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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"Too every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven"

Ecclesiastes. III,1

I was sitting there on my couch in my living room. The TV was not on. The pain was radiating from my neck through my shoulders. My left arm was all tingles. Some suma wrestler was pressing his meaty paw into the center of my chest. My wife entered the room. "What's the matter? You don't look very good."

"I'm fine," I lied, in best macho style, lowering my voice two octaves. "I'm calling the doctor", she insisted. You're not leaving me alone with these two kids we have, they'll kill me". She left. I said "no, no" but my voice was so quiet, nobody could hear. I said to myself "This doesn't feel good, I could be in real trouble here". The negotiations began: "God, just give me a chance, I'll do better. I'll bet He doesn't hear that much. I tried again: "God, who will look after the garden? Who will chair the next North Hills Genealogists meeting?" This tactic was not going very well. I was hoping my wife was calling the doctor. The sweat beads were forming on my arm. Then a voice came to me in my head: "You'll have all the time you need." Right away I noticed the distinction between "all the time you need" and "all the time you WANT."

My wife came back into the room and hauled me off to the doctor's to be poked, jabbed, bled, wired, stressed and treated like a bad child, but I was not having a heart attack. I was OK. Some gastrointestinal occurrence, but

I'm basically OK. The all the time you need phases stayed with me. I did not fully understand the meaning until our last meeting.

Paul, a new visitor and a new member, came up to me after our speaker. He was interested in getting on the Internet, and wanted advice on the best program. He explained that he had just got his first PC and his "Family Tree Maker" program. Since he was eight-two years old, he wanted to get working fast. This gave me pause. I steered him toward the McVays for consultation.

I can't help but notice, as I'm sure you have, that many of our members are seniors. I have always felt that people are drawn to our calling not only because they have extra time, but because our work requires some reflection. It takes the wisdom of years to put history in the proper perspective. The "golden days" of Joe Bullick, with the hard statistics of Bonnie McCabe of the Census Bureau need to be "shaken, not stirred." The true meaning of the voice came to me.

Some may say, with crude gallows humor, to Paul at eighty-two, "You'd better hurry with your genealogy." Paul, let me tell you: I truly believe you'll have all the time you need.

Keith

KEITH, GLAD IT WAS NOTHING SERIOUS

Your NHG Friends

WHERE GENEALOGISTS MEET

Tues., Sept. 3 at 7:30 p.m., in Room 2, **NHG Board Meeting** at Northland Library. All members are welcome to attend.

Tues., Sept. 17 at 7:00 p.m. - **Regular NHG meeting** at Northland Library. Program: Lauren Uhl, Senator John Heinz Pittsburgh Regional History Center.

Sat., Sept 21 at 10:00 a.m. **WPGS meeting** at the Lecture Hall at the Carnegie Library Building in Oakland. Program: The Catholic Diocese Archives. The Oct. speaker will be Helen Leary and the Nov. speaker will be Elissa Powell.

Sat., Sept. 21 at 1:00 p.m. **Cranberry Genealogical meeting** at the Cranberry Library located in the Cranberry Town Hall. This group has just recently started to meet.

Tues., Oct. 15 at 7:00 p.m. - **Regular NHG meeting** at Northland Library. Program: Closson Press of Apollo PA (a publisher of genealogical material) on "How to Publish."

Tues., Nov. 19 at 7:00 p.m. - **Regular NHG meeting** at Northland Library. Program: Round Table Discussion.

Sat., Dec. 7 at 10:00 a.m. - **December Social**: Christmas at the Nationality Rooms, University of Pittsburgh Cathedral of Learning. Lunch following the tour.

GENEALOGY CONFERENCES

Palatines to America, Pennsylvania Chapter, Yoder's Restaurant, South Tower Road off East Main Street (Route 22), New Holland, PA; Saturday, October 5 from 9:15 to 4:00 p.m. with registration from 8:00 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. Morning tea and coffee and lunch are included in the registration. Fee is \$18.00 member and \$20.00 non-member with a \$2.00 late payment for registration after Sept. 20. The speakers will be L. T. "Tim" Ostwald and Jonathan R. Stayer. For information and registration write to Shirley T. Nystrom, Fall Conference Registration, 1401 Stirling Ct., Phoenixville, PA 19460-4812 or call Shirley at 610-917-0778 or David Hively at 717-244-7358.

