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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"The virtue of the camera is not the power it has to transform the photographer into an artist, but the impulse it gives him to keep on looking - and looking."

Brooks Atkinson, "Once Around the Sun"

The battered tin-type was of a woman by a studio supplied "rustic" fence. The image was darkened with age. The woman's face was obscure in a murky cloud of the aging chemicals. The photograph was small; one corner was broken off. I had no idea who this might be. I copied this tin-type with others one night, using my copy setup.

I closed in on the face. Focusing was difficult as the image was not clear. I took my best magnified chance and clicked the shutter. Out of the gloom came a discovery.

I had all the photographs printed 5x7 for clarity. The tin-type was remarkably transformed into a very clear and well defined portrait. This was the face of a woman I had seen before. It was a much younger version of a face in a family group photograph. This was, in fact, a picture of my great-great grandmother as a young woman. This was taken before she was married. Thus, this small, cracked, dark photograph yielded the oldest picture I have of a direct ancestor.

You can never know all the hidden treasures that might be hiding in those old pictures. When we copy our old pictures, we are not only preserving these pictorial documents, in some cases we clarify and improve the picture. Old faded sepia tone images can be brought back to black and white. Blackened tin-types can produce its

original subject. Group pictures can be enlarged and separated to find relatives.

In some cases, old pictures can tell quite a story. One of my favorite photographs like this is of a Civil War soldier. Charles McMICHAEL was very proud of being made a master sergeant and had his picture taken in uniform with his new stripes. The picture image was small and had an outline where the frame had left marks. As it was on display the sun had faded his face, he was fair skinned and had light blue eyes. A black and white enlarged copy produced quite a story.

Charles had two very distinctive breaks in his nose. One break was accompanied with a gouge in the flesh. A scar left by a rebel sabre ran its way from his chin to his cheek. His eyes were unfocused and he squinted at the camera. A result of being temporarily blinded at Shiloh by the gunsmoke in the heavy humid air. People have told me they could always tell Uncle Charles in a picture because he squinted due to poor eyesight.

There are always those group pictures of workers or the picnickers out on an outing. You can use your magnifying lens to scan the individuals for familiar faces. In a way you enter this long ago world in search of your people. It's an adventure into the past.

In the fifties, we bought an 8mm camera. I was the official cameraman. These old family movies are also a heirloom to be preserved. If you have a camcorder, the process of copying is not difficult. It is not necessary to take your films to a studio for an expensive job. Dust off the old projector and align the camcorder with "Old Betsy." The

result is a very good video copy. Just record the projected image. With a simple accessory from Radio Shack, you can add a soundtrack to replace the clack, clack, clack of the projector. The old movies can be "tightened up" with a little selective video copying. A very satisfying and enjoyable product is easily achieved.

Pictures, both still and moving, bring people to life. Copying and preserving is not only important but an enjoyable experience.

Keith

WHERE GENEALOGISTS MEET

Tues., Apr. 1 at 7:30 p.m. **NHG Board Meeting** in conference room #2, Northland Library. All members are welcome to attend.

Sat., Apr. 5 at 9:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. **WPGS Seminar** at Holiday Inn, Greentree. Speaker: Mr. Colletta. [nationally known speaker & seen on episode 4 of the Ancestor Series.] Reser. by 5/22. Send \$30.00 for non WPGS members to Lyn Proehl, 5780 Fifth Avenue, Apt. 2E, Pittsburgh, PA 15232. Checks payable to W.P.G.S.

Sat., April 12, all day field trip to **Western Reserve Historical Society Library** beginning at 9:00 a.m. We will carpool. See map on page 69 of this issue.

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

Sat., Apr. 19 - **Westmoreland County Historical Society** program "The American Revolution Remembered." Held at Seaton Hill College, Greensburg, PA. For info call 412-836-1800.

Tues., May 20 at 7:00 p.m. - **Regular NHG meeting** at Northland Library. Program: by Mary Wohleber.

Tues., June 17 at 7:00 p.m. - **Regular NHG meeting** at Northland Library. Program: Bob Hoover of the Post Gazette.

Tues., July 15 at 7:00 p.m. - **Regular NHG meeting** at Ingomar Elementary School. Program: Joe Bullick will show us the history room/museum that he has set up.

