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**MONEY AND TIME SAVING TIPS  
WHEN ATTENDING THE  
PENNSYLVANIA STATE CONFERENCE**

*By: Elissa Scalise Powell, CG<sup>SM</sup>*

The first statewide genealogical conference will be held in Pittsburgh at the Sheraton Station Square on Friday and Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>. See [www.pagenealogyconference.com](http://www.pagenealogyconference.com).

- ◆ Each hour there will be 3 different lectures from which to choose. Registration is required to hear these lectures. You may register for a single day if that is all your schedule permits.
- ◆ The Exhibit Hall will have vendors who will be selling books, CDs, software, etc. Admission to the Hall is free and open to the general public.
- ◆ Member discounts are available from the sponsoring genealogical societies. Look at their websites to see what other benefits are offered by each society. Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society is based in Pittsburgh ([www.wpgs.org](http://www.wpgs.org)) and the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania is based in Philadelphia ([www.genpa.org](http://www.genpa.org)).
- ◆ Each day a lunch will be sponsored by one of the host organizations. There is an additional cost for these lunches.

- ◆ There is also a special event on Friday evening. To help celebrate the new First Families of Western Pennsylvania inductees, a riverboat dinner and cruise has been arranged. See website for cost and registration.
- ◆ When you registered, you indicated which lectures you planned to attend. However, you can attend another lecture if you change your mind.
- ◆ If you attend a lecture and you find it is not what you expected, it is not impolite to quietly leave and go to another session. The speakers are accustomed to such activity.
- ◆ Included in the registration fee is the syllabus book. The syllabus will help you determine which lecture best suits your needs. Even though you can only attend one session per time slot, the syllabus contains all available lectures' handouts.
- ◆ Lectures for which you will use the knowledge soon after are the best choices, since retention of the material is enforced by the usage of it.
- ◆ Some of the things that you should plan to bring with you to the conference are:
  - Schedule of lectures you want to see, in order of preference.
  - Shopping list of books, CDs and software. You can contact the vendors ahead of time to make sure they bring a certain book or product. There is no obligation to buy and they will be happy to know ahead what might be in demand.
  - Cards with your contact information and surnames to exchange with people that you meet. Business card stock and your home computer can make these in a timely manner. [www.Vistaprint.com](http://www.Vistaprint.com) has "free" business cards for the price of postage.
  - Questions to be answered
  - Dress comfortably and in layers for easy personal temperature control.
- ◆ Once home, be sure to share your experiences.

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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 PM and our general meeting commences at 7:00 PM. Our meetings are free and open to the public.*

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

*The NHG Board meets at 7:00 PM the first Tuesday of each month in the Conference Room, also located at the Northland Public Library. The Board meeting is open to all members of the NHG.*

Donna Booth has stepped down as long time editor of the NHG Newsletter. We would like to thank Donna for her tremendous contribution, hard work and dedication over the past 7+ years as the Newsletter Editor of the North Hills Genealogists!

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

September is here and so is the beginning of another exciting year for the NHG! I am so pleased and honored to be the President for the 2006 – 2007 term. The Board Members have been so gracious and patient as I become acquainted, once again, with the mission and goals of the organization, and I believe that the coming year will be an excellent one for us all!

At the August general meeting a request was put to the membership for anyone with an artistic bent to submit a new logo/banner for the NHG Newsletter. We received one entry, and are trying the new logo/banner out in this issue.

Amy Steele, a Reference Librarian at Northland Library, gave a terrific presentation at the June 2006 NHG general meeting. As a true courtesy to our membership, Amy has prepared a handout of instructions on Searching the National Genealogical Society Book Loan Collection and requesting items via interlibrary loan. The handout is included as pages 17 and 18 in this issue of the NHG Newsletter.

The addition of Tip Time for fifteen minutes at the beginning of every monthly meeting has proved to be very successful and will be added as a permanent feature to help all those members with specific research questions. If you've hit a brick wall in your research, please come to the meeting and share your problem.

