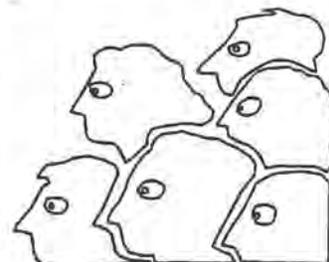


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*"Give me a fruitful error any time, full of seeds,
bursting with its own corrections."*

Pareto, 1918

Before journeying into the land of genealogy, I never understood how an error could be fruitful. Addition by subtraction or the deductive in deductive reasoning was a concept best left to Sherlock. Therefore, it was quite a revelation that missteps could indeed be rewarding. Eliminating evidence is a progression. This process can be satisfying in and of itself. There are no real dead ends. There are only signposts to look elsewhere. These setbacks are but tests of ingenuity and resourcefulness. They make the successful discovery that much sweeter. No time is ever truly wasted. The search goes on with the almost intuitive knowledge that the true facts are there, only temporarily hidden. This is the charm and the attraction of being a detective or a scientist or a North Hills Genealogist.

I trust and truly wish that all of you had a happy holiday time. I'm sure we are all ready to push on to our collective journeys of discovery. We on the Board hope you will find our selection of speakers and programs will continue to be both informative and entertaining. As always all suggestions are welcome. If any feel that would like to present a program for our special "Members Night", please contact any officer or board member.

Kudos to Rosemary Miller who organized our fine Christmas Outing and Luncheon. Hartwood at Christmas

was colorful and historically interesting. The luncheon was wonderful. Rosemary, again, congratulations on a first class job.

So, let's get started with "What's New in Genealogy" tonight. Don't miss Greene Drucker in February.

Keith

WHERE GENEALOGISTS MEET

Wed., Feb. 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.

Sat., Feb. 10 at 10:00 am. - **WPGS meeting** at Trinity Cathedral. At 10:00 a.m. Clark Thomas, retired PPG writer and author of "They Came to Pittsburgh" will speak on Pittsburgh Ethnic Neighborhoods; at 11:00 a.m. Wendall Laugh will speak on the Western Reserve area of Ohio and also the Western Reserve Library. Noon brown bag lunch followed by a 1:15 p.m. question and answer session with Mr. Laugh.

Tue., Feb. 20 at 7:00 p.m. - **Regular NHG meeting** at Northland Library. Program: Speaker Greene Drucker..

Tue., Mar. 19 at 7:00 p.m. - **Regular NHG meeting** at Northland Library. Program: Joseph Makarewicz on "Ethnic Groups in Pittsburgh."

Tue., Apr. 16 at 7:00 p.m. - **Regular NHG meeting** at Northland Library. Program: Round Table Discussion.

BEGINNING GENEALOGY CLASSES

Two of our members will be teaching beginning genealogy classes at CCAC. Elissa Powell will teach a 5 week course at the North Campus on Sundays at 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. beginning on Sunday, February 11. Nancy Singleton will teach a 6 week course at Northgate Grant Community Center on Thursdays, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. beginning on Thursday, February 8. For more information or to register, please call CCAC at 369-3696.

Elissa Powell is also teaching a 4 week beginner's genealogy course at the Pine Creek YMCA on Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m., beginning January 27. Please call the YMCA at 364-3404 or more information.

GENEALOGY CONFERENCES

National Genealogy Society Conference in Nashville, TN on May 8-11. Elissa Powell will be attending. Call her at 935-6961 for more information.

F.G.S. Annual Conference in Rochester NY on Aug. 14-17. Elissa Powell will be attending. Call her at 935-6961 for more information.

"Seminar at Sea" is a 7 day cruise on the ms WESTERDAM with genealogy instruction presented by the American Genealogical Lending Library. The sailing day is Saturday, March 30, 1996 from Ft. Lauderdale, FL. Call 1-800-733-4004 for more information.

QUERIES

Researching **KOTCHEY/KOTSCHY** in Old Allegheny City and **EISENGART** in Sharpsburg PA (from Germany). Please *Contact*: Eileen Kotchey, 3934 Summers Drive, Allison Park, PA 15101.

