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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I write this the sun is out and it is supposed to reach near 70 degrees over the next few days. I hope this means Spring is really here. I'm ready for it.

We're sorry we had to cancel the March meeting, but we were concerned about the weather and didn't want members to miss Part 2 of Ruth Kittner's talk because they were unable to get to the meeting. The good news is Tom Wiley has been able to reschedule Ruth for our September meeting.

When I looked at the calendar last week I realized it is only three months until our family reunion. Having been "elected" the coordinator, I guess I better get moving. This year we'll be missing one cousin who passed away in October. If you haven't had a family reunion recently, think about planning one now. Don't wait until all you can say is, "If only we had planned a reunion sooner."

next few months. You won't want to miss any of them. Make a note of the WPGS 30th Anniversary celebration in June and the Washington, DC research trip in September. If you know of any interesting events being held this summer, pass the information along so we can include it in the newsletter.

I hope you all have a chance to get out and do some research this summer. Hopefully, the price of gas will go down and make traveling to distant places to find those elusive ancestors easier.

We'll be electing new officers in the next several months, voting on revised NHG bylaws and moving back "home" to Northland Library for our meetings. All this in addition to having some great meetings and having another roundtable discussion in June. Gather up all those questions and be ready for our get some help from your fellow NHG members.

See you at future NHG meetings.

There are some great programs coming up in the

## WHERE GENEALOGISTS MEET

**Tues, May 4, 2004 - 7:00 pm - NHG Board Meeting** - UPMC Passavant Hospital Cafeteria. Everyone welcome.

**Tues., May 18, 2004 - 7:00 pm - Regular NHG Meeting** - Using Relationships to Establish Origins - Rich Hayden (see article - page 74)

**Tues., June 15, 2004 - 7:00 pm - Regular NHG Meeting** - Roundtable

### Other Meetings

**Mon., April 24, 2004 - The Mid-Atlantic Germanic Society** - "Taxes, Female Ancestors and Sources for German Research" - Speakers will include Barbara Vines Little and John T. Humphrey. Comfort Inn Conference Center, Bowie, MD. Check their website at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~usmags> for more information.

**Mon, April 26, 2004 - 7:00 pm - Greater Pittsburgh Civil War Round Table** - "Blood In The Streets: The New York City Draft Riots" - William Vodrey. The Babcock, Babcock Blvd.

**Tues., May 4, 2004 - 5:00 - 10:00 pm - The Erie County Historical Society and The Erie Society for Genealogical Research** - "Lectures on Irish Research" - For reservations contact the Erie Historical Society - reservation deadline April 27.

**Sat., May 8, 2004 - WPGS Monthly Meeting** - 10:00 am - Christy Venham -Resources for Genealogical Research - West Virginia & Regional History Collection at West Virginia University Library - Carnegie Lecture Hall, Oakland

**Sat., May 8, 2004 -8:30 am - 3:30 pm - POINTers - 8th Annual Seminar** - Unearthing Our Elusive Ancestors: A Collage of Italian Resources - Molloy College, Rockville Centre, NY

For more information:

<http://www.italiangen.org>.

**May 19-22, 2004 - NGS Annual Conference in the States** - Sacramento, CA. Check the following sites for more information.

<http://www.eshow2000.com/ngs>

or

<http://www.ngsgenealogy.org>.

**Thurs. May 20, 2004 - 7:00 pm - Lawrenceville Historical Society** - Fading Memories of 1918: The Story of Thomas Reath and the Battle of Belleau Wood - George Gaadt and Emil Stefanacci - Canterbury Place, 310 Fisk Street, Lawrenceville

**Sat., June 19, 2004 - WPGS 30th Anniversary Celebration** - 10:00 am - Woodville Plantation Tour followed by lunch at Peters Place and lecture by John Humphrey. (see article on page 76).

**June 24-26, 2004 - Palatine Footprints - NY Chapter of Palatines to America** - Albany, NY For questions and more information contact: John Paris at [johnmparis@aol.com](mailto:johnmparis@aol.com).

**Sept. 11-12, 2004 - "Gathering of the Frontier Families and Indian Tribes of the Northeast Territory"** - Fort Pitt Museum, Pittsburgh, PA. For more information contact Ken Girty at [kegfdl@aol.com](mailto:kegfdl@aol.com) or 724-789-7805

**NHG Trip to Washington, DC - September 26-29, 2004** - Join the NHG bus trip to Washington, DC for a research trip to the National Archives, DAR and Library of Congress. See article on page 75.

