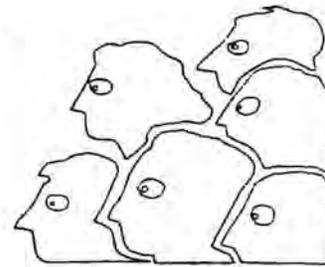


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Let every kindred, every tribe
 On this terrestrial ball
 All majesty to Him ascribe,
 And crown Him Lord of all !*
 ... [Edward Perronet (1726-1792)]

This, the last newsletter of 1997, finds us with much of the year's activity and opportunity still ahead of us. We are entering a season of homecoming, celebration, togetherness, and renewed conviction to ideals which we hold and, hopefully, understand.

Genealogy! So many ancestors, so little time! Those of us interested in genealogy often tend to spend much time looking backward, trying to decipher the past and identifying those who have gone before us. Like a rearview mirror, this research might give us a perspective of where we have been and an appreciation of what others may or may not have accomplished, either for themselves or for us. By example, it can show us whether another's direction has been worthwhile or folly before we need repeat it.

However, like other narrow areas of life, the looking back itself sometimes becomes over consuming. We might forget that the objects of our real goals in life are around us and ahead of us. As the memories and ideals instilled in us may be a legacy of the past, it is our present action and conviction that becomes our legacy to others and, for that matter, to ourselves.

A short time ago in a small church in western New York,

the Rev. Jerry Drummonds reminded us that the windshield of a car is much larger than the rearview mirror, and for good reason! Look where you are now, and where you are headed! (My apologies for any distortion of his higher analogies.) Now is when we can seek and assert our faith and ideals. Now is when we can touch those around us. Not yesterday - for other than remembering, there is nothing more we can do for those of the past. And maybe not tomorrow, because no one is assured of another day.

I wish that you will enjoy today and the coming holidays in touch with family - parents, children, uncles, aunts, cousins, siblings - and your friends. May you discover the truth of the holy days and share the love and the fun with those around you. And, yes, you're a genealogist! So trade stories and maybe present a copy of the family tree to one who would appreciate it and who understands that the tree is always "under construction". Perhaps one of the reflections from his rearview mirror will be a fond memory of you!

Gary

NHG DECEMBER SOCIAL

Remember the NHG tour of the Senator John Heinz Pittsburgh Regional History Center on Saturday morning, December 6 at 10:00 a.m. Bring your coupon from the entertainment book so we can get in for a reduced rate. Some of us have coupons we will not be using and these will be shared. Lunch will be at 12:30 p.m. at the DoubleTree Hotel. We will order from the menu. All day parking is available at several lots near the History Center. Call Marion Hyle at 364-4843 if you have questions.

WHERE GENEALOGISTS MEET

Sat., Dec. 6 at 10:00 a.m. **NHG December Social:** Tour of the Senator John Heinz Pittsburgh Regional History Center followed by lunch at the DoubleTree Hotel.

Tues., Jan. 6 at 7:00 p.m. (note time change) **NHG Board Meeting** at the cafeteria at Passavant Hospital, which is on the lower level. All members are welcome to attend.

Sat., Jan. 10, at 10 a.m.: **WPGS Meeting** at the Carnegie Lecture Hall. Program: Photography Day— 1. Keith Kerr (past-president NHG) (20 mins.), "How to copy your own photos with a copystand and camera"; 2. Debi MacIntyre (Secretary, NHG) (20 mins.), "Tips on Photograph Preservation and Presentation" (Creative Memories); 3. Marilyn Holt: "Photographs in the Carnegie Collection" (20 mins.); 4. Diane VanSkiver Gagel (Editor, The Ohio Genealogical Society Newsletter): "Identifying and Dating 19th Century Photographs" (1 hour slide presentation); 5. Mary Wohleber: "Gathering the Fragments before they are lost" (slide presentation of the immigrant experience on Pittsburgh's North Side)

Tues., Jan. 20 at 7:00 p.m. - **Regular NHG Meeting** at Northland Library. Program: "The Shipped In" - a discussion about passenger lists, ships and how to locate them given by Leslie Dunn.

Tues., Feb. 17 at 7:00 p.m. - **Regular NHG Meeting** at Northland Library. Program: WWII Oral History Project - "Silent Heros Among Us" given by James Clements.

