



# NORTH HILLS GENEALOGISTS

## NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

By: Steph Valentine

With the New Year, I am writing down my genealogical goals. I find that if I don't write it down, then I may head off in a completely unrelated research direction and fail to make some meaningful headway. What follows is my list of genealogical things to do this year.

I need to transcribe all the letters of my great-great grandfather that I borrowed from my cousin. I'll make copies of them for future generations. As letters were the primary means of communication, this will allow me to better understand the life and times of this ancestor.

I want to attempt to identify all descendants of my Sicilian emigrant, Gaetano Carusi. I have found limited information on him and his sons in Ancestry.com or FamilySearch.com. The most important task is to submit this information to FamilySearch where it can be used by others.

I plan to continue to scan old family photo albums and share them with my distant cousins.

Too many of my recent ancestors only have a date of birth, date of marriage and date of death. I want to fill in the gaps in their lives.

I want to learn more about newspapers and to use them to research my ancestors. The Brooklyn Daily Eagle had an article in 1888 about my ancestor and his family heading over to Europe on vacation.

I plan to submit Standard Form 180s for my ancestors who served in the military.

For my aging cousins I plan on researching their ancestors and providing my cousins with information I find.

I want to contact as many of my distant cousins of my generation as possible to share what information I've collected and to see if they, too, are interested in their ancestors.

This is not an all inclusive list of what I wish to do this year but it is a start. Ensure you create such a list and try to follow it!

**Editor's Note:** *The "Standard Form 180" referred to in this article is the required government form that needs to be submitted to obtain military records. More information and actual forms are available at [www.archives.gov/st-louis/military-personnel/standard-form-180.html](http://www.archives.gov/st-louis/military-personnel/standard-form-180.html)*

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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 Twp. 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 subscription year runs from August to June, 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 on 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.*

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The holidays are over. All the decoration are packed away for another year and my footsteps echo on the hardwood floors. Everything looks so bare and sad. During the holidays activities abounded and before I knew it time had slipped away and I was taking my two sons back to the airport for their return flights. Richard went back to Randaloph Air Force (AF) Base in San Antonio, Texas and is getting ready for his new assignment at McConnell AF Base in Kansas as a navigator on KC-135 Stratotankers. Alex returned to the Air Force Academy for the new semester. For the first time in many years, as I my son Richard was walking into the airport terminal he repeatedly turned around to wave goodbye just like he did the first time I left him at his college dorm. Seems that he too realized how very precious the times we spend together as a family are and that those times are becoming much fewer and the time between much greater.

Life has returned to the daily mundane tasks of living and the magic of the season has disappeared. My daughter Eileen and I are trying desperately to adjust to being alone, together, again. Soon the normalcy of our daily routine will wash away the sadness and we'll make plans for upcoming events to look forward to. I have found over the years that doing the things that give me great pleasure is the best tonic for the abrupt ending of the holiday season. Making my goal list for items in my genealogical research helps as does spending time at the library trying to find new records. There is nothing quite as thrilling as finding a missing piece to the puzzle.

The most successful thing I have found to help me over this feeling of emptiness that my children being gone gives me is to imagine that I am a mother in Ireland in the 1850's saying goodbye to her beloved sons. It is then I realize how truly blessed I am while at the same time spoiled and ungrateful to be so sad at what amounts to a twelve month separation. When my great grandfather came to the United States he came alone knowing that he would never see his parents or siblings again. How he and his mother must have wept and I am so blessed because they sacrificed so much.

**Warm Regards,  
Maureen**

## NEW ON THE 'NET

### **ANCESTRY.COM ADDS SIX MILLION NAMES FROM GERMAN CENSUS AND PORT RECORDS, LAUNCHES GERMAN-LANGUAGE SITE ANCESTRY.DE**

*New Collection Opens the Door for Largest Ethnic Group in the U.S. to Discover Their Family Stories Online; Fifteen Percent of Americans Claim German Descent*

PROVO, UTAH – January 9, 2007 – Ancestry.com, the world's largest online family history resource, today announced the addition of more than six million names from German port and census records to its historical records collection, making Ancestry.com the central online source for German family history. The German records launched simultaneously on Ancestry.de, Ancestry.com's first foreign-language, international sister-site.

With more than 42 million Americans claiming German heritage, the launch of German historical records and Ancestry.de creates an unprecedented networking opportunity for Germans and German-Americans to collaborate, upload and share family trees, photos, stories and other historical content from their personal accounts on both Ancestry.de and Ancestry.com.