**If you have information of any upcoming meetings/conferences/seminars please send them along so we can include them in a future newsletter.**

## QUERIES

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**STEVENS/STEPHENS**, Andrew John, b. abt 16  
April 1871/72, Pittsburgh, d. 3 July 1936, m.  
**Annie TAYLOR** b 12 Nov. 1871, Scotland, d. 27  
Mar 1960, Pittsburgh, married 17 Nov. 1892.  
Children: John, Russell, Jean. Seek parents of  
Andrew. Contact: **Donna Booth,**  
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**FISHBAUGH/FISCHBAUCH/FISHBOUGH**,  
**Matilda**, b. approx. 1872, Pittsburgh, m. **Frank**  
**H. PALMER** b 18 Nov. 1871, PA, d. 6 Jan 1952,  
Sharpsburg, PA. m. 15 Sept. 1896, Pittsburgh.  
Frank was a bricklayer. Seek parents of Matilda.  
Contact: **Donna Booth**  
**@DJBooth@worldnet.att.net.**

Queries are free and open to EVERYONE. They  
will be printed in the newsletter as space permits.  
Submit your queries to the address on the front,  
attention: Query Editor.

## VETERAN ADMINISTRATION BURIAL RECORDS ONLINE

The Veterans Administration has put on-line 3.2  
million records of veterans buried at 120  
national cemeteries since the Civil War. There  
are also records of some state veterans'  
cemeteries and burials at Arlington National  
Cemetery since 1999. The 'gravesite locator' is  
found at <http://www.cem.va.gov> and is free of  
charge.

The locator includes names, dates of birth and  
death, military service dates, service branch and  
rank if known, cemetery information and grave  
location in cemetery. The site is updated daily  
with about 80,000 annual burials at national  
cemeteries.

(Ed: I understand that since this was announced  
the site has been very busy and takes quite a  
while to load. You may want to wait or try  
off-hours to access these records.)

## COLONIAL COMEBACK

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A new series airing this spring on PBS applies the  
hot concept of reality television to early  
American history. You will see some of the  
less-refined, little-known elements of Colonial  
life: indentured servitude, backbreaking labor,  
public punishment and rigid gender roles.

Colonial House, which premieres May 17 at 8 pm  
EST, recreates a typical 1628 colonial village.  
The village's 26 inhabitants, chosen from more  
than 5,000 applications, received training in  
Colonial life before sailing to their New World  
destination on a period tall ship. They lived in  
single-story cottages measuring 15x20 feet each  
and struggled to create a functioning colony using  
the tools of the era. Check out:

<http://www.pbs.org/wnet/Colonialhouse>

**THE GENEALOGY OF MODERN MAN**  
**According to DNA Analysis**  
**Tom Wiley**

Several years ago, geneticist Dr. Spencer Wells helped develop and hosted the PBS documentary, "Journey of Man: The Story of the Human Species." At the same time he began writing a companion book that he titled, "The Journey of Man: A Genetic Odyssey." In the book, published in 2002, he was able to include greater scientific detail than was possible for television.

The thesis of his book is that our genetic code can answer the question of who were the people that came before our known and written genealogical records. Where did they live? What were they like?

He uses the results of recent Y-DNA research that he and many world-renown geneticists have conducted to conclude that "modern man", the six billion people that populate the earth today, originated in Africa about 50,000 years ago. He does not say that this is where and when the human species originated. Only that Y-DNA analysis indicates that the human race, as we know it today, originated in Africa about 2,000 generations ago.

By correlating language development with DNA analysis, Dr. Wells concludes that the French and German that we know today as national languages came into use about 1850, or about six generations ago. He also relates the results of archaeological findings and carbon dating of artifacts to DNA analysis.

Perhaps one of Dr. Wells' most intriguing conclusions is that DNA analysis of people of all races, from all geographic locations, of all skin colors and facial characteristics, show greater variation within these groups than between them. In other words, according to our genetic make-up, as human beings, we have more in

common than we have differences

**NHG MAY 18 MEETING**  
**USING RELATIONSHIPS TO**  
**ESTABLISH ORIGINS**

The presenter will be Rich Hayden, who previously spoke to NHG two years ago on the topic "I have 20 years of stuff, now what do I do with it?" In this presentation, Rich will draw on his recently published article in the *NGS Quarterly* in which he explores what to do when direct evidence of ancestry is elusive. He suggests that expanding the search beyond isolated individuals can be productive and, from the resulting body of information, the genealogist may be able to deduce enough from indirect evidence to build a case proving a relationship. Rich uses Casper and Catherine Hoover of Pennsylvania and Maryland to explore this thesis.

