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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The North Hills Genealogists now has 35 members, plus 4 spouses, and we are known from coast to coast, with a member in California and one in New Jersey! The Carnegie Library tour on a snowy February Saturday lasted two hours for the nine members who came. We are in the process of planning a tour of the LDS Family History Library in Greentree in April and Case Western Reserve Library on May 11, 1991. Please let us know where else you would like the group to go.

The Executive Board has been meeting once a month or so to take care of the business end of running the Society. All members are welcome to come to these meetings and participate in the "inner workings". We are currently trying to draft a set of By-Laws for the Society and will present these to you when they are ready. Please speak to any of the officers about any concerns, suggestions or questions you have about our Society.

Happy Hunting, -- Lissa

BEGINNER'S CORNER

Q: I am not sure what a genealogical 'Query' is or how to use one. Can you explain?

A: A query - or genealogical classified ad - requesting information about our families is an excellent way to let other genealogists know what we are doing, or better yet, find unknown relatives who may be working on the same surnames. You can place an ad in the newsletters and quarterlies of the societies that you belong to or in national magazines such as the 'Genealogical Helper' or 'Heritage Quest'. The ad should be clear and detailed in what you are looking for. "Looking for the JONES family" will not get you much response. A better ad is "Looking for the parents of Mary Anne JONES, born 5

Apr 1825 in VA, died 4 Jul 1854, Doddridge County, (West) VA, married to Enoch B. SOUTHWORTH on 28 Dec 1837 in Harrison County, VA". Capitalize surnames and give other surnames that are linked with the primary one, along with as many place names as you know. This will help your chances of getting good responses. Also, ads placed in the newsletters of Societies of the area of interest will work for you better than a national publication or one placed in an unrelated geographic area.

Q: I received a postcard that offers a book called "The Amazing Baughman New World Registry" for about \$29.95. It says it has every Baughman family in the United States, Canada and Australia listed. How can this be possible?

A: There are several companies who would like to sell you this kind of book and let you believe that it is a researched family history. In actuality it is a telephone book style listing of anyone with a given surname bound into a book with some very general verbiage on how people from Europe settled in North America and Australia. They may give some general hints on how to start looking for your family and perhaps some genealogical forms. But it does not attempt to make any family connections in it. "Telephone genealogy" does work sometimes in the right geographic area and with a rare surname. Perhaps in a strange city you have looked for your surname in the phone book and even have called a number or two. But this is very 'hit and miss'. I have purchased one of these books for the rare name of WELTZIEN and got what I expected ... the names and addresses of 50 Weltziens across the country and Canada. I wrote to all I did not already know of and received a phone call from a long lost branch of the family who thought that WE were the lost branch! In this case it sure was worth the money. But my parents bought the SCALISE book for me and it listed over 1000 names. I will probably not do anything with this book.

WHERE GENEALOGISTS MEET

The Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society is having a series of classes at the Historical Society, 4338 Bigelow Blvd., in the Oakland Area of Pittsburgh on Saturdays from 10 AM to 1 PM. Tuition for the term is \$35.00 (includes a copy of the text) or \$8.00 for a single session (no text book). Preregistration will be accepted with checks payable to WPGS and sent to the Society at 4338 Bigelow Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15213. For further information call the Society at 681-5533.

The schedule is:

- 23 March - Judy Martin: Family data and History Gathering (Bring your family names and dates)
- 6 April - Audrey Iacone: Library Use and Materials
- 13 April - Helen Harriss: Wills, Deeds, and Other Court House Records
- 20 April - Henry Hively: Military and Pension Records at 10 AM - Eden Harriss: Archival Preservation at 11:30 AM
- 27 April - Ruth Renton: Census, Church and Cemetery Records
- 4 May - Leslie Dunn: Vital Records, Passenger Lists, Naturalizations

The Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society's next monthly meeting is Saturday, March 9, 1991 at 10 AM. It will be held at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Sixth and Oliver Streets, Downtown. They will be having a Cemetery Workshop featuring everything you ever wanted to know about working a cemetery, including reading, rubbings, photographing and searching. Their meetings are free and open to interested individuals.

FAMILY ASSOCIATION

The Castor Association of America produces a quarterly newsletter called the News-Caster. They hold reunions every two years and publish a membership directory of about 400 members' addresses and lineages. Names include Kuster, Kuester, Kistard, Castor, Kiester, Coester, Coster, Kester, Kister, Kaster, Keister, Custer, Custard, Gerster, Kastor, Custar, Kusterd, Kustard, Caster, Koester, Coster. For more information write to Jo Ann L. Kester, 7605 Windham Rd., Tipp City, OH 45371.

