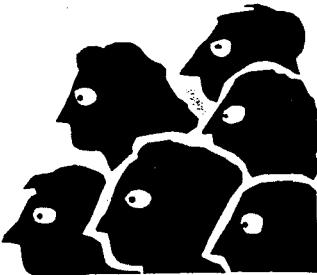




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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi Everyone: We had a great turn out for the April Round Table, members as well as non-members. Many of the people who attended, as it turned out, were researching the same names and areas, and a lot of people received help with their research. This is why we feel the Round Table meetings are a great thing to have, and everyone at the meeting said they would like to see them continued.

We have a great line-up for you for the upcoming months. May's speaker is T. J. Galbraith on Scottish Roots, June is Mary Wohleber on Gathering Fragments Before They are Lost, July is Joseph Makarewicz on Ethnic Groups in Pittsburgh, and September is Keith Larner who depicts a British Soldier during the French and Indian War. August to be announced.

We have decided to start a Five Generation Chart Book to be used as our Club's database. The computer database which was previously done has not been kept up-to-date and we lack someone to take over the computer version. Perhaps at some future date the paper version can be computerized and kept up-to-date, but for now we will rely on our book version. The book will be made available to all our members and visitors at our monthly meetings. Members will be able to refer to the Charts to see if another member is researching the same lines. We are making available to members an "acid-free" Five Generation Ancestry Chart, which is included with this Newsletter. You can submit as many charts as necessary, but we ask that you purchase additional charts, if needed, through us so that the forms are consistent and acid-free.

The cost is only \$.10 per page and they will be available at our regular meetings. The minimal cost is well worth it to have your charts preserved for posterity. If you wish to submit computerized charts, they will be accepted, but keep in mind that they will probably not be on acid-free paper. Acid-free sheet protectors will also be used to further protect the charts. We also ask everyone to submit index cards showing their surnames with brief background information. These will assist in matching the surname with the Five Generation Chart as well as for answering queries. An instruction sheet explaining how they should be done is on page 88 of this Newsletter. The Index File will be made available along with the Five General Chart Book to persons attending our regular meetings. If we receive a query by mail, we will be able to check the Index for the names that person is researching, quickly locate the charts which include those names, and put those members in touch with the person making the query. I will be in charge of this project, so if you have any further questions or need assistance, please feel free to call me. My number is (412) 443-1460.

The cemetery project is coming along nicely. We are just about ready for proofing and the next step will be securing prices for publication. Anyone interested in participating in these two steps should see me or one of the officers.

I want to welcome our new member **Marian Jo Brady**, Welcome to our family. I hope your membership proves to be as valuable as mine has been for me.

The next Board Meeting is June 7, 1995 at 7:30 p.m. at the Northland Library. Come one and all. Everyone is

encouraged to attend and participate. If you can't make it to the Board Meeting, I hope to see you at the next regular meeting. Hopefully, the nice weather will be here to stay pretty soon and we can all get out there and start trudging through the graveyards again. Happy hunting.
Ginny

WHERE GENEALOGIST MEET

Wednesday, June 7 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.

Saturday, June 10 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. - **Beaver County Genealogical Society Workshop** at Alexander Hall, Geneva College, Route 18, Beaver Falls, PA 15010. (details in following article)

Saturday, June 10 from 8:00 a.m. 3:30 p.m. - **Slippery Rock Heritage Association Conference** at Slippery Rock University. (details in following article)

Tuesday, June 20 at 7:00 p.m. - **NHG regular meeting** at the Northland Library. Program: Mary Wohleber speaking on "Gathering Fragments Before They Are Lost."

Tuesday, July 18 at 7:00 p.m. - **NHG regular meeting** at the Northland Library. Program: Joseph Makarewicz on "Ethnic Groups in Pittsburgh."

