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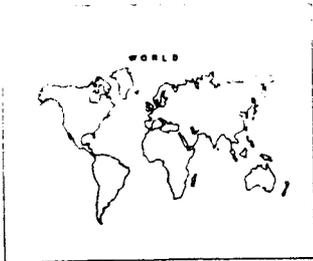
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WHERE GENEALOGIST MEET

Saturday, Mar. 25, all day - **Lancaster-Mennonite Historical Society Seminar** in Lancaster PA. The one-day seminar will feature Dr. John Philip Coletta who is a well known humorous genealogical speaker on immigration and Italian topics. Call Elissa Powell at 935-6961 for more information, she will be attending the seminar.

Wednesday, Apr. 5 at 7:30 p.m. - **NHG Board meeting** in the small conference room at Northland Library. All NHG members are always welcome at all Board meetings.

Tuesday, Apr. 18 at 7:00 p.m. - **NHG regular meeting** at the Northland Library. Program: Round Table Discussion.

Friday and Saturday, April 21 & 22 - **Ohio Genealogy Society Annual Conference** in Toledo, Ohio. There will be Scottish, English, Irish, Hungarian and Native American Research; Land and Court Records; Historic Preservation; National Archives; Heritage Corridor; Document Conservation Local History Computers and much more. Call Elissa Powell at 935-6961 or write OGS, P.O. Box 2625, Mansfield, Ohio 44906.

Wednesday, Apr. 26 at 7:30 p.m. - **NHG Board meeting** at Northland Library. All NHG members are always welcome at all Board Meetings. This is the May Board meeting and it is being held early because the Library will be closed the last two weeks in May.

Saturday, April 29 between 9:00 and 9:30 a.m. - **Tour of Western Reserve Library**. Carpools are being formed, Brown bag or buy lunch. For more information call Rosemary Miller at 364-6686.

Tuesday, May 9 at 7:00 p.m. - **NHG regular meeting** at the Northland Library. Program: T. J. Galbraith will be speaking on "Scottish Research." *Important note:* The **May meeting is one week early** due to the closing of the Library later in the month.

WPGS GENEALOGY CLASSES

To be held at the Carnegie Library Building, 4400 Forbes Ave., Oakland. All classes are on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Fee: \$40.00 for term; \$8.00 per session.

- March 25: Roberta Egelston: "Family Data & History Gathering (Bring family info)"
April 1: Carl Banks: "Computer Genealogy"
April 8: Audrey Iacone: "Library Use & Material"
April 22: Jay Miller: "Military & Pension Records"
April 29: Helen Harriss & Eden Harriss: "Wills, Deeds, & Courthouse Material"
May 6: Helen Harriss: "Church & Cemetery"
Eden Harriss: "Archival Preservation"
May 18: Lesle Dunn: "Passenger Lists, Naturalization & Vital Records."

Class size limited. Pre-reservation by check made to WPGS Education Committee. Send to PO Box 99518, Pgh. PA 15233-4218. For Information: (412) 361-2698.

QUERIES

Searching for siblings of Louis Peter MILLER born 3/22/1871 in PA. Had one brother Frederick Miller and 3 sisters - Mrs. Lillian McCOLLAUGH, Mrs. Dorothy Miller, Mrs. Lottie VENDER. They lived in Allegheny City. Researching Carrie LONG Miller - born about 1877 in W. VA (Wheeling area) married Louise P. Miller and lived in Allegheny City. Contact Rosemary Miller, Box 558 Ingomar PA 15127, 412-364-6686.

Researching family names of SHAWHAN and PLUNKETT. Lived in Wheeling W. VA and South Side Pgh., PA. Also researching William ELLIOTT from Pgh., husband of Rose Shawhan, lived in Monessen PA. Researching WILSON - brothers of Dr. Arthur R. Wilson born in Bethlehem PA, sons of Dr. John H. Wilson of Bethlehem. Contact Rosemary Miller, Box 558 Ingomar PA 15127, 412-364-6686.

PENNSYLVANIA REUNION

Descendants of John CARNAGHAN/CARNAHAN 1765-1830 (Allegheny Co. PA) are invited to a reunion, August 10-12, 1995. The headquarters will be the Bull Creek Presbyterian Church in Tarentum, PA where his grave is located. He had two wives, Mary Sara SIMPSON and Martha McKISSICK, by whom there were 11 children, and hence lots of descendants. For information call Cathleen Carnahan Nichols, 803-432-4366 or write to her at 104 Union Street, Camden, South Carolina 29020.

