A Letter from Columbia, South Carolina

Sharon Gayle

At one time, letters to home were a great source of news as loved ones visited distant places. The author uses this form, as part of a series, to describe her research experiences in Columbia, South Carolina.

Columbia, South Carolina
June 30, 2007

My dearest Cousin,

As you can see, I have reached the final leg of my South Carolina journey. I now spend my days at the South Carolina Department of Archives and History (SCDAH). This was my first visit to this facility. SCDAH holds originals of all surviving records related to the South Carolina colonial government, as well as documents related to the earliest years of the state’s history. I was certain that I would find some gems here, and I did.

I found excellent lodging less than a mile from the facility, important because state budgets have forced reduction in hours of operation1. I was somewhat disappointed that the facility lacked evening hours, but I decided that the limitations offered an opportunity to tour other parts of the city. None of my ancestors resided here, but Columbia is a remarkably interesting place to visit as a tourist. It is a beautiful city retaining Southern charm, architecture, and museums.

My lodging contains a small kitchenette, for which I am grateful. I am growing tired of eating in restaurants. Too much food, too much money that could be spent acquiring documents. I “brown bag” lunch every day. The facility has a small area to eat and to purchase soft drinks, but there are no restaurants within walking distance.

As with other archives, you are limited to what items you may take into the Research Room2. Computers were allowed, but no bags or purses. I did persuade them to allow a clear vinyl pouch which held my pc adapter and mouse. But only because it is totally clear and relatively small that they allowed it. Folded are permitted, along with pencils and paper. They provide lockers for anything else. The locker area does not have a table so that you can load and unload these items so I found it best just to carry the barest of essentials into the building. The lockers can hold a medium sized purse, but nothing as large as a backpack will fit into them.

Of all the places I’ve visited, South Carolina State Archives is one of the most challenging repositories in which to speedily find things. The online catalog is a

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President's Report

Technology Day was a tremendous success; in fact, there were several that suggested that we have another in six months! Well, it takes at least that amount of time to plan an event of that size—if not the entire year! Anyway, we have some of the same possibilities with our SIG groups that meet every month—all that you have to do is to come and learn. February 17th was my 401 advanced educational group. In January, I prepared 15 handouts not knowing what to expect—only three showed up. This time I printed out 11 handouts (including the one that I was going to use. Was I surprised when 11 people showed up to learn about reading old handwriting! Some of the tips that they asked for were very much in the technology field. We covered a little of everything. I am hopefully going to have even more students next month.

Have you seen the Sunday emails???? Our Director of Publicity, Sarah Sadullaeva, is notifying us about the events of the next two weeks and the next major event. This goes into your email box with lightening speed that our newsletter can not give. Always check to see if there is an attached .pdf. This will be a brochure of our next major event for which we need a registration.

As to the next event, Tony Burroughs will be here. He is an excellent historian and genealogist. He is African-American, but will speak on subjects that we all need to know. We designed this program to be very rounded and to increase the education of every genealogist, not just black genealogists. Be sure to look for the .pdfs on Sunday emails, and in the brochure that was sent through snail mail.

Is your genealogy growing? If not, you may need to see the new books and microfilm that are at the library. There is always something new there.

Liz Kutz

Happenings Around DPL's 8th Floor Volunteer Desk

Becoming a volunteer is a great way to get involved and meet others. We encourage those of you who may be just starting out in your family research to volunteer a few hours a week or a few hours a month. This is a wonderful opportunity to become familiar with the genealogy section of the library and spend some time greeting visitors and meeting fellow researchers. And a fantastic perk is free parking!

Volunteers are needed to sit at the desk in either a regular weekly slot or to fill in on the substitute list. We are looking for individuals to fill in when a regular volunteer is out. If you're interested, email the Volunteer Coordinator at Volunteer@dallasgenealogy.org or call Patrick McKinney at 214-522-9356.

New Members

Elizabeth Albright
Edward A. Booe
Julia Helm Sheerin
Dortha and Charles Daubitz

Society Programs

DGS General and Special Interest Group meetings are held at the Dallas J. Erik Jonsson Central Library 1515 Young Street in the Plaza Level Auditorium, unless otherwise noted.