ALL DAY WORKSHOPS

Beaver County Genealogical Society Workshop will be held on June 10th at Alexander Hall, Geneva College. The cost is \$10.00 and includes lunch. Send checks made out to Beaver County Genealogical Society to: Jill Passeri, 150 Ridgeview Dr., Beaver PA 15009. Registration is at 9:00 a.m. with coffee and donuts. The 9:30 am. session includes either 1- Beginning Genealogy or 2- Resources in Carnegie Library and Western PA Historical Society. The 10:45 session includes either 1- Using Your Computer in Ways You Never Thought Of, Reed Powell or 2- How to Preserve and Protect Your Family History. Lunch is at 11:45 a.m. The 1:15 p.m. session includes either 1- Getting Organized With Skeleton Closet, Elissa Powell or Scotch-Irish research in Ireland. The 2:30 p.m. session is on Military Records in Pennsylvania State Archives and Library.

Slippery Rock Heritage Association Conference will be held at Slippery Rock University on Saturday, June 10. Registration is from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. which includes a continental breakfast. The 9:00 a.m. session is Venango County Genealogical Resources, a panel discussion. The 10:30 a.m. session is on Accessing the Family History System (LDS programs that are now available at Slippery Rock University). There is a Noon buffet lunch. The 1:00 p.m. session is Researching Presbyterian Records in Western Pennsylvania with Reid Stewart. The 2:15 p.m. is on Computers and Genealogy, Reed Powell. Also available that day: *Genealogical Helper* on microfiche and a photographer to take pictures of your old photographs. Send checks to Slippery Rock Heritage Association, Box 511, Slippery Rock PA 16057. Advance Registration fee is \$20.00, after June 5 it is \$25.00.

GENEALOGICAL INSTITUTE 1995

The Genealogical Committee of the Western Reserve Historical Society Library has announced "Genealogical Institute 1995," a series of seminars. For beginners, "Chart It and Start It Right" consists of two sessions in consecutive months. The dates are Jul. 8/Aug. 5 and Sep. 9/Oct. 7. The fee is \$20.00 for the session. For intermediate/advanced researchers from Noon to 2:00 p.m. Jun 4 — Migration Patterns and Land Records; July 8 — Computers and Genealogy; Aug. 5 — Cleveland Area Resources and Institutional Records; Sep. 9 — African-American/Native American Sources and Deep South Research; Oct. 7 — Advanced Census Research; Nov. 4 — Noon to 2:00 Military Records and 2:30 to 4:30 Preservation of Documents/Photographs and Tricks of the Trade. The fee is \$10.00 per session. All classes will be held in the Hassler Room at WRHS, 10825 East Blvd., Cleveland. Parking will be 50% off on the day of class. Library admission is NOT included in the fee. To sign up, contact Jeannette Grosvenor, 12860 Mayfield Rd., Lot 56, Chardon, OH 44024-8936.

WE NEED YOU

In August we would like to have another program where there or four of our NHG members present 20 minute mini programs. If you would be interested in presenting a mini program, call Ginny Skander at 443-1460. Rosemary Miller would like an assistant to help her plan 3 or 4 field trips a year and the December Social. Please call Rosemary at 364-6686 if you can assist her.

QUERIES

Researching **BLACK, CABBAGE, CHAMPION, GRAFTON, HUEY, HUTCHINSON, LASH, MCCOLLUM, SARVER** and **WYANT**. Send information to Mr. and Mrs. Norman L. Grafton, 615 Butler Road, Kittanning, PA 16201.

Interested in hearing from anyone related to the Conrad **SYLVIS-SILVIS**/Margaret **MOON** family who lived in Indiana, Westmoreland and Allegheny counties. Conrad and Margaret were married in 1830. Children were Frederick M. b. 1831, William b. 1832, Catherine b. 1833, Margaret b. 1835, James M. b. 1837, Henry b. 1839, Jonas b. 1841, John A. b. 1844, George b. 1848, Mary A. b. 1851. **PATTERSON, RIDDLE, YINGLING, PIERCE, SMYERS** and **HUGHES** or any of the other families that intermarried with the Sylvis-Silvis. Will exchange. Marcia Norton, 51 E. Washington, Lombard IL 60148-2635.

