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## “DISCOVER YOUR ROOTS, DISCOVER YOURSELF” AT THE FALL CONFERENCE

“Discover Your Roots, Discover Yourself” on Saturday, 25 October, 2008, by attending the NHG Fall Conference from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. at Christ Episcopal Church, 5910 Babcock Boulevard, Pittsburgh, PA, 15237. Check-in begins at 8:00 A.M. and parking is free.

NHG members who volunteered to donate baked goods or desserts are reminded to bring them to Christ Episcopal Church on the day of the Fall Conference.

The unique schedule for the NHG Fall Conference will offer attendees a chance to interact with the speakers in formal and informal sessions. **Consider the session options that are listed in this article and on page 23**, and plan ahead for your fall conference experience.

The featured conference speakers, Pamela K. Boyer, CG, CGL, and J. Mark Lowe, CG, are knowledgeable, experienced genealogists. This one-day genealogy conference features both a large group lecture and a small group discussion during each of the four one-hour sessions. At the end of the day, plan to participate in a panel discussion with both speakers, moderated by Elissa Scalise Powell, CG.

Registration is \$35 for members, \$45 for non-members, and \$50 at the door. A continental breakfast and hot lunch are included. Register by mail, in person at a NHG meeting, or online at [www.NorthHillsGenealogists.org/conference](http://www.NorthHillsGenealogists.org/conference) to reserve your spot for October 25th!

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### NHG FALL CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

TIME	MAIN ROOM	SMALL ROOM
8:00	Registration opens	
9:00	Welcome Session	
9:15	<i>Make Those Early Census Records Talk to You</i> J. Mark Lowe, CG	<i>Technology for Genealogists</i> Pamela K. Boyer, CG, CGL
10:15	Break	
10:30	<i>Our National Treasure: The Library of Congress</i> Pamela K. Boyer, CG, CGL	<i>Researching Rural Ancestors</i> J. Mark Lowe, CG
11:30	Lunch	
1:00	<i>Out on a Limb, Trapped by Bad Research</i> J. Mark Lowe, CG	<i>Seeing Your Ancestors in Historical Context</i> Pamela K. Boyer, CG, CGL
2:00	Break	
2:15	<i>Dos and Don'ts for Your Research</i> Pamela K. Boyer, CG, CGL	<i>Developing a Research Plan</i> J. Mark Lowe, CG
3:30	<b>Panel Discussion</b> Pamela K. Boyer, CG, CGL and J. Mark Lowe, CG	Elissa Scalise Powell, CG, <i>Moderator</i>

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## WHO WE ARE NORTH HILLS GENEALOGISTS

*We are a group of genealogy enthusiasts who meet on a regular basis to assist one another in establishing our family histories. We meet on the third Tuesday of every month, except December, at the Northland Public Library, 300 Cumberland Road, McCandless Township in the North Hills of Pittsburgh, PA. Tip Time begins at 6:45 P.M., and our general meeting commences at 7:00 P.M. Our meetings are free and open to the public.*

*We publish a newsletter ten times a year for a nominal membership fee of \$15.00 annually. The subscription year runs from August to June, but anyone wishing to join the North Hills Genealogists mid-year will receive back issues of the newsletter for that membership year. Previous years' newsletters are also available for purchase, each containing helpful hints for beginners and for experienced genealogists.*

*The North Hills Genealogists Board meets at 7:00 P.M. on the first Tuesday of each month in the Conference Room of the Northland Public Library. The Board meeting is open to all members of the North Hills Genealogists organization. Consider joining us this year!*

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

In the September newsletter, the similarities between two of my pursuits – genealogy and marathoning – were introduced. They were both described as long-haul projects, which require a good deal of mental and physical stamina. They are completed in group settings, yet each is in fact a solitary mission. Other similarities also come to mind.

In genealogy there are extensive aids available to help along the way. These take the forms of seminars, magazines, conferences, and many other opportunities to assist you in getting ready for each step of your family history journey. Certainly each of these aids imparts renewed energy to me to continue the hunt. In the same way, there are assists available during long distance runs to get you recharged. These are called aid stations. Placed at regular intervals along the course, they offer such things as water, energy drinks, gels, and fruit to get you ready for the next stage. So again, there is a convergence of the two hobbies.