“The addition of new German content to Ancestry.com along with the launch of Ancestry.de is a major leap forward for families, but only the beginning of our long-term strategy to acquire international content and facilitate family collaboration worldwide,” said Tim Sullivan, President and CEO of The Generations Network, parent company of Ancestry.com. “We are excited to offer this collection to German-Americans everywhere to allow them to trace their roots across continents at the

simple click of a mouse. I've already found my German great-grandmother in our Hamburg Passenger List collection.”

The German historical records collection features records such as passenger lists, census and vital records, sailors' registry, ships crew lists, and family and local histories. The Hamburg passenger lists, which are the highlight of the new collection, includes records of more than five million people who sailed from the German port of Hamburg between 1850 and 1934. These records tell the story of each passenger's voyage through such details as names, birth dates and places, date of departure, port of arrival, ship type and name, even accommodations on board the ship.

According to Ancestry.com, the roots of five favorite American brewing companies – Anheuser-Busch, Miller, Coors, Best and Yuengling – can be traced back to seven German immigrants. Thirteen-year-old Adolph Coors Jr., son of the Coors Brewing founder, and Frederick Pabst of Pabst Brewery, whose occupation is recorded as “Bierbrauer,” German for beer brewer, are listed in the Hamburg passenger list collection, both returning to America from trips to Germany.

Celebrities such as Donald Trump, David Letterman, George Lucas and Babe Ruth can also trace their ancestry to Germany.

Ancestry.de is The Generations Network's fourth international site. Other international sites include Ancestry.co.uk in the United Kingdom, which features the only complete online collection of England and Wales census records, Ancestry.ca in Canada and Ancestry.com.au in Australia.

## STEVE MORSE GOLD FORM

By: Gary Mokotoff on [apg@rootsweb.com](mailto:apg@rootsweb.com)

The functionality of the **Stephen P. Morse** site in searching for Jewish immigrants has now been extended to the entire Ellis Island Database (EIDB). It truly has become the "Ultimate Ellis Island Search Engine". Called the *Gold Form* at [www.stevemorse.org](http://www.stevemorse.org) it undoubtedly will replace all other variants at the site.

To search the Ellis Island Database using the Gold Form, there is no required field; not even name. For example, if you cannot find an immigrant but you know that he came from Parma, Italy, search using the town name "Parma." There are just under 2,000 results. You can reduce the number of false positives by adding gender, marital status, estimated age and year of arrival.

The Gold Form allows you to search on any of the following fields: given name, family name, first name of companion, town name, ship name, port name, range of years of arrival, range of age at time of arrival, range of year of birth, marital status, gender, and ethnicity. You can select which items in the database to display and can sort the results by name, town, date of arrival, age, ship port or passenger ID.

In the case of first name, surname, first name of companion and town name, you can specify the information provided Starts With (or Is), Sounds Like or Contains. The Sounds-Like option uses the Daitch-Mokotoff Soundex System rather than the conventional soundex system. D-M soundex not only uses a superior algorithm but extends the coding to the first six consonants rather than four as done by the conventional soundex system. This eliminates many false positives.

You may experience slow response time in the next few weeks because the site is new and occasionally overloaded. I had a number of cases where the response time was so long that

the system timed out. Morse and his associate, Gary Sandler, are addressing these problems.

### Case Study

My personal experience is that when you cannot find an immigrant by name in the EIDB because it is misspelled, providing all other information other than name yields sufficiently few results that the individual easily can be found. I was unable to find my grandfather, Morris Mokotoff, in the database when searching by name. Using the Gold Form, I specified what I knew about him. I knew his given name at time of arrival was some variant of Moshe (Moszek, Moshe, etc.), so I specified the given name *Started With* "Mo." I left the *Family Name* blank. He was born in 1888 and came to the U.S. between 1908 and 1913, so I specified his *Birth Year* was between 1885 and 1895 (the ship's manifest asks age, which is often inaccurate) and his *Arrival Year* was between 1908 and 1913. I knew he came from Warsaw which is represented in the database in many ways (Warsaw, Warschau, etc.), so I specified the *Town Name Starts With* "Wa." Finally I stated he was Jewish, Male and Single.

The results show how remarkable the Gold Form is. Out of 24 million immigrants in the Ellis Island Database, only 140 met the criteria above.

