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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The past few months have seen some changes for NHG. First, Northland Public Library closed and moved to a temporary location at Northway Mall for 10-12 months during renovations at the library. (Check out their temporary location at the Mall - upper level). Thanks to Program Chair, Tom Wiley, we have found a new meeting location during this renovation period. We are now meeting at the McKnight United Methodist Church. We really appreciate all the work Tom did to find us a new meeting location.

After Northland reopened at their temporary location, they advised us that they were concerned about our mail being sent to the library. The space they have for offices is very limited in their temporary location. So, the NHG Board decided to get our own mailing address (see address on masthead and the article on Page 20). We opened a post office box for receiving our mail. Please make a note of the new address and use it if you have anything to send to us. By using the new address we will get your mail in a timely manner. If you have sent anything to the old address, please know that there may be some delay in having it forwarded to our new address.

There are quite a few interesting programs coming up in the next few months, both at NHG and at other groups. Our October meeting will feature NHG member Joe Bullick, Historian for North Allegheny Schools, and Debbie Rabold, Chair of the Franklin Park Historical Committee, talking about "Helping Preserve Your Family's Local History." Our history is more than just our family. It is also the events that happened in the areas where our ancestors lived. If you haven't seen Joe's collection, you are missing something.

He told me that he will be bringing some of his materials to our meeting. October is Family History Month. To celebrate this, WPGS and The African-American Historical and Genealogical Society are having a GENE-O-RAMA from 1-4 pm on Saturday, October 11, 2003 at Soldiers & Sailors. Mark this date on your calendar.

And, believe it or not, we are finalizing our plans for our annual NHG Christmas Social. This year we are planning a trip to the Heinz History Center on Saturday, December 6. We will be able to see some of the great exhibits and the resources at their library. We will also have lunch at the Reyner's Old Fashion Deli at the Center. We hope to see everyone there.

WHERE GENEALOGISTS MEET

Tuesday, October 7, 2003 - NHG Board Meeting
7:00 pm - UPMC Passavant Hospital cafeteria.
Everyone welcome.

Tuesday, October 21, 2003 - Regular NHG Meeting - 7:00 pm - "Helping Preserve Your Family's Local History" - Joe Bullick, Historian for the North Allegheny School District (NHG member) and Debbie Rabold, Chair of the Franklin Park Historical Committee.

Tuesday, November 18, 2003 - Regular NHG Meeting - 7:00 pm - "Civil War Genealogy" - Brent Morgan, Richmond Heights, OH and former resident of McCandless.

Saturday, December 6, 2003 - NHG Christmas Social - John Heinz History Center Tour and lunch. (see article)

Other Meetings

Thursday, September 18, 2003 - Lawrenceville Historical Society - 7:00 pm - "The History of the Pittsburgh Bewing Company" - Mark Davis, Brew Master - Canterbury Place, Fisk Street, Lawrenceville.

Monday, September 22, 2003 - The Greater Pittsburgh Civil War Round Table - 7:00 pm - "The Maryland Campaign" - Scott Hartwig. The Babcock, Babcock Boulevard, North Hills

Saturday & Sunday, October 4 & 5, 2003 - "Civil War Living History Days" - Soldiers & Sailors Military Museum and Memorial - Oakland

Saturday, October 11, 2003 - GENE-O-RAMA - WPGS and The African American Historical & Genealogical Society - 1-4 pm - Soldiers & Sailors - Celebrating Family History Month

NHG CHRISTMAS SOCIAL SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2003

Yes, it is that time of the year again. Time to plan for our annual Christmas Social. Program Chair Tom Wiley has been doing a lot of work on coming up with a day that will both teach us and give us the opportunity to get together and enjoy a day out.

We will be going to the John Heinz History Center at 10:00 on Saturday, December 6, 2003. There are many exhibits there, including the "Eye of the Storm: Unknown Stories of the Civil War", which will give us some insight into Pittsburgh's role in the Civil War. There are also Lewis & Clark exhibits, the museum shop, and of course, the History Center Library.

Tom is currently finalizing the arrangements with the History Center staff and we will give you more details at next month's meeting and in the newsletter.