It was also mentioned in the September newsletter that I have had the good fortune to run a marathon on all seven continents. This adventure allowed me to become a member of the aptly named Seven Continents Club. Established by an outfit in Boston called Marathon Tours and Travel, it currently has 176 members, and it is a privilege to be a part of it.

My journey on this quest started in Pittsburgh in 1992. At that time, I had no knowledge of a Seven Continents Club, but simply decided that I needed to run a marathon before I reached the age of fifty – which was going to happen in October of that year. A few of my friends were participating in it, so I signed up, and on the first Sunday in May completed my first marathon. It was a great time, but I never realized how sore a pair of legs could get! On a side note, I am very happy to see the Pittsburgh Marathon returning in 2009.

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## **PRESIDENT'S CORNER** (continued from page 22)

The second overseas marathon was in 1998 in Madrid. One of my sons was attending school there, and I scheduled a visit to see him. Very coincidentally, the visit occurred at the time of the Madrid Marathon. It was a memorable occasion with enthusiastic crowds lining the entire course. The noise was very encouraging

In February of 1999, Antarctica beckoned. Getting there was half of the adventure. An overnight flight to Buenos Aires started the trip, followed by a further flight to Ushuaia at the very southern tip of Tierra Del Fuego. A three and a half day boat ride across the Drake Passage completed the journey. Antarctica is the most starkly beautiful place I have ever visited, being fantastic in its emptiness. There were millions of penguins, colonies of seals, whales, and predator birds called skuas and terns, which fiercely defended their territory.

Since it was summer, there was also a small amount of moss and lichen, the only plant life to exist on the continent. One of the highlights of the trip was a dip in the ocean at Deception Island, which is an active volcano producing some warm spots in which to swim. And yes, a marathon was run, with the above-named animals and birds cheering for us.

It was during this excursion that I became aware of the Seven Continents Club. A substantial number of the participants were already members – or became members on the trip – and hearing their stories stoked my interest. I only had to do four more to join them! Next month's column will chronicle those four runs, and also wrap up the discussion on the similarities between genealogy and marathoning.

~ Dave

## **WE WILL SEE YOU AT THE NHG FALL CONFERENCE!**

## **PROGRAMS FOR NHG FALL CONFERENCE SUMMARIZED**

Fall Conference speakers, Pamela K. Boyer, CG, CGL, and J. Mark Lowe, CG, have revealed some details about the Main Room sessions to further assist you in planning your experience at this NHG event. The first large-group session at 9:15 A.M. features J. Mark Lowe speaking about *Make Those Early Census Records Talk to You*. Although they require more analysis on our part, the census records before 1850 can answer a large number of our genealogical questions and provide additional clues. Perhaps the key to using these records is the development of an adequate plan of action on our part. The proper use of census records requires consistent handling, analysis, and documentation. These population schedules are especially helpful to genealogists because of their availability, genealogical value, and data consistency. A process to use a Census/Birth year comparison form will be introduced. This process of comparison will help you identify discrepancies in the census report and formulate successful research plans.

At 10:30 A.M. Pamela K. Boyer will present *Our National Treasure: The Library of Congress*. Even if you never visit Washington, DC, you should explore the holdings of the Library of Congress. We'll mine the online collection for its wealth of documents, maps, books, photographs, even sound recordings, and learn to successfully search the online catalogs.

After lunch, J. Mark Lowe will address *Out on a Limb, Trapped by Bad Research*. Bad, weak, or missing evidence all contribute to misleading research. In an effort to get back on track, you should review your research findings, sharpen your techniques, evaluate your sources, and map a new course. We will focus on weaknesses caused by undocumented evidence, unreliable evidence, reliance on derivative resources, misinterpretation of evidence, or lack of organization. A plan to repair the cracks and  
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## **FALL CONFERENCE SESSIONS (continued from page 23)**

restore the structure will be shared. The probability of creating a successful research project is greatly enhanced when the project begins with a precise statement of research goals and reasoning for the process. Once this is accomplished, the sequential steps necessary for preparing a research plan and successfully executing the research project are easier to identify and organize.

The final session will begin at 2:15 P.M. and provide information about *Dos and Don'ts for Your Research* by Pamela K. Boyer. This topic presents some clear-cut rules to ensure that your family history efforts are accurate and follow accepted standards for genealogical research. Also included are some clues to help jump-start stalled projects.