One "Moische ...okaton," was my grandfather.

### CRANBERRY FAMILY HISTORY CENTER HOURS

The Cranberry FHC has expanded it's hours. January through May the hours will be Tuesdays 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM; Wednesdays 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM and 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM; and Thursdays 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. During inclement weather, the FHC will follow the schedule of the Seneca Valley School District. For instance if Seneca Valley has a two hour delay, the FHC will also open two hours late. The FHC answering machine message will always have the current hours, including weather-related changes. The FHC phone number is 724-742-0922.

## **TWO 19TH CENTURY IRISH LOCATOR TOOLS: TITHE APLOTMENT AND (GRIFFITH'S) VALUATION RECORDS**

*By: Judith Eccles Wight, AG  
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It is difficult to trace a 19th century Irish ancestor who was born before the commencement of civil registration of births (1864) if one does not know the place of origin let alone the names of the parents, or only knows the Irish county of origin for an Irish immigrant. Fortunately, there are two Irish taxation sources that can help pinpoint a parish of residence for people with a specific surname by county. Further, it may be possible to identify a specific person by name and identify the townland or town and parish of residence in these records. These important locator tools are the tithe applotment and Griffith's Primary Valuation.

### **Tithe Records**

The tithe was a yearly cess or tax imposed upon the Irish people as early as the 17th century. Church lands and glebes and urban areas (cities and large towns) were exempt. Tithe collected from people of every religious persuasion was used to support the state church (Church of Ireland). Few tithe or cess records survive.

Between 1823 and 1838 several Tithe Composition Acts were passed that allowed tithe to be paid in cash rather than in kind (one tenth of the produce of the land - fruits of the earth or animal products - or a personal tithe on a man's labor and industry). Beginning in 1848 the tithe was amalgamated into the rent collected by the landlords who passed on to the Church its share.

Details about people paying this tax between 1823 and 1838 were recorded in some 2,000 hand written volumes called the Tithe Applotment Books. These books constitute a comprehensive census substitute for pre-famine

Ireland. With few exceptions, each parish has its own tithe applotment book. A few do not survive. Normally a tithe applotment books lists, by townland or town, the names of the occupiers, the areas subject to tithe, the valuation of the property, and the amount of the tithe assessed.

Approximately 29,000 people (tithe defaulters) refused to pay tithes in 1830 and 1831. As a result of this "tithe war," clergymen could apply for a grant from the Clergy Relief Fund that was established in 1832. To document their claims clergymen were required to fill out a schedule that includes the names and places of residence of all the defaulting tithe payers in the parish, the amount of tithe in arrears, and sometimes the occupations of the defaulters. Information about the tithe defaulters as compiled and edited by Stephen McCormac was produced on the CD-ROM *The 1831 Tithe Defaulters* by Dublin, Ireland based Eneclann Ltd.

### **Indexes to the Tithe Applotment Books**

Heritage World & the Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc. produced the CD-ROM *International Land Records: Tithe Applotment Books of Ireland, 1823-1838*. Names and places of residence (townland/town, parish and county) are listed for the Northern Ireland counties of Antrim, Armagh, Down, Fermanagh, Londonderry, and Tyrone.

Information in the CD-ROM tithe applotment index is similar to the Irish Land Commission name index to the Tithe Applotment records for the counties of Northern Ireland. In the Commission index names are listed alphabetically by surname and then given name. The index cards also include the townland of residence, sometimes the name of the parish, and the Fin (book) number of the volume in which the specific reference is found. The Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah has this resource on microfilm  
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(microfilms 1565425-427; 1565468-476; 1565624-631; 1565509-516; 1565598-604).

Staff at the National Library of Ireland in Dublin compiled *An Index of Surnames of Householders in Griffith's Primary Valuation and Tithe Applotment Books* (referred to as the Householders Index). The fourteen volumes, arranged alphabetically by county, are part of the book and microfilm collection of the Family History Library (microfilms 919,001-007). Family History Library staff prepared a handout entitled *The Ireland Householders Index* that contains instructions on how to use this source and its corresponding records.

### **Valuation Records**

A series of general valuations and revaluations of property throughout Ireland was made as early as the 1830s and extending well into the 20th century. The purpose of the valuation was to assess the buildings and land and determine their financial taxation value.