Need information re: Alexander **BUCHANAN** b. 1825, Washington Co. PA, md ca 1870, Beloit, OH, Margaret **COBBS** b. 1845. She was dismissed in 1870 by Quakers, for marrying out of discipline. In 1880 he's listed as a dentist in Beloit, with 4 children. When did they die, where were they buried? Son Frederick Buchanan, b. 1872, md Lottie **ENTERLINE** of Greenville, PA. Any data will help. Send data to William Buchanan, M.D., 889 Lynnhaven Lane, Akron, OH 44313.

INFORMATION TO SHARE

Editors note: We received the following letter this month and would like to share it with our NHG members.

"My new member materials from W. PA Genealogical makes note of the North Hills branch."

"Since my current research focuses on descendants of Samuel **ENGLISH**/Elizabeth **McLANE** and Christopher **GRAETZINGER** (Dad's maternal line — Trinity Lutheran), I am in the depths of Franklin/ Pine/Ross/ McCandless from 1820's on."

"I would be happy to share any specifics that members or library patrons might need."

Peg Duffy, 14 S. Spring Road, Westerville, Ohio 43081-2445 phone - (614) 890-2955.

GODFREY MUTCHLER'S DESCENDANTS

The Highpoint, Vol. 26, No. 3, March 1995

Marilyn Kim Kovatch is in possession of THE DESCENDANTS OF GODFREY MUTCHLER, born 1792 in Wurttemburg, Germany, died N. Canton, Ohio. Thanks to Mr. Willie Waggoner of Portage Lakes and a member of the Portage Lakes Historical Society, many can share this material. It is not indexed, but his daughters married names were: **GASZ, KOONTZ, SNYDER, BRAUCHER, MEYER, KLOTZ** and **YARKEY**. **SHOOK** and **WAGGONER** are represented also. If you are interested, send 2 stamps and a SASE to *The Highpoint*, Summit County Chapter OGS, Marilyn Kim Kovatch, Editor, P.O. Box 2232, Akron, OH 44309-2232 for a copy of the related page.

BEGINNERS CORNER

Question: What is the significance of the word "Palatine" and why not just use the word "German" instead?

Answer: The refugees from Germany by the way of England during the 1709 and 1710 apparently mostly came from a German state of the left bank of the Rhine River. It was called "The Palatinate." Other states were named "Prussia," "West Phalia," "Wuerttemberg" and so on. At one time there were many, many German states of all shapes and sizes. The Palatinate was and is a lush area, but it unfortunately lies at a sort of crossroad between the political powers in France and the powers in the East. At the time of the migration of many of our forefathers there was not a unified Germany. The states were later merged by the Prussian government under Chancellor Bismarck to become Germany. The appellation "palatine" was applied to most of the German immigrants into New York and Pennsylvania during those early years. The earlier ones came from Krefeld which lies below the City of Cologne near the Rhine. They established the Village of Germantown near Philadelphia. The term "Palatinate," when describing German immigrants, faded away after the Transatlantic vessels went to steam and more of the migrants departed from the northern ports of Hamburg and Bremen, instead of Rotterdam.

You know you're an addicted genealogist when you think that every home should have a microfilm reader.

BOOK REVIEW

VIRGINIA GENEALOGY

Jack Sanders Internet

A lot of genealogical guides have been called essential. If you're doing Virginia research, here's one that really is essential. "Virginia Genealogy: Sources and Resources" has more information packed into its 505 pages than any guide I've ever seen to any state's resources. In four years of digging, author Carol McGuinnis has exhaustively researched what's available to the genealogist and amassed these sources into a well-organized and fully indexed book. Here's what you'll find in "Virginia Genealogy":

A basic, timeline history of the kinds of the state, an outline of the waves of immigrants, and the patterns of migration within the state.