BEGINNERS CORNER

Question: What do the terms Hessian, Huguenot, Mennonite, Moravian, Palatines, Quaker, Scots-Irish and Walloon mean?

Answer: Here is a list of definitions:

HESSIAN: German troops used by the British in the Revolutionary War. Many of these men deserted and remained in America.

HUGUENOT: French Protestants that fled from persecution mainly from 1865 onward. They first went to Prussia, the German Palatinate and then came to America. Those in the French West Indies escaped to the southeastern coast of America. Others went to England and Ireland.

MENNONITE: A Swiss Protestant group formed in 1525 and migrated to America by way of Alsace, England and Russia. They primarily settled in Kansas, Pennsylvania and Minnesota.

MORAVIAN: The United Brethren is a Protestant group formed in Bohemia about 1415 and spread to Poland, Prussia, Germany and England.

PALATINES: In 1688 Louis XIV of France began persecuting German Protestants from the west bank along the Rhine River. Queen Ann of England helped a group to come to America in 1708. More than 2000 arrived in New York in 1710 and settled along the Hudson and Mohawk Rivers.

QUAKER: The Society of Friends was formed in England in 1648. Early restrictions brought them to New Jersey in 1675 and some 230 English Quakers founded Burlington, NJ in 1678. William **PENN** was granted the territory of Pennsylvania in 1681 and within two years there were about 3000 Quakers living there.

SCOTS-IRISH: The descendants of the Presbyterian Scots that had been placed in the northern counties of Ireland by British rulers in the early part of the 17th century. Most came to America from 1718 until the Revolution. They settled in PA first and then moved south and then westward to the frontier.

WALLOON: From southern Belgium, the language of the Walloons is a French dialect. Cornelis **MAY** of Flanders, Holland, and about 30 to 40 families came to America in 1624 and established Fort Orange. This town is now

known as Albany, NY.

The above information is from the *Tree Climber*, Stark County Chapter OGS, October 1994.

PALATINE FAMILIES: Palatine families were a group of immigrants who originated in the Rhineland Palatinate, i.e. the Rhine Valley of present day Germany. Most of these people were part of "the great emigration" of 1709, when in the spring and early summer of that year, 15,000 people left the Rhine Valley to set up a new life in the Colonies.

They stayed in England until transportation to the Colonies was available. Of the initial 15,000, 2,000 returned, or were returned to the Palatinate (primarily Catholics), 3,000 went to Ireland, and the remainder came to the U.S. during the years of 1710-12.

The above information is from Stan Birch, Canada, Internet, July 14, 1993.

BOOK REVIEWS

A CENTURY OF POPULATION GROWTH,

It was originally published by the US government in 1909 and last reprinted by GPC in 1970. It is a statistically oriented look at how the country grew from 1790 to 1900, based on US census data. Its value is in tracing how the settlers migrated across the land, offering clues to genealogical researchers.

Among its features are:

- a table of 4,000 surnames most often found in the 1790 census, showing frequency of occurrence in various states and territories as well as spelling variations.
- many maps, including ones showing how county boundaries changed over the period.
- statistics on population before 1790, size of families, distributions around the country, sex and age, nationalities of heads of families.
- a chapter on slaves.
- statistical analyses of all censuses from 1790 to 1900.
- population information based on state enumerations before 1790.

This is a valuable book for anyone who wants to understand how his or her ancestors migrated, and/or where they may have come from in the East, and how censuses might help.

The book is 9x12 inches with 303 pp. and it can be ordered for \$39.95 from GPC, Dept. SM, 1001 North Calvert Street, Baltimore, Md., 21202-3897. Postage is \$2.50 for the first book, \$1 for each additional book.

A CENSUS OF PENSIONERS FOR REVOLUTIONARY OR MILITARY SERVICES

This book has pensioners with their names, ages and places of residence and was first published by the US government in 1984. It was reprinted in 1954 by GPC. Subsequently, the Genealogical Society of the Church of Latter Day Saints did an index for the volume, published separately by GPC in 1965. In this edition, the census and the index have been combined into one, 577-page volume. This book lists 25,000 war veterans or their widows alive in 1840 (most were in their late 70's or early 80's), and the heads of families with whom they resided.

