archaic medical terms can be found on Rudy's List of Archaic Medical Terms at http://www.antiquusmorbus.com.

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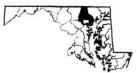
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#### **EDITORS NOTES** Kenneth E. Zimmerman, Editor

This Notebook has three major articles:

- 1. Bible Records in the Baltimore County Genealogical Society Library that were received from September 2006 to August 2007. Submitted by: Carol Porter Library Committee.
- 2. Excerpts from The Sun newspaper on the church fire and the History of Baltimore City and County in Sharf's
- 3. Baltimore County Administration Accounts Index 1863-1867, Liber J.L.R. No. 3 beginning 05 Jun 1863 and ending 18 Nov 1867. This is the third of a series for the Notebook.. Our member Carol Porter compiled the index. We greatly appreciate Carol's work and look forward for her to continue this project.

#### Genealogical Tip of the Quarter by Ken Zimmerman

1870 and 1880 Agricultural, Industrial, Mortality and Other Special Census Schedules for MARYLAND

Think you've exhausted the possibilities of the 1870 and 1880 U. S. Censuses? You may wish to think again. Genealogists and historians of the 19th- and 20th-century United States are familiar with the population schedules of the federal censuses. Much less well known are the "non-population" schedules—the agricultural, industrial, mortality, and other schedules—compiled between 1850 and 1910. These special schedules are rich with historical and genealogical information, but because the Census Bureau returned the originals to the states before the creation of the National Archives, copies are harder to come by and those that do exist are often not indexed.

The information in these schedules goes well beyond that found in the more familiar population schedules. For instance, agricultural schedules contain the following data for each farm enumerated, all in remarkable detail: landowner; number of laborers hired; acreage owned (tilled, untilled, leased); livestock owned (including bees!); crops, produce, and timber raised; orchards, nurseries and vineyards owned; structures and fences erected or maintained; and more. If your ancestor was a farmer or an agribusinessperson in Maryland you will want to check out these schedules.

Similarly, industrial schedules contain name of owner, name of business, capital (real and personal) invested, number of employees (both highest and average numbers), hours and wages of employees, value of materials used, value of products manufactured, and types and amounts of power used (water, steam, horse). Separate industrial schedules were required for general manufacturing, lumber mills, saw mills, brick yards, tile works, flour and grist mills, cheese, butter and condensed milk factories, slaughtering and meat-packing works, and salt works, among other industries.

For persons who died during the twelve-month period, 1 June 1869 to 31 May 1870, the 1870 Mortality Schedule contains name, place of birth and occupation of the deceased, birthplaces of the parents of the deceased, month, year and cause of death, length of residence (in months or years) at place of death, name of the attending physician, even the name of the location where the deceased contracted a fatal illness or experienced an accident if this differed from the actual place of death! The historical and genealogical potential of information like this cannot be overstated. Note: The Maryland State Archives has these

non-population census schedules on microfilm. Some have been indexed and published. Above information was found on the internet.

# BIBLE RECORDS IN THE BOGS LIBRARY Received September 2006 to August 2007

**BECHSTEDT** Bible; publication date: 1867, residence Bristol, Hartford, Conn. earliest birth: 1852; earliest marriage none; last recorded date. 1923, other surnames: **DIEHL** 

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FISHER, John H. Bible; publication date 1858, residences: Kansas, Indiana, Missouri,

California; earliest birth; 1832; earliest marriage 1857; last recorded date 1968; other surnames: IFORD,

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1864; last recorded date: 1892; other surnames: LICBENSLEIN

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**KLEIN** Bible; publication date: none; residence: Erie Co., OH; earliest birth: 1873; earliest marriage: 1921; last recorded date: 1961; other surnames: **BILLS, MCMILLEN, OLLER** 

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MERCER Bible; publication date: 1850; residence: Andover, MASS, Cuba; earliest birth: 1804; earliest

marriage: 1835; last recorded date: 1879; other surnames: CONE

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**PEASE** Bible; publication date: none; residence: Hartford, CONN; earliest birth: 1864; earliest marriage:

1892; last recorded date: 1964; other surnames: SMITH, MCCLELLAN

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**POLLARD** Bible; publication date: none; residence: Richmond, VA, Amelia Co.,VA, Chula, VA; earliest birth: 1843; earliest marriage: 1873; last recorded date: 1967; other surnames: **MABREY**, **SCOTT**, **MCGEE**, **JONES** 

