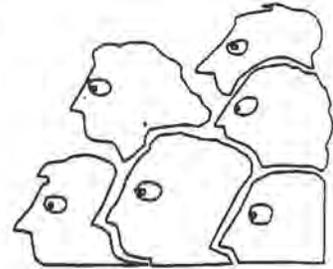




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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"... We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America, July 4, 1776. (sic)

The Fourth of July -- it is so significant for many things relevant to our families! In just two and a half weeks, we will be celebrating our nation's Independence Day. Think of all the family outings, both past and present, which are woven into our memories as the picnic tables are spread, the family reunions get under way, and the resounding booms, flashes, and crackles of fireworks punctuate the night sky. The children (we?) thrill at the excitement of games and summer friends.

These are the opportunities to fill out the life experiences, sharing and reacquainting with both close family and the aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews, cousins -- each one special. Gather ye rosebuds .. and family ..while you may.

We reflect on these memories in the making and then on the occasion that led to our celebration. July 4, 1776, was the culmination of a process in which many men and women took great risk to make a simple "self evident" statement. Declaring an independent path which recognized the individual, rather than the king, each person knew that the act of signing such a declaration would mean death if it were to fail. (And it was likely to fail.) Many others later backed those principles with

prayer and guns. At the risk of their own lives, they fought to preserve the lives and rights of generations to come, principles which do not go out of date.

July 4, 1776, and many sacrifices over several more years led to the Constitution of 1787 which gave form to our system and then, in 1791, to the first ten amendments (the Bill of Rights) which codified those basic unalienable rights.

Every word about the freedoms of religion, speech, and assembly are contained in the first amendment -- what a powerful few words! Despite what some may quote, Amendment I, in its entirety, says: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

Combine that with the Declaration's intent of "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness", based on the faith of its framers, and July 4 gives the family something to celebrate!

Also, this July 4 is a personal family milestone as my wife, Jessie, and I celebrate our thirtieth wedding anniversary! Along with our son Joshua, those have seemed brief, great years which have even seen us through and beyond a recent year of severe physical challenges. Many thanks to a real sweetheart who takes "family" to heart and who puts up with the cavortings of this would-be weekend genealogist!

Enjoy the Fourth, enjoy the family and friends this summer, thank a veteran, and come back to visit NHG soon.

Gary

Editors note: Gary gave me some background in an e-mail which I would like to share. I had wondered why the "united" in "united States of America" was not capitalized and this is what he wrote: "Apparently the idea of actually naming the country came up after they figured out that it would really happen, after which the word changed from being a general adjective and became part of the name. (That's when I also discovered that it [Declaration of Independence] doesn't use the word Independence in its title.)

WHERE GENEALOGISTS MEET

Sat. & Sun., June 20-21 - **Civil War Living History Weekend** at the Copper Cabin, Cabot PA. Details p. 10.

Mon., June 29th, at 7:00 p.m. - **NHG Board Meeting** at the cafeteria at Passavant Hospital, which is on the lower level. All members are welcome to attend. **PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE.**

Sat., July 18th at 12:30 p.m. - **POINTers In Person, Pittsburgh Chapter** (Italian group) at the 2nd floor of the ISDA building, 419 Wood St. Contact Elissa Powell at 724- 935-6961 for more information

Tues., July 21 at 7:00 p.m. - **Regular NHG Meeting** at Northland Library. Program: Marilyn Holt of the Carnegie Library/Oakland will show photos from the Carnegie Archives that pertain to the "Old North Hills."

Tues., Aug. 4, at 7:00 p.m. - **NHG Board Meeting** at the cafeteria at Passavant Hospital, which is on the lower level. All members are welcome to attend. **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE.**

Tues., Aug. 18 at 7:00 p.m. - **Regular NHG Meeting** at Northland Library. Program: "Civil War Soldiering" by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, John T. Crawford Camp #43. Camp life and veterans' records.

