



# NORTH HILLS GENEALOGISTS NEWSLETTER



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*"From yon blue heavens above us bent,  
The gardener Adam and his wife  
Smile at the claims of long descent."*

Tennyson, "Lady Clara Vere de Vere", 1883

Our Korean guide at the Pitt Nationality Rooms asked me what sort of group we were. She had never had a tour like us before. I explained our purpose of pursuing our family trees. "Oh," she said, "you are a study group." "Yes, I guess that's right," I said. I didn't think she would understand that we are part therapy group and part social interaction mixed with mission, obsession and confusion.

What a fine day we had. What an exceptional turnout, the most ever. Our Christmas social was again a success thanks to Darlane Abel, who planned the event. Debi MacIntyre set the course. They have left us with a tough act to follow for next year.

1997 will be a great year for the North Hills Genealogists. We have a series of programs this winter which should help us with the "nuts and bolts." Marcia Coleman continues to expand our reputation with her fine journalism. Gary Schlemmer will pursue our efforts to create writings that will be read. Virginia Skander and Elissa Powell will get us published. Sherry Brady and Steph Valentine will make sure we exist for 1998. Debi MacIntyre will keep our history and provide leadership. Marion Hyle will insure our mission. Gwen Glasbergen will keep our name out in the community. All other volunteers will support these

members and make the accomplishments of the North Hills Genealogists possible. Our speakers will all show up and the President will not be forced to improvise on the fly.

All things are possible with the the support of our members. Let us all get ready for a year of fun, challenge and accomplishment. Thank you all for 1996, let's press on.

Keith

*"Sleep sweetly, tender heart, in peace;  
Sleep, holy spirit, blessed soul,  
While the stars burn, the moons increase,  
And the great ages onward roll."*

Tennyson, "To J.S.," 1833

I am certain we all enjoyed the festive confusion of the holiday season. We all can experience the merry gathering of the current twigs and branches of our family tree. In this new year of promise, let us pause for a moment to remember the losses we shared in the past year.

**Verna Swint**, in the early days of the NHG, made certain that all felt welcome. She set the tone of the new organization. Her southern warmth gave us the feeling that this was a gathering of friends. Her family told me that we were important to her. I tried to explain the gift she gave to us.

**Julia Touseon** was an inspiration for many neophytes. Her sense of adventure was never dimmed by age. Her example should teach us all that anything is possible. I can picture her in Tunisia on her roots mission, being greeted by the

local officials. This one last adventure was only a few months before her passing.

Anyone who ever met and talked with **Bill McVay** would call him a friend. I can not picture him without a smile on his face. His courage and good humor in the face of mortal struggle showed us the character of this fine man. Our prayers are with Grace in this Winter of Grief.

This year also had other passages. Elissa Powell and Marcia Coleman both lost their fathers and **Greta Johnson**, a former member, passed away.

Marion Hyle will select appropriate memorial books for our collection. Your monies will be used to display our regard for our deceased family. Please remember all our losses of this year in your thoughts and prayers.

Keith

## WHERE GENEALOGISTS MEET

Tues., Feb. 5 at 7:30 p.m. **NHG Board Meeting** at Northland Library, Room. #2. All members are welcome to attend.

Tues., Feb. 18 at 7:00 p.m. - **Regular NHG meeting** at Northland Library. Program: Reed Powell, - "The Use of the Internet for Genealogy."

Tues., Mar. 18 at 7:00 p.m. - **Regular NHG meeting** at Northland Library. Program: Reed & Ellissa Powell - Preview of presentations they will present at the National Genealogical Society Conference at Valley Forge in May.

Tues., Apr. 15 at 7:00 p.m. - **Regular NHG meeting** at Northland Library. Program: Round Table Discussion.

## GENEALOGY CONFERENCES

Keep these dates in mind as you plan your spring/summer vacation trips.

**Ohio Genealogy Conference**, April 17-19 in Independence, Ohio near Cleveland. Contact: The Ohio Genealogical Society, PO Box 2625, Mansfield, OH 44906-0625.

**Ontario Genealogical Society Seminar**, April 25 to 27, 1997, Nottawasaga Inn, Alliston, Ont. Contact: OGS Seminar 97, 46 Uplands Avenue, Hamilton ON, L8S

3X7, Canada.