Sun., Oct. 19 to Wed., Oct. 22 - **Field Trip to Washington, DC.**

GENEALOGY CONFERENCES

Ohio Genealogy Conference, April 17-19 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. Contact: Indiana Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 10507, Ft. Wayne IN 46852-0507.

The **Federation of Genealogical Societies & the Dallas Genealogical Society Conference** in Dallas, Texas, September 3-6, 1997. Contact: 1997 FGS/DC Conference P.O. Box 830220, Richardson, Texas 75085.

GENEALOGICAL INSTITUTE 1997 SEMINARS

All classes are held at the Western Reserve Historical Society, 10825 East Blvd. Cleveland, Ohio. For registration and more information call Sara Hill, - (216) 230-0590. There is a late registration fee and no refund policy. [See the Feb. 1997 NHG Newsletter for details]

June 14, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30, p.m. Fee \$25.00, "Hidden Resources"

Sept. 13, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., fee \$25.00, "Scaling Your Brick Walls",

Oct. 11, 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., fee \$15.00, "Effective Use of the World's Largest Genealogy Library in Salt Lake City."

REPEAT OF THE ANCESTORS SERIES

WQEX will be repeating the ten part Ancestor serie. beginning tonight, Tuesday March 18. If you missed it, take this opportunity to see this excellent series.

EXPLORING FAMILY HISTORY A Beginner's Course

Will be offered three more times by WRHS, dates are May 10, August 9 and November 8. Classes run from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., fee \$30.00. Call Sara Hill - (216) 230-0590 to register or ask questions. There is late registration fee and no refund policy.

FIELD TRIPS

On Saturday, April 12, the NGH will have their annual field trip **Western Reserve Historical Society Library** beginning at 9:00 a.m. We will carpool. Call Keith at 1-800-544-1180 for more information. For directions to the library see the map on page 69 of this issue.

WPGS and NHG are planning a bus trip to Washington DC on Sunday, Oct. 19th to Wednesday, Oct. 22. There will be three working days in Washington. Details at a later date.

DISPLAY AND LECTURE

Mary Wohleber has a display at the ALLEGHENY Branch of Carnegie Library on "Mourning and Grief in the Victorian Era" She will be giving a lecture at the library on Thursday, April 17. Reservations are required and there is a \$3.00 donation.

QUERIES

Willing to share history and information on the **CYPHERT/SEIFERT** family. The information dates back to 1749 when the first know Cyphert started our family tree. It was spelled Seifert at this time and the gentleman was from Germany, the Alsace region between France and Belgium. *Contact:* Allan H. Cyphert, P.O. Box 298, Glide, Ore. 97443.

Trying to locate the following villages or towns in Poland: Scibowo, Tynowice, and Sransk (Srensk). *Contact* Bernice Broniecki, 153 Revere Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15236 or (412) 653-5589.

Searching for information on any **SAYERS**. John Sayers, b. 1830, m. Mary **CAVANAUGH**. Immigrated in 1872 to Pittsburgh. Other Sayers immigrated to

Hartford CT. Sayers were from Dingle Peninsula, County Kerry, Ireland. *Contact:* Nancy McKee, 128 Chestnut St., Zelienople, PA 16063.

Seeking information on Thomas **DUGAN**, b. 1834? Ireland. Wife Honora **HORAN**. Settled in Pittsburgh in 1860's. Possible relation to **CASEY, CONNOR, REARDON, ROACH & BROTHIS**. *Contact:* Nancy McKee, 128 Chestnut St., Zelienople, PA 16063.

Researching the following relatives: Lawrence **MOELLER**, b. 1841, Germany, d. 1915, Pittsburgh, PA; Barbara **HILDENBRAND**, wife of Lawrence Moeller, b. 1840, Germany, d. 1919, Pgh, PA; Lawrence (Lester) Moeller, son of Lawrence and Barbara, b. 1893 in Pgh, PA, d. 1912, Pgh, PA; Albert **HAHN**, b. 1872, Pgh, PA, m. Emma Moeller, Hahn in 1892?; George Moeller, b. 1885, d. 1939, Pgh, PA; Philomena, **FLEISCHEL**, b. 1879, Pgh, PA; Barbara Fleischel, B. 1885, Pgh, PA; Mary Fleishcel, b. 1887, Pgh, PA; August Moeller, b. 1878, Pgh., PA; m. Mary **BESCHONER**, b. 1888, Pgh, PA; Hilde Moeller, b. 1908, Pgh, PA; Arthur Moeller, b. 1910, Pgh., PA. *Contact:* Sister Corine Moeller, 4530 Perrysville, Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15229-2296.