Sat., Sept. 19th at 12:30 p.m. - **POINTers In Person, Pittsburgh Chapter** (Italian group) at the 2nd floor of the ISDA building, 419 Wood St. Contact Elissa Powell at 724- 935-6961 for more information

GENEALOGY CONFERENCES

The fourth annual **Genealogical Institute of Mid-America** will be held in Springfield, Illinois July 13-16 1998. This is a four-day series of classes. Information may be found at:

<http://www.misslink.net/neill/gima.html>
or <http://www.tbox.com/isgs/INSTITUT.HTM>

Annual Conference of the Federation of Genealogical Societies, Aug. 19 through 22, 1998, Cincinnati, Ohio. For further information contact FGS; PO Box 830220; Richardson, TX, 75083. E-mail fgs-office@fgs.org

"**GenExpo98**" **Preserving Our Heritage** will be held on October 17 at Horizon Hall, Belmont Technical College, St. Clairsville, OH 43950. For more information contact Cumberland Trail Genealogical Society, PO Box 576, St. Clairsville, OH 43950 or e-mail CTGS@aol.com

Fifth New England Regional Genealogical Conference, October 1998 in Portland, Maine.

<http://users.rootsweb.com/~maplymou/conf/confmain.htm>

QUERIES

[*Editor's note:* We are currently looking for a Query Editor. If you are able to help with this most important task please let Donna Booth, 412-366-7483 or Gary Schlemmer, 724-898-2157 know. We would love to have you on the NHG Newsletter staff.]

Share your talents and time, it lightens all our loads.

BEGINNER'S CORNER

Question: What does the term "REMOVED" mean?

Answer: The term "removed" is often cause for confusion in determining relationships. Simply put, it means that two people are from different generations. You and your first cousin are in the same generation, (two generations younger than your grandparents) so, the word "removed" is not used to describe your relationship.

The words "once removed" means that there is a difference of one generation. For example, your mother's first cousin is your first cousin once removed. This is

because you mother's first cousin is one generation younger than your grandparents and you are two generations younger than your grandparents. The one generation differences equals "once removed."

"Twice removed" means that there is a two generation difference. You are two generations younger than a first cousin of your grandmother, so you and your grandmother's cousin are first cousins, twice removed.

Information from: *The Family Tree*, Vol. VIII, No. 1, Feb./Mar. 1998

BOOKS REVIEWED & FOR SALE

VENANGO COUNTY PENNSYLVANIA CEMETERY RECORDS AND BRIEF CHURCH HISTORIES, VOLUME 5

The Venango County Historical Society is pleased to announce the fifth of a series of publications listing know burials and cemetery inscriptions from fifteen cemeteries of Venango County, Volume 5 which contains records from Rockland Township. The book is 143 pages with an index and sells for \$15.00 plus \$.90 PA sales tax. There is a \$2.00 mailing and handling fee. Books can be ordered from: Venango County Historical Society, P.O. Box 101, Franklin, PA 16323.

WEST VIRGINIA CIVIL WAR ALMANAC - VOLUME 1

West Virginia Civil War Almanac - Volume 1 was written by Tim McKinney. It includes the 1890 Civil War Veteran Census and Confederate Census Index along with other information of WV Civil War interest. Approximately 600 pages. Cost is \$29.95, \$4.50 shipping, and \$2.06 tax for WV residents. Sponsored by the West Virginia Historical Society. Contact Pictorial Histories, 1416 Quarrier St., Charleston, WV 25301 or call (800) 982-7472.

INTERNET LINKS

Genealogy Canada News Online Eastman on-line Ancestry Newsletter

Buckingham Press, publishers of Canadian genealogical source material, has announced the publication of a free

biweekly Internet news magazine about Canadian Genealogy.

"Our magazine is like a tour guide of Canadian genealogy on the Internet," says editor, Elizabeth Barclay-Lapointe, a genealogist herself with ten years experience in the field. "While Internet links are the sign posts along the road, telling you what is ahead, "Genealogy Canada News Online!" tells you what you will see once you get there," she adds.

Each issue contains feature articles on Canadian genealogy, a "What's New" column in which new Canadian Internet sites are reviewed, notices of reunions and events, and even Canadian trivia as an added feature. Canadian resource sites such as museums, archives and libraries are also featured under the regular "NewsBYTES" column.

To obtain a free e-mail subscription to "Genealogy Canada News Online!" send an e-mail to editor@genealogycanada.com and simply type GCNO SUBSCRIBE in the subject heading of the message. There is no requirement to type anything at all in the text of the message.