The **16th Annual National Genealogical Society Conference in the States** will be held at Valley Forge Convention Center, King of Prussia, PA from May 7 - May 10. Elissa and Reed Powell with both be speaking at this conference.

The **1997 National Conference of Palatines to America** will be held in Fort Wayne, IN on June 11 - 13, 1997.

The **Federation of Genealogical Societies & the Dallas Genealogical Society Conference** in Dallas, Texas, September 3-6, 1997. Contact: 1997 FGS/DGS Conference P.O. Box 830220, Richardson, Texas 75083.

## QUERIES

Looking for E.S. - E.W. **DUNN**, Pittsburgh, PA. Contact: Dorothy E. Bailey, 182 North Ridgeview Drive, Port Angles, WA 98362.

I am trying to find information on the Julian **SOLTYSIK** family that lived in Pittsburgh in 1909. My grandmother, Honorata Soltysik, arrived in the US on March 18, 1901 and stated that she was going to live with a Julian Soltysik in Pittsburgh. How were these two related? Honorata moved to Hamilton, Ohio by November of 1913. Honorata Soltysik was born July 17, 1896 in Austria/Poland. I would be willing to correspond with anyone researching this family. Contact: Mrs. Karen DeMonge, 88 Herman Avenue, Hamilton, Ohio 45013.

Researching **BRINKMAN**. John Philip Brinkman (d. 14 Mar 1889), Pitts, spouse - Clara (d. Nov. 1900). Children: Frederika (Rachel) Brinkman **DIEDRICH** (b. 1838, d. 15 Jan 1883); Anna Margarethe Brinkman (m. John **GREB** ca. 1860); Gottlieb Dietrick Brinkman (d. 16 Oct 1908, Pitts 4th ward) m. Louisa Brinkman; Hannah Brinkman, George Henry Brinkman (d. 1889) (spouse?) (children: Philip John, Emma Berdell Brinkman) — Where are they buried? Descendants? Contact: Kathy Baumgarten, 18 Elm Street, Plattsburgh, NY 12901.

Researching **DIEDRICH & VOGEL**. Looking for Desc., what happened to? Porte (also called James) Diedrich, b. 8 Sept. 1897, Pitts.; sister, Ida (also called Eda or Edith) b. 1895 Pitts, Married Vogel (date?). Parents were Geo. H. Diedrich, Carrie **SCHAD** (m. 16 Feb. 1893, Pitts. Contact: Kathy Baumgarten, 18 Elm Street, Plattsburgh, NY 12901.

Researching **WILSON & DIEDRICH**. Ella Diedrich, b. 20 Oct. 1894, Allegh. Co. PA, m. William A. Wilson (b. 17 Oct. 1883, Clearfield, PA) abt Nov. 1910. Descendants? *Contact*: Kathy Baumgarten, 18 Elm Street, Plattsburgh, NY 12901.

Researching **FLOHR**. John Flohr (b. 18 Feb. 1860 in Ger.), m. Annie **DIEDRICH** (b. 20 Aug. 1862, d. 17 Aug. 1896, Pitts). 22 Jan 1887 in Pitts.; 2nd wife: Clara **BITTNER**, b. 3 Oct. 1861 (b. Ohio was a widow). Daughter - Eliz. Flohr (b. abt 1888 Pitts.) More Info? *Contact*: Kathy Baumgarten, 18 Elm Street, Plattsburgh, NY 12901.

Researching **GUITON/GUYTON & SMITH**. Nancy Guiton, b. abt. 1807 in Allegheny Co., PA and Josiah Smith, b. abt. 1804 in Connecticut, were m. 24 Oct. 1824, probably in or near Pine Twp., Allegheny Co. Nancy was dau. of John Guiton, whose family is in the Pine Twp. 1820 Census (spelled **GYTON**). I am particular interested in finding out if Josiah Smith was the son of George Smith, who was in the 1820 Census nearby the Guitons?. No 16-year-old boys was with that family, but he may have been living elsewhere. I am especially interested in any information on Smith families in Pine Twp. during this time period. *Contact*: Frederick C. Hart Jr., 1311 Great Hill Road, North Guilford, CT 06437.