BEGINNERS CORNER

Question: What does consort or relict mean when it is on an old tombstone?

Answer: On many old tombstones will be found the wording, or something similar, : "Jane Pioneer consort of John Pioneer". This indicates that at the time Jane Pioneer died, John was still alive. If the stone reads, "Jane Pioneer relict of John Pioneer" this indicates that at the time of Jane Pioneer died, her husband was already deceased.

Information from: *Traces via The Family Tree*, Vol. V, No. 6, Dec. 94/Jan. 95.

BOOK REVIEW

ALBION'S SEED

by Ann Turner & reviewed by Jack Sanders, Internet

"Albion's Seed" is a fascinating book by David Hackett Fischer. Albion is the Greek word for Britain, and the book is about the cultural impact of 4 distinct waves of

emigration from Britain to the United States: (1) the Puritans from the east of England to Massachusetts, (2) the Royalists from the south of England to Virginia, (3) the Friends from the North Midlands to Delaware, (4) and folks from the border counties of England to the American backcountry.

The book goes into great detail about the origins and customs of each of these groups, and how they influence our culture and politics still today, even though 80% of us (!) have no British ancestors. There are descriptions of every day life, plus maps, pictures, and even a few family trees. It's definitely worth a look!

BOOKS FOR SALE

Venango County Historical Society, PO Box 101, 301 South Park St., Franklin, PA 16323 has the following books for sale. Make checks payable to them:

Marriages from Venango Co. PA 1795-1921 by Joan and Kenneth Hanson, price \$33.96, PA tax \$2.04 when applicable + \$4.00 shipping.

1890 History of Venango Co PA, its Past and Present. Two volumes, price \$55.00 + PA tax \$3.30 when applicable + \$5.00 shipping.

Venango Co. PA, Death Book 1893-1905 by Joan and Kenneth Hanson, price \$9.43 + PA tax \$.57 when applicable + \$2.00 shipping.

INTERNET LINKS

Washingto County Historical Society, PA
www.camconet.com/lemoyne
Galveston Historical Foundation, Texas
<http://www.galvestonhistory.org>
American Demographics
<http://www.marketingtools.com>
Association for Gravestone Studies
<http://www.history.rochester.edu/ags/ags.html>
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National Archivies Info
www.nara.gov
Ancestry, Inc.

www.ancestry.com
Allen County Library in Indiana
www.acpl.lib.in.us
Moobasi (good pointer to other Genealogy sites)
www.moobasi.com

COMPUTER RESEARCH HELP

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If you do research by computer you might consider subscribing to Marthe Arends' *Pioneers/Online Researchers*. The publication contains a baziillion of computer e-mail addresses and web sites plus shareware information and information of interest to genealogists. Write to Marthe Arends, PO box 1571, Snohomish, WA 98291-1571. The newsletter is published monthly and subscriptions are \$24.00 a year.

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RESEARCH SERVICE

Genealogical Search Services, P.O. Box 357, Orem, Utah 84059. E-mail address www.itsnet.com/~gss

They will do research for you at the Family History Library. Their catalog can be downloaded for free from their web page or it can be mailed to you for \$5.00. Lissa Powell said the list of records they search is a good list for those who want to do the research themselves at the Family History Library in SLC or Greentree. It is another way to find out what's available through the LDS.

ETHNIC/INTERNATIONAL EASTERN EUROPEAN

from FGS Forum, Fall 1994, Vol 6, Number 3

The proliferation of new, ethnic-inspired borders in Eastern Europe prompted the 1992 formation of the Federation of Eastern European Family History Societies, known as FEEFHS (pronounced "fiefs"). FEEFHS's scope embraces the political boundaries of Albania, Austria (including Italy's Friuli and Tyrol), Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, former Czechoslovakia (Czech and Slovak republics), Estonia, Germany (all, but emphasizing former East Germany), Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Moldova, Poland, Romania, Russia (including Siberia), Slovenia, Ukraine and Yugoslavia (both Serbia and Montenegro).

