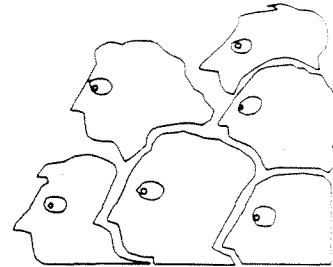


# NORTH HILLS GENEALOGISTS NEWSLETTER



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi Everyone: The 25th Anniversary celebration of the Northland Public Library which we participated in was very successful from our standpoint. Lissa and I sold three beginner's packets and interested at least five persons in attending one of our meetings and considering membership. After we were done manning our table, I decided to do some research in the Genealogy Section at the Library and happened to find a Great Great Grandfather in the Immigration and Naturalization Lists Index. Thanks to the generosity of our organization and others who have donated materials to the Library, it is a valuable source of information for anyone doing research on an Allegheny County ancestor. I'm very proud of the part we've played in that service.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be Wednesday, November 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the Library's Conference Room. The normal meeting rooms were not available. Changes to the By-Laws were discussed at the last meeting, and they are attached for your review. A vote will be taken on the changes at the next regular meeting, November 16.

The November meeting will be a Round Table. This is an excellent opportunity to share your successes and problems with other members. If you are having a problem with your research, this is a good opportunity to find a member who can help you solve that problem. We have no meeting in December, but Jim Rickey did manage to put together the sociable get together field trip which was announced to you earlier, and a sign-up sheet will be attached to the November newsletter and one will also be available at the November meeting. The field trip will consist of a tour of the Passavant House in Zelienople which will be decorated for Christmas and lunch afterward at the Kaufmann House in Zelienople. The date of the trip is Saturday, December 11 and the time for the tour will be 10:00 a.m. There will be a small fee of \$2.25 per person for the tour. This is the first time we have tried a social affair and are hoping it will be a big success.

The Library is looking for volunteers to participate in their fund raising drive. If you are interested in participating in their Phonathon, please contact Patricia A. McCarthy, Director of Development, Northland Public Library Foundation, 366-8100.

Three books have been approved to be purchased as Memorials. They are "America Before 1790", "Genealogical Evidence", and "Research Guide To Our Nation's Capital". You will see these books in the Library shortly.

We are looking forward to the discussion at the round-table next month. Hope to see you there. Ginny

## MILLVALE FORMED AFTER 1868 PROTEST

abstracted from News Record by Stacy Niedecker

A century ago, rumors that Bennett Station would soon join Allegheny City prompted members of Millvale to action. Local legend says that some prominent citizens took an overnight train to Harrisburg to file incorporation papers to keep the community out of Allegheny, which later became Pittsburgh's North Side. This year, Millvale is celebrating the 125th anniversary of the overnight trip that formed the borough from part of Shaler and part of Duquesne Borough.

Allegheny City had close ties to the area. John Sample, a veteran of the Revolutionary War who built a cabin in the area in 1790, was the first settler. In 1844, John Sample, a descendant, sold 164 acres to the city for use as a poor farm. Some of its buildings are still in use: One is an apartment building on Butler Street and another a duplex on Lincoln Avenue next to the Millvale United Methodist Church. But the city found a new site for the farm in Claremont Station, about nine miles north of its borders, in 1867. The former farm in Bennett Station became one of the North Hills' earliest subdivisions. Allegheny City cut streets and laid out lots, which it began selling in September 1867. The property, which the city bought for \$12,000 23 years earlier, brought \$300,000 to Allegheny's coffers.

## PALATINES TO AMERICA

from Ohio Genealogical Society Newsletter 24:8,  
page 98 (Aug 1993)

Jean Hall, National Librarian, has announced that the Palatines to America Library has moved to Saylor-Ackerman Hall B-15, on the campus of Capital University in Columbus, Ohio. In the new location this genealogical library specializing in our German-speaking immigrant ancestors will be better able to serve the national membership of Palatines to America, either in person, or by mail.