In 1826 an Act of Parliament was passed that began the process of establishing a uniform system of taxation for all of Ireland. Richard Griffith was appointed Commissioner of the General Survey and Valuation of Rateable Property. His first valuation was by townland. Records generated by this first valuation include field books which record observations about the property made by the valutors and maps.

With the introduction of the Poor Law Relief system in Ireland, a valuation of individual tenements (farms and houses) was made to generate funds for poor relief. Information about the tenants, the landlords, and the property including houses and buildings (designated as "offices") was recorded in these books.

Details listed in these books were used in the compilation of the printed edition of Richard Griffith's *General Valuation of Rateable*

*Property in Ireland* (referred to as Griffith's Primary Valuation). The published volumes, which were printed between 1847 and 1864, include the name of the occupier, a reference to the tenement on the valuation map, the name of the immediate lessor, a description of the tenement, the area (acreage) of the property, and the net annual value of the land and buildings. The books are arranged by poor law union, barony, civil parish, and townland.

Once Griffith's Primary Valuation was completed changes in property holdings were recorded annually in revision or "canceled" books. These changes were made in different colors of ink. Each color represented revisions made for a specific year. Sometimes a year was also listed beside the change that was made. Once a book was filled a new volume was started. The revision books for each county are arranged by poor law union (later by rural or urban districts) and electoral division and usually date from the latest volume to the earliest on the microfilm copies of these books that are at the Family History Library.

The Family History Library's collection includes microfilmed revision books for most counties of the Republic of Ireland. Revision books that are not part of the Library collection are deposited at the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland, Belfast and at the Valuation Office and the National Archives of Ireland in Dublin.

### **Readily available indexes to Griffith's Primary Valuation**

The CD-ROM *Index to Griffith's Valuation of Ireland, 1848-1864* was published jointly by Brøderbund, Heritage World, and Genealogical Publishing Company. It lists the names the names of the occupiers and the county, civil parish, and place (usually a townland) of residence of each. There are a number of errors and omissions in this index.

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The Internet is another resource for finding indexes to or actual extractions made from Griffith's Valuation. While many sites are for specific parishes, two indexes of note include county-wide indexes to the valuation as well as other records. The Clare Library site found at [www.clarelibrary.ie](http://www.clarelibrary.ie) lists the surname, given name, town or townland, parish, and poor law union of each individual named in the published valuation. An index to the tithe books is in the process of being compiled. To access this and other records click on the genealogy link.

An index to the names listed in the Griffith's Valuation books for the counties of Galway, Leitrim, Limerick and Roscommon is being compiled. See the web site [www.leitrim-roscommon.com/index.shtml](http://www.leitrim-roscommon.com/index.shtml).

## WHERE GENEALOGISTS MEET

**Wednesday, 17 January** - Beaver County Genealogical Society will host "**Ancestor Appreciation**" Show and Tell. Anyone is welcome to tell stories and share memorabilia about their family. The program will be held at 7:00 PM in the Beaver Valley Family History Center. It is free and open to the public. If there is inclement weather, please call 724-847-9253 to learn if the program has been canceled.

**Saturday, 20 January** - Cranberry Genealogy Club program will be "**A Historical Perspective of Butler County**" presented by Rebekah Sheeler. The program will begin at 10:00 AM and will be held in the Council Chambers of the Cranberry Municipal Building at 2525 Rochester Road, Cranberry Twp., 16066. For more information, see [www.CranberryGenealogy.org](http://www.CranberryGenealogy.org).

**Saturday, 10 February** - WPGS will host "**The Rusyn Revival in Western PA: A Culture Being Restored.**" The presenter will be John Righetti, National President of the Carpatho-Rusyn Society. The program will be held at 10:00 AM in the Carnegie Library Lecture Hall in Oakland. The program is free and open to the public, however the parking fee at the library is \$5.00.

**Saturday, 17 February** - Cranberry Genealogy Club program will be "**Your Guide to Pennsylvania Records**" presented by Elissa Scalise Powell, CG. The program will begin at 10:00 AM and will be held in the Council Chambers of the Cranberry Municipal Building at 2525 Rochester Road, Cranberry Twp., 16066. For more information, see [www.CranberryGenealogy.org](http://www.CranberryGenealogy.org)

**Saturday, 10 March** - WPGS will host "**Paper Conservation and Book Repair.**" Jean Ann Croft, the head of the University Library System's (ULS) preservation department at the University of Pittsburgh, will be the speaker. The program will be held at 10:00 AM in the Carnegie Library Lecture Hall in Oakland.