At the most recent Board Meeting we had a discussion about scheduling the programs for the upcoming year. If you have a specific program or topic you would like to make sure is covered, please let one of the Board Members know - and thanks to everyone who took the time to send in their Interest Survey that was included in the August Newsletter. The survey is instrumental for the Board to gain insight into the wants and needs of the membership. If you haven't turned in your survey yet, please either mail it to our PO Box or bring it to the next meeting. The results of the Survey will be shared with everyone in the November Newsletter. Once again, I am so pleased and happy to be the President of the NHG this year!

~ Here's to Happy Hunting for us all ~

**Maureen**

## 20 WAYS TO AVOID GRIEF IN YOUR GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH

*Updated from NHG Beginner's Packet*

The following suggestions and recommendations will be helpful to beginners and hopefully will prevent misfortune when learning how to do genealogical research. Many of these tips are "old hat" to experienced genealogists, but it is always worthwhile to remind ourselves of the basics of sound research.

1. ALWAYS note the source of any material you copy. If the information is from a library book, note the name, author, date, publisher and also the library where you found the book, or photocopy the title page. Occasionally you will find that you need to refer to the book again, or photocopy more information from it.
2. Keep copies of ALL letters and emails you write. This will save you from wondering which of your correspondents' questions you answered already, and which of your questions they have or haven't answered.
3. Don't procrastinate in responding to letters or emails you receive. If you don't have time to write a detailed reply, send your correspondent a quick reply to acknowledge receipt and give him/her a rough idea of when a reply will be forthcoming. Then be sure to write back as you've promised to.
4. When searching for relatives in records, don't pass over the entries that are almost but not quite right. For example, if you are searching for the marriage of John Brown and Mary Jones in 1850, make a note of the marriage of John Brown and Nancy Smith in 1847: this could be a previous marriage in which the wife died shortly after.
5. When writing to libraries or genealogical and historical societies in your areas of interest, ask them for the names and addresses of out-of-print booksellers in the area. Write to the booksellers and ask if they have any old local histories or family histories pertaining to the area.
6. Don't forget to make frequent backups of your computer hard drive.
7. Store backup CDs or discs of your computer hard drive and photocopies of your irreplaceable documents in your safety deposit box and someone else's home.
8. Remember that "if it's in print, it ain't necessarily fact." Information in recently published local and family histories is often based on that from older published works. If the older books are incorrect, the erroneous information is simply repeated and further disseminated.
9. The earlier the time period in which you are researching, the less consistent our ancestors were about the spelling of their surnames. Also, many of them were illiterate and could not tell a record keeper how their names should be spelled.
10. Family traditions of close connections to famous figures are usually false, but there may be a more obscure relationship involved. Perhaps the famous person spent a night at your ancestor's country estate instead of (as the legend goes) marrying into the family.
11. Try not to let your filing get behind. Establish a filing system for your papers and file each page of notes, document, photocopy, etc. as you acquire it. There are few things more disheartening than contemplating a foot-high stack of papers waiting to be filed, wondering if the birth certificate you desperately need to refer to is somewhere in it.
12. Double-check all dates to make sure they are possible, for example, a woman born in 1790 could not be a mother in 1800.
13. Be on the lookout for nicknames. A request for a birth record for Sadie White may be rejected if the name on file is Sarah White.

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## 20 WAYS TO AVOID GRIEF IN YOUR GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH

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14. Beware of mail-order promotions offering personalized genealogies of your surname with titles such as "The Amazing Story of the BLANK Family" or "The BLANK Family New World Registry." These are usually little more than computer-assembled lists of names from telephone directories.
15. Don't assume modern meanings for terms used to describe relationships. For example, in the 17th century a step-child was often called a "son-in-law" or "daughter-in-law," and a "cousin" could refer to almost any relative except a sibling or child.
16. Remember that indexes to books rarely include the names of ALL persons mentioned in the book and, in addition, occasionally contain errors. If it appears that a book is likely to have valuable information, spend some time skimming its contents rather than returning it to the shelf after a quick glance at the index.
17. Be precise when making notes and especially when sharing information with others. Write dates using an unambiguous format: Americans interpret 5/6/1881 as 6 May 1881, but in many other countries it would be read as 5 June 1881. Always capitalize or underline surnames, some of which can be mistaken for given names, e.g., HENRY, HOWARD. Note place names in full, including parish or township, county, state or province, and country.
18. You will often encounter conflicting information and you will have to weigh it against other evidence to try to determine which is the most likely to be true. Periodically review and verify the conclusions you have reached concerning each of your ancestors' lives: this will help to prevent you from wasting time following blind alleys.
19. Place names and boundaries have changed constantly over the years. Always verify them in historical atlases or genealogical texts pertaining to the area. For example, the boundaries of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania have changed four times since it was first settled.
20. Whenever and wherever possible, advertise the surnames you are researching by submitting them to genealogical directories and surname lists published by genealogical societies that you belong to. This will put you in touch with others who are researching the same surnames, possibly for a much longer time. After all, the most rewarding genealogical research is that which no one else has already done!