Sat., May 2 - **Field Trip** to Western Reserve Historical Library in Cleveland. {*Tentative date*}

Aug. 19 through 22, 1998, **Annual Conference of the Federation of Genealogical Societies**, Cincinnati, Ohio, details not yet available.

GENEALOGY CONFERENCES

CEMETERY WORKSHOP will be held on Sat., Nov. 22, 1997. The Mining Your History Foundation and the West Virginia Chapter, Palatines to America have assembled a group of experts in cemetery and gravestone studies for a seven-hour workshop. For workshop details and registration information, please contact Cemeteries from Beginning to End, c/o Steve and Susan Arnold, 1283

Kings Road, Morgantown, WV 26505-9189 (Phone: 304/284-9278) Also you may contact Elissa Powell at 935-6961 for information.

GENTECH 98, the annual Conference for Genealogy and Technology, January 23 and 24, 1998, Fort Wayne, Indiana, sponsored by GENTECH, <http://gentech.org>

GENEALOGY CLASSES

Elissa Scalise Powell, Certified Genealogical Record Specialist, will teach three beginning genealogy classes in the first part of 1998. A three-week class on Sunday afternoons at 1:30 p.m. on January 11, 18 and 25 will be held at the Cranberry Township Municipal Building, 2525 Rochester Road. Call Cranberry Township Parks and Recreation at 776-4806, ext. 1128 for more information.

A four-week class including a field trip to the Carnegie Library is offered on Saturday afternoons at 1:30 p.m. on Feb. 21, 28, March 7, 14 at the Butler County Community College, Cranberry Center, 250 Executive Dr. (behind the Cranberry Post Office.) Call BCCC at 772-5520 for more information.

A five-week class will be offered on Sunday afternoons 1:30 p.m. beginning March 1 at the North Campus of Allegheny Community College, Rt. 19 one light south of Cumberland Road. Questions can be directed to the Continuing Education office at 369-3696.

LOCAL ITALIAN INTEREST GROUP

P.O.I.N.T. (Pursuing Our Italian Names Together) will be having its first meeting to form a local Italian Genealogy group on Tue., Dec. 2 at 7 p.m. at 419 Wood Street, 2nd floor at the offices of the Consulate of Italy, Joseph D'Andrea. If you are interested but cannot make it, please drop a line to Peter Argentine, 111 Mayfair Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15228 or argentinepro@compuserve.com to be placed on the mailing list. Discussions at the first meeting will include where to meet. and how often.

QUERIES

Compiled, edited and typed by Keith Kerr, Query Editor

JEAKINS, Champaign County, IL, England.
BURNESON, MO, Contact: *Karen S. Boyer, 106 Idaway Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15237.*

MENZL, William H. (MENZEL), Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, PA, Germany; **MENZL, Anna Koch**, Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, PA. Contact: *Mrs. Marguerite Young, 201 Grant Street, Sewickley, PA 15143.*

BAUMANN, MUNZ, KAECHELE, REICHELE, Allegheny County, PA; **DAVIS, GOLDEN, LOWE, SHEETS, WV; HULME, OH**; Contact: *Tod Davis, 3142 Grange, Trenton, MI 48183.*

MCVAY, Allegheny City, Allegheny County, PA, Scotland; **GEYER, Frederick, MD; MCLAUGHLIN**, Lawrence County, PA; **WAGNER**, Rastat, Germany; **JONES**, Schuylkill County, PA, Glamorganshire, Wales; **CALHOUN**, Allegheny City, Allegheny County, PA, Ireland; **SCOTT**, Allegheny City, Allegheny County, PA, Donegal, Ireland; **SCOTT**, Jefferson County, PA, Ireland. Contact: *Grace McVay, 308 Tadmar Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15237*

HELD, SCHLERETH, Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, PA. Contact: *Francis D. States, 131 Mayer Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15237.*

HUMPHREY, Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, PA; **WARD**, Randolph County, MO; **EVERHART**, Audrain County, MO; **LIBBEC**, Marion County, MO; **GREEN**, Erie, PA; **KOWALSKI**, Taylor County, WI. Contact: *Marilyn J. Kowalski, N 923 Hall Drive, Stetonville, WI 54480.*

JOHNSON, OH; MURPHY, SC; OLIVER, SC; BARBOUR, KY, IN, MD. Contact: *Patricia Barbour, 924 Andrea Court, Pittsburgh, PA 15237.*

BROWN, SKILES, McCandless Twp, Allegheny County, PA; **COOK**, Sharpsburg, Allegheny County, PA. Contact: *Nancy Staudenmaier, 2568 Matterhorn Drive, Wexford, PA 15090.*