For more information about all aspects of the NHG Fall Conference *Discover Your Roots, Discover Yourself*, go to the following link: [www.NorthHillsGenealogists.org/conference](http://www.NorthHillsGenealogists.org/conference).

## **NHG UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

### **Tuesday, 21 October 2008 BUTLER COUNTY COURTHOUSE RECORDS**

Maxine Jackson, a long-time employee at the Butler County Courthouse, will present research guidelines and techniques involving the use of records in the Recorder of Deeds, Register of Wills, and Prothonotary's Offices. While focused on Butler County, this information is applicable to most courthouse research. Information presented in this program will review what records are available in courthouses, which office to visit for different records, and how and when to research in a courthouse setting. This program will present ideas for beginners and experienced family researchers. There will also be time for a question and answer session after the presentation tonight.

### **Saturday, 25 October 2008 NHG FALL CONFERENCE “Discover Your Roots, Discover Yourself”**

See details on pages 21, 23, and 24 of this issue, and at <http://www.NorthHillsGenealogists.org>; click on the *Conference* link. Registration is required for the NHG Fall Conference. Finalize your conference plans today!

### **Tuesday, 18 November 2008 ANNUAL NHG ROUND TABLE**

The Annual NHG Round Table Discussion is your chance to ask questions, exchange ideas, and share experiences, roadblocks and discoveries with your fellow genealogists. It's also a great opportunity to meet others from the North Hills area who share a common interest in genealogy and family history research. This is one of the most popular meetings of the year when a variety of genealogical topics are discussed.

### **Saturday, 6 December 2008 NHG ANNUAL SOCIAL**

Tour the Pennsylvania Room at the Carnegie Library in Oakland with Marilyn Holt followed by lunch at a nearby restaurant. This event is the perfect occasion to be introduced to a vast collection of research data close to home, as well as to socialize with others in our NHG group.

### **SHARE YOUR IDEAS FOR 2009 NHG PROGRAMS**

Do you have an idea or suggestion for an upcoming program topic? Programs Chair Mary Dzurichko is now planning topics and speakers for NHG meetings throughout 2009. If any member has an idea to share, please speak to Mary at our monthly meeting, or e-mail your suggestion for a speaker or topic to [INFO@NorthHillsGenealogists.org](mailto:INFO@NorthHillsGenealogists.org).

## **WHERE GENEALOGISTS MEET**

### **22 OCTOBER 2008                      7:00 P.M. CRANBERRY GENEALOGY CLUB**

This month's meeting of the Cranberry Genealogy Club will be held on Wednesday, 22 October 2008. Dr. Thomas Hannon will present "Geomancy's Rise and Demise: A Sub-Regional Analysis." The next meeting will be 19 November 2008 with the program to be announced. Note that we are meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of November due to Thanksgiving.

The Cranberry Genealogy Club meets throughout the year in the Public Library Conference Room at the Cranberry Township Municipal Building, 2525 Rochester Road, Cranberry Township, PA 16066. For more detailed information, visit their website at <http://www.cranberrygenealogy.org>.

### **24-25 OCTOBER 2008 ALLEN CO. PUBLIC LIBRARY FORT WAYNE, IN**

The Genealogy Center of Allen County Public Library, 900 Library Plaza, Fort Wayne, IN, 46802, announces a two day mini-course, "Family History: Beyond the Basics" on Friday and Saturday, 24-25 October. Instructors for this program are Margery Graham, CG, an experienced genealogist and ACPL volunteer, and Steven W. Myers, a reference librarian in the ACPL Genealogy Center.

Formal sessions include: *Problem Solving in Your Research*, *Probate Records*, *Land Records and Tax Lists*, *Military Records*, *Church Records*, and *Tracing Your Ancestors Across the Atlantic*. In addition, there will be time in the schedule each day for assisted research, individual research, consultations, and a tour of the Genealogy Center.

The registration fee is \$50 per person and space is limited. For more information, go to: [www.ACPL.Info/Genealogy/programs.html](http://www.ACPL.Info/Genealogy/programs.html).

### **8 NOVEMBER 2008 10 AM – 12 P.M. WESTERN PA GENEALOGY SOCIETY**

As Pittsburgh celebrates the 250th anniversary of the city's founding in 1758, we have the opportunity to reflect on the people instrumental in its formation. This month's program focuses on the family history and background of those both famous and obscure figures involved in the struggle to control the Gateway to the West.

