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NEW GENEALOGICAL FIND!

Samuel W. Pennypacker had a strong interest in his families' genealogy. He had an especial interest in his father's line. He crafted a handwritten genealogy of all the descendants of Hendrick and Eve Umstat Pannebecker, the first line of the family to arrive in Philadelphia.

A recently acquired book De Werken van den Hoog Verlichten Jacob Brill or "The Works of Jacob Brill" published in Dutch in Amsterdam by Barent Visser in 1705 contains some previously unknown genealogical facts about Hendrick Pannebecker (1674-1754) written in his own hand.

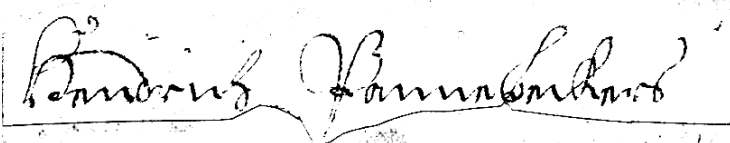
Samuel did quite a bit of research on Hendrick and wrote the following about him in his autobiography: "The founder of the family in

Pennsylvania, Hendrick Pannebecker, was born March 21, 1674. He was in Germantown in 1699, and from there moved out to Skippack in 1702 as the attorney for Matthias Van Beber for the sale of the lands of the latter in Beber's township. He later bought the township and became, as well as Van Beber and Lodowick Christian Sprogell, one of the three Dutch patrons of Pennsylvania. He was a surveyor and laid out most of the early roads in upper Philadelphia, now Montgomery County. I have his bill to the Penns for surveying a number of their manors in 1733, with the order of Thomas Penn for its payment. He understood three languages- Dutch, German and English. He had a library of books. He owned seven thousand acres of land. He wrote a very pretty script, drew deeds and devised a seal much like that of Van Rensselaer on New York. There is a biography of

him in print and when it turns up at a book sale it brings twenty-five dollars. His wife Eva Umstat, came from the lower Rhine..."

In Dutch circles, he was known as Hendrick, amongst the Germans as Heinrich and with the English as Henry. We have examples of him using the various spellings of his first name. Samuel described Hendrick's handwriting, "The autograph is written in the German script, in a back-hand, the letters are small, the hair lines are as fine as though made by a delicately reared young girl. And the capitals show entire command of the pen and ornamental curves which may properly be described as artistic." (Hendrick Pannebecker Surveyor of Lands for the Penns 1674-1754, p. 26)

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Left: Hendrick's signature in 1706.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **New Genealogical Find!**
- **Hendrick Pannebecker book now on-line**
- **Scrapbook Making Workshop**
- **Springtime 100 Years Ago**
- **Newsletter on-line now!**
- **Talented Volunteers Needed!**

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GERMAN TRANSCRIPTION

The first page has "A Buch genamte schreiben von Jacob Bril
 Hendrich Pannebacker zu Ihr es und find Der es find Der bring
 Weder geshreiben Den 17 Tag am February 1745
 Anno 1739 Den 27 Tag November is Mein hausfrau gestorben
 Anno 1702 Den 12 Tag January is Mein Tochter Martha gebohren zwischen 12 und 1 Uhr
 Anno 1704 Den 8 Tag Junius zwischen 6 und sieben ist Mein Tochter Catharine Gebohren
 Anno 1707 Den 14 Tag February ist Mein Sohn Adolph gebohren
 Anno 1710 Den 8 Tag Martz ist Mein Sohn Petter gebohren.
 Anno 1713 Den 27 Tag Augustus ist Mein Sohn Johannis gebohren
 Anno 1716 Den 28 Tag Junnis ist Mein Tochter Annabarber gebohren
 Anno 1719 Den 6 Tag Martz zwischen 5 und 6 Uhr Dess Morgans Jacobus geboren
 Anno 1725 Den 26 Tag November und 6 aft nachmittag ist mein Sohn Hendrichus gebohren
 Anno 1699 Den 14 Tag October bin ich Hendrich Pannebecker von Crefelt mitt Eva Umstat zu Den
 Ehestand getretten.
 Anno 1698 bin Ich Hendrich Pannebecker Den 2 Tag September in Philadelphia gearrivert

ENGLISH TRANSLATION

This book called the Writings of Jacob Bril [belongs to]
 Hendrick Pannebacker to who finds it bring it to him
 written this 17 Day of February 1745
 My wife died November 27, 1739.
 January 12, 1702, my daughter Martha was born between 12 and 1 o'clock.
 June 8, 1704, my daughter Catharine was born between 6 and seven.
 February 14, 1707, my son Adolph was born.
 March 8, 1710, my son Peter was born.
 August 27, 1713, my son John was born.
 June 28, 1716, my daughter Barbara was born.
 March 5, 1719, Jacob was born between 5 and 6 in the morning.
 September 26, 1725, my son Henry was born at 6 in the afternoon.
 October 14, 1699 I Heinrich Pannebecker from Crefelt with Eva Umstat got married.
 September 2, 1698 I Heinrich Pannebecker arrived in Philadelphia.