KRETZ, Reserve Twp, Pittsburgh, Allegheny City, Allegheny County, PA; **KUNZ**, Reserve TWP, Allegheny County, PA. Contact: *Sylvan W. Kretz, 991 Grandview Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15237-2250.*

KOTCHEY (KOTSCHY), Bohemia; **LARBIG**, Germany. Contact: *Eileen Kotchey, 3934 Summers Drive, Allison Park, PA 15101-3143.*

WILSON, Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, PA; **LAPPE**, Allegheny City, Allegheny County, PA. Contact: *John H. Wilson III, 414 Golden Grove Road, Baden, PA 15005.*

HOFFMAN, Frederick Gustav, b. May 19, 1863, MA; son of **HOFFMAN, Frederick E.** and **YAEGER, Ermina** of MA; **RUTLEDGE, John**, b. ca. 1820. Baltimore, MD, m. **HAMILTON, Mary**, England; **WILLIAMSON, William W.**, WVA, b. 1817; m. **MCCLEARY (CLEARY), Mary**, Freedom, PA, B. February 7, 1827, daughter of **STOOPS, Jane**, Stoops Ferry, Beaver County, PA; **JONES, Joseph**, Akron, OH, b. Ca. 1840; m. **RYAN, Nancy**, OH, KY. Contact: *Jean E. Taylor, 3148 Morningside Drive, Allison Park, PA 15101.*

BEALL, Washington County, PA; **CRAWFORD**, Washington, Fayette Counties, PA. Contact: *James G. Rickey, 7810 Manet Way, Severn, MD 21144-1628.*

GRIGGS, WATKINS, MCCORMICK, Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, PA. Contact: *Sherry Borza, 125 Kyle Road, Valencia, PA 16059.*

FREEMAN, Henry County, IL; **GRIFFIN; MORTINE (MARTINE)**, Alsace Lorraine, **CAMDEN**, Lincoln County, KY; **BORDENKIRCHER**, Coshocton County, OH, Alsace Lorraine. Contact: *Pauline Goodwin, 505 Wimer Circle, Pittsburgh, PA 15237*

[Editors note: Keith has done a wonderful job this year with the queries. This is a big job which requires accuracy and time..I appreciate all his help. Please make the job easier for him by printing/typing names and dates very carefully.]

BEGINNER'S CORNER

Question: Where did the family tree come from?

Answer: It is believed by some authorities that the idea of a family tree had its origin from the efforts of the artists of the Middle Ages to depict the prophesy of the Bible verse, Isaiah 11.11, that states, "There shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse." Jesse was the patriarch of the tribe of Judah and the father of David.

A typical example of the Middle Ages art showed a tree drawing from the chest of a reclining Jesse with each branch ending with one of his descendants who became a king, thus giving rise to the term "family tree" as a synonym for genealogy.

Editors note: The above information was taken from *The Family Tree*, June/July 1997, Vol. VII, No. 3

BOOKS REVIEWED & FOR SALE

Ohio County (WV) Index (OCI) Vol.1

Ohio County (WV) Index, (OCI) Vol. 1; Index to Ohio Co. VA/WV Court Order Books 1777-1881, Part I - Misc. name index to county officials, businesses, etc. Volume 1 of a new series.

In 1777, Ohio Co. covered all of the present day counties of Ohio, Brooke, Hancock, Marshall, Wetzel, Tyler and small parts of Doddridge and Pleasants Cos. This book starts a new series to publish and index pre-Civil War primary records - starting with a group of valuable, but obscure and hard to work with indexes made in the 1930's from the WV and Regional History Collection at WV University.

The original index pages are reproduced in full and include personal names, by year, with an annotation about each entry. This volume covers names by 65 subjects such as: attorneys, bridge orders, constables, commissioners, business licenses, militia officers from 1777, ministers, notary publics, overseers of the poor (including bound out children and servants), sheriffs and deputies, surveyors, toll collectors, etc. The original source allows this volume to span the first 100 years of the county! Searching for names and family relationships is made much easier by the unique "Personal Time Line" Index whereby all 6700 index entries (every name, place or subject) are sorted by name by YEAR!

