



NORTH HILLS GENEALOGISTS

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR NORTHLAND HISTORIC IMAGES COLLECTION

Northland Library needs volunteers to help with various aspects of their Historic Image Collection. This ongoing project has several components to it and is just getting started this fall. If you decide to volunteer to help at Northland with the Historic Images Collection, you can choose from a variety of tasks and different time commitments. These categories are described below.

Photo Descriptions:

Northland needs help describing photos in their collection. Volunteers would view images online; the name of road and date photo was taken will be provided and possibly some maps and additional materials to help identify where on the road the photo was taken (as well as municipality) and property owners from when the photo was taken. After examining an image, the volunteer will write a brief description of the photo including a description of what is visible in the photo as well as where it was taken, perhaps mentioning a landmark that is now at the same location. Sample descriptions will be provided and can be viewed online. An Internet connection is needed, as well as a word processing or spreadsheet program. Descriptions can be delivered to Northland either via e-mail or hard copy printouts.

They still need descriptions for:

- Babcock Boulevard: 124 images
- Brandt School Road: 93 images
- Brush Creek Road: 33 images
- Perry Highway: 47 images
- About 8 other roads with fewer than 25 images each.

Some images are easy to identify and descriptions can be written in about five minutes; others can require more research and take twenty minutes or more. For consistency, it is best if one person (or a small team) works on a particular road. They need 8-12 people for approximately 10-15 hours each over the next few months. After the fall scanning session (see below), they'll need another 4-8 people to enter descriptions.

Scanning:

Northland will host a couple of "scanning" sessions this fall, where they invite members of the community to bring in historic photos of the North Hills area (concentrating on Northland's five municipalities). Volunteers would work "scanning stations" where they would collect information from the donors including: when and where the photo was taken, by whom, and a description of the photo, have the donor sign a release form, and then scan the images while they wait. Northland has several scanners that could be used, but volunteers with their own scanners/laptops would be helpful.

They need 6-10 scanners and 10-12 information gatherers for three hours each session. They're **(continued on page 13)**

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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 P.M., and our general meeting commences at 7:00 P.M. Meetings are free and open to the public.

We publish a newsletter ten times a year for a nominal membership fee of \$15.00 annually. The subscription year runs from August to June, but anyone wishing to join the North Hills Genealogists mid-year will receive back issues of the newsletter for that membership year.

The North Hills Genealogists Board meets at 7:00 P.M. on the first Tuesday of each month in the Conference Room of the Northland Public Library. The board meeting is open to all NHG members.

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Well, summer is drawing to a close, and we know what comes next – flu season! And while we wait in line for this year's vaccination, let's think about the 1918 Influenza Pandemic and how it affected our ancestors. There was a great article on Ancestry.com by Mary Penner last July. As she explained, "Understanding the world in which our ancestors lived helps us to understand the challenges they faced."

The 1918 Flu Pandemic infected more than a quarter of the world's population, and an estimated 50 million deaths are attributed to it. It was frequently referred to as the Spanish Flu, but Spain was merely one of the first countries to report the pandemic, because it wasn't participating in World War I. In March 1918, the epidemic got its grip in the troop centers in Europe and the United States, and it became a pandemic via troopships. The flu took hold in the U.S. at Ft. Riley in Kansas; some argue that this was the center of the pandemic.

The epidemic spread rapidly that spring, but waned through the summer. Victims were likely to be soldiers, who were probably infected while being treated for battle wounds at army hospitals. They returned to the trenches and cold, damp conditions. So even if you have relatives who were soldiers and died in France, don't assume they died on the battlefield.

A deadlier strain emerged in August, with simultaneous outbreaks in Boston, France, and Sierra Leone. This second wave peaked quickly. The third wave hit in late spring of 1919, although cases were still being reported into 1920.

After the second wave hit Boston, the flu or "the grip" as it was called, spread quickly. Philadelphia reported its first cases in mid-September. The outbreak reached Pittsburgh three weeks later, and the city was quarantined on October 4. Saloons, theaters, and other
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“places of amusement” were closed immediately. Public meetings, including church services, were curtailed at first but later banned outright. Schools were eventually closed. The quarantine remained in effect until November 9. In western Pennsylvania, the flu infected 22,000 people and claimed 5,000 lives.

