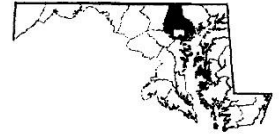


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1. Obituary: Loretta D. Rutkowski, a Perry Hall resident and long time member of the Baltimore County Genealogical Society, died on May 21 at Morningside House of Satyr Hill of complications from a knee infection. She was 85.

2. Genealogy Tip of the Quarter – Provided by Kenneth Zimmerman

Have You Searched These Genealogy Photo Collections for Your Ancestors?

But there **are** photos out there....just waiting to be found. As interest in family history research grows, more and more of these images are appearing online. They might be located on a tiny family website run by a distant cousin or a large public repository with thousands of holdings, but with some searching you might just find a few that fit your family tree.

We're not saying it will be **easy** to locate photographs of your ancestors, but the hard work is worth it — an image adds a richness and life to an ancestor's story like few other genealogical finds can.

Below you will find just a few places to locate old family photos and portraits online. Each one of these resources offers a variety of photographs from different sources. Some are fully accessible online and others provide only an index of names. Take some time to look through these collections and see if you can turn up someone in your family.

A Church Directories

B, School Yearbooks are online

C. Family History Books

- D. Ask Your Family
- E. Contact Your DNA Matches

Google (<https://images.google.com/>) : This is by far the most powerful method for locating family photographs online. By searching the web for such images you will have access to countless family run genealogy sites, historical societies, image repositories and more.

Go to genealogy websites such as familysearch.com, ancestry.com, myheritage.com, and findmypast.com. Genealogists post photos of family members.

Source: Where to Find Old Family Photos and Portraits Online (familyhistorydaily.com)

3. Suggested Books to Read – Provided by Elaine Obbink Zimmerman

Baltimore's Alley Houses, Homes for Working People since the 1780s

Author: Mary Ellen Hayward, Hopkins Press, 328 pages, Hardcover, 2008.

This pioneering study explains how one of America's important early cities responded to the challenge of housing its poorer citizens. Where and how did the working poor live? How did builders and developers provide reasonably priced housing for lower-income groups during the city's growth?

Having studied over 3,000 surviving alley houses in Baltimore through extensive land records and census research, Mary Ellen Hayward systematically reconstructs the lives, households, and neighborhoods that once thrived on the city's narrowest streets.

In the past, these neighborhoods were sometimes referred to as "dilapidated," "blighted," or "poverty stricken." In *Baltimore's Alley Houses*, Hayward reveals the rich cultural and ethnic traditions that formed the African-American and immigrant Irish, German, Bohemian, and Polish communities that made their homes on the city's alley streets.

Featuring more than one hundred historic images, *Baltimore's Alley Houses* documents the changing architectural styles of low-income housing over two centuries and reveals the complex lives of its residents.

Source: [Baltimore's Alley Houses | Hopkins Press \(jhu.edu\)](https://press.jhu.edu/books/title/8945/baltimores-alley-houses)

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The above book was read by BCGS member by Elaine Obbink Zimmerman

Bawdy City: Commercial Sex and Regulation in Baltimore, 1790–1915 by [Katie M. Hemphill](#) , Cambridge University Press 342 pages, hardback, 2020. In paperback after June 16, 2022.,

A vivid social history of Baltimore's prostitution trade and its evolution throughout the nineteenth century, *Bawdy City* centers women in a story of the relationship between sexuality, capitalism, and law. Beginning in the colonial period, prostitution was little more than a subsistence trade. However, by the 1840s, urban growth and changing patterns of household labor ushered in a booming brothel industry. The women who oversaw and labored within these brothels were economic agents surviving and thriving in an urban world hostile to their presence. With the rise of urban leisure industries and policing practices that spelled the end of sex establishments, the industry survived for only a few decades. Yet, even within this brief period, brothels and their residents altered the geographies, economy, and policies of Baltimore in profound ways. Hemphill's critical narrative of gender and labor shows how sexual commerce and debates over its regulation shaped an American city. Note: This book

is in the BCGS Library and Lorraine Gordon, BCGS Librarian has read it.
Source: Amazon.com

Everyday Life in the 1800s: A Guide for Writers, Students & Historians (Writer's Guides to Everyday Life), Marc McCutcheon, Writers Digest Books, Softcover, pages 308, 2001