The book is 305 pages including index; 8 1/2" x 11"; paper. Order Book # C603, *Ohio County Index. Vol. 1* \$31.00 pre-pub price before 12/31/97 (\$39.00 after) plus \$4 Postage. Call 1(800) 398-7709 or write to Heritage Books; 1540-E Pointer Ridge Place #301; Bowie, MD 20716.

Who's Looking for Whom in Native American Ancestry, Vol. 1

Laurie Beth Duffy has compiled this work as a research aid for those seeking or researching native American ancestors. Section I of this book lists individuals who are being researched. When known, these entries include the date and location of birth, marriage and death. The biographical information is followed by a "Family Tradition", which is a story passed down about the ancestor, accompanied by or including various details which have been unearthed concerning the individual. The last part of each entry is the name of the researcher

who provided the name and information within the entry.

Section II is made up of a list of "Indian Tribes and Organizations searching for lost tribal members." There are three indexes which round out the contents of this book. The first is an index of "Native American Ancestors.". The second is an index of allied names, such as parents, siblings, spouse and children. The last index lists the researcher and each entry attributable to them. The new collection will be a great aid to those performing Native American Ancestor research. This book is a great way to tap into the considerable benefits of networking. 1997, 155 pp., everyname index, paper, \$16.00 #D824, \$4.00 shipping and Handling,

Order from Heritage Books, Inc., 1540-E Pointer Ridge Place, Bowie, MD 20716, phone 1-800-398-7709 Mon.-Fri., (10:00 am to 4pm) Fax 1-800-276-1760 (24 hours), credit card orders only on 800 lines.

The German Research Companion

Excerpts from a review by John W. Heisey printed in Vol. 20, No. 5, *Pennsylvania*

The book was written by Shirley J. Riemer (Sacramento: Lorelei Press, 1997). It is a one volume tool which will take the drudgery, uncertainty and hit-or-miss out of Germanic ancestral historical researching. This book is 622 pages of German data (all in English). The book includes specific information on Pennsylvania including an entire chapter on the state and a number of other categories allied with the Keystone State, such as information about Anabaptists, Mennonites, Amish, Brethren, and Moravians.

The book includes six pages of German and Latin medical terms, illnesses, and causes of death, 17 pages of German and Latin occupational terms, and 22 pages of German and Latin terms concerning family members, relationships, births, deaths, marriages and names, all with English translations. In addition, 20 pages are devoted to names for days, religious names and various days.

Sections are devoted to historic events in Germany, emigration and immigration laws, Old German handwriting script letters and Gothic printed letters, A few maps are also included. There is a section on German prisoners of war in the United States during World War II with a map showing the locations and a complete listing of camps in various states.

You can check on U. S. immigration laws, American military pension laws, the number of Germans who arrived in America during various years, and the number of Germans who served in the Civil War, including the number and names of specific German-manned regiments from the various states.

To order a copy write to Lorelei Press, P.O. Box 221356, Sacramento CA, 95822-8356. The book costs \$34.95, which includes shipping and handling.

[Editors note: Thanks to Bernice Broniecki for sending this review to us. Looks like a very interesting book].

INTERNET LINKS

Rhode Island Cemeteries Database Homepage:

<http://members.tripod.com/~debyns/cemetery.html>

The Danish Emigration Archives

<http://users.cybercity.dk/~ccc13656/home.htm>

Slovenian Genealogy Society

<http://feefhs.org/slovenia/frg-sgsi.html>

Want blank 1790-1920 federal census forms?

<http://www.familytreemaker.com/00000051.html>

Information on France

<http://www.world-address.com/francetres/>

Illinois State Genealogical Society:

<http://www.tbox.com/isgs>

How about blank family tree charts?

<http://www2.kbyu.byu.edu/ancestors/teachers/guide/charts-records.html>

Perpetual calendar?

<http://www.presstar.com/w3magic/cgi-bin/homepage.cgi?calendar>

Ancestral Research, professional genealogy research service specializing in Ulster, Ireland:

<http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/ancestor>

Prodigy interent, Ten-Second Tips Archive at:

<http://help.prodigy.net/helpub/tips.htm>
(not necessary to belong to prodigy to access this)

Samples of letters in seven languages for writing to European churches?

<http://www.genealogy.com/gene/ghlp/let-pas.html>

England, query pages arranged by county at:

<http://www.geocities.com/Athens/Parthenon/5345/index.html>

For links to information pages arranged by county and for all of England.

<http://midas.ac.uk/genuki/big/eng/>

Belgium information. In addition to links to the resources you might expect to find here, also there are links to Dutch language, English language, and French language genealogy software programs.