DGS General Meeting Usually Meets on the Fourth Monday

Our monthly meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. with our speaker presentation to follow about 7:30 p.m.
Come early. We begin at 6:00 p.m. with refreshments and fellowship, and at 6:30 p.m. everyone is invited to the informal Q & A session.

At 6:30, Lloyd Bockstruck (or substitute) hosts a pre-meeting discussion where members and visitors can ask any genealogically-related question. We expect that in any group of Dallas genealogists, most questions can be answered by someone in that group. After stopping off in the East Room for refreshments, see what you can learn and share. Please, no food or drinks in the auditorium.

The topics for this year's monthly meetings will emphasize resources found within our own Dallas Public Library. Be sure to check the website for future speakers and topics.

Monday, April 28, 2008
Using DPL's Texas/Dallas History Section for Your Genealogical Research. Speaker: Carol Roark, DPL.

Monday, May 19, 2008
Using DPL's History and Technology Section for Your Genealogical Research. Speaker: LaVerne Brown, DPL.

Monday, June 23, 2008
Genealogy and DNA. Speaker: Mic Barnette (DPL)

DGS Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

Under the support and guidance of DGS, a number of Special Interest Groups (SIGs) have been formed to concentrate on specific areas of genealogy. The DGS website at www.dallasgenealogy.com/special.htm can be consulted for the most up-to-date listings of groups and events with their email addresses, facilitators, dates, times, and meeting places at the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library. Meetings are free and open to the public.

April 05 (Saturday): 9:30 Family Tree Maker
We are trying a new format where the participants can bring questions and/or problems and hopefully receive answers and solutions. The version of the software being used is needed to get the correct help. That information is available from the help menu of your software. Meeting place TBA for April.

April 05 (Saturday): 10:00 Legacy
Meets in the 8th floor McDermott Room.

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Tresa Taytrek Using the Northern Ireland National Archives Web Site http://www.proni.gov.uk. Meeting place TBA for April.

April 10 (Thursday): Writing Interest Group
Meets in the McDermott Room on 8 at 6:30.

April 12 (Saturday): Digital Imaging Group.
Meets in the Hamon Room on 5 at 9:30.

April 12 (Saturday): Computer Interest Group
Genealogical Analysis Using Excel, with Jeri Steele. Meets at 1:00 in the Hamon Room on 5.

April 12 (Saturday): The Master Genealogist
Meets in the Hamon Room on 5 at 2:30

April 15 (Tuesday): African American Genealogy Interest Group
Meet in the East/West Rooms at 6:30. The group is working on processing the McGowen Funeral Home Collection in lieu of a standard meeting.

May 03 (Saturday): 9:30 Family Tree Maker
We are trying a new format where the participants can bring questions and/or problems and hopefully receive answers and solutions. The version of the software being used is needed to get the correct help. That information is available from the help menu of your software. Meets in The Studio on 3.

May 03 (Saturday): 1:30 British Research Group
Tresa Taytrek Using the Ireland National Archives web site.
http://www.nationalarchives.ie/ & The General Records Office
http://www.groireland.ie/ & From Ireland
http://www.from-ireland.net/index.htm & Griffiths Valuations
http://www.failteromhat.com/griffiths.php
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The process of requesting original documents was similar to other repositories and archives. A staff member helped me submit a form for each document. When the journals were retrieved, staff notified me. I sat at a table in the main Research Room reading documents created nearly two centuries ago, studying the careful penmanship, and searching for a familiar name. Once I found the item of interest, I submitted another form to have the appropriate pages photocopied and mailed to me. Visitors are not allowed to make copies of original documents. The cost is $1.00 per page/item, plus postage.

Despite my initial frustrations, I had a great and successful visit. All of my frustrations eventually dissipated, except the need to continually feed the copy machines. I am very grateful to the patient and continual assistance of the staff.

On the last day of my visit, I chatted with a staff member about future plans for the Archives. He shared that there is a project underway to improve the process of looking for records, in effect, a searchable online catalog. This database will be more comprehensive than the index that currently exists. This system would replace the current 3-ring binders of finding aids to indexes and microfilm, which currently impedes research time. The new system will enable researchers to better prepare for visits to the Archives. This web-based catalog is scheduled to be implemented in November, 2007.

