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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to another year of North Hills Genealogists meetings and events. I hope you all had a chance to gather more family information this summer - either during family reunions or on research trips. My cousins and I just had our annual reunion. This year we honored our uncle who turned 90 in May. It also gave us a chance to give some "family support" to his daughter (our cousin) whose youngest son is currently on active duty in Iraq.

This was a busy summer for genealogy in Pittsburgh. The NGS 100th anniversary conference was a resounding success.

Program Chair Tom Wiley has lined up great programs for this year, but he is always interested in hearing from you with your ideas for programs.

As you probably know by now, Northland Library closed for renovations on August 17 and will reopen after Labor Day in temporary space at Northway Mall. As a result, we had to find a new meeting place during those 10-12 months of the renovation. Thanks to Tom Wiley we have a "new" home at the McKnight United Methodist

Church during that time. Northland may be closed, but NHG is OPEN!

Have you renewed your membership for 2003-2004? If you haven't, this will be the last issue of the newsletter you will receive. If there is a colored insert in your copy of this issue, then you haven't renewed yet. Check out page 9 for a renewal form. Don't miss any issues of the newsletter by renewing now.

The Cemetery Committee had hoped to be able to do some readings this summer for our next book, but Mother Nature just did not cooperate very much. They hope to get started this month and work into the fall. See Jo Hendeson or Irene Dinning if you can help with the readings. Check out page 8 of this newsletter and see the great review of the new Pine-Richland book written by Elizabeth Shown Mills, nationally-known genealogist and author (used with permission).

If you have any materials for the newsletter, please pass them along to me, either at our meetings or by mail at the address above. Remember, this is **your** newsletter and **your** organization. Think about how you can help make it grow and be even better.

WHERE GENEALOGISTS MEET

All meetings free & open to the public unless otherwise noted

Tuesday, September 2, 2003 - NHG Board Meeting - 7:00 pm - UPMC Passavant Hospital Cafeteria. Everyone welcome.

Tuesday, September 16, 2003 - Regular NHG Meeting - 7:00 pm - "Genealogical Resources in Western Pennsylvania" - Marilyn Holt, MLS, Department Head of the PA Dept. Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh

Monday - Thursday, September 1-4, 2003 - The Eastern Legacy - The Lewis & Clark Corps of Discovery Bicentennial Expedition Rochester Riverfront Park, Rochester, PA, Beaver County

Thurs., Sept. 11, 2003 - WPGS - 7:00 pm - "Three Slovak Women: Telling One Slovak American Family's Story" - Lisa Alzo, MFA - Carnegie Lecture Hall, Oakland

Friday, September 12, 2003 - Lawrenceville Then and Now 2 - Emma's Art and Coffee Emporium, 4407 Butler St. - More information later

Thursday, September 18, 2003 - Lawrenceville Historical Society - "The History of the Pittsburgh Brewing Company" - Mark Davis Brew Master - Canterbury Place, Fisk Street, Lawrenceville

Monday, September 22, 2003 - The Greater Pittsburgh Civil War Round Table - "The Maryland Campaign" - Scott Hartwig. The Babcock, Babcock Boulevard, North Hills

October Events

Saturday & Sunday, October 4 & 5 - Civil War Living History Days - Soldiers & Sailors National

Military Museum & Memorial

Saturday, October 11, 2003 - GENE O-RAMA - WPGS and the African-American Historical and Genealogical Society

WPGS SEPTEMBER 11, 2003 MEETING

"Three Slovak Women: Telling One Slovak-American Family's Story" - Lisa Alzo, MFA. As genealogists we often focus on the facts but overlook how historical events influenced our ancestors' lives. Lisa will cover using oral/social history to flesh out the story of your ancestry. She will discuss how the immigrant experience, Slovak culture/customs, economic, employment and social factors shaped three different perspectives of three generations of women.

THE LEWIS & CLARK CORPS OF DISCOVERY DESCENDANT PROJECT

To honor the permanent members of the Lewis & Clark Corps of Discovery that completed the trip to the Pacific Ocean, the Clatsop County Genealogical Society, Astoria, Oregon is offering a "Corps of Discovery Descendant Certificate" to any person that can document they are a direct, or collateral descendant, to any permanent member of the 1804-1806 Expedition.