Researching **BOYER** in Allegheny County; **JEAKINS** in Champaign County, Illinois; **ZIALITIS** in Lithuania and **TRUETT** in Emanuel County, Georgia. *Contact*: Karen Boyer, 106 Idaway Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15237.

Researching **REBEL** in Ross Township and **GENTZER** in McCandless Township. Please *Contact*: Susan Campbell, 121 Second Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15237.

Researching **STALEY** in Indiana Township & Pittsburgh; **FEY** in Indiana Township & Pittsburgh (from Alsace-Lorraine, France) and **STALEY** from Lancaster area, PA. *Contact*: Joyce Purdue, 4107 Saint Thomas Drive, Gibsonia, PA 15044.

Researching **KALBAUGH** in Westmoreland County and Western Maryland; **WADSWORTH** in Fayette County and **FLESHER** in West Virginia. *Contact*: Vera Avetta, 146 Gene Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15237.

Researching **JEWART** in Armstrong and Jefferson County; **SHEESLEY** in Jefferson County; **SPIECE** in Bauphin and Berks County; **WOLFE** in Jefferson County; **BROWN** in Armstrong and Jefferson County and **VEITE** in Armstrong and Jefferson County. Please *Contact*: Bob and Helen Kalan, PO Box 1243, Mars, PA 16046.

Researching Johann **ECKERT**, b. 21 May, 1789, d. 17 May 1862 married Margreita **REICHERT**, b. 1790, d. 20 May 1863. They were in Wallrose, Beaver County, PA in the 1850's. Also researching Henry **BIER** (S), m. Caroline, Allegheny City. *Contact*: Barbara Gierl, 5904 Elgin St., Pittsburgh, PA 15206.

Researching the whereabouts of David **CROWLEY** who left Willmington, Delaware in 1865 and showed up in 1880 in Cincinnati, Ohio. *Contact*: David Crowley, 187 Pinecrest Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15237.

Researching **CRAWFORD** in Washington County and Fayette County; **BEALL** in Washington County. *Contact*: Jim Rickey, 7810 Manet Way, Severn, MD, 21144.

Researching Joseph **WEIS** in Mt. Troy, Allegheny City, **BRADLEY** in Gallitzin and **SCHOENBERGER** in Mt. Troy, Allegheny City. *Contact*: Eileen Terjak, 7832 Old Perry Highway, Pittsburgh, PA 15237.

Researching **FORSYTHE** and **PLANTATION** of Ulster, **SHEPHERD** in Fayette and Westmoreland Counties and **LATTUGH** in Virginia. *Contact*: Carol Jo and Dave Henderson, 190 Forsythe Road, Valencia, PA 16059.

Researching **RHODABERGER** and **SNOWDEN** in Fox and Venango Counties; **STRAILEY**, **BEALS**, and **CLAYPOOLE** in western PA. *Contact*: Carol Sexton, 103 Keck Road, Butler, PA 16001.

Researching Benjamin **TRIMBLE**, Allegheny, 1870; Sarah J. **BYERS**, Allegheny 1870 and Edward **WOLF**, Allegheny 1895. *Contact:* Sylvia & Regis McNally, 900 E. Arcadia Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15237.

Researching **COX**, Henry County, TN. *Contact:* G.E. Cox, 9538 Castleton Dr., Allison Park, PA.

Researching **HEIDECKER** in Allegheny City, **PAPPERT** in Allegheny City, **AXMACHER** in Johnstown, PA and **KETTERER** in PA and FL. *Contact:* Ruth Hohnadel, 3940 Summers Road, Allison Park, PA 15101.

Researching **HILLS** and **EDWARDS** in Michigan, **MUSZYNSKI** and **STRZELECKI** in Michigan, **TUCKER** and **HOLMES** in IL and KY & **BITTERMAN** and **GROSS** in Michigan. *Contact:* Richard Hills, 335 Summit Ave., Ligonier, PA 15658.