Listings are done within towns, within counties, within states (the compilers back in 1840 were not always accurate in their placement of towns within counties, or their spellings of town names -- Ridgefield, Conn., is Bridgefield, and New Milford in Litchfield County is labeled Milford, which is the name of a town in New Haven County.) This book, especially with its index, is an important source of clues about Revolutionary War veterans and origins and migration of families.

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REMINDER

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IMPORTANT WPGS NOTICE

The Historical Society Building is closed during the relocation process. You can use the Genealogy Society's Library, by appointment only, on Friday and Saturday.

OLD SAILING SHIPS

from Internet, By John Bowen, July 28, 1993

Most ships sailed until they sank or were destroyed by storms, disrepair or newer ship technology. If you are interested in a particular ship you can find out about its history generally from the Ships Register. The GW Blunt White Library at Mystic Seaport, Connecticut is a good source for ship information.

NORTHLAND LIBRARY CLOSING

The Northland Library will be closed the **last two weeks** in May. The building is going to get new carpeting.

PAPE/COOPER/HANNAHSTOWN CEMETERY

Butler County Historian, Vol. 16, No. 4, Jan. 1995

The Pape Cemetery was so named because Mr. **PAPE** gave the land for the cemetery. It was to be used for a cemetery, a meeting house (also to be a school), and a Church. The Church was never built, but the school was and the first burial know was Elizabeth **BURTNER** who died on February 17, 1836. Because the **COOPER** and **MORRIS** families took care of the cemetery and because so many Coopers were buried there it has also become known as the Cooper Cemetery. Because it was part of the plan developed by David **DOUGAL** for Abraham **MAXWELL** and Nathan **SKEER** for Hannahsville, May 1829, it also became know eventually as the Hannahstown Cemetery.

The most famous person buried in the cemetery is Uncle Billy **SMITH**, the man who developed the bits and did the drilling of the first oil well in Titusville, but who lived in Winfield Township.

The Pape Cemetery Committee is looking for information on the people buried in the cemetery. We are especially interested in the ones who were buried, but have no stones. If you have any information concerning anything or any one buried in the cemetery please write or telephone Eugene Kennedy, 936 Bear Creek Rd., Cabot, PA 16023. [(412) 353-9145]; Ivan Morris, Cooper Road, Cabot, PA 16023 or Beulah Frey, 119 Spiker Rd., Cabot, PA 16023 [(412) 352-9498].

RECORDS OF FORMER GERMAN LANDS

from Internet, By Fred Rump, Beverly, NJ
July 27, 1993

Some of the records were transported to safer places to prevent their destruction. Most of the Protestant churches (from the former East German territories) shipped their books to the West for safe-keeping.

The saved records are but a small part of what existed prior to 1945. Records not moved were systematically destroyed or simply burned as heating material. This was especially the case in territory taken over by the Russians where any vestige of anything German was wiped from the face of the earth.

One of our net-friends, Joe Gardner, from the U of Kentucky recently sent me an article from "The New York Review" which details the destruction of everything in the Kaliningrad Oblast which had German connections. Sadly, that was everything - even any connection to Immanuel Kant. "The Russians apparently for ideological reasons, including their hostility to religion, and perhaps also from a sense of insecurity that the Poles did not share, systematically effaced every remaining trace of German art and history in Kaliningrad. Churches, in particular, were the object of Soviet distaste. The huge Lutheran Kreuzkirche, which had survived the war almost intact, served until recently as a smoked fish factory." [At least it was not levelled]

Most other churches were blown up. Statues were melted down except for one large rider on a horse portraying Fredrick the Great. Here they simply cut off the head and replaced it with that of Marshal Kutuzov. Even Kant was melted down. The old beautiful Ko"nigsberg is now described as one of the most ugly places on earth. It is a phantom of a city without center - the Nowhere City where the residents even despise the name and now want Ko"nigberg back. Kalinin has been exposed as a ruthless tyrant who even sent his own wife to the gulag.

The 120,000 Germans, who were not able to escape before the Russians took over the city, were shipped off to Kazakhstan or Siberia. If they didn't die on the trip it did not take much longer. It was considered good ethnic cleansing.