The society's stated mission is to "promote harmony between all East European genealogical societies and set an example by maintaining a spirit of cooperation among ourselves." FEEFHS has an international membership consisting of genealogical and historical societies which focus on ethnic groups as well as those more general in nature who benefit from receiving the FEEFHS quarterly newsletter. In May 1994, the first annual convention of the FEEFHS was held in Salt Lake City. Annual dues for the U.S. are \$15 organizational or individual memberships; \$10 subscriptions without query privileges; \$150 life membership; \$25 sponsor and \$50 patron. For more information, contact Charles M. Hall, P.O. Box 21346, Salt Lake City, UT 84121.

A TRUE RESEARCHER

Source unknown, the Athens Co. *BULLETIN* via *Rocky Mountain Buckeye*, Vol. VIII, No. 3, Aug./Sept. 1996

A genealogist must have the patience of Job; the curiosity of a cat; the stubbornness of a mule; the eyesight of an eagle; be blessed with the luck of the LUCK OF THE IRISH and have the ability and stamina of a camel to go for long hours without food or drink.

MISSING BACK ISSUES OF VOL. 7?

If you are a NHG member you are entitled to have all issues of Volume 7 (1996-1997) of our newsletter. The current newsletter is Vol. 7, #7. If you are missing any, let Steph Valentine or Keith Kerr know which issue (s) so we can get them out to you ASAP. Thanks, Steph

THIS IS A CEMETERY

author unknown

Lives are commemorated - deaths are recorded - families are reunited - memories are made tangible - and love is undisguised. This is a cemetery.

Communities accord respect, families bestow reverence, historians seek information and our heritage is thereby enriched.

Testimonies of devotion, pride and remembrance are carved in stone to pay warm tribute to accomplishments and to the life - not death - of a loved one. The cemetery is homeland for family memorials that are sustaining sources of comfort for the living.

A cemetery is a history of people - a perpetual record of yesterday and a sanctuary of peace and quiet today. A cemetery exists because every life is worth loving and remembering - always.

NHG'S HAMPTON CEMETERY BOOK READY FOR PUBLICATION

After reading the above poem it is easy to see why we felt our cemetery reading project and resulting book was so important.

The book is ready for publication. We are proud of our accomplishment and are looking forward to announcing a pre-publication price in the very near future.

SALT LAKE CITY CONDO FOR RENT

For rent: Condo in Salt Lake city, UT for the week of May 24-31. It sleeps four and has a kitchen, dining room, living room and bedroom. One block from Family History Library and Temple Square. \$350.00 for week. Contact Lissa Powell at (412) 935-6961 or E-mail her at: espowell@juno.com

IRISH RESEARCH

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The Irish At Home and Abroad is published from PO Box 521806, Salt Lake City, UT 84152. Issues cover many topics of use to Irish researchers. Write to the above

LETTER TO NHG

[*Editors note:* Occasionally we like to take the time and the space to print a letter which NHG has received and we have found especially interesting. Below you shall find excerpts from a letter, dated October 30, 1996, written by Laurie Beth Duffy who is Publisher/Executive Editor of Native American Ancestry Hunting. Beth certainly followed some unusual leads in her ancestral research. Maybe some of you have information that might be of interest to her.]

I am hoping this letter will lead to some information my family has been searching for since the late 1800's. First, records concerning the 1845 death of Lydia ADAMS in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania? Second, records pertaining to burial ground/cemeteries being destroyed/dug up and moved in the Pittsburgh area?

My ancestress Lydia (**LICENBEGLER, OSTANDES, PIERCE**) Adams born in Indiana County Pa, year unknown was married to Samuel D Adams in Indiana County, year unknown. Though Lydia and Samuel were said to have several children, the only one we have information on is a daughter Anne Jane Adams born in Indiana County on 20 November, 1836. Samuel D. Adams, was said to have lived in West Brownsville PA for awhile after Lydia and their two daughters died.

The original name we had for Lydia was Licenbegler but when relatives researched Lydia's daughter Anne Jane Adams, they came back with the name Lydia **OSTANDER** Adams. Then, when Anne Jane died, it was said Lydia had had the maiden name of Pierce.