A superb reference for writers, researchers, students and teachers, this dictionary-style book illuminates everyday life in the 1800s, decade by decade. Readers will find hundreds of otherwise obscure facts about:

- * Popular slang--from the range to the underworld
- * How to furnish a farmhouse or outfit a barn
- * How much it cost for a shot of whiskey or to mail a letter
- * Styles of the fashionable--and not so fashionable
- * Courtship and marriage rituals
- * Popular food and drink--including brand names

Source: Amazon.com

The above book was read by BCGS member by Elaine Obbink Zimmerman

4. Genealogy Circle Meeting -- Religious Records in Maryland

Saturday, June 4th

10:30am to 12:00pm

Enoch Pratt Free Library/State Library Resource Center

Central Library

400 Cathedral Street

Baltimore, MD 21201

This will be a hybrid event. You may attend in person at the Central Library, or you may attend virtually. Registration is **not** required.

Join us to hear Debra Hoffman, professional genealogist and Maryland research specialist, discuss the basic organization and theology of the religions of Maryland's settlers. Her talk will include information about the types of records created and how to find and access them, as well as specific denominations, such as Catholics, Lutherans & Reformed, and Quakers.

Ms. Hoffman is also owner of Hoffman Genealogical Services, and was the coordinator of the Maryland course at Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy in 2020. She has a certificate in Family History from Brigham Young University and a Professional Learning Certificate in Genealogical Studies (PLCGS)-German Records. She is the co-author of the National Genealogical Society's latest Research in the States Series: Maryland, released in August 2021. She currently serves as an At-Large Board Member of the Maryland Genealogical Society, is the Recording Secretary for the Mid-Atlantic Germanic Society and is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists.

You may attend in person or online. Registration is not required. The in-person event will be held at the Central Library. The online event will be able to be accessed from [the Library's Facebook page](https://facebook.com/theprattlibrary) (<https://facebook.com/theprattlibrary>) or [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8ha8wsdQsjFGz4CYP MIDmg) (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8ha8wsdQsjFGz4CYP MIDmg>).

5. Part 2 of: FINDING THAT NEEDLE IN A HAYSTACK, Even when you are not looking by Lisa G. Woolfson, B.S., M.S.

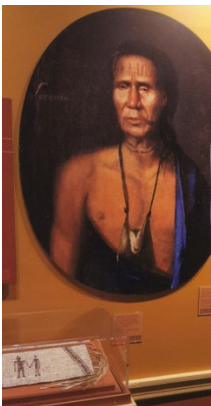


“ The Buckmans and the Rowlands (who I also descend from) had nothing to do with governing the new province. They went at once to their land near Pennsbury and began to clear it, to be joined later by the Rochfords and others from Shipley Meeting-Shaws, Parsons, and Willards, and by the Barneses, Songhursts, and Sarah Fuller on the track that led into the city. Penn’s intention was that his wife Guli was to be surrounded by friends when she came to live at Pennsbury and that his children would find some of their old playmates.”(Shepphard, p 22-24).



It would be remiss of me to say that this new colony was named after William Penn himself, when in fact it was not. In 1681 Penn was granted the land in America for the Province of Pennsylvania as a payment of the debt of 16,000 pounds that King Charles II owed to Admiral Sir William Penn, the late father of the progenitor. Penn's offer to the colonists was to sell five thousand acres for one hundred pounds; or to rent them land at a penny an acre, up to 200 acres; a bond servant to receive 50 acres when his time expired ('Your Friend William Penn' by the Welcome Society of Pennsylvania.) Topics include are a very descript and concise biography of William Penn, Penn and Pennsylvania, Penn Sees Pennsylvania, Penn and the Indians, Penn Writes to the Indian Kings, an Indian Land Deed, Penn and the Indians in Council, The Indians' Gift to the Widow, Penn and Education, Penn's Peacemaker, The Wampum Belts, The Good Trencherman, Penn Family Letters, Penn on Government, and Penn's Prayer for Philadelphia.

There is no phase of William Penn's life with such strong appeal to the popular imagination as has his dealing with the Indians of Pennsylvania. And there was no man in history who dealt so fairly with them as did Penn, and thereby earned their respect and affection. The secret of Penn's success with the red man was honestly interested in them as men and wanted them to know him to be their friend.