<http://win-www.wia.ac.be/u/pavp/index.html>

Virginia Genealogical Society's new home page with links to many sources for Virginia research at:

<http://www.vgs.org>

Home page for the Polish Genealogical Society of America

<http://www.pgsa.org>

ANCESTRY MAPS ON LINE

Ancestry Incorporated has announced that they are adding 3 maps every working day to their Web site. These maps will be available for free for 30 days, after which they will be moved to the subscription area.

Recent additions to their collection of on-line maps include:

Greece circa 1450 BC

The Assyrian Empire, 750-625 BC

Massachusetts Bay, 1630-1642

French Louisiana, 1699-1763

Boston, 1775-1776

Original Surveying, 1785 (Pennsylvania, Virginia and Ohio)

Chesapeake Region, War of 1812

To view these maps, go to:

<http://www.ancestry.com/ancestry/maps.asp>
and look under the free maps section of the page.

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

Sr. Mary Ann Busovicki supplied us with the information for "The Cuyahoga County Archives" article in the October Newsletter. Thanks!!!

There will be no Newsletter in December, enjoy the holidays and see you in January of 1998.

GRANDMA AND THE FAMILY TREE

There's been a change in Grandma, we've noticed her of late,
She's always reading history or jotting down some date.
She's tracking back the family, we'll all have pedigrees.
Oh, Grandma's got a hobby, she's climbing Family Trees.

Poor Grandpa does the cooking and now, or so he states,
That worst of all, he has to wash the cups and dinner plates.
Grandma can't be bothered, she's busy as a bee
Compiling genealogy - for the Family Tree.

She has no time to baby-sit, the curtains are a fright,
No buttons left on Grandad's shirt, the flower bed's a sight.
She's given up her club work, the serials on TV,
The only thing she does nowadays is climb the Family Tree.

She goes down to the courthouse and studies ancient lore,
We know more about our forebears than we ever knew
before.

The books are old and dusty, they make poor Grandma
sneeze,
A minor irritation when you're climbing Family Trees.

The mail is all for Grandma, it comes from near and far,
Last week she got the proof she needs to join the DAR.
A worthwhile avocation, to that we all agree,
A monumental project, to climb the Family Tree.

Now some folks came from Scotland and some from Galway
Bay,
Some were French as pastry, some German, all the way.
Some went on west to stake their claim, some stayed near by
the sea,
Grandma hopes to find them all as she climbs the Family
Tree.

She wanders through the graveyard in search of date or
name,
The rich, the poor, the in-between, all sleeping there the
same.

She pauses now and then to rest, fanned by a gentle breeze
That blows above the Fathers of all our Family Trees.

There were pioneers and patriots mixed in our kith and kin
Who blazed the paths of wilderness and fought through thick
and thin.

But none more staunch than Grandma, whose eyes light up
with glee

Each time she finds a missing branch for the Family Tree.

Their skills were wide and varied, from carpenter to cook
And one (Alas!) the record shows was hopelessly a crook.
Blacksmith, weaver, farmer, judge, some tutored for a fee,
Long lost in time, now all recorded on the Family Tree.

To some it's just a hobby, to Grandma it's much more,
She knows the joys and heartaches of those who went before.

They loved, they lost, they laughed, they wept, and now for
you and me

They live again in spirit, around the Family Tree.

At last she's nearly finished and we are each exposed.
Life will be the same again, this we all supposed!
Grandma will cook and sew, serve cookies with our tea.
We'll all be fat, just as before that wretched Family Tree.

Sad to relate, the Preacher called and visited for a spell,
We talked about the Gospel, and other things as well,
The heathen folk, the poor and then - 'twas fate, it had to be,
Somehow the conversation turned to Grandma and the
Family Tree.

We tried to change the subject, we talked of everything
But then in Grandma's voice we heard that old familiar ring.
She told him all about the past and soon was plain to see
The preacher, too, was nearly snared by Grandma and the
Family Tree.

He never knew his Grandpa, his mother's name was Clark?
He and Grandma talked and talked, outside it grew quite
dark.

We'd hoped our fears were groundless, but just like some
disease,
Grandma's become an addict - she's hooked on Family Trees!

Our souls were filled with sorrow, our hearts sank with
dismay,
Our ears could scarce believe the words we heard our
Grandma say,

"It sure is a lucky thing that you have come to me,
I know exactly how it's done, I'll climb your Family Tree!"

