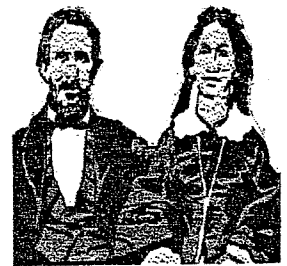


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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is hard to believe that this is the next-to-last President's Message I'll be preparing. The June issue is our last issue for this membership year. I've enjoyed writing these messages and hope you have enjoyed reading them.

It looks like summer is finally on its way. With good weather we will be able to get out and about to visit research locations, etc. to work on our research. Hopefully, gasoline prices (OUCH!) won't put a crimp in your travel plans.

There are some great programs/events coming up in the next few weeks/months. The NHG trip to Washington DC in September, the WPGS 30th Anniversary celebration in June and many other events. Check the listing on page 2. If you know of any others for July/August, please send them along before the end of this month so I can include them in the June issue of the newsletter.

At next month's meeting we will have our Roundtable Discussion. Gather up those 'brickwall' questions and bring them to the meeting. Hopefully the other NHG members will be able to help you punch a hole in that wall.

Ballots will be in the newsletter and available at the meeting. We will also have membership renewals starting next month. You won't want to miss renewing your subscription to the newsletter so be sure you renew promptly.

This month we celebrate Memorial Day when we honor veterans who have served in the military. This year, with so many men and women serving in various areas around the world, it is important that we take a few minutes and say a prayer for their safety and also a thank you to them and to the ones before them who have done so much to protect our freedom. Remember your ancestors who fought and served to allow us to enjoy the freedom we have today that allows us to travel and do our research.

Don't forget to let Jo Hendeson and Irene Dinning know if you are able to help with the cemetery readings for our third book. See their report on page 83.

Enjoy the warmer weather and take advantage of being able to get out and do more 'distance' research.

Next month we will have election of new Board

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## WHERE GENEALOGISTS MEET

All meetings free unless noted otherwise.

**Tues, June 1, 2004 - 7:00 pm - NHG Board Meeting** - UPMC Passavant Hospital cafeteria. Everyone welcome.

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

### Other Meetings

**May 19-22, 2004 - NGS Annual Conference in the States** - Sacramento, CA. Check the following sites for more information:  
<http://www.ngsgenealogy.org> or  
<http://www.eshow2000.com/ngs>

**Monday, May 24, 2004 - 7:00 pm - The Greater Pittsburgh Civil War Round Table** - "Forward to Gettysburg" - John Deppen (see article)

**Wed., June 16, 2004 - Old St. Luke's Church, Burial Grounds & Garden** - George Westinghouse, The Forgotten Genius - Edward Reis (see article)

**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. Check out WPGS website for more information. ([www.wpgs.org](http://www.wpgs.org))

**Sat. June 19, 2004 - 10:00 am - Cranberry Genealogy Club** - Roundtable discussion. Room 6, Cranberry Township Municipal Building, 2525 Rochester Road, Cranberry, PA

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

**September 26-29, 2004 - NHG Trip to Washington, DC**

## NHG JULY 20 MEETING

### How to Prepare for a Research Visit to a Genealogy Resource Site

Elissa Scalise Powell, CGRS

Elissa will discuss the preparation that should be done prior to visiting a major genealogy resource site in order to make the most efficient use of your time there. This presentation is scheduled well in advance of the NHG-sponsored trip to Washington, DC so that participants will have time to prepare to do family research at the National Archives, the Library of Congress and the DAR Library and Archives.

### NOMINATIONS FOR NHG BOARD OFFICERS

The following nominations have been made for officers for NHG, beginning with the membership year starting in August, 2004.

President: Steph Valentine  
Vice President: Laura Kunig  
Secretary: Sylvan Kretz  
Treasurer: Reed Powell

We will have a ballot in the June issue of the newsletter and also ballots will be available at the June meeting. All ballots **must** be received no later than June 30.

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

A membership renewal form for 2004-2005 will be in the June newsletter and available at the June meeting. Membership is \$15 per year. In order to continue receiving issues of the newsletter, don't forget to renew in June. Membership year runs from August - July of each year.