The 1918 Flu Pandemic affected several of my ancestors and possibly more. Anyone who disappears between the 1910 and 1920 census may have been a victim. Several of my elderly great-grandparents died at the peak of the first and second waves of the epidemic. My paternal grandparents lost both of their children during the first wave (my dad and his sisters came along later). As Penner pointed out, influenza isn't always listed as the primary cause of death. One son died of pneumonia (the flu was listed as contributory) and the other died from cardiac arrest. In the latter case, no secondary cause is listed, but how often does a four-year-old die of a heart attack?

If you're interested in learning more about the 1918 Flu Pandemic, I highly recommend Penner's article, PBS's *American Experience* episode on the topic, and a Michigan study with links to Pittsburgh area news articles, available online at <http://www.med.umich.edu/medschool/chm/influenza/wpib.htm>.

~ Krisanne

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA HISTORY AVAILABLE ONLINE

The Heinz History Center publishes the journal *Western Pennsylvania History* quarterly. It has articles on the history of western Pennsylvania. It also includes reviews of books on western Pennsylvania history. The Penn State University Libraries have added this journal to its digital collection. The URL is <http://dpubs.libraries.psu.edu/DPubS?>

[Service=UI&version=1.0&verb=Display&handle=psu.wph](#). All issues since the journal's inception in 1918 through 2009 are included on the web site. The journals are full-text searchable or users can browse by date. This is a great resource for putting your ancestors into historical context.

NORTHLAND VOLUNTEERS

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planning on 1-2 sessions (more if there is more interest) with 3-4 scanners for overflow the following week(s) if someone has too many photos to scan immediately, and they are willing to leave their photos with Northland while they scan them.

Data Entry:

They could use 1-2 people for data entry; you must be proficient using *Excel* and pay meticulous attention to detail. ***Work would need to be done at the library*** (using the library's master meta data file) for 2-3 hours a week through the fall, possibly into next year depending on how large of a response they get from the scanning sessions.

Website research:

They need people to contribute short articles about local history for Northland's Local History web page. They also need volunteers to update lists of local history resources for their web page: local associations, collections, online resources, online local history books (available through HeritageQuest, Project Gutenberg, Internet Archive, etc.). They need 1-2 people for approximately 10-20 hours each.

Browse the Northland Library web site, found at <http://www.northlandlibrary.org> for more information about their Historic Image collection and Local History page. For general inquiries about these resources, email northland@einetnetwork.net. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Northland librarian Amy Steele at steelea@einetnetwork.net.

CANADAY CENTER AT UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO CREATES DIGITAL ARCHIVE OF HUNGARIAN COLLECTION

Press Release

August 12, 2011

Toledo, Ohio – The Ward M. Canaday Center for Special Collections has an online exhibit to showcase its Hungarian book collection at <http://libraryexhibits.utad.utoledo.edu/mppcoll/index.html>.

The online exhibit began construction in January and was completed in the spring. Its creators were Digital Initiatives Librarian Arjun Sabharwal, whose native language is Hungarian, and Jenna Fausey, a student assistant.

“The online exhibit is an extension of our archive collection and allows us to reach out to our audience on the web,” Sabharwal said. “This is a way for the Canaday Center to reach out to those beyond our campus.”

Thanks to the Margaret Papp Perry Endowment Fund, which was established by Dr. Richard Perry in honor of his wife who was of Hungarian descent and worked at Carlson library for 11 years before her death in 1988, the book collection and the corresponding digital conversion of the archives were possible.

“I have a lot of respect for the Hungarian community,” said Perry, UT professor emeritus of higher education. “They are a proud and hard-working people. I thought this is something I could do for them.”

The Hungarian collection’s online exhibit allows viewers to browse and search the collection, view basic information about the books, access corresponding library catalog records for more details, and find related works.

“Students and faculty can compare across a broader region than is mostly covered in

standard U.S. textbooks,” Sabharwal said. “It also can be useful to students preparing for a study-abroad semester in Hungary. I also think of those Toledo-born Hungarians who would be interested in learning more about their ancestors’ heritage and homeland.”

The collection began in 1995 and contains about 300 books and journals about Hungarian history, literature, culture, and society. There are books in the archive dating from the 17th century as well as the modern era, and the collection includes books written in English, Hungarian, Finnish, German, and even Latin.