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GENERAL DGS NEWS

I have truly enjoyed my trip through Southern research, but my brain is tired and my eyes need a rest from the microfilm work. So, Cousin, I shall be returning to Texas soon and I hope to see you when I do. Meanwhile, give my love to family.

Your Cousin,
Sharon

1 A problem experienced by many state and federal archives, SCDAH suffered from budget cutbacks forcing reduced hours of operation. Hours are currently 8:45 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., Monday-Saturday. 2 The facility provides a sheet specifying what is permitted. 3 SCDAH website has announced that the new system will be released as a BETA version on March 12, 2008.

One Thing Leads to Another
By Tresa Tatyrek

Genealogical research is a process, usually a repetitive one. You find one piece and move forward with it and somewhere along the way you have to 'start' at the beginning again. One clue leads to another and all the pieces make the whole.

In putting together the DGS Journal article on the Henry Pollack Trunk Company, that is exactly what happened, one thing led to another. The article was just going to be a little blurb about the company and its owner. The quest (and it was a quest) began with a few pictures of the company inside the shop and store and of the exterior of the building and wanting to know a little about the person behind the business. A search was done of the 1930 census indexes in Dallas County, Texas, and the result was for Henry Pollack whose occupation was listed as the president of a trunk manufacturing company. He was 65 years old, born in Missouri to German parents with his forty-one-year-old wife Walula. I had found the right person. I tried to locate him in the 1920, 1910, and 1900 census to no avail.

Searching the Dallas Morning News archives for more on the business, I 'stumbled' across an article about the death of Henry's father, Samuel. It was a death under unusual circumstances and I tried to find out more about the inquest mentioned and still wanted to know more about the insurance policies that were held on his life. While searching for the inquest records and looking for probate records I found a probate record for a Jennie Pollack vs Henry Pollack in 1899. In reviewing those records I found that Henry had married a Jennie Pollack. They had a son Sam and divorced by the 1899 date. That sent me looking for the divorce records and back to census records for information on Jennie and Sam.

The article on the father's death did give me names of some of Henry's siblings and let me know that the family had come from St. Louis, Missouri, and that some of his siblings were still residing there in 1885. Given the St. Louis, Missouri, location, it sent me hunting that area in the 1880 census. At least I wasn't looking in the whole United States for a Henry born in Missouri. I was then able to give names to many of the siblings. I then located the family in the 1870 census.

There were more articles on the company that included a lawsuit between Henry and his brother Charles. The articles were kind enough to include which court and some dates so that many of the records involving the case could be located. Some of the records are on microfilm in the Texas History section of the Dallas Public Library while others are housed there in original paper format.

I found death certificates for as many as I could for the Texas siblings at the Dallas Public Library and obtained the maiden name of their mother. Since some stayed in Missouri and those are on the internet in digital format, I was able to obtain many of those certificates and additional information on their mother since she died there while living with one of her children. I tried to locate a marriage record for Henry's parents, but failed to find one. They moved around a lot as reflected in the states of the births of their children on the census records.

Newspaper articles about Henry's death and subsequently contested will led to more county court records which had to be requested from the court house and copies obtained. Those records included more family names and guess what? I was back in the census records, again.

If you have a story about how one thing leads to another, please consider putting it on paper for publication in this publication. You never know whom you might help with your insight and where it lead you to discover new pieces to your family history puzzle.
Call for Papers
The Editorial Board invites submissions to the 2008 issue of the *Dallas Journal*. All topics in Dallas County history and genealogy are welcome. In addition to works of genealogical research, the Editorial Board also welcomes review articles. The deadline for all submissions, including articles and book reviews, is July 1, 2008. Specific guidelines for article submissions are posted below.

GUIDELINES FOR ARTICLES

Subject matter: *Dallas Journal* is a history and genealogy journal for Dallas County and surrounding communities. It publishes articles relating to all facets of the genealogical, social, political, and cultural history of this geographic region, including (but not limited to):

- Biographies of deceased residents
- Family group narratives (3 generation is ideal)
- Transcripts and abstracts of civil, religious, and business records not generally accessible elsewhere
- Cemetery inscriptions not available elsewhere
- Bible records
- Obituaries of Dallas natives or residents which were published in out-of-state newspapers
- Transcripts of family records (letters, journals, and diaries) of former Dallas residents

We also consider reviews of books that focus upon Dallas County history or upon genealogical research methods using Dallas County records. “Dallas County” is fairly loosely defined, but could include articles about communities with strong ties to Dallas.