Past issues of the online magazine are available on the Web at:

<http://www.GenealogyCanada.com/archives.html>

OHIO HISTORICAL CENTER

The Ohio Historical Center has put more than 67,000 pages of documents on their web site, making access only a mouse click away. By pointing their web browsers to www.ohiohistory.org, visitors to the site can now have direct access to such documents as the Ohio Newspaper Index; the Death Certificate Index from 1913-1927 and 1933-1937; the Ohio troop roster for the War of 1812; Civil War correspondence and records; and various Ohio historical documents beginning from 1785, including the Constitutions of 1802 and 1851; biographies of governors from 1803-1863; and the Ordinance of the Northwest Territory. Additional documents will be added such as the Death Certificate Index, 1928-1933, Ohio troop rosters for the Mexican-American and Spanish-American Wars, and an expanded version of the listing of National Register of Historic Places in Ohio.

Editors note: Thanks to NHG member Peg Duffy, Columbus, OH for this information.

ONLINE TRANSLATION SERVICE

The following article is from *Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter* and is copyright 1998 by Richard W. Eastman and Ancestry, Inc. It is re-published here with the permission of the author.

AltaVista has a new service on the World Wide Web: automatic translation of documents from one language to another. The new service will automatically translate English documents into French, German, Italian, Portuguese or Spanish. In addition, it will translate documents in any of these five languages into English. This can be useful if you have a document or an extract from a book written in a language that you do not read. It also can be used to write letters to a vital records office in a foreign land.

The new AltaVista translation service will automatically translate a Web page in one of the foreign languages supported. It then displays the Web page in English. But even better, you can "cut and paste" a small amount of text directly into the translation service, and it will display the translated version. You can then "cut and paste" the output into any other document you choose, such as your word processor or your genealogy program.

<http://altavista.digital.com/> and click on "Translations".

ADDRESSES

The Indiana Jones page of family research in southern Indiana

<http://www.erols.com/crmoney>

Darlene's Indiana Connection is a homepage of information about various Indiana websites:

<http://members.aol.com/Darburns.index.htm>

Indiana Newspaper Search offers surname searches of over three million vital records from Indiana Newspapers
<http://members.aol.com/CGSystems/NXSearch.html>

New England families, an index

<http://www.wizard.net/~aldonna/ghome.htm>

Genealogy Resources on the Internet: Mailing Lists

http://users.aol.com/johnfl4246/gen_mail.html

Bureau of Vital Records in New Castle, PA

<http://www.inlink.com/~nomi/vitalrec/painfo.html>

East Europe Sources

<http://feefhs.org>

THE TRAVELLING TOMBSTONE OF ESTHER KIRSCH

by Elissa Scalise Powell, CGRS

A tombstone was found by Michael Ord of Richland Township, Allegheny County, PA when he was taking down a retaining wall in the front of his property on Hardt Road on which he had lived for the past 15 years. Michael wanted to place the stone back where it belonged so he contacted Elissa Scalise Powell. Since she is a Certified Genealogical Record Specialist she was able to find an obituary and census records for Esther and her family (see below). At the North Hills Genealogists meeting on March 17, 1998, Elissa mentioned the stone in the evening's presentation about cemeteries entitled "Messages from the Grave." One of the Society members, John Hoge said he knew a Bob Kirsch and would contact him.

Mr. Kirsch called Elissa Powell and confirmed that Esther died in the flu epidemic of 1918. She left behind her husband William and a son born in 1916 also named William. William, Sr. remarried in 1920 and Bob Kirsch was their child. Bob Kirsch's parents are buried in the Plains Presbyterian Church Cemetery in Cranberry Township, Butler County, PA. William, Jr. still lives in Florida at age 82. Bob said that Esther had been buried in the United Cemetery on Cemetery Lane, Ross Township. There is a Kirsch lot there with one headstone carrying the names of Esther's in-laws Phillip and Henrietta Kirsch and another relative who died in 1977, but no evidence of a missing gravestone. The old tombstone for Phillip and Henrietta was replaced about 1977 when the other relative's name was also added to the one stone. Was this the time that Esther's stone went wandering? The tombstone was returned to Bob Kirsch just a few weeks shy of the 80th anniversary of Esther's death on May 16, 1918.

Below are the research steps that were taken to find the above information. Starting with just the data on the tombstone the research built on each previous step until a picture of the entire family emerged.

The tombstone which measures 18.5" wide X 12.25" high X 6.5" deep reads:

ESTHER KIRSCH
1896 - 1918
Mother

Thanks to volunteers who are continuing to close the gap in the death notice index for the Pittsburgh Gazette (which

currently only covers 1787 to 1913 and 1968 to present), the 1918 index is available in the Pennsylvania Dept. of the Carnegie Library on index cards.