Author Unknown

Thanks to Grace McVay for sharing this with us.

BUTLER NEWSPAPERS

excerpts from 'Old news still fresh in 1828 papers', by
Michael S. Trego, Cranberry Eagle, Sept 18, 1996

The *Butler Sentinel* was published between 1824 to 1840
by William Stewart and John Buffington. Four pages
long, it appeared each Saturday. It predates the *Butler
Eagle* by 46 years. The *Butler Sentinel* was not Butler
County's first newspaper; the *Butler Palladium* and
Republican Star were published around 1818.

Butler Sentinel copies dating from Feb. 11, 1826 to May
8, 1830 are available on microfilm at the Butler Public
Library.

Editors note: Thanks to Julie Kant for typing this for us.

CREATING A FAMILY HEIRLOOM ALBUM

Compiled by Debi MacIntyre, Creative Memories Unit Manager, WBN member of Downtown Chapter

" Memories are valuable possessions, and capturing our life experiences on paper allows precious moments to be taken out and relived again and again. The words we write will help us savor the fragile, fleeting memories for ourselves and for future generations. We can leave an entertaining and uplifting document for those who love others and us who will wish they had known us. We can pass down a rich heritage to our children's children, a preservation of our own voice and life's message."

Author unknown

Why have a Heritage Photo Album? Your family history is not just about people long dead and forgotten. It is about you, about the patterns of behavior and family dynamics that shaped you and it is about the wisdom born of the challenges faced by your ancestors. The better we know these stories, the better we know ourselves. Creative Memories™ believes that the family album is the single most valuable object a family can own and is essential to maintaining the family history. Nobody else's story will ever be as meaningful as our own.

It is important to pass on the information you have discovered - the family chart and files, the old photos and paper memorabilia you have collected and the priceless oral "family stories" you have heard and written down are too valuable not to be shared with those who come after you. The work you have done is a family legacy that should be protected and preserved. Keep in mind that your current photos and stories are someday going to be the old ones, so it's important to take care of them now. We have established why it's important to have a family album. Now let's discuss why it is important to make a heritage album that is safe, meaningful and creative!

SAFE: A quality archival scrapbook album does much more than a bound history book of photocopied documents ever can. A Heritage Album can display all your real treasures in a safe acid-free environment that is meant to both protect and preserve as well as attractively showcase and organize your valued family stories, photos, paper, memorabilia and charts that you have been saving. Anything flat can be included in the linen-covered or leather album and the variety of refill pages, archival adhesives, labeling pens and protective covers are easy to use. Your album will become your family's treasure!

Creative Memories™ albums are made by a company that has been making archival quality albums for over 50 years. The albums are made of acid-free, lignin free, buffered, 80# paper. They are guaranteed to maintain their durability and whiteness for generations and will not accelerate the deterioration of your photos. The flex hinge binding allows the pages to lie flat and for the expandability and resequencing of pages. Every album comes with a lifetime guarantee.

MEANINGFUL: A picture without words is virtually meaningless. Displaying a family chart with a name next to a photo and story about the person's life makes genealogy come alive to family members. A photo combined with old newspaper articles, postcards, naturalization papers, marriage licenses, military service records, etc., can bring your genealogy work to life!

Tell your story plainly and with directness. Write truthfully. Include uplifting, inspiring experiences and occurrences or feelings that are sad. Remember to include the "everyday" which you might take for granted.

1. Always write in your own handwriting. Your handwriting is part of you.

2. You don't have to write a paragraph about every picture. Journal the pictures that evoke strong memories.

3. Use full names, including maiden name and nicknames. Think of future generations that will read your album.

4. Give exact dates in your headlines or captions when possible.

5. Try a variety of writing styles - short captions, bullet journaling, detailed stories.

6. Use a familiar quote or poem. Write the lyrics to favorite songs, etc.

7. Make use of children's sayings that cannot be captured on film.

8. Always use pigma pens for journaling in your album. Pigma pens are acid free, waterproof and fade proof when used on acid free paper!

Remember that no detail is too small and all stories are important! Whenever possible, include memorabilia such as newspaper articles (photocopied on acid free paper), documents, letters, cards, receipts, etc. Memorabilia balances your photos and your stories.

Through good times and bad, your family will always have a record of the love, the hopes and the dreams you carried for them. When the children are young and when they are grown, the stories will remain, connecting them to the past and giving them solid footing for the future.