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#### Sudden Fury Set Church Ablaze – Violent, unexpected storm lashes area

"Lighting struck the steeple of a 140-year old West Baltimore church during an unexpectedly violent thunderstorm yesterday igniting a five alarm fire that left the sanctuary in ruins. The burning steeple of First Mount Olive Free Will Baptist Church on West Saratoga Street topples onto the roof during the five-alarm fire started by lighting yesterday. About 150 firefighters battled the blaze. Firefighters battled the blaze at First Mount Olive Free Will Baptist from a distance in case the building collapsed. Three of them were hurt by falling debris, none seriously. The building was destroyed."

The Sun newspaper Wednesday July 11, 2007 page 1A and 4A. Article by Frank D. Roylance Sun Reporter

#### Lighting won't stop them, congregation of destroyed church says

"According to History of Baltimore City and County by J. Thomas Scharf, the building as consecrated in 1867 as St. Paul's German Evangelical Lutheran Church. The congregation moved to 2001 Old Frederick Road in the 1950's and sold the building to the predecessor of First Mount Olive."

The Sun newspaper Wednesday July 11, 2007 page 4A by Gadi Dechter and Julie Turkewitz (Sun Reporters)

**St. Paul's German Evangelical Church,** corner of Fremont and Saratoga Streets, was consecrated Dec. 15, 1867. Its membership is large. The congregations of St. Paul's, Emmanuel, and St. Martin's originally formed the Second German Evangelical Lutheran Church, which was organized Nov. 1,1835, and situated at the corner of Holliday and Saratoga Streets. The first pastor of the Second German Evangelical Lutheran Church was J. P. C. Haesbaert; the second, from 1851 to 1867, was Rev. G. W. Keyl. The old church building was torn down in 1868. It had originally been purchased from another Protestant denomination, and its congregation had previously been connected with the Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church, on Gay Street, and separated from it when Mr. Scheib became its pastor. In 1867 the congregation sold their old church property, divided the amount and other moneys collected for that purpose, and formed three distinct congregations, all of which belong to the Missouri Synod. The present pastor of St. Paul's is Rev. H. Hanser.

Above from: History of Baltimore City and County by J. Thomas Scharf, Philadelphia, 1881 page 570

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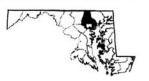
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#### **EDITORS NOTES** Kenneth E. Zimmerman, Editor

This Notebook has five articles:

- 1. Why Microfilm? How to use a microfilm reader and printer? May want to copy these pages to take with you when doing research with microfilm equipment. I have seen many researchers struggle to operate a microfilm reader or printer at Maryland State Archives. Always ask the librarian or Archivist or another researcher if you need assistance. It is easier to make a copy then trying to transcribe the item. Document your source before refiling the microfilm.
- 2. Genealogybank.com is a great website for researching newspapers and finding obituaries.
- 3. National Personnel Records Center Opens more than Six Million New Military Personnel Files St. Louis, MO
- 4. ROOTS TELEVISION is on <a href="http://www.rootstelevision.com">http://www.rootstelevision.com</a> and it is a free website to watch on your computer genealogy lessons and learn a variety of subjects about genealogy.
- 5. Baltimore County Administration Accounts Index 1867-1871, Liber O.P.M. . No. 4 beginning 18 Nov 1867 and ending 15 Mar 1871. This is the fourth of a series for the Notebook.. Our member Carol Porter compiled the index. We greatly appreciate Carol's work and look forward for the next series

#### Genealogical Tip of the Quarter by Ken Zimmerman

After loading the microfilm on the reader the next step is to review the title of the records to verify if it matches what is labeled on the microfilm box. Sometimes there maybe more then one type of records on the microfilm therefore you may need to advance the microfilm to the proper section. Watch the page number and see if the pages number changes. This means a new record group has started. The page numbers maybe at various locations on the page. The microfilm Index may be arranged by date order then alphabetical order. The name index may be by the first letter then a vowel i.e. Ha, He, Hi, Ho and Hu. Another index sequence may be the first letter then a group of vowels with consonant combination. Some records indexes may be arranged by soundex code. You need to be familiar with the index-sequencing pattern. The index maybe located on the microfilm at the beginning or end of the record group. Sometimes the microfilm description my have an "i", which means there is an index.