The Pittsburgh Gazette for Friday, 17 May 1918 lists the death notice: "KIRSCH - On Thursday, May 16, 1918, at 5:30 p.m., Esther Holtzworth Kirsch, wife of William Kirsch. Funeral services at her late residence, 1718 Metropolitan Street, North Side, on Saturday at 1:30 p.m. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend. Interment private."

In the 1910 Census (E.D. 212, family 107) on Gailoy(?) avenue near Benton avenue, Ross Township, precinct 4, Allegheny county, PA lived: Jacob Holzworth, age 36, born Germany, his parents both born in Germany, immigrated in 1891 and a naturalized citizen, was a joiner in a planing mill, was married for 15 years to his wife Minnie, age 32, born in PA, her parents both born in Germany. They had five children all born in Pennsylvania: Esther, daughter, age 14; Clayton, son, age 12; Clara, daughter, age 10; Virginia, daughter, age 8; and Roy, son, age 4.

Thirteen houses away and around the corner on Benton avenue was Phillip Kirsch, age 55, born in PA, his parents both born in Germany, married 26 years to Henrietta F. Kirsch, age 56, born in PA, both of her parents born in Ireland. They had 3 children, but only one living at home: William B., son, age 19, single, born in PA.

In the 1920 census (E.D. 778, sheet 14, line 28), William Kirsch, age 5, born in PA is living with his grandfather Jacob Holzworth's family. Jacob, age 45, was born in Germany and by occupation a joiner in a planing mill. He had come to the United States in 1890 and had filed his first papers for citizenship. His wife, Minnie, age 41 was born in Pennsylvania but was an alien since her husband was not yet a citizen. Their son Clayton, age 21 was a pattern maker in a steel company. The other children were Clara J., age 20; Virginia M., age 17; Roy, age 14; Raymond, age 8; and Herbert, age 5. Only Roy and Raymond attended school. The family owned their own home free and clear.

THANK YOU

As your outgoing editor I would like to thank Julie Kant, Ginny Skander, Keith Kerr and Donna Booth for helping with the typing this year. It was most appreciated, especially after my surgery last summer. Thanks guys!!!

MILITARY INSIGNIAS

The Tree Climber, May, 97
via *The Highpoint*, Vol. 29, No. 5, May, 98

The following is a list of abbreviations used on tombstones.

- AFC** - Air Force Cross, for extraordinarily heroism.
- AM** - Air Medal, for meritorious achievements in flight.
- ANC** - Army Nurse Corps, Army nurse
- ARCOM** - Army Commendation Medal, for meritorious achievement in combat/noncombat service.
- BSM** - Bronze Star, for heroic/meritorious achievement.
- CSA** - Confederate States of America.
- DFC** - Distinguished Flying Cross, heroism/achievement in flight.
- DSC** - Distinguished Service Cross, heroism in military operation.
- DSM** - Distinguished Service Medal, meritorious service to government in "a duty of great responsibility"
- GAR** - Grand Army of the Republic.
- GS** - Gold Star, each subsequent award of the same decoration; a sliver star denotes five gold stars earned.
- LM** - Legion of Merit, meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service for citizens of other nations.
- MexBor** - Service on Mexican Border 1916-1917.
- MOH** - Medal of Honor, for conspicuous gallantry at risk of life in action.
- MSM** - Meritorious Service Medal, outstanding noncombat achievement.
- NC** - Navy Cross, extraordinary heroism with military operations against opposition..
- OLC** - Oak Leaf Cluster.
- PH** - Purple Heart, for wounds/death resulting from opposing an armed force.
- SAW** - Spanish American War veteran, 1898.
- USAAC** - U.S. Army Air Corps.
- USNRF** - U.S. Naval Reserve Force.
- USCT** - U.S. Colored Troops.
- USS MAINE** - Crew member of USS Maine when it sank in Havana harbor in 1898.
- WAAC** - Women's Army Auxiliary Corps 1942-1943.
- WAC** - Women's Army Corps 1943-1945.

TIDBITS: Whoever said "Seek and Ye shall find" was not a genealogist. Genealogists live in the past lane.

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WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA HISTORY

In the February, 1997 NHG Newsletter (Vol. 7, No. 6) we began a series on the Counties of Western Pennsylvania taken from "Your Family Tree" written by Francis Strong Helman and printed in Clark House Quarterly, published by Historical and Genealogical Society of Indiana County, July 1996, Vol. XVI, No. 3 and April 1997, Vol. XVII, No. 2 and October 1996, Vol. XVI, No. 4. Below is the continuation of the history.