QUERIES

Looking for anyone with the name NOWATKA. I have never run into anyone except my own family. Write to Chris Nowatka, c/o Peggy McCarty Akridge, 3469 Featheridge Dr., Lexington, KY 40515. Searching for LOONEY and variations: Luinigh, Luney, Leeney, Lonney, Looncy, O'Looney. Also, LITTRELL, ROBERTS, BRANCH (Blackfeet), CHILDERS (Cherokee/ English?), THOMPSON, PHELPS, PHILLIPS. Edward G. Looney, 221 Perkins Admin Bldg., Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX 75275-0135

FREE HELP

From one of our newest members ANNE Z. PITTMAN of Modesto, CA

Q: At one time Etna was known as Stewartsville. I would be interested in any information as to the dates it was Stewartsville.

A: Etna - Formerly Stewartsville, and included the borough of Sharpsville. Settled by General William Wilkins. In 1832 the "Etna Furnace" was blown in, and from that moment the place had been noted for its iron and steel industries. The name was changed to that of the furnace when the borough was incorporated from Shaler Township, September 16, 1868.

We have a request for information from member Frank Thomas: I am looking for a town in Moravia Czechoslovakia called Krunovine. Anybody know the answer?!

From the Cranberry Eagle (Butler Co., PA) Newspaper for 13 Feb 1991:

Dear Editor:

I am an amateur genealogist presently researching the surname Mentzer. I have traced this line to Butler County and have hit a dead end. I would like to correspond with descendants of the Mentzer / Mencer / Minser families who lived in Butler County in the 1800's. I am a family genealogist specifically interested in Jacob Mentzer and wife Sarah Moore living in Connoquenessing in 1840. I look forward to hearing from you.

Naomi R. Mehta,
1108 Byron St.,
Accokeek, MD 20607-2802

The Erie Society for Genealogical Research

The Erie Society for Genealogical Research is collecting genealogical information for publication of a book of Civil War veterans who were born, lived, served, died, or are buried in Erie County. Write for more info to Kathleen Hauser, 8037 Clair Wright Road, Girard, PA 16417.

ONE MORE YEAR AND COUNTING ...

The 1920 Federal population census will be opened to the public on March 1, 1992. At that time microfilmed copies will be available for research at the National Archives Building in Washington, DC, the eleven regional archives across the nation, and through the National Archives' microfilm rental program. The 1920 census consists of 2,076 rolls (35mm) of population schedules and 8,590 rolls (16mm) of Soundex indexes for all states totaling 10,666 rolls. More information will become available closer to the 1992 release date.

LOST PERSONS

Looking for someone? The U.S. Social Security Administration will attempt to forward letters to persons whose address is unknown. One may send an UNsealed letter with a covering letter which explains the relationship of the writer with the addressee and the reason you want the letter forwarded. Include the person's name, Social Security Number, birthplace, birth date and name of parents, if known. Mail to:

Social Security Administration
Letter Forwarding Unit
6401 Security Blvd.
Baltimore, MD 21235

From North Hills News Record for January 11-14, 1991 "Remembering" by Mary Wiley

A friend, Grace Stanko, sent me a map of Ross indicating property owners in 1876. The map was included in an Atlas of the County of Allegheny, Pa., reprinted in 1988.

On the blow-up she provided, it's possible to read the names of those early settlers and it's surprising (or maybe not!) how many familiar ones are there. One major difference from a possible map today is the location of

West View. Since the borough was not incorporated until 1905, the map shows a village definitely south of its present location.

At that time there was quite a settlement known as West View located close to the city line. I can recall the streetcar passing a big yellow West View Hotel still there in the 1920's.

There was the Ivory House and other residents included J. Schuyler, B. Jenny, J. Robinson, and Mrs. Rodenbach on the eastern side of the road; P. Ivory, J. Knoedler, B. Burns, J.M. White and Streys on the western.

Farther north, the word "Hotel" would seem to indicate the location of the Five-Mile House on present West View's southern border. The horseshoe bend on the Perrysville Plank Road identifies the West View area which at that time was sparsely populated. Large tracts of land were held in the names of J. Cronenweth, M. Cronenweth, T. Morrow and Mrs. Thos. Morrow, Cole, C. D. and Wm. Reel, Faulk, Wren, Ray, Link, F. and P. Helm and Geo. Miller.