One can be assured that saving German records was not on ANY priority list of the conquering forces. It was quite the opposite - destruction was paramount.

It was not quite as bad in areas where the Poles took over. They simply erased the German connection and put Polish signs on everything. Medieval German buildings were even restored to their original beauty. Gdansk (Danzig) is a beautiful place to see today for its history alone. The Poles could easily re-write their history by setting the clock back a few centuries, add some Polish names and simply move in. There was no real need to destroy anything.

Finding German records is still a real pain in today's Poland. An article in the Spring 1993 issue of the German Genealogical Digest (Larry Jensen, Editor) entitled "Journey to Ancestral Homes in Poland" by Sonja Joeke-Nishimoto elucidates some of these problems. If one uses any German names you're pretty much out of luck in getting information, yet the records are there. It is simply made rather difficult to get to them. The author travelled to Wroclaw (Breslau) where her mother was born and she was able to recognize various parts of the city. [Kaliningrad is absolutely not recognizable from pre-war days] Churches were not destroyed but fixed up and are mostly in good condition. The records of the Einwohner Meldeamt (Census and Registration Bureau), the entire set of city directories plus those of other nearby cities were all stored in the Archives on Pomorska Street. The Russians would have simply destroyed them. There is no effort spent to attempt to organize or catalogue the records but at least they are there.

Since many of the places in Silesia were settled or founded back in the 13th century, there must be much material to be searched. Certainly much is gone, but imagine all the records of a town that is 700 or 800 years old. How much of that is really still there? We have enough trouble finding records here in Philadelphia when the city is barely 300 years old.

USEFUL DATA ON RECORDS IN OHIO AND MAHONING COUNTY

from the *Mahoning Meanderings Newsletter*
By William T. Powers

Mahoning County records start 16 February 1846.

For the most part, state and county records are 'open'.

Struthers City has recorded births and deaths from 20 Dec 1908 to present.

Campbell City has recorded births and deaths from 1932 to present.

Deaths are recorded in the county where the deceased was pronounced dead by a doctor, usually (now-a-days) in a hospital. For instance, if someone from North Lima was pronounced dead in a Salem Hospital, then the death is recorded in Columbiana County.

Mahoning County registered births from 1864 and deaths from 1867 to 20 Dec 1908. These records are in the Probate Dept., courthouse. They are far from complete.

Youngstown City births and deaths were recorded from 1892 to 20 Dec 1908 and can be found in City Hall in Youngstown.

Births and deaths have been recorded with the State of Ohio from 20 Dec 1908 to the present. The local certificate and the state certificate are identical.

Deeds recorded in Columbiana and Trumbull Counties, for lands that became part of Mahoning County on 16 February 1846, have been transcribed, and can be found in the Recorder's office in the courthouse.

Genealogical data in naturalization proceedings, which took place prior to October 1906, is scant.

Naturalizations recorded after October 1906 have more genealogical data. These records are at the Courthouse Annex (old Sears Building - Uptown).

Usually the information filed in a divorce case should list when and where the marriage took place. It should also list minor children and their ages.

Guardianship applications usually list children's birth dates.

Marriage licenses and returns prior to early 1898 have no family data. Parent's names, birthplaces, etc. were not required.

HOMETOWN CANDY BAR

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, Feb. 23, 1995

Irish immigrant David Lytle **CLARK** began making the Clark Bar in his Pittsburgh, North Side house in 1886.

HOLLYROOTS' LAWS OF GENEALOGY

Every significant field of human endeavor has its own rule and its own parameters for success, survival and growth. Murphy's Laws abound, the Peters Principles thrives, and Parkinson's Law celebrates thirty five years since publication in 1957.

The laws relating to genealogy have emerged, been garnered, and codified during the eight year project to accumulate the genealogical history of the ancient and royal border Clan Eryvynne. Three thousand seven hundred years ago the King of Babylon rewrote 300 years of laws into a code which bears his name. As Babylon had the code of Hammurabi, we now have the **HOLLYROOTS LAWS OF GENEALOGY**.

Some Definitions: To provide a proper frame work for the application of these laws, we have standardized some of the more important terms - as defined herein.