Researching the following ancestors who resided in the 1800's in the Butler, Lawrence and Beaver County areas of Pennsylvania. Matthew **McCOLLOUGH** (**McCOLLOCH**) Sr., 1778-1851, m. Jane **HUNTER** ?- 1842; Benjamin **McCORMICK**, 1790-1860, m. Elizabeth **ALFORD** 1795 - ?; Joseph B. **PYLE**, 1812 -1899, m. Rebecca **HOLLIDAY**, 1809 - 1872; William **SMILEY**, Sr., 1807 - 1857, m. Ellen **GALLAGHER** 1813 - 1852; James E. **PLAISTED** (**PLASTED**), 1827 - 1905, m. Honora **DUNN**, 1831 - ?; George **HARRIS**, 1805 - 1879, m. Elizabeth **NIXON**, 1798 - 1878?; Thompson, **GRAHAM**, 1810 - ?, m. Hannah **HICKEY**, 1818 - ?; John **YOHO**, 1799 - 1888, m. Nancy **DOUGHERTY** (**DAUGHERTY**), 1800 - 1889; John **SMILEY**, 1805 - 1882, m. Anna **CUNNINGHAM**, 1803- ?; John **NOGGLE** (**NAUGLE**), 1774 - 1860's, m. Margaret **COOPER**, 1800 - 1897; Michael **KOLE SAR** (**KOLLASAR**), M. Anna **RUJAK**, 1877 - 1906. Would like to make contact with other living relatives and genealogy researchers who are interested in sharing information on any of the above family lineages. *Contact*: Larry McCullough, 106 Chestnut Road, Warner Robins, Georgia, 31088, tel. # (912) 329-0134.

Seeking info on Daniel **LINGLE** (b. 1824) wife Sarah and dtr. Mary Lingle (b. Dec. 1849 Pittsburgh), her husband Frank **DIETRICH** (b. Jan. 1838). *Contact* Kathy Baumgarten, 18 Elm St. , Plattsburgh, NY 12901.

Seeking information of several families that resided in the greater Pittsburgh area in the 1800's. Hugh **McINTIRE** (**McINTYRE**, **McENTIRE**), d. 1847 & buried near the Old Stone Church in Wilkesburg. His wife was Jane **CARR** or **KERR** and his son Levi. Supposedly his father's name was James. Looking for information on John **AYERS**, b. about 1802 in Maine, d. in 1856 in PA and his wife Frances **SNYDER**, b. about 1806 in PA, d. 1888 in PA. They had six known children: George, John, Samuel, Sarah, Loubella and Rebecca. Researching the **SIEGFRIED** family of Unity - Mt. Pleasant area. I need inf. on Elvia Jane, b. 1826, d. 1894. She also used the name Jane or Lavina. She married a Hugh McIntire in 1840. She may have been the granddaughter of either Jacob or Michael Siegfried. *Contact*: Stephanie Bailey, 31 Morgan Rd., East Greenbush, NY 12061.

**CORRECTION**: The Tod Davis query from the Nov./Dec. Newsletter should read: Researching **MUNZ** (not **Mlunz**) in the Pittsburgh area. Please *contact* Tod Davis at 3142 Grange, Trenton, MI 48183

If you are researching **OTT, OTTE, OTTO, UTT & OETH**, you might like to receive the Ott Family Newsletter. For information write Ott Family Newsletter, 310 Franklin Street #148, Boston, MA 02110-3100 or E-mail to: [ArocMae@aol.com](mailto:ArocMae@aol.com) or [Cora\\_Ott@bcsmac.org](mailto:Cora_Ott@bcsmac.org)

## BEGINNERS CORNER

*Question*: Where is a good place to start looking for the birthplace of an immigrant ancestor?

*Answer*:. Many different reasons have prompted individuals to come to the United States. The most common ones seem to be the opening up of free land, the development of industry, and the desire to escape poverty, famine, religious persecution, and political oppression. Because of this, it is sometimes difficult to trace each step the immigrant took on his way to a new life. The purpose of this outline is to help determine an exact parish or locality or origin in the old countries.

## HOME AND FAMILY SOURCES

Your genealogical research should begin in family and

home sources. These records often contain the exact locality you are seeking, and would include: Family Bibles; old letters; diaries; biographies; copies of vital records; (birth, marriages and deaths); newspaper clippings; military records; and obituaries. You should also visit or correspond with relatives to determine what records they have. You might find they have a lot, even if they do not do genealogy.

### PASSENGER LISTS

United States passenger lists are another important research source. The lists vary in content according to the time period, and are two types: customs and immigrations passenger lists.