Ed: I know I have some lines where finding the "proof" seems to be impossible. I'm looking forward to hearing Rich's suggestions and hopefully find a way around some of those brickwalls.

**NHG JUNE 15 MEETING**

Gather up those questions you have on your research, those problems finding that elusive ancestor and bring them to our June 15 meeting. We are having our Roundtable discussion that night. We haven't had one for some time and have decided now is the time. Here's your chance to ask the other members of NHG for suggestions on how you can break down some of those brickwalls. Many of them have "been there, done that" and may just have the answers you need to continue your research.

**NHG RESEARCH TRIP TO  
WASHINGTON, DC  
September 26-29, 2004**

The North Hills Genealogists is sponsoring a bus trip to Washington, DC from Sunday, September 26 - Wednesday, September 29, 2004. The bus ride, three nights at the Herrington Hotel, three breakfasts, one dinner and an orientation session on Sunday night is included in the price. The hotel is about two blocks from the newly renovated National Archives. Also within walking distance are the White House and the DAR Library. The Library of Congress can be reached by a long walk, cab or metro.

The cost for a person rooming alone is \$375; for each person in a double is \$240; for each person in a triple is \$200 and for each person in a quad is \$175. You may take \$5 off of these published prices if paying in full by April 30, 2004. Full refunds are available if requested before August 15, 2004. Attendees do not have to be a North Hills Genealogists member and on-genealogical hotel companions are welcome, provided seats are available. The hotel is also located close to the Smithsonian and other attractions. See [www:northhillsgenealogists.org](http://www.northhillsgenealogists.org) for research tips and links to maps and other pertinent information. Reservations can also be made through the website.

One of our topics for the Sunday evening orientation session is the changes at the National Archives. For those of you familiar with NARA, Paula Wiegand reports: "Everything that was on the 4th floor is now on the ground floor. The library from the 2nd floor is also on the ground floor. The document reading room and bulk copying rooms are still on the 2nd floor, but the bulk copying room has moved to the opposite end of the building. The cafeteria is still in the basement, but it too has moved. As for procedure, military records are ordered on the ground floor and viewed on the 2nd floor."

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Put the July 20, NHG meeting on your calendar as we will be discussing how to plan for a research trip in general and Washington, DC in particular.

**NHG CEMETERY COMMITTEE**

Jo Henderson and Irene Dinning report that they will be setting up cemetery reading dates for this Spring. If you are able to help them with these readings, please contact with Jo or Irene and let them know. They will welcome your help. With the miserable weather we have had this fall and winter, we have gotten behind and they are hoping to get back up to speed with the readings. We are currently working on cemeteries in Franklin Park and will be starting McCandless soon.

Here's your chance to participate in the important work NHG is doing to preserve the history of the North Hills.

Copies of both the Hampton and Pine/Richland cemetery books are still available for sale. Check out our website for more ordering information.

**GREATER PITTSBURGH CIVIL WAR  
ROUND TABLE**

**Monday, April 26, 2004 - 7:00 pm**

**"Blood In The Streets: The New York  
City Draft Riots" - William Vodrey**

Four terrible days in the summer of 1863 are the topic of this meeting. Shortly after the battle of Gettysburg, the North's largest city erupted into violence fueled by racial hatred, class warfare and violent protests.

Mr. Vodrey will explore the reasons why the riots occurred and what lessons we can draw from them today.



## **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](mailto:DJBooth@worldnet.att.net).**

Veteran Burial Records - VA Nationwide  
Gravesite Locator  
[cem.va.gov](http://cem.va.gov)

Migration Routes from PA to VA  
[indwes.edu/Faculty/bcupp/genes/migrate.htm](http://indwes.edu/Faculty/bcupp/genes/migrate.htm)

Historic American Highways  
<http://homepages.rootsweb.com/~maggieoh/highway.html>

American Migration Patterns  
<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~gentutor/migration.html>

Migration Routs in the US  
[irishgenealogy.com/class/beginning/class6/migration.htm](http://irishgenealogy.com/class/beginning/class6/migration.htm)

Family Tree DNA Projects  
(lists over 900 DNA projects)  
[familytreedna.com](http://familytreedna.com)

## **WPGS 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION SATURDAY, JUNE 19, 2004**

Join WPGS for a private group tour of the historic home of General John Neville's Woodville Plantation located on Rt. 50 in Collier Township in Bridgeville. This home, built circa 1775 is one of eight national landmarks in Allegheny County.