## QUERIES

Compiled and edited by Sylvan Kretz, Query Editor

**Grow(e), Benjamin F.**, b. 6/6/1947, d. 12/12/1913 Butler Co., son of **William P. Grow**. Married pre 1874 in Butler or Allegheny Co. Children **Elmer M. Grow**, b approx. 1874, **Della J. Grow**, b. 6/22/1877, **William Leslie Grow**, b 12/1879. Seek wife/mother whose name might be Lyda or Lydia, d. before 1880 census. **Contact: Melinda Marn, 721 Sycamore Dr., Euclid, OH 44132**

## NORTHLAND LIBRARY RENOVATION PROJECT UPDATE

The Library renovation project continues, with more areas being completed each week. New carpeting will be completely installed by the middle of the month. Tile flooring is also being added in areas of the building. Computer desks in the children's area have been installed, and the new entrances have been completed. Furniture and shelving will be added in the next few weeks.

Current projections have the building reopening to the public in late July or early August. We anticipate announcing a firm schedule for the reopening shortly. The latest pictures of the renovation project are available on the library website at <http://www.northlibrary.org>.

Ed: Based on discussions with Sandra Collins, Director, we anticipate resuming our meetings at the Library in September. As soon as we have more definite information on our move back 'home', we will let you know. We hope to know more by next month.

## FROM THE INEVITABLE LAW BOOK OF GENEALOGY

Roots Web Review, 5 May 2004, Vol. 7, No. 18

After years of painstaking research when you finally solve the mystery of the skeleton in the closet, your tight-lipped spinster aunt will sniff,

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"Well I could have told you all that!"

## CEMETERY COMMITTEE REPORT

**Jo Henderson & Irene Dinning**

We have one cemetery in Marshall to do a first reading on. We are beginning to "proofread" the cemeteries of Franklin Park, the second reading. This reading will be done from typescripts done by Irene and will include any church records we can find. We REALLY need readers. We are "fair weather" readers - avoiding very hot weather, rainy weather, very cold weather! It's fun, a great day outside, and is a friendly, companionable group of people dedicated to saving genealogical information.

## NGS TO PUBLISH A REVIEW OF PIONEER CEMETERIES OF PINE & RICHLAND TOWNSHIPS

We have been notified by the National Genealogical Society that our *Pioneer Cemeteries of Pine and Richland Townships* book has been selected for a review in *The National Genealogical Society Quarterly*. The following is an excerpt from the letter we recently received from them.

"Of the many books and media donated to the National Genealogical Society Library, *The National Genealogical Society Quarterly* can choose only a small portion for reviews. I am pleased to inform you that we have selected your title *Pioneer Cemeteries of Pine and Richland Townships, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania by North Hills Genealogists (2003)* for a full-length review in an upcoming issue of the Quarterly.

This will be the second review in a major national genealogical publication for this book. There was one in a recent issue of the Federation of Genealogical Societies *Forum* publication..

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

There is still time to sign-up for the NHG Washington, DC research trip in September. The following describes four of the research sites that you will be able to take advantage of during this trip.

**National Archives (NARA I)  
700 Pennsylvania Avenue**

Things you will find: Passenger arrivals and border-crossings, Naturalization records, Census records for all states (including Agricultural, Mortality, Industry/Manufacturers and Defective, Dependent and Delinquent Classes), Passport Records, Records of the Regular Army, Service Records of Volunteers, Naval and Marine Service Records, Pension Records, Bounty Land Warrant Records, Records of Native Americans, African Americans, Merchant Seamen, Civilian Government Employees, Land Records, Claims Records, Tax Records including 1798 Direct Tax list for PA and Tax Assessment Lists for the Civil War period.

Card catalog of microfilms at:  
[http://www.archives.gov/research\\_room/alic/research\\_tools/search\\_microfilm\\_catalog.html](http://www.archives.gov/research_room/alic/research_tools/search_microfilm_catalog.html)

**National Archives - College Park (NARA II)**

Special to this facility is the cartographic division: enumeration district maps, township survey plats, U.S. Land district maps, military maps and maps pertaining to American Indians.

**DAR Library**

(not just for Daughters of the American Revolution)

You can use the card catalog at their website:  
<http://www.dar.library.net> and plan your research. Don't miss the GRC records indexed at:

<http://grc.dar.org/dar/darnet/grc/grc.cfm>  
containing manuscripts arranged by state that include unique material submitted by each DAR chapter since the 1910s and containing over 7,000 names in such records as cemetery inscriptions, military records and bible records.

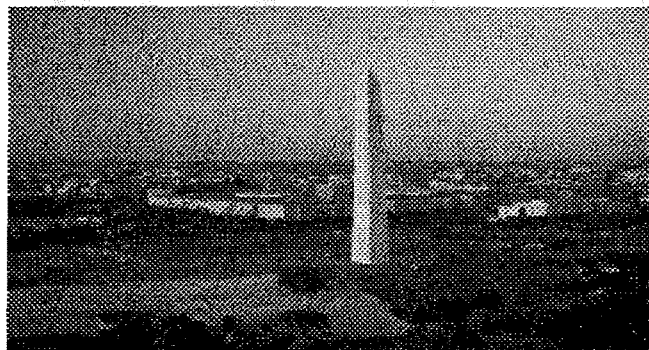
**Library of Congress**

Please explore the information for visitors including how to acquire the required readers' registration card at:

<http://www.loc.gov/rr/security>. Don't miss the Geography and map room, the Newspaper Reading Room and Local History and Genealogy Reading Room (for more information see the Reading room link at: [loc.gov/rr/main/inforeas](http://loc.gov/rr/main/inforeas))

NARA I is within easy walking distance from the hotel. If you are willing to walk a little, you can walk to the DAR and see a lot of DC at the same time. The DAR is near the White House and Washington Monument, Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Lincoln Memorial and the new WWII Memorial as well as other memorials/monuments. Take a good pair of walking shoes if you plan to make this walk. (Ed: I did this on my last visit to DC and really enjoyed it. I saw a lot of DC I would otherwise not have seen.)

For registration information, check out our website. You can get all the information you need to signup for the trip there.  
[northhillsgenealogists.org](http://northhillsgenealogists.org).



## MEMORIAL DAY HISTORY

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service. There are many stories as to its actual beginnings, with over two dozen cities and towns laying claim to being the birthplace of Memorial Day. There is also evidence that organized women's groups in the South were decorating graves before the end of the Civil War; a hymn published in 1867, "Kneel Where Our Loves Are Sleeping" by Nella L. Sweet carried the dedication "To The Ladies of the South who are Decorating the Graves of the Confederate Dead". While Waterloo, NY was officially declared the birthplace of Memorial Day by President Lyndon Johnson in May, 1966, it is difficult to prove conclusively the origins of the day. It is more likely that it had many separate beginnings.

Memorial Day was officially proclaimed on 5 May 1868 by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic in his General Order No. 11, and was first observed on 30 May 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. The first state to officially recognize the holiday was New York in 1873. By 1890 it was recognized by all of the northern states. The South refused to acknowledge the day, honoring their dead on separate days until after World War I (when the holiday changed from honoring just those who died fighting in the Civil War to honoring Americans who died fighting in any war). It is now celebrated in almost every state on the last Monday in May (passed by Congress with the National Holiday Act, P. L. 90-363 in 1971 to ensure a three day weekend for Federal holidays), though several southern states have an additional separate day for honoring the Confederate war dead: January 19 in Texas, April 26 in Alabama, Florida, Georgia and Mississippi, May 10 in South Carolina and June 3

(Jefferson Davis' birthday) in Louisiana and Tennessee.

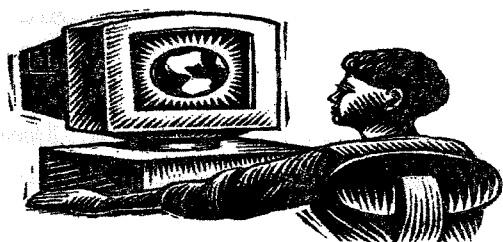
In 1915, inspired by the poem "In Flanders Fields" Monina Michael replied with her own poem:

We cherish too, the Poppy red  
That grows on fields where valor led,  
It seems to signal to the skies  
That blood of heroes never dies.

She then conceived of an idea to wear red poppies on Memorial Day in honor of those who died serving the nation during war. She was the first to wear one and sold poppies to her friends and co-workers with the money going to benefit servicemen in need. Later a Madam Guerin from France was visiting the US and learned of this new custom started by Ms. Michael and when she returned to France, made artificial red poppies to raise money for war orphaned children and widowed women. This tradition spread to other countries. In 1921 the Franco-American Children's League sold poppies nationally to benefit war orphans of France and Belgium. The League disbanded a year later and Madam Guerin approached the VFW for help. Shortly before Memorial Day in 1922 the VFW became the first veterans' organization to nationally sell poppies. Two years later their "Buddy" Poppy program was selling artificial poppies made by disabled veterans. In 1948 the US Post Office honored Ms. Michael for her role in founding the National Poppy movement by issuing a 3 cent postage stamp with her likeness on it.

Since the late 50's on the Thursday before Memorial Day, the 3rd U.S. Infantry places small American flags at Arlington National Cemetery. They then patrol 24 hours a day during the weekend to ensure that each flag remains standing.

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## 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).**

Genealogyblog.com

(by Heritage Quest magazine editors)

[genealogyblog.com](http://genealogyblog.com)

InGeneas (Canada)

[ingeneas.com](http://ingeneas.com)

Our Roots (Canada)

[ourroots.ca](http://ourroots.ca)

Immigrants to Canada: Emigration Information  
for the Nineteenth Century

[http://ist.uwaterloo.ca/~marj/genealogy/  
thevoyage.html](http://ist.uwaterloo.ca/~marj/genealogy/thevoyage.html)

Global Gazette Magazine (Canada)

<http://globalgenealogy.com/globalgazette/>

Archives Canada

[archivescanada.ca](http://archivescanada.ca)

Canadian Genealogical Projects Registry

[afhs.ab.ca/registry](http://afhs.ab.ca/registry)

Genealogy Research Library (Canada)

[gri.com](http://gri.com)

## Memorial Day History (cont)

And since 1998 on the Saturday before the observed day for Memorial Day, the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts place a candle at each of the approximately 15,300 graves of soldiers buried at Fredericksburg and Spottsylvania National Military Park on Marye's Heights.

But, most Americans nowadays have forgotten the meaning and traditions of Memorial Day.

To help Americans re-education and remind Americans of the true meaning of Memorial Day, the "National Moment of Remembrance" resolution was passed in December 2000 which asks that at 3 pm, local time, for all Americans "To voluntarily and informally observe in their own way a Moment of Remembrance and respect, pausing from whatever they are doing for a moment of silence or listening to "Taps."

This Memorial Day, take a moment to pause and say "Thank You" to all the veterans, past and present, who have sacrificed so much for the freedom we now enjoy. Think of those ancestors who are among this group of veterans. Also, keep in your prayers all the service men and women currently serving in the military in various areas of the world to help spread freedom and to protect our freedom. All veterans deserve our thanks for their service to our country.



**'GREATER PITTSBURGH CIVIL WAR  
ROUND TABLE MEETING  
MONDAY, MAY 24, 2004 - 7:00 PM**

**Forward to Gettysburg  
John Deppen**

At this meeting, General Winfield Scott Hancock, as portrayed by John Deppen will visit. John first appeared as the general in 1997 and has made over 150 appearances at schools, parades, encampments and ceremonies since then.

In addition, John has presented his living history program throughout Pennsylvania and Delaware.

Not surprisingly, John has adopted the position of General Hancock's equestrian statue at Gettysburg National Military Park.

Meeting held at The Babcock, Babcock Boulevard.

**GEORGE WESTINGHOUSE, THE  
FORGOTTEN GENIUS**

**Edward Reis**

**Old St. Luke's Church, Burial Grounds & Garden  
Wednesday, June 16, 2004**

Everyone in the group closes their eyes for a moment and drifts back in time...back...back...back to the 1890s. Next they meet none other than George Westinghouse... dressed in his black, long-tailed jacket and best black top hat. Sit back and listen as Ed Reis, the Executive Director of the George Westinghouse Museum, does a captivating first-person impersonation of one of Pittsburgh's most famous industrialists.

Check their website for more details or call 412-279-0609, <http://www.oldsaintlukes.org>

If you missed this presentation at a recent WPGS meeting, here is your chance to spend an interesting and educational day and learn more about this very interesting person.

**DNA PROJECTS**

If you missed last month's meeting, you missed a very interesting discussion and information on how DNA can be used in your genealogy research.

During Russ's talk he mentioned a family name that has started a DNA project. This name immediately caught my attention, since it is the maiden name of the wife of one of my "brick walls." I spoke to Russ after the meeting and he has put me in touch with the coordinator of that project. I'm hoping that I may be able to find a hole in that brick wall by contacting this person.

In addition, we have recently received letters from two other groups that have DNA genealogy projects going on for their surnames. They have asked that we pass along the information about their groups so that if there is anyone in our organization who has these surnames in their family tree, they can contact them about participating in their DNA projects. The following is the information from these two groups.

Williams DNA Project - Coordinator Adrian Williams - [stickamw@earthlink.net](mailto:stickamw@earthlink.net)

Carter Surname DNA Project - Project Administrator Vickie at [vickie@carter-cousins.org](mailto:vickie@carter-cousins.org) or Margaret Gagliardi at [gagliardi\\_margaret@bah.com](mailto:gagliardi_margaret@bah.com).

If you have additional questions for Russ Cooper regarding his talk last month, you can e-mail him at [crusscooper@earthlink.net](mailto:crusscooper@earthlink.net).

If any of you participate in a DNA project, please write an article for the newsletter about your experience in the project. I'm looking forward to the opportunity to use the female DNA in these project. Right now, these projects are using male DNA to identify possible connections.

Maybe this is the new way to breakdown those brickwalls.

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## 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.

199 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 4400 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 _____
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## **NGS MANUSCRIPT COLLECTION TRANSFERRED TO THE DAR LIBRARY**

The following article is from Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter and is copyright 2004 by Richard W. Eastman. It is re-published here with the permission of the author.

According to Eric G. Grundset, Library Director at the DAR Library in Washington, DC, the manuscript collection of the U.S. National Genealogical Society's library was transferred to the DAR Library in late March 2004. The collection filled approximately 150 boxes of genealogical materials. The Society did retain some manuscript material for further study or for other reasons.

The National Genealogical Society offered the material to the DAR Library in order to reduce its own storage space.

The cataloguers at the DAR Library are presently processing the material. It will be some time, but the descriptions of the various materials eventually will be accessible through the DAR Library's online catalog at <http://www/dar.org>.

### **TWO BIRTHDAYS**

Ancestry Weekly Digest, May 8, 2004

As I was preparing a tax return for a new client I asked her for her date of birth. She told me March 3 and since it was the fifth I wished her a happy birthday. She surprised me by saying, "My birthday is really February 20 so we celebrated two weeks ago!" When I inquired about how she could have two birthdays she told me this story.

She had been born at home out in the country. She grew up knowing her birthday and celebrating it with her family until after her marriage. When they were planning a trip she needed a passport and tried to get her birth certificate. At the county office she gave her date of birth and the clerk could not find the record. Then the clerk asked if she had been born at

home and if the doctor drove a horse and buggy. When she agreed with that, the clerk said she would search for a month before and after the date. Eventually, she found the record. The clerk said doctors would drive into the county seat about once a month and record all the babies they had delivered at one time. Sometimes they swapped names and dates. The clerk told her that she would avoid a lot of trouble in the future if she always used the one in the official birth certificate. She did that for the next sixty years but her family continued to use the "real" date. I can see where this would create confusion in the future and will keep it in mind when I compare family letters and official records.

James Braunsdorf

### **NHG MEMBER A COLUMNIST**

The next time you see a copy of *Northern Connections* magazine, pick up a copy and look for the new column being written by NHG member Joe Bullick. In the May, 2004 issue Joe has written an article entitled "Extraordinary Women in Wars." In this article Joe writes about women who have served the US in the military. He writes about Deborah Samson who disguised herself as a man and volunteered for the army in 1778. He also writes about Lucy Brewer who dressed in men's clothing and enlisted in the Marine Corps during the War of 1812. The first female ranked U.S. Army officer was Sara Borginis who served during the Mexican American War in 1846.

Joe explains how Eleanor Roosevelt was a key mover in the establishment of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAACs). He writes about a former teacher of his from West View who served in WW II and became a Marine Sergeant.

Watch for future columns from Joe in this publication.

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## **FIRST CLASS MAIL**

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### **ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION**

**TUESDAY, JUNE 15, 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.

"Our DNA does not fade like an ancient parchment; it is not rust in the ground like the sword of a warrior long dead. It is not eroded by wind or rain, nor reduced to ruin by fire and earthquake, it is the traveler from an antique land who lives within us all." From "The Seven Daughters of Eve"

### **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 e-mail address to [pioneerbook@juno.com](mailto:pioneerbook@juno.com) and you will be added to the list.

### **NEW ARTICLES ON DNA RESEARCH**

The May/June issue of *Family History Magazine* and the June 2004 issue of *Family Chronicle Magazine* both have articles on DNA/genetic genealogy. Check them out.