York County Ancestor Fair, Springetts Fire Hall, 3013 E. Market St., York, PA. Saturday 26 Oct. 1996. 10:00

a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Admission \$3. Surname directory is being compiled listing names and addresses of individuals doing research. Price is \$4 for 5 names. Send to Lancaster Surname Directory, Carolina Trade Promotions, PO Box 769, Munroe, NC 28111-0769 or call Richard and Esther shields at 704-282-1339.

QUERIES

Researching **HAERR** from Germany and **ROBERTSON** from Scotland. Contact: Carol Ranker, 2448 Brandt School Road, Wexford, PA, 15090

Seeking info on maternal grandmother, Theresa, born 1862 in Pittsburgh to John and Catherine **REED NAU**. She graduated from Slippery Rock Normal School circa 1880 and was a teacher in Linesville, PA. Married Michael **BURNS** in 1894. Theresa's siblings were: John Jr., (1853), Ella (1855), Martha (1858), Peter (1860), and Louisa (1865). Contact: Mr. and Mrs. D.J. Frye, 4621 Miramonte St., LaMesa CA 91941.

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

Seeking info on parents of Sarah **STOVER** of VA, b, 10 Apr. 1814, d. 20 Apr. 1886 VA, m. John Peter **HOLLER** 9 May 1836 Va. Also need info on John **DAKE**, d. 1815 VA, m. Catharine **COFFELD** 4 Dec. 1785 VA. Where was he born, who were his parents? Contact: Virginia Skander, 2549 Lah Road, Gibsonia, P A 15046 (412) 443-1460 telephone and fax.

Researching **FORD** in Franklin Park, PA. Contact: Eleanor Elseer, 10245 Twin Hill Road, Wexford, PA, 15090.

Researching **KOONTZ**, Va.; **LIMPERT & HEIL**, Pittsburgh; **SEDLARICH & SKANDER**, Croatia; **VOJTEK & JLEYZAK**, Czecho; **BROWN**, Ohio & New Hampshire; **SMITH**, Ohio & Mass; **HISEY**, PA & VA; **CARRIER**, VA; **HOLLER**, PA & VA; **STOVER**, VA. Contact: Virginia Skander, 2549 Lah Road, Gibsonia, PA 15044-8329.

Researching **HORN**, **SCHMITT**, **REYER** and **MILLER (MUELLER)** in Pittsburgh, **PETERSON** and **MARK** in Westmoreland County. Contact: Richard Hom, 1932 Derby Drive, Santa Ana, CA, 92705.

Researching **REID** in Ireland, Westmoreland and Clarian Counties, **HOPKINS** and Beck in Erie. *Contact:* Thomas Reid, 1071 Jefferson Heights Road, Pittsburgh, 15235.

Researching **BLAKE, KEMP, WALKER** and Potter in Lawrence County (PA) and **SLIM** and **MEDENDORP** of the Netherlands. *Contact:* Dorothy Blake, 10475 Grubbs Road, Wexford, PA, 15090.

Researching **HAUCK** in Jefferson and Clearfield Counties (PA) and **RICHARDS** in Jefferson County. *Contact:* Debi MacIntyre, 313 Highland Pines Drive, Pittsburgh, 15237

JOHN WARNER FAMILY ASSOCIATION

The John Warner of Farmington Family Association is planning to publish a genealogy of the descendents of John **WARNER** of Farmington, Connecticut (died 1679). This will include the female lines. If anyone thinks that they may be a descendent of John Warner, please contact the Warner Association historian: David P. Warner, 14 Village Drive, Ledyard, CT 06339 or E-mail him warnar@cyberusa.net they would like to be sure that the genealogy is as complete and accurate as possible, and recent communications with people who have heard of the upcoming publication have provided extensive data new to the Association. You may also contact Paul Schultz, 5929 Graybrooke Drive, Export, PA 15632-8941 who sent us the above information.

BEGINNERS CORNER

Question: Where should I look when I don't know where to look?

Answer: If there is no indication of your ancestor's previous residence, and the surname is fairly uncommon, there are a variety of sources that can be consulted for information on the distribution of person by that surname in the various states. Generally, these are state-wide indices of sources with widely recognized genealogical value, such as census indices.