ADAMS COUNTY

Adams County was named in honor of John **ADAMS**, who was president at the time the county was formed by Act of Assembly, January 22, 1800. Adams was once a part of Chester an original county, then within the limits of Lancaster when that county was set aside in 1729, then part of York County when it was set aside, in 1749, until it finally became know as Adams.

Early settlements were made in the southern part of the county between 1736 and 1740 by the Scotch-Irish. Most of these settlers lived in what was known as Manor of Maske. The Manor was about six miles wide and twelve miles long. The town of Gettysburg is just a little north of the once center of the Manor.

Only a narrow strip of ground on the west separated the Manor from Carroll's Delight" which had been surveyed under Maryland authority, on April 3, 1732. It was patented in 1735 to Charles, Mary and Eleanor **CARROLL**, and their agents made sales of warrants for years, supposing this land within the grant of Lord Baltimore, in the county of Frederick, Maryland. "Carroll's Delight" contained 5,000 acres.

East Berlin is another very old community, situated along Conewago Creek, and it was along the Conewago that we had the Low Dutch Settlement of the early days. John **FRANKENBERGER** laid out the town of East Berlin, in 1764, and named it Berlin. Mr. Frankenberger sold his interests in 1774, to Peter **HOUSHILL**, and he in turn, in 1782, sold to Andrew **COMFORT**. Other residents of the town, according to **EGL**E, were John **HILDEBRAND**, Charles **HIMES**, James **SARBACH**, James **MACKEY** and Peter **LANE**.

In writing of the Low Dutch Settlements of Adams County we refer to B. F. McPherson,

of Gettysburg, who has made a study of that phase of the settlement. At one time the community boasted of about one hundred fifty families. Many of their descendants may still be found in the county.

There were French Huguenots among these settlers. They had fled from France to Holland, and then came to America with the Hollanders.

The so called Low Dutch had a fondness for the preaching of the Scotch-Irish, and as their own services became less frequent they joined the Presbyterian Church, family after family. Two of these early Presbyterian ministers were Re. John **BLACK** and Rev. Alexander **DOBBINS**, and it was to Rev. Dobbins' church that the majority of these Low Dutch families attached themselves.

It was here, at Gettysburg, that the Union and Confederate troops met, in 1863, for the three day's battle which was the turning point of the war between the states. A huge national park has been established at Gettysburg with a network of hard surfaced driveways. Many of the houses remain much as they must have appeared to the boys of blue and gray many years ago.

INDEPENDENCE DAY QUIZ FOR GENEALOGISTS

By Myra Vanderpool Gormley, C.G., 1997, Los Angeles
Times Syndicate

Tracing your roots? You will soon discover that history, especially American history, and genealogy are first cousins. See how well-informed you are about some affairs pertaining to the American Revolution.

1. If you have an ancestor who participated in the American Revolution, approximately how many generations (figuring 30 years per generation) back from you would that be?
a. 10-13; b. 5-8; c. 15-18
2. Those American colonists who supported the British during the American Revolutionary War were called what?
a. Mercenaries; b. Whigs; c. Loyalists
3. It is estimated that how many men fought for the American colonies?
a. 250,000; b. 350,000; c. 150,000

4. Women who can prove a direct-line connection to someone who fought or provided services or supplies for the Patriots may be eligible for membership in which national organization?

a. Daughters of the Cincinnati; b. Daughters of the American Revolution; c. Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America

5. What is the popular term for the 30,000 German troops who fought for the British during the Revolutionary War?

a. Hessians; b. Combatants; c. Tories

6. In 1776 Congress authorized something as a substitute for the wages it was unable to pay its soldiers. What was it called?

a. scrip; b. bounty-land warrant; c. specie payment

7. Who was known as the "Mother of the Boston Tea Party"?

a. Ann Bourne Gwinnett; b. Abigail Smith Adams; c. Sarah Bradlee Fulton

8. When was the Boston Tea Party?

a. Dec. 16, 1773; b. July 4, 1773; c. Nov. 30, 1773?