One of our members, Cora Ott, is the editor of the **OTT** Family Newsletter. If you are interested in receiving the Newsletter or contributing to it please write to: Ott Family Newsletter, c/o Cora Ott, Editor, 210 Franklin St. #148, Boston, MA 02110-3100

Corrections: Nimble fingers were not so nimble and the following corrections need to be made to the queries listed in the Nov./Dec. 1995 newsletter, p. 32, left hand column.

Gloria Miller's zip code is 15116.

Mr. Molyneaux's first name should be spelled with a U and not a W and it should read Ohio State not Ohio County in his queries.

BEGINNERS CORNER

Question: Some old records or family papers list diseases that are unfamiliar to me. For example, what is dropsy?

Answer: Medical terms from the late 18th century:

DROPSY: Edema (swelling) often caused by kidney or heart disease or by heart failure or kidney failure (as in nephrosis, following scarlet fever).

BILIOUSNESS: Jaundice or other symptoms associated with liver disease ... also any upset leading to vomiting bile.

CAMP FEVER: Typhus ... typhus was never seen (for example, in the Civil War) in the United States. The reasons are obscure. Thus Camp Fever here usually referred to typhoid.

CHLOROSIS: Iron deficiency anemia ... but also a number of confounding diseases — like leukemia — that were not recognized at the time.

CORYZA: A cold ... the present technical term.

DYSPEPSIA: Acid indigestion ... term still in use.

EXTRAVASATED BLOOD: Rupture of a blood vessel ... blood outside the circulation due to a cut or tear or rupture of a blood vessel.

FRENCH POX: Venereal disease ... or the Spanish disease or the German disease, etc.

HIP GOUT: Osteomyelitis ... but only of the hip ... osteomyelitis (usually a staphylococcal infection at that time) could occur in many bones, causing chronic drainage and often death.

JAIL FEVER: Typhus ... not in the US.

KINGS EVIL: Tubercular infection of the throat lymph glands ... also sometimes syphilis by a quite separate cynical reference.

LUES VENERA: Venereal disease ... later, specifically syphilis.

QUINSY: Tonsillitis ... most ominously, the extension of a tonsillitis infection into the muscle spaces of the neck.

SHIPS FEVER: Typhus .. or other infections.

The above information from Tom Lincoln, Internet, July 26, 1993.

GREEN SICKNESS: 18th Century name for Anemia

SCREWS: 18th Century name for Rheumatism.

Green sickness and screws information from *The Family Tree*, Vol. V, No. 4, Aug./Sept. 1994.

BOOK REVIEW

EARLY OHIO SETTLERS

Researchers interested in Ohio may find the latest (Oct. 89) volume in "Early Ohio Settlers" by Ellen and David Berry a valuable source. The third in the Ohio Settlers project, the book catalogues more than 22,000 people who bought land in 12 counties of east and east-central Ohio between 1800 and 1840.

Counties covered in whole or part are: Belmont, Carroll, Harrison, Jefferson, Guemsey, Muskingum, Licking, Knox, Holmes, Delaware, Franklin, and Tuscarawas.

This is not bedtime reading, but a "dictionary" of settlers that provides alphabetical names, dates of purchase, place of residence at purchase time (including Pa., Va., Md., W.Va., etc.), and the range, township and section of purchased land. This permits researchers to pinpoint exactly where their ancestors owned property.

The 344-page hardbound includes maps of counties, land districts and offices, major land surveys, and the US Military District, as divided into five-mile townships. It also has a brief history of the sale and division of Ohio land to help researchers.

The book, published by Genealogical Publishing Company, should be located in libraries that handle genealogical research sources. It is also available from GPC (Dept. SM, 1001 North Calvert Street, Baltimore, Md., 21202-3897) at \$25. The first volume in the series, covering purchasers of land in 12 counties of southeastern Ohio for the same period, is also available at \$15. It's 129 pages. (Volume 2, covering southwestern Ohio, is out of print, but can be found in libraries.)

BOOKS FOR SALE

PENN PANORAMA - THE FIRST 200 YEARS

Penn Panorama - The First 200 Year was written by six members of the Penn Township Women's Club. The book includes many fascinating stories about people and events in Penn Township. One story involves Simon NIXON Sr. who operated the Nixon Hotel in Butler. He married Jennie TEMPLE in 1875 after knowing her for only three hours. "The courtship was longer than

necessary," he later claimed.