One of the finest bibliographic reference to these indices, and other such surname locating tools, is *Locality Finding Aids for U.S. Surnames* by John Valentine, which is published by the Everton Publishers. This book has a state by state listing of the various indices and other works

that can assist you in locating your migrating ancestors, along with a general section for the entire U. S., and sections for New England and the Southern states.

The above from the booklet "Hand Tips to Migratory Patterns and Immigration to the United States." Thanks to Ellisa Powell for the use of this booklet.

BOOK REVIEWS

"FAMILY HEALTH TREES: Genetics & Genealogy"

It has always been acknowledged that both environment and heredity play a part in the shaping of an individual but recent developments in medical technology have increased our ability to examine the genetic composition of human beings.

Written for the layman, this booklet [compiled by two geneticists, Luanne McNabb and Elizabeth Curtis, working with genealogist, Kathleen Bowley] is a practical guide for those interested in genetics and genealogy. The authors introduce you to the science of human genetics; outline the basics of researching and charting health and family records; and provide a pointer to sources of help in finding analyzing and making use of these records. A valuable asset to your family history library. (price \$11.00, from The Ontario Genealogical Society, 40, Orchard View Blvd., Suite 102, Toronto, Ontario, M4R 1B9)

A DICTIONARY OF SCOTTISH EMIGRANTS TO CANADA BEFORE CONFEDERATION, Volume 2

This book was written by Donald Whyte, P.H.G., F.S.G. The long-awaited second volume of Donald Whyte's extremely useful Dictionary is a volume containing over 11,00 entries giving more information on those Scots who came to Canada before Confederation, plus a 37- page Appendix of updated information on many of those individuals who appeared in the first publication released in 1986. Both volumes will be indispensable reference tools for those in search of Scottish ancestry because they contain much unique material, obtained by painstaking research by a prominent Scottish genealogist. [price \$33.00, from The Ontario Genealogical Society, 40, Orchard View Blvd., Suite 102, Toronto, Ontario, M4R 1B9]

BOOKS FOR SALE

A Track Through Time; A Centennial History of Carnegie PA: 1894-1994 is a written and photographic revisiting of the people and places of Carnegie. The 124 hardcover book is full of photographs and stories of Carnegie's families, business, religious and civic groups. Make a \$28 check payable and mail to: Historical Society of Carnegie PA, 140 East Mall Plaza, P.O. Box 826 Carnegie, PA 15106.

Caldwell History of Indiana County is for sale from the Historical and Genealogical Society of Indiana County, Silas M. Clark House, 200 South Sixth Street, Indiana, PA 15701-2999. The price of the book is \$60.00 plus 6% sales tax for Pennsylvania residents. There is a \$2.50 charge for shipping and handling.

NO SHAVING CREAM

David Chapin Mercer Co. OGS *Monitor* via The *Highpoint*, Vol. 27, No. 4, April 1996

A number of articles have appeared in genealogical journals and newsletters suggesting using shaving cream to improve your ability to read and/or photograph tombstones. According to David Chapin, a genealogist on the Internet, this is a bad idea. Apparently, the main ingredient is stearic acid. The ph of typical shaving creams is in the 5 range, which makes it more acidic than acid rain.

Chapin says not to use blackboard chalk either, because it contains gypsum. Gypsum can convert to acid under some weathering conditions. Don't use soil, either, because it can sometimes be highly acidic. So what to do? Chapin suggest using only inert or neutral materials to enhance your photos such as talc or powdered limestone. (crushed TUMS may work.)

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

We are looking for a volunteer that will pick up the newsletters from the printer, put the mailing labels on the newsletters, put them in alphabetical order and then bring them to the monthly meetings. Two months out of the year, July and December, we do not have a newsletter. The newsletter goes to the printer one week before the monthly meeting date. If you could help us out with this task please contact Keith Kerr or any Board member.

RESEARCHING BY COMPUTER

THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF CANADA IS ON THE INTERNET

R. G. (Greg) Hughes, extracted from P.E.I Genealogical Society Inc., February 1996, #76 Vol.19, No.4 via *Rooting Around Huron*, Vol. 17, No. 2, May 1996

For those of you who have computers and internet accounts which access the World Wide Web, you can connect and have a look around by using your web browser to connect to <http://www.archives.ca/>

Another extremely useful site is the Canadian Geographical Name Server at Energy, Mines and Resources whose address is <http://www-nais.ccm.emr.ca> I have used this site to look up the township or county of locations in Ontario, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Quebec and general locations in Alberta, Manitoba and Saskatchewan. It gives latitude and longitude and other locational identifiers. Once you connect, it seems quite evident how to proceed; the beauty of the Web!