Custom passenger list are available from 1820 to 1900. They usually give the following information: Name, age, sex, occupation, emigration port, vessel name & owner, arrival date, ship's master, and any births and deaths enroute.

Immigration passenger lists begin about 1883 and include the same information as the customs list plus the following: martial status; nationality; final destination; if previously in the U.S.; birth place; last residence; name and address of the nearest "old world relative".

The National Archives in Washington D.C. (Maryland) has the most complete set of passenger lists. They will send a copy of a list if you use their request form and supply the appropriate information. Forms are available from their office or at the nearest Federal Office Building. Many genealogical libraries (Family History Libraries) have indexes and list for the following major ports:

PORT	LISTS	INDEXES
Baltimore	1820-1909	1820-1874 1824-1952
Boston	1820-1919	1848-1940
Galveston	1846-1871 1895-1919	1846-1871
New Orleans	1820-1919	1820-1850 1853-1952
New York City	1820-1919	1820-1846 1897-1943
Philadelphia	1800-1919	1800-1906 1820-1948
San Francisco	1893-1919	

Lists may also be in state archives or municipal archives of the port of arrival. An index to passenger lists to about 1900 titled *Passenger and Immigration List Index*, compiled by P. William Filby. Also the new *Filby Passenger Lists*, Vol. I, II and III are available

For additional information on U. S. Passenger lists see *Migration, Emigration and Immigration* by Olga Miller, (Logan, Utah: The Everton Publishers, Inc.)

Many people from central and eastern Europe came through the port of Hamburg, Germany. These lists from the year 1850-1934 are widely available.

Information from Adams County, Ohio Newsletter, Vol. XIII, # 3 via *Rocky Mountain Buckeye*, Vol. XII, #. 3, Aug./Sept. 95.

## BOOK REVIEWS

### AMISH MENNONITE GENEALOGIES

Reviewed by Harry Yoder, Internet

Amish and Amish Mennonite Genealogies was written by Hugh F. Gingerich and Rachel W. Kreider. It was published by Pequea Publishers, Gordonville, PA 17529. The first printing was in 1986. Exact price not available but it is over \$35.00, however, that is not a bad price for all it contains. The book has 835 pages with excellent indexes.

### BOOKS OF CONNECTICUT GENEALOGICAL INFORMATION

Reviewed by Robert Haack

Researchers with roots in Connecticut might want to check their local library for these resources that cross with many of the Connecticut lines:

Jacobus: Families of Ancient New Haven  
 Jacobus: Families of Ancient Fairfield (3 vols)  
 Genealogy of CT Families (3 Vols.)  
 Americana (many volumes)  
 New England Historical and Genealogical Register (many volumes)  
 Original Proprietors of Hartford, CT  
 50 Puritan Ancestors  
 1st Puritan Ancestors  
 Families of Early Hartford  
 Puritan Migration to CT  
 Genealogical Dictionary of the 1st Settlers of N.E.

(Savage)

History of Ancient Windsor (Stiles)

Compendium of American Genealogy (watch out for this,  
however...no documentation for lines presented.

Use as a guide for your search)

History of Ancient Woodbury

## BOOKS FOR SALE

*First Reformed Church (UCC), Greensburg, 1819-1876, Parish Records* by Paul M. Ruff. 1090 baptisms and communion lists. This period comprised the 58-year ministry of Pastor Nicholas P. HACKLE. Indexed, 92 pages, soft cover, \$11 postpaid plus .66 sales tax. Send to Paul M. Ruff, 18 Fosterville Rd., Greensburg, PA 15601.

*The Verona Cemetery at Oakmont, Pennsylvania* was compiled by the Oakmont Genealogical Study Group and contains a reading from every tombstone in the cemetery, with additional information supplied by friends and relatives. There have been over 7000 burials in the cemetery, although not all have markers. The cost of the book is \$15.00, plus \$2.50 shipping and handling. Pennsylvania residents add 7% tax to the total. Make checks payable to WPGS and send to 4400 Forbes Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15213-4080.

*Philadelphia Maps 1682-1982: Townships - Districts - Wards.* This book is available for \$18.95, \$4.00 postage and \$1.02 sales tax. It can be ordered from: Genealogical Society of PA., 1305 Locust Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107-5405.