The hotel generated its share of garbage and the Nixons dealt with the problem in a unique way. Many folks back then kept a hog or two to eat up kitchen wastes. The Nixons, who were Jewish, kept brown bears near their Penn Township home. In 1919 they built a cage and fenced-in-exercise area for the animals. The result was a tourist attraction. Before long, local boys and men would take the Butler Shortline to their home to wrestle the bears on a Sunday afternoon for entertainment.

The first oil strike in Butler County was at Renfrew in the northwest corner of Penn Township in the early 1880's, and the town struck up in a fortnight. One of the better know-known oil magnates was T. W. PHILLIPS, who started the gas and oil company named for him that still operates.

Howard HUGHES, the father of the reclusive billionaire, once worked in the Price Machine Shop in Renfrew. It was there that he fashioned an oil-drilling bit that he later marketed in the Texas oil fields thus making his money in a machine-tool company.

The book is full of other interesting stories. It is 250 page hard-cover book with dust jacket. The cost is \$30.00 and can be ordered by phoning Anna McLaughlin at 586-6442 or Florence Jaksec at 352-4222.

PENNSYLVANIA GENEALOGICAL LIBRARY GUIDE

This book was written by John W. Heisey and has 73 pages of names, addresses and telephone numbers with a short description of the 402 libraries in Pennsylvania that house genealogical information. It costs \$6.50 plus \$2.00 shipping from Olde Springfield Shoppe, P.O. Box 171, Elverson, PA 19520-0171.

ENHANCED PHOTOCOPIES

Clark House News, Historical and Genealogical Society of Indiana County, Jan. 1996

Try placing a piece of 100% polyester organza between a black and white glossy print and the glass plate of a regular photocopy machine. The resulting copy will often be not only acceptable, but better than the unfiltered copy at a fraction of the cost of laser copies.

NEW YORK RECORDS

By Daemon, Internet July 26, 1993

The New York State Archives has a vital records index search service. The indexes cover the entire state (except for New York City, and Albany, Buffalo, and Yonkers prior to 1914). They span 1880/81-1943 for marriages and deaths, and 1881-1918 for births. The indexes only refer to the full birth, marriage, and death certificates retained by the Dept. of Health. Original registers of births, marriages, and deaths are in custody of the local registrars of vital statistics. The state records for 1880-1920 sometime lack data that may be found in the records maintained locally.

Researchers may request the NY State Archives to search one vital record index (birth, marriage or death) for one name for up to three specific years. The request must be made on a Vital Records Index Search Request form. Copies of the form are available from: NY State Archives, Cultural Education Center 11D40, Albany, NY 12230. Each request must be accompanied by a check or money order for \$5. The State Archives' response to a search request will indicate date, place, and Dept. of Health certificate number for each event found. There are no refunds for unsuccessful searches. For info call (518) 474-8955.

MARRIAGE RECORDS THE VALUE OF CONSENTS TO MARRY

Roger Scanland, Internet July 29, 1993

For marriages prior to 1900, and sometimes after that date, check the catalog of the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, available at Mormon Family History Centers in many cities and towns. The catalog contains listings of marriage records microfilmed throughout the U.S. and elsewhere, and the U.S. films usually include more than the certificates--often the bonds, applications, and consents to marry.

The consents are often overlooked but are valuable since they give the name and relationship of whichever parent signed the consent, and are a clue to the age of the bride. Consents were required only when the bride was not yet of legal age, which usually means that she was between about fourteen and seventeen years of age. The consents are loose slips of paper that are filed with the marriage applications or bonds, or sometimes with the certificates.

GOODBYE ... TO OLDEST PARISH AND SLOVAKS' MOTHER PARISH

Patricia Bartos, Pittsburgh Catholic, Sept. 1993

A substantial piece of diocesan history ended with the closing of Old St. Patrick Parish, the oldest in the diocese, and St. Elizabeth of Hungary, the mother church of area Slovaks, both located in the Strip District. Parishioners are now part of the new St. Patrick-Stanislaus Kostka Church at 21st and Smallman Streets, operated by the Holy Ghost Fathers.