"Pittsburgh 250 – Colonial Family Trees" will be presented by Marilyn Cocchiola Holt, the Department Manager of the Pennsylvania Department of the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh and President-Elect of WPGS.

WPGS meets at the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh Lecture Hall, 4400 Forbes Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15213, in Oakland. Each meeting is free and open to the public. For more information, visit <http://www.wpgs.org>, or call 412-687-6811. There is parking nearby at the Carnegie Library for a fee of \$5.00.

### **8 November 2008    10 A.M. – 12 P.M. MAIN LIBRARY, AKRON, OH**

*Introduction to Internet Genealogy* is the next genealogy workshop offered by the Akron (OH) Library through the Special Collections Division. The class will take place in Computer Lab 2 on the First Floor of the Main Library.

Overwhelmed by the abundance of genealogy information on the Internet? Join the Special Collections Division as they discuss how to get the most from your family history web sleuthing. Learn about genealogy databases that are available through the library, as well as how to find and evaluate many popular free Internet genealogy web sites. As the emphasis will be on using electronic resources, basic computer skills are recommended.

To sign up for this genealogical program, please contact the special collections division by calling (330)643-9030 or e-mailing them at [specialcollections@akronlibrary.org](mailto:specialcollections@akronlibrary.org).

## YEARBOOK SCANNING TO BEGIN

*Idea submitted by Elissa Scalise Powell, CG*

Something unique that people can contribute to is beginning at Ancestry.com. Ancestry is compiling a nationwide collection of school yearbooks, starting from the time yearbooks began. These yearbooks will be digitized, and the resulting images will be made available on the Ancestry websites. The main purpose of this program is to collect yearbooks and histories from institutions such as schools and libraries; however, individuals with collections are also welcome to participate. You can be a part of this valuable project by submitting your family's yearbooks. It is suggested that you begin with the oldest yearbooks to preserve them first. Learn more about this new historical project by reading about it at: <http://landing.ancestry.com/yearbook/submission.aspx>.

## ROCHESTER, NY CHURCH RECORDS DIGITIZED

*Idea submitted by Amy Arner*

The Rochester (NY) Genealogical Society is in the process of digitizing church records in the Rochester area. The pages are photographed and then optimized for clarity, contrast and brightness. They are then converted to PDF format and put onto a DVD. Copies are furnished to the church and to the Rochester Public Library. No DVD's are being offered for sale, but when the church gives permission, then the records will be posted on the Rochester (NY) Genealogical Society's website: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~nyrgs>. The first of these records, for the Penfield (NY) United Methodist Church, is already on the website. For privacy reasons, the rules for New York State Vital Records rules are being following, so only birth records 75 years and older, and marriage and death records 50 years and older will be released, although all records at a church are digitized.

## AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN NEW SOURCES AND TECHNIQUES

A Family History Lecture Series, *Winter Tech*, will be held the 2nd Wednesday of every month listed below, starting at 2:30 P.M. at the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana. 2008-2009 dates and topics include: 12 November 2008 - *Newspaper Searching with Ancestry's Historical Newspapers and Newspaper Archive*; 10 December 2008 - *Searching Ancestry.com*; 14 January 2009 - *An Overview of WeRelate.org*; and 11 February 2009 - *Not Just Ancestry: Using the Entire Internet for Genealogy*. All lectures will be held in the Genealogy Center of Allen County Public Library, 900 Library Plaza, Fort Wayne, IN. For more information or to register, call (260) 421-1225, or send an e-mail inquiry to: <http://www.acpl.info>.

## BROWSE THESE WEB SITES

*Idea submitted by Amy Arner*

Here are three more web sites that were launched recently and contain valuable information for genealogists.

The first site to consider browsing is located at: <http://www.rbhayes.org/hayes/index/>. On this site you can access an indexed database of Ohio births, marriages, and deaths.

Another interesting site contains a database of African families and ships with the captain's name and detailed historical information. Go to: <http://www.slavevoyages.org/tast/index.faces>.

The final site to present for your research is located at: <http://www.gensoftreviews.com/>. This site is very new, but the plan is to offer ratings and user reviews of various genealogy software and other utilities useful for genealogy research projects.

Consider checking out these sites to support your family history research today.