*Historic Edensburg: The Pioneers 1796-1876* is a new book by Dave Huber. It includes maps and newspaper clippings as well as folklore. Cost is \$12.00. To order by mail send \$15.00 per copy to: Historic Edensburg, 214 S. Marian Street, Edensburg, PA 15931.

## RESEARCHING BY COMPUTER

### INTERNET ADDRESSES

Information about Scottish clans and tartans:

<http://www.sgiandhu.com/clans/online/index.html>

Sample issue of Journal of Online Genealogy:

<http://www.tbxx.com/jog/jog.html>

Cemetery Listing Associations:

<http://mininet.smu.edu/cla/index.html>

U.S. National Archives and Records Administration

<http://www.nara.gov/nara/electronic/homensx.html>

Ohio Genealogical Society

[OGS@freenet.richland.ho.us](mailto:OGS@freenet.richland.ho.us)

Ohio Hist. Soc. archives/reading room web site

[http://winslo.ohio.gov/ohswww/arch\\_html](http://winslo.ohio.gov/ohswww/arch_html)

Fort Wayne, Indiana Library web site

<http://www.acpl.lib.in.us/departments.genealogy.html>

Mahoning County Gen. Soc.

[71510.1156@compuserve.com](mailto:71510.1156@compuserve.com)

If you do not have a computer that is linked to the internet, try accessing these sites at the Carnegie Library or your local library. The above from *Jots*, WPGS newsletter, Nov. 1996, Vol. XXIII, No. 3

*The Family Tree* newspaper can be found on-line. It is easily accessible by finding Yahoo and typing in - Family Tree online. When the two or three selections appear, choose the publication from the Odom Library and click there. The on-line edition is the same/and different from the hard-copy publication. Hotlinks make it possible to immediately connect with literally hundreds of resources.

## IS YOUR COMPUTER & MODEM PROTECTED?

by June Partridge Zintz from *Fairfax Genealogical Society* Vol. 12 # 2 Nov. 1996 via *Clark House News*, December 1996

Quote:

Returning home from a ten day trip, I found that I could not access any of my computer files and each time I tried, the entire system would lock up! My computer expert was called and the apparent case was lightning had traveled in on the phone lines. All of my computer components have long been connected through a very good (translated expensive) surge protector, but I had never thought about the phone line for the modem which is always on and directly connected to the computer. I was told that even if the phone connection went through the surge protector it is not necessarily completely protected. Most of the "innards" had to be replaced.

## GOOD GENEALOGICAL BOOK STORES

by Todd Eastman, Internet

Since so many people are looking for books, I thought I would share this partial list of bookstores. Some of these come from a listing available on CompuServe, others are of my own experience.

Tuttle Antiquarian Books, Inc.  
28 South Main Street  
P.O.Box 541  
Rutland, VT 05701

Offers a catalog for \$6.00 - (Good selection but a little expensive.)

Goodspeed's Book Shop  
7 Beacon Street  
Boston, MA 02108

(Has a large genealogy & local history catalog available for \$5.00)

Hearthstone Bookstore, Inc.  
8405-H Richmond Highway  
Potomoc Square  
Alexandria, VA 22309

Excellent genealogy bookstore, 703-360-6900  
(This store get's my personal recommendation!)

Genealogy Unlimited  
789 So. Buffalo Grove Rd  
Buffalo Grove, IL 60089

Genealogy books & maps, 1-800-666-4363 or  
312-541-3175; Free catalog

Higginson Genealogical Books  
14 Derby Square  
Salem, MA 01970

Publishes an excellent catalog - \$3.00

University Microfilms International  
300 North Zeeb Road  
Ann Arbor, MI 48106

Specializing in reprints and microfiche copies of old books, a catalog of Family Histories available is available for \$3.00.

Madigan's Books  
846 Tenth Street  
Charleston, IL 61920  
217-345-3657

A used book store that has many interesting

books, usually in single quantities. Publishes a catalog. Should you write to ask for a catalog, tell them what you are looking for.

Heritage Books, Inc.  
1540E Pointer Ridge Place, Suite 140  
Bowie, MD 20716

Publishes a frequent newsletter/catalog, \$1.00 or free with order.

Stemmons Publishing  
Box 612  
West Jordan, UT 84084  
(801) 254-2152

Sells reprinted books and histories, often compresses text so that 4 pages of normal text fit into one page, but prices are much better than those for original copies. Write for list.