Both parishes, rich in history, had suffered drastic loses in population over the years. Both had been under the care of the Capuchins and had gained fame for their many novenas.

St. Patrick dates back to 1808 when a young priest left Maryland to establish the first Catholic parish in Pittsburgh. Though money was a problem Fr. William O'BRIEN obtained property at Liberty and Washington Streets, a site at that time "far out of town." He built a small brick church, which was dedicated in 1811.

A new church eventually went up at Grant Street and Fifth Avenue, with the name of St. Paul. It was to become the cathedral.

Soon, the German-speaking members of St. Patrick left to establish St. Philomena. St. Bridget in the Hill District followed in 1853, and St. Mary in Lawrenceville, all evolving from St. Patrick.

When a fire destroyed the church in 1854, parish leaders sought a new site, at 14th and Liberty Ave. The church there was dedicated in 1865. Two years later a convent was added for the Mercy Sisters who taught in the school.

When Fr. Thomas COAKLEY left as pastor in 1923, he felt the parish was near closing, with just 35 families. Under new pastor Fr. James COX, however, the parish changed.

He built shrines to Our Lady and St. Anne de Beaupre and in 1925 began radio broadcasts of Mass, which gained him enduring fame and lasted for more than 30 years. With the Great Depression, Fr. Cox began feeding the poor, aided by contributions from radio listeners.

By 1935, fire destroyed the church and the parish moved to Good Samaritan Chapel and one year later to the present church at 1711 Liberty Ave. It featured a stone

from Ireland's Blarney Castle and the Holy Stairs, a replica of a shrine in Rome.

St. Elizabeth Parish was founded in 1895 to meet the needs of Slovak immigrants who were arriving in huge numbers to work in the mines and mills. In April 1894 the presidents of First Catholic Slovak Union lodges elected representatives to establish a parish.

The plan was approved by Bishop Richard PHELAN and the committee purchased a hall at 15th Street and Penn Avenue. Fr. Coleman GASPARIK became the first pastor in March 1895. The building was dedicated six months later.

Eventually, more communities were able to establish Slovak churches. St. Gabriel on the North Side and St. Matthew on the South Side soon were formed and, by 1903, the mother church had lost half of its families.

St. Mark in McKees Rocks followed in 1906, St. Joachim in Greenfield in 1909. St. Elizabeth began construction of its present church at 1620 Penn Avenue in 1908.

DUTCH CHILD MAY HAVE THE SURNAME OF THE MOTHER

Roundabout, Vol. 4, No. 10, Oct. 1995

A new Bill in the Netherlands ensures that all children will have their mother's surname unless the parents decide within three months of the birth to opt for the father's name. Genealogists are not happy with the new rule, which, they say, will make research very difficult.

Thanks to one of our members, Shirley Agudo, who found this article in a publication for English-speaking expatriates in the Netherlands. Shirley has been in the Netherlands for over 2 years now but can be reached c/o Mary Lee Jordon, PPG Industries, One PPG Place - 4N, Pittsburgh, PA 15272.

NHG MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

If you have just recently renewed your NHG membership with us and have been wondering where your newsletters are from August 1995 - Nov./Dec 1995, don't worry as they will be mailed soon. We are currently making copies of them and getting them ready to mail out to the members that have just recently renewed their NHG membership.

SCOTTISH SAYINGS IN OUR EVERYDAY SPEECH

The Family Tree, Vol. V, No. 4, Aug./Sept. 1994

Most of us use sayings we have heard from our elders and some of them come from our Scottish ancestors or neighbors. Some of these phrases include: "mad as a wet hen", "tough as nails", "as sore as a boiled owl", and "if a girl splashes the front of her dress while washing dishes, she will marry a drunkard".

Have you ever called a paper sack a "poke"?, a horse whinnies or "nickers" or used "til" instead of until or have you said "you'all" or "you'uns"? All of these phrases and words come from Scotland.

Editors note: And here all along I thought the word "you'uns" came from Pittsburgh, PA, at least that was what I was told when I moved here from the South where they all said "you'all". Looks like Scotland has claim to both of these phrases.