HANDWRITTEN GENEALOGY BY HEINDRICK PANNEBECKER IN 1745

Ich bin genant, zu dem von den
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 Anno 1704 den 8. Tag Junij ist Mein tochter
 Mein tochter Catharina geboren
 Anno 1707 den 14. Tag Februarij ist Mein söhn Jacobus
 geboren Anno 1710 den 8. Tag Martz ist Mein söhn
 geboren Anno 1713 den 27. Tag Augustus ist Mein
 söhn Johannes geboren Anno 1716 den 28. Tag Junij
 ist Mein tochter Anna geboren Anno 1719 den 5.
 Tag Martz ist Mein söhn Jacobus geboren
 Anno 1725 den 20. Tag September ist Mein söhn
 Mein söhn Jacobus geboren
 Anno 1739 den 14. Tag october bin ich heimlich
 zu dem von der Herrschaft mit der Unterstat zu dem
 gehalten Anno 1738 bin ich heimlich heimlich
 den 14. Tag September zu Philadelphia geschicket.

Above: This handwriting was written on the first page of the book *De Werken van den Hoog Verlichten Jacob Bril*. This book is a compilation of three books by Jacob Bril, who was born in 1639 and died in 1700. Bril was married with no children. He was a teacher doing confirmations for the Dutch Reformed Church. His writings are about how to lead one's life as a Christian. For Hendrick Pannebecker to own a book of the Dutch Reformed faith is not unusual since "The baptism of 1710, of the children of Hendrick by a Dutch Reformed minister from one of the congregations of New York, there being no Reformed minister in Pennsylvania, shows they were all of the same faith." (Hendrick Pannebecker Surveyor of Lands for the Penns 1674-1754, p. 21) Continued on page 4.

NEW GENEALOGICAL FIND! *CONTINUED...*

What is important about the date September 2nd or October 14th? Hans Peter and Barbara Umstat arrived in Philadelphia from Crefeld on October 14, 1685 with their children, Johannes, Anna Margaretta and Eve, who is often listed as Eva. Previously unknown was Hendrick Pannebecker's arrival date or the exact marriage date for him and Eve. From Hendrick's own writings it is now known that he arrived in Philadelphia on September 2, 1698, and he was also from Crefeld. Hendrick and Eva were married on October 14, 1699. He had an interest in religion and acquired quite a library of books. Samuel wrote the following "Soon after his death, on June 16, 1754, his two sons and son-in-law inserted this advertisement in Saur's *Pensylvanische Berichte*: "He was accustomed to lend out many of his books, and any one who has any of the said books in his possession is requested to bring them to Johannes Pannebecker, Peter Pannebecker or Cornelius Theissen." (Hendrick Pannebecker Surveyor of Lands for the Penns 1674-1754, p. 105)

It is clear from the information in this book, that Samuel Whitaker Pennypacker never saw it because it has dates for children, the marriage and the arrival in the United States, dates that he never included in his writings. We now have exact

dates for the births of all Hendrick and Eve's children but still many questions remain. In his genealogy Samuel does not list Catharine as a daughter, but does list a Susanna that he knew very little about. With Henry born in 1725, it raises the question of when Eve was born. We do not have all the answers, however this is truly a magnificent find, and one that Samuel never saw!

What is so remarkable about this book is that we can compare Heindrick's handwriting with samples that Samuel had obtained and the wording clearly indicates that Hendrick wrote it, "**I Hendrick**" and "**My wife**" and we now can offer this invaluable book to interested family members for research purposes. Along with the many thousands of papers, books, and family memorabilia left by Samuel, this book will be one more piece of the preserved history of this Pennsylvania family for future generations here at Pennypacker Mills.

The book will be on display during regular tours for the months of April and May. It will be made available to researchers throughout the year by appointment only.