“Hungarians are a great group of people, and I thought it was important to try to preserve some of their culture,” Perry said.

QUERIES

GRUBBS, Parents of **Mary Ann GRUBBS** m. to **John RINAMAN** - had 12 children.

Contact: Joanne Hopkins-Budd, 215 Grove Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15229-1307 or call her at 412-931-9661.

BRADY, Co. Cavan, **GRANEY** and **BIRMINGHAM**, Co. Galway. Also looking for a passenger list for **William GRANEY**, mid-1800s. **Contact: Thomas Rahrig, 1250 West Braddock Road, Cumberland, MD 21502-7511, or call him at 301-729-6343.**

NHG HOLIDAY SOCIAL

Our annual social will be held Saturday, 3 December 2011 at 10:00 A.M. at the Andrew Carnegie Free Library in Carnegie, PA. This year we will tour the Civil War Room, a national treasure, also known as the Capt. Thomas Espy Post No. 153 of the Grand Army of the Republic. It is one of the most intact GAR posts in the country, having been left undisturbed for fifty years. There is a \$3 per person charge for the tour. We will enjoy lunch at a nearby restaurant after the tour, Dutch treat. Please note the special day and time.

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Wednesday, 21 September 2011, 7:00 P.M. BEAVER COUNTY GENEALOGY & HISTORY CENTER

The speaker for the September Beaver County Genealogy & History Center meeting is Sue Ennis. She will present "Taking a Fresh Look at Your Research." The meeting will be held at the Mormon Family History Center, 114 Church Drive, Monaca, PA. For more information, go to: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~pabecgs> or call 724-847-9253.

Saturday, 24 September 2011, 9:00 A.M. NEW YORK GENEALOGICAL & BIOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

The NYG&B is sponsoring "Cutting Edge Technology: Using New Technology & Thinking" on 24 September. This all day conference will feature Dick Eastman, Ruth Carr, and David Kleiman as speakers. The event will be held at the New York Public Library's South Court Auditorium in New York City. More information is available at <http://www.newyorkfamilyhistory.org>.

Wednesday, 28 September 2011, 6:30 P.M. CRANBERRY GENEALOGY CLUB

The next Cranberry Genealogy Club meeting will be on 28 September. Sharon Cimoch will present a talk on migration trails. The meeting will be held in the Library Conference Room at the Cranberry Township Municipal Building, 2525 Rochester Road. Meetings are free and open to the public. For more information, please visit <http://www.cranberrygenealogy.org>.

Saturday, 1 October 2011, 8:30 A.M. TARENTUM GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Tarentum Genealogical Society will hold its annual conference on 1 October. It will be held

at the Clarion Hotel Conference Center, 330 Tarentum Bridge Road, New Kensington, PA. James Beidler will be the featured speaker. He writes a column in *German Life* magazine. His lectures will include "Success Story: Finding a European Village of Origin," "Duplicate Documents that Aren't the Same," "Contrasting German Migrations: 18th Century vs. 19th Century Waves," and "Hints and Helps: My List of Top Tens." For more information and a registration form, please visit <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~patgs>.

Saturday, 1 October 2011, 9:00 A.M. OHIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY FALL SEMINAR

The Ohio Genealogical Society's annual Fall Seminar will be held on 1 October. It will be held in Bellville, Ohio. Dick Eastman, author of the Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter, will be the featured speaker. For more information and a registration form, please visit <http://www.ogs.org>.

Saturday, 1 October 2011, 10:00 A.M. DEPRECIATION LANDS MUSEUM

The Depreciation Lands Museum is holding its annual Hydref Festival on 1 October from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. The festival features 18th century re-enactors, craft demonstrations, music, and vendors. The admission fee is \$3.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children. Depreciation Lands Museum members get in free. The museum's address is 4743 South Pioneer Road, Allison Park, PA. For more information, please visit <http://www.depreciationlandsmuseum.org>.