**Tuesday, 13 March** - Ohio Genealogical Society, Fulton County Chapter program will be "**What's a Prothonotary?: Your Guide to Pennsylvania Court Houses**" presented by Elissa Scalise Powell, CG. The program will be held at 7:00 PM in the Trinity Lutheran Church, 410 Taylor St., Delta, Ohio, For more information, see [www.rootsweb.com/~ohfulton](http://www.rootsweb.com/~ohfulton).

**USING TIMELINES AND THE CENSUS TO SOLVE A PARENTAGE PROBLEM:  
The Case of Nellie A. Woodard Green Whittaker Howell**

*By: Elissa Scalise Powell, CG*

When a client Diane wrote to me for help on identifying her great-grandmother, Nellie A. Woodard Green Whittaker Howell's parents, she believed that the census would not help since Nellie was born in 1881. But that is exactly the set of records I used to solve the problem. Part of the confusion was that the family freely jumped borders, living and making records in both Potter County, Pennsylvania and the adjacent Allegany County, New York.

When working with a "cold case" always start with the known and write it down, preferably in a timeline. From Diane I learned that:

1. Nellie's California death certificate stated she died 4 April 1948 and that she was born 11 April 1881 in New York State. Her father was listed as Lieghe Woodard, born New York State and her mother was unknown. The informant was Nellie's husband Frank Howell.
2. A previous researcher abstracted a will that stated that Nellie's first husband Daniel W. Green died 25 Nov. 1926 in Oswayo and that his heirs were Clara M. Green, widow, age 71 of Oswayo; Cora B. Plants, daughter, age 52, of Potter County; and Alice Netzel, daughter, age 35, of Arizona. The latter being Nellie's daughter.
3. The Divorce Decree of Daniel W. Green and Nellie A. Green stated they were married 11 April 1893 in Friendship, Allegany Co., NY, and that Nellie left Daniel about 8 Dec 1904 where they had lived together in Allegany Township, Potter Co., PA.

**TIMELINE FOR NELLIE**

11 April 1881 <sup>1</sup>	Birth in New York State
11 April 1893 <sup>2</sup>	Marriage to Daniel W. Green at Friendship, Allegany County, NY
June 1897 <sup>3</sup>	Birth of daughter Myrtle in Pennsylvania
1 June 1900 <sup>4</sup>	Age 19, resided in Allegany Twp., Potter County, PA with husband Daniel & daughter Myrtle
8 Dec 1904 <sup>5</sup>	Deserted Daniel Green
Dec 1906 <sup>6</sup>	Daniel sues for divorce in Potter County, PA
2 April 1907 <sup>7</sup>	Subpoena personally served to Nellie in Coudersport, PA
17 May 1907 <sup>8</sup>	Nellie did not appear at the deposition held in Potter County, PA
1908-1909 <sup>9</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> marriage to Arthur C. Whitaker, place unknown

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<sup>1</sup> Nellie Anna Laura Howell, death certificate 48-031268, California Department of Health Services, Sacramento. Scanned image provided by Diane. 1900 U.S. Census, Potter County, Pennsylvania, population schedule, Allegany Township, Enumeration District 100, page 12A, printed page 20, dwelling 181, household 184; National Archives micropublication T623, roll 1482; states April 1881.

<sup>2</sup> Potter County Court of Common Pleas, Libel in Divorce, No. 18 Dec Term, 1906, Coudersport, PA. Scanned image provided by Diane.

<sup>3</sup> 1900 U.S. Census, Potter County, PA, Allegany Twp.

<sup>4</sup> Ibid.

<sup>5</sup> Potter County Court of Common Pleas, Libel in Divorce, No. 18 Dec Term, 1906

<sup>6</sup> Ibid.

<sup>7</sup> Ibid.

<sup>8</sup> Ibid.

<sup>9</sup> 1910 U.S. Census, Washington County, Oklahoma, population schedule, Ramona Town, Madison Twp., ED 258, pages 1B and 2A, dwelling 26, household 27; National Archives micropublication T624, roll 1276.

15 April 1910<sup>10</sup> Age 29, resided in Ramona, Madison Twp., Washington County, Oklahoma as Nellie Whitaker whose occupation was photographer.  
1 Apr 1930<sup>11</sup> Age 47, resided in Los Angeles, CA with her third husband Frank Howell  
11 April 1948<sup>12</sup> Nellie Woodard Green Whitaker Howell died in Bell Gardens, CA.