Moving north along the plank road, there seems to be a Hilands Nursery adjoining the property off Dd. Hilands. Then came J. Cunningham and Dd. H. Cunningham before there was a shop and a school (Perrysville School, of course, though not designated), and across the road (Hiland) Presbyterian Church and its cemetery. The properties of Rt. Morrow, Mrs. R. Wilkinson, W.W. Hadley (or Headley, it appears both ways), and S. Schar, separated the school from the Lutheran Church (St. Johns?)

Mrs. Mary Good owned most of the land between the plank road frontage and the Pittsburgh & North Western R.R. lines that ran up the present Babcock Boulevard valley.

Once the map gets into the village of Perrysville, the printing becomes small and crowded. Among the property owners are J.R. Craig, who may or may not have operated a store on his property, J. Schultz, the White Horse Tavern, W. Reel, a store with the Post Office, John English, the Catholic Church (St. Theresa's), Wm. Good, Kronberger, Altman, Dr. Lundley and Artzberger. W. Beam operated what seems to be some sort of factory abbreviated - ng Fac.

Between Perrysville and the McCandless line was William Keown's Hotel with an adjacent racetrack. The rest of the property was owned by Mrs. Swan, Robert Swan and St. Hare.

**Continued in the Jan. 22-24, 1991
News Record:**

... Sunday's Pittsburgh Magazine had an in-depth article about Evergreen Hamlet and the utopian dream of a community far-removed from the soot and noise of the city. I visited in the Hampton House, one of the four big houses still standing, while Marie and Bernie Kelly owned it. The Hampton House is the first on the right as you turn up the hill. It overlooks Babcock Boulevard. I remember Marie's comment as she prepared to leave their house on Highland. "The rooms are so large you could swing a cat by the tail." Marie always made me take off the spike-heeled shoes that were popular at the time, so I wouldn't mark the wide soft pine floor boards. She turned the library into a studio for her art work, a wonderful advantage over the dining room in the old house.

According to my 1876 map, J.J. Gillespie owned two pieces of property and Shinn, McCallam also are listed.

Other names on the eastern side of Perry Highway include Jas. McIntyre, Jas. Thompson, Alex Smith and Wm. Glenn, J. Gerhart, Taylor, Shrumm, Mrs. Brooks, Jno. and And. Voegly, Jno. Noring, Hy. Schlapp, Th. and Geo. Hodil, Mrs. N. Kennedy, W.T. Moorhead, W. and J. Whitsell, Wm. Catlo, J. Sloan, Hy and Jas Cable, M. Carlisle.

Also William Shoal and Jno Fisher. Between them is an indication Old S. H., which I guess means an old school house once stood there. Farther south we run into Graham, B. Seibert, Jno. McKnight, and Wm And. Thompson, Mrs. M. Wood, J. Plankerton, Baker, A. Henderson and Jas and Jno. Crider.

East of the highway, starting at the Bellevue line and going north are Seville, Smith, Rescher, Houser, Woods, R. And C. Faulk, Moore, Seibert, Quail. Large tracts were owned by Hethley, Kentzel, Beckert, Burns, Cole, Morrow, Wagner, D., C. and Wm. Reel, Huck J. and T. Gass, Hyle, Kutselle, Nock, Hartman, Lindley, Baumgarden, Shank, Gibson, Ridenbach, Mancher, and Wilbert.

I'm sure I have misspelled some of these names and I've had to omit others because the printing on the map is so difficult to read. It's interesting, however, to see how many of these families gave name to streets and areas in the township.

**Excerpts From "Secret Pittsburgh",
Pittsburgh Magazine, November 1990:**

Frederick Sauer Houses

It's a touch of Disney and Deutschland, these half dozen playful stone houses clustered on a hillside in Aspinwall. Sauer, a German architect, created this improvisational fantasy in stone, brick, tile, and terra cotta, during the 1920s and '30s. In an added weird touch, much of the work was executed by inmates from the county workhouse and farm at Blawnox. Best, if you love whimsy, is the Heidelberg, a three-story excursion into rustic rock, wrought-iron, and curious touches, such as a bas-relief of Ben Franklin, a bronze eagle and a stone lion's head. Just in case you take a liking to it, Mr. Sauer's Neighborhood, from 607 to 717 Center Avenue, just happens to be for sale. Follow Center uphill, away from the river. Just after the Route 28 underpass, you'll find two turn-offs on the left. Either one leads to parking. Wander through and you may forget what country - and what century - you're in. ,

Waterfall

Discover this pretty 25-foot-high waterfall along Pine Creek in Fall Run Park, Shaler Township. Drive out Route 8, go past Glenshaw Glass Company and Ball Chemical and when you see a Toyota used car lot, look for Maple Street immediately on your right. Cross the bridge and turn left, following the creek to Fall Run Park. Drive to the basketball court and park. The path to the waterfall lies along the creek.