A description of the kinds of birth, death, marriage, and divorce records available.

Outlines of church records, diaries, cemeteries, newspapers, pension records, war records, family histories and genealogies, periodicals, and indexes available.

Census records and their availability for each county and year, plus data on tax returns.

A history and description of the kinds of land and court records there are, and what to expect to find in them.

Information on manuscript collections, business records, insurance records, fraternal organizations, schools and universities, records of the legislature, sources in England, etc.

Brief histories of the kinds of immigrants (English, Germans, Poles, etc.)

A sizable chapter on Afro-American research in the state.

County-by-county and city-by-city rundowns of public records, when they're available, whether they'll respond to written inquires, and fees.

Rundowns of each county's and city's collections of genealogical information, particularly what's available in libraries, how much help you can expect to get, when repositories are open.

A compilation of historical, genealogical and family surname societies by county and city, whether they have publications, when they are open, research services available, etc.

A bibliography, arranged by subject and by county and city, consisting of more than 1,400 books and articles. The bibliography alone covers 125 pages.

A 40-page index that includes references to many surnames.

Paging through "Virginia Genealogy" makes you wish such a book were available for every state.

The clothbound edition is available at what I'd consider a bargain price of \$35.00 from genealogical book stores, societies, or directly from Genealogical Publishing Company, Dept. SM, 1001 North Calvert Street, Baltimore, MD 21202-3897 (1-800-296-6687) S & H is \$3.00

BOOKS FOR SALE

"U.S. Military Records: A guide to Federal and State Sources, Colonial America to the Present" by Ancestry. It includes Enlistment Forms, Muster Rolls and Pension Applications. Author is James Neagles; 441 pages, hardbound, 8 1/2 x 11 in. Cost \$39.95 plus shipping & handling. Write - Ancestry, Dept. SU84 P.O. Box 476, Salt Lake City, UT 84110 or call toll free 1-800-262-3787.

"Monthly Meetings in North America: A Quaker Index" (Third Edition) An attempt to record basic information (former names, meetings, genealogy, physical location, records storage locations) about every monthly meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) that has ever existed in North America. \$30.00 ppd. Thomas C. Hill, 1800 Star Bank Center, 425 Walnut St., Cincinnati, OH 45202-3957.

The above from *The Highpoint*, Vol. 26, No. 2, Feb. 1995.

"History of Armstrong County" by Robert Walter Smith, (Reprint of the 1883 original). \$50.00 + \$5 shipping and handling, Limited copies. Check to Mechling Association, 203 Pine Track Road, Butler, PA 16001. The above from Historical and Genealogical Society of Indiana Newsletter, March 1995, 1995-#3.

MORE ANCESTOR OCCUPATIONS

In the June 1994 (Vol. 4, #10) issue of the North Hills Genealogy Newsletter, page 98 we printed a list of ancestor occupations. Below are a few more that you can add to that list.

Alewife - A woman that keeps a tavern.
Apiarist - Bee-keeper.
Apothecary - Druggist, Chemist.
Artisan - One who is trained in a trade.
Bailiff - King's rep., agent of lord of the manor, officer under a sheriff to serve writs.
Besom-maker - Broom maker
Cakeman - Dealer in cattle cake.
Calender - Person who presses cloth or paper.
Carrier - Person plying for hire with a cart.
Cartwright - Man skilled in making wagons.
Clother - Dealer or maker of cloth, master weaver.
Compositor - Printer
Cutler - One who makes or sells knives, etc.
Dareman - Dairyman
Dyer - One who dyes cloth.
Endholder - Inn Keeper.
Fence Viewer - Person who inspects farmer's fences.
Flax Dresser - Person who works with Flax fibers.
Ginerr - Joiner
Glover - Dealer or maker of gloves.
Gobar - Jobber.
Grecher - Grocer.
Hawker - Peddler.
Headborough - Constable or deputy constable.
Hedger - One who trims and tends hedgerows.
Hilliard/Hiller - One who covers houses with slate.
Ironmonger - Dealer in iron goods.
Limeburner - Maker of lime.
Malster - Brewer.
Millo - Miller
Millwright - One who designs or erects mills.
Nettir - Knitter
Outrider - Mounted attendant riding before or behind a carriage.
Packman - Itinerant peddler.
Ploughwright - One who makes or repairs ploughs.
Poulterer - Dealer in poultry.
Quarryman - Stonemason.
Revenuer - Federal officer enforcing law against the illegal manufacture of whiskey.
Roper - Rope maker.
Savant - Servant.
Sizer - One who applies size to textiles.
Slatter - Slater