We will be having lunch at the Reymer's Old Fashion Deli on the first floor of the Great Hall at the History Center.

We will be taking pre-paid reservations starting in October. A reservation form will be in next month's newsletter and at our October and November meeting.

We hope you will join us on Saturday, December 6 for a day of history and spending time together. Watch for more information in the newsletter and on the website.

Check out the History Center's website for information on the many exhibits, etc. that we will be seeing. <http://www.pghhistory.org>.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2003
MARK IT ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW AND
JOIN US

CEMETERY COMMITTEE REPORT

Jo Henderson

The Cemetery Committee, hampered by hot weather and seemingly constant rains, finally found several days for readings. A stellar group of volunteers have met twice at Ingomar Methodist Church. We are about halfway through that cemetery.

The group hit "pay dirt" at this cemetery. Co-chairs Irene Dinning and Jo Henderson met Paul Stoeker, secretary of the church's Cemetery Cororation and were permitted to make copies of the earliest records the cemetery has. This is invaluable in double-checking field readings.

And yes, as usual, **all** members of NHG are invited -- indeed, encouraged! - to join this dedicated group of readers. Email Irene at dinning@stargate.net.

(The Committee is working on Vol. 3 of the Pioneer Cemeteries book series covering Franklin Park and McCandless. Consider helping in this big job.)

PIONEER CEMETERIES BOOKS

Pioneer Cemeteries of Hampton Township -

Includes complete readings for the Pine Creek, Depreciation Lands and Hampton Cemeteries with additional information such as lot owners' names, epitaphs, an everynames index, including maiden names when known and many photos of the gravestones. Also includes history of the area and maps. Over 200 pages, hardbound, library quality book. Price: \$19.95 (\$14.95 for members) plus 7% Pa. sales tax where applicable and \$3.00 shipping.

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Includes complete tombstone readings as well as information such as church records, where available. Additional information

found for many cemeteries include epitaphs, stonecarvers' names, maiden names when known. An everynames index for the entire book. Also includes military service units when known and funeral home information if available. This 496 page, hardbound, library-quality book contains many photos, along with area maps and histories. \$39.95 (\$29.95 for members) plus 7% PA sales tax where applicable and \$4.00 shipping.

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If you have ancestors or other family members who were buried in these townships, you won't want to miss the chance to purchase these books.

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.

To receive an e-mail notification of upcoming NHG and other meetings, send your name and e-mail address to pioneerbook@juno.com and you will be added to the notification list.

GENEALOGY CONFERENCE SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2003

Are you interested in tracing your family roots? Plan on going to the Center in the Woods, Rt. 88, California, PA for a genealogy conference Saturday, October 11. Registration begins at 8 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, the first presenter will be Jerry Boscia, a professional genealogist who specializes in Italian ancestry. Jerry's topic, *Italian Genealogy* will introduce you to available 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 - Friday from 8 am - 5 pm at 724-938-3554 or at melozosky@yahoo.com.

CIVILIAN PATRIOTS IN THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR

As you research your Revolutionary War-era ancestors, look beyond the famous battles to the everyday patriots. Just because you can't find a record of your ancestor in military records doesn't mean that he didn't contribute to the cause.

Many civilians took on important non-military roles in the American Revolution. Perhaps your family played a role in the new government, donated money or supplies to the Revolution, or signed oaths of allegiance to the new government. Just as servicemen took on great risk, these behind-the-scenes patriots risked retribution and their personal fortunes for the cause. To begin looking for your patriot ancestors, check out the Daughters of the American Revolution's Patriot Index and records of patriotic service at the state archives or county library.

NGS CONFERENCE IN THE STATES AUDIO TAPES

Did you attend a session at the NGS conference in Pittsburgh and wish you could hear the presentation again? Or, were there sessions you wanted to attend but could not fit into your schedule?

If so, you can order an audio tape of many of the talks from the conference in Pittsburgh from Repeat Performances. To find out what tapes are available, check out their website at <http://www.audiotapes.com>.

In addition to tapes from the conference in Pittsburgh, they also have tapes from other genealogical conferences held in past years. Check it out.

I DIG MY ROOTS!