All confirmed genealogical data accepted will be stored permanently in the genealogical archives at the Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, Inc., Library in Great Falls, Montana.

A book with all accepted genealogical data will be published after May 22, 2004. Check the following website for more information:

<http://www.pacifier.com>

SCAM ARTIST ARRESTED!!!

The following article is from Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter and is copyright 2003 by Richard W. Eastman. It is republished here with the permission of the author.

As you may recall, in past newsletters we have advised you of scams being run that had caught many genealogists and caused them to spend money on a subscription that turned out to be nothing more than links to free sites. Unfortunately, it was impossible to cancel the subscriptions. Dick Eastman has been following these scams for a long time and has sent out the following special notice.

"I have written a number of times about a genealogy-related scam that operates under a variety of names, including GenSeekers.com, GenealogyGiants.com and more. In the July 7 issue of the newsletter [Eastman's newsletter], I identified the owner/operator of this "business" as 21-year-old Elias Abodeely of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Since then, I have had conversations with several people in Iowa about this "business."

"I can now report that earlier today [August 2, 2003] the Cedar Rapids police department arrested Elias Abodeely for his activities with GenSeekers.com and the other Web sites he operates."

"KWWL Television in Iowa is now reporting that Cedar Rapids Police have made an arrest after a two year Internet crime investigation. The crimes involved genealogy websites. Today police arrested Elias Abodeely II of Cedar Rapids. He faces four charges: 1st degree theft, identity theft, money laundering, and ongoing criminal conduct. Police say they expect to file charges against more suspects." - Dick Eastman

Thanks to the work of Dick Eastman and others for keeping this fraud activity in the news, legal action has finally been successful. Great work Dick. Remember - BUYER BEWARE when signing up for any "paid" sites.

NORTHLAND LIBRARY

As you know, Northland Library will be undergoing a major renovation project for the next 10-12 months. As a result of the construction, they have closed the library, effective August 17, 2003. They will reopen in two vacant stores in Northway Mall (second floor) the Tuesday after Labor Day. Unfortunately, there will be no meeting rooms in the temporary location. As a result, we have relocated our monthly meetings to the McKnight United Methodist Church. The Church is located on a hill just east of McKnight Road, across from the south entrance to the North Hills Village Mall.

Our meetings will be held in the Fellowship Hall on the lower level. The entrance is between the one-story wing on the left and the main building on the right. When you come in this entrance, turn right and go through the double doors. The meeting room is on the right.

We will continue to meet the third Tuesday of each month (except December) at 7:00 pm.

Follow the sign at the corner of McKnight Road and Braunlich Drive (at the light by Roth Rug store).

We will continue to use the Library's address as our mailing address. However, we have to find out where to pick up the mail from the library. So, if you send something to us, there may be a slight delay in getting a response.

Even though Northland is closed, NHG is OPEN and will continue to meet. We have some great programs planned in the coming months, so please join us. If you can help set up the room and clean up after the meeting, we would really appreciate the help.

For detailed directions, check our website at
<http://www.northhillsgenealogists.org>

GENEALOGY CONFERENCE OCTOBER 11, 2003

Are you interested in tracing your family roots? Join us at the Center in the Woods, Rt. 88, California, PA for a genealogy conference on Saturday, October 11. Registration begins at 8:00 am with the first conference presenter starting at 8:15 am.

Four outstanding genealogists will be featured. Marilyn Holt, Department Head of The Pennsylvania Department of the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, will begin with *Resources in Ethnic Genealogy*. She will present resources for descendants for various groups, including Eastern and Southern Europe, Great Britain and Ireland. Manuals, source books, and websites will be discussed. Following a break, Jacalyn Mignogna will present *Preservation of Your Family Treasures*. Learn principles of preservation that will keep your memorabilia as a family record for future generations.

Lunch is included with your registration. During that time you may browse the various displays or make a purchase.

