

- KINSHIP CONCEALED UPDATE: Authors Return to Area

Four years ago, authors Sharon Cranford and Dwight Roth from Wichita, KS were in south-east PA making presentations about their book, *Kinship Concealed: Amish-Mennonites and African-American Family Connections*.

This book is about two Amish immigrant brothers who, (after living in northern Berks County from 1750-1760) make very different choices. Jacob Mast becomes the leading bishop of the Amish of Berks and Chester Counties in the late 19th century. His brother John departs the Amish community and becomes a citizen of North Carolina. John's son becomes a slave holder.

Jacob's Amish-Mennonites offspring and John's Black descendants do not meet until two Hesston College professors, Roth, Anglo American, and Cranford, Afro American, find their common roots while teaching at Hesston College (KS) in 2007.

Roth and Cranford will be giving an update on *Kinship Concealed* on Saturday, July 22, 7:00 pm at the Nicholas Stoltzfus' Homestead , Tulpehocken Rd, Reading, PA .

A second presentation is planned for Sunday, 7:00 - place to be determined.

The authors will discuss their book in terms of what they have learned about their writing after book signings across six states -- including what people are saying about *Kinship Concealed*. The book is being made into a movie. Come and here what is happening, You may be intrigued.

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