FOLLOW-UP ON HUDSON CEMETERY RELOCATION

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

The irony is impossible to ignore. I wrote the following in the November 4, 2002 newsletter:

The New Jersey Turnpike Authority is seeking the descendants of those buried in a potters' field cemetery in Hudson County. The turnpike needs the land to build an interchange that will serve the Secaucus Transfer train station near Laurel Hill. The cemetery on those grounds was used by Hudson County's former poorhouse, mental hospital, and penitentiary. More than 3,500 bodies may be in the ground, located behind a prison annex and under an elevated section of the highway.

Work on this project has proceeded cautiously and with dignity. A new location was identified to become the new cemetery for the graves being relocated. Construction equipment moved into the new location, started excavating land for the new graves, and promptly found human bones! Hundreds of random pieces of bones and skulls have now been found in the exact spot where the remains were going to be reinterred.

"I just can't believe this is happening," said turnpike spokesman Joseph Orlando. "We went out of our way to show care and respect for the graves at the potter's field; we're paying the cemetery to reinter these people and now we find there are people being dug up there."

All work stopped until authorities can determine the origin of the bones found at the new site.

You can read more at the NorthJersey.com site at <http://www.northjersey.com>.

BEYOND WILLS & DEEDS COURT HOUSE RECORDS IN PENNSYLVANIA

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This is the final installment of information from Jean Morris on where to find court house records in Pennsylvania.

U. S. Federal District Courts organized in 1789 in Pennsylvania

Naturalizations and DI's
Bankruptcy cases
Admiralty (crimes and property damage on the high seas after 1851)
Criminal (treason, counterfeiting, mail fraud, etc.)
Equity (infringements on copyrights and patents)
Circuit Court Documents 1789-1911
District Court Dockets 1911 to current
Enforcing Draft laws (after 1917)

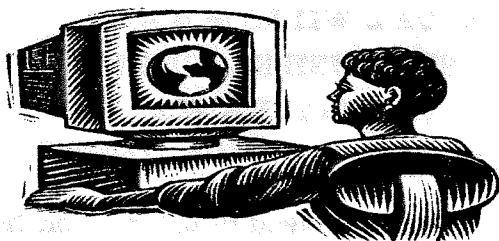
State Supreme Courts

Appearance Dockets
Equity Dockets
Execution Dockets
General Motion and Divorce Dockets
Judgment Dockets

United States Superior Court created in 1895

Appellate court

Don't overlook these excellent sources of information. You never know what information you may find about one or more of your ancestors. Even if they weren't "important" people in their community, many people often had some type of dealings with the various court systems during their lives.



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.

UK History and Resources
history.uk.com

Southeast USA Genealogy
southeast-usa-genealogy.com

British Ancestors Research Service
britishancestors.com

Transcript of orphan, adoptee and foster children listings in orphanages, homes and poorhouses from US and Canadian censuses
<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~orphanshome>

Perpetual Calendar
<http://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/roots-1/genealog/genealog.perpcal>

National Archives of Canada
nlc-bnc.ca/

(Thanks for Jim Rickey for this corrected address)

Canadian Genealogy Center
genealogy.gc.ca/index.html

Send any websites you have found useful to the e-mail address above or to our mailing address.

PITTSBURGH HISTORICAL EVENTS

1758 The English, after defeating the French at Ft. Duquesne, erected a new fort named for William Pitt

1786 The founding of the first newspaper in the town of Pittsburgh, "The Gazette"

1787 The first church, constructed of logs, was erected on Sixth Avenue

1793 Regular river packet service was inaugurated between Pittsburgh and Cincinnati

1797 Gen. O'Hara and Maj. Craig erected the first glass factory in Pittsburgh

1804 A newly established stage coach line was offering "speedy" six-day service between Pittsburgh and Philadelphia.

1811 The "New Orleans", built in Pittsburgh, sailed down the Ohio to establish the first regular packet service between Natchez and New Orleans and became the first steam boat to navigate western rivers

1816 - Pittsburg received its charter as a city.