## **IAJGS AWARDS STERN GRANT TO ITALIAN GENEALOGICAL GROUP - IGG Will Create Online Brooklyn Brides Index for 1910-1930**

### ***Press Release***

NEW YORK CITY - October 16, 2008

The International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies (IAJGS) awarded the 2008 Rabbi Malcolm H. Stern Grant to the Italian Genealogical Group (IGG). The \$2,500 grant will be used to create, computerize, and place online an index to the names of women who got married in Brooklyn from 1910 through 1930. The IGG provides free access for the public to online databases it creates from print and card indexes. The databases serve as indexes to 19th- and 20th-century birth, marriage, and death records and naturalization records for New York City's five boroughs, Long Island's Nassau and Suffolk counties, and some counties in northern New York State. Every name listed in the print and card indexes is included in the databases.

Nominated by the Jewish Genealogical Society of Long Island, the IGG was chosen by the Rabbi Malcolm H. Stern Grant Committee from among the nominations submitted by the IAJGS's member societies. According to IAJGS, "The grant will make it possible for the IGG to create and computerize a Brooklyn Brides Index for 1910-1930 from original records on 268 rolls of film from the Family History Library. There is currently no such index available for this period – a period of massive Jewish immigration. The Jewish genealogy community has greatly benefited from the 12,000,000 records computerized by earlier IGG projects, and it is most appropriate to support the 1910-1930 Brooklyn Brides project, one that will surely allow many researchers to identify the descendants of female relatives who have to date been untraceable." This marks the first time that the IGG will create a database from the records themselves rather than from an existing index.

More than 500 volunteers from local genealogy groups-and individuals in Canada, Ireland, and England who learned about the IGG's projects through the Internet-compile the databases under the leadership and supervision of the IGG's Project Coordinator John Martino. The IGG first participated in an indexing project in 1999 when it partnered with New York City's Jewish Genealogical Society to create a database of Kings County (Brooklyn, New York) naturalizations.

The grant honors Rabbi Malcolm Henry Stern (1915-1994), widely considered to be "the dean of American Jewish genealogy," and his efforts to increase the availability of resources for Jewish genealogical research. The intention of the Stern Grant is to encourage institutions to pursue projects, activities, and acquisitions that provide new or enhanced resources to benefit Jewish genealogists.

The International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies is an independent, non-profit umbrella organization that coordinates the activities of more than seventy-five national and local Jewish genealogical societies around the world. The IAJGS was formed to provide a common voice for issues of significance to its members, to advance our genealogical avocation, and to coordinate items such as the Annual International Conference on Jewish Genealogy. For more information see: <http://www.iajgs.org>.

The Italian Genealogical Group, based in Long Island, New York, is dedicated to furthering Italian family history and genealogy. The databases it creates include every name listed in the indexes, without regard to nationality or religion. For more information, go to: <http://www.italiangen.org>.

*(Source: Eileen Polakoff, Chairperson, Rabbi Malcolm H. Stern Grant Committee Newsletter, October 2008)*

## FAMILYRELATIVES.COM SITE SUPPORTS BRITISH RESEARCH

One of the largest collections of Irish records available is being released online by [www.Familyrelatives.com](http://www.Familyrelatives.com). This forms part of a program to add more than 10 million new records by the end of this year. The new sources will contain *Indexes to Irish Wills 1536-1857* (5 Volumes), *Irish Genealogical Guide*, *Quaker Records Dublin Abstracts of Wills*, *Alumni Dublinense 1593-1846*, *Ireland Topographical Dictionary*, *Land Records*, *Commissioned Sea Officers of the Royal Navy, 1660-1815*, *Irish Names and Surnames*, *MacDonald's Directory*-5 counties, and the *Medical Register for Ireland* 2 volumes. The records contain surnames, year, location, county, and more.

An extract from the *Irish Genealogical Guide - Copies & Abstracts of Irish Wills* describes why these records are so useful to family historians. "Wills being of paramount importance for the study of family and social history, the act of vandalism by which the buildings of the Four Courts, Dublin, were destroyed on the 30th of June, 1922, has proved to be a serious set-back to genealogical research, as all the original wills deposited therein at the time were burned; many other documents of national importance met a similar fate. Fortunately however, prior to the disaster, genealogists had copied from time to time many thousands of these wills and the results of their labors had been often published in genealogical journals and family histories."