INTERNET ADDRESSES

extracted from *London Leaf*, Vol. 23, #1, Feb., 1996, via *Rooting Around Huron*, Vol. 17, No.2, May 1996

1. http://www.interlog.com/~dreed.ogs_home.htm
This is the Ontario Genealogical Society home page. It covers branch and publication information.
2. <http://www.islandnet.com/ocfa>
This is the Ontario Cemetery Finding Aid. Users are able to do on-line searches of the Finding Aid as well as download the files for future reference.

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES HELP

Peggy Duffy wrote to tell us that The Cemetery Association, Inc. Of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, 718 Hazelwood Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15217-2807 sent her copies of IBM type cards with interment date, location of burial plot, and age of death on specific names that she sent to them. This information helped her determined which of four John HALL's was her probably ancestor.

She also received information from St. Mary's Cemetery at 45th and Penn in Pittsburgh, Pa. Peggy was very appreciative of the help she received.

DOCUMENTATION IN GENEALOGY

by Richard Pence, from the internet

How about a program that asks you: "1. Where/from whom did you get this?" and "2. What documentation was provided?" I've really been struggling with this of late. In working on a book, I have been going back to double-check my voluminous paper files to learn where I got each bit of information.

Just yesterday, this problem arose: A particular person apparently died after the 1810 census and before the 1820 census (both of which I have checked on microfilm), when his wife is listed as head of household. I had in my database that he "probably died about 1811." The source of that information was this: A correspondent had hired a researcher to do some checking of the records in this particular county and had sent me a copy of the resulting report. Among other things, it said that the individual in question appeared on the tax rolls for the county through 1811 with 250 acres, that there were no listings for the surname in question for the next two years, then in 1814 his wife is listed as the owner of 250 acres, and in subsequent years she is listed with 203 acres and her oldest son with 47 acres. (There were, by the way, no deeds found transferring any of this land, either prior to or subsequent to, 1814!)

I don't have the resources (particularly the time) to follow through on every such bit of information for the more than 1,000 people already in the book. So I've decided to handle it this way: "nnn. Tax roll information from a research report dated xx.xx.xxxx prepared by _____ (address) for _____ (address), a copy of which was sent to the author on (date)."

This adequately explains the estimated death date and, for those with a particular interest in this person, provides information on where to look for additional "documentation." In this case, I feel it's enough and see no reason to order the microfilm to personally review the tax lists. And this date is not critical to proving or disproving any particular relationships. If, on the other hand, there was ambiguity involved, then I would want to personally review the original source material to see if the problem could be resolved. Also, these person is not in my direct line (a cousin to my third great grandfather); if he were my ancestor, however, I would no doubt make the effort to double-check the original records.

Maybe it's not "pure" documentation, but let's face it: Few of us can personally check all of the data that reaches us. We sometimes have to rely on the scholarship and

integrity of others. In this case, other information provided turned out to be reliable, thus adding to my confidence in dealing with the problem in this way.

This same line illustrates still another problem. I have the birth date and death date for a son of the above 1811 descendant and the birth dates for all of the children of this son. "Source"? A letter from a lady who, in response to my question, wrote me (somewhat testily that I would even question her veracity!) that she obtained the dates from a family Bible, said Bible being that of her grandfather (a grandson of the fellow who died in 1811) and then (1983) in the possession of a cousin who lived in Cheyenne, WY (for whom I can find a current phone listing). I decided this will be my citation: "Birth and death dates for Emanuel and his wife and birth dates for his children were sent to the author by ---- ----, (address), who obtained them from the family Bible of her grandfather, Theodore Pence (Emanuel's son). In 1983, this Bible was in the possession of Mrs. ---- ----'s first cousin, ---- ---- of Cheyenne, WY."

(Giving me added confidence in this one: I had known that such a Bible did, in fact, exist, for I had received a letter 20 years earlier from another person, [unknown to my 1983 correspondent, but her father's first cousin] who mentioned having seen her "Uncle Theodore's Bible" in her childhood.)

