

THE HEADSTONE

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With jubilation I write this, thankful that the first issue of *The Headstone*, the newsletter for the Dutch Hollow Hanger Cemetery website, is in print, which means the website has launched!

This newsletter will hopefully be the first of many, offered on a regular basis, and with content worth taking the time to read. I intend to follow some basic guidelines with each edition, and some are as follows: Notification of any corrections to any information on the website found to be in error. Notification of additions to the website. Answers to general questions by users of the website if not of a personal nature and if known. At least one genealogical tidbit with each issue. And finally, what has happened since the previous newsletter that is not on the website. However, given that this first edition was written in conjunction with the launch of the website, the aforementioned format might be best dispensed with for this issue!

What I will do right now is offers my thanks and a debt of gratitude to Blue Crab Software and the folks at EasyNetSites for their help and guidance during the webpage setup.

I want the user of this site to know that the site is built for you. Yes, I want the site to help generate funds for the upkeep and maintenance of the cemetery and website, but it is the content of the site that counts. I would like nothing more than for this site to become the go-to location for a member or visitor to find historical and genealogical information pertaining to the families of those buried at the graveyard. But this goal cannot be accomplished just by virtue of the website. It will take you, me, all of us, to make this a resource rich site. That is my goal, and I will be listening to each of you as you offer suggestions, ask questions, or need more resources. That will be my job. I would like for each of you to consider what your job could be. What you can contribute. Each of you have knowledge, learned or inherited, that the rest of us do not. Collectively, we can reach the goal – A Resource Rich Site. I look forward to the knowledge each of you bring to the site. Share it on the forum, contact me and I will post relevant files, documents and publications that you are willing to share. Get others to do the same. Take pride in offering a document or a fact that heretofore was only known by one or two.

As examples, I refer you to the handwritten document by Johann Frederick Hanger that can be found in the members only Library / Archives section, or take a look at Hannah Fulwider Hanger's file in the members only Focused Research section. Her file includes among other things, a copy of a handwritten letter dated 1862 written by John L. Houser to Hannah, describing the events that led up to the death of her son James at Camp Allegheny during the Civil War.

This might be a good spot to share with readers just what is in or is to be added to the members section of the website. These files are continuously being compiled and moved to the website. Much of the research has been completed and now it is a matter of putting the information into an intelligible format for you the user to quickly view and use. When completed, the following are just some of the surnames that will be included in one format or another. The anglicized version of the name is used for this list: Armstrong, Baylor, Bright, Brubeck, Buchanan, Cale, Callison, Campbell, Clinebell, Dooks, Dull, Fridley, Fulwider, Fox, Hanger, Helmick, Hill, Houser, Kesterson, Koogler, Liptrap, Lotts, Lucas, Majer, Mays, Ott, Robertson, Smiley, Strickler, Thornton, Wehrle, Wiseman. There are many more names that are a part of this list. These records might eventually be found in the cemetery records, the Library / Archives section, or the Focused Surname Research, or maybe some combination of the three! If you don't see your family name here, use the contact page and inquire, and if we have something we'll certainly provide it if possible!

Focused Research Files Uploaded as of this Newsletter:

Bright, Maria Kaufelt	Clinebell, Henry J.	Fox, George H
Fulwider, David	Hanger, James	Hanger, Catherine Wehrle
Hanger, Hannah Fulwider	Hanger, David Ott	Hanger, John (Jr)
Hill, Rev. James S.	Kesterson, Jacob Myers	Koogler, Charles M.
Koogler, William H.	Lucas, Dianah	McKee, Samuel

Library / Archives Files Uploaded as of this Newsletter:

Unpublished Materials:

Buffalo Springs Schoolhouse – Research Documentation

Partial Note dated 1849 found in Captain Callison House during the Salvage Operation

Photograph of a Painting of the House Elizabeth Cale Hanger Once Lived in

Drawing of the Remains of the McNutt & Robertson Mill Dam on Ott's Creek Aug. Co., Va

The History of McNutt's Chapel

List of Unlocated Graves, Dutch Hollow Hanger Cemetery

Published Materials:

Baptismal Record of the Children of Johann Frederick Hengerer

Map of Codorus Township, York County, Penn. Showing land acquired by George Wehrly & Ulrich Fullowider

Photograph of Dutch Hollow Hanger Cemetery 1952

Cemetery Records:

Old Providence Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church Cemetery

The records have been uploaded and are in the process of being updated. The process involves working on one record at a time. There are almost 1,300 records to be processed and it is a slow process at that. Working alphabetically, it will take approximately two months of daily part-time work to get them completed. After the records are all corrected to the extent they can be, photographs will be taken of each headstone and uploaded to the website. It is easy enough to identify which records have been corrected and which have not. If you have a question about one that has not been corrected, let us know using the contacts tab and we will get that record corrected for you as best we can right away. Many of the descendants of Dutch Hollow Hanger Cemetery are buried at Old Providence and the information is important to have available on this site.

With all that said, until the next newsletter! And remember, if you have hit a snag with your genealogy research, just run for public office and your opponent might do the digging for you!

Glenn Hanger

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