Slaymaker - Maker of reeds or slays for looms.

Stokiner - Maker or weaver of stockings.

Sutler - One who supplies an army with provisions.

Tawer - One who taws - makes hide into leather without the use of tanning.

Vintner - Wine merchant.

Whittawer - One who taws skins into white

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Archives of the Western Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church are housed in the Pelletier Library at Allegheny College. Direct questions about the archives to: Rev. Howard Smith, Archivist, Box 36. Laughlintown, PA 15655 or William Waybright, Assistant Archivist, 731 Park Avenue, Meadville, PA 16335.

Direct question about former Evangelical United Brethren churches to Rev. Howard Smith (address listed above). Direct questions about the Methodist churches preceding the United Methodist Church to: Mrs. Helen Clear, Historian, RR 2, Box 135, New Brighton, PA 15066.

BIRTHRIGHTS

From *Footsteps To The Past*, Oct. 1988 via the *Mahoning Meanderings*, Feb. 1995, Vol. 19

Prior to 1786 a will in Virginia did not have to name the wife or the eldest son. Their inheritance of real estate was set by law, the widow receiving her one-third dower and the eldest son receiving the remaining two-thirds, unless specified in the father's will. The eldest son also received his mother's share when she died. If the oldest son had died, the eldest grandson of the whole blood became the heir-at-law, not the second son. If a man were unmarried, his heir-at-law was his eldest brother, never his father or his uncle.

In New England, the eldest son received a double portion of the estate, but definitely not as much as the eldest son in Virginia. This double portion was called his birthright. If a genealogist finds that a person conveyed one seventh interest in the father's estate one may conclude that there were six surviving children, each of whom received one-seventh of the estate, except for the eldest son, who received two sevenths

ORGINAL RESEARCH

A LITTLE BIT OF JUSTICE

By Virginia C. Skander

A while ago, I wrote an article for the Newsletter concerning my trip to Virginia to do research at the Virginia State Library. Something has happened since that visit which I thought might please other researchers who have at one time or another felt as though they were being gouged by a research facility.

Upon my return from Virginia, I found that I had missed copying the last page of two separate documents. I wrote to the Virginia State Library, explaining that I had just been there and requesting photocopies of the two pages I had missed. I enclosed a \$2.00 check for the copies and mailing. I did not include a fee for research since I told them exactly which reel the information was on and the page number. All they had to do was load the reel on the copy machine, zip to the page indicated, and take a picture. Would you believe that I received a bill from the Library for \$19.00 (\$21.00 minus my \$2.00 deposit). They were charging me a \$10.00 research fee (even though my request involved absolutely no research on their part), \$4.00 per photocopy (which costs you \$.25 per copy to do it yourself when you're there), and \$3.00 for postage and handling. I don't know about you, but it doesn't cost me \$3.00 to mail two pages. I got so bent out of shape over this unjust treatment that I wrote to my cousin in Virginia asking for the name and address of the official I should voice my complaint to. She supplied me with the name and address of their Governor whose office is just across the street from the State Library, and proceeded to tell me about the horrendous charges to secure a document from the government office in Shenandoah County where one of our main family lines is from. Neither her nor I felt my letter would have any impact, but I was determined to give them a piece of my mind whether it got results or not. I hate being taken advantage of. The letter I wrote would take up too much room to quote it word for word here, but the following two paragraphs will give you the gist of it:

"I have also been informed that your Shenandoah County Clerks Office charges \$5.00 per photocopy and doesn't want anything to do with genealogists. I can't believe out-of-state researchers are being treated so badly by your State, and this sure isn't the way to encourage people to visit your State and spend their money there. This sure doesn't make your State look like a friendly place to visit. I don't know if you realize it or not, but genealogists spend

many dollars each year on their research. They even go in bus loads to various facilities to do research. The necessity to do research by mail is no reason for your Library to take advantage of an out-of-state researcher in this way. I know a lot of government employees complain about genealogists and say they are pushy and rude. It's unfortunate that a hand full make the rest of us look bad.

I hope in some small way I have managed to convince you that the policy enforced at your State Library is totally unfair to anyone from out-of-state looking for information at your facility, it doesn't necessarily have to be a genealogist, and that researchers from out-of-state will be treated more graciously in the future."

This letter was sent February 23, 1995, and on March 21 I received a package in the mail from the Virginia State Library which included not only the two photocopies I requested, but photos of the entire two documents with a friendly cover letter telling me they were enclosing the documents I requested. Period. No bill. I still pinch myself, because I can't believe my letter had that much impact. The only thing I regret is that the two documents I received pertained to a family line which fell through. I had been following a false lead and I had no further use for them. But, it made me hope that perhaps my letter will have some impact on the way research requests are handled in the future at the State Library, and it proves that it sometimes pays to complain to State officials. Apparently the mention of money and the well-known growing popularity of genealogy had some impact on their Governor who was gracious enough to see that I was not gouged for the simple request I made. Let's hope it will benefit others who find it necessary to deal with their State Library in the future. Happy hunting to you all.

NHG MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Congratulations to Gwen Glasbergen and her daughter, Nicole, who recently became members of the D.A.R. after having submitted documentation about their ancestral Grandfather David Catlin, who served in Captain Moses Seymour's Company of Horse from Litchfield County, Connecticut.

We also wish to congratulation our President, Virginia Skander, who recently became a member of the D. A.R. She submitted documentation on her ancestor Peter H. Holler who was a patriot in the Continental Army.

**GENEALOGY SOFTWARE PROGRAMS
USED BY NHG MEMBERS**
Complied by Mildred Noble Halechko

BROTHERS KEEPER \$45.00 (Shareware but NOT freeware) IBM compatible only; (5.2 shareware disks available without Windows from Mildred Halechko); with Windows from John Steed/Brothers Keeper, 6907 Childsdale Ave., Rockford MI 49341; easy to learn, easy to use, easy to correct. Plus John Steed is available by phone for help; 1-616-866-9422, evenings 8 PM - 10 PM Eastern time.

Mildred Noble Halechko 486-2268

EXPERT PERSONAL ROOTS \$12.00 by Tandy from Radio Shack.

Bill and Grace McVay 367-7544

FAMILY ORIGINS

Tom Wiley 486-4679

FAMILY TIES for Macintosh \$16.98 available from Egghead, McKnight Rd. Pittsburgh PA

FAMILY TREE MAKER for IBM compatible, \$36.99 from Office Depot, McKnight Rd. Pittsburgh PA

Shirley Kelly	_____
Helen Kolar	_____
Jeff and Patti Lee	741-5830
Reed and Elissa Powell	935-6961
Marcia Coleman	367-5123

PAF - PERSONAL ANCESTRAL FILE - \$35.00 available from Family History Library, 20 Street, Greentree, PA phone 1-412-921-2115. Available for IBM compatible and Macintosh.

Tom Wiley [IBM compatible]	486-4679
Mildred Halechko [likes BK better]	486-2268
Stephen Valentine	_____
Sister Corinne Moeller [Macintosh]	931-2844 H. 931-6051 W.