Grave Secrets

The Allegheny Cemetery at 4734 Butler Street in Lawrenceville (just across the Allegheny River from Millvale and Etna) welcomes tourists with a printed guide to its 300 acres, 15 miles of paved roadways and some of the most remarkable funerary monuments and tombs in town. Lots of luminaries lie here, including mayors and city founders. You'll recognize a good many of the names - from the Pittsburgh streets commemorating them. Stephen Foster is buried here, and so is "Rosey" Roswell, the one-time Voice of the Pittsburgh Pirates. The pleasant, hilly grounds deserve a long, rambling afternoon, whether on foot or four wheels. Be sure to check out the Wilkins monument, a granite tree-trunk with names on the lopped-off limbs, the enormous Moorhead mausoleum and the Winter Mausoleum - an Egyptian tomb complete with gleaming bronze doors flanked by a pair of gorgeous sphinxes.

Also from Pittsburgh Magazine, November 1990:

Mayflower Society members in Boston city proper: 51
Mayflower members in Pittsburgh and surrounding suburbs : 37

CORRECTIONS TO THE PREVIOUS NEWSLETTER (Vol. 1, No. 5, January 1991):

Page 12: "Genealogy is like ..." Source was sayings from some friends of the President of North Hills Genealogists.

Page 15: "British Pounds" Source is from the "Medina County (OH) Story", November 1990, as taken from "Certified Copy" of Greater Cleveland Chapter of OGS, Vol. 16, No. 1, 1987.

A big THANK YOU to our editor Maureen Durstein who despite "eleventh hour" problems involving your President's bad computer disk file brought our January newsletter to life on time!!

**From the National Genealogy Conference,
via ROOTS-BBS:**

**Social Security Information
by Barbara Bennett**

DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION

Disclosure of information by SSA is governed mainly by the Social Security Act itself, the Freedom of Information Act of 1974, the Privacy Act of 1974, and the Tax Reform Act of 1976. In general, information about a LIVING person MAY NOT be released to a third party unless the individual has signed a written authorization for release of that information. The fact of an individual's death, date of death, and place of death or burial may be disclosed to anyone. Any other information, other than tax return information, in a DECEASED individual's record MAY BE DISCLOSED as long as any information in the record pertaining to other living individuals is deleted from the record prior to disclosure. The Tax Reform Act of 1976 prohibits disclosure of tax return information without the consent of the individual to whom the record pertains. This prohibition continues even after the death of an individual. Requests for tax return information for a deceased individual may be released to the legal representative of the estate; surviving relative (spouse, parent, child); or heir at law,

next of kin, or beneficiary of the deceased. Proof of one of the listed relationships must be provided with the request for information.

REQUEST FOR EXTRACTS OF PRIOR SSN APPLICATIONS

SSA originally maintained paper files of all applications for original SSN's and applications requesting a change in the record. In the 1970s, these files were converted to an electronic database. The application forms were microfilmed for retention and the paper forms destroyed. Current applications are microfilmed; the paper forms are retained in the Federal Records Center for 5 years and then destroyed.

There are 2 types of SSN application extracts which can be furnished upon request.

(1) The Numident printout is a computer printed record which contains all the information on the original application form except the address and signature of the applicant.

(2) A microprint is a print of the microfilmed application form. Either of these items may be furnished to anyone upon written request and confirmation of death where this is not detrimental to the estate and there does not appear to be an unwarranted invasion of privacy of a living person; i.e., the parents of the deceased who are listed on the application form. There is no charge for this service.

The microprint will not show the SSN assigned as a result of the application; thus, the requester will receive both a microprint and a Numident printout when a microprint is requested. TO REQUEST AN EXTRACT: call your local SSA office and request form SSA-L997 SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER RECORD THIRD PARTY REQUEST FOR EXTRACT OR PHOTOCOPY. The form asks for identifying information as follows:

- 1) SSN, if known
- 2) full name of the person now used (or last used, for deceased ind)
- 3) name shown on last social security card
- 4) the individual's full name at birth
- 5) the individual's date of birth
- 6) the place of birth
- 7) sex
- 8) full maiden name of the mother
- 9) full name of the father