My brother decided to verify the information on Lydia's daughter Anne Jane Adams. He found three listings for her, with three different spellings of her first name. Ann Jane Adams; Anne Jane Adams; and Ann (Anna) Jane Adams. All show her mother married to Samuel D Adams, but list Lydia's maiden name as Ostandes not Ostander

Lydia died along with two of her daughters in 1845 during an outbreak of smallpox and were buried where Union Station now stands in Pittsburgh Pa. Her daughter, Anne Jane Adams, nine years old at the time, had been put in a straw strewn room to watch her mother and sisters die.

I contacted the Chamber of Commerce who referred my letter to the Historical Society. They verified that it had been a Methodist Burial Ground. There were no records.

Lydia was a full Shawnee from the mouth of the Youghiogheny River. I had hoped that burial would help me find out the names of Lydia's other daughters, and possibly other relatives as well.

The family was told the burial ground was dug up and used for gravel along the railroad tracks. And for many years this was what they believed. Then they were told, around 1930 or 1932 the bones had been dug up and interred in the wall when Union Station was built.

In reviewing the book, "Searching on Location: Planning a Research Trip" by Anne Ross Balhuizen, I came across the notation that retired railroad workers often have collections of memorabilia.

Turning to researching Railroad history, I was able to locate an 1852 map from the Carnegie Library which showed the Methodist Burial Ground. The Gowen 1852 Map of the section shows the Methodist Burial ground, but does not give a cemetery name. It is on Liberty Street which today is Liberty Avenue.

Prior to this I received some information from the Historical Society of Western PA. This was references compiled from old German Pittsburgh newspapers of cemeteries being destroyed. They suggested two items as being about the burial ground I was looking for. Not being about to translate the information, I wrote to the gentleman who compiled the information and received the following reply:

"That 13 Apr. 1854 Freiheits-Freun article : The Bodies were dug up from the Methodist "Kircchof" (Cemetery), on Liberty St. at the canal, (The canal was eliminated in 1860 and became 11th St.) The Bodies of 3,000 dead dug up and to the new cemetery - also 10 days & 500 bodies & probably continuing all year?"

"2nd article: 22 May 1868 Volksblatt p. 3, row 1 - The cemetery in 7th ward - 4 weeks ago began removal the bodies from end of Webster St. cemetery - in 2 parts, 1 for strangers, the other the members the Methodist Church at Smithfield & Liberty St. - 1st Buried in 1835, the last pe eh 3 yrs ago - 3 acres & 26 May - 3/1 - also belonged to Wesley Chapel/ in Pitt Twp. * 23 May FF - 4/3 - Dig up remains from old Methodist Cemetery (Note: There were a number of cemeteries around this area, 1 was called Cust's."

"I Do know what became known as Lincoln Cemetery

(Both whites and colored) (1835 sounds like it) was on Bedford Ave. (Old 7th Ward) and CA 1938, When Bedford Dwellings were built, was removed to a new Location on Lincoln at end of city or in Penn Twp. (now Penn Hills)."

Since receiving the reply I located and called the offices of two possible cemeteries, Penn Lincoln Cemetery, & Restland Memorial Park. Neither was the one I am looking for. I followed up the phone calls with letters and am I glad I did. I received a phone call from a gentleman who knew that the Woodlawn Cemetery, connected to the William Penn Memorial Park in Wilkinsburg, has a monument on an embankment which states those buried there were moved from the old Lincoln cemetery. He was kind enough to have someone in the office get the phone number for me from directory assistance.

I called and the Woodlawn Cemetery was kind enough to go dig out the old records (this move was done during the 1930's) and research Lydia for me. Unfortunately the answer I was to receive is that Lydia is not amongst the burials of their Lincoln section.

Thank you for your time and anticipated response.

Kiji Manito A dianahuk Peh, Great Spirits Blessings Be Yours"
Beth

Beth has also sent us some information on the NATIVE AMERICAN ANCESTRY HUNTING which is an organization that wants to help unrecognized Native Americans find and build upon their heritage and reunite present day relatives.

They are currently compiling an ANCESTOR ROSTER of names. Anyone contacting the Roster about your ancestor will be given your contact information. They will contact you directly. Registration is free. Each ancestor name must be submitted separately. NAAH will publish all registered ancestors information and researchers contact information in upcoming editions of "Who's Looking for Whom In Native American Ancestry."