ROOTS IV with or without Windows

Gwen Glasbergen	366-3274
Reed and Elissa Powell	935-6961
Ginny Skander	443-1460

RUSSELLTON

Pittsburgh-Post Gazette March 24, 1995

Russellton is one of several small, old towns in West Deer Township. Built originally on agricultural land, the town was first known as Gray's Mill after the **GRAY** family which was the last family to own and operate the grist mill there. Because it had a thriving commercial center, Gray's Mill became a gathering place for residents of most of the surrounding area. Besides the mill, there were various stores, blacksmith shops and taverns.

At the turn of the century, Russell **LOVE**, a former resident of the region, bought the coal rights for 1,000 acres of the area that included Gray's Mill. Two coal mines on the property were named Russellton No. 1 and Russellton No. 2 after the land's owner. The town eventually took its name from the mines that supported so many of the area residents.

For the next 70 or so years, Russellton was a coal-mining town. Throughout the years, its footpaths turned to roads, the houses gradually improved from mining shacks to snug, modern cottages, and the standard of living rose commensurately with the advances of transportation, education and medical care. The mines closed in 1984, but Russellton has managed to survive.

**EXPEDITED VITAL RECORD
CERTIFICATES**

The Family Tree, Vol. VI No. 2, April/May 1995

If you want your vital records certificates fast, a commercial service which speeds their acquisition may be the answer. It is called "VitalCheck Network" and allows you to use your credit card to pay for certificates requested by phone or fax. Most states participate. A service charge is added to each order over and above the basic state fee, but the certificates are sent out quickly. For more information contact VitalCheck, 800-255-2414. Write them: PO box 411007, St. Louis, MO 63141.

REMEMBER THERE IS NO
NEWSLETTER IN JULY

INSTRUCTIONS

FOR FIVE-GENERATION ANCESTOR CHART & ANCESTOR CARD FILE

FIVE-GENERATION ANCESTOR CHART

1. Put your name, address and date submitted at the upper left hand corner of each chart. Use the chart provided for you in this newsletter, you may purchase more if you need them for ten cents a piece. Please type or print in **black ink**.
2. Number one on the first chart should be the person who is submitting the chart! Fill in all information of each person as completely as possible. If you are able to continue any ancestral line, please use a separate chart for each line, being very careful to designate which line is being continued. After completing your chart, you may want to submit your spouse's chart or the chart pertaining to your Pennsylvania lines/s. All ancestor charts are kept on file with the North Hills Genealogists Ancestor Chart Committee and filed under the name of the submitter. Therefore it is important to submit your ancestor cards at the same time.
3. If you use any sign to designate an outstanding feature on your chart make sure you put a code on the bottom of your sheet explaining what each sign means. Examples of signs are + can furnish further information or # wish further information.

ANCESTOR CARD FILE

We need to have a card for each ancestor about whom you have a name, one date & one place of residence that can identify him/her. The cards act as an index to your five-generation ancestor chart. Please observe the following.

1. Use 3 x 5 index cards only.
2. One generation to a card, husband & wife should be on the same card if the information is known.
3. Type or block print in **BLACK** ink the entire card, capitalizing the SURNAME, always placing the surname first. Add birth, death & marriage date, if known.
4. Children (or other data) may be added on the back of the card.
5. No card should be submitted unless it contains (at least) one name, one place & one date.
6. Make a cross index card for wife, using maiden name.
7. There is no limit to the number of charts & their index cards which may be submitted. No restrictions as to the place of residence. You are not limited to PA.
8. Name & address of person submitting card must be included on lower right hand corner of all cards! No address labels please, they eventually dry up and fall off!