3-7 October 2011 INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR BRITISH GENEALOGY AND FAMILY HISTORY

The International Society for British Genealogy and Family History's annual institute will be
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held in Salt Lake City, Utah, from Monday, 3 October through Friday, 7 October 2011. The instructors will be Barbara Baker, AG, David Rencher, AG, CG, FIGRS, FUGA, and John M. Kitzmiller, II, AG. Ms. Baker will teach "Finding Records of Property Ownership in England." Mr. Rencher will teach "Genealogical Research in Ireland – Advanced Methodology." Mr. Kitzmiller will teach "The Amazing Honourable East India Company." The classes will be held at the Radisson Salt Lake City Downtown, 215 West South Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah. To register or for more information, go to the society's web site <http://www.isbgfh.org>.

20-22 October 2011 NATIONAL BLACK GENEALOGY SUMMIT

The National Black Genealogy Summit will be held at the Allen County Public Library and Grand Wayne Convention Center in Fort Wayne, Indiana October 20-22. The theme is "African Diaspora: Awakening Our Legacy." The speakers will include Tony Burroughs, Tim Pinnick, Jim Ison, and Shamele Jordan, among others. The event includes special extended research hours at the library. The conference's exhibit hall will be open to the public. More information is available at <http://www.blackgenealogyconference.info>.

7-8 October 2011 NORTH STAR GENEALOGY CONFERENCE

The Minnesota Genealogical Society will hold their fourth annual conference Friday and Saturday, 7 and 8 October 2011. The event will be held in Edina, Minnesota. The featured speaker is George G. Morgan, who is half of the Genealogy Guys podcast team. The track

themes include problem solving, research tools, family history sources, and technology. For more information and a registration form, please visit <http://www.mnsg.org>.

Saturday, 8 October 2011, 10:00 A.M. WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The next WPGS meeting will be held on 8 October. The program is to be determined. The meeting will be held in the Carnegie Library Lecture Hall, 4400 Forbes Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15213. The meeting is free and open to the public. Parking at the Carnegie Library and Museum complex is \$5.00. Go to <http://www.wpgs.org> for more details.

Tuesday, 11 October 2011, 6:30 P.M. BUTLER COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The next BCGS meeting will be held on 11 October. Bill May, a local Civil War historian, will present "Faces and Places of Butler County In the Civil War." The meeting will be held in the Lower Level Meeting Room in the Butler Area Public Library, 218 North McKean Street, Butler. Go to <http://www.bcfgs.us> for more details.

Saturday, 22 October 2011, 8:00 A.M. NORTH HILLS GENEALOGISTS FALL CONFERENCE

NHG will hold our fourth annual conference on Saturday, 22 October 2011. We will be using a new venue, the Ingomar United Methodist Church. Dr. Thomas W. Jones, CG, CGL, will be our speaker. He will present four lectures: "Solving the Mystery of the Disappearing Ancestor," "Inferential Genealogy: Deducing Ancestors' Identities Indirectly," "Five Proven Techniques for Finding Your Ancestor's European Origins," and "Organizing Evidence (continued on page 17)

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to Overcome Record Shortages.” The registration brochure is available on our web site and at meetings.

Tuesday, 25 October 2011, 7:00 P.M. NORTHLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

Join Northland's genealogy librarian for a guided tour of the library's Historical Image Collection and Local History web page. The session will be held at Northland. Pre-registration is required due. Visit <http://www.northlandlibrary.org> for more information.

Saturday, 29 October 2011, 8:30 A.M. MID-ATLANTIC GERMANIC SOCIETY

The Mid-Atlantic Germanic Society will have an all-day seminar in Hagerstown, MD, on 29 October 2011. The speakers will be Susannah Brooks, Gunter Schanzenbacher, Bob Greiner, and John Humphrey, CG. Registration opens at 8:30 A.M. The registration fee includes lunch. The early bird registration deadline is 15 October 2011. The event will be held at the Plaza Hotel, 1718 Underpass Way, Halfway Boulevard, Hagerstown. More information is available at <http://magsgen.com>.

Saturday, 5 November 2011, 7:30 A.M. GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF PENNSYLVANIA

The Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania and Ancestry.com are sponsoring a Pennsylvania Family History Day in Exton, Pennsylvania, on Saturday, 5 November. The speakers will be Lou Szucs, Lisa Alzo, John Humphrey, CG, Dear Myrtle, Curt Witcher, and more. The event will have three tracks, Ancestry, Methodology, and Pennsylvania. Registration opens at 7:30 A.M. The registration fee includes lunch and an event

Friday evening. The seminar and Friday evening event will be held at the Wyndham Garden Hotel, 815 North Pottstown Pike, Exton, PA. The early bird registration deadline is 15 September. For more information, please visit <http://pafamilyhistoryday.eventbrite.com>.