## ANALYSIS

Nellie A. appeared in the 1910 census in Washington County, Oklahoma with her husband of one year, Arthur C. Whitaker and her daughter Myrtle A. Green. Also in the household was listed Fannie V. Griggs, widow, age 38, as Arthur's sister-in-law who had 4 living children and Nellie A. Griggs, age 4, niece, born in PA. With both women listed as being born in Pennsylvania to a father born in the U.S. and a mother born in NY, Nellie and Fanny were probably sisters.

An anomaly in the same census and county was another listing for Fannie V. Griggs, widow, age 36, who had 4 living children. She was living as a sister to Michael Driscoll and Emma R. Driscoll, age 43. With both women listing their parents' birthplaces as New York, Fannie V. and Emma R. are probably sisters. Listed were all 4 of Fannie's children: Earl P. Griggs, age 17, born PA; Marie L. Griggs, age 15, born in PA; Catharine M. Griggs, age 11, born NY; and Nellie A. Griggs, age 4, born in PA.

Therefore Nellie had at least two sisters: Emma R., born about 1867 in NY and Fanny V., born about 1873 in PA. This argument is strengthened by the 1900 census for Wirt, Allegany County, New York which showed Fanny V. Griggs, born Nov. 1874 with her husband Samuel Griggs. Her three living children are: Earl P. Griggs, age 7, born Nov(?) 1893; Marie L. Griggs, age 3, born April 1896; and Mary C. Griggs, age 1, born Aug 1898. This is clearly the same family that is in Oklahoma ten years later.

Searching the 1880 census for a Woodard family with an Emma R. and Fannie V. of the appropriate ages led to one in Hebron, Potter County, Pennsylvania. Leeds Woodard, age 37, a farmer born in NY, is listed with his wife Adelma, age 32, born in NY. They have 5 children: Emma R. Woodard, daughter, age 14, born in NY; Elnora Woodard, daughter, age 12, born in NY; Fanny Woodard, daughter, age 6, born in PA; Elbert Woodard, son, age 4, born in PA; and Henry Woodard, son, age 1, born in PA.

Not only do the names and ages of the two sisters Emma R. and Fanny V. match but also the father's name on Nellie's 1948 death certificate was given as "Lieghe Woodard" – very close to Leeds Woodard. If one studies the death certificate, it is noticeable that "Lieghe" is typed over "Lee\_". The census and death certificate both state that Nellie's father was born in New York.

Three households away from the Woodards on the 1880 census was the Peter Green family who, if related to Daniel Green, might be how Daniel got to know about Nellie in later years.

## CONCLUSION

Therefore it is more likely than not that Nellie's parents were Leeds and Adelma Woodard.

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<sup>10</sup> Ibid.

<sup>11</sup> 1930 U.S. Census, Los Angeles County, California, population schedule, Los Angeles City, Assembly District 60, block 438, ED 19-748, page 3A, printed page 106; National Archives micropublication T626, roll 164.

<sup>12</sup> Nellie Anna Laura Howell, death certificate 48-031268, California Department of Health Services, Sacramento. Scanned image provided by Diane.

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### Dated Material

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#### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2007**

**SAILING INTO THE SUNSET: TIPS FOR FINDING YOUR ANCESTORS ON PASSENGER LISTS**

*Presented by Elissa Scalise Powell, CG*

Passenger lists are a wonderful resource for finding more information about the origins of immigrant ancestors: most people have at least one immigrant ancestor who arrived by ship. The records that have been kept over the years are mostly chronological. This lecture reviews the origins and history of passenger lists in an attempt to understand the types of records that exist. Various indexes and research aides, along with examples of records from each of the past three centuries (and where to find them) are discussed, along with Internet sources.

**THIS MONTH**  
**GENEALOGY AND MULTIMEDIA**  
*Presented by Reed Powell*  
**Tuesday, January 16, 2006**

The availability of affordable hardware and software has brought the use of multimedia technologies into the realm of possibility for most genealogists. This talk will provide an overview of the relevant technologies and their capabilities, especially as they relate to genealogical research activities. It will also cover the hardware and software products currently available to the genealogist, and will provide examples of how they can be used to aid both genealogists and their audiences. The technologies discussed will include: scanning, digital photography and slide shows, video capture & recording, and audio recordings; significant focus will be given to video technologies.