Above: Samuel Whitaker Pennypacker, 1895

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ON-LINE VERSION OF HENDRICK PANNEBECKER SURVEYOR OF LANDS FOR THE PENNS AVAILABLE

For those Pennypacker/Pannebecker family descendants who wish to have a copy of this out-of-print historical book, it is now available online at Google.com. Carl J. Pannebecker, a descendant from California discovered this book while doing a general search on the book title. To his surprise, up came the file! Much thanks to Carl for sharing this information with us and all of you. We are always glad to be a clearinghouse for family information

and genealogy.

Carl explained that the Google Company has endeavored to scan and make available rare historic books of interest that are no longer in print or under the protection of a copyright. These books are offered to the general public at no cost in the form of a computer download or can be read directly from the file.

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SPRING WORKSHOP

This program requires pre-registration and pre-payment. Confirmations will be sent prior to the program with directions & any special instructions. **Don't delay, register today!** Any questions, please call (610) 287-9349.

SCRAPBOOK MAKING

Sat., March 29 & Sat., April 5 9 am to 12 pm or 1 to 4 pm

Learn the history and art of papermaking from the area's leading handmade paper expert, Richard Aldorassi of the Philadelphia Handmade Paper Co. Make the covers using 18th century papermaking techniques, add your own creative touches, and let them dry after the first class. Return a second Saturday to assemble your creation and learn an ancient Japanese form of book binding. All materials provided. These one-of-a-kind scrapbooks will make great keepsakes! Ages 10+ \$40.00 per person



Clip and return

REGISTER ME TODAY!

Please fill out the form below, include your check, where applicable, (made out to Pennypacker Mills), and return to the address below.

# Attending	Program	Fee	Fee Total
	Scrapbook Making	x \$40 =	\$

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Schwenksville, Pa. 19473

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Street Address

City, State, Zip Code

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I'll bring my friend(s):

SPRINGTIME AT THE MILLS ONE-HUNDRED YEARS AGO!

Life at Samuel Pennypacker's farm was like most other farms here in Montgomery County one-hundred years ago. Farm hands were planting the spring crops, cows were milked, bees were becoming active, spring cleaning in the Pennypacker's mansion turned the entire household upside down. Servants were surely exhausted at the end of each day.

On **April 19th**, come to Pennypacker Mills and see for yourself what spring was like here as we present our **Rural Life in 1900** spring event.

Vintage Cars on Display

Step into the "modern age" of automobiles with our display of vintage **Model A and Model T Fords!** The North Penn Model A Ford Car Club and the Model T Ford Car Club of Valley Forge will be on-site. Some interesting facts about Model A's: Each car cost \$495.00, they came in two-door, 4-door, roadsters (2-door convertible), and also station wagon models. The station wagons were also called "depot hacks" because hotels would use them to transport hotel guests and their luggage from the train depot to their hotel. At least five million were built and almost half a million still exist, largely because

they were so well built. All models were stick shift driven and came in many colors. Stop by and learn more about these early automobiles!

A servant's work is never done!

Learn how doing **laundry** took most of two days to do. See how the earliest technology was nothing more than a wash-

board and a chunk of lye soap in a bucket of water. Move along the timeline and try your hand at early mechanical washers and wringers. See how a Maytag 1929 wringer washer with a gasoline driven engine worked. This machine required the wash lady to push a pedal to start the engine. Finally, hang your clothes on our clothesline between two trees!

If you have a strong battling arm, you might try **beating a rug** on a clothesline.

The Life of the Cook

See **woodstove cooking** and learn the challenges of making a recipe with no

oven temperature!

Children can sit at our kitchen table and use biscuit cutters to create their own biscuits, roll oats with a ribbed rolling pin, turn a coffee grinder, use a hand-cranked apple peeler, and try other kitchen gadgets. Learn about drying fruit and vegetables and make butter using a hand-turned paddle system. Find out how apple cider vinegar was made and how important it was to have a bit of the "mother" floating inside the bottle.

The General Store

See what the Pennypackers bought each week from the general store and then send the kids to our store to find out the cost of many everyday items. While in our store, **play a game of checkers** as these places were also where people gathered for social greetings. **Check your mail** and **send a card** to yourself from the Pennypacker Mills Post Office.

On the Farm

Don't miss the chance to see how **hit or miss engines** played an important role in bringing the farm into the modern age. These engines were used to operate early farm machines and make planting and harvesting quicker and less labor intensive.



Above: Members of the Montco 4H Bee Keepers Club will be on hand showing their live hive and selling local honey.