The form does not provide a place to indicate which type of extract you want, so enter the following legend on the form: "Microprint Required, Printout Not Sufficient". The form also does not include a place to indicate that you are requesting information on a deceased individual. I would annotate the form with a statement that the individual is deceased. Attach proof of death, if you can, to expedite the request. Information about the death of an individual has not been maintained on the Social Security Number records, so your request may be delayed or denied if it is not obvious that the person is deceased. It will take from 4-8 weeks to receive a response to your request. The 9 items above are the same information you would provide if you went to apply for a social security number or a replacement card. Here's how the SSN system works (much simplified) - there are 2 major files: the numerical identification file which contains the information sorted by SSN; and the alphabetical identification file which is sorted by name. If an SSN is provided, the numerical file will be queried and the printout compared to the information you provided. If an SSN is unknown, the name file must be queried. The information you provide is compared to the information for each person with that name and a score is assigned based on which information matches or doesn't match, and how closely the information matches. For example, if the year of birth is within 5 years it will score lower than an exact match but higher than if they were 10 years apart. Possible SSNs will be identified based on the score. Someone must look at all the printouts for the possible SSNs to determine which record if any is the one you requested. The more information you provide, the more chance you have of getting the information you want. After all, there have been about 320 million SSNs assigned since Social Security began in 1937. SSA assigns about 500,000 new numbers each month.

YOUR TAX DOLLARS AT WORK FOR GENEALOGISTS

The following assistance from the U.S. Government is available to those trying to find information about their family background. Most of this help is provided free of charge.

1. PAMPHLET The pamphlet, Family Folklore (188N) \$1.75, describes how to record family stories and traditions to add to genealogical research. To obtain a copy write: Consumer Information Center, Pueblo, CO 81002.

2. GENEALOGY RESEARCH The staff at the National Archives is eager to help individuals researching their family heritage. A 20-page booklet, "Genealogy Records in the National Archives," is available free of charge. Contact: Reference Service Branch, National Archives and Records Administration, 8th and Pennsylvania Avenue, Room 205, Washington, DC 20408/202-523-3218.

3. LIBRARY OF CONGRESS Local History and Genealogy Section, General Reading Room, Washington, DC 20540/202-287-5537. This section contains a number of "finding aids" and indexes arranged by family names and geographic location. Reading Room contains card catalogue of published genealogy by surname now being put on computer terminal.

4. NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS SERVICE - MICROFILM RENTAL Central Reference Division, Washington, DC 20408/202-523-3218. This division has ship passenger records from 1820, military records from the Revolutionary War, and census forms from 1790 to 1910. Anyone in the USA can rent microfilm on the census 1790-1910 or the Revolutionary War from the local public, college or genealogical library. To do this contact: DDD Company, P.O. Box 2940, Hyattsville, MD 20784/301-731-4595 or your local library. The cost is \$3.25 per reel for a one-month rental. Three catalogues are available listing films on census (1) 1790-1890, (2) 1900, and (3) 1910 at \$5.00 each. The Revolutionary War catalogue is a 3-volume issue at \$1.50 total. All of the above are also available for rental in Canada.

From ROOTS-BBS: The 1990 Genealogical Society of PA/Historical Society of PA Conference: Genealogy and History Working Together

PENNSYLVANIA CHURCH RECORDS REPOSITORIES as of September, 1990

The following information is from a handout distributed at the conference on the topic "Research in Pennsylvania Church Records" by Antoinette J. Segraves.

General notes from the presentation:

Content of "parish registers" varies dramatically from denomination to denomination and from Priest to Pastor. Some kept meticulous records; some barely kept what the mother church required. Some kept chronological registers containing everything. Some kept separate registers for each event which was of general interest to the Church - birth, death, marriage, baptisms. Others kept only the specific information required by canon law; typically only a baptismal record with minimal information.

In some denominations, "registers" were the property of the minister, therefore a given register might contain records from many different locations - especially if the minister was a "circuit rider".

In many denominations there are many sects, which have "split-off", "merged", "died-out", "changed their names", "moved their congregation" and other similar "political activities". Therefore it is necessary to know both the exact name of a given church as well as its history in attempting to find the appropriate repository.

BAPTISTS

- Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, City Line and Lancaster Avenues, Philadelphia, PA 19151
- American Baptist Historical Society, 1100 South Goodman Street, Rochester, NY 14620
- Historical Commission, Southern Baptist Convention Historical Society, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, TN 37203

BRETHREN (37 sects!)