9. Paul Revere is famous for his midnight ride to warn the patriots that the British were coming. What was his original family name and country of origin?

a. van der Rever of Holland; b. de Rivoire of France; c. von Roiser of Germany

10. Approximately 100,000 Tories emigrated from the U.S. after the Revolutionary War. Where did most of them go?

a. England; b. West Indies; c. Nova Scotia, Canada

11. Who was the first widower eligible to receive a Revolutionary War pension -- thanks to the service of his wife, Deborah Sampson?

a. Benjamin Gannett; b. Benjamin Gardner; c. Benjamin Gates.

12. Under what name did she enlist as a soldier in 1782 at Worcester, Mass.?

a. Robert Sumter; b. Robert Shurtliff; c. Robert Shoemaker

ANSWERS: 1. b. (a Revolutionary War ancestor was probably born ca 1730-1760); 2. c; 3. a; 4. b; 5. a; 6. b; 7. c; 8. a; 9. b; 10. c; 11. 1; 12. b.

Thanks to Elisa Powell for sending this along.

ENGLAND'S COUNTIES AND SHIRES

The Kalamazoo Valley Heritage, June 1997 via *The Highpoint*, Nov. 1997, Vol. 28, No. 10

In 1974 the British government redrew the traditional county boundaries throughout England, Scotland and Wales. For most genealogical purposes the older county divisions can be used since most indexes such as the IGI use these divisions.

However there is still come confusion to the naming conventions of the English counties. First some counties always use the suffix "shire", some never, and some occasionally. There is no consistent way to identify these. A list follows to help. Second the word "county" is only used with one county (county Durham). Therefore look for Middlesex, not Middlesex County.

Here is a complete list of the traditional English counties along with the county town. A county town is the principle town or city of government administration and therefore where the records are.

COUNTIES THAT NEVER USE SHIRE

<i>County</i>	<i>County Town</i>
Cornwall	Truro
Cumberland	Carlisle
Essex	Chelmsford
Norfolk	Norwich
Middlesex	None used, used to be Brentwood
Kent	Maidstone
Northumberland	New Castle-upon-Tyne
Rutland	Oakham
Somerset	Taunton
Sufflok	Ipswich
Surrey	Kingston-upon-Thames
Sussex	Lewes
Westmorland	Appleby

COUNTIES THAT ALWAYS USE SHIRE

<i>County</i>	<i>County Town</i>
Bedfordshire	Bedford
Berkshire	Reading
Buckinghamshire	Aylesbury
Cambridgeshire	Cambridge
Cheshire	Chester
Derbyshire	Derby
Gloucestershire	Gloucester
Hampshire	Winchester
Herefordshire	Hereford
Hertfordshire	Hertford

Huntingtonshire	Huntington
Lancashire	Lancaster
Leicestershire	Leicester
Lincolnshire	Lincoln
Northamptonshire	Northampton
Nottinghamshire	Nottingham
Oxfordshire	Oxford
Shropshire	Shrewsbury
Staffordshire	Stafford
Warwickshire	Warwick
Wiltshire	Amesbury
Worcestershire	Worcester
Yorkshire	York

COUNTIES THAT OCCASIONALLY USE "SHIRE"

<i>County</i>	<i>County Town</i>
Devon (Devonshire)	Exeter
Dorset (Dorsetshire)	Dorchester

COUNTIES THAT USE THE TERM "COUNTY"

<i>County</i>	<i>County Town</i>
County Durham	Durham

SIX TYPES OF MARRIAGES & RECORDS IN THE UK

The Family Tree, Feb./Mar. 1998, Vol. VIII, No. 1.

Marriage in the United Kingdom fell into one of six categories until recently. The four most commonly occurring ones were marriages (1) in the Established Church of each country, (2) in a Register Office, (3) in a nonconformist Church, (4) by Jewish or Quaker ceremony, (5) marriage for the housebound or detained and (6) marriages by Register General's license. This was reserved for the dying.

The way on which the process of marriage shall take place was laid down in Hardwick's marriage Act of 1754. This Act stated that marriages with the exception of Quaker and Jews, could only take place by banns or by license. They had to take place between the hours of 8 a.m. and 12 noon. This was later extended to 3 p.m. and finally to the current hours of 8:00 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Marriage by banns meant that a couple had to be resident in the parish for one week before the banns would be read. Banns had to be written into the banns notice book and were either called in the church or proclaimed in a public place such as the market. The total process thus took one

month from the start of residency to the completion of the banns when the marriage could then take place.

A huge number of couples used the loopholes of a single week of residency so that they could be married in places other than home. Reasons could include keeping the marriage a secret from people who knew them.