Audience: *Dallas Journal* is a membership benefit for members of the Dallas Genealogical Society. Our mailing list also includes libraries and genealogical societies in Texas and outside the state. Our readers have a keen interest in...
genealogy, but the great majority are not academics or professional genealogists. Therefore, we seek articles that have a wide appeal and are written in an engaging manner. At the same time, we attempt to uphold the highest standards of scholarship: all submissions should be fully documented and will be sent to outside readers for review.

Length: Transcripts and abstracts of historical records may vary widely in length. However, research articles (biographies, local histories, etc.) about 3,000-5,000 words (12-18 pages, typed, double-spaced), plus endnotes, are ideal. Shorter articles are acceptable, especially if they are illustrated essays where the emphasis is on visuals rather than text.

Format: Please submit a digital file of the article in MS-Word or "rich text file (rtf)" format for review and editing. After the article has been accepted and edited, the author will be given a "proof" of the article as it will appear in the Journal for final verification of any internet links and placement of illustrations.

Style: Notes and citations should follow the Chicago Manual of Style (16th Ed.) or Elizabeth Shown Mills' Evidence Explained: Citing History Sources from Artifacts to Cyberspace.

Illustrations: Good illustrations enhance any article. Include photocopies or digital images of any visuals you feel might illustrate the article. The editor will make a final selection and arrange to acquire illustrations from the owner. Any illustrations borrowed from the author will be returned after publication.

Miscellaneous: Authors will receive five complimentary copies of the issue in which their article is published; additional copies are usually available at a minimal charge.

Inquiries: Please contact the editor, VP, Dallas Journal at: 866- YOU-2DGS (866-968-2347); or c/o Dallas Genealogical Society, P. O. Box 12446, Dallas, Texas 75225-0446; or journal@dallasgenealogy.com.

Honor Your Ancestors Matching Challenge

DGS has an 'Honor Your Ancestors' matching challenge through April 30th, 2008, seeded by longtime DGS members Dan and Robin Yaklin along with Robin's two sisters Wendy Roach and Laurie Zachry. The seed amount is $500 in honor of their father Frank P. Turrella's 80th birthday.

The family requests that the money be used for acquisition of New York City materials, especially those about Kings, Queens, Brooklyn, and the Battery areas where many Italians, Russians, Germans, and other immigrants settled after entering through Castle Gardens. Suggested time frame for records is 1880 to 1945.

To match any portion of this challenge please call the DGS voice mail line at (866) YOU-2DGS [(866) 968-2347]. Leave a message with your pledge amount and then mail your check to DGS with a notation on it 'Honor Your Ancestors Yaklin match'. If you want to Honor your own ancestor fill out the form found at:


and enclose a check.

Call for Newsletter Articles
If you like to write or have an interesting story to tell about solving that pesky genealogical problem, please consider making a contribution to the DGS newsletter. The newsletter depends on articles written by DGS members. Articles should be about a page to a page and a half in length. Please be sure to include your name and contact information on the submitted attachment with the article. Mail submissions to:

newsletter@dallasgenealogy.com.
NEW ACQUISITIONS IN GENEALOGY
compiled by: Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck, FNGS

UNITED STATES
- Revolutionary War Letters Written by Hessian Officers.
- Biographical Directory of the American Congress.
- America’s Royalty: All the Presidents’ Children.
- Family Reunion Sourcebook. Donated by Barbara Baylis.
- America’s Presidential Families.
- Travels Through North and South Carolina, Georgia, East and West Florida. Donated by June McKinney.
- Irish Names and Surnames. Donated by Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck.
- Far From Home: The Diary of Lt. William H. Peel, 1863-1865.
- Following the Paper Trail: A Multilingual Translation Guide.
- Gateway to the Past. Donated by Ron McFarland.
- The Scottish Macs: Family Names of Scotland and the Scots-Irish; Derivations and Origins.
- Memoir and Official Correspondence of Gen. John Stark.
- Military Claims Barred By the Statute of Limitation.