- Archives of the Brethren in Christ Church, Messiah College, Grantham, PA 17027 Library, Junita College, Huntingdon, PA 16652
- Brethren Historical Library and Archives, 1451 Dundee Avenue, Elgin, IL 60120
- Brethren (Old German Baptist), Route 1, Box 144 Bringhurst, IN 46913
- German Seventh Day Baptist, Ephrata Cloister, Ephrata, PA 17522
- Reference text: 3 volumes, 1983, 1984, "The Brethren Encyclopedia" Philadelphia, PA: Brethren Encyclopedia, INC.

CONGREGATIONAL

- The Historical Commission of the United Church of Christ, Philip Schaffer Library, Lancaster Theological Seminary, 555 West James Street, Lancaster, PA 17603

EPISCOPALIANS

- The History Committee, The Episcopal Diocese of PA, 202 West Rittenhouse Square, Philadelphia, PA 19103
- The Church Historical Society, Protestant Episcopal Church, 606 Rathervue Place, Austin, TX 78705
- Note: Philadelphia Diocesan records are at the Presbyterian Historical Society

EVANGELICAL

- Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society, Philip Schaff Library, Lancaster Theological Seminary, 555 West James Street, Lancaster, PA 17603
- Historical Society of the Evangelical Congregational Church, 121 South College Street, Myerstown, PA 17077

JEWISH

- Jewish Archives Center, Balch Institute, 18 South 7th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106
- American Jewish Historical Society, 2 Thornton Road, Waltham, MA 02154
- American Jewish Archives, 3101 Clifton, Cincinnati, OH 45220

LUTHERAN

- Abdel Ross Wentz Library, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Gettysburg, PA 17325
- Lutheran Church Archives, Lorauth Memorial Library, 7301 Germantown Avenue, Mount Airy, Philadelphia, PA 19119
- Library and Archives, Theil College, Greenville, PA 16125 (western PA)
- Central PA Lutheran Synod, 2600 North Third Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110

MENNOMITES

- Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society, 2215 Millstream Road, Lancaster, PA 17602 (has a surname cardfile)
- The Archives of the Mennonite Church, 1700 South Main Street, Goshen, IN 46526
- Menno Simons Historical Library and Archives, Eastern Mennonite College, Harrisonburg, VA 22801
- Reference text: (4 Volumes) "The Mennonite Encyclopedia" Scottsdale, PA: Mennonite Publishing House, 1955
- Reference text: Gingerich, Dr. Hugh F. and Rachel W. Kreider, "Amish and Amish-Mennonite Genealogies" Gordonville, PA: Pequa Publishers, 1986
- Note: John's Hopkins University did an extensive genetic study on the Amish and collected many Mennonite genealogies.

METHODISTS

The Methodist Historical Society, Saint George Church, 326 New Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106

Archives Room, Academic Building, Lycoming College, 1400 West Fourth Street, Williamsport, PA 17701

Historical Society, Western PA Methodist Conference, R.D.1, Box 361A, Apollo, PA 15613

United Methodist Archives Center, General Commission on Archives and History, Drew University, Madison, NJ 07940

MORAVIANS

The Archives of the Moravian Church, 66 West Church Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018

Church Record Archives, Moravian Historical Society, 210 East Center Street, Nazareth, PA 18064

PRESBYTERIANS

Presbyterian Historical Society, 425 Lombard Street, Philadelphia, PA 19147

Presbyterian and Reformed Church Historical Foundation, Montreat, NC 28757

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Philip Schaf Library, Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society, Franklin and Marshall College, 555 West James Street, Lancaster, PA 17603

Pittsburgh Theological Seminary Library, 616 North Highland Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15206

Eden Theological Seminary, 475 East Lookwood Avenue, Webster Grove, MO 63119

ROMAN CATHOLIC

Philadelphia Archdiocesan Archives, 22 North 17th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103

Archives of the American Catholic Historical Society of Philadelphia, Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary, Philadelphia, PA 19151

John Timon Reilly Historical Society of the Conewago Valley, Box 2164, R.D. #4, Hanover, PA 17331

Baltimore Archdiocesan Archives, 320 Cathedral Street, Baltimore, MD 21201

Note: Cardinal Krole approved access to Archdiocesan records, however, Bishop Lowmiller, continues to block access. The Bishop will be retiring in a few years, and at that time it is anticipated that the Mormon Microfilming Project will finally obtain access.