For more information and registration forms please contact Beth Duffy, 3308 Acapulco Drive, Riverview, FL 33569; (813)-653-0015; or e-mail her at the following address laurie.duffy@pchelp.com

Tidbit: "There are only two lasting bequests we can hope to give our children. One of these is roots; the other is wings."
Hodding Carter

McCANDLESS TOWNSHIP HISTORY

excerpts from "McCandless history rich in stories,"
by George Swetnam, *North Hills News Record*,
Jan., 20, 1997

McCandless Township was created in 1851 when Pine was divided and was named for Wilson McCANDLESS, a prominent Pittsburgh lawyer.

Among McCandless' first settlers were James AMBERSON and Henry MOON, who had settle there by 1796. Moon was from Ireland and raised a family here. Amberson died before he could complete the requirements for settler's rights. His widow sold her rights for a horse and saddle.

Philip SARVER, an early settler, built the first saw and grist mills in the area. John DEER and William WILLIBY also were early settlers. Williby built the first tavern, about two miles north of Perrysville. He was quite successful but he must have done something outside the law as the sheriff came to arrest him one day. Williby disappeared while being apprehended by the sheriff. He road away on the sheriff's horse and was never seen again.



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WPGS SEMINAR - APRIL 5

The Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society will sponsor an all-day seminar at the Holiday Inn, Greentree on April 5 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. featuring the nationally known speaker, John Philip Colletta. You may have seen Mr. Colletta on the Ancestor Series in episode 4. He is also the author of the book "They Came In Ships". This book and other books by WPGS will be on sale along with archival materials and forms.

Mr. Colletta will speak on four different topics in his usual witty and informative way:

- (1) How to Prepare for Successful Research in European Records.
- (2) Passenger Arrival Records: 1820-1957. (
- 3) Discovering and Writing Your Immigrant Ancestor's Story.
- (4) Using Newspapers for Family History Research.

The seminar fee includes a hot buffet lunch with two entrees, soup & salad bar, pasta, carved meat, etc.

Reservations by March 22 for this limited seating event can be made by sending \$25 for WPGS members and \$30.00 for non-members to: Lyn Proehle, 5780 Fifth Avenue, Apt. 2E, Pittsburgh, PA 15232. Make checks to W.P.G.S.

WRHS SURNAME INDEX CARDS

All patrons of the Western Reserve Historical Society Library are encouraged to "register" their research interests by filling out Surname Index Cards and putting them in the Surname Index File. The information requested includes name of ancestor, birth date & place, death date & place, spouse, where settled and when. You must also list your own name and address so people from across the country that use the WRHS Library and the file can contact you, if they are researching your line.

You may send a SASE to the library to request the format of the cards or those of you that will be attending the NHG Field trip on April 12 may fill them out while in Cleveland or you may take a few cards home and mail them back. The Surname Index is in the green card catalog across from the Registration desk. This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with others.

DON'T FORGET -FIELD TRIP ON APRIL 12TH

OLD PITTSBURGH PHOTOS

from an article in the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, Mar. 2,
97

The Archives of Industrial Society on the third floor of the Hillman Library at the University of Pittsburgh (corner of Forbes & Bigelow) has over 75,000 photographs. About 50,000 photos in the collection were shot by city employees between 1903 & 1958. The pictures are of the laying of sewer lines and paving streets, but they couldn't help but capture the buildings of the time in the process. Having an idea of the address of the place you would like to see - past or present - will help in finding a photograph. You can see where an ancestor lived, worked or worshipped.

AMERICAN IMMIGRANT WALL OF HONOR

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You are invited to place the name of an immigrant ancestor, individual or family name on display for posterity, at the only national museum to honor them. Prominently located at Ellis Island, a national monument this unique exhibit displays thousands of names immigrants, representing many heritages that have contributed to the peopling of America during the last 400 years.

When you make a \$100 contribution, the name you designate will be permanently engraved on The American Immigrant Wall of Honor. You will also receive a certificate personalized with the name and country of the individual you choose to honor.

Write The American Immigration Wall of Honor, The Statue of Liberty - Ellis Island Foundation, Inc. 52 Vanderbilt Ave., NY, NY 10017.

HOW MUCH IS ONE VOTE WORTH?

Wisconsin Genealogical Council via *The Family Tree*,
Vol. VI, No. 3, June/July 1996

If you ever are tempted not to vote in any election, remember this: In 1645, one vote gave Oliver Cromwell control over England; in 1649, one vote caused Charles I of England to be executed; in 1776, one vote gave America the English language instead of German; in 1933, one vote gave Adolph Hitler leadership in the Nazi Party.