Lenape Indians

Wampum Belts were used to memorize each treaty and its' specific meaning when it was made

A great way to close out this story is to end with a quote from Penn that is found in the above booklet. It is the section that is entitled “Penn Sees Pennsylvania”, Penn writes a letter from Philadelphia in 1683 to the Free Society of Traders back in England, with a ‘general description of the Province, its soil, air, water, seasons of produce’ Governor William Penn wrote:--

“Of living Creatures, Fish, Fowl, and Beasts of the Woods, here are divers sorts, some for Food and Profit, and some for Profit only: for Food as well as Profit, the Elk as big as a small Ox, Deer bigger than ours. Beaver, Raccoon, Rabbits, Squirrels, and some eat young Bear, and commend it. Of Fowl of the Land, there is the Turkey (Forty and Fifty Pound weight) which is very great; Pheasants, Heath-Birds, Pidgeons (sic), and Partridges in abundance. Of the Water, the Swan, Goose, white and gray, Brands, Ducks, Teal, also the Snipe and Curloe, and that in great Numbers; but the Duck and Teal excel, nor so good have I eat in other Countries. Of Fish, there is the Sturgeon, Herring, Rock, Shad, Catshead, Sheepshead, Ele (sic), Smelt, Pearch (sic), Roach; and in the inland Rivers, Trout, some say Salmon above the Falls. Of Shellfish, we have Oysters, Crabs, Cockles as big as Stewing Oysters, they make a rich Broth. The creatures for Profit only by Skin or Fur, and that are natural to these parts, are the Wild Cat, Panther, Otter, Wolf, Fox, Fisher, Minx, Musk-Rat; and of the Water, the Whale for Oyl (sic), of which we have good store and two Companies of Whalers, whose Boats are built, will soon begin on their Work, which hath the appearance

of considerable Improvement.



So in this account of Penn's journey, we've been allowed to experience firsthand what he and so many immigrants to the Delaware Shore saw when they arrived in the new world. William Buckman, my 7th ggf, Sarah Rowland, my 7th ggm, James Dilworth my 7th ggf, Ann Waln my 7th ggm, Sarah Webb my 6th ggm,

William Dilworth, my 6th ggf, John Penquite my 8th ggf, Hugh Sharpe my 9th ggf, and Nicolas Waln my 7th great grand uncle were amongst the many immigrants to arrive in Pennsylvania as part of Penn's Fleet to settle the land, to forge the wilderness , and to build our nation.

Penn's Treaty with the Indians at Shackamaxon by Benjamin West, completed in 1771-1772 depicts Penn entering into the Treaty of Shackamaxon in 1683 with Tamanend, a chief of the Lenape ("Delaware Indians")



Penn's America-The Proverb is wise: use legs and have them; get abroad and mix with living friends and thou will feel an increase in thy bosom, and it will engage thee more in a universal spirit and general service-Wm. PENN (as quoted from "Your Friend, WILLIAM PENN").

Final Resting Places

Vitals for David Slack

b.

abt 1788 Newtown, Bucks PA

m. Sarah Buckman 15 June 1803 Newtown, Bucks PA

d. 09 Nov 1845 Baltimore County, MD

buried St. James United Methodist Church Cemetery

Rts 32 and 99 in West Friendship, Howard County, MD



Vitals for Sarah Buckman Slack

b. 26 Dec 1787 Newtown, Bucks PA

d. 20 Feb 1878 Freedom, Carroll County, MD

buried Wesley Chapel Methodist Episcopal Church Eldersburg, MD



Sarah Buckman Slack is buried in Eldersburg, Carroll County MD at the old Wesley Chapel Methodist Episcopal Church. This church is also on the National Registry of Historical places. It is believed that she is buried there because she is found in the 1870 U.S. Federal Census living with her son Joseph Slack and his family along with another son Samuel in Eldersburg and that many of her family members are buried there.

Be watching for my next article which includes steps to take if you think you might be a descendent of passengers of any of Penn's 23 ships and a discussion of the documents that I used to prove that my ancestor William Buckman was with William Penn on the Welcome when he landed in the Delaware River.



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Open 12:00 Noon to 2:00 P.M. for research before meeting

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2nd Tuesday of the Month 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

2nd Thursday of the Month 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

2nd Saturday of the Month 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

4th Thursday of the Month 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

4th Sunday Meeting Dates 12:00 Noon - 2:00 p.m.