### CURE FOR COUGH & CONSUMPTION

*The Westmoreland Chronicle*, Nov. 96, Vol. VIII, Is. 11

It is January and the cold and flu season is upon us. You can be thankful for our store bought remedies as you read the following recipe:

#### Cure For Cough and Consumption

One pint of good Whiskey  
One pint of honey  
Size of a turkey egg  
One Indian turnip  
Cut the Elecampagne root  
up fine and put them  
in the Whiskey 24 hours  
then strain it  
put the Whiskey honey  
and Indian turnip into  
A bottle grate the turnip  
before you put it into the bottle

Dose: Tablespoon before eating three times a day.

### SWISS FAMILY RESEARCH

*Tarentum Genealogical Society Newsletter*,  
Vol. 4, No. 3, Summer 1996

The Swiss National Tourist Office, 608 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10020 offers a free brochure on "Family Research for Americans of Swiss Descent."

## NEWSPAPERS

*Highpoint*, Sept. 96, Vol. 27, #8 & Oct. 96, Vol 27, #9

Newspapers are a wonderful source of information obituaries, birth and marriage notices, society pages, and legal notices just to name a few. Getting by the general lack of indexing and many times random order of the older papers, they can provide great background for your ancestors and sometimes might be the only source for vital statistics. The problem is getting to them. Inter-library loan generally works, but you need to know what to ask for and possibly where to go. A few items from the Internet and publications might help

Finding the paper - The first step is to find out the name of newspapers in the area. The Spring 1984 issue of *Genealogy Digest* has an article about Ayer's Directory of Publications. This publication has been printed annually since 1869 and lists the newspapers in print that year for Canada, United States, and many of its protectorates. Arranged alphabetically by state, county, and city Ayer's includes the year the paper was established, how often published, current address of the publisher, and other information.

Getting the paper - Knowing the names of the papers you want to research, time to check *Newspapers In Print*, 1948-1989 from the Library of Congress. The first two volumes list papers that have been microfilmed from 1948 through 1989. As was stressed a number of times on the Internet, these are the dates the microfilming took place, not the dates of the papers. Several of the papers go back to colonial times. Along with the title of the paper is the primary holder of the microfilm, the best source for inter-library loan.

Inter-library loan did not work - So you went through all the above steps only to have your request turned down, several times. No one wants to loan out their microfilm.

What next? You could go to a microfilm holder and use it there, or you could try the LDS. Richard Pence, responding to a request on the Internet, quoted part of *Ancestry's Redbook* about West Virginia. Not believing it, I pulled out my copy and checked. Sure enough the LDS has microfilm of several of West Virginia's newspapers. Further research of about six states, including Ohio, did not have the same note. However my *Redbook* is copyright 1992 and a lot can happen in four years. The name and location of the paper is already known so checking out if the LDS has the paper should be an easy, and the \$3.00 rental is cheaper than any trip.

As a follow up of last month's article on newspapers, this come from *Paulding Pathways*, Volume 10 Number 3. Phyllis Ryerse sent in a letter about turn-of-the-century newspapers, Many of these used paper pre-printed with national and world news. The trade term is 'patent outside.' There would be blank space left for the masthead and a column or two along the left of the first page. Publisher information would usually be in the top-left corner page two. Inside pages were only partially pre-printed so local information could be included.

Sounds interesting and it may speed your research. If you suspect a newspaper is using a patent outside, check for inconsistencies between lines across the page or possibly a completely different type face on some stories. Also check several issues. If the national or international stories seem to appear consistently in the same areas of the front page, you might have a patent outside paper. As a further check look for local interest stories, they probably appear along the right, left, or bottom margins. It would be easier to hit the edges of the paper than to try to find a bit of information you are searching for in the middle of other stories.

## AND THE WINNER IS.....?

In October we posed a question... If a group of frogs is called an army, a group of geese a gaggle and a group of rhinos a crash, etc. "what is a group of genealogists called?"

Kathy Baumgarten submitted the following creative answers:

- 1.) A forest of genealogists. (reference to family trees)
- 2.) A sheaf of genealogists. (reference to documents)
- 3.) A shuffle of genealogists. (reference to what genealogists do with all the documents!)
- 4.) A query of genealogists. (reference to what we ask for)

Does anyone else have a definition that they would like to send us before we take the official vote? It is not too late to send in your ideas. The prize?, well we will let our originator of the contest, our president worry about that little detail. But for sure, we might like to send the "official answer" into Webster's Dictionary for inclusion in their next edition.