CREATIVE: Keep it simple! Never "crop" anything of historical value or significance out of your photos. Never "crop" Polaroids. Use acid free mounting paper to mat a photo or add a splash of color.

Where do you begin? Call Debi MacIntyre for supplies and hands on assistance. Gather all your albums supplies, photos, and memorabilia in one location. Organize and sort your photos chronologically. Decide what type of album you want to make - a family album, Christmas album, vacation album, treasure album, etc. Get started - working on your album is not just a matter of time it is a matter of commitment. So many things we do everyday need redone - but once your album is done, it's done forever.

Not everyone has the time to "do" his or her albums. I offer my skills and knowledge to do the album for you. Creative Memories™ provides a way for your lives to have meaning for the next generation and for our ancestor's lives to have meaning for us. I hope you will make a decision to preserve the past along with the present. For more information about creating a family heritage album, call Debi MacIntyre at 366-2462.

SUCCESSFUL LINKS: COLONIAL NEEDLEWORK

by Marion Ames (KCDD80B@prodigy.com)
printed in MISSING LINKS: A Weekly Newsletter for
Genealogists, Vol. 2, No. 30, 25 July 1997

As a long time collector of Colonial Needlework I wonder how many folks realize the source of genealogy here. A good share of the early samplers worked by youngsters in their quest to master needlework were memorials to a parent or sibling or genealogical registers. Most are dated with the names of the needlewoman (child, most often) and have the dates of birth location and the year. The genealogical samplers have parents names, often marriage dates, names of children, birth and often death dates, and location.

I recently traced a sampler I bought which was worked by an Elizabeth H. Ames (my husband's surname but no relation) which stated that the place she lived was New Portland, Maine. A call to the courthouse showed only one Ames living there during that period, marriage dates for the parents, their given names, the mother's maiden name, etc. I have attached this info to the back of the sampler so the next owner, hopefully one of my sons, will know who Elizabeth Ames was.

Ethel Stanwood Bolton and Eva Johnston Coe wrote a wonderful source book, "American Samplers," which list the samplers known and registered at the time. It was originally published in 1921 by the Massachusetts Society of Colonial Dames of America and has been reprinted by Dover Publications, Inc., New York. A fun source, a new hobby, and just maybe you'll find a picture of a sampler created by one of your ancestors. Enjoy!

Editor's note: Thanks to Elissa Powell for sending this article to us. I found it very interesting as I recently was given a wonderful framed sampler that had been in my husband's family for many years. The sampler itself says that it was done by "Millicent Newton - age 11". Included in the frame is a silhouette of a woman with the following information printed around it. "Millicent Newton wife of Captain Thaddeus Coleman of Greenfield Mass. Born in Greenfield On October 2, 1787, Died in Greenfield March 5, 1825".

1813 PITTSBURGH NEWSPAPER

Judith Mercer Tauber-Lovik

I have transcribed and indexed an original issue of "The Commonwealth," a newspaper published at Pittsburgh PA 3/24/1813. The index contains the names of over 400 persons and places, giving the page-column where they appear in the text.

Last summer, after completing the transcription and index, I had everything microfilmed, and then donated the original newspaper and two microfiche to the Carnegie Library, Pittsburgh (Archives).

I have just installed the transcription and index on my homepage, and would be pleased to share them with ourworld."

<http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/elledorado/>

MICROFILM BEST FOR STORAGE

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Professional archivists continue to prefer storage of data on microfilm, rather than converting to computer diskette or CD-ROM. Eric Erickson, speaking of the Genealogical Society of Utah says that vital records and family histories are stored in microfilm and are expected to last 500 to 1,000 years.

HOLIDAY SHOPPING MADE EASY

Below is the ordering information for PA genealogy T-shirts Beaver County Video from 1920 and the NHG book entitled Pioneer Cemeteries of Hampton Township, Allegheny County, PA

Pioneer Cemeteries of Hampton Township, Allegheny County, PA can be ordered by sending your name, address and payment to: the North Hills Genealogists, c/o Northland Public Library, 300 Cumberland Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15237-5455. The price is \$19.95, plus applicable tax, postage and handling. PA Residents mailed \$24.35, PA Residents pickup \$21.35 and Libraries and Outside PA \$22.95. Send to: NHG, c/o Northland Library, 300 Cumberland Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15237-5455.