23-27 January 2012 SALT LAKE INSTITUTE OF GENEALOGY

The 2012 Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy will be held 23-27 January at the Radisson Salt Lake City Downtown in Salt Lake City, Utah. Twelve courses on a variety of genealogical topics will be offered, including New England research; Mid-West research; Swedish research; genealogy software and research tools; and advanced genealogical methods. The course coordinators are some of the most respected individuals in the field. There are optional evening sessions and vendor demonstration lunches that require an additional fee. The early bird registration deadline is 30 October 2011. A welcome breakfast and awards banquet are included in the cost of the institute. For more information and to register, please visit <http://www.infouga.org/aem.php?eid=6>.

2-4 February 2012 ROOTSTECH

Rootstech, a conference focusing on genealogy and technology, will be held 2-4 February 2012 at the Salt Palace Convention Center in Salt Lake City, Utah. Registration is now open. Visit <http://rootstech.familysearch.org> for more information. Some videos from the 2011 conference are available through the same URL.

Saturday, 25 February 2012, 8:00 A.M. DUPAGE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The DuPage County (Illinois) Genealogical Society will hold their annual conference on (continued on page 18)

1940 U.S. CENSUS TO BE FREE ON ANCESTRY.COM

Press Release

17 August 2011

Provo, Utah – Ancestry.com, the world's largest online family history resource, today announced that both the images and indexes to the 1940 U.S. Federal Census will be made free to search, browse, and explore in the United States when this important collection commences streaming onto the website in mid-April 2012.

When complete, more than 3.8 million original document images containing 130 million plus records will be available to search by more than 45 fields, including name, gender, race, street address, county and state, and parents' places of birth. It will be Ancestry.com's most comprehensively indexed set of historical records to date.

Ancestry.com is committing to make the 1940 Census free from release through to the end of 2013, and by doing so hopes to help more people get started exploring their family history. As this census will be the most recent to be made publicly available, it represents the best chance for those new to family history to make that all-important first discovery.

“The release of the 1940 U.S. Census will be an exciting event for any American interested in learning more about their family history,” said Ancestry.com CEO Tim Sullivan. “By making this hugely important collection free to the public for an extended period, we hope to inspire a whole new generation of Americans to start researching their family history.”

“Ancestry.com is working to make the 1940 Census a truly unique interactive search experience...as well as the starting point to help new users easily get started on the world's leading online family history resource. After finding that first family connection in the 1940

Census, we believe new users will be able to make amazing discoveries by searching our 7 billion digitized historical records, exploring the 26 million family trees created on Ancestry, and collaborating with our nearly 1.7 million subscribing members. We think that 2012 is going to be a great year of discovery for all family historians.”

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Saturday, 25 February 2012. The theme will be “Tracking Your Ancestors' Footsteps.” The event will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn, 4070 East Main Street, St. Charles, Illinois. The conference will have four tracks of lectures. The speakers will include Tony Burroughs, Paul Milner, Lou Szucs, and Juliana Smith. Topics will include British, Internet, and Midwestern research. An exhibit hall for genealogical vendors is planned. The early bird registration deadline is 11 February 2012. For more information and a registration form, please visit <http://www.dcgs.org>.

23-24 March 2012

FAIRFAX GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY CONFERENCE

The Fairfax Genealogical Society will hold their annual conference on 23 and 24 March 2012. The theme for this event is “Find Your National Treasure in the Nation's Capital.” The conference will be held at the Fairfax Marriott at Fair Oaks in Fairfax, Virginia. There will be three tracks of lectures Friday and six tracks on Saturday. An exhibit hall for genealogical vendors is planned. The conference hotel has a block of rooms at a discounted rate for attendees. The conference has a new event this year. For a fee, conference attendees can schedule a twenty minute, one-on-one consultation with an expert to work on brick wall problems. Consultation appointments will be available on Friday and Saturday. For more information, please visit <http://www.fxgs.org>.

