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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

One of my genealogical projects has been to obtain and scan as many family pictures as possible. To do that, I picked up a scanner, along with a negative adapter, and a CD-ROM burner. My goal is to scan as many pictures and negatives as possible and burn the images onto CDs for sharing with my relatives. I can think of nothing worse than to have these priceless images lost.

In doing this project, I've been in contact with as many relatives as I could. I've borrowed scrapbooks, loose pictures, and other memorabilia and scanned them all. We then attempted to identify all the folks on the pictures. Nothing is more frustrating than to look at an old picture and having no idea of who that person is. And the older the pictures are, the less likely it is that people will be identified. It is so frustrating to know that those who could have identified the pictures have passed on. If only. If only they had written on the back of the pictures who they were. For example, I have my grandfather's scrapbook from growing up in Utah. I know the pictures are my cousins, aunts, uncles and in-laws. But they remain just nameless faces on the pictures.

I've also found it interesting to look into the background of the family pictures. The clothes they wear, the automobile they are sitting in, a picture on the wall. A picture of my grandfather at age 2 with a clock in the background. My sister has that clock. My cousin has the picture.

The lessons learned here are to identify those pictures as best as possible and to ensure that they are saved for future generations. More than ninety percent of the pictures that I've taken are of scenery and will mean nothing to anyone reviewing them in the future. However, the balance of them will be of interest, maybe not to my generation but perhaps the next. The next generation of my family is not yet interested in genealogy. I can only hope that they will in the next twenty years and that I can pass the original pictures on. In the meantime, I continue to scan, burn CDs, and pass them out to as many relatives as possible.

September marks our return to Northland Library. As I type this, they are still setting up the library. Nonetheless, with the exception of the stairs, the remodel has made it easier to utilize the library's resources.

With the advent of cooler weather, although this

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WHERE GENEALOGISTS MEET

All meetings free unless noted otherwise.

Tues., Oct. 5, 2004 - 7:00 pm - NHG Board meeting - UPMC Passavant Cafeteria. Everyone welcome.

Tues, Oct. 19, 2004 - 7:00 pm - Regular NHG Meeting - "A Re-Introduction to the Genealogical Resources of the Northland Library" - Amy Steele, Reference Librarian, Genealogy, Northland.

Sat. Sept. 25, 2004 - 10:00 AM - Greater Pittsburgh Civil War Round Table - Memorial Service to Honor John Moffett of the 23rd PA Infantry Regiment. Allegheny Cemetery - The recently installed new headstone will be unveiled in the family plot (Section 10, Lot 293)

Mon., Sept. 27, 2004 - 7:00 pm - Greater Pittsburgh Civil War Round Table - "John Brown; The Spark that Ignited War" - Dennis Frye - The Babcock, Babcock Boulevard.

Sat. Oct. 10, 2004 - Mid-Atlantic Germanic Society - Fall Seminar - Researching German Ancestry. Best Western Gettysburg Hotel. Diane Kuster 732-606-6032.

Thurs. Oct. 14, 2004, 7:00 pm - Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society - "We All Got Along: The Interracial History of Pittsburgh's Hill District" - Laurence Glasco, PhD, Assoc. Professor, Dept. of History, University of Pittsburgh - Carnegie Lecture Hall.

Sun., Oct. 24, 2004 - Lawrenceville Hospitality House Tour (see article)

Sat. Dec. 11, 2004 - NHG Christmas Social (see article)

President's Message (continued)

summer has been cool and wet, it is time to return to our North Hills cemetery project. Volunteers are always welcome to assist Jo Henderson (Chens4th@aol.com) and Irene Dinning (dinning1@earthlink.net) in the reading and cross-checking of the stones before winter sets in.

It is also time to start thinking about our Christmas Social. It seems like the older we get, the faster time goes. It is not too soon to start Christmas shopping and to pick out Christmas cards. In fact, better do it now, and beat the rush.

Steph

SYMPATHY

We want to extend our sympathy to Ginny Skander on the recent death of her sister and to Kay Santa on the recent death of her husband.

Kay and Ginny have both served on the NHG Board in various capacities. Ginny coordinated the first two *Pioneer Cemeteries* books and Kay has helped with many of the cemetery readings.