...**GENEALOGIST** - (1) Anyone who has learned how to spell the word. (2) Those who talk about their family history instead of listening to yours.

...**PEDIGREE** - A product which like laws and sausage is more enjoyable if you don't know what went into its making.

...**FAMILY GROUP SHEET** - An ill-assorted collection of non-integrated parts forming a chaotic whole of one family's genealogical data.

...**FAMILY HISTORY** - (1) Writings designed less to inform the read and more to excuse the writer. (2) An output contrived to justify the expense of a personal computer.

...**RESEARCH** - An effort to convert certain possibles into probables, in pursuit of agreed preferables.

THE LAWS

(1) If researched facts do not support family tradition, they must be discarded.

(2) If others insist on discussing their own family, conversation becomes impossible.

(3) More people write family histories than read them.

(4) All assumptions are meaningless.

(5) Greater research generates greater platitudes of success.

(6) Everything will take longer than you think.

(7) Any effort to achieve clarity will generate confusion.

- (8) Nothing can be done until you do something else first.
- (9) Research efforts expand to consume all available time, space, money and effort.
- (10) Don't believe in miracles - rely on them.
- (11) No genealogist devotes much effort to proving himself wrong.
- (12) Research which depends on human reliability is unreliable.
- (13) Negative assumptions yield negative results. Positive assumptions yield negatives results.
- (14) Family histories are written to protect the writer rather than to inform the reader.
- (15) Never research anything for the first time.
- (16) Genealogical hypotheses are easier to get into than to get out of.
- (17) Nothing is impossible until it is sent to a kinsman for review and comment.
- (18) When all else fails, use a pen with a broader tip.
- (19) When things seem to be going better, you have overlooked something.
- (20) Progress is the exchange of one unknown for two new unknowns.
- (21) If it is not necessary to make an assumption, it is necessary to not make an assumption.
- (22) The likelihood of an ancestral finding is inversely proportioned to its desirability.
- (23) Once a pedigree is fouled up, any effort to improve it will make it worse.
- (24) Every record goes to hell - if you research it long enough.
- (25) In genealogy, you can't win, you can't even break even, you can't even quit.
- (26) A misunderstood truth is worse than a gross error.
- (27) Research statistics are usually reliable - as long as you don't have to count on them.
- (28) In building the family tree, never saw off a branch unless you are being hanged from it.
- (29) The perpetual obstacle to all genealogical advancement is people.
- (30) Improving and enlarging communications with those sharing your ancestry will geometrically increase the breadth and depth of misunderstanding.
- (31) The obscure is understood eventually, the apparent takes much longer.
- (32) Any solution to any problem merely changes the problem.
- (33) In researching a pedigree problem it is helpful if you know the answer beforehand.
- (34) When investigating the unknown, the

outcome is a predictable known.

- (35) An ounce of hypothesis is worth a pound of research.
- (36) If you can't understand it, footnote it.
- (37) Vagueness can be explicit if it is well-enough explained.
- (38) Science is what you know, genealogy is what you don't know.
- (39) The main source of problems is research.
- (40) Celibacy is not hereditary.
- (41) Genealogical narrative is inversely proportional to factual knowledge.
- (42) Never let well enough alone.
- (43) It isn't whether you are right or wrong, it's whatever other sources you can blame.
- (44) Nothing is impossible to those who don't have to do their own research.
- (45) The only thing wrong with genealogy is genealogists.
- (46) Every family tree has its own sap.
- (47) The number of rational hypotheses that can explain any pedigree is infinite.
- (48) Friends come and go; ancestors accumulate.
- (50) The last page of notes which are thrown away are the next notes to be needed.
- (51) When an error has been detected and corrected, it will be found to have been correct in the first place.
- (52) In the collection of data, the figure most obviously correct, beyond all need of checking, is the mistake.
- (53) Some things are impossible to know - but it is impossible to know these things.
- (54) In most families superiority is a regressive trait.
- (55) Perspicacity generates its own punishment.
- (56) In old family bibles, most illegible entries are the first names.
- (57) If genealogists had a family flower, it would likely be "hedge."
- (58) Complex question have simple, easily understood, wrong answers.
- (59) The first place to look for anything is the last place you would expect to find it.
- (60) Assumption is the mother of all foul-ups.
- (61) Correspondence which contains no errors will develop errors in transit in the mail.
- (62) If you don't know what you are doing, it is vitally important that you do it neatly.
- (63) One man's error is another man's family tradition.