ALABAMA
- Conquering Spirit: Fort Mims and the Redstick War of 1813-1814.

ARIZONA
- Arizona Genealogical and Historical Research Guide.

ARKANSAS
- Family Maps of Ashley County, Arkansas.

GEORGIA
- Gazetteer of Georgia. Donated by June McKinney.
- Sojourn in Savannah. Donated by June McKinney.
- Ogletorpe County, Georgia Newspaper Extracts, The Ogletorpe Echo. Donated by R.J. Taylor, Jr. Foundation.

ILLINOIS
- Tour of Vandalia’s Historic Homes.
- Family Maps of Ford County, Illinois.

INDIANA
- Family Maps of Tippecanoe County, Indiana.

KENTUCKY

LOUISIANA
- Louisiana Directory of Cities, Towns, and Villages.
- St. Landry Parish, Louisiana: An Archival Guide to Local Louisiana.
- Portland, Maine, Soldiers and Sailors: A Brief Sketch of the Part They Took in the War of the Rebellion.

MARYLAND
- Store Accounts of John Helms of Salisbury, 1758-1797.

MASSACHUSETTS

MICHIGAN
- Family Maps of Ottawa County, Michigan.
- Family Maps of Ingham County, Michigan.
- Family Maps of Livingston County, Michigan.
- Family Maps of Shiawassee County, Michigan.

MINNESOTA
- Memories of the Battle of New Ulm.
- History of Longville.
- Scandia—Then and Now.
- Research in Minnesota.

MISSISSIPPI
- Panola Heritage Review: Sardis Pilgrimage, Sardis, Mississippi.
- Family Maps of Simpson County, Mississippi.
- Mississippi Territory in the War of 1812. Donated by June McKinney.
- Montgomery County, Mississippi, 1887 Winona Advance Newspaper.
- The Blue and the Grey: Perry County, Mississippi’s Civil
RESOURCES and AREA EVENTS

- War Soldiers.
- Family Maps of Covington County, Mississippi.

MISSOURI
- Texas Bend Journal: Mississippi County, Missouri.
- Civil War Records, Union Troops, Enrolled Missouri Militia. 5 vols.
- Republic Missouri.
- Family Maps of Monroe County, Missouri.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

NEW JERSEY
- History of Bergen and Passate Counties, New Jersey, With Biographical
- History of Hudson County: Genealogies of Prominent Families.
- East New Jersey Land Records. 1727-1736/7.
- History of Essex and Hudson Counties, New Jersey. 2 vols.
- Records of Four Methodist Churches in Northern New Jersey.
- Founders of New Jersey: Brief Biographies by Descendants.
- Atlas of Bergen County, New Jersey.

NEW YORK
- Letters and Papers of Cadwallader Colden. 9 vols.
- Old Burying Ground at Sag Harbor, Long Island, New York.
- Town of Wilmington, Essex County, New York Transcribed Serial Records.
- Early Welsh Settler of Oneida County.
- Early Wayne County Settlers and Their Rhinelander Origins.
- Madison County, New York Soldiers in the War of 1812.
- The Last Alarm: The History and Tradition of Supreme Sacrifice in the Fire Department of New York City.
- History of Schoharie County, New York. 2 vols.
- The Social History of Flatbush and Manners and Customs of the Dutch Settlers in Kings County.
- Our Brooklyn, New York Ancestors 1796 and Beyond.
- Dutch Village Communities on the Hudson River.
- Vital Records of First Lutheran Church, Albany, New York, 1774-1842.
- Early Orange County Wills.
- Vital Records of Matteawan Methodist Church, Beacon, Dutchess County, New York.
- Early Records of Presbyterian Church, Pleasant Valley, New York, Dutchess County, 1792-1905.
- Early Records of Fishkill Landing Methodist Church, Beacon, Dutchess County, New York, 1862-1905; Members, 1862-1920.
- Abstracts of Wills of Kings County Recorded at Brooklyn, New York.
- Clove Reformed Church, High Falls, Ulster County, New York. Members, 1807-1956.