The Irish collection is now presented online. "It has always been our intention to add Irish records to the existing Familyrelatives.com data, as these rare records are invaluable to family historians and assist in their research," a spokesman for the site added.

Familyrelatives.com will soon add valuable

new datasets to the site to benefit subscribers. Additions over the next few months will include many more military records, including Commissioned Sea Officers of the Royal Navy, 1660-1815 and School and University records for England, Wales, Scotland, including Ireland and the USA.

Familyrelatives.com is the most popular website for searching birth, marriage and death indexes online and is unique as the first website to provide the complete birth, marriage and death indexes for England and Wales for the period 1837-2005, having fully transcribed over 150 million records between 1866 and 1920.

Subsequently, Familyrelatives.com has developed and added many new, useful tools and free social features including the facility to add comments to records and provide unique insights into individuals. Familyrelatives.com has been instrumental in helping family historians to search and find their ancestors with greater ease by providing both free and pay-per-view datasets.

Since its launch, Familyrelatives.com continues to add new records and now has over 600 million records available online for England, Wales, Ireland, and the USA. The focus this year will be to build on its rapidly growing presence ensuring that records are available to as wide an audience as possible in the United Kingdom and worldwide.

Some Irish Records on the site include:

- Indexes to Irish Wills 1536-1857
- Commissioned Sea Officers of the Royal Navy 1660-1815
- Irish Genealogical Guide
- Irish Immigration records 1846-1850
- Index to Prerogative Wills of Ireland
- MacDonald's Directory
- Alumni Dublinense 1593-1846

For a full list of records online, please visit <http://www.Familyrelatives.com>.

## SUMMIT COUNTY, OHIO COURT RECEIVES GRANT

Salt Lake City, Utah - Ancestry.com, FamilySearch, and the National Association of Government Archive and Records Administrators (NAGARA) announced on 24 July 2008, that Judge Bill Spicer and the Probate Division of the Summit County Common Pleas Court in Akron, Ohio, were awarded a 2008 grant for the digitization of Summit County marriage, birth, and death records, one of only two awarded. This significant grant will make it possible for Summit County to digitally preserve and provide free online access to select historical documents.

The project targets 1840 to 1980 marriage records for over 550,000 individuals, birth records prior to 1908 for over 46,000 individuals, and death records prior to 1908 for over 22,000 individuals. A free, searchable name index linked to the digital images of the original records will be available to the public through the probate court's site <http://www.summitohioprobate.com> and the grant partners' sites.

“As a result of the grant, our website, which was chosen as one of the 10 best in the country by the National College of Probate Judges, will now have the added distinction of being a model for the state and country for accessing historical court records,” said Judge Spicer. “Not only will it improve access, but by reducing the need to see the often-fragile originals, it will make the court's job of preserving hundreds of thousands of original records easier. The project is a far-sighted and important effort in preserving local history. On behalf of the court and the citizens of Summit County, I thank the project sponsors for selecting Summit County Probate Court as its 2008 grant recipient.”

This is the first year that this national grant was offered. It is sponsored by Ancestry.com and FamilySearch and administered by NAGARA.

Under the grant, FamilySearch will digitize the original documents on-site in the Summit County courthouse by the end of 2008, and Ancestry.com will create an electronic index linked to the images. The entire project is scheduled for completion in 2009. The commercial value of the grant is estimated to be \$150,000.

Outside of this and similar business transactions, no legal or other affiliation exists between FamilySearch and The Generations Network.

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## MORE WEB SITES TO BROWSE

*Submitted by Amy Arner*

This month when you are researching your family history, take a minute to look at the following sites. You can peruse the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette newspapers from 1926 through 1989 on Google. They have digitized their microfilm archives. Search at: <http://www.post-gazette.com/pg/08258/911866-28.stm>.

Allegheny Cemetery has a database of their burials, online at the following website link: <http://webcemeteries.com/Public/default.asp?PubCem=26>. Once you find a name, you can click on a link to get a bird's eye view of the grave's location.

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**UPCOMING PROGRAMS FROM NHG**

**Mark Your Calendars!**

**Tuesday, 18 November 2008**

***ANNUAL ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION***

*Speakers: NHG Members*

Join the North Hills Genealogists for the annual Round Table Discussion meeting. This meeting is an opportunity for all members to exchange ideas for resolving problems in family history research. Everyone, whether a beginner or an experienced genealogist, can benefit from the round table!

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