The private tour will be from 10:00 - 11:30 am. Following the tour there will be a delicious full course luncheon at Peter's Place Restaurant (5 minutes from Woodville Plantation) and an informative and entertaining lecture by John Humphrey.

The price for the seminar includes, tour, lunch and lecture. \$23.95 per person.

Lunch includes your choice of one of the following entrees (Stuffed Pork Chop, Baked Virginia Ham, or Boston Scrod), soup du jour, garden tossed salad, "Heavenly" potatoes, green beans Almondine, rolls, beverage and dessert.

John Humphrey is a nationally-known speaker and author. He has written numerous books on church records for eastern Pennsylvania. John also served as Director of the NGS Learning Center. Many of you may have seen him at the NGS Conference in Pittsburgh last year. He is also a well-know speaker on German genealogy.

See the reservation form on page 79. Don't miss this chance to see one of our historic landmarks, have a great lunch, meet and greet other genealogists and hear a wonderful speaker.

Reservations due by June 9, 2004.

**See you there?**

## **250th ANNIVERSARY OF THE FRENCH AND INDIAN WAR**

The French and Indian War was a conflict primarily between arch enemies France and Great Britain that spanned the globe. Sometimes called the first world war, it began 250 years ago in Pittsburgh. The French and British were fighting over control of territory west of the Allegheny Mountains. Significant events include:

### **1754**

**April 18** - The British surrender Ft. Prince George at present-day Point State Park to the French. The French began building Ft. Duquesne.

**May 28** - George Washington, 22, a member of the British military, leads 40 men from present-day Uniontown where about 10 Indian warriors joined them to confront the French. Among the slain is French commander, Ensign deJumonville. The 15 minute skirmish is considered the first battle of the yet-undeclared war.

**May 30** - Washington builds Ft. Necessity, about 11 miles east of Uniontown.

**July 3** - The French and their Indian allies attack Washington at Ft. Necessity as retribution for the death of Jumonville. Washington surrendered and retreated on July 4.

### **1755**

**July 9** - The British send Maj. Gen. Edward Braddock and 1300 troops to Ft. Duquesne. They are attacked by about 900 French and American Indian troops at present-day Braddock. Braddock suffered more than 1,000 casualties over three hours and died July 14 near Jumonville.

### **1756**

**May 17** - The British formally declare war on the French. Fighting spreads to Europe, the West Indies and India.

**Sept. 9** - PA Col. John Armstrong launches an attack on the Lenape Indians, destroying the village of Kittanning, the only British success of the year.

### **1757**

**Aug 9-10** - French capture Ft. William Henry at Lake George, NY but deny Indian allies any plunder. Angry Indians capture and kill hundreds of British and vowed not to fight with the French any longer.

### **1758**

**Sept. 3** - British Gen. John Forbes ordered to recapture Ft. Duquesne, constructs Ft. Ligonier as a staging area.

**Oct. 12** - French forces from Ft. Duquesne unsuccessfully attack Ft. Ligonier.

**Nov. 23** - Forbes launches his assault on Ft. Duquesne. The French set fire to the fort and retreat. The British seize the fort, name the site Pittsburgh. The next spring the British start construction of **Ft. Pitt**.

### **1759**

**July 10-26** - French surrender Ft. Niagara, Ft. Ticonderoga and Crown Point, NY, clearing the way to the St. Lawrence River and Quebec.

**Sept. 13** - French surrender Quebec.

### **1760**

**Sept. 8** - British capture Montreal. Fighting between British and French in North America ends.

### **1761 - Fall**

British Cmdr. Amherst restricts trade with the American Indians, causing hardship for them.

### **1762**

**June 8-Aug. 13** - British capture Havana, Cuba, bringing Spain into the war. (cont on page 78)

## **FRENCH & INDIAN WAR (cont)**

**1763 -**

**Feb. 10** - Spain, France and Britain sign the Treaty of Paris, ending hostilities between the nations and dividing control of North America.

**April 27-June 21** - American Indians, angry over British trading policies, revolt. Pontiac's War begins and soon forts Detroit and Pitt are under siege.

**Aug 5-6** - Col. Henry Bouquet attempts to relieve Ft. Pitt but American Indians attack him at Bushy Run, now Jeanette. Bouquets tricks the Indians, driving them off.

**1765 -**

**Fall** - The British change their trade policies and American Indians make peace, ending Pontiac's War.

## **LETTERS FROM THE FRONT**

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The Library of Congress has posted a new digital collection of Civil War documents on its American Memory Website. A Civil War Soldier in the Wild Cat Regiment: Selections from the Tilton C. Reynolds Papers includes the letters and photographs of Catp. Tilton C. Reynolds, a member of the 105th Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteers.