### NEW ON THE 'NET

*Contributed by Amy Arner*



#### **CEMETERIES SURNAME LIST AVAILABLE FOR CRANBERRY TOWNSHIP, BUTLER COUNTY**

The Cranberry Genealogy Club is pleased to announce that the surname list from their book, *Cemetery Survey of Cranberry Township, Butler County, Pennsylvania*, is now available on their web site, [www.cranberrygenealogy.org](http://www.cranberrygenealogy.org).

The Club is making this list available as a service to the public. The book includes tombstone transcriptions from all known cemeteries in the township. Each transcription includes a physical description of the stone, notes about any symbols on the stone, and if any extra markers (flag holders, etc.) are present. The book also contains a brief description of each cemetery and photographs of a few stones in each cemetery.

For more information on the book, please send a SASE to Cranberry Genealogy Club, PO Box 2491, Cranberry Twp., PA 16066 or email the Club at [info@cranberrygenealogy.org](mailto:info@cranberrygenealogy.org).

**VITAL RECORDS ARE VITAL**  
*from the NHG Beginner's Packet*

While vital records are the most important records for genealogists, their availability varies widely from area to area. An additional problem is that information found in them is not always accurate. Early records may not be complete, the person providing the information may have given inaccurate data either intentionally or by mistake, or other errors occurred in copying or indexing.

If a parent gave the information for a birth certificate, you can assume it is accurate. Beware, however, of information provided for a death certificate. A person giving such information for his grandfather often didn't know the pertinent information asked, such as date and place of birth, or gave confused information. As an example, a great uncle provided information for the death certificate of his father (my great grandfather) and in the blank for the decedent's mother's maiden name (a sorely needed piece of information for me) is listed my great uncle's mother's name, not that of his father's mother.

While the date of death given on a death certificate is usually accurate, the cause of death may not be as complete as you'd like even though furnished by a coroner or doctor. The cause of death for one of my ancestors is listed as "apoplexy" (stroke). Under "contributory causes," the doctor wrote "drunkenness" and under "how long" he entered "many years"! (A story begging to be learned! Follow-up led to an obituary which recounted a trip to town the Friday night before he died and the wrecking of the buggy on the way home; the obituary was diplomatically silent about the cause of the accident.)

Marriage records are usually dependable, since the persons involved supplied the information. However, sometimes folks fudged about their ages - either because they were too young to marry without permission of their parents or they didn't want the clerk to know exactly how old they were. My father was married a few months before his 21st birthday and gave his age as 21, thus avoiding the hassle of getting his father to sign. And Dad went to a neighboring county for the marriage license, knowing that his home county would verify his age against his birth record.

**ALLEGHENY COUNTY VITAL RECORDS  
PRIOR TO 1906 MOVE TO  
CARNEGIE LIBRARY OF PITTSBURGH**

*Contributed by Maureen Durstein*

In June 2006, the microfiche for the following Birth and Death Registers were transferred from the Register of Wills office, Allegheny County Courthouse, to the Pennsylvania Department of the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh. While at the Allegheny County Courthouse, these vital records were located on the Mezzanine level.

Note that Registers are **written entries**, not certificates. Birth and death certificates are issued by the State of Pennsylvania and are not available for dates prior to 1906.