After lunch, our first presenter will be Jerry Boscia, a professional genealogist, who specializes in Italian ancestry. Jerry's topic, *Italian Genealogy* will introduce you to valuable resources and strategies for Italian research. After a break, the final presentation of the day will be John Righetti, national president of the Carpatho-Rusyn Society since its inception. His topic is: *Unlocking the Secrets of Carpatho-Rusyn Genealogy*. You will learn about what is probably the most difficult group on which to conduct genealogical research.

Persons interested in more details should contact Mary Elaine Lozosky at the Center in the Woods, Monday thru Friday from 8 am to 6 pm at 724-938-3554 or e-mail melozosky@yahoo.com.

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RAILROAD GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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Railroads, and the men and women who built them, played a huge role in American history. The Railroad Genealogical Society has dedicated itself to locating and perserving all records still existing about these heroes and their families and to making them available to genealogists everywhere. For more information, check out: <http://www.rrgs.org>

GERMAN CITIZENSHIP

In pre-1871 Germany, you had to apply for citizenship (Bürgerrecht) of a town in order to become a citizen of that town. Usually, a man would do so when moving to the town or before marrying and founding a household of his own.

Nobody was a citizen (Bürger) of a country in those days. People were a subject (Untertan) of their king.

(Remember, Germany as we know it today, did not exist until after 1871. Prior to that, it was really a group of "states" and were not unified as a country.)

FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY CATALOG NOW UPDATED DAILY

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The online version of the Family History Library Catalog on FamilySearch has been updated. Even better, the Web site plans to update it every day. That means no more waiting for the new film numbers.

GUIDELINES FOR USING RECORDS REPOSITORIES AND LIBRARIES - RECOMMENDED BY THE NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Recognizing that how they use unique original records and fragile publications will affect other users, both current and future, family history researchers habitually -

- * are courteous to research facility personnel and other researchers, and respect the staff's other daily tasks, not expecting the records custodian to listen to their family histories nor provide constant or immediate attention.

- * dress appropriately, converse with others in a low voice, and supervise children appropriately.

- * do their homework in advance, know what is available and what they need, and avoid asking for "everything" on their ancestors.

- * use only designated work space areas and equipment, like readers and computers, intended for patron use, respect off-limits areas, and ask for assistance if needed.

- * treat original records at all times with great respect and work with only a few records at a time, recognizing that they are irreplaceable and that each user must help preserve them for future use.

- * treat books with care, never forcing their spines, and handle photographs properly, preferably wearing archival gloves.

- * never mark, mutilate, rearrange, relocate, or remove from the repository any original, printed, microform, or electronic document or artifact.

- * use only procedures prescribed by the repository for noting corrections to any errors or

omissions found in published works, never marking the work itself.

- * keep note-taking paper or other objects from covering records or books and avoid placing any pressure upon them, particularly with a pencil or pen.

- * use only the method specifically designated for identifying records for duplication, avoiding use of paper clips, adhesive notes, or other means not approved by the facility.

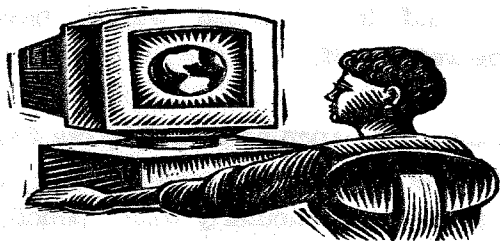
- * return volumes and files only to locations designated for that purpose

- * before departure, thank the records custodians for their courtesy in making the materials available.

- * follow the rules of the records repository without protest, even if they have changed since a previous visit or differ from those of another facility.

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Keep these standards in mind the next time you visit a records repository. You know how upset you get when a book or record you expect to find at a repository is missing or damaged. Think of the other researchers who will follow you and take care of the records and books you are using so that they have the same opportunity to use them when they visit. When people abuse the records, the repository may decide to make them unavailable, and then where would we be? We would never break down that "brick wall". Remember that the books, microfilm, and other documents cost these repositories money and by abusing them, you are harming more than just the records.



WEB WANDERINGS

(Note: all start with <http://www> unless otherwise noted)

Do you have a favorite website? Is there a specific place you would like to find a website for? If so, please send a note to the editor at the address on the front or by e-mail at DJBooth@worldnet.att.net.