Written mainly by Reynolds to his mother, Juliana, and father, Thomas, the letters detail the regiment's movements, battles, skirmishes, the soldiers' daily activities and their views on the war. To browse digital images of 164 items, (just part of the Reynolds collection), check out

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/tcrhtml/tcrhome.html>.

## **MARCH NHG MEETING RESCHEDULED**

As you know, we cancelled our March, NHG meeting due to weather conditions. We apologize if you did not learn of the cancellation. We contacted the three major TV stations, but only WTAE was able to get it listed on their cancellation notice (KDKA refused - said we were a company and they didn't list companies).

We know that many of you were looking forward to Ruth Kittner's second lecture on Coming From the Reich. We are very happy to announce that Tom Wiley has been able to reschedule Ruth's talk - "Coming from the Reich - Part 2" for our September meeting. Ruth will be in Germany this summer. We heard from many of you that you enjoyed her first talk and had many inquiries about her coming back for part 2. She will be with us on Tuesday, September 21, 2004 at 7:00 pm.

## **NORTHLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY**

According to officials at Northland Public Library, the construction is on schedule. We hope to be able to move back "home" by July or August. We do not have an exact date yet, as they are not scheduling their meeting rooms yet.

Watch for more information in the May and June newsletters, on our website and in the e-mail meeting notifications that Gary Schlemmer sends out. Remember, we do not have a newsletter in July, so we hope to have some definite information on moving back to Northland by June.

If you do not get Gary's e-mail notifications and would like to receive them, send an e-mail to [pioneerbook@juno.com](mailto:pioneerbook@juno.com) and he will add you to the list.



WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

## 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, JUNE 19, 2004

### 10:00 — 11:30 A.M. Woodville Plantation Tour

Join us for a private group tour of the historic home of Gen. John Neville, built circa 1775, and one of eight national landmarks in Allegheny County. Located on Rt. 50, Collier Twp. Exit I-79 at Kirwan Heights.  
1375 Old Washington Pike, Bridgeville (412) 221-0348

### 12:00 — 3:00 P.M. Luncheon and Lecture by John Humphrey

Gather with friends and colleagues for a delicious full course luncheon at Peters Place Restaurant (just 5 minutes from the Woodville Plantation) and enjoy an informative and entertaining lecture by John Humphrey.  
1399 Old Washington Pike, Bridgeville (412) 221-5000

Reservations must be received by June 9



*Lunch includes your choice of one of three entrees (Stuffed Pork Chop, Baked Virginia Ham or Boston Scrod), soup du jour, garden tossed salad, "Heavenly" Potatoes, Green Beans Almondine, rolls, beverage, and dessert.*

Price includes tour, lunch and lecture.

**\$23.95**

Members and guests welcome!

MAIL COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM AND CHECK BEFORE JUNE 9 TO WPGS, 1400 FORBES AVENUE, PITTSBURGH, PA 15213.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is a check made payable to WPGS for \$\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ guests @ \$23.95 each.

Please list the name of each person attending and indicate their choice of entree:

_____	Pork Chop _____	Ham _____	Scrod _____
_____	Pork Chop _____	Ham _____	Scrod _____
_____	Pork Chop _____	Ham _____	Scrod _____

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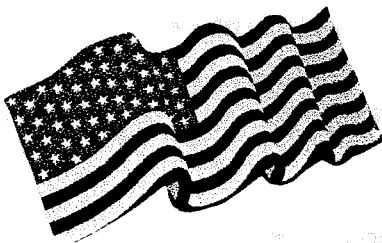
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#### **USING RELATIONSHIPS TO ESTABLISH ORIGINS**

**Rich Hayden**

**Tuesday, May 18, 2004**

**7:00 pm**

**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.**

#### **NHG BYLAWS REWRITE**

Tom Wiley has spent many hours rewriting the NHG Bylaws to bring them up-to-date. The Board met recently to review these revisions and after we have finished our review, we will present them to the membership for their consideration and adoption. They will be published in a future issue of the Newsletter. Watch for them and

when they are published, take time to review them carefully so you are able to vote on them.

We really appreciate all the time and effort Tom has put into this major task. He has done this while still working on arranging for the great programs we have been having.

#### **E-MAIL MEETING NOTIFICATION**

To receive an e-mail notification each month of upcoming NHG meetings/events and meetings and events being held by other groups, send your email address to [pioneerbook@juno.com](mailto:pioneerbook@juno.com) and you will be added to the list.

This will keep you from missing any good meetings/events.