DC RESEARCH TRIP

September 26 - September 29

There are still two seats left on the bus. The other 53 genealogists come from 3 states and are eager to discover the records available in DC.

If the two people who fill the last seats room together they will pay only \$240 for the bus, 3 nights lodging, 3 continental breakfasts, 1 dinner and an orientation session. Other room arrangements may be possible.

For more information, see
www.Northhillsgenealogists.org.

RECOGNITION FROM THE STATE SENATE

We recently received the following letter from State Senator Jane Clare Orie recognizing the work NHG is doing on preserving the history of the North Hills. We wanted to share this with all the members.

August 11, 2004

Dear North Hill Genealogists:

I would like to personally congratulate you on your organization's recent recognition in the *North Hills Journal*. Your organization's interest in the genealogy of the area north of the City of Pittsburgh and preserving the history of the North Hills are truly commendable. Through your efforts, the history of our communities will be preserved for future generations.

I saw this clipping in the paper and thought that you would enjoy having it. [She provided two laminated copies of the article mentioned above].

If I can ever be of assistance to your organization in the future, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

Jane Clare Orie
State Senator
40th Senatorial District

MORE PUBLICITY FOR NHG

In the September, 2004 issue of *North Hills Monthly Magazine*, there was another great article about the work of NHG on our cemetery project.

On pages 30-31 is an article titled "Local Genealogists Group Links the Present to the Past and Helps Find Lost Loved Ones."

If you get a chance, pick up a copy of this free publication and read this great article.

2000 CENSUS

The 2000 census long form asked people for information on their ancestry or ethnic origin. There were 500 different ancestries reported.

Here is how it broke down:

1. German - largest group - 15% listed German as part of their ancestry.
2. Irish was second with 10.8%
3. African-American was third with 8.8%
4. English was fourth with 8.7%
5. American was fifth at 7.2%.

If you received the long version, do you remember what you put down? Did you keep a copy of the census form you submitted?

It will be interesting to see what the results are in 10 years. The fastest growing groups were Latin American and Eastern Asian ancestry.

CEMETERY READINGS

Jo Henderson and Irene Dining are looking for volunteers to help with cemetery readings. If you can give a few hours to help with this project, please contact either one.

Jo - Chens4th@aol.com
Irene - Dining1@earthlink.net

LAWRENCEVILLE HOSPITALITY HOUSE TOUR

Sunday, October 24, 2004 - 12:00 noon - 5:00 pm

Curious about the home rehabs and restorations cropping up all over historic Lawrenceville? See for yourself just how welcoming, creative and vibrant this community has become at the Lawrenceville Hospitality Tour taking place Sunday, October 24, 2004 from 12 noon to 5 p.m.

Walk or hitch a ride on Molly's Trolley. The tour will feature a dozen homes ranging from cozy to grand, from faithfully restored and historic to creative and contemporary. Because Lawrenceville treats visitors like family, each home will feature a lovely savory or sweet morsel or beverage to tempt the palate and fortify your stroll through all four sections of the neighborhood: the 6th Ward, 9th Ward above Butler Street, 9th Ward below Butler Street and the 10th Ward. Art by neighborhood artists will also be on display throughout.

Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. Please call 412-956-2612 to find out where to get yours. Benefits the Lawrenceville Historical Society and the Lawrenceville Stakeholders to encourage home ownership in historical Lawrenceville.