UNUSUAL & INTERESTING NAMES

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During genealogy research Jean Blake-Dalrymple collected the following names: Preserved Fish, Restitute Manley, Ice & Frost Snow, Isaac Clikenbeard, Polly Hush, Bun Berger, Utley Coneless, Nancy Inlove, Mene Mene Tekel Upsharim Potts, Eletrious Musick. How about John Polly who married Polly White - who became Polly Polly.

And then there was Wharton Quarles who married Mourning Slaughter - She became Mourning Quarles. Then, (think about this one) there is Miss Pell, Rhoda Buffalo, Ima Hogg, Iris Blue, Erple Boos and Mary Christmas.

Editors note: They might not be quite as unusual but the following names are in my family tree: Silence Rogers, Thankful Morton, Mercy Nelson, Experance Haraden and Deliverance Annis. Tell us your unusual names and we will print them in a future newsletter.

You know you are an ADDICTED GENEALOGIST when you know every town and county clerk in your state by first name and when those clerks lock the door when they seeing you coming.

NHG DONATES BOOK TO LIBRARY

We recently purchased the book "Genealogies Cataloged by the Library of Congress Since 1986" and donated it to the Northland Library in memory of one of our members, Beverly Gierl who died recently. Her daughter Barbara is also a member and we extend our sympathy to her.

For more than 80 years the Library of Congress has been one of the world's largest collectors of genealogy material.

"Genealogies Cataloged" contains citations for almost 9000 genealogies received and cataloged by the Library of Congress from 1986 - 1991. It contains a list of over 21,000 family names and a list of 3054 genealogies that have been converted to microform since 1983.

Be sure to make use of the Northland Library's genealogy section, many of the books have been donated to the library by the North Hills Genealogists and that is YOU.

IN AND AROUND PITTSBURGH

Pittsburgh Magazine, June/July 1995

McKEES ROCKS: It was founded by Co. Alexander **McKEE** who had demanded the land as his payment in 1769 for serving Gen. John **FORBES** in the French and Indian War. The town got its real start about 100 years later with the arrival of the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie Railroad. The city was incorporated in 1892.

MOUNT LEBANON: It was founded in 1912 and prior to that it was part of Saint Clair (now Upper St. Clair).

The HILL DISTRICT: It was annexed to the City of Pittsburgh in 1845 and 1846, although part of the lower Hill was probably part of Pittsburgh from the very beginning.

CRANBERRY TOWNSHIP: It was found in 1804 and named for the wild cranberries that grew along Brush Creek. A severe drought in the 1880's, however dried up the bogs which was the lifeline for the growth of cranberries.

SQUIRREL HILL: The wooded region was first settled in 1760's by Mary Gurty **TURNER**, widow of the renegade Simon **GURTY**. Settlers found an infestation of grey squirrels who lived happily off the abundance of

nuts in the area, hence the name.

LATROBE: Latrobe was founded in 1854 and this Westmoreland County town was named for Benjamin H. **LATROBE**, who never lived there, but was a friend of the founder, Oliver **BARNES**, a surveyor for the railroad who purchased the land.

ASPINWALL Aspinwall was founded in 1892 and nicknamed "Spicy Town" for the aroma from a field of horseradish planted by H.J. **HEINZ**. The borough's proper name comes from Anne **ASPINWALL**, the niece of James **ROSS** (as in Ross Township), who bought the land from General James **O'HARA** (as in O'Hara Township), who got the land from Chief Guyasata. Legend has it that the two men became friends after O'Hara saved Guyasata from a rattlesnake bite.

THE NORTH SIDE: It was first settled in 1784 as part of the Depreciation Lands given to Revolutionary War veterans in lieu of back pay. Benjamin **FRANKLIN** sent a young architect, David **REDICK**, to lay out what would become Alleghenytown. It was incorporated into Pittsburgh in 1907.

BLOOMFIELD: It was annexed to the City of Pittsburgh in 1868. The once-suburban area was settled by English, Irish and Germans and especially Italians - specifically from Abruzzi - to work for Federated Metals, a steel mill in Bloomfield during the last century. They all left their mark, especially in food, along Liberty Avenue.