#### WHY MICROFILM?

Why should we consider microfilm as a storage medium? What about digital imaging? Surely microfilm is an old technology that has passed its useful lifespan?

You mean like paper, which is over 2000 years old and yet we still use it?

Just because something has been around for a long time doesn't mean that we shouldn't use it, especially when the very fact that it is still being used today, after all of these years, points to a product that works consistently over time. Modern microfilm, as produced and stored by Heritage Microfilm will last for 500 years.

Microfilm is an analog technology so:

No matter how technology changes in the next 500 years you will always be able to scan microfilm into the very latest digital systems.

It allows space savings of up to 99%.

It is a cost effective way of insuring that your history is preserved and accessible.

Microfilm is legally admissible as evidence in court - it has actually been tested by case law. In many countries worldwide microfilm is specified as the legally admissible archival medium of choice along with paper. In America over 43 States now insist that mandatory public records with a life of more than 10 years must have at least one copy stored in an analog format i.e. paper or microfilm.

Microfilm is easily scanned to allow quick digital access to your microfilm records. Once scanned, the important document(s) remain in a microfilm format for long term preservation, but the information on the microfilm is released into the digital arena - as we do on our <a href="NewspaperArchive.com">NewspaperArchive.com</a> website, where you can search and view millions of pages of historic newspapers over the Internet.

Do you know how long the digital technology that you are using today will last? No, nobody does. Some manufacturers have quoted figures for CD-ROMs from 10 to 100 years, but nobody really knows because the media hasn't been around that long. Were you aware that ultra violet light can alter the optical properties of the polycarbonate plastic part of the disk, and that oxidization could impair the readability of the aluminum reflective layer? Also, 3'/2-inch disks can start to deteriorate in 18 months. However, this is only the tip of the iceberg, the real problem with digital technology is obsolescence. Long before the disk itself becomes unreadable, it is likely that the CD-ROM (as the current digital medium of choice) will be replaced by a new medium. Ten years from now, when the hardware you have has been discontinued for 5 years, how are you going to read the old CD-ROM? At the moment it looks as if DVD will be the next technology, but they are already working on the replacement for DVD. Does anyone remember 5'/2-inch disks, let alone even older 8-inch floppies? Those media are a scant 25 years old, yet they are now all virtually inaccessible. With microfilm, your records are safe, accessible, and very resistant to obsolescence.

When technologies change (as they have done and will continue to do) how easy will it be to migrate your old information to the new technology? If you have all your information on microfilm and technology changes you just scan the microfilm into whatever the new digital technology is -no migration, therefore no loss of information.

The long-term preservation and access problem will assume center stage of the information age in the first quarter of the 21st Century". Microfilm and the conversion of electronic information to microfilm is a solution.

The Library of Congress has stated that the future of microfilm is strong, and they still acquire millions of documents every year on microfilm.

#### So, in summary:

The reason you microfilm your historical records is to permanently archive them in a durable, easily accessible format that is an exact representation of your document, as it was originally produced

Don't shy away from genealogical archives on microfilm just because you are afraid of the machine. Microfilm machines are easy to use and can provide lots of information.

**Microfilm** comes in 16 mm or 35 mm wide positive or negative film on a **reel**. Each reel is usually stored in a box. You wind it on a microfilm reader in order to view it through a len.

What is negative and positive microfilm? Master microfilms are always negative polarity. That means the white paper of the original document appears black and the black text appears white. Most people find this difficult to read. Therefore, they choose a **positive** polarity service copy (black letters on a white background).

Please note the instructions below are for a Reader only and two different type reader/printers. The instructions will vary for different types of equipment at libraries and archives. A reader only equipment instruction will be different as the film is loaded on the first and last spindle in a reverse position as show on the reader printer.

A step-by-step procedure on how to load and operate the Library Research microfilm reader.



- 1. Turn reader power "ON". To increase or decrease the brightness of the image screen press the **Lamp** (High/Low) switch accordingly.
- 2. Press the **film gate switch** (red button) to open the microfilm reader glass flats.
- 3. Insert the microfilm reel into left shaft, with the start of the reel in an anti-clockwise position.
- 4. Pass the start of the film reel over guide rollers and through the glass flats.