CONVENIENTLY LOCATED IN THE HEART OF UNIVERSITY CIRCLE

Western Reserve Historical Society

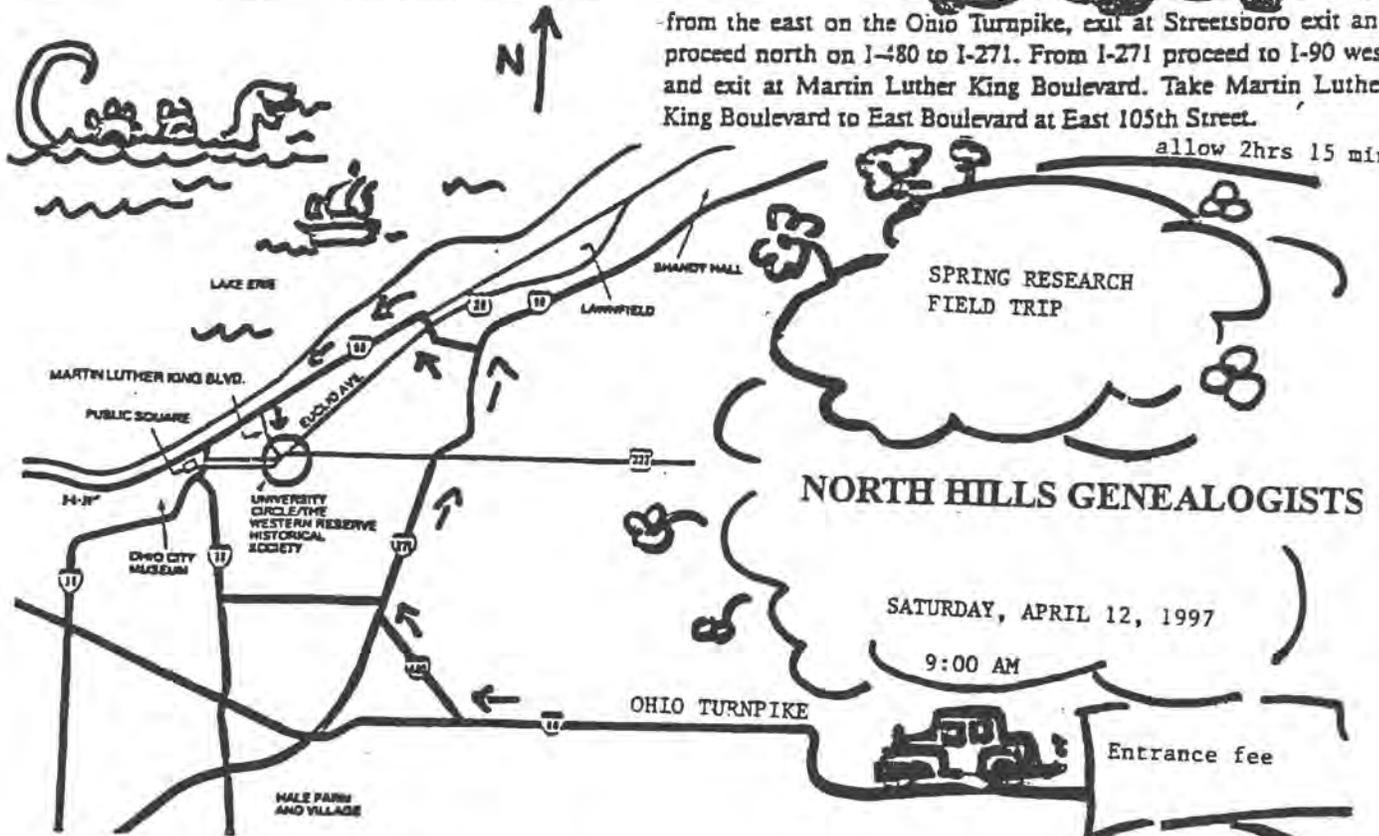
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Coming from the east on the Ohio Turnpike, exit at Streetsboro exit and proceed north on I-480 to I-271. From I-271 proceed to I-90 west and exit at Martin Luther King Boulevard. Take Martin Luther King Boulevard to East Boulevard at East 105th Street.