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BAKERSTOWN

Excerpts from an article by Cathey O'Donnell, North Hills  
New Record, May, 20, 1996

The First Presbyterian Church in Bakerstown is over 150 years old. It was built by deeply religious immigrants. In the 1870's, Charles Baker bought land along a trapper's trail, which led to the Allegheny River Valley. Shortly afterward, Scotch-Irish immigrants arrived and built their homes in the area known as Bakerstown.

The nearest Presbyterian church was a half-hour away by horse and buggy and more than an hour by foot. They thought they needed and deserved a church of their own. They were proud of their own area and thought there should be a prominent house of worship.

Unprotected from harsh weather, the 53 original church members bowed their head and prayed each Sunday on the Bakerstown hill over-looking an unpaved clay road. For two years they met on the hillside until their worship site was completed.

They used handmade, clay-based bricks formed and fired on George EWALT's farm. Over the years several additions were added to the church. For each addition the church relied heavily on the community's prominent businessmen and landowners, most of whom were so well-known that many North Hills landmarks are named after them. They had last names such as Ewalt, ALLISON, FERGUSON, STEINER and McMORELAND.

Another historical building next door, the former Methodist Church built in 1838, became part of First Presbyterian's property. Alongside the Methodist church, gravestones date as far back as 1821 and mark the burial ground for several Civil War soldiers.

### SYMPATHY

We would like to express our sympathy to the family of **William J. McVay**, one of our active NHG members, who recently died. Bill helped on the Newsletter Committee until his health prevented him from participating. He was the husband of NHG member, Grace McVay. Besides his wife, Bill was survived by 5 children, 1 brother and 8 grandchildren. Bill died on Friday, November 29, 1996. He was a member of Local 249 & 538.

## JUST WHO WERE THE SCOTCH-IRISH?

*The Border Line*, Newsletter of the Kerrs and Carrs

Much confusion surrounds the term Scotch-Irish and many are unsure of just what the term really means.

When one hears the term Scotch-Irish, one thinks immediately that a Scottish man probably wed an Irish maid, and their family became known as Scotch-Irish. No, this is not the case at all. The Scotch-Irish were that group of Lowland Scots who emigrated to Northern Ireland in the 1600s and 1700s and settled there, only to leave some years later and cross the Atlantic and settle in southeastern Pennsylvania. Most of them eventually moved to other parts of the eastern seaboard before the Revolutionary War, with some moving west after the war.

These hardy people, who had suffered from over population, poverty and poor agricultural conditions in Lowland Scotland, became successful farmers and craftsmen in Northern Ireland. It should be pointed out that they were Scottish by blood, Scottish by names, and Scottish by religion. They were Irish by location. There was very little intermarriage between the Scots and the native Irish, for each group despised the other. The Scots regarded the Irish as a backward people, for Northern Ireland was certainly behind the better developed parts of southern Ireland. And the Irish thought that the Scots were invaders and usurpers of their native land. There were religious differences, of course, but the main contentions were political.

Now it should be noted that the term Scot-Irish is an American word. It is unknown in Ireland, Scotland and England where they have a much better term, the Ulster Scots. This names the people (Scots) and the place (Ulster). Americans rarely use this term for most do not know the meaning of Ulster, which is the name for the northern province of Ireland.

Over the years there have been many marriages between the Scots and the Irish, but these Scots were the Highland Scots, who had much in common with the Irish. They both had Celtic ancestors and they both spoke the Gaelic language, as well as adhering to Catholic religion. The Lowland Scots were a mixture of Germanic and Celtic ancestry, with others thrown in, and they spoke the Scots version of English, and were likely to be Presbyteria Anglican.

So much for our definition of the Scotch-Irish. How did

they regard themselves? If an immigrant arriving at Philadelphia in 1740 were asked where he came from, the answer would be "Ireland." And, if asked his nationality, the answer would be "Irish." And the movement from Northern Ireland to Pennsylvania was regarded as "Irish immigration." This was natural, for the Scottish families that had lived in Northern Ireland for three or four generations could only regard them selves as Irish — they had known no other country! Their grandfather, they knew, came from Scotland, but the later generations had never been there, and it was just a name to them, and a foreign name.