PERRYSVILLE AVENUE: In the War of 1812, Commodore Oliver Hazard **PERRY** used what was then known as the Franklin Road - the former Venango Indian Trail - to transport supplies from Pittsburgh to his fleet in Lake Erie. After his stunning victory over the British in the Battle of Lake Erie both the road and the hilltop neighborhood were renamed in his honor. (Perryville information from *Pittsburgh Magazine*, Aug. 1995.)

BELLEVUE was originally part of the Depreciation Land Grant territory. The first residents were James **ROBINSON** Hugh Henry **BRACKENRIDGE**. Robinson's 412 acres, in what is the western half of Bellevue, was called Sandy Point. However, the borough derives its name from a suggestion made by a resident, French linguist and scholar J.J. **EAST**. *Belle vue* is French for beautiful view. (Bellevue information came from the *North Hills News Record*, Nov. 28, 1995.)

TURNPIKE TRIVIA

by Suzanne Johnston, *Jots From the Point*, Dec. 1995

It is a generally accepted fact that more women than men are genealogists. One might also make the observation that, as a group, genealogists are older than the general population. One aspect of the hobby which has not been explored is birth order. Lesle Dunn says she may have read a study about birth order and genealogy, but can't remember the name of the publication. (1)

While dining at the Hard Rock Cafe in D.C., seven "female" genealogists discovered that six were only or oldest children. The seventh had a sibling ten years older. The ambiance in the Cafe, not being conducive to further research, meant further polling had to wait for the bus trip home. Your reporter and Lesle Dunn questioned all 43 passengers. (2) Table of results below:

Oldest child	23
Only child	5
Younger child, next older sibling 5 years + older (3)	7
Younger child, but oldest or only female in family (4)	4
Younger child, not included above (5)	5

Sixty-five percent are oldest/only children. If younger children with next sibling 5+ years older are included, the figure rises to over eighty percent. Your reporter knows these percentages must be statistically significant, but can't remember how to perform the statistical analysis. Therefore, the facts are presented for your enjoyment and edification. We don't know why birth order is important (if it is); readers may draw their own conclusions. Those wishing to criticize, add to, amend, or just report may contact Suzie Johnston, 4413 Birch Land, Allison Park, 15101.

- (1) Always cite your sources. You may never know who might need the information.
- (2) Bus driver was excluded because he was not a genealogist. Reporter and Lesle Dunn were included and a 44th passenger, who stayed in D.C. was polled later.
- (3) Arbitrary age selected because.
- (4) Remember - more woman are genealogist, so category allowed.
- (5) The exception proves the rule.
- (6) Since the bus trip, I've polled six additional genealogists - all were only or oldest children.

NHG Editors note: I am a female and the oldest child..

EVERTON'S GENEALOGICAL HELPER: ONLINE EDITION

Volume 2, Number 1 (2 January 1996) of "Everton's Genealogical Helper: online edition" is now available exclusively on the World Wide Web. This issue features a visit to the Web site sponsored by the Cleveland Public Library, our review of Oracle's Power Browser, a 1995 retrospective, news of cable modems, Where to Write for Vital records, and more.

The magazine is accessed through:

<URL: <http://www.everton.com>>

"Everton's Genealogical Helper: online edition" is a free e-zine focusing on genealogy in the online world, published by Everton Publishers. (Please note: this online edition is NOT the same as our print magazine.)

Thanks to Steph Valentine for getting this information from the Internet, 01-02-96

PASSENGER & IMMIGRATION LIST

Clark House News, Historical and Genealogical Society of Indiana County, Jan. 1996

If you discover a reference to your family in Filby's Passenger and immigration Lists Index, it is possible to get a copy of the original source. The Burton Historical Collection at the Detroit Public Library, 5201 Woodward Ave., Detroit, MI 48202 maintains all sources indexed in Filby's. You must cite the source number. They charge \$2 postage and handling plus twenty cents per page copied.

"SASE" REMINDER

The Family Tree, Vol. IV, No. 6, Dec. 93/Jan. 94

A woman once wrote Abraham Lincoln asking for a bit of advice and his signature that she might have it for a keepsake. She did not include a SASE.