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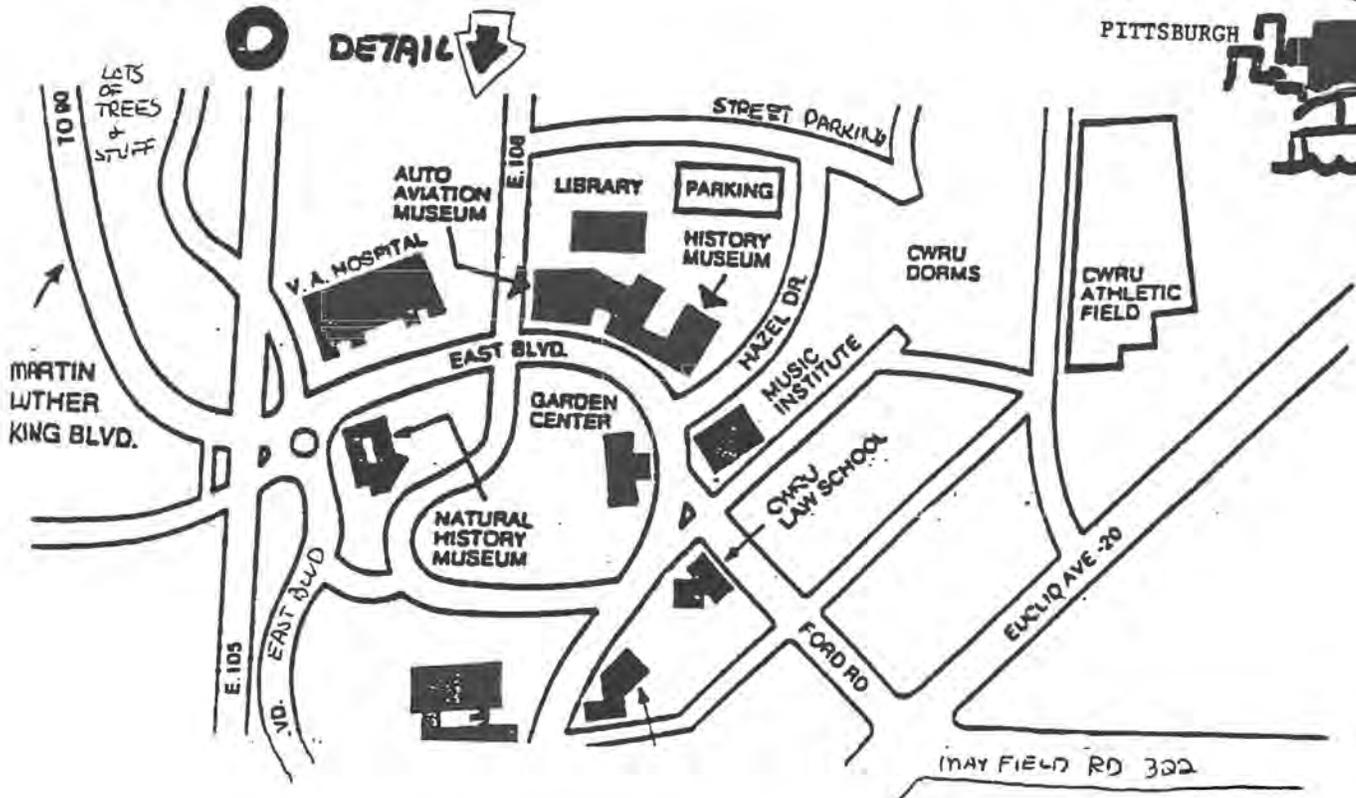


SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 1997

9:00 AM

Entrance fee

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FIRST CLASS

APRIL 15 — ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

BITS AND PIECES

VIRGINIA BAPTISMS PRIOR TO 1786

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Until 1786, all children born in Virginia regardless of religious affiliation, were required to be baptized in the Episcopal Church, which was the "state church." Parish registers giving names, date of birth, and names of parents can be found in the Virginia Library in Richmond.

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AMERICAN SEAMAN ON THE GREAT LAKES

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There is a church on the shores of Detroit River that is called The Maritime Church. It served the sailors of the Great Lakes who docked in Detroit.

There is also a collection at the Detroit Public Library (on Woodward Ave.) that is called "The Burton Collection." It contains the history of the city and the citizens from the early 1700's.

Thanks to Grace McVay for sharing this info.