- 5. Insert the start of film into slot of the Take-Up reel..
- 6. With film inserted into slot, rotate the Take-Up reel in a counter-clock-wise position.
- 7. Use Forward (**FWD**) and Reverse (**REV**) buttons to select frame. Note: the film gate will close automatically when film is advanced.
- 8. The **red** buttons scroll the film quickly, and the **gray** buttons scroll the film slowly.
- 9. Rotate the image accordingly by turning the rotate knob left or right.
- 10. Enlarge or reduce the image by turning the magnifying lens. Adjust the focus accordingly
- 11. When you have finished viewing, press the Reverse (**F.REV**) button till the microfilm reel has been completely rewound.

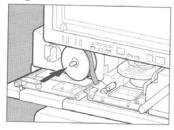
# **Microforms Reader/Printer for Type 1 Basic Instructions**

Film Loading - Loading Microform

**Step One:** If the microform carrier is sitting in the back.

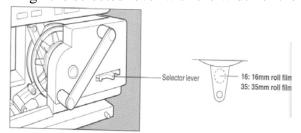
Pull the microfilm carrier out towards you until it stops. Lift the lens slightly as the carrier reaches it so as not to ding the lens.

**Step Two:** Load the roll film onto the open-reel adapter.



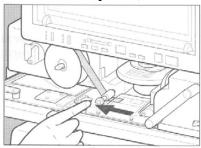
#### **Step Three:**

Align the selected level with the width of the film used such as 16mm or 35 mm film.

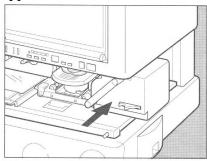


**Step Four:** Pull out the film and thread it under the guide roller and between the top and bottom glass plates.

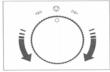
**Step Five:** Press the starter lever to wind the film onto the take-up reel. (Continue pressing the starter lever until the take-up reel stops; never use the starter lever after the film has been wound onto the take-up reel.)



**Step Six**: Hold the microform carrier by the grip and gently push it back in, until the image appears on the screen.



**Step Seven:** Feed the film by turning the control knob. Turn the knob clockwise to feed the film to the right. Turn the control knob counterclockwise to feed the film to the left.



**Step Eight**: To stop feeding the film, return the knob to the center position.

**Step Nine:** To select the image(s) that you would like to print/scan (see further instructions\_

**Step Ten**: Removing the film

- a. Turn the control knob counterclockwise until all the film is wound back into the cartridge. (Film feed automatically stops when the film is completely wound in.
- b. When winding is finished return the control knob to the center position.
- c. Hold the microform carrier by the grip and pull it towards you.
- d. Remove the roll film from the open-reel adapter.

#### A note on focusing and rotating:

- In order to focus the image, carefully turn the bottom gear (see image below).
- In order to rotate the image, carefully turn the top gear (see image below).
- In order to zoom in and out, carefully turn the middle gear (see below).

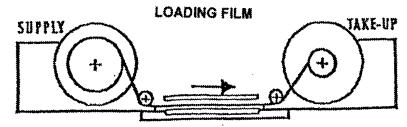


## **Microforms Reader/Printer for Type 2 Basic Instructions**

- 1. Turn On Microfilm Reader
- 2. Loading and Viewing a Microfilm Reel.
- o Gently pull the center handle toward you until the glass plate opens
- o Place microfilm reel on left-hand supply spindle until

#### reel clicks into place

- o From supply spindle, film should cascade downward off the reel
- o Thread film under white rollers and under open glass plate
- o Slide film into slot in right-hand take-up reel
- o Advance film using fast-forward buttons
- o Rewind the film using the rewind buttons
- o Grey buttons advance/rewind film slowly
- o Red buttons advance/rewind film quickly



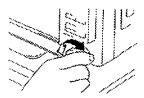
4. Zoom In/Out. Rotate the smaller, blue ring dial located above the lens to make the image on the screen smaller or larger.



5. Focus Images. Rotate the larger, grey ring dial located above the lens to bring the images on the screen into focus.



6. Rotate Images. Turn the image rotation knob on the bottom right of the scanner to rotate the image on the screen. Images can be fully rotated 360 degrees.