Of particular value to family history researchers are ancestor charts contributed by Society members since 1975. The Palatines to America Library also has many bound volumes concerning immigration and family history of colonial-era immigrants from the Palatinate as well as later arrivals from all of the German-speaking areas of Europe. Limited research is now available to society members by mail.

Palatines to America is an eighteen-year old genealogical society for persons researching their German-speaking ancestors. State chapters are active in New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan and Colorado. The national society and the chapters serve their members by promoting the study of German immigrant migration through the national conference, local seminars, newsletters, and the quarterly Palatine Immigrant.

For further information about Palatines to America, call or write: Palatines to America, Capital University Box 101P, Columbus, OH 43209-2394, (614) 236-8281.

[Editor's note: I have had a lot of help and great successes from that help in finding my German ancestors (and the cousins who put that information in the library!) This is a worth-while organization if you are serious about finding your people. I entered a writing contest with a theme of my German family migration to Ohio and was published in their conference booklet. There is also a monthly newsletter from the national group and from the state chapters. One of their conferences was at the Sheraton in Warrendale a couple of years back. I have been waiting for another one to come to this part of our state again since my experience at the other was so enjoyable. -- E.S.P.]

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## NEXT BOARD MEETING

Our next board meeting will be held Wednesday, November 3rd, at 7:30 P.M., in Northland Library's conference room on the lower level. Everyone is invited to attend. However, if you do plan to attend, you should first call the library at 366-8100 to verify that our board meeting is still scheduled.

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### PITTSBURGH FIRSTS

Throughout the years Pittsburgh has been the site of many technological, medical and business "firsts", most of which changed everyday life in the United States and the world. The area is the birthplace of professional hockey, movie theaters, radio stations, lifesaving drugs and more.....

#### FIRST:

Polio vaccine -- University of Pittsburgh  
Synthetic insulin -- University of Pittsburgh  
Isolation of Vitamin C -- University of Pittsburgh  
Radio station -- KDKA  
U. S. community-owned television station -- WQED  
Independent research institute -- Mellon Institute  
Electron microscope  
Robotics institute - Carnegie Mellon University  
Planned community -- Wilmerding, built by George Westinghouse  
Privately funded urban renewal project -- Gateway Center  
Football team to win four Super Bowl titles -- Pittsburgh Steelers  
Football team to put numbers on jerseys -- University of Pittsburgh  
Indoor ice skating rink -- Schenley Park's Casion, opened in 1894  
Professional hockey team -- Pittsburgh Yellow Jackets  
College to offer degrees in music, drama and computer science -- Carnegie Mellon University  
Retractable roof auditorium -- Civic Arena  
Commercial nuclear power plant -- Shippingport  
Light water breeder reactor  
Mass transit busways  
Press Club  
Ferris Wheel  
All-motion picture theater -- The Nickelodeon  
Drive-in automobile gas station -- Gulf Oil  
Variety Club  
All aluminum skyscraper -- ALCOA Building  
University skyscraper -- Cathedral of Learning, University of Pittsburgh  
Billion dollar corporation -- U. S. Steel Corporation  
McDonald's 'BigMac' sandwich

### PROGRAMS OF THE NORTH HILLS GENEALOGISTS

Following is a list of our speakers over the last three years. You may wish to consult this list when you fill out the questionnaire being distributed separate from the newsletter, wherein we solicit your input for future meetings. The questionnaire must be returned by the November 16th meeting.

August, 1990: Elissa Powell - Basic Genealogy Research, including correspondence  
September, 1990: Maureen Durstein - Irish Genealogy  
November, 1990: Ruth Renton - German Research through American Church Records  
January, 1991: Susan Faull - Preservation of Family Photographs  
February, 1991: Nancy Singleton - Genealogical Problem Solving  
March, 1991: Leslie Dunn - Genealogy Resources in Salt Lake City  
April, 1991: Bob Schroeder and Tom Wiley - Copying of old photos, including a hands on demonstration  
May, 1991: Bill May - A Visit from a Civil War Soldier  
June, 1991: Elissa Powell - How to Start Your Genealogy  
July, 1991: Leslie Dunn - Genealogy Resources at Shaler North Hills Library  
August, 1991: Judy Oliver - Doing Research at the Allegheny County Courthouse  
September, 1991: Jim Rickey - Using the U.S. Census; How to Use the SOUNDDEX Indexing System  
November, 1991: Steph Valentine - Using Computers in Genealogy, and Personal Ancestral File (PAF)  
January, 1992: Jan Yordy and Mildred Halechko - Daughters of the American Revolution  
February, 1992: Robert Closson - Publishing Your Genealogy  
March, 1992: David McMunn - Researching your Scottish Ancestors  
May, 1992: Joe Bullick - History of the North Hills  
June, 1992: Reed Powell - Selecting Genealogy Software for your personal computer  
July, 1992: Yvonne Johnson - The Story of Zelig Passavant and The History of Zelienople and Butler County  
August, 1992: Mary Wohleber - History of Allegheny City  
September, 1992: Shirley Iscrupe - Locating Your Ancestor's Home Site  
October, 1992: Brother Patrick Power - Researching Your Irish Ancestors  
January, 1993: Marilyn Holt - Beginning Research  
February, 1993: Nancy Singleton - So You're Planning a Genealogical Trip  
March, 1993: James Knox - Researching His Irish Ancestors to 1601

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May, 1993: Kenneth Whitlock - Portraying His Relative, Benjamin Banneker  
June, 1993: William Dollarhide - Finding the Place; and Using Deed Records  
June, 1993: David Lewis of the U.S. Census Bureau - Census and other historic records maintained by the Census Bureau  
July, 1993: S. Greene Drucker - Allegheny City Society  
August, 1993: Leslie Dunn - Naturalizations  
September, 1993: Mark Johnson - Daguerreotypes and other old Photos  
October, 1993: G. Jean Gregord - German Research Both Here and Abroad

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### COMPUTERIZATION MAKES FAMILY TREES A PUSH-BUTTON JOB

from Detroit Free Press, Feb. 3, 1991 By Ellen Creager

It took Arlene Garry 11 years to track back 16 generations, but it could take you a less time. Why? The biggest genealogy collection in the world has just married the computer.

The Mormon church in Salt Lake City, a major collector of the world's genealogical records, has put much of its microfilmed and microfiched research on personal computer compact disks, called CD-ROM. In January, the "FamilySearch" program, with access to 200 million names, was released to Mormon libraries in the United States and Canada. Census records, ship passenger lists and complete indexing of genealogies on CD soon will make searching for ancestors more rewarding and less frustrating. Within five years, the program may be available in public libraries and even in people's homes, says Jay Roberts, a specialist at the Family History library in Salt Lake City.

"More and more things are coming out on CD-Rom. The Mormons are forerunners of this," says Noel VanGordon, chief of the Burton Historical Collection at the Detroit Public Library.

But having said that, heed this warning: For now, CDs make it faster, but not necessarily easier, to trace your ancestors. It is not a miracle system. Your ancestors may not be on the disks, especially if you are from a non-European background. Here's what the computer does have:

**Ancestral File:** Seven million names on family trees that have been submitted and verified since 1979. If you have traced your family history, you can send in your research to be put onto this permanent file, for all to share. If everyone who ever compiled a family tree would submit it

to this file, Roberts says, it would be a spectacular resource. It is a worldwide, multi-ethnic, multi-faith file.

The drawback is that if nobody's sent in your family tree, you'll come up empty. Those most likely to strike gold here are those with Mormon relatives. The reason? It's the responsibility of every Mormon to track down his or her forebears and make sure they have been vicariously baptized to the faith. Those who neglect to do it, wrote Mormon founder Joseph Smith, "do it at the peril of their own salvation."

**The International Genealogical Index:** A list of 147 million names of deceased persons; it's divided by country. Within two years, this file will be updated and several million more names added, Roberts says, because Mormon researchers constantly comb records around the world and add them to their files. Most of the names are from Britain (18 compact disks), Scandinavia (9 disks), Mexico (9 disks), Germany (8 disks), the United States and Canada (5 disks), and other European countries (4 disks); there's only one disk for all of Australia, Asia, Africa, Central America and South America. Again, you have to have some idea of what you're looking for; this series of CDs replaces 10,000 microfiche cards.

**The U. S. Social Security Death Register** lists 39 million names. Soon, more data bases will be added: the 1880 U.S. Census with 50 million names, the English 1881 Census and others, Roberts says. They're looking at computerizing ship passenger lists, civil death records, cemetery records, VA records and biographical records. They're experimenting with a computer scanner than can scan pages of genealogies and index every surname it finds.

**Family History Library catalog:** Lists every book in the Salt Lake City family history library. Search for any book that mentions your family name in its index, then send away for a copy of those pages from Salt Lake City.

But, but, but. While Mormon Elder Richard Clarke says going from books to the FamilySearch system is like "going from a wagon to an airplane," and that "work that once was tedious is now exciting and dramatic," don't get your hopes too high. VanGordon says the Mormon Church library, while extensive, doesn't have everything and never will. And genealogist Arlene Garry says no matter how sophisticated the computer, it can't take the place of thinking for yourself.

"I don't know if there will ever be a time when anyone would be able to type his name into the computer and get his whole family history," says Garry. "But it is a nice tool."

For information on the "FamilySearch" program contact the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints library in your area.

## TRACKING PENNSYLVANIA PATRIOTS

by John W. Heisey

from Pennsylvania Magazine, Vol. 12, No. 3

Ever since our nation's founding, there has been continued interest in those men who served in the American Revolution. The search to link the present generation with one or more of those old soldiers (sailors and marines included) may be for various reasons. Some individuals hope to join one of the patriotic organizations, while others desire to claim a founding patriot for their heritage. Still others just want to extend their pedigree back at least another generation or two. But no matter what the reason, many researchers look for Revolutionary War ancestors.

It is not an easy task, as no one has ever compiled a listing of all the Pennsylvania servicemen of the Revolution. Only the remaining militia muster rolls from the various counties of the state are available. And because not all servicemen applied for a federal or state pension or bounty land, and the names of the men who had served in the war were not all recorded on a roster of any sort, these records are probably incomplete.

Resource materials may be even more limited because not every serviceman had a descendant who joined the Daughters of the American Revolution or the Sons of the American Revolution. And last of all, not every Revolutionary War veteran's grave is marked, nor were all of them honored with an obituary.

So incomplete lists will have to suffice in a search for one's patriotic forefathers. Begin by checking those county lists for your ancestor's name. Remember to pursue all possible spellings of a name, just in case.

The June 1990 issue of Pennsylvania Magazine discussed the published Pennsylvania Archives resource in this genealogy column. Among the various volumes of several of the Archives series are listings of many Pennsylvania Revolutionary soldiers. Although a great number of these men can be identified by county and military organization, the data on others doesn't include that information, or even the dates of service.

For more complete data on Pennsylvania Revolutionary War servicemen of all branches, there are several fine books available. The first one, devoted entirely to Pennsylvania, is the 1955 Yearbook of the Pennsylvania Society Sons of the American Revolution (Harrisburg; for the Society, 1956), compiled by the late Floyd G. Hoenstine.

This is a fascinating volume with much useful information. In fact, it's actually a "road map" for genealogists. That is, each Revolutionary War serviceman or civilian patriot is listed, and beneath each name, in order, all direct descendants by generation down to the SSAR member are shown. The spouses of each generation are listed, as

well as known birth, marriage and death dates, so one may find a complete basic line of descent.

Of course, as this is a yearbook of the organization, the names of active members are listed, and additionally, the names and pedigrees of all former members of the society. Remember, however, that this book concerns only the Pennsylvania organization. Another source is a remarkable volume titled, *A National Register of the Society Sons of the American Revolution*, compiled by Louis A. Cornish and A. Howard Clark (New York: Andrew H. Kellogg Press, 1902). This book contains the names and lines of descent of all members of the SSAR living and deceased, from Revolutionary War veterans through Dec. 31, 1901.

The next of these useful source books is the *Patriot Index*, compiled by the Daughters of the American Revolution (Washington: For the Society, 1966). A second volume was issued in 1979 with additional patriot names, so you should research both volumes. The books list Revolutionary War servicemen, civilian men and women who aided the American cause in some way, and other patriots. Where known, the dates of birth, marriage and death are given, as well as the names of spouses, and the rank of each serviceman and the state from which he served. It also denotes the civilians who gave public service.

The names are listed alphabetically in these Indexes under a single basic spelling, with various other spellings following. So unfortunately, no one has any idea which spelling was used in various records. Therefore, if all of those name variations aren't checked in official records, you may not find the information you are seeking. All possible spellings of a surname should be checked when researching your ancestry.

Our final resource is the *Index of Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty Land Applications* compiled by Max Ellsworth Hoyt and others (Washington: National Genealogical Society, 1966). This huge tome of some 80,000 names lists those individuals who had applied for a pension or bounty land from the federal government. The information included with each applicant's name covers that person's wife or widow if she had applied for a pension, the state from which the man had served, the pension and/or bounty land application number, and the type of service: naval, marine or Continental Army.

The spelling of the surnames is shown, exactly as each name is found in the original pension or bounty land application. A request for records, therefore, must show the spelling of the name as it is in the original application. Otherwise, the search will be fruitless. Since the various name spellings are not lumped together under one basic spelling, you must check all possible variations of any name you seek. This means requesting a number of times under different spellings to find the name you want.

## PENNSYLVANIA GERMAN PIONEERS

by Jack Sanders

on the National Genealogical Society Bulletin Board

The port of Philadelphia was the entryway to Pennsylvania for tens of thousands of Germans who were lured to New World by the promise of religious peace and material prosperity. William Penn himself, granted title to the 40,000 miles of what was to become his namesake state, traveled to the Rhine provinces "whose once-peaceful valleys, thriving fields, and vine-clad hills had become the hunting ground of political and religious fanatics," writes Ralph Beaver Strassburger. Personally and through his agents, Penn invited the Rhinelanders, "the suffering Palatines," to "help him found a state in which religious and civil liberty would prevail." And beginning with the Germantown settlement in 1683, Pennsylvania became a bastion of freedom-seeking Germans.

In 1934, Dr. Strassburger put together *Pennsylvania German Pioneers*, a compilation of the original lists of passenger arrivals in the port of Philadelphia from 1727 to 1808. The two-volume set, published originally by the Pennsylvania-German Society, was out of print when Genealogical Publishing Company reissued it in 1966. The set has continued to sell out of editions, and the latest has just been come off the presses.

*Pennsylvania German Pioneers* contains data on 38,000 people. According to the introduction, it is "the basis of the ancestry of hundreds of thousands of Americans, enabling them to determine with certainty the time of their ancestors' arrivals in Pennsylvania and the place ... whence they came."

In some cases, especially with later arrivals, other details are available, such as the ages of the immigrants, relationships to others on board, occupations, and even their height and color of their hair! The index is particularly comprehensive, running some 450 of the set's 1,564 pages, and including many variant spellings of surnames and even given names.

No serious researcher into the roots of the Pennsylvania Germans should be without access to this basic reference. Most good libraries covering the subject even peripherally have it or may be ordering the latest edition. Those who would like their own set may order from the publisher (Dept. SM, 1001 North Calvert Street, Baltimore, Md., 21202-3897, 1-800-727-6687) at \$75 plus \$3.50 postage and handling.

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### INFORMATION PACKETS

Remember to get your information packet for \$5 at one of our meetings. It contains 100 pages of information, genealogical forms, maps, and pamphlets from the National Archives.

## NORTH HILLS GENEALOGISTS BYLAWS

We are printing the bylaws, with some changes, this month so that we may all vote on these changes at our November 16, 1993 meeting. We would like the bylaws to stay current on how we conduct the business of the North Hills Genealogists and to inform all members of our purposes and organization. The last time they were changed was in January 1992.

The Vice-President and the Program Committee are being broken into two separate job descriptions. The Book Committee is also being added under "Standing Committees." Since we have not had an operational Membership Committee, we are taking that out of the bylaws entirely. New members currently received their back issues of the newsletter from the treasurer.

Please review the bylaws and be prepared for a discussion and vote at our next regular meeting.

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### GERMAN GENEALOGY SOCIETY

from John Cline MSG, NGC National

To anyone with family roots in Germany or German-speaking areas of Europe, I encourage you to investigate the German Genealogical Society of America. A regular membership costs \$15/year. Of course, if you wish to send more money they will be happy to accept it. The dues go for the production of a very impressive monthly bulletin (national award winning), and for the purchase of office supplies and genealogical works for the library.

One of the stated goals of the Society (among many others) is to acquire copies of the approximately 2000 books and manuscripts for which they have indexes.

The Society assists in several ways. One is through a surname search, which costs \$8 for members, and \$10 for non-members. This includes a search of indexes of 2000 books and manuscripts, a search of the genealogical society of Utah's International Genealogical Index (IGI), a list of German genealogists who are researching the same surnames as you, a search of the telephone directories of east and west Germany, and Alsace-Lorraine as needed, and recommendations publishing in the bulletin an index of new surnames being researched.

If you find a name you are researching, request further info from the society and they will send the name of the researcher, a German language form letter to send to that researcher, and instructions on how to establish contact. Yet another way they provide assistance is by arranging for your private research, by experienced researchers.

Address correspondence to: German Genealogical Society of America, P.O. Box 291818, Los Angeles, CA 90029 (enclose a business size SASStampedEnvelope)



## BYLAWS FOR THE NORTH HILLS GENEALOGISTS

**ARTICLE I. NAME:** The name of this Society shall be the North Hills Genealogists.

### **ARTICLE II. PURPOSES:**

1. To hold meetings for the instruction and education of its members and the general public in the approved methods of genealogy.
2. To foster family research through encouragement of beginners and information dissemination through its newsletters.
3. To promote the preservation of genealogical records and resources of the North Hills of Pittsburgh, PA.
4. To support the genealogical department of the Northland Public Library.

### **ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP.**

1. Any interested person may become a member of this Society upon payment of the dues.
2. Dues shall be the amount voted upon by the members in attendance at the Executive Committee meeting before they take effect in ~~September~~ **August** of each year.
3. Membership is from August 1 to July 31 of the following year.
4. Members entering into the Society mid-year shall receive all back issues of the Newsletter to the previous August.
5. Members are entitled to free queries in the Newsletter.

### **ARTICLE IV. MEETINGS.**

1. Regular meetings will be held the third Tuesday of each month, except December. Meetings will start at 7:00 PM.
2. Meetings are held at the Northland Public Library, 300 Cumberland Road, McCandless Township, in the North Hills of Pittsburgh, PA.
3. Meeting schedules may be changed by the Executive Committee with membership notification.
4. A quorum at any **regular** meeting of the Society shall consist of one fifth of the membership in good standing. Motions shall be carried by a simple majority vote of those present, except where these Bylaws provide otherwise.
5. All meetings are free and open to the public.
6. The Annual Meeting, which will elect the new officers for August, will be held in June.

### **ARTICLE V. OFFICERS.**

1. The officers of this Society, each of whom shall be a current member of the North Hills Genealogists, shall be as follows: (1) President, (2) Vice-President, (3) Secretary, (4) Treasurer.
2. Term of office for each Society Officer shall be for one year beginning in the August after the election.
3. No officer shall serve more than two consecutive terms in one position.
4. A vacancy in any elective position shall be filled by appointment of the Executive Committee until the next annual election.
5. Nominations: At a regular meeting the President shall appoint a nominating committee of three members. It shall be the duty of this committee to prepare a slate of at least one nominee for each Society office. Additional nominations may be made from the floor, provided the prior consent of each nominee has been obtained.

### **ARTICLE VI. DUTIES OF OFFICERS.**

1. The President shall preside at all business meetings; shall appoint all committees; and perform such duties as may be required to best fulfill the purposes and the activities of the Society.
2. The Vice-President in the absence of the President shall assume and perform the duties of the President. ~~He shall also be Program Chairman and provide an appropriate program at each regular meeting of the Society.~~
3. The Secretary shall keep an accurate record of the business meetings and the meetings of the Executive Committee of this Society, and perform other duties as delegated or required to best serve the purposes of this Society.
4. The Treasurer shall receive the dues and other moneys of this Society, pay all bills and disbursements, keep an accurate record of all financial transactions, prepare or cause to be prepared all necessary financial reports and papers and other duties as delegated or required to best serve the purposes of this Society, including a fiscal statement for the annual meeting in June.

### **ARTICLE VII. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.**

1. In addition to all current elected Society officers, the Executive Committee shall include as members the immediate Past President of this Society and the Chairman of each standing committee.
2. The Executive Committee will meet at the call of the President.
3. The Executive Committee shall make considered decisions, weighing any input from the general membership.
4. All members in good standing are invited to attend Executive Committee meetings.

## ARTICLE VIII. STANDING COMMITTEES.

~~1. Membership Committee shall acknowledge new members with a welcoming letter having gotten their name and address from the Treasurer. Any back issues of the Newsletter for the current membership year should also be given to new members.~~

1. Program committee shall recommend and plan speakers for meetings and recommend and plan field trips.

2. Special Projects Committee will guide any short term project the Society as a whole wishes to undertake.

3. Newsletter Committee will produce a monthly Newsletter (except December and July) of information to be handed to members at the monthly meetings and mailed to members who are absent.

4. Budget Committee will produce an annual budget for approval by the executive committee.

5. Book committee shall review publications and submit recommendations to the executive committee for purchase by the society for donation to the Northland Public Library.

## ARTICLE IX. AMENDMENT TO BYLAWS.

This Society's bylaws may be amended at a general business meeting of the Society by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided the proposed amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous regular business meeting. Unless otherwise provided, such amendment shall become effective upon adjournment of the meeting at which it is adopted.

### THE STORY BEHIND THE NAMES: FAYETTE COUNTY

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

Fayette County was erected by an Act of September 26, 1783, the territory being taken from Westmoreland County, and was named in honor of Marquis de LA FAYETTE, whose influence and personal bravery had been of great value to the American colonies in the struggle for independence, which had just ended.

This county was the scene of many stirring events during the boundary disputes with Virginia, when the Dominion erected the counties of Monongahela, Yohogania, and Ohio, the territory of Fayette being within the first two named counties. On the organization of Fayette, the county seat was fixed "in the borough of Union, usually called Uniontown".

The first term of the Court of Quarter Sessions and Common Pleas for Fayette County was held in the schoolhouse at Uniontown, on the fourth Tuesday in December, 1783. This court, among other matters, subdivided the county into nine townships: Washington, Franklin, Luzerne, Menallen, Union, German, Georges, Spring Hill, and Wharton. Uniontown, the county seat, incorporated as Borough of Union, April 4, 1796, and chartered as a city December 19, 1913, was named for the township. It was first settled by Henry and James BEESON, in 1768.

Connellsville was first settled by Zachariah CONNEL, in 1770, for whom it was named, and founded as a town by him, March 21, 1793. Colonel William CRAWFORD, his father-in-law, settled opposite there, in 1767.

Brownsville was once known as "Redstone