**BIRTH REGISTERS**

- City of Pittsburgh (1870-1905)
- Allegheny City (1885-1905)
- Allegheny County (1893-1905)
- McKeesport (1892-1905)
- Sewickley (1896-1905).
- Wilkinsburg (1899-1905)

**COUNTY DEATH REGISTERS**

- City of Pittsburgh (1870-1905)
- Allegheny City (1875-1905)
- Allegheny County (1874-1903)
- McKeesport (1887-1905)
- Sewickley (1894-1905)

After 1906 birth and death certificates are available from the Pennsylvania Vital Records Office in New Castle.

The Carnegie Library charges a non-refundable fee for searching and making a copy of a Birth or a Death register.

The Fee schedule is: One name searched-\$5; Additional names: \$4 each. Maximum number of names per request including first request: 4 (\$17 total maximum payment). Checks or Money Orders should be made out to: Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh. Visa or MasterCard may be used for charge payments. Please include card number, expiration date, name on the card and zip code. Send your query letter with the names and/or birth/death dates to:

**Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh  
Pennsylvania Department, Records Research  
4400 Forbes Avenue  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15213**

For additional information visit the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania Room at [www.clpgh.org/locations/pennsylvania/BirthDeathRecords.html](http://www.clpgh.org/locations/pennsylvania/BirthDeathRecords.html)

## GENEALOGY EMAIL LIST “NETIQUETTE”

By: *Elissa Scalise Powell, CG<sup>SM</sup>*

It is the rare Internet genealogist who does not subscribe to an email list on a specific topic of interest. To see what topics are available, you can browse their titles, broken down by geographic area or interest, at <http://lists.rootsweb.com>. With 29,889 different lists, there is bound to be something to grab your attention, be it a county where your ancestors lived, their surname, or ethnic group. When you find a description of a list you might like to join, you can check the archives for past messages by either searching for a specific word or phrase or browsing the threads to see if the list offers what you need.

Some lists are very active with 300, 400 or even 500 messages per month. Allegheny County is one of these active lists. Some only have 10 or fewer messages per month. The climate of the list is like any neighborhood – it depends on the participants.

With so much communication going on, there are some "netiquette" guidelines that make for more efficient communication and storage of messages. Keep the following in mind when composing or replying to messages:

- 1.) When replying, delete unneeded portions of the original message. This saves space in the archives and makes your message easier to follow.
- 2.) Don't post anything that you do not have permission to post. This includes emails that were sent to you privately. Two reasons for this: the author may have a reason for posting to you privately and does not want it made public (or else they would have done so); the author is the copyright holder of the posting and it should not be forwarded to an email list without permission and knowledge.
- 3.) Keep messages within the scope of the established goals of the particular list.
- 4.) Don't post "me too" responses - these fill up the archives and are not of lasting value.

5.) When posting a query, be sure to include at least some of the 5 Ws and H: Who, What, When, Where, Why, and How. I have seen too many queries worded "Looking for John Smith." The quality of your responses depends on the quality of the information you provide.

6.) Edit the message's "SUBJECT" if the subject of the thread changes. This helps those who scan the headings in the archives, or their own inboxes, to zero in on messages of interest.

7.) Think about likely keywords for searches in the archives when composing your message. How will someone look for the topic you are discussing? Use those keywords. Remember the archives are a permanent capture of everything said on the list just as you said it. People may read it for years to come.

8.) Sign your name. Not only is it friendlier but free advertising for your surname.

9.) DON'T SHOUT! (i.e., Don't type in all capital letters.) Emphasis can be created by putting an asterisk before and after the word or phrase.



**Errata:** *Old Source Books*, August 2006 issue, page 8; Internet address did not pickup in printing. URL is <http://www.abebook.com>.

# NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY BOOK LOAN COLLECTION

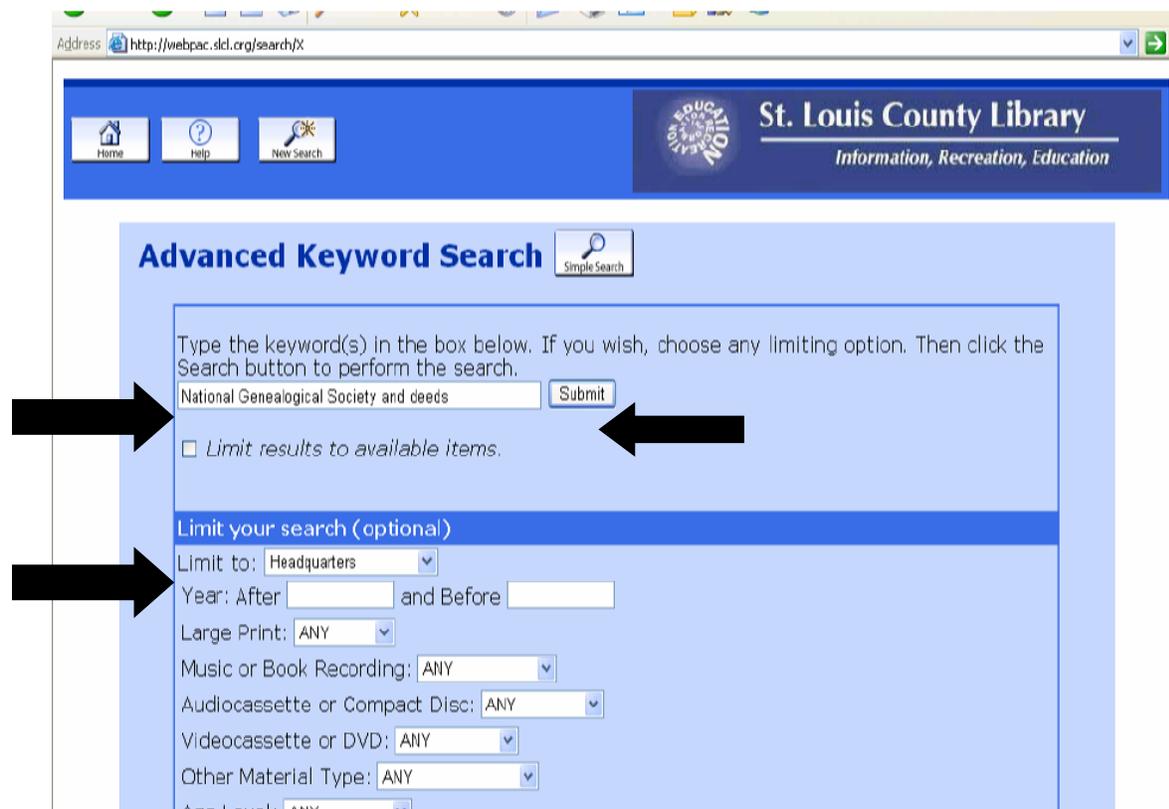
## Searching the collection and requesting items via interlibrary loan

By: Amy Steele, Reference Librarian, Northland Public Library

1. Go to NGS website: [www.ngsgenealogy.org](http://www.ngsgenealogy.org)
2. Select “Research Help” – Library Book Loan Collection
3. Click on the link to SLCL NGS Special Collection Online Library Catalog (<http://webpac.slcl.org>)

*This will take you to the home page of the St. Louis County Library.*

4. Click on “Search Library Catalog”
5. Scroll to the bottom of the search page and select “Advanced Keyword”
6. Enter keywords: “National Genealogical Society and” *your topic*
7. Limit to: Headquarters (you must scroll up to the top of the list)
8. Click submit



9. From the results list click on the title you wish to view.

If you want to request the item through interlibrary loan, verify that it is part of the NGS Book Loan Collection.

Call # Q 929.2 W947G  
Author [Grant, Robert N. \(Robert Noel\), 1945-](#)  
Title [Wright family land grants 1785-1900, and deed records 1785-1897, Franklin County, Virginia / Robert N. Grant.](#)  
Imprint Bowie, Md. : Heritage Books, Inc., 2003.