<http://www.lawrencevillehousetour.org>

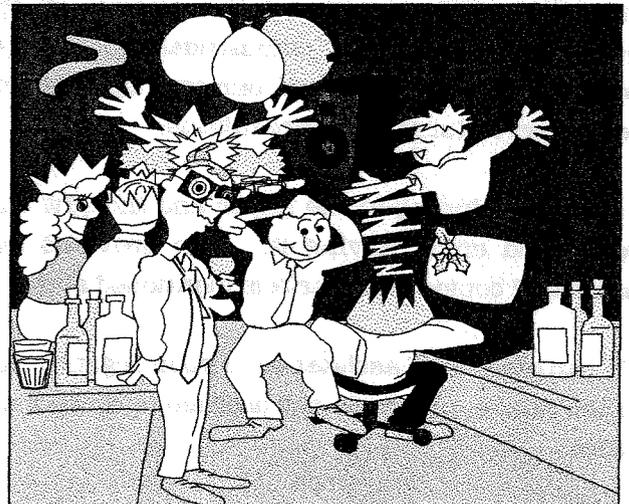
NEW PUBLICATION

The Lawrenceville Historical Society is pleased to announce the publication of their latest book *A Doughboy's Tale... and More Lawrenceville Stories*. Learn some of the many stories making up the past of one of Pittsburgh's most historic neighborhoods. See how one Lawrenceville man helped the Americans win the Battle of New Orleans. Read about the many accomplishments of the Arsenal Board of Trade. Study how the Railroad War swept through Pittsburgh and Lawrenceville's role in that conflict. Why did Henry Ford visit Pittsburgh? Did Liberace

experience a miracle or was it a dream? Where was Pittsburgh's first recreation center? Who was "That disobedient girl from Pittsburgh?" What is the story behind "The Actress and the Rose?" The answers are in the book.

The cost of the book is \$17.00 + \$.00 for postage and handling and is available from the Lawrenceville Historical Society. You may order it from LHS directly at P. O. Box 4015, Pittsburgh, PA 15201-0015. Copies will also be available at the House Tour on October 24 and at the October meeting of the Historical Society, where authors will be available to sign the book.

NHG CHRISTMAS SOCIAL SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2004



TAKING IT TOO SERIOUSLY?

You are taking genealogy too seriously if, after reciting your family lineage to your friends, you find that they fell asleep fifteen minutes earlier.

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE ON NOVEMBER 2

NHG CHRISTMAS SOCIAL
Saturday, December 11, 2004

The NHG Christmas Social will be held on Saturday, December 11, 2004.

We will be visiting the Zelienople Historical Society. The Historical Society is dedicated to the preservation of local historical resources as well as the education of members and the public. A research library is maintained at Passavant House, with a large collection of primary resource materials as well as genealogical records of many immigrant families. These materials are available to researchers seeking their own family records and those involved in scholarly pursuits.

We will meet at the Passavant House at 243 S. Main Street at 10 am. This is the Society's headquarters. We will split into two groups with one staying to tour the Passavant House and the other starting their tour at the Buhl House. At about 11 am the groups will switch and go to the other house for their tour there. We will then proceed to the Kaufman House for lunch at 12:30 pm. The Kaufman House is a short two-block walk north at 105 S. Main St.

At the Kaufman House we will have a buffet luncheon in the second floor dining room. The lunch will consist of Croissant sandwiches, with a choice of ham, chicken salad and tuna salad, fruit salad, a fresh vegetable tray, choice of milk, pop, iced tea, coffee and juice and ice cream for dessert.

The cost of the tour and luncheon is \$16 per person, **pre-paid**. The deadline for reservations is December 3, 2004. There will be no refunds unless your reservation is cancelled by Nov. 22.

A reservation form is available on page 19. Please mail your reservation to our Post Office box. Please do NOT send your reservation to Northland Library.

Please mark "Christmas Social" on the envelope.

Passavant House

Passavant House was home to one of the founding families of Zelienople for more than 150 years and is also one of the earliest buildings erected in the town. Built 1808-1810 its first residents were Zelig Basse Passavant, for whom the town is named, and her husband Philipp Louis Passavant.

Zelig, daughter of the town's founder, and Philipp came to Zelienople from Germany shortly after their marriage in 1807 at the behest of her father, who wanted the couple to settle in this new land with him.

Zelig Passavant has been acclaimed as a noteworthy pioneer woman in Pennsylvania's history by the American Assn. of University Women. Among her many accomplishments were assisting in the organization and support of the town's first church, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, and Zelienople's first school and although she remained a member of St. Paul's Church throughout her life, she also supported the town's second Lutheran Church, English Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Philipp Passavant was the town's first merchant and his son Charles Sidney later managed the family store located on the site of the present Zelienople Post Office. Another of Zelig's and Philipp's children was the renowned Rev. Dr. William Alfred Passavant, remembered for his contribution to society through the Lutheran Church. Among institutions founded by him are 125 church congregations, several synods, three hospitals, three orphanages and two schools, one of which became Thiel College (Greenville, PA). He brought the first trained nurses to America in 1849.