Is such a citation heresy? Dunno. But it's about all I can do at this point. And, unfortunately, my files go back more than 30 years and I'm discovering they are full of these "little" problems. When the letters arrived I wasn't really that interested in these tangential lines; now I'm kicking myself for not "demanding" a photocopy of the Bible record.

[Which brings up a more serious problem that I won't get into, except to say that the lead editorial in the current *National Genealogical Society Quarterly* suggests that photocopies aren't any better than a letter as "documentation." Something about people being able to "morph" (and thus falsify) documents with their computers! Sigh. This hobby has now gone from extremely difficult to impossible!]

Anyway, I may not win the award for "best-documented genealogy of the decade" - but I hope at least to provide enough information to support my conclusions and to give future researchers some clues.

[Thanks to Steph Valentine for sharing this with us]

PASSENGER LISTS

From a booklet entitled *Handy Tips to Migratory Patterns and Immigration to the United States* (no author or publisher)

Persons debarking in the United States had their names recorded by ship and date arrived in the United States. These lists usually include the name of the ship, its crew and passengers., the port of embarkation, and date of embarkation. Such information can obviously be invaluable in determining the town of origin of your immigrant ancestor.

The main ports for which passenger lists (usually starting in the 19th century) are still extant are Baltimore, Boston, New Orleans, New York, and Philadelphia. Copies of these lists should be available on microfilm from the national Archives.

The following is a list of some published works about earlier immigrants and immigrant groups which may be useful in locating the date of your immigrant ancestor's entry into the United States, and his previous residence:

Rupp's 30,000 Names of Emigrants Landed in Philadelphia 1730-1800. 196 pp. Historical Society of the Reformed Church of Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Early Virginia Immigrants 1623-1666 by George Cabel Greer 1912 (reprint 1960) Genealogical Publishing Co., 376 pp.

Huguenot Emigration to Virginia, etc. (Virginia Historical Society) by R.A. Brock 1966, Genealogical Pub. Co., 255 pp.

Ancestry and Descendants of the Nassau-Siegen Immigrants to Virginia, 1714-1750 by B.C. Holzclaw, Harrisonburg, VA 583 pp.

A Genealogical Dictionary of the First Settlers of New England Before 1692 by Savage-Boston, Little, Brown & Co. 4 vols.

Pennsylvania German Pioneers by Ralph Beaver Strassburger 11 Ed., 2 vols., Baltimore Pub. Co.

A list of Emigrants from England 1682-1692 by Michael Ghirelli. Magna Carta Book Co. 1968, 106 pp.

Emigrants from England 1773-1776 and Emigrants From Liverpool 1697-1797. Boston, New England

Historic Genealogical Society, 1913. Reprint Genealogical Pub. Co., 1964, 206 pp.

Immigrants to America Before 1750 by Frederick Adams Virkus, Baltimore, Genealogical Pub. Co. 1965

The Planters of the Commonwealth 1620-1640 by Charles Edward Banks, Baltimore Genealogical Publishing Co., 1961, 231 pp.

The Winthrop Fleet of 1630 by Charles Edward Banks, Boston, 1930, 117 pp.

Banks Topographic Dictionary of 2,885 English Emigrants to New England 1620-1650 Charles Edward Banks, 1937, Phil., PA 295 pp.

American Colonists in English Records (1st series) by George Sherwood, London. 1932 100 pp. 2nd series, 1933, 212 pp.

Bristol and American (Emigrants) 1654-1685 published by R. Sydney Glover, London, Eng., abt. 200 pp.

Immigrants to New England 1700-1775 compiled by Ethel S. Bolton, 1931, Genealogical Publishing Co., 1966, 235 pp.

English Ancestors and Homes of Pilgrim Fathers by Chas. Edw. Banks, 1929, Genealogical Pub. Co. 1962, 187 pp.

Emigrants From Scotland to America 1774-1775 by Viola Root Cameron. Baltimore, Genealogical Pub. Co. 1965, 117 pp.

Lists of Swiss Emigrants in the 18th Century to the American Colonies by Albert B. Faust and G.M. Brumbaugh. Baltimore, 1968, Genealogical Pub. Co., 243 pp.

Immigrants to America Before 1750. (Surnames A thru BAT.) Genealogical Pub. Co. 1965, 220 pp.