7. Lens Size. Other lens sizes maybe available from to enlarge or decrease image size. The larger the lens number, the larger the image appears.

#### What to Do After Loaded

- 1. Once the film is started, you have to move along the roll to the page you need. Your references may or may not provide a frame# or other guide point. The roll of film may have a table of contents or an index to help. If not, you may have to scroll through the whole roll.
- 2. If you find the information you need to use the microfilm printer to make copies for you. Using the machine to read the films is typically free of charge at a library, but making copies will likely have a cost. The machine may take coins directly or you may need to pay afterwards. Align the page you want to copy, and press the button (usually marked copy or print).

#### **How To Print**

- 1. Be sure the area to be printed is between the guideline on the viewing screen.
- 2. Turn the printer on. The switch is on the left hand side.
- 3. The display on the reader printer should read "1". If it does not show a "1" you will need to insert money, scan a library card or use a touch key like at Maryland State Archives. If an error code shows such as P-1 this maybe a paper jam. Contact the library or archivist at the reference desk if you do not know how to clear a printer paper jam (P-1) or if it is out of paper (P-0).
- 4. Press the button on the reader printer, select or toggle:
  - o Film Type (Auto, Nega(tive), or Posi(tive)) The Auto button will need to be off to print in Negative or Positive Mode
  - o Darkness (Best to start with Auto). The Auto button will need to be off to manually adjust to decrease or increase the lightness or darkness setting.
  - o Print Mode ("Fine" is the default and usually works best)
  - Center/Fit

- Centering is the default. This sizes the image to and places it in the middle of the printed page
- Fit (the second selection) resizes the page on the view to fit the printed page

#### Output selection.

- Select the Tray for landscape oriented printing and Cassette 1 for portraitoriented printing.
- To print a page that is landscape oriented on the viewing screen onto a portrait oriented page or vice-versa; toggle the options so that the first LED is also illuminated. You may need to select "Fit" as well.

#### 5. Press the Start button to Print.

That's basically how a microfilm machine works. So next time you find a genealogy lead that includes a microfilm roll number, don't just file it away. Go ahead and check it out. If you are unsure of the specifics of your local library's machines, don't hesitate to ask for help. Always document the microfilm number, page number and place where found microfilm.

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# National Personnel Records Center Opens more than Six Million New Military Personnel Files St. Louis, MO

The following note was forwarded by Dear Myrtle. (Thanks Myrt!) Her blog is available at http://blog.dearmyrtle.com.

NOTE from DearMYRTLE: The following was just released by the NARA Public Affairs office. Please address all inquiries to <a href="mailto:Public.Affairs@nara.gov">Public.Affairs@nara.gov</a> or contact Bryan McGraw, Director of Archival Programs at NPRC, at 314-801-9132.

The National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) will open for the first time all of the individual Official Military Personnel Files (OMPFs) of Army, Army Air Corps, Army Air Forces, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard military personnel who served and were discharged, retired or died while in the service, prior to 1946.

Collectively, these files comprise more than six million records. This is the second step in the progressive opening of the entire paper and microfiche OMPF collection of over 57 million

individual files. Additional military personnel records will be made available to the public each year through 2067 until the entire collection is opened.

These archived files are treasured by family members, historians, researchers, and genealogists. Contained in a typical OMPF are documents outlining all elements of military service, including assignments, evaluations, awards and decorations, education and training, demographic information, some medical information and documented disciplinary actions. Some records also contain photographs of the individual and official correspondence concerning military service.

To view an original record, individuals may visit the NPRC Archival Research Room in St. Louis, MO. Telephone is 314-801-0850. Research room hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Central Time Tuesday through Friday. Visitors are strongly encouraged to call ahead to make reservations.

To obtain copies of records, customers may write to NPRC at 9700Page Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63132, fax a request to 314-801-9195, or submit a request through <a href="http://vetrecs.archives.gov">http://vetrecs.archives.gov</a> or on a Standard Form 180.

Information about records available at NPRC is also posted on the National Personnel Records Center Homepage at <a href="http://www.archives.gov/st-louis/military-personnel/index.html">http://www.archives.gov/st-louis/military-personnel/index.html</a>.