This cemetery listing book documents the final resting places of many settlers of the area. It includes not only complete readings for the Pine Creek, Depreciation Lands, and Hampton Cemeteries, but also the lot owners' book for the latter and a guide to the other cemeteries in Hampton Township. Each stone has been recorded exactly with dates, relationships, epitaphs, stonecarvers' names, and other notations such as the condition of the stone or whether any other marker or a photo of the deceased was present. An everyname index includes maiden names when known. This hard bound, library-quality book is over 200 pages and contains many photographs of the gravestones, history of the area and maps.

The Pennsylvania map T-shirts can be ordered at the Carnegie Library, PA Dept. and at the North Hills Genealogists meetings for only \$12 or they may be ordered by mail for \$14.50 (which includes postage and handling) from Elissa Powell, 720 Highpoint Drive, Wexford, PA 15090. The Pennsylvania map T-shirts was designed by Elissa Powell and shows names and founding dates of each county. The saying around the map is: "PENNSYLVANIA - The (heart) of my GENEALOGY

The ROOTS of my family are here." The non-shrinking 50-50 material is available in two colors: Royal Blue with white ink or Gold with black ink. Both with red hearts. Sizes are M(38-40), L(42-44), XL(46-48) and XXL (50-52). (No gold in medium)

A Video Tape has been made from about 50 old black and white films from the 1920's that were filmed in the

Beaver County area. The films include the Mars area, Prospect and Cranberry plus 50+ one room grade schools. The film can be ordered from the Beaver Falls Historical Society (make checks to same) for \$27.95 which includes postage and handling. Mail to Beaver Falls Historical Society c/o Carnegie Free Library, 1301-7th Ave., Beaver Falls, PA 15010.

GENEALOGY TOOLTIME: SURVEYS

by Keith Kerr, NHG member

An important resource, as we all know, is the memory of older relatives. A key to unlocking family stories from the past may be in the use of a survey. The survey could be oral or written. A distant cousin may provide an insight. Sometimes it seems people have just been waiting for someone "to ask".

Know what you want beforehand. Develop questions that will elicit information you want. *Do you remember your grandparents? your great-grandparents? What do you remember about them? Did they tell stories about their childhood? Did they tell stories about their parents?* With a few questions of this nature you will be able to travel quite a distance in time.

Family gatherings are always the best stories. Holiday celebrations are good. Wakes and funerals are well attended with seldom seen relations. Summer picnics were big deals. Ask questions that will bring out the old stories heard at these functions. *What were some of your favorite family tales told at the summer reunions? Do you remember some of the old war stories the men liked to talk about?*

To trigger memory, start with an event everybody will know what they were doing. i.e. *How did you hear Pear Harbor was attacked? How did you feel when FDR died?* This method will start the story telling process even from the most reluctant witness.

Don't assume "you know". Every experience can be different to different individuals. Be open to surprise. A forgotten name, a good civil war story, a Christmas memory, are all waiting for the survey detective. If nothing else your family story will have a richer texture.

In writing, always include a self addressed stamped envelope. Not only is this courteous, but many people cannot stand to have a perfectly good stamp go unused.

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PREPONDERANCE OF THE EVIDENCE

In a recent press release, Gale Williams Bamman, CG, president of the Board for Certification of Genealogists (BCG), announced that the term "preponderance of the evidence" will no longer be used by BCG. The term was borrowed from the American legal system where it describes the standard of proof necessary in civil trials, but modern genealogists have come to require a higher standard of proof. The term also has been used to describe how complex genealogical evidence problems should be resolved although the genealogical community has not reached a consensus on procedures to be followed.

Editors note: Thanks to Elissa Powell for sharing this information with us

HOW LONG DID THE TRIP TAKE

Source: *Fox Valley Genealogical Society*, via *le Baton Rouge*, Vol. XVI, No. 3, via *The Tree Climber*, Stark County, Ohio, Dec. 96 via *Rocky Mountain Buckeye*, April-May 1997

The trip to America took varying amounts of time.

68 days from Rotterdam to Baltimore in 1824
58 days from Bremen to Baltimore in 1832
44 days from Bremen to Baltimore in 1834
66 days from Bremen to New Orleans in 1843
47 days from LaHavre, France to New Orleans in 1854

From 1867-1890, most sailing ships used steam auxiliary engines on days when there was little or no wind. Many sailing ships remained in service and their fares were often lower than the faster steam ships. In 1893, steamships made trips from Ireland to New York in only 10 days.