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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

March is upon us. The good news is that spring is just around the corner. The bad news is that we're still in the grips of winter. But that shouldn't stop you from making plans. With warmer weather, we'll be continuing our cemetery project under the guidance of Jo Henderson and Irene Dinning. We're also planning a return to Washington on September 25th through September 29th. This trip gives us one additional day for research in the District of Columbia.

Genealogists seem to group themselves into three separate groupings. The beginner seems to become a name gatherer. Let's find as many ancestors as possible from as many sources as possible. Let's get their date of birth, marriage and death. But after a while, we realize that there is more than just vital statistics. The next grouping is those who do record hunting. We're the ones that dig into wills, newspaper articles, and other data sources in an attempt to flesh out our ancestors' lives. When we can't go any further due to road blocks, the final grouping is that of case builders. Let's take all the associated information and attempt to prove that Jane Smith was married to Tom Jones. Each one

of us is looking for hints on where to go from here. Besides covering local history, our meetings try to assist all of us in our quest.

The bulk of my ancestors come from Brooklyn and I was recently pleased to find that the Brooklyn Eagle is available on-line from 1841 to 1902. Not only can I search for specific names, but I can pull up an image of that article without having to find the microfilm in question. The New York Times and the Washington Post have their index on-line but to view the articles requires a subscription. This doesn't have to be an issue as the index provides you with date and page and armed with that information, I can get my hands on the specific microfilm for research. There are a lot of other newspapers that are on-line. I suggest that you surf the web and try to find those that might be of assistance.

We are always looking for suggestions for our monthly meetings. Please give me or any member of our board your suggestions.

Steph

WHERE GENEALOGISTS MEET

Tues, April 5, 2005 - 7:00 pm - NHG Board Meeting - UPMC Passavant cafeteria. Everyone welcome.

Tues, April 19, 2005 - 7:00 pm - Regular NHG Meeting - Leland Meitzler from Heritage Quest Magazine.

Thurs, March 24, 2005 - 7:00 pm - Lawrenceville Historical Society - "The Steps of Pittsburgh" - Bob Regan - Canterbury Place, 310 Fisk Street, Lawrenceville.

Mon., March 28, 2005 - 7:00 pm - Greater Pittsburgh Civil War Round Table - "Stories From Arlington Cemetery" - Bill May (see writeup)

Wed, March 29, 2005 - 7:00 pm - Northland Public Library - "Sailing into the Sunset: Tips for Finding Passenger Lists" - Elissa Scalise Powell

Sat., April 2, 2005 - Annual Conference & Meeting - Anderson, Indiana - "Story Day" (see page 67)

Sun., April 10, 2005 - Southwest PA Genealogical Society - "Finding Buried Treasurer in the Published Pennsylvania Archives" - Elissa Scalise Powell. dzifarm@earthlink.net for more information.

Sat., April 16, 2005 - WPGS 2005 Spring Seminar - John W. Konvalinka - Holiday Inn Greentree. (see page 69)

April 14-16, 2005 - 44th Annual Conference of the Ohio Genealogical Society, Akron, OH

June 1-4, 2005 - NGS Conference in the States and GENTECH Conference - Nashville.

Tennessee. <http://www.eshow2000.com/ngs/>

June 12-17, 2005 - Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research - Samford University, Birmingham, AL Check following website for info: <http://www.samford.edu/schools/lghr>

Sat., June 18, 2005 - NHG Tour of Union Dale Cemetery.

Sept. 25-29 - NHG Trip to Washington, DC. (see page 68)

GREATER PITTSBURGH CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

Monday, March 28, 2005

7:00 pm

On May 13, 1864, Private William Christman of Company G., 67th Regiment, Pennsylvania Infantry became the first casualty of war to be buried at Arlington National Cemetery. Private Christmas was soon joined by thousands of Union and Confederate soldiers who fell on the battlefields of America's Civil War.

Mr. May's presentation and slide show will tell the fascinating stories of many of the famous and not so famous soldiers from the Civil War who are buried in our nation's most hallowed national cemetery.

Bill May is the founder of the Butler County Civil War Roundtable and is best known for his dramatic performance "A Journey Home - A Visit From a Civil War Soldier." An ardent preservationist, Mr. May has raised and donated over \$30,000 for the preservation of the Cedar Creek and Brandy Station Battelfields.

ROLLING SURVEY FOR 2010 CENSUS KEEPS DATA UP TO DATE

As genealogists we all know and use the decennial census reports in our research. The Census Bureau is making some changes in how they gather material. The following information is taken from a recent newspaper article on these changes.

While the government will count all Americans in 2010, it is not waiting to collect information on topics such as household income, and commuting and outhouses and ancestry.

This new American Community Survey just began going out to 250,000 households across the country every month. The purpose is to provide yearly information to large cities more frequently than every 10 years.