LOCATION	CALL NUMBER	VOL	STATUS
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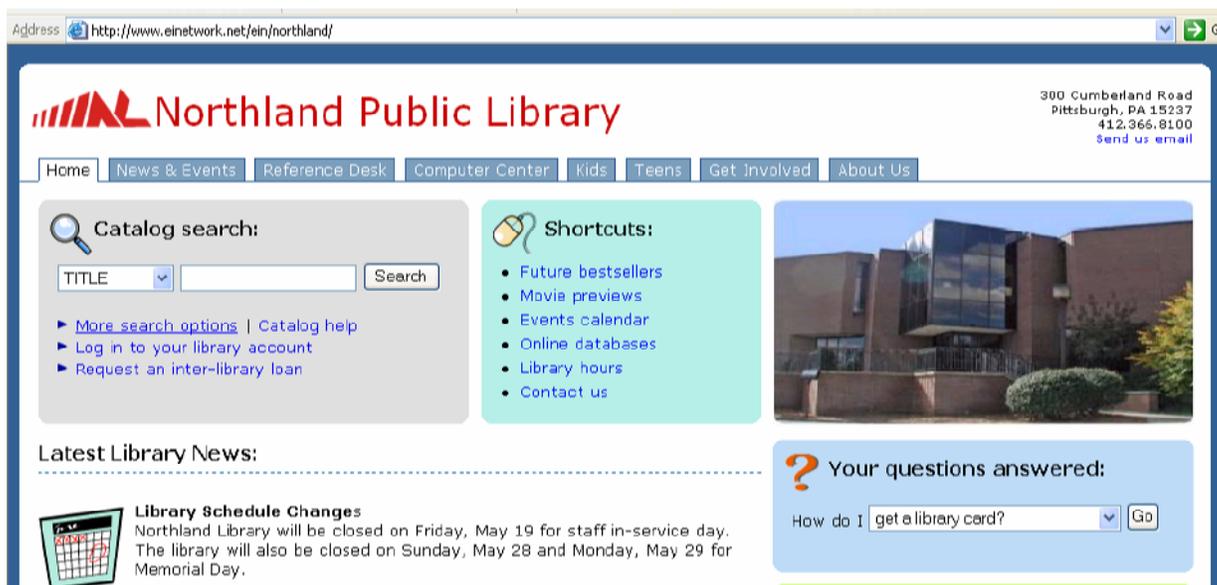
Descript 69 p. ; 28 cm.  
Note Includes index.  
Local note **National Genealogical Society** Book Loan Collection.  
Subject [Wright family.](#)  
[Land grants -- Virginia -- Franklin County.](#)

[Other Resources](#)  
[Book Reviews, Cover Image, and More](#)

## REQUESTING AN INTERLIBRARY LOAN ONLINE

Interlibrary loan requests are only for items that are not owned by any Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh locations or any local eiNetwork libraries. Please search the catalog before requesting materials.

1. Go to the Northland Website: [www.northlandlibrary.org](http://www.northlandlibrary.org)
2. Click on: Request an inter-library loan.



3. Click on: **Go to the Interlibrary Loan form** ([www.carnegielibrary.org/borrowing/illrequest.html](http://www.carnegielibrary.org/borrowing/illrequest.html))
4. Scroll down and enter your information. You must include your name, library card number and telephone number, other information is optional.
5. Select pick-up location, Northland is included under County Libraries.
6. Enter your book or journal information. Enter as much information as you have, don't worry about the OCLC number.
7. Under Additional Comments – you might want to indicate where you verified your information, in case there are any questions about the item you are requesting. For example: “verified at amazon.com” or “verified at www.ngsgenealogy.org”

**\*If you are requesting an item from the National Genealogical Society Book Loan Collection please include the following information in Additional Comments: “available through St. Louis County Library – OCLC: ZAE”**

8. Click submit
9. You will be notified (either by phone or by e-mail) that the item has arrived. You may want to call (Northland: 412-366-8100) to check if the item has actually arrived. All requests made through this form are coming from outside of Allegheny County Libraries. Unfortunately, the library automation system notifies you that these items are “ready for pick-up” at the time they are received at the Interlibrary loan office at the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh in Oakland. Please allow a couple of days for the items to arrive at Northland or your designated pick-up location.

## WHERE GENEALOGISTS MEET

### 20 September 2006

The Beaver County Genealogical Society is holding their monthly meeting in the Beaver Valley Family History Center in Monaca. James Beidler, a Commonwealth Speaker, will present "**Finding Ancestral Devils in the Details.**" The Pennsylvania Humanities Council sponsors the Commonwealth Speakers program. The program starts at 6:00 PM and is free and open to the public.