SUBMITTING QUERIES TO NHG

By Sue Ennis, NHG Co-Editor

One perk of your membership in the North Hills Genealogists is the opportunity to submit queries for inclusion in an upcoming newsletter. Very few members are taking advantage of this benefit, and others may not know how or why to submit a query. Here is a brief review with some background about **QUERIES**, a sample of how to submit a query, and some prompts to consider for your query.

A query is by definition a question or inquiry about unknown or missing facts. In the genealogical community, a query is a chance to publish pieces of information about an ancestor or ancestors in order to obtain additional information about that person. In the process, another branch of the family tree might be discovered as well.

Notice in the first paragraph that the word query is typed in all capital letters and highlighted in bold. One feature of a genealogical query is to shout the last names to catch the attention of any relatives. One goal is to have that new-found relative provide or share some facts about a mutual ancestor. Most genealogists who submit a query have hit a solid brick wall with that ancestor or have just gotten stuck trying to add vital details to the family history about that person or family line.

When submitting any query, the more information that you provide, the better the chance of getting results. Here are some prompts you can follow to create a query. First of all, **state what you already know**, including:

- Full name of ancestor, including maiden name of women and anyone's alias
- Known dates
- Known locations
- Known relatives, especially in the immediate family lines

Then, **ask for the specific information** that you

want or need, using who, what, when, and where as a guideline. Some suggestions are:

- Names of specific family members
- Names of place of birth, community, or hometown
- Date of immigration or name of ship
- Explanation of how two people or two families are connected
- Question about an aspect of the ancestor's life.

Finally, **include your contact information**, or as much of it as you are willing to publish. Typically, a query includes your full name, and a mailing address, e-mail address, phone number, or any combination of those for the reply. Here is a sample query; this is an actual query that I have for my great-great-great grandmother and a major brick wall in my genealogy research.

HAVENS - Laura, b. 1809 in New York, m.1 **Isaac ENNIS** of Standing Stone, Bradford Co., PA circa 1842; had one child, **Daniel Boone ENNIS** aka **D.B. ENNIS**, b. 1844; m.2 **George DETRICK/DEITRICH** of Wyoming Co, PA circa 1858. Laura d.1890 and is buried in Wyoming Co, PA. Possible relatives: mother **Elizabeth ROSS** b. 1776 in Vermont, sister **Ollive ROSS**, brother or first husband **Philetus D. HAVENS**, b.1815, who was married to Laura's step-daughter **Deborah ENNIS**. Looking for the names of Laura's parents and if Havens is her maiden name or first marriage. Contact: **Sue Ennis** at susanennis@verizon.net.

Another format is to include the pertinent information in a sentence and then list a series of questions that you would like to have answered. The most important thing is to include specific information – what you already know. Those facts will signal the readers about shared names or relatives.

If you would like to submit a query for inclusion in an upcoming NHG newsletter, send the detailed information and your question(s) to: Info@NorthHillsGenealogists.org.



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UPCOMING PROGRAMS FROM NHG

Mark Your Calendars!

Tuesday, 18 October 2011

MURDER, MAYHEM, AND TOWN TRAGEDY

Speaker: Lisa Alzo, M.F.A.

We welcome back Pittsburgh native Lisa Alzo, a writer, lecturer, and genealogist, who will present a complex case study. She will demonstrate how to use census records, funeral records, obituaries, cemetery inscriptions, court and jail records, and many other underused records and sources to find the heroes and villains in your family tree.

Tuesday, 15 November 2011

ANNUAL ROUND TABLE

Speakers: NHG Members

November is a popular month for our group to break through brick walls! Join NHG for the annual Round Table Discussion. This meeting is an opportunity for all members to exchange ideas for resolving problems in family history research. Everyone, whether a beginner or an experienced genealogist, can benefit!

THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM – Tuesday, 20 September 2011 ***AMERICAN SURNAMENAMES: THEIR ORIGIN AND MEANING***

Speaker: John F. Weber

Many surnames have changed dramatically from the original spelling of our immigrant ancestors, but most of the meanings have remained the same. See how the surname Smith could have originally been Schmidt, Smythe, Ferraro, Herrera, Koval, or even McGowan!