ScotlandsPeople
scotlandspeople.gov.uk

Irish Databases
otherdays.com

American Civil War Research Database
civilwardata.com

Sampubco (multiple databases)
sampubco.com

Finish Institute of Migration Emigrant Register
utu.fi/erill/instmigr/eng/e_rekist.htm

Hamburg Links to Your Roots
hamburg.de/LinkToYourRoots/english.start.htm

National Archives of Canada
archives.ca/02/0201_e.html

Arkion's Swedish Census Database
arkion.se

Do you have a favorite website? Share it with the other members of NHG.

DO YOU HAVE A SURVIVAL PLAN FOR YOUR GENEALOGICAL DATA?

Tom Wiley, NHG Program Chairman

After I returned home from the final services for my only sibling, my brother Bob, I prepared to enter the last data on his Individual Record Card in my genealogical database: Died: 2 Aug 2003, Northside Medical Center, 341 Gypsy Lane, Youngstown, Mahoning Co., OH 44504; Funeral Director: Lane Funeral Home, Canfield Chapel, 64 N. Broad St., Canfield, Mahoning Co., OH 44406; Church Service: Canfield Presbyterian Church, 140 W. Main St., Canfield, Mahoning Co., OH 44406; Interment: Canfield Village East Cemetery, E. Main St., Canfield, Mahoning Co., OH 44406.

It then occurred to me, "Who is going to enter my final data on my Individual Record Card?" My Dad, who started recording our family information over eighty years ago, had passed away. My wife, who developed our genealogy database for for many years had greatly expanded it, was gone. And none of my children had yet caught the vision of passing on their heritage to their offspring.

So, what to do? I need a "survival" plan for my, no **our**, family history and genealogical records. And, at my age, I had better get moving on that!

Do you have someone, or some means, to preserve and continue your family history and records?

We want to extend our sympathy to Tom and his family on the death of his brother.

PIONEER CEMETERIES BOOKS BY NORTH HILLS GENEALOGISTS

North Hills Genealogists has published two volumes of their Pioneer Cemeteries books. Both books are now available for purchase.

Pioneer Cemeteries of Pine & Richland Townships (Allegheny County, PA)

This definitive work documents the final resting places of many suburban Pittsburgh settlers and their descendants. It includes complete tombstone readings for all the old cemeteries of the two townships, as well as other information, such as church records, when available. Every stone has been recorded exactly as the information appears with dates, relationships, epitaphs, stonecarvers' names, symbols and other notations. An every name index includes maiden names, military service units when known, and funeral homes. This 496 page hardbound, library-quality book contains many gravestone photos, along with area maps and histories.

PRICE: \$39.95 (\$29.95 for members), plus 7% sales tax for PA residents and \$4.00 shipping & handling.

Pioneer Cemeteries of Hampton Township (Allegheny County, PA)

Pioneer Cemeteries of Hampton Township, Allegheny County, PA 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, stone carvers' names and other notations. An every name index includes maiden names when known. This hardbound, library-quality book is over 200

pages and contains many photos of gravestones, history of the area and maps.

Price: \$19.95 (\$14.95 for members) plus 7% tax for PA residents and \$3.00 for shipping & handling.

Send order with payment to:

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If you prefer to pay by credit card, go to our website, <http://www.northhillsgenealogists.org> and you may purchase with your credit card

Special Offer

Purchase BOTH books for a special package price of \$50.00 (\$40.00 for members) plus 7% PA tax (if applicable) and \$5.00 shipping & handling.

Check out the review of the new Pine Township book by Elizabeth Shown Mills on page 8 of this issue.