For those of our readers who are seeking a precise definition, this has to be very confusing. History sometimes does not set up tidy definitions, very easily recognized. Such is the case with our Scotch-Irish. If you need a handy definition, remember this: The Scots who came to America by way of Ireland. — JTK

## HELP FOR YOUR CEMETERY RESEARCH

Nancy Long, *Jots from the Point*, Nov. 1996, Vol. XXIII, No. 3

There is a new reference book on Allegheny County Cemeteries. It's available at the WPGS desk in the PA Dept., Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh.

The manuscript, in a three ring binder, contains an information page for every known cemetery in the county. Each listing includes location; phone number and address for administration; date of establishment; and dates of the earliest and latest burials. There is also information regarding burial records - where such records are located and how they can be accessed for research. Any church affiliation or specific ethnic group connection is noted. Many cemeteries have changed names over the years and all known names have been listed and indexed.

It has been an objective of the cemetery committee to locate publications or manuscript listings of tombstones for the above cemeteries. If such a source has been found, it is listed. Many of these sources contain only partial lists, or readings that were done many years ago. We have attempted to make note of this and suggest that you use the lists with caution, since the readings may be incomplete or contain errors. A visit to the cemetery is always best if it can be arranged.

Other features of the reference book are: 1) a map of Allegheny County showing boro and township names, 2)

an every name alphabetical index of cemeteries, 3) an index of location by boro and township and 4) a list of boros and townships showing dates they were formed and prior township or boro designations.

This reference material is available as a research tool and we want you to make suggestions, corrections, or additions to the information. There is an area on each page for notes. Members are invited to make use of the book on their next visit to the library. As an out-of-town member, you can ask that the WPGS Research Committee check the book if you are requesting information about cemeteries in Allegheny County.

## HUNGARIAN RESEARCH

*The Family Tree*, Vol. VI, No. 6, Dec. 96/Jan.97

If you are researching Hungarian genealogy you might like to know that church records, transcripts of Jewish records and many census records of areas within the modern borders of Hungary were microfilmed in the 1960's. Civil registrations began in Hungary in 1895. These records are kept at local civil registrar's offices in town halls. For a few counties the civil registration records through 1910 have been microfilmed. Information from civil registrations can be obtained by writing the Hungarian Embassy. The fee is \$10.00 per certificate and it takes 2-3 months. Write to The Embassy of the Hungarian Republic, 3910 Shoemaker St., NW, Washington, DC 20008.

## FREE GENEALOGY STARTER KIT

Butler Eagle, Dec. 9, 1996

The Slovenian Genealogy Society is offering a free starter kit on how to trace a family history. To receive the starter kit, send a business-size self-addressed envelope to John Leskovek, 10829 Tibbetts Road, Kirkland Ohio 44094 or fax him at (216) 256-6641.

The Society is also looking for volunteers who speak both English and Slovenian to work on translation projects.

*Thanks* to Gary Schlemmer for the above information.

**TIDBITS:** Were your ancestor's really inmates? Well, maybe not! Adult males and females who rent land rather than own it were referred to as INMATES rather than renters in early US land records. from *Antique Weekly* via *Rocky Mountain Buckeye*, Vol. IV, No. 5, Dec. 94/Jan. 95.

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Milwaukee Co. G.S. Reporter, Vol. 25, #2, May 94 via  
*Gleanings*, Beaver Co., Gen. Soc. Vol. XX, No. 1, 1995

When a birth or death occurs on the high seas, whether on an aircraft or ship, the determination where the record is filed is decided in terms of the direction in which the craft was headed at the time of the event. If the craft was outbound or docked at a foreign port, requests for copies of the record should be made to the Department of State, Washington, DC 20520. If the craft was inbound and the port of entry was in the U.S., write to registry in the city where the craft landed in the U.S. If the craft was of U. S. registry, contact the U. S. Coast Guard at the port of entry.

### VIRGINIA RESEARCH

Fayette & Raleigh GS via *Gleanings*, Beaver Co., Gen.  
Soc. Vol. XX, No. 1, 1995

Researchers unable to find Virginians who served in the American Revolution on federal pension records might try looking in the Virginia State Pension Records. The Virginia pension was higher than the federal pension, so 465 former soldiers and /or their widows chose the Virginia benefits.

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