A list of Emigrants from England to America 1718-1759 by Jack and Marion Kaminkow, Magna Carta Book Co., Baltimore, 1964, 288 pp.

Original Lists of Emigrants in Bondage From London to the American Colonies, 1719-1744. Jack and Marion Kaminkow, ibid.

Register of Persons...Journeyed From England to America, etc. Ulrich Stimmendinger, Genealogical

Publishing Co./, 1962, 20 pp.

English Convicts in Colonial America, Vol. 1, Middle sex: 1617-1775 by Peter Wilson Coldham. Poyanths, New Orleans, Louisiana, 1974, 309 pp.

The Emigrants From Germany to Russia in the Years 1763 to 1862 by Karl Stump. American Historical Society of Germans from Russia, Lincoln, Nebraska, 1973. 1018 pp.

Passenger and Immigration Lists Index by P. William Filby and Mary Meyer. Gale Research Company, Detroit, Michigan, 1980. 324 pp.

SCHLAG FAMILY OF ROSS TOWNSHIP

excerpts from "Objects and essay tell 131-year Schlag family history," *Making History*, May 96, vol. 5, No. 3.

Just off busy McKnight Road near Ross Park Mall sits a small, sturdy brick farmhouse from the early 19th century.

In 1864, Henry SCHLAG, Swiss immigrant and owner of a successful hardware store in Allegheny City (currently Pittsburgh's North Side) purchased the house as a summer retreat for his wife and nine children. Just a few years later, he moved there permanently, took up farming and eventually passed the property on to his son, Walter. The family occupied the farm for 131 years until the death of Henry Schlag's grandson, Robert, in 1995.

After this death the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania acquired six commonplace objects that document the family's life: a grain cradle, a plow, an adult-sized woodframe chamber pot, a stenciled gaming board and two Windsor chairs.

A few of the objects pre-date the family's arrival in the house and presumably because Elizabeth VOEGTLY Schlag, who married Henry in 1849, brought the furnishing with her from her childhood home which was established by her Swiss ancestors in Ross Township in 1817. The Windsor chairs may have belong to Hans Jacob Voegtly, the first Voegtly settler.

Anyone who has information about the Schlag family is asked to contact the Historical Society's curator, Ellen Rosenthal at 454-6409.

MEASURES FROM AN 1859 BOOK

How would you liket to cope with the following measurements from an 1859 book entitled the CORNER CUPBOARD.

- 1 pottle = 2 quarts
- 1 coomb = 4 bushels
- 1 wey = 4 bushels
- 1 last = 80 bushels
- 1 firkin = 9 gallons
- 1 butt = 108 gallons
- 1 puncheon = 84 gallons
- 1 tierce = 42 gallons
- 1 pipe = 2 hogsheads or 1 butt
- 1 runlet = 18 gallons
- 1 anker = 10 gallons (only of brandy)

Thanks to Gwen Glasbergen for sharing the above.

NHG DONATES BOOKS TO NORTHLAND LIBRARY

NHG has purchased and donated to Northland Library the following volumes in memory of a past member and friend, JULIA TAWSON. The five volumes cover Pittsburgh Gazette Abstracts 1786-1820. The volumes were compiled by Clara Duer and published by WPGS.

NHG MEMBER'S NEWS

We are pleased to announce that JOHN ZIEGLER has recently been accepted into the "Sons of the American Revolution" organization. *Congratulations, John.*

DUBOIS AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC

If you have research in the Dubois area you might find some help at the Dubois Area Historical Society Inc., 30 W. Long Ave., P.O. Box 401, Dubois, PA 15801. You may contact Shirley Clark, Genealogy Director or Gale King, Assistant Genealogy Director. The society is open Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday from 3 - 5 p.m. Membership in the society is \$5.00 a year.

CEMETERY ROAMING

Marcia Coleman

Well the photo album from our summer vacation is complete and like most years, it has a lot of pictures of old cemeteries. [Now a true genealogist can not stay out of cemeteries, no matter where they roam.] Last spring my kids asked me "How many cemeteries did you and Dad visited in England last year?" I tried to count but lost track. Then they asked, "Does Dad like going to all these cemeteries? Is this his idea of a vacation?" My answer, "We always visit battlefields, too as that is what he likes to do." No one said anything but there is a rather obvious connection between battlefields and cemeteries; maybe we both are morbid and are interested in death.