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WEB WANDERINGS

(Note: all start with <http://www> unless otherwise noted)

Do you have a favorite website? Is there a specific place you would like to find a website for? If so, please send a note to the editor at the address on the front or by e-mail at DJBooth@worldnet.att.net.

Irish Genealogy
irishorigins.com

Scottish Genealogy
scotsorigins.com

Dewey Decimal System
turdlib.bc.ca/dewey.html

Library of Congress Numbering System
loc.gov/catdir/epso/lcco/lcco.html

Wales Genealogy
walesontheweb.org

People Who Enlisted in the Civil War in
Pittsburgh
<http://cwdpa102ndregimentvoling.com>

Genealogy Lists
GenealogyLists.com

Genealogy Blog
GenealogyBlog.com

Passavant House is home to a large collection of items relating to the Passavant Family and its place in Zelenople's history. Collections include clothing worn by early family members furnishings, trunks and household items brought from Germany. Items from the first Passavant store, family portraits and several thousand letters written by and to Zelig Passavant, her children, other family members and friends are housed at Passavant House. The research library and Society offices are located here.

Buhl House

Buhl House with its ten rooms houses a museum for the Buhl family and for the town. Collections include artifacts related to the history of Zelenople, its schools, commerce, business and daily life, as well as temporary, traveling and 'on loan' exhibits. Buhl family portraits and items commemorating the family's beginning in Zelenople and significance in history.

Buhl House was built in 1805 and is the oldest existing building in Zelenople. Christian Buhl arrived in America from Germany in 1802 and in 1804 married Fredericka Dorothea Goehring from nearby Cranberry Twp. The couple raised their 11 children in this house.

Christian Buhl was the town's hatter and furrier and was later appointed an Associate Judge in Butler County. His descendants pursued business enterprises in many parts of this country and abroad, eventually assuming leadership roles in politics, commerce and philanthropy.

In 1870 the families celebrated an intermarriage when Zelig's and Philipp's son Charles Sidney married Jane Buhl Randolph, granddaughter of Christian Buhl.

EVENTS TO CHECK OUT

You might want to check out these two programs.

September 11, 2004 - January 12, 2005 - Heinz History Center - "September 11: Bearing Witness to History". This is an exhibit of memorabilia from the WTC, Pentagon and Somerset crash locations. This is sponsored by the Smithsonian Institution.

Tuesday, October 12, 2004 - 7:00 pm - "An Evening with Andrew Carnegie" - James "Woody" Cunningham brings Carnegie to life. This program is sponsored by Northland Library and is free and open to everyone. Registration is required. You can register at the adult reference desk or by calling the library at 412-366-8100.

GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE ENGLAND

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are writing on behalf of the General Register Office - births, marriages, and deaths in England and Wales - to inform you and your Family History Organisation members of the latest development in our services.

As you may be aware, last year we launched a registration certificate online ordering service for customers living in England and Wales. The success of this has resulted in over 50% of applications for certificates now being made online.

Further improvements have recently been made to the website, with a new site address at www.gro.gov.uk and a more user-friendly format reflecting the services provided. We are pleased to announce that, following these improvements and trial tests, **we are now able to offer this online ordering service to our customers worldwide**

Whilst we provide a full range of certificate ordering services, there are substantial benefits from ordering online, not least the reduced cost of certificates and the automatic receipt of your order.

Yours faithfully,

Jonathan Clemson
Keith Howard
Certificates Online Management Team

(Thanks to Barbara Guffey for sending along this exciting information.)

NORTHLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

With the renovations to Northland, there is a new layout for books. As you know, NHG has donated many books to Northland over the years. Also, Northland has purchased many genealogy and history books for their resources. To help you locate these books in the new library, we are providing the following information.

The genealogy and history books are located on the top (second) floor of the library.

Genealogy books are in Row 30. The Call number for these books is 929. History books are found in Rows 30, 31, 32, 33 and 35. Here is the breakdown.

#970	History - American	Row 33, 35, Call
#930	History - Ancient	Row 30, 31, Call
#940	History - European	Row 31, 32, Call

More information on other topics can be obtained from the Reference Desk at the Library.

BEING AN EFFECTIVE LIBRARY PATRON

The following are suggestions for things you can do when going to a research library.