Lincoln replied, "When asking strangers for a favor, it is customary to send postage. There's your advice and here is my signature - A. Lincoln."

YOUR PERSONAL LIBRARY AND YOUR WILL

The Family Tree, Vol. VI, No. 6, Dec.95/Jan. 96

Most family historians and genealogists are concerned about what will become of their collections of books, manuscripts and magazines, etc., acquired during a lifetime of research - after the researchers' death.

Too frequently, friends and relatives are unaware of specific wishes in regard to our research materials. There is a very simple solution. Have a short paragraph added to your will, leaving no doubt as to your wishes regarding both your personal library and the product of your research. - the family history (ies) you have compiled, but have not published. The following paragraph is an example; or your attorney can quickly modify it to be in compliance with local laws:

"I direct my executor/executrix to box the following genealogical publications and compilations for donation to the ...(insert your favorite genealogical library/society here) for appropriate disposition/retention by that library/society for the benefit of family history researchers. (A family member or other person could be substituted as the recipient of your materials.)

- All family history materials of which I die possessed.
- Only my library of printed books and materials
- The unpublished family history manuscript materials on which I was working.
- Other (specify):

The address of my intended recipient is: (add address)

THIS REALLY HAPPENED

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When Grace Moore began a family history, great grandfather James was the missing link. She searched for him in Tampa, Florida graveyards. She searched newspaper obituaries from 1947.

She finally found a funeral home in Ruskin, Florida that promised to send her information. They did even better. They sent Moore the cremated remains of James Christopher Bishop who died December 1, 1947. The remains are now stored in a cigar box in Moore's Roanoke, Indiana home. She says the ashes will be buried either in Kansas or Tampa, Florida.

GENEALOGICAL TERMS

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Lineal means ascending or descending in a direct line.

Collateral means descending from the same ancestor, but not in a direct line of descent.

Allied families are families which are usually related through marriage.

An **ancestry** begins with a single individual and traces back in time to include the male and female line of that person's ancestors.

A **genealogy** begins with a single ancestor and traces forward in time to include all descendants to the present.

HEALTH INVENTORY

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When working on genealogical material information concerning the cause of death of a family member often is cited. What a great idea to make a "Health Inventory" for your own physician and one to keep with your own genealogy papers for future generations of your family. Include uncles, aunts, cousins, as well as your direct lineage and children.

A sample entry might read" Maternal Aunt: living age 91. Alert, active and living alone until age 90 when she had an apparent stroke. Now living in a nursing home. Moderate diabetes controlled by diet, diagnosed at age 55. Cataracts both eyes, age 88, right lens implant at age 90, successful. Several small strokes with residual left side weakness in 1993, also several seizure episodes. Or. Brother: Living at age 67. Left handed. Good health.

JUST FOR FUN

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The modern phase "giving him the cold shoulder" actually dates back to a time when knighthood was in flower. A wandering knight would be received at any castle with a sumptuous hot meal. The common traveler, however, was a less welcome guest, and his host would serve him a "cold shoulder" of beef or mutton.

BITS AND PIECES

HOW FAR BACK?

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The hardest ethnicities to research are Native Americans and African Americans - 150 years; then Greek and Irish - 200 years; English - 300 years; Scots, Scandinavian, French & Italian - 400 years; Germanic and Slavic - 500 years; Swiss - 600 years and Spanish - 1000 years.

ORPHAN?

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The term "orphan" in old documents and court records often referred to some under 21 whose father had died,

even though the mother was still alive. Often the mother was appointed guardian of the children under 14. In most jurisdictions, if the child was over 14, he could name his own guardian. Many times it was an older brother, rather than the mother, who was selected in cases such as these.

BAPTIST RECORDS

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

Baptist Records for Genealogy & History at N.C. Baptist Collection at Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, N.C., holds a wealth of information. The collection has a data base for 5,000 congregations and includes black, independent, or primitive Baptist churches with the exception of Abbots Creek and Missionary Baptist. From Forsyth Co. Genealogical Society Newsletter, May 1993.

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