SCHWENKFELDERS

The Schwenkfelder Library, Carnegie Library Building, Perkiomen School, Seminary Avenue, Pennysburg, PA 18073

Reference text: Brecht, Samuel Kriebel, "The Genealogical Record of the Schwenkfelder Families" The Board of Publications of the Schwenkfelder Church, New York: Rand McNally and Company, 1923

SWEDENBORGIANS

Library of the Academy of the New Church, 1500 Huntingdon Pike, Bryn Athyn, PA 19009

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS)

Friends Historical Library, Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA 19081

Magill Historical Library, Haverford College, Haverford, PA 19041

Department of Records, Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, 302 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106

Reference text: Berry, Ellen Thomas and David Allen Berry, "Our Quaker Ancestors", Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Inc., 1987

note: The collections at Swarthmore and Haverford are of different sects, see Berry and Berry for details of the schism.

Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania

	Annual Memberships:	
1300 Locust Street Philadelphia, PA 19107	Individual	\$ 30.00
215/545-0391	Family	40.00
	Contributing	100.00
	Sustaining	250.00
	Life Membership	500.00
	Benefactor	5000.00
		and over

Membership Benefits:

Includes free use of The Historical Society of Pennsylvania Library; announcements of all Society-sponsored lectures and conferences; four issues per year of PENN IN HAND, the Society's newsletter; two issues per year of THE PENNSYLVANIA GENEALOGICAL MAGAZINE, the Society's journal; two free queries per year in the Journal; and access to the Surname Information Exchange. Lectures, panel discussions, tours, conferences, workshops and other activities are held throughout the year.

Annual membership extends one full year beginning with the month following receipt of your application.

The Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania was founded in 1892 and was among the first to recognize the value of collecting and preserving vital and personal records so that they will be available for research now and in the future. The dues and contributions of members are a prime source of support for these activities of the Society.

PLACES TO PLACE QUERIES

Free Queries as found listed in "Genealogy Bulletin" by Bill Dollarhide:

- "Grass Roots", PO Box 1821, Little Rock, AR 72203
(no restrictions)
- "Family Tree", Route 1 - Box 142G, Nixon, TX 78140
(no restrictions)
- "Our Keystone Families", PO Box 43, Rehrersburg, PA 19550 (PA connection only)
- "Genealogy Week", PO Box 90, Knightstown, IN 46148 (PA,NY,IA,MO,WI, or MI)
- "Best Years", 3018 N. Sheridan Rd., Chicago, IL 60657 (500 words or less)

Other Query places:

- Pioneer Publications, PO Box 1499, Marysville, WA 98270 (Query books on individual states and an Irish Query book. Write for cost.)
- "Genealogical Helper", PO Box 368, Logan, UT 84321
(Write for rates)
- "Heritage Quest", PO Box 40, Orting, WA 98360-0040. (Write for rates)

FIELD TRIP TO FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY

A daytime field trip is being arranged for April to the Family History Library (Latter Day Saints) Library in Greentree. Further information, including a sign up sheet, will be included in the March Newsletter.

FIELD TRIP TO WESTERN RESERVE LIBRARY

An all day field trip to the Western Reserve Historical Society Library is planned for Saturday, May 11th. Detailed information about the holdings of this library as well as a sign up sheet will be included in future newsletters.

MARCH GUEST SPEAKER

Lesle Dunn of the Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society (WPGS) will be the speaker at the March meeting on Tuesday, March 26th. Ms. Dunn will discuss genealogy resources in Salt Lake City, where she has recently done research, starting at 7:30 P.M.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next board meeting of the North Hills Genealogists will be held on Tuesday, March 12th, at 7:30 P.M. in meeting room one at Northland library. All members are encouraged to attend.

RESEARCH MATERIALS AVAILABLE

The donated periodicals from George and Gretta Johnson were offered to the Northland Public Library through Jane Jubb on January 17, 1991. They expressed interest in the WPGS Quarterly only, since they do not keep periodicals on hand and do not have any extra storage space. They are currently at Lissa Powell's house.

The donated periodicals are as follows:

THE GENEALOGICAL HELPER: 7 issues; Nov/Dec 1982 - Nov/Dec 1983

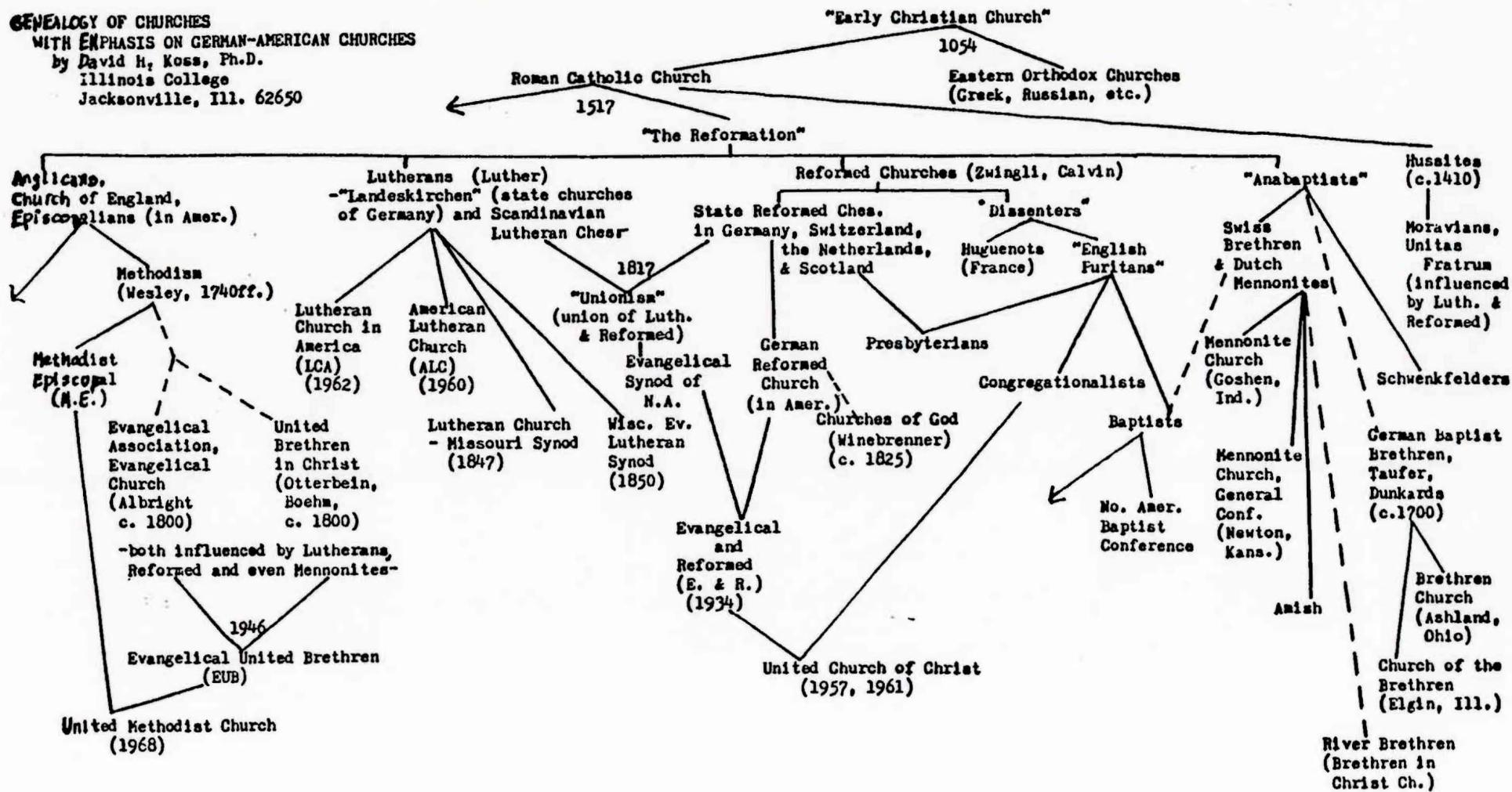
KEYHOLE (Quarterly publication of WPGS of Southwestern Pennsylvania, Washington, PA); Vol VIII, No. 1 (Jan 1980) through Vol XVIII, No. 3 (July 1990)

CORNERSTONE CLUES (Quarterly publication of the Cornerstone Genealogical Society, Greene County, PA); Vol V, No.1 (Feb 1980) through Vol XI, No.1 (Feb 1986); Vol XI, No.2 (May 1986) through Vol XV, No.2 (May 1990) including indexes.

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY (Quarterly publication including indexes); Vol 6, No.1 (Aug 1979) through Vol 9 No.4 (May 1983); Vol 10 No.1 (Aug 1983) through Vol 16, No.2 (Fall 1989); "Jots from the Point" monthly newsletter Sept 1979 through May 1990; Membership Rosters 1983-1984, 1986-1987

- The Palataine Immigrant
 Vol IX, No.3 (Winter 1984)
 pages 120, 121

GENEALOGY OF CHURCHES
WITH EMPHASIS ON GERMAN-AMERICAN CHURCHES
 by David H. Koss, Ph.D.
 Illinois College
 Jacksonville, Ill. 62650



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