As we all know, the Constitution requires an official census every 10 years for the purpose of drawing political districts and allocate federal funding.

A long form used to be sent every 10 years to 1 in 6 households. The information gathered in these censuses is not released to the public in total for 72 years.

The long form is now dead. This new monthly census will ask the same questions. Every year about 3 million households will get the 67 question survey. It will go to a sample of households in each of the nation's 3,142 counties. By 2010 the data will be available for individual neighborhoods.

The 10 year census has always been met with resistance by people who do not trust the government. This increased in 2000 when concerns over privacy heightened because of advances in technology. All the questions on the census have been asked for decades and were

reviewed by Congress in 1998. The Census Bureau hopes a monthly survey that goes to fewer people and lacks the national fanfare of the decennial count will mute some of the criticism.

How, when and if these census forms will be available, if ever, to the public is not known at this time.

It will be interesting to see how this works. I recently received one of these monthly survey forms. Did the Census Bureau know that I was a "census addict?" I filled in the form and returned it. I do not know if I'll get another one but will be interested to see how this new program goes over.

So, if you get one of these new forms, you will know what it is all about. The article in the newspaper did not come out until after I had received and returned the forms.

NYC LIBRARY PUTTING IMAGES ONLINE

The following article is from Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter and is copyright 2005 by Richard W. Eastman.

The NYPL Digital Gallery will have 250,000 images available beginning Thursday, and the collection will grow to 500,000 images over the next several months, library officials announced Wednesday. Many of the images are unique to the library, library President Paul LeClerc said.

The images should get wide use, whether by "a historian studying the Revolutionary War, a scenic designer researching old New York neighborhoods or a fashion designer looking for inspiration in vintage clothing," said David Ferriero, the library's Andrew W. Mellon director and chief executive of the research libraries.

The materials can be downloaded free for personal use. Check out the following site:
<http://digitalgallery.nypl.org>.

1890 MUNICIPAL CENSUS OF NEW YORK CITY

The following information was taken from an article published in the November, 2004 issue of the CLF Newsletter published by the Clayton Library Friends, Houston, TX.

A Little History

The 1890 federal census was taken in June 1890. The New York City's Board of Health declared that the City's count was too low and insisted on a recount. The Mayor agreed and a new count was done by the City.

Policemen in NYC enumerated the districts that they patrolled. The census is, therefore, sometimes called the "Police Census". The municipal count was 13% higher than the federal count.

Who was included in the 1890 Municipal Census of New York City?

It was an every-name census of persons who lived in New York County. Although the census covered Manhattan and the West Bronx, a few adjacent East River islands were also included. The enumerators were not instructed to distinguish between residents and people who merely worked in Manhattan so some people were counted who actually lived in New Jersey or in Brooklyn.

The census includes the assembly district number and enumeration district number, along with the name of the patrolman/enumerator and the police precinct number. There are twenty names per page and each line includes the person's full name, sex and age. Children under one year were recorded in months. Persons absent were enumerated as if they were home.

Is It Indexed?

There were originally 1008 volumes, but only 894 survive. They are located in the Municipal Archives in New York City. Only 26 of the 894 volumes are indexed on Ancestry Plus. If the person you are researching is not on this index, you will need an address to find them.

How do I get an address for the person I'm researching?

You will need to use *Trow's New York City Directory* for the year ending May 1, 1891 (the census was taken between September 29 and October 15, 1890).

What do I do when I get the address?

After getting the address, use *Wilson's Street and Avenue Directory of the City of New York 1888* to find the city blocks that include the address you are seeking. (see FHL microfilm reel no. 1304784). After finding the city block containing the address and cross street on the assembly district (AD) maps. These maps will also give the enumeration district (ED) numbers.

After each AD map there will be a grid giving the ED numbers and the Municipal Census volume. Find the AD and ED number on this grid to locate the census volume number. From this you will be able to locate the correct Municipal Census reel you need.

(Ed. Note: Don't we all wish the city where our ancestors lived in 1890 had done the same thing? Having a census like this would really help fill the 20 year gap between the 1880 and 1900 census. If you are lucky enough to have ancestors in NYC, check out this source and let us know if it helps you.)

ANOTHER GENEALOGY SCAM

The following article is from Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter and is copyright 2005 by Richard W. Eastman

My mailbox has been filling up with reports of another genealogy-related scam. I delayed publishing this until I could verify it. This morning, an Investigative Support Officer of the Sussex, England police confirmed that the reports are correct: Research-UK, a company acquired a few months ago by Ancestor Detectives, has been making fraudulent charges on their customers' credit cards.

Note: "Ancestor Detectives" (with an 's') is not to be confused with the Ancestor Detective web site (without an 's') based in the United States. It is a different Company in England that has a similar name.