(64) Vital data elements are always found in the last place you look.

(65) To err is human, but to really foul things up you need a computer,

(66) In computerized data, when you put something into memory remember where you put it.

(67) The most valuable citation will be the one for which you cannot determine the source.

(68) A family history manuscript will be understood only by those who know more about the subject than the writer.

(69) Your SASE's will never come back.

(70) SASE's sent for your use will always require more postage.

(71) Reclaiming uncancelled stamps from unused SASE's is low pay work.

(72) Genealogist will discover a problem for every solution.

(73) Information deteriorates exponentially as it gets closer to the compiler.

(74) In dealing with the collective family members, most will be more tacky than expected.

(75) When research does not match the problem, change the problem, not the research.

(76) Fact is solidified opinion.

(77) A solution can be reached at the exact time and place that you get tired of researching.

(78) The progress consists of replacing a wrong hypothesis with one that is more subtly wrong.

(79) Successful research doubles the number of extant problems.

(80) The document containing the missing link in your research will be lost by fire, flood, war, or failed memory of a great uncle.

(81) The custodian of the public record you need will have just been insulted by the genealogist immediately ahead of you.

(82) Your great grandfather's obituary will state that he died, intestate, leaving no issue of record.

(83) The Town Clerk you are corresponding with will have neither legible handwriting nor a copier.

(84) The will that you seek will have been last known to be in a summer vacation cottage on the western slope of Mt. St. Helen.

(90) The spelling of your progenitor's name will have little resemblance to current family spelling.

(91) The old photo of four relative, one of whom is your progenitor, will carry the full names of the other three.

(92) Copies of old newspapers have holes which occur only over last names.

(93) No one in your family tree will have done

anything, noteworthy, been sued, owned property, served in the military, held public office or been mention in any wills.

(94) The executor of you great-aunt's estate will sell her life's collection of family genealogy materials and records to a flea market dealer, "somewhere near Philadelphia."

(95) Your missing ancestor will have the only name not found among the billion in the world-famous Mormon Church family history centers.

(96) Ink fades at a rate directly proportional to the value of the data recorded.

(97) The critical link in your family tree will have the first name of "John" or "William" and will have been said to have been married to either a "Mary" or an "Elizabeth."

(98) The 18 volume, 13,00 page biographical history of the county of your origin will not be indexed, or if indexed, volume 19, the Index, will be missing.

(99) After seven years of research and recordation, you will discover and locate a living second cousin, three times removed, who completed your research, and much more, eight years ago.

(100) After reading ninety nine laws of genealogy you will not be able to tolerate any more insights/advice/guidance.

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PASSPORT APPLICATIONS

If your ancestor returned to the old country to visit, a passport was needed. The passport application gives the date of birth, the place of birth, and personal description. It is a valuable source of information for the researcher. Passport applications through 1905 are in the Diplomatic Records Branch of the National Archives, Room 5E Washington, DC 20408. Passports for 1906 and later are in the custody of the Passport Office, Dept. of State, 1425 K St. NW, Washington, DC. When writing be sure to give applicants name, residence and approximate date of the application. A charge is made for the search and any copies made.

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NEW JERSEY ARCHIVES

from Internet, By Roger Bartlett, Austin Texas
July 7, 1993

The Austin Genealogical Society Newsletter from time to time reprints helpful information gleaned from other genealogical newsletters. Here's one from the May 1993 issue. I can't vouch for its accuracy. "The New Jersey Archives: The N.J. Archives Dept. of State Archives & Record Mgmt., Trenton, NJ 08625, will provide information on wills prior to 1901, colonial deeds, colonial marriage bonds, and some military records for the American Revolution. Source: Genealogical Aids Bulletin, Miami Valley Genealogy Society, Ohio."

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The Italian Genealogical Society of America has been formed to promote greater awareness and action in Italian genealogy. It has a quarterly newsletter which will report on happenings and genealogical findings. They will also discuss questions on Italian research. Memberships are \$15.00 for individuals, \$20.00 for a family, \$10.00 for a student and \$10.00 for an organization. Write to P.O. Box 8571, Cranston, RI.

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