Archived, public records are subject to the National Archives and Records Administration's published fee schedule. Copy fees for archived OMPFs are waived for veterans or primary next-of-kin (surviving spouse or children of the veteran) if the records are needed to validate a benefit or entitlement. The fee schedule for OMPFs is as follows:

- 1. OMPFs 5 pages or less: \$15
- 2. OMPFs 6 pages or more: \$50 (most OMPFs fall in this category)
- 3. OMPFs of Persons of Exceptional Prominence (PEP): \$.75 per page

(PEP records include the OMPFs of famous individuals such as former Presidents, famous military leaders, decorated military heroes, celebrities, entertainers, and professional athletes who left military service and have been deceased for at least 10 years).

Archived records are subject to a limited privacy exemption under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act. As such, all records are reviewed prior to release and social security numbers are redacted.

For more information, contact Bryan McGraw, Director of Archival Programs at NPRC, at 314-801-9132.

Readers' comments about this article have already been posted at <a href="http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans\_online\_genealogy/2007/10/nprc-opens-more.html">http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans\_online\_genealogy/2007/10/nprc-opens-more.html</a>

#### **ROOTS TELEVISION**

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We've been perplexed for a long time. These days, there's a horse channel, a wine channel, a sailing channel, a poker channel, a guitar channel, and even a shipwreck channel. So why, we wondered, isn't there a channel servicing the millions of people interested in genealogy and family history? After all, there are many that claim that tracing roots is the second most popular hobby out there.

Well, now there's a channel for us. Roots Television™ is by and for avid genealogists and family history lovers of all stripes. Whether you're an archives hound, a scrapbooker, a cousin collector, a roots-travel enthusiast, a Civil War re-enactor, a DNA fan, a reunion instigator, a sepia-toned photos zealot, an Internet-junkie, a history buff, an old country traditions follower, a cemetery devotee, a story-teller, a multicultural food aficionado, a flea market and antiques fanatic, a family documentarian, a nostalgia nut, or a mystery-solver, Roots Television™ has something for you -- and that "something" is quality programming.

**What are your shows about?** Check out the <u>Program Guide</u> to get a flavor of the variety they offer. You'll find everything from DNA Stories, to Flat Stanley's Family Tree, to the lectures from the latest Genealogy and Technology Conference. We're defining "roots" broadly – really broadly – so you don't have to be a genealogist to find something of interest here.

At the October 2007 BCGS Computer Users Group meeting they watched the program "One Step Genealogy with Stephen Morse at FGS Conference 2007". <u>Dick Eastman</u> interviewed Stephen Morse, creator of "<u>One-Step</u>" genealogy at the 2007 FGS Conference in Fort Wayne, Indiana. The One-Step tools provide more powerful interfaces for searching online databases.

Where do the shows come from? The programs available on Roots Television<sup>TM</sup> come from a variety of sources We have original programming that's only available on ROOTS TELEVISION, like the exclusive New York Press Conference for Annie Moore and "DNA Stories." We launch new, original shows regularly, so be sure to check back often. We also license other shows and films from talented producers around the world. We pledge to do our best to provide as wide a selection as possible and to introduce fresh programming on a regular basis.

**Are they "regular" TV shows?** The Roots Television<sup>TM</sup> team has been producing real shows for "regular" television for a long time. The primary difference between what you've seen on television and what you'll see here is that we'll be experimenting with length. Common wisdom says that folks prefer shorter shows when watching online. But Internet-based television is so new that it's hard to say whether the "common wisdom" is right.

So we're playing with what we call "chunking" – that is, taking traditional half-hour and full-hour shows and breaking them into brief segments (say, 3 to 8 minutes) that can be viewed one at a time or sequentially. This way, you can take a quick break and watch when you want.

You're no longer chained to "appointment TV" where the networks dictate your viewing schedule.

**Do I watch it on my computer screen or my TV?** Believe it or not, your computer and TV screens are in the process of merging. That's one of the primary reasons we chose to launch online. Initially, you'll access Roots Television<sup>TM</sup> through this website, but in the not-too-distant future, you'll be able to download shows for viewing on home-networked TV sets and other devices.

**How much does it cost?** Not surprisingly, the producers of these shows expect to be compensated – and the easiest way to do that is through a pay-per-view option. We intend to keep the majority of our programming free to the viewers, but we will also offer some special programming through a pay-per-view or download-to-own option.

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