Several people have reported unauthorized credit-card charges of up to roughly \$300 US. The Sussex Police Department has now confirmed those reports. Apparently these charges are charged against the credit cards of customers and former customers of Research-UK. Anyone who has done business with the company should carefully check all recent credit card statements. If you find any suspicious charges, please report them immediately to your issuing bank and to the Sussex Police CRIB - Crime Recording Investigation Bureau at 0845 6070999 or at contact.centre@sussex.police.uk. A telephone call is recommended.) Please reference report number 587 of 3 March.

Please remember that any Visa or MasterCard credit card issued by a US bank or an American Express card is fully insured for charges made online. If you entered your credit card numbers into a web site, the credit card company will issue a full refund to you and then will seek reimbursement from the company involved.

However, if you gave the credit card number by telephone or in postal mail, you have less protection. Contact your credit card issuing bank to see if they offer any protection for non-Internet charges. A few banks do although most do not.

I notice that Research-UK's web site at <http://www.research-uk.co.uk> is simply displaying a single page today that says, "This site is temporarily offline. Please check back soon."

Research-UK's parent company is known as Ancestor Detective and looking at their web site at <http://www.gro-certificates.co.uk> produces the same message: "This site is temporarily offline. Please check back soon."

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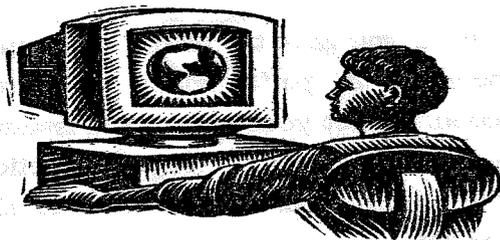
JULY 18, 2005 - JULY 20, 2005

Join "Roots & Branches" genealogy columnist James M. Beidler for two days of assisted research at the Pennsylvania State Archives and State Library of Pennsylvania.

The trip is being sponsored by WPGS. Registration opens April 1, 2005.

Cost: \$155 (quad. occ); \$175 (triple occ); \$210 (dbl occ.) and \$315 (single occ). This includes bus transportation, two nights at the hotel, one-on-one and group research assistance; National Civil War Museum admission and lunch on Monday; orientations at both the State Archives and State Library.

Send reservation to WPGS, 4400 Forbes Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15213.



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.

Minnesota Birth Index Online 1900-1007

Uncertified copies may be reproduced from the website.

<http://people.mnhs.org/bci>

Washington State Digital Archives

marriage, birth, death, census, naturalizations, and military records

secstate.wa.gov

Missouri Adds Military Records

1.5 million pages

sos.mo.gov/

Ships Passenger Lists - Galveston, TX 1845-1871

rootsweb.com/~otc/ships/texas-ships-a.htm

If you have a favorite website, send the information along for inclusion in a future newsletter.

LATIN WORDS IN GENEALOGY DOCUMENTS

For most of us, once you get back to the sixteenth and seventeenth century in the family tree, you will encounter Latin in record keeping. This makes deciphering the records very challenging since Latin is rarely taught today. In fact, a few of us of the 'older generation' did study Latin in school many years ago, but most of us cannot recall it now.

With a small 'cheat sheet' that is available online, you can translate this baptismal record:

Anno Elizabethae Ticesimo primo

Willmus filius Johnis Ellingthropp decimo septimo die Nouembris

to this:

In 1589 (the 31st year of Elizabeth I's reign)

William, son (of) John Ellingthrop 17th day (of) November

Bert Nelson has created a great Latin Primer page that you can use to make translations similar to the above. You can see it at:

<http://www.xmission.com/~nelsonbs/latin.htm>.

(Ed. Note: If you know of any other website that provides this type of assistance, please send the information along for inclusion in future newsletters.)

Conference Site:
 Holiday Inn, 5920
 Scatterfield Road
 (take I-69 to Exit 26—
 State Road 9)

Library Lock-in

—The Anderson Public Library (111 E. 12th Street) will have a research lock-in from 5 to 8 pm on Friday, April 1 (researchers must be in the building before it closes at 5 and cannot leave until 8).

Computer Resource Center

—Visit the CRC at the conference throughout the day and check out demonstrations of various genealogy programs, CD's and websites. Experienced IGS staff will be on hand to answer questions.

Special Room Rate

—Discounted room rate (\$69.95 + tax) available. Reservations must be made before March 3, 2005. Contact Holiday Inn directly at (765) 644-2581.