1. Come prepared.
2. Use the online catalog. [Most libraries have these available now. It will save you a good deal of time.]
3. Learn the library's classification system (Dewey Decimal Classification - DDC or Library of Congress Classification System). They are different and knowing which one the library uses will make it easier to use their resources.
4. Ask about materials that aren't cataloged.
5. Go easy on the library staff. [Remember, they are there to help you. Do not expect them to ignore the other patrons just because you have a question.]
6. Gather handouts and brochures from the library. These will help you find what you want.
7. Go beyond the genealogy department. Don't forget departments like social sciences, history, etc. They may have books that will help in your research.
8. Respect the materials you use. Remember, many of the books/documents cannot be replaced and other people will want to use them too.
9. Don't forget to make use of interlibrary loan. The book/publication you want may be available from another library. The librarian can help you determine this and how to get it.
10. Use all available resources.

(Ed. Note. I would like to add one comment of my

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own. Please turn off your cell phone while you are in the library. If you need to call home, leave the library and make your call outside or in an area where you won't bother others. People are there to do research, not to listen to you talk on the phone to your husband, child, friend, etc. Many libraries now ban the use of cell phones.)

MEMBER'S STORY

The following was submitted by NHG member, Peg Duffy.

Willoughby School

The daughter of a cousin who passed away several years ago was going through more of her mother's belongings and forwarded to me my father's fourth grade report card from 1918-1919 at Willoughby School. (Locals can give location better than I can.) The grades are recorded in a small booklet about 3 x 5.

Students were graded monthly with percentages in reading, spelling, writing, language, phys. (sic) and hygiene, arithmetic, geography, composition and U. S. history.

At the bottom of the report the monthly grade average was computed and days absent and tardy noted. In addition, neatness and behavior were marked by E, G, M (medium) D (doubtful) and F. The line at the bottom says name of parent rather than parent signature. Grandma signed, logical since Grandpa was nearly blind from an encounter with a horse.

(These are the types of information that add more to our family history. Have you ever gotten any information like this? If you have, you are lucky, as Peg was.)

**NORTH HILLS GENEALOGISTS
CHRISTMAS SOCIAL
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2004**

NAME: _____

Please print or type

NAME: _____

NAME: _____

Please include your phone number/e-mail address so that we can contact you in case of any last minute changes in the plans for the social.

PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

Deadline for reservations is December 3, 2004. There will be no refunds for cancellations after November 22, 2004.

Parking on S. Main Street is metered with most meters having a two-hour limit. There is a public parking lot one block north of the Kaufman House, with 12 hour meters. If you need handicapped parking at the Kaufman House, please indicate below.

_____ Need handicapped parking at Kaufmann (Note: There is limited handicapped parking, so please only request this if it is absolutely necessary).

Send your reservation with a check for \$16 per person to the following address:

**North Hills Genealogists
P. O. Box 304
Ingomar, PA 15127**

Please mark "Christmas Social" on the envelope.

Please do NOT send your reservation to Northland Library. We no longer have a mailbox there and it may delay your reservation.

SEE YOU DECEMBER 11, 2004

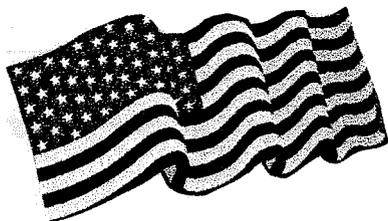
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OCTOBER 19, 2004

A RE-INTRODUCTION TO THE GENEALOGICAL RESOURCES AT NORTHLAND LIBRARY

Amy Steele, Reference Librarian, Genealogy, Northland Library

North Hills Genealogists is a group of people who share an interest in genealogy and meet to share their knowledge. NHG does NOT maintain a library and does NOT do research for others. An individual member may choose to handle research requests, but NHG will not be responsible for the quality of the work performed or any fees charged.

REMINDER

When sending mail to North Hills Genealogists, please remember to use our new mailing address:

**North Hills Genealogists
P. O. Box 304
Ingomar, PA 15127**

Please do **not** mail anything to Northland Library. We no longer have a mailbox there and any mail sent there has a chance of getting lost in the Library's mail. Your cooperation in using the correct address will be appreciated and will expedite the delivery of mail to NHG.