OSTRANGER Eli H.
s/o Hiram & Mary (?) Ostrander
b cr 1825 in New York State
md 10 Oct 1844, Wayne Co., NY
d 14 Apr 1891, Wexford, PA

submitted 22 Oct 1991

Jocelyn F. Wilms
3430 Rebecca Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15237

BLINE, Julie Ann - see OSTRANGER Eli
dau / o ?
b ca 1826 in New York State
d 1904 in Wexford, PA

submitted 22 Oct 1991

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PRODUCT ALERT

Historical and Genealogical Society of Indian County
Newsletter, March 1995, 1995-#3

This product alert comes from the National Genealogical Society Ethics Committee. Coats of Arms: Several companies sell coats of arms or "Ancestral Arms" for thousands of surnames. Some employ artists to design original coats of arms; others adapt coats of arms found in books. Coats of arms purchased in shopping malls or by mail order are most likely not related in any way to the purchaser's ancestry. Rules on the use of authentic coats of arms differ.

History of Your Surname: A number of companies sell certificates or books that supposedly detail the history of your surname. Some also sell lists of addresses for people with the same last name. These companies mass-produce their products, changing only a few details to make them appear different. Information about various individuals with the same name is not a family history.

Tidbit....I imagine you, too, have referred to one little town or another as "podunk" without knowing that "podunk" is an Indian name for "ground where the foot sinks in" or "marshy place." L. M. Boyd, Crown Syndicate

CANDIDATES INFORMATION

KEITH M. KERR: NHG office holder and Board member for two years, a 1968 graduate of Ohio University with a degree in history with a minor in fraternity parties. Employed by Plumbers Equipment Company in sales, service department. Married for twenty five years to the same woman with two semi-civilized children. Resident of Avalon. Other interests include painting and appearing as an extra and stand-in in locally filmed movies. Elder of the Forest Avenue Presbyterian Church.

T.J. GALBRAITH: A former teacher with a B.A. from Ohio Wesleyan University and a M.E.D. from the University of Pittsburgh with an interest in genealogy for about 20 years. Have dragged the husband and two child through many record centers such as in Edinburgh, Belfast and Dublin.

GARY SCHLEMMER: Engineer with Westinghouse - building and designing pumps and generators. Originally from Punxsutawney but currently living in Mars. A graduate of Penn State University. Has been interested in genealogy for the past 4 or 5 years. Married and has one child now in college. Interested included working outdoors and coin collecting.

BALLOT FOR THE NORTH HILLS GENEALOGISTS

INSTRUCTIONS: Each member of the North Hills Genealogists is entitled to one vote for the election of officers.

Officers elected will serve from August, 1995 to July, 1996 Please drop your vote in the ballot box at the JUNE meeting or return it to the address at the top of the NHG Newsletter before June 21, 1995. Votes will be counted at the June meeting and the new officers announced at that time.

President (vote for only one):

Keith Kerr _____

Write In _____

Vice President (vote for only one):

Gary Schlemmer _____

Write in _____

Treasurer (vote for only one):

Steph Valentine _____

Write in _____

Secretary (vote for only one)

T. J. Galbraith _____

Write in _____

BITS AND PIECES

ARE YOU AN AMERICAN INDIAN?

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The Southeastern Cherokee Confederacy, Inc., was incorporated in the state of Georgia, November 12, 1976. We are accepting members with 1/16 or more of Indian Heritage. You do not have to be Cherokee to be accepted into have Nation. It is time for all American Indians to come forward, and be one nation and work together.

For information and applications write or call Principal Chief William "Rattlesnake" Jackson, Southeastern Cherokee Confederacy Tribal Office, Rt. 4 Box 120, Albany, GA 31705. Call 912-787-5722.

AMERICAN INDIAN HELP

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The always interesting *Kishwaukee Genealogist* has a very helpful article concerning a research of American Indians. If you would like a copy of this four page article, please send SASE and a request for the article to the Odam Library, P.O. 1110, Moultrie, GA 31776-1110.

NEW ITALIAN GROUP

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The Italian Genealogical Society of America was founded last year to increase action in the growing field of Italian genealogy. For more information write to Italian Genealogical Society of America, PO Box 8571, Cranston, RI 02920-8571.

June 20 - Mary Wohleber

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