Annual Conference & Meeting April 2, 2005—Anderson, Indiana featuring George G. Morgan “Story Day”

Schedule of Events (all times local):

- 8-9 am Registration/Vendor browsing
- 9-9:15 Welcome
- 9:15-10:15 **Session 1-A: Preservation of Your Family’s History and Treasures—George G. Morgan**
- Session 1-B: Using Indiana School Records—Ron Darrah**
- 10:15-10:45 Break/Vendor browsing
- 10:45-11:45 **Session 2-A: Genealogy Orienteering: Using Maps to Find The Right Place—George G. Morgan**
- Session 2-B: Getting The Most Out of Your Family’s Historical Photos—Malcolm Moore**
- 11:45-1:30 pm Lunch—on your own
- 1:30-2:10 **Indiana Genealogical Society Annual Meeting and Awards**
- 2:15-3:15 **Session 3-A: Bring ‘Em Back to Life: Developing an Ancestor Profile—George G. Morgan**
- Session 3-B: How to Document Your Catholic Ancestors—Professor James J. Divita**
- 3:15-3:45 Break/Vendor browsing
- 3:45-4:45 **Session 4-A: “Tell Me About When You Were A Little Girl”: How to Conduct A Family History Interview—George G. Morgan**
- Session 4-B: Society of Indiana Pioneers: Who We Are and Why It’s Important**

(Please see reverse for details on the speakers)

Name: _____	Please check one:	To help plan room space, please indicate the sessions you plan on attending:
Address: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> IGS member rate—\$25	Session 1: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B
City, State, Zip: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-member rate—\$30	Session 2: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B
County (IN only): _____	(Registration is \$35 at the door)	Session 3: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B
Phone: _____	Amount enclosed: \$ _____	Session 4: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B
E-mail: _____	Send completed forms, plus checks made payable to Indiana Genealogical Society, to: IGS 2005 Conference, c/o Sharon S. Howell, 720 Cynthia Ln., Whiteland IN 46184-9755.	
This form may also be photocopied or downloaded from www.indgensoc.org		

September 25 — 29, 2005



Washington, DC

Join the **North Hills Genealogists** for research in the National Archives, DAR Library and Library of Congress. Roundtrip bus from Pittsburgh, 4 nights, Sunday arrival dinner and orientation included. Prices per person:

Single: \$465 Double: \$295

Triple: \$235 Quad: \$205

Get your research and your roommates together and reserve your place with Elissa Powell at 724-935-6961. Details, maps, links, and other info will be posted at www.NorthHillsGenealogists.org. Direct questions and comments to Elissa@PowellGenealogy.com.

Limited space available; respond ASAP to guarantee your place. Friends and relatives welcome.



WPGS 2005 Spring Seminar Saturday, April 16, 2005

Holiday Inn Greentree

401 Holiday Drive, Greentree, PA (800) 695-8284

Guest Speaker: John W. Konvalinka

Program

8:30 am	Registration
9:00 am	Welcome
9:15 am	Keeping Up With the Neighbors Learn About Your Ancestors From the People They Knew
10:45 am	Making Your Case – Using the Genealogical Proof Standard
12 Noon to 1:00 pm	Buffet Luncheon
<i>First Families of Western Pennsylvania Awards</i>	
1:15 pm	Your Immigrant Ancestor(s) – Find 'Em in Cyberspace
2:30 pm	Avoiding Tangles in the World Wide Web – Beyond Google: Successful Searching Techniques
\$35.00 Members	\$40.00 Non-Members

John W. Konvalinka is a professional genealogist and has been actively involved in genealogy for 25 years. He is particularly interested in the effective use of computers and the Internet in supporting (not replacing) traditional genealogical research. He has worked with the Internet since the 1980s and with computers since 1955, first as a US Navy pilot and then in two successful, computer related careers in industry - as a partner of Accenture, Ltd (formerly Andersen Consulting,) and as Chief Information Officer of Comcast Corporation.

In his research, he has worked extensively in the British Library, the Library of Congress, the New York Public Library and other major genealogical libraries in the US, UK and other countries, as well as in the Public Record Office and Society of Genealogists (London) and the (US) National Archives, the New York City and New Jersey State Archives, the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society and many smaller libraries, record offices and private collections.

John holds active memberships in the National Genealogical Society, the Federation of Genealogical Societies, the Association of Professional Genealogists, the Society of Genealogists (UK), the New York Genealogical & Biographical Society, the Genealogical Societies of Pennsylvania and New Jersey (where he is a member of the Website Automation Committee), the New England Historic Genealogical Society, the Genealogy Speakers Guild, the Sons of the American Revolution, the Association of One Name Studies, and several other state and local genealogical societies.

Name _____ Check if WPGS Member _____

Guest Name _____ Check if WPGS Member _____

Address _____

Enclosed is a check or money order payable to *WPGS* in the amount of \$ _____ for _____ persons.

Mail completed registration form no later than April 2 to: WPGS, 4400 Forbes Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15213-4080.

For more information, call 412-687-6811 (voice mail) or visit our web site at www.wpgs.org

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April 19, 2005 - 7:00 pm

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.

HAPPY EASTER

MARCH 27, 2005

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

THINK SPRING!!!!!!

MARCH 17, 2005