BOARD ELECTION RESULTS

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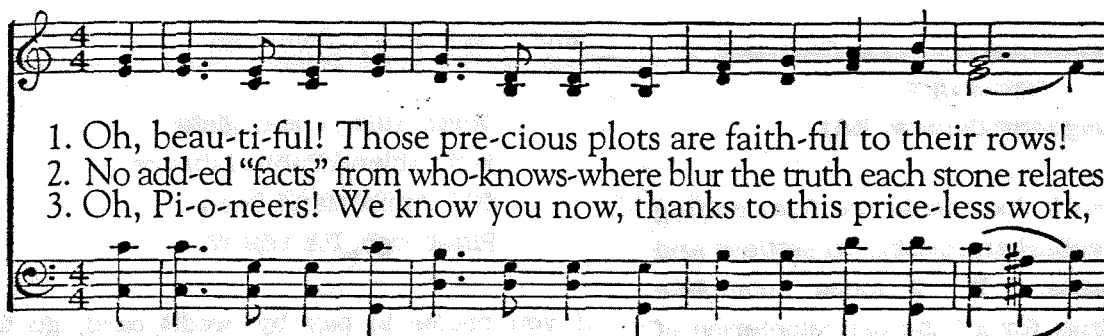
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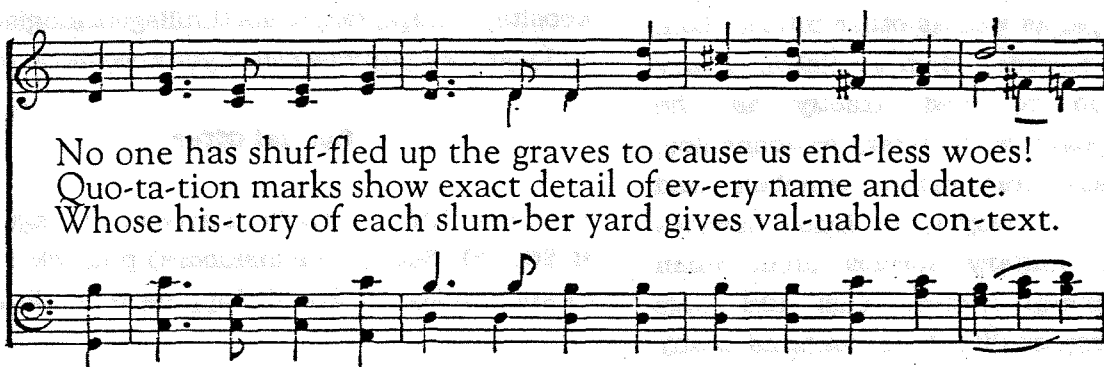
Have you sent in your membership renewal for 2003-2004 yet? If not, this will be the last issue of the newsletter you will receive. Don't miss any issues. Renew now. See form on page 9 of the newsletter for a renewal form.

Cemetery Book, the Beautiful

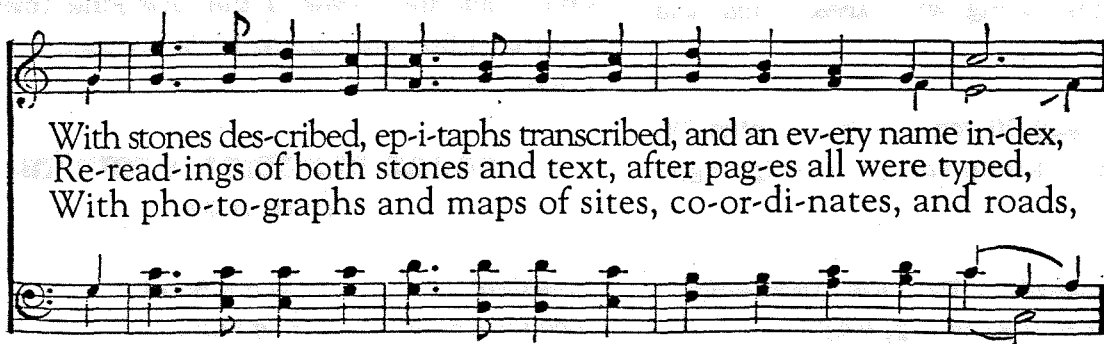
(A musical review of *Pioneer Cemeteries of Pine and Richland Townships, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania* — with apologies to Samuel A. Ward and Katharine Lee Bates.)