NORTH CAROLINA
- Burying Grounds, Graveyards, and Cemeteries of Buncombe County, North Carolina.
- Cabarrus County, North Carolina Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions.
- Index to Anson County, North Carolina, Deeds, 1749-1854.
- New Hanover County, North Carolina, Voter Registration, 1902-1908.
- Estate Records, 1772-1933: Richmond County, North Carolina. 3 vols.
RESOURCES and AREA EVENTS

- Abstracts of Deeds, Craven County, North Carolina, Books 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, & 19, 1766-1772.
- Abstracts of the Deeds of Rowan County, North Carolina, 1753-1785.
- New Bern District, North Carolina Superior Court Minutes, 1768-1788.
- Rutherford County, North Carolina Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions.
- Hare Funeral Home February 25, 1927 to January 28, 1934, Ashville, North Carolina.
- Beaufort County, North Carolina Land Entries, 1778-1795.
- Chowan County, North Carolina Miscellaneous Papers.
- Craven Precinct-County, North Carolina, Precinct-County Court Minutes.
- 1785 Tax List (Partial), Rutherford County, North Carolina. Donated by June McKinney.
- Orange County, North Carolina Court Minutes. Book 5, 1794-1797.
- Mecklenburg County, North Carolina Minutes of the Court of Common Pleas.
- Portsmouth, the War It Was.
- Hyde County, North Carolina Court Minutes. Book 6, 1798-1804.
- Real Estate and Legal Notices from Charlotte, North Carolina Newspapers.
- Bertie County, North Carolina, County Court Minutes. Book 7, 1793-1797.
- Perquimans County, North Carolina, County Court Minutes. Books 2 and 3.
- Wake County, North Carolina, County Court Minutes. Vol. 8, 1812-1815.
- Chowan County, North Carolina, Court Minutes, Pleas, and Quarter Sessions. 3 Books.
- 1880 Census, Henderson County, North Carolina.
- Reconstructed Marriage Records of Monroe County, Ohio, 1803-1867.
- Ashland County, Ohio Church Records.
- Family Maps of Noble County, Ohio.
- Knox County, Ohio Probate Court Marriage License Applications, 1832-1946.
- Monroie County, Ohio Genealogical Records. 2 vols.
- Family Maps of Darke County, Ohio.
- List of Entrymen on Lands in Wayne County, Ohio.
- Deaths Coshoctan County, Ohio, 1867-1909. Donated by Korey and Kathleen Robertson.
- Our Ancestors of Cuyahoga County, Ohio.
- Indian Wars Along the Upper Ohio.
- Listing of Entrymen on Lands in Richland, County, Ohio.
- Coshocton County, Ohio Marriage and Will Records. Donated by Korey and Kathleen Robertson.
- Revolutionary War Soldiers with Coshocton County Connections.
- I Belonged to the 116th: a Narrative of the 116th Ohio Volunteer Infantry.
- Ohio and Her Western Reserve.
- Native Tribes of Old Ohio.
- Listing of Entrymen on Lands in Morrow County, Ohio.
- Listing of Entrymen on Lands in Ashland County, Ohio.
- Mercer County, Ohio, Recorder's Office Original Land Entries, 1820-1842.

OKLAHOMA

- McClain County, Oklahoma (Old Pontotoc County, Chickasaw Nation): Obituaries and Other Death Records: 1887-?: from Early Newspapers, Church Records, and Other Sources.
- Guide to the Historical Records of Oklahoma.
- Abstracts of Post Returns for Fort Sill, Indian Territory (Originally Camp Wichita), March 1869-March 1875.

PENNSYLVANIA

- Presbyterian Churches in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.
- Butler County Cemetery Inventory. 6 vols.
- History of Beaver County Schools.
- Pioneer Families of Northern Columbia County, Pennsylvania.
- Prominent and Progressive Pennsylvanians of the Nineteenth Century: a Review of Their Careers.
RESOURCES and AREA EVENTS

- Marriages and Deaths from the Newspapers of Lancaster County.
- Collected Cemeteries of the Tri-County Region.
- People and Times of Western Pennsylvania: Pittsburgh Gazette Abstracts.
- Butler County: the Second Hundred Years.
- Lancaster County Civil War Sites Revisited.
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