PILGRIM OR PURITAN?

The Family Tree, Feb./Mar. 1998, Vol. VIII, No. 1.

The terms "Pilgrim" and "Puritan" may be used sometimes interchangeably in some printed sources, but this is incorrect. English Separatists, including the Pilgrims and Puritans, were those people in England, who, during the reign of Queen Mary, refused to conform to the public services of the Roman Catholic Church.

Separatists worshiped in defiance of the established Anglican Church of England. By the close of the reign of Elizabeth 1, there were 3 kinds of separatists: 1) Those who believed it was wrong and un-scriptural for the established church to have connections with the state, the local church should manage its own affairs. These were called PILGRIMS. 2) those who would have a state church under Presbyterian form of government. 3) Those who desired a purified worship, but still remained in the Church of England. These were the PURITANS.

Only 35 of the Mayflower voyagers in 1620 were Pilgrims, the other 65 were not separatists. New Pilgrims arrived in 1621, Salem became a successful second town and by 1640 there were eight towns in the Pilgrim colony in the new world.

The Puritans were part of the Massachusetts Bay Company who originally were destined for Salem Massachusetts, but who settled in Boston in 1630. Although religious freedom was an influential cause of Puritan settlement, economic betterment and land acquisition was on the minds of many new arrivals.

Eventually, the Pilgrims were outnumbered in Salem. In 1691, the King appointed a new governor who joined Maine and the Plymouth Bay Colony and Salem became a Puritan town.

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NORTH HILLS GENEALOGISTS

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City _____ State _____ Zip Code + 4 _____

Suggestions for Program Topics : _____

If desired, please list the surnames you are researching and the locality. For example, Smith, West Virginia; Jones, Beaver County; Brown, McCandless Township, Allegheny County, etc. Space permitting, this information will be included in a future newsletter

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

After completing the application form printed above, mail the application to the address listed along with a check made out to: "North Hills Genealogist". Dues are **\$10.00 if mailed on or before July 31** and **\$12.00 if received after July 31**.

North Hills Genealogists
c/o Northland Public Library
300 Cumberland Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15237-5455

Membership runs from August through the following July. Members receive the monthly newsletter; are entitled to submit unlimited free queries to the newsletter; attend field trips and social events and take advantage of the 5 Generation Charts which are available at the meetings. If you have not filled one out please contact Ginny Skander and she will provide you with an acid free chart. Once it is completed return it to Ginny for inclusion in the 5 Generation Charts binder.

LINEAGE

And sometimes, when I have become
a quiet portrait on the wall
Will you, my far descendant
stop to think of me at all?

Suppose your hands are shaped like mine-
You have my nutmeg sense of fun-
Will there be one to tell you so, there
when my days are done?

If you love books, and fires, and songs,
and slippers moons on lilac skiers,
Toss me a look of shared delight
from those, my own dark eyes.

For there is kinship in a curl
and keepsakes in a spoken name.
And win of life may yet be poured
by hands within a frame.

Author unknown

Thanks to Ginny Skander for sending this poem to us.

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FIRST CLASS

JULY - MARILYN HOLT - OLD PHOTOS OF NORTH HILLS
AUGUST - CIVIL WAR SOLDIERING

BITS AND PIECES

DEFINITIONS FROM THE PAST

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Grasswidow - Unmarried woman who has lived with one or more men; a discarded mistress; a woman who pretended to have been married and had children; an unwed mother; a married woman whose husband is habitually or temporarily absent.

LIVING HISTORY WEEKEND

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, John T. Crawford Camp #43, is hosting a Civil War Living History Weekend at the Cooper Cabin, Cabot, PA on June 20-21, 1998. They will be demonstrating various topics such as drill, cooking, and camp life. On both days Bill May will be featured presenting his "Visit from a

Civil War Soldier." Cabot, PA is located on Route 356 between Freeport and Butler.

CHILDREN'S SUMMER CAMPS

"Summer at Old Economy Village" is a one week, educational program sponsored by the Harmonie Associates. It is designed for children 7 - 11 years. Dates include week of July 6; July 13; July 20 and July 27. Time is from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Price is \$60.00 per child (\$55.00 if more than one per family for each week.) Each child must provide their own sack lunch, beverages provided. Parents must provide transportation.

For registration forms or for more information contact: Harmonie Associates, 14th and Church Streets, Ambridge, PA 15003. Phone 724-266-1803 and FAX 724-266-5101.