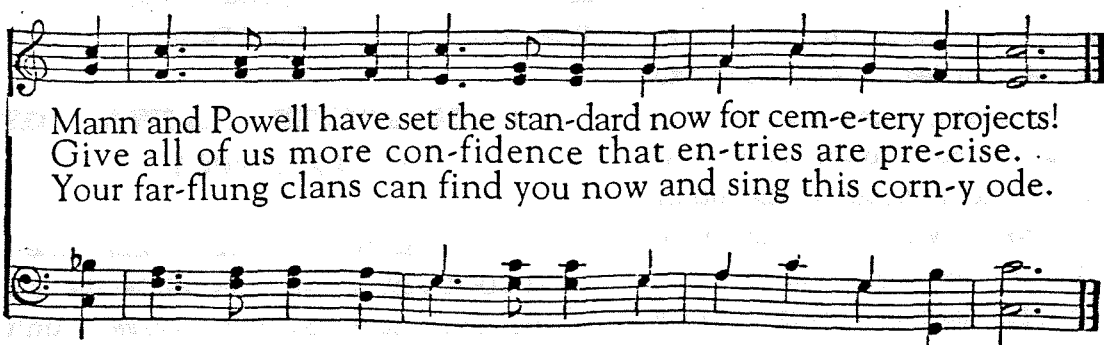
1. Oh, beau-ti-ful! Those pre-cious plots are faith-ful to their rows!
2. No add-ed "facts" from who-knows-where blur the truth each stone relates.
3. Oh, Pi-o-neers! We know you now, thanks to this price-less work,



No one has shuf-fled up the graves to cause us end-less woes!
Quo-ta-tion marks show exact detail of ev-ery name and date.
Whose his-tory of each slum-ber yard gives val-u-able con-text.



With stones des-cribed, ep-i-taphs transcribed, and an ev-ery name in-dex,
Re-read-ings of both stones and text, after pag-es all were typed,
With pho-to-graphs and maps of sites, co-or-di-nates, and roads,



Mann and Powell have set the stan-dard now for cem-e-tery projects!
Give all of us more con-fidence that en-tries are pre-cise.
Your far-flung clans can find you now and sing this corn-y ode.

E.S. Mills

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Please fill out the information below. When submitting this application, please make out a check for \$15.00 payable to **North Hills Genealogists**. All memberships run from August through the following July. Members receive the montholy newsletter; are entitled to submit unlimited free queries to the newsletter to request specific assistance for their research; and to attend field trips. The newsletter contains information on doing genealogy research, websites, and news of upcoming genealogical meetings and events.

Send your completed application to the following address:

North Hills Genealogists
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Pittsburgh, PA 15237-5455

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E-mail address: _____

If desired, you may submit a query for publication in the newsletter. Please list the surname in CAPITALS. Queries will be published in the newsletter, space permitting. Queries NOT limited to PA, Allegheny County or the US.

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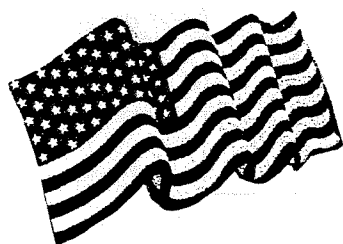
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GENEALOGICAL RESOURCES IN WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

Marilyn Holt, MLS, Dept. Head, PA Dept. Carnegie Library

September 16, 2003 - 7:00 pm

McKnight United Methodist Church

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

Yes, that's right. It is time to plan our Christmas Social. We are looking for suggestions of places you would like to go and also a place where we can have a nice lunch afterwards. Please give your suggestions to any Board member or see Tom Wiley, Program Chairman.

North Hills Genealogists is a group of people who share an interest in genealogy and meet to share their knowledge. NHG does NOT maintain a library and does NOT do research for others. An individual member may choose to handle research requests, but NHG will not be responsible for the quality of the work performed or any fees charged.

WRITING: MEMOIRS, MEMORIES AND STORIES

Now that you've collected all those family stories and information, what are you going to do with it? Do you want to write the family story but don't know how to start? Well, you might want to check out a non-credit class being offered by Community College of Allegheny County. It is a creative writing workshop with an emphasis on telling the stories of our lives. This course will help you turn those memories and stories into written accounts.

For more information check out the CCAC website at <http://www.ccac.edu> and look for the course titled: Writing: Memoirs, Memories and Stories.