Above: Preparing wool to make wool fabric took many steps. Here two visitors use a loom.



Above: Two Model A Ford cars. A 1928 Phaeton (4-door convertible) and a 1929 Roadster.



Right: Turning the coffee grinder was one of many gadgets that made life easier for the cook.





GROWING YESTERDAY'S GARDEN: HEIRLOOM SEEDS AND PENNSYLVANIA GERMAN TRADITION

Hear one of the foremost experts on heirloom seeds talk at the Rural Life event. A fascinating lecture at 1 pm in our Barn by Dr. Irwin Richman, Director of Research and Development for the Heirloom Seed Project of the Landis Valley Museum, Lancaster County, Pa. The lecture, entitled, "Growing Yesterday's Garden: Heirloom Seeds and Pennsylvania German

Tradition," will focus on the conservation of antique varieties and the processing and distribution of high-quality seed preserves, an important part of Pennsylvania German cultural heritage. This presentation will discuss heirloom varieties of flowers and vegetables. Dr. Irwin will also describe their use in traditional gardens and how they can be adapted to modern needs. The presentation is an outgrowth of research done for Dr. Richman's recent 2007 book,

"Pennsylvania German Farms, Gardens and Seeds: Landis Valley in Four Centuries." This book will be available at our Museum Shop (inside the mansion) and Dr. Irwin will be available after his talk to sign copies.

This presentation is a program of the Pennsylvania Humanities Council, supported in part by a grant from the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. The program is free and the public is most welcome!

Speaker
Dr. Irwin Richman
Sat. April 19th
1:00 pm in the Barn
Presentation:
"Growing Yesterday's Garden: Heirloom Seeds and Pennsylvania German Tradition"

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The January/February 2008 issue of the *Pennypacker Express* is now on-line and available for those tech-savvy individuals who want to have less paper in their lives! The newsletter is in a PDF format, which makes for easy printing and downloading.

If you would like to have your name removed from our mailing list and just be able to check out our website at the beginning of every two-month cycle, just contact us at:

Tel: (610) 287-9349 or e-mail: PennypackerMills@montcopa.org

You may find our newsletter at: www.historicsites.montcopa.org

Click on Pennypacker Mills and look at the bottom of our page. *Happy reading in color!*

SPRINGTIME AT THE MILLS CONTINUED....

Bee keeping was important for pollinating the field crops. Meet our bee keepers and learn more about the importance these insects had to the farm. Local honey from Montgomery County will be for sale too!

Inside the Mansion

Tour the Pennypacker mansion and see how spring cleaning was done in one of our rooms. Beds were stripped to air out, wash buckets, and homemade cleaning concoctions were used to "sanitize" everything!

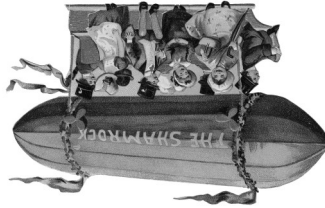
See our new exhibit, "**Treasured Memories: Scrapbooks, Keepsakes**

& Souvenirs," and visit our Museum Shop for unusual gifts and souvenirs. Cash or checks only.



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Rural Life in 1900
Sat., April 19
11:00 am to 4:00 pm
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Happy St. Patrick's Day!



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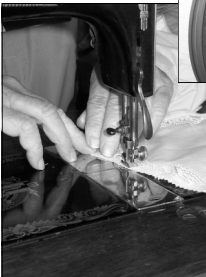
DO YOU HAVE A TALENT?

It takes a huge talent pool to provide the interpretation and living history demonstrations that bring the history of Pennyacker Mills to life for our visitors. Some of you know how to sew, how to can food, and still others are gardeners. We all have interests and talents that we develop over the years. Pennyacker Mills is looking for a few new adventure-some people to help us on a short-term basis to create and present workshop classes, demonstrations, and hands-on experiences for our visitors.

We are looking for wool spinners, seamstresses, educators to assist in developing school programs and activities for our

weekend events geared to families, people who have experience in cultivating heirloom herbs, fruit and vegetables, instructors for creating fraktur, rug braiding, wood working, quilters, hooked rugs, tating and/or pressed flowers. If you have a talent that dates to the late 1800's-early 1900's, we'd like to work with you to develop these projects that would be offered as part of our programming. Please contact:

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Developing hands-on demonstrations & programs using a loom, kitchen and farm-related gadgets, or treadle sewing machine would help us reach visitors of all ages.