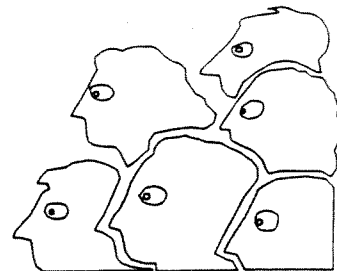


# NORTH HILLS GENEALOGISTS NEWSLETTER



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi Everyone: I hope everyone received their Expertise Referral List Questionnaire and decided to participate. I see this as a great aid in our research. Just through our monthly meetings, members have discovered other members researching the same areas and have formed partnerships in researching those areas. With this list, I see more and more partnerships being formed. I hope all of you see, as I do, the value of such a list. If you didn't get a form, you will find a supply of them at the table as you come in the door.

Northland Library is celebrating its 25th Anniversary October 4, 5, and 6, and has asked our Club to participate. We will have a table with a display and answer questions anyone might have concerning our group and doing genealogical research. We are looking for people who would like to participate and are willing to donate an hour of their time. Each day's schedule runs from 10 am to 9 pm and our schedule for manning the table is Monday, October 4 from 12:30 pm to 2 pm. Anyone interested in participating, please contact me or one of the other officers. We see this as a great way to draw more attention to our Club and possibly increase our membership.

The next Newsletter Committee meeting will be Thursday, October 7 at 7 pm The next Board of Directors meeting will be Thursday, October 7 at 7:30 pm We invite everyone to attend the Board meetings and participate in making the decisions which affect your Club. We will be discussing changes in the bylaws of the society.

The speaker for October will be Jean Gregord from the WPGS on German Research both here and abroad. November's meeting will be a Round Table. This is an excellent opportunity to share your research problems and successes and exchange information with other members. A lot of people have received help to get past stumbling blocks at these discussions. We urge one and all to attend.

Hope to see you at the next meeting. Ginny

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

**Q:** In non-LDS terminology, what does "SEALED TO SPOUSE" mean?

**A:** It means that a husband and wife were married for time and eternity in an LDS Temple by someone who held the proper priesthood authority to seal them together as a family both on earth and in heaven. The LDS believe that the family relationship can continue beyond the grave - that parents and children can be sealed to one another and their association will exist eternally. Numerous references to the sealing power of the priesthood are found in the New Testament and in the Book of Doctrine and Covenants of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

**Q:** What is the difference between primary & secondary sources?

**A:** Primary source must consider the purpose for which the record was created. A parish record of the baptism of a child that also lists the date of birth is a primary source for the baptism date, and a secondary source for the birth date. Likewise, a family Bible printed in 1920 could not be considered a primary source of information for births and marriages in the 1800's because the record was not created at the time of the event for the event. Many secondary sources are just as accurate as primary sources, but there is a greater possibility of error on the information that someone is recalling from memory. Death records are a perfect example. They are a primary source for death information, but although they often list birth information, the source giving this data is secondary (often a child for their parent), since a child could not have first had information about the birth date of their parent this part of the record is secondary information.

**Q:** Why is -in added to a lot of female German surnames?

**A:** The -in suffix is roughly equivalent to our -ess suffix (waitress, empress) or -ix (aviatrix). It's an ending that is used on everything from surnames to ordinary nouns (Lehrer is a male teacher, and Lehrerin is a female one).

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Any German researcher bumps into this all the time. When we do, we recognize that although the surname is written "Sauterin", we know that the family name is still "Sauter".

**Q:** How do I get further information from the DAR on a patriot I found in one of their indexes?

**A:** Write to the DAR in Washington D.C. at the following address: Office of the Registrar General, NSDAR, 1776 D St. NW, Washington DC 20006-5392.

Enclose a check for \$4 for ONE patriots name, the check should be made out to the Treasurer General - DAR. In your letter, say you want the file on "so-and-so" giving the info listed in the index. Then say "If it is possible, I would like the file containing descent from his son/daughter so-and-so" if that is your desire. For instance, they may have several people descended through different children of the guy, and so several files on him.

Do this one patriot at a time, don't send more than one request in a letter. Be sure to include all the information listed in the index, it'll take a few weeks to get the info back depending on the state of the mail.

#### WHERE GENEALOGISTS MEET

Saturday, Sep. 25 from 10 am to noon at Western Reserve Historical Library, Cleveland: Seminar on Photography and Preserving Those Precious Documents

Saturday, Oct. 2 at 9:30 am to noon at Carnegie Library: User Workshop for CAROLINE (Carnegie On Line Public Access Computer Catalog). Pre-registration at 622-8877.

Thursday, Oct. 7 at 6 pm to 8 pm at Carnegie Library: User Workshop for CAROLINE. Pre-register at 622-8877.

**Thursday, Oct. 7 at 7 pm** at Northland Library, Newsletter Committee in meeting room 2.

**Thursday, Oct. 7 at 7:30 pm** at Northland Library, NHG Board Meeting in meeting room 2.

Thursday, Oct. 14 at 8 pm at Historical Society of Western PA, the Western PA Genealogical Society will have a talk on preservation of material.

**Tuesday, Oct 19 at 7:30 pm** at Northland Library: Jean Gregord speaking on "German Research - Both Here and Abroad."

Saturday, Oct. 23 at 10 am to noon at Western Reserve Historical Society: Seminar on Writing & Publishing your Genealogy. \$10 fee. Write to Jeannette Grosvenor, 12860 Mayfield Road, Lot 56, Chardon, OH 44024-8936.

Saturday, Nov. 27 at 10 am to noon at Western Reserve Historical Society: Seminar on Computers in/and Genealogy. See above to register.

#### FAYETTE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA RESEARCH

Fayette County, formed from Westmoreland County in Sept. 1783 is bounded on the south by West Virginia, on the East by Somerset County, on the north by Westmoreland County and on the west by the Monongahela River which bounds Washington and Greene Counties on their east. It is part of the area of SW PA counties known as "Penn's Southwest."

The Fayette County Court House on East Main Street is open from 8 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday. The earliest records date from 1783 and are to be found in the following offices:

**RECORDER OF DEEDS** - Harry L. Williams First Floor Grantee - Grantor indexes run from 1783 to present. Land Surveys - from the late 1780's with individual plot maps and town maps.

**CLERK OF ORPHANS COURT** - John V. Schroyer First Floor Orphans Court Docket from 1784 - records on balcony. Wills & Estates Marriages - from 1885 to present

**CLERK OF COURT** - A. P. Lepore First Floor All Criminal Court proceedings

**PROTHONOTARY** - Edward Brady First Floor All Civil Court proceedings, including Common Pleas and early Quarter Sessions - some in basement.

**ASSESSOR** - Joseph Balaban 4th Floor Earliest tax or assessment rolls stored on the 3rd floor; these are by township from 1784 and give valuable info in many cases.

**UNIONTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY** - 24 Jefferson Avenue Genealogical records - 2nd floor, librarian in charge of locked cases. Have numerous genealogies, all PA Archives through Series 9, Census 1790-1850, map collection, county and local histories, WPA records, obits from local papers and bound vols. of cemetery records and other reference works. Newspapers from 1810 on micro.

**WESTMORELAND-FAYETTE HISTORICAL SOCIETY** - Library and Museum at West Overton, PA in the Frick historical area. Library has standard historical & biographical books and is open May 15 to Oct. 15. Curator is Mrs. May Jane Shaw, 422 S. Urinia Ave., Greensburg 15601.

**BROWNSVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY** - Nemacolin Castle, Brownsville Gift shop in Nemacolin Castle sells local histories and has just reprinted "Three Towns" with Grant Brown coll. photos.

**CONNELLSVILLE AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY** - Connelville, PA Reprints available - James Hadden's 1913 "History of Uniontown" and Hadden's 1910 "Washington's Expeditions ..." Several years ago the society reprinted the Ellis History of Fayette County.

# **1 GETTING STARTED**

## **by Vic Bennison**

1. Get all the information you can from living relatives, NOW! They can usually get you back three or four generations and have some information (photos, anecdotes, etc.) that you just won't find anywhere else. You may get some inaccurate information from them, but you can sort that out later. Keep pestering them with questions. After a couple of years of my grandmother's telling me she didn't know anything else, she one day brought down a box from the attic filled with old documents (wills from the 1700's), old family daguerreotypes from the 1850's, and a pair of my great-grandmother's spectacles. She gave the treasure trove to me. I have made tape recorded interviews with all my living relatives. Very interesting stuff has come out of these as well (the goose-bump raising details of my grandmother's premonition of my grandfather's death by drowning in 1929 for example, something I'd never heard before). Don't wait, tomorrow's too late.

2. Most local libraries will have some how-to books on genealogy. Some are better than others. Just grab a handful. One book you should get is the "Handy Book for Genealogists" by Everton Publishing. Write to them for a catalog of genealogical related items. They have an extensive line of books, forms, equipment, etc. Their address is

Everton Publishers  
P.O. Box 368  
Logan, Utah 84321

3. The Mormon Church is the single largest repository of genealogical information in the world. This is because family ancestry has a major role to play in their religion. They encourage everyone to research their roots. Their libraries are open to everyone. I have been using them for years. I have never felt out of place for not being a Mormon. Their central library is in Salt Lake City. They have branch libraries everywhere, in their local churches. Call the nearest Mormon church and find out where the branch library nearest you is located. Also find out what it's hours are. Most of them have just evening hours a couple of days a week and some Saturday hours. The volunteer staff will try to help you get started, though sometimes they aren't very experienced. Most of the branch libraries have the IGI (International Genealogical Index) on microfiche. It lists millions of vital records from all over the world, but is very strong on the U.S. and England. All branch libraries have microfilm copies of the card catalog of the central library in Salt Lake City. You can order, for a small fee, anything in the central library that is on microfilm. This includes most of the vital records. Many branches now have the AIS microfiches. These are a set of indices to U.S. Censuses.

4. There are a number of libraries in the country with good genealogical departments. E.g.:

New York Public Library  
Library of Congress  
Fort Wayne Public Library  
Los Angeles Public Library  
Newberry Library in Chicago  
New England Hist. Genealogical Soc. Library in Boston

Also there are usually state historical society libraries in most states as well as state libraries. And there are frequently county historical or genealogical societies, some of which have excellent collections of family history information.

5. There are two important mistakes that beginning researchers make and usually regret. The first is not keeping citations:

### **WRITE DOWN COMPLETE CITATIONS FOR REFERENCES YOU FIND**

i.e., if you find the name of an ancestor's wife in some county history, then make a note of the name, author, and page number of the book where you found it. This is very important for a number of reasons. For example, you may very well want to go back to the book sometime and see if there isn't additional information you missed. Also, other researchers who come after you will want to be able to verify how accurate is the information you have

gathered. I frequently Xerox the frontispiece of a book when I Xerox pages from it. The second is using the wrong forms: **USE FAMILY GROUP SHEETS**. These are forms for collecting the information about one family, i.e., a father, mother and their children. Many beginners use pedigree charts at first (I did). But the information on the brothers and sisters of your ancestors will prove to be crucial to your research. When you ask who your great-grandfather was, ask for the same information about his brothers and sisters. In enumerable instances, having such information has meant the difference between finding and not finding a lost ancestor.

## **2 HINTS FOR GENEALOGICAL LETTER WRITTING**

**by Elissa Scalise Powell**

Writing letters to get genealogical information is as varied as the sources to whom you are writing. The following suggestions should help you get the results you desire. Try to use 8 1/2 X 11 sheets of paper as anything less has a great chance of getting misplaced by the recipient. Your name and address should be placed clearly on the paper.

1. Try writing to one relative in each branch of the family using the term "family history" instead of "genealogy". Always use a SASE and ask for other names and addresses to contact. State your relationship.
  2. Make a phone call after writing to a correspondent to make sure they received your letter and are able to respond. Some people respond better by phone, especially older members of the family.
  3. Send photocopies of pictures to older family members for identification.
  4. Write to the Church that an ancestor belonged to. Donations for photocopies and research time are always appreciated. Use Long SASE.
  5. Write to the neighbors of ancestors about any knowledge of your family.
  6. Write to the local Public Library inquiring about old newspapers, town directories and family histories it may have or know exist. Ask if they know of a town historian and his or her address.
  7. Write to the local alumni groups of the schools your ancestors attended for location and availability of records of your ancestor, class yearbooks, etc.
  8. When writing to the government for vital records, limit the number of records asked for at one time. Be brief as officials don't have time to be interested in your personal history. The official may send you the record and a bill or just a letter informing you of their policies on obtaining the record. In general, State offices have birth and death records after 1906. County offices have birth and death records for before 1906 and all marriage records.
  9. Write to funeral homes and cemeteries listed on the death records of ancestors. A funeral home may be able to supply you with next of kin information and the cemetery. A cemetery can tell you who owns the plot and who else is buried in it.
  10. You may use telephone books for writing to same-surname people. Use SASE (Self Addressed Stamped Envelope) for best response and include your phone number. This is a lot more 'hit-and-miss' way of doing genealogy.
- ALWAYS:** Be legible: type or print. Be brief. Keep a copy of the letter. Follow up promptly. Keep a log of letters sent. File letters. Avoid form letters. Be patient.

## A NOTE FROM YOUR EDITOR

by Elissa Scalise Powell

This newsletter has 2 pages from our Genealogy Packet that should help you to start (or remind you of the basics of) your genealogy. You may purchase the whole 100 page packet (plus brochures and more forms) for just \$5 at any of our meetings.

In August, one of our members, Pat Smith, put in a chance on a handmade quilt at Cooper's Cabin Fair and won it! Congratulations, Pat! The quilt has a floral wreath pattern and was donated to Butler County Historical Society by LeRoy Kuhn.

The newsletter committee of willing volunteers will be taking over the newsletter in January. I will be "retiring" to do other projects, both personal and professional. I know we can expect the same quality articles as I still plan to share my sources of information with the committee. If you have any articles or clippings, please give them to Ginny Skander.

### JUST A FEW NOTES....

From the Archives II Researcher Bulletin No. 6 (Summer 1993), the National Archives in Washington, DC is moving whole collections of material in order to take advantage of a new building that was constructed. The genealogical material is scheduled to move February 1995 to October 1996. Call the Archives before you visit to make sure that what you want is available to you. Some records will also be sent to the regional branches instead of being housed in Washington.

When Bill Dollarhide spoke to us in June he gave a toll-free number that you can ask for free map indices and booklets. Some of our members are receiving those packets now. Ginny Skander was most impressed with hers. The number is (800) 733-3807 and ask for the booklet "Maps Can Help You Trace Your Family Tree," the catalog of published maps index, the booklet index for the state(s) of your choice and the sheet index for the state(s) of your choice. Don't ask for all states as that would be several boxes full! These booklets help you to select the U.S. Topographic Map with a 7.5 miles to the inch scale of the areas in which you are interested. Each of these maps sells for \$2.50 through the government or slightly higher in stores. Or you can write U.S. Geological Survey, Box 25286, Federal Central, Bldg. 4, Denver, CO 80225.

From Country Living, July 1993: At least 40 percent of Americans descend from men and women who came to this country through the immigration station on Ellis Island. The American Immigrant Wall of Honor, already inscribed with the names of more than 420,000 individuals and families, pays tribute to immigration from Colonial days to

the present. To add the name of your ancestor to the Wall, call the Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation at (212) 883-1986. [Editor's note: I did this for my Grandfather Anthony Scalise. For a \$100 donation (for the restoration of Ellis Island) they will place the name on the wall. They also have a application which asks from which country and when he came.]

### QUERIES

Seeking info about **HAUCK** family who lived in Jefferson and Clearfield Counties. Also info about **RICHARDS** family of Jefferson County. Contact: Debi MacIntyre, 313 Highland Pines Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15237.

Searching for info on John **WATTERSON**, born about 1811 in Pa. Possible brothers were William, Henry, or Robert. John moved to Indiana about 1830 and married Amanda **SPURGEON**. Might have move to Virginia early on. Anyone researching or related to John, please contact: James Watterson, 2992 E. US 36, Markleville, IN 46056.

Seeking info and picture of Isiah **NIBLOCK** born 1794, died 1864, minister at White Oak Springs, Butler, and Union churches, married in 1828 to Rachel **ALEXANDER**. Please contact: Keith Osborne, 214 E. Penn St., Butler, PA 16001.

### OHIO RECORDS WITH PENNSYLVANIA ROOTS

Found in the Wayne County, Ohio Marriages: David **HAZLET** of Armstrong County, PA to Jane **MAXWELL** on 29 Aug 1822 by Thomas **McMILLAN**, J.P.

From the Family Bible published 1849 of Rev. Robert **HERRON**, D.D., pastor of Ridge Presbyterian Church, Archer Twp., Harrison Co., Ohio: Robert Herron, born 10 Apr 1817 in Washington Co., PA

### OUR MEMBERS BELONG TO...

Frank M. Thomas (364-0459) belongs to Western PA Genealogical Society.

Marion Hyle (364-4843) belongs to Western PA Genealogical Society, Rogers Park Genealogical Society in Chicago, IL and the Historical Society of Western PA. She also receives the FORUM.

The above members and others in previous newsletters have listed their memberships in case you have a similar interest. You can find out more about their opinions of their subscriptions before you join an organization.



## **HOMEWOOD CEMETERY TOUR**

from Trinity, Vol. 15, #1 (Sept. 1993)

The Episcopal Diocesan Historical Commission is sponsoring a fall pilgrimage to the historic Homewood Cemetery beginning at 2:30 pm, Sunday, October 17. The walking tour is to meet at the cemetery chapel, Dallas and Aylesboro Avenues, Pittsburgh. The afternoon tour features include stories about and a tour to the graves and mausoleums of prominent and colorful personages, plus architecturally significant buildings and monuments.

The Homewood Cemetery, incorporated in 1878, sits on approximately 200 acres near the eastern boundary of Pittsburgh. It was carved from the 600 acre estate of William Wilkins, an early Judge, United States Senator, Ambassador to Russia and Secretary of War. Among the cemetery's architectural features are the Judge's mausoleum, (one of 115 private mausoleums), an administrative complex, chapel, crematory, columbarium, greenhouse and turn-of-the-century former stable - all reflecting significant ideas in the history of our area and in cemetery development.

Featured stops on the walking tour, led by Marilyn Evert, Diocesan Historical Commission and the Homewood Cemetery staff, include the chapel, columbarium and the Henry Clay Frick lot with its 47-ton monument designed by Daniel Burnham.

A donation of \$2 is requested which will be shared in the support of the Diocesan Archives and The Homewood Cemetery Historical Fund. Wear comfortable shoes and come join us on this two-hour fascinating look at our city's history. For more information please call Marilyn Evert at (412) 781-0445.

## **NEW CZECH PASSENGER LISTS AVAILABLE**

From Newsletter of Czechoslovakia Genealogical Society  
Spring 1992

Never before published, Czech Immigration Passenger Lists, Volume IV, is now available. After years of painstaking research, over 20,000 Czech immigrants who arrived in New York between 1847 and 1869 were identified. This was done by reviewing and abstracting over two hundred fifty (250) rolls of National Archives microfilm. This book includes an alphabetical listing of these Czech immigrants giving their names, age, place of origin, date of arrival, name of ship, and destination. There is also a discussion on sources of immigrant ship data and pictures.

Copies of this book are available for \$17.95 postpaid from Leo Baca, 1707 Woodcreek, Richardson, Texas 75082.

## **TIPS FOR FINDING FAMILY RECORDS**

from Family Research Notes, February 1992

The National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections (abbreviated NUCMC) has cumulative indexes listing family archives by personal names and places. While extremely valuable, it can be frustrating to have to look at **each** of the ten or more index volumes covering 1959 through 1990.

Fortunately, a separate *INDEX TO PERSONAL NAMES IN THE NATIONAL UNION CATALOG* (2 v.) was recently published. This index covers both the names of the collections (i.e. Manley, George W.) but also all the personal names in the entry (i.e. Bigler Family, Righter Family, and so on). These cover the annual volumes from 1959 through 1984.

While these are helpful, the careful researcher will STILL check each of the indexes since these will include place names. The information in NUCMC is only as good as the archivist who cataloged the collection. If there are a great deal of genealogical files about families in a given area, not all of the family names will be listed or indexed. There would simply be too many surnames to list.

The last clue, then, that there may be potential research materials even if you don't find the family name listed--is to look under the **PLACE NAME** (city, county, etc.) in the cumulated indexes.

The National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections is located in Reference at most major libraries. *The INDEX TO PERSONAL NAMES IN THE NATIONAL UNION CATALOG* is also located in Reference. Special Collections staff can help you use this important guide.

There are some other clues to using NUCMC that can be very important for the family historian also. Looking at a sample entry (**MANLEY PAPERS**), it shows the collection is located at James Madison University Library in Harrisonburg, Virginia.

The entry in NUCMC is an abstract of the collection. Most institutions can provide additional information about a collection, if you write for a copy of the collection inventory. For example, if you see a group of family papers about the John Smith Family of Virginia--you may need more data to figure out WHICH "John Smith."

If the **MANLEY** collection looks promising, then the next step would be a letter to the James Madison University Library at Harrisonburg for more information. There are several sources for address information. Most libraries have copies of the **AMERICAN LIBRARY DIRECTORY** which is published annually and lists all libraries, arranged by state and city. This can give you the proper address and phone number of the library.

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## CARGO ON SHIPS 200 YEARS AGO

by Ron Hodill, Member #91027

From the Federal Gazette and Philadelphia Daily Advertiser, Tuesday, Nov. 12, 1793, courtesy of the Rare Books and Manuscripts Division, The New York Public Library, Astor, Lenox and Tilden Foundations:

### "GERMAN PASSENGERS.

"A few healthy young persons just arrived in the ship Peggy, capt. Elliot, from Amsterdam, now at anchor opposite South-street, whose times are to be agreed for by applying to the parties on board, or to Rundle & Murgatroyd, No. 11, Walnut-street Wharf."

"Shipload of Servants Arrive; Hurry Down to the Wharf; Be First to Select Most Able-Bodied" might have been a more proper headline for the article listed above. It reports the arrival in Philadelphia of the ship "Peggy" on which my ancestor Johann Jacob Hodel traveled from Europe in November, 1793.

At that time a great need for servants and laborers existed. Some were indentured servants who already had employment awaiting them in America arranged for them by brokers in Germany. Others, like my ancestor, had to find work upon arrival. These were the workers sought after by the agents in Philadelphia. This business arose from the great need in America to feed its blooming labor market. There was plenty of work and not enough people available for hire. My 4th-great-grandfather Jacob was one of the many who filled that labor gap.

A reason this ancient newspaper item gave me a thrill is because it is on the passenger list in Strassberger's book that I first saw my ancestor Jacob's name. Even though I later found him recorded in courthouse records or on the Census sheets, this first recognition on the passenger list book will remain an exciting memory for me. It was on that passenger list I saw for the first time a record showing that I have ancestors from Germany.

Of additional interest is the surrounding articles on this newspaper page. The news story to the right of the Peggy arrival article contains writing in French. Apparently a shipment of drygoods and written material had just arrived including almanacs for the coming year 1794 and also ink powder. The advertisement below states "Wants a Place, A young woman with a fresh Breast of Milk, and a good character, either to go out or take a child home. Enquire at the corner of Lombard and Sixth streets."

R. C. Has received a supply of bibles, testaments, spelling books, primers, almanacs for 1794, histories, waltz psalms and hymns, writing paper, blank books, ink powder, best Dutch and English quills, wax and Wafers, &c. &c. which will be sold on the lowest terms to country merchants.

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## WARS INVOLVING PEOPLES OF OUR NATION

The Pequot War (1636-1637) Massachusetts and Connecticut against the Indians.

King William's War (1690-1697) Conflict in Europe but New England colonists served in land and sea forces.

Queen Anne's War (1702-1713) also known as "The War of the Spanish Succession" in which colonists from New England served.

King George's War (1744-1748) Colonists from New England served

The French and Indian War (1754-1763) also known as the "Seven Years' War" - fought by many American colonists.

Pontiac's Rebellion (1763-1764) American colonists chiefly from Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia against the Indians.

The American Revolution (1775-1783) American colonists against England.

Undeclared Naval War with France (1798-1800) Seamen from the coastal States.

War with Barbary Pirates (early 1800s) Naval personnel.

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The War of 1812 (1812-1815) Land and naval forces.

The Seminole War (1830s) Regular land and naval forces against Seminole Indians (FLA).

The Mexican War (1846-1848) Land and naval forces mostly from the States.

The American Civil War (1861-1865) also known as "The War Between the States" and "The Great Rebellion."

The Spanish-American War (April - August 1898) State troops as well as Regular Forces.

Philippine Insurrection (1899-1902) Regular forces plus volunteer men and units.

The Boxer Rebellion (1900) Some Regular forces involved in a Chinese peasant uprising.

Mexican Border Incident (1914-1916) Mostly Regular forces.

World War I (1917-1918)

World War II (1941-1945)

The Korean War (1950-1953)

Viet Nam War (1962-1973)

There were numerous Indian wars or skirmishes between 1815 to 1858. There was also American troop involvement in Central America and the Caribbean Islands in more recent times.

### The Story Behind the Names: Beaver County

[from pamphlet of the same name, published by John M. Roberts & Son Co.]

Beaver was one of eight counties erected by an Act of March 12, 1800, and was named for the Big Beaver Creek, flowing through it. It was in the track of the earliest French explorers toward the Mississippi Valley, and at a later period, scene of the historic labors of Jesuit and Moravian missionaries.

The county seat, Beaver, was the site of Ft. McIntosh, built in 1778 by General Lachlan McINTOSH, and named in his honor. It was also the former site of Ft. Beaver, built in 1754, and of Shingastown, named for the king of the Delaware tribe. Beaver Falls was formerly Brighton, in 1800, and changed to its present name in 1866, because of the falls in the river at this point. Aliquippa was named for the celebrated Indian queen who ruled over a large tribe near the present McKeesport. Ambridge, as its name indicates, was named after American Bridge Company, in 1903, and comprises the old village of Economy, where the Harmony Society, under Rev. George RAPP, settled in 1825.



### FIELD TRIP TO SOLDIERS AND SAILORS HALL, OAKLAND

Below you will find a sign up form for our trip to Soldiers and Sailors Hall Library, Oakland, on **Wednesday, October 20th, at 10 A.M.** Please note this is a time change from the originally scheduled time of 2 P.M. as announced in the August newsletter. The library contains numerous military, especially Civil War, records. These include the 131 volume "Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies", "Union and Confederate Naval Records", complete rosters of volunteer regiments of many northern states, records of encampments of the GAR, hundreds of volumes of histories of various troops and battles, etc.



Yes, as a member of the North Hills Genealogists, I plan to attend the trip to **Soldiers and Sailors Hall, 4141 Fifth Avenue, Oakland, on Wednesday, October 20th, at 10 A.M.** [Please return this form to the address on the newsletter or to one of the officers **by Saturday, October 16th.**]



<b>Name:</b>	<b>Home phone:</b>
<b>I am interested in car pooling to Soldiers and Sailors Hall:</b> <b>Yes</b> _____ <b>No</b> _____	
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**QUERIES PRINTED FREE**

from Ohio Genealogical Soc. Newsletter 24:7 (July 1993)

Jo Ann Whitson Cuddy will publish free queries with northeastern Tennessee or southwestern Virginia roots in her genealogy column. "Steps to the Past" appears every other week in the "Sullivan County News," a weekly newspaper for Sullivan County. The column is sponsored by the Sullivan County Library, as well as a local NSDAR chapter. Write to Steps to the Past, c/o Jo Ann Whitson Cuddy, 212 Lavender Lane, Bristol, TN 37620-4730.

**ILLINOIS RESEARCH**

from Paradise, CA Genealogy Society, vol. 12-4, Apr 1993

For a free booklet about genealogical collections found in Illinois libraries, write to the Illinois State Library, Springfield, IL 62701. A limited number of copies of "Illinois County Land Ownership Map and Atlas Bibliography and Union List" is available at no cost from Illinois Cooperative Collection Management Coordinating Committee, c/o Illinois State Library, 300 S. Second St., Springfield, IL 62701.

**MICHIGAN RESEARCH**

from Prince George's County Genealogical Society  
Bulletin, vol. 25-1, Sept. 1993

A free booklet entitled "1989 Update, Survey of Vital Records; Services Offered to Genealogists by Local Registrars Offices" is available from the Office of the State Registrar and Center for Health Statistics, P.O. Box 30195, Lansing, MI 48909.

**VITAL RECORDS BOOKLET OFFERED**

from the Butler Eagle

The government is offering a booklet titled "Where to Write for Vital Records." The pamphlet explains how and where to write for birth, death, marriage and divorce certificates. The appropriate agencies to contact in each state including the address, telephone number, cost of a copy, and other remarks about the availability of records and how to get certified copies are listed. To order a copy, send a check for \$6.50 payable to Federal Reprints to: Federal Reprints, P. O. Box 70268, Washington, D.C. 20024

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