### 21 October 2006

The Cranberry Genealogy Club is sponsoring "**Mistakes in Stone**" by Dr. Tom Hannon. The program will be at 10:00 AM in the Council Chambers of the Cranberry Municipal Building, 2525 Rochester Road, Cranberry. The program is free and open to the public. For more information on the Cranberry Genealogy Club, please go to [www.cranberrygenealogy.org](http://www.cranberrygenealogy.org).

### 27 September 2006

#### CCAC CLASS IN GENEALOGY

The Community College of Allegheny County, North Campus, Perry Highway, offers a genealogy course each fall and spring. The next class, "Genealogy from A to Z" is slated to start Wednesday, September 27 from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm for 6 non-contiguous weeks. The date of October 11 printed in their general brochure was erroneously printed as the first day of the course. The course will be held September 27, October 4 and 25, and November 1, 8, and 15, with one of these dates being a field trip.

The class is being taught by Elissa Scalise Powell, Certified Genealogist, who has been teaching at CCAC since 1993. The course will use traditional and Internet sources to help you learn where to find information on your family such as the census, courthouse records, passenger lists, church and cemetery records, etc.

For registration information, see [www.ccac.edu](http://www.ccac.edu), and then click on the "Fall 2006 Community Education" link or call 412-369-3703. Registration is \$89 for the 6-week course.

### 28 September 2006

#### FREE BRICK WALL CONSULTATIONS

The Philadelphia Area Chapter and the Great Lakes Chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists are planning an afternoon of free one-on-one genealogical brick wall consultations on Thursday, September 28, 2006 from 1 PM to 3:45 PM in the 3rd floor conference room of the Carnegie Public Library, 4400 Forbes Ave., Pittsburgh, PA. You can make your appointment for your 15-minute consultation with a professional researcher beginning at 12:30 PM on September 28 on a first come, first served basis. Please bring with you a pedigree chart and family group sheets that pertain to the problem as well as a list of sources you have already consulted.

Chapters of APG across the country offer this service periodically as a way to help family historians by sharing their expertise with those who need it. For more information about APG and its chapters, please see [www.APGen.org](http://www.APGen.org). For more information on this event, please contact the Great Lakes Chapter president, Amy Arner at [Amy@ArnerResearch.com](mailto:Amy@ArnerResearch.com).

### 8 October 2006

#### POLISH IMMIGRATION TO AMERICA AND NORTHEASTERN OHIO

Two outstanding speakers, John Grabowski, PhD., Director of Research, The Western Reserve Historical Society; and Ceil Jensen, CG, a national genealogical lecturer, will present a Polish genealogical seminar at the Western Reserve Historical Society Library, Cleveland, Ohio, on Sunday, October 8, 2006. Registration begins at noon; the seminar from 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The lecture will focus on why and how the Polish immigrants settled in Cleveland. Special resources for Polish genealogical research that are available at the WRHS Library will also be discussed.

Cost is \$30 for WRHS members; \$35 for non-WRHS members. There is a \$5 late fee for reservations at the door or those received after October 2nd. For more information contact Wally Huskonen, CG<sup>SM</sup> (440) 526-1238 or Registrar, Nancy Leinweber (440) 205-1942.

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## FIRST CLASS MAIL

### Dated Material

#### UPCOMING – NHG PROGRAMS

#### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**NOVEMBER 2006: “SCALING YOUR BRICK WALL”**  
**Tuesday, November 21, 2006**

*Presented by the NHG Board*

November’s meeting is dedicated to YOUR brick wall – bring your problem or just come and learn from discussing another’s brick walls.

**DECEMBER 2006: CHRISTMAS SOCIAL**  
**Saturday, December 2, 2006**

Tour of the Fort Pitt Museum followed by lunch at the Spaghetti Warehouse in the Strip District, 2601 Smallman Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15222. See NHG August 2006 issue page 6 for more details or visit [www.NorthHillsGenealogists.org](http://www.NorthHillsGenealogists.org).

**NEXT MONTH -- TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2006**  
**“USING THE INTERNET IN GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH”**  
*Presented by Donna Booth*

The presentation will cover some of the hundreds of websites for genealogy research. It will cover not only the most popular ones but some other ways to use the Internet in your research.

We will look at actual Internet sites as well as discuss the pros and cons of using the Internet for research.