Actually, there is another connection that is not morbid and that is history. History - what we can learn from the past, what the past tells us about our ancestor and also about ourselves. In our case, history is the link that that attracts us to cemeteries and battlefields.

Scotland has an abundance of interesting, old cemeteries and I was immediately struck by the fact that I was looking at a number of familiar names from the North Hills and Pittsburgh in all the cemeteries we visited. We had the McIntyre from the Square and all the car dealers, McCrackin and McKean from McKnight Road. Then there were the restaurants, McDonalds and McSorleys. It was an endless list of names. The Scottish have most certainly made their impact felt on these hills and that is before we even start thinking about men like Carnegie that have left their imprint all over our area.

One of the small, out of the way cemeteries, we found was the one where Rob Roy MacGregor was buried. It was located on one of those numerous Scottish one-track roads. In several of the really old cemeteries we found "grave covers", those long, flat decorated stones that are flat on the grave so nothing would disturb the grave. Some of the stones dated back to medieval times and earlier. One sad note is that the environmental pollutants are taking a toll on these stones that have laid intact for centuries. In some areas, where money has permitted, protective shreds and buildings have been constructed to help protect the stones from the destructive environment of today.

So it was with Scotland, like our other travels, we spent a lot of time in cemeteries and on battlefields. Yes, I did look for "Nessy the Monster" but she was not to be found on a battlefield or in a cemetery.

It is with sadness we note the passing of our friend and fellow researcher

VERNA A. SWINT

August 8, 1996

She was a founding member of NHG and someone that always made newcomers at our meetings feel very welcome.

MENNONITES DEVELOP DATABASE

The Family Tree, Vol. VI, no. 3, June-July 1996

The Mennonite Historians of Eastern Pennsylvania have developed a new cemetery database. The database of cemetery inscriptions from eighty Mennonite, Brethen, Brethen in Christ, Lutheran, Reformed, Union Evangelical, community and family cemeteries located in Bucks and Montgomery Counties (PA). Customized searches are \$5.00 per surname and include a one-page report. Each additional pages is \$2.50. Call 215-256-3120 for more information. If you would like to join the MHEP, which does include free use of the Historical Library, write MHEP, PO Box 82, Harleyville, PA 19438.

5 GENERATION CHARTS AND SURNAME INDEX CARDS

Ginny Skander, Coordinator

The flow of 5 generation charts and surname index cards have come to a halt. You are missing a great way to expose your surnames to the public. If you are a member and have not submitted your form and cards, see Ginny Skander for assistance. If you lost your acid-free chart previously provided or if you are a new member, see Ginny for a free chart. Additional charts are only 10 cents if you need more than one to submit your completed pedigree.

These charts and cards will eventually be available at the Northland Library for other genealogists to use as a research tool and will continue to be available at our regular monthly meetings. Do yourself a favor and get your forms and cards into Ginny soon. You're wasting valuable time and resources.

Instructions for charts and cards are on the next page.

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 the May, 1995 newsletter (new members please see Ginny Skander for a chart), 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!

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

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

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BITS AND PIECES

YOUR IRISH ANCESTORS MIGHT HAVE ENGLISH NAMES

CA State Gen. Alliance, March 1996 via *Clark House News*, Historical and Genealogical Society of Indiana County, August 1996

In 1645 Irish ancestors living in Dublin, Meath, Louth and Kildare counties were forced to take an English surname. They had four choices in selecting a surname. They could choose the name of an English town such as Sutton, Chester, Tryme, Kinsdale; a color such as White, Black or Brown; an art or science such as Carpenter, Smith; or an office such as Cook or Butler.

LATE BREAKING NEWS: Elissa Powell will be teaching the genealogy course at CCAC North starting Sept. 22nd. Call CCAC.

SEPTEMBER 17th - Lauren Uhl
Senator John Heinz Pittsburgh Regional History Center

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USA SNAPSHOTS

USA Today, 26 Mar 1996

Half of all adults aged 45-64 say they are somewhat involved in the hobby of tracing their family tree. Here is what they say they do:

- 94% Discuss history with relatives
- 57% Write history/created family tree
- 45% Visit ancestral home or country
- 28% Consult genealogical books
- 26% Check vital records

Note: May choose more than one item from the list.