1827 Contract was let to construct the aqueduct to carry the Pennsylvania Canal over the Allegheny River to Pittsburgh

1833 Johnston & Stockton install first steam printing press west of Alleghenies

1834 A route between Pittsburgh and Philadelphia via canal and railroad was opened

1877 Duquesne Heights was the scene of the first electric light demonstration

1877 Charles Hall, electrolytically extracts aluminum. A new industry began.

CHURCH AND CIVIL PARISHES IN IRELAND

FamilyTree Magazine E-mail Update - January 30, 2003

Records may identify a civil or church parish as a place of origin, but in some cases it may be unclear which type of parish a record refers to. In general, a reference to an Irish parish found in church records abroad is a reference to an ecclesiastical parish. A reference in a civil record may refer to a civil parish in Ireland. Religious denominations in Ireland, other than the Catholic Church and Church of Ireland, didn't use a parish system. A parish named for a Presbyterian, Methodist, Moravian, Baptist, Congregational, Mormon, or Quaker ancestor is most likely the civil parish.

With the re-emergence of the Roman Catholic church in the late 18th century, the Catholic parish system rapidly expanded. A civil parish can have one or more Catholic parishes within its boundaries; the Catholic and civil parish names may or may not be the same. A Catholic parish is often known by two or three names.

The Church of Ireland parish boundaries generally followed those of the civil parishes. But there may not have been enough members to support a Church of Ireland church in each civil parish. Consequently, parishes joined together as one functional parish. Sometimes more than one Church of Ireland parish existed within a civil parish. This was especially true in Ulster, Dublin city and Cork city, where there were greater numbers of Church of Ireland members.

Excerpted from *A Genealogist's Guide to Discovering Your Irish Ancestors* by Dwight A. Radford and Kyle J. Betit. Betterway Books.

Most family trees have been grafted at some point.

Penn's Colony Festival

September 19, 20, 21, 27 & 28

Are you going to the Penn's Colony Festival in Saxonburg this year? They are having re-enactors from the French and Indian War era this year, along with the crafts and demonstration of colonial arts. While reading the brochure I noticed that Marilyn Holt, Carnegie Library, is scheduled to speak at 2:00 pm each day on The People of Western Pennsylvania. If you are going to the festival, check out Marilyn's talk.

ANCESTRY QUICK TIP

Ancestry Daily News, April 8, 2003

Color Coded Notes

Margaret M. Weaver, Killingly Municipal Historian

I find it useful to employ different colors of computer paper in my genealogical note taking. It makes for quick sorting. My 82-year-old mother, who has never worked with genealogy, is adding to my knowledge of her uncles, aunts, and cousins. I have put each one of her maternal aunts and uncles and their descendants on different color paper so she can easily know which family members belong together.

REAL TOMBSTONE WRITINGS

Harry Edsel Smith, Albany, New York

Born 1903 Died 1942

Looked up the elevator shaft to see if the car was on the way down.

It was.

In a Uniontown, PA cemetery:

Here lies the body of Jonathan Blake

Stepped on the gas

Instead of the brake

Wonder if our Cemetery Committee will find any like this in their readings?

BEGINNER'S GENEALOGY CLASS

Western Reserve Historical Society Library -
10825 East Boulevard, Cleveland, OH 44106

Saturday, October 4, 2003 1 pm - 5 pm

Subject:

EXPLORING FAMILY HISTORY - An introduction - Home Sources, Vital Records, Research by Mail, Basic Genealogical Rules, Charts, Forms, Organization, Supplies, Cemetery and Funeral Home Records, Types of Evidence, Documentation, Handwriting Problems, U. S. Census Records. Hands-on Research in WRHS Library with expert personal help.

Cost - \$15 1/2 price parking; \$5 late fee for reservations after September 27th.

For more information contact: Roger Ellsworth, registrar (216) 283-6451 or wrhsgen@juno.com or Post Office Box 181201, Cleveland, OH 44118-1201

WRHS is a two-hour drive from Pittsburgh via the PA and Ohio turnpikes and other major interstate highways. Great research library with many resources.

Have you found a good resource book that has helped you with your research? If you have, please send the information along so that we can share it with the other members of NHG. If you belong to another genealogical group that you have found to be very helpful in your research, let us know about that too and we will include it in future newsletters.

BEGINNER'S PACKET

Pick up your copy of the updated NHG Beginner's Packet at the meeting. Great resource for genealogical research. Only \$7.00

GROWTH OF THE FOUR LARGE US EAST COAST CITIES 1790-1850

Year	NY	Phila	Balt.	Bost
1790	49,000	28,500	13,500	18,300
1800	79,000	41,200	26,500	24,900
1810	120,000	53,700	46,600	30,800
1820	152,000	63,800	62,700	43,300
1830	242,000	80,400	80,600	61,400
1840	391,000	93,700	102,300	93,400
1850	696,000	121,400	169,000	136,900

HISTORICAL OCCUPATIONS

<u>Historical Name</u>	<u>Definition/Modern Term</u>
Boniface	Inkeeper
Cooper	Wooden barrel maker
Cordwainer	Shoemaker
Gabeller	Tax Collector
Granger	Farmer
Hawker	Traveling salesman who carries his goods with him and sells directly to the public
Ratoner	A rat catcher
Rippier	A person who transports fish inland to market
Sawyer	Person who cuts logs
Yeoman	Several meanings, but usually a farmer who owns his own land

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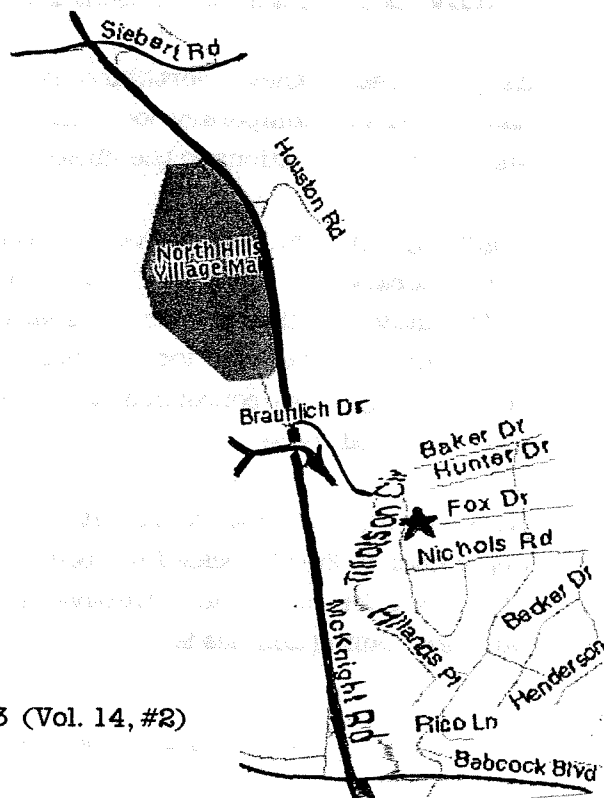
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If desired, you may submit a separate query for publication in the newsletter.

New Meeting Location Beginning August

McKnight United Methodist Church is on a hill just east of McKnight Road, across from the south end of the North Hills Village Mall.

There is a church/preschool sign at the intersection of McKnight Road and Braunlich Drive. Turn east at this traffic light and drive up Braunlich to another church sign (on the left) at the lower entrance to the church parking lot. Turn left into the parking lot.



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HELPING PRESERVE YOUR FAMILY'S LOCAL HISTORY

Joe Bullick, Historian for North Allegheny Schools and Debbie Rabold,

Chair, Franklin Park Historical Committee

Tuesday, October 21, 2003 - 7:00 pm

NEW MAILING ADDRESS FOR NHG

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As you already know, Northland Public Library has moved to a temporary location at Northway Mall during renovations to the library building.

Originally we were told we could continue to use the library's address for our mail. Unfortunately, the "office" space at the temporary location is too crowded and they advised they were concerned about having our mail delivered there.

As a result, the NHG Board, at its meeting on September 2, 2003, decided to open our own post office box for our mail. Effective immediately, our new mailing address is:

If you have anything to send to NHG, please use the new address so that we receive it in a timely manner. Both the post office and Northland have told us they will do their best to make sure that all mail to the old address is forwarded to our new one. But, this may cause a delay in receipt in some mail. So, if you use our new address we will receive the mail in a timely manner.

We would ask the other groups that we exchange newsletters with to make this change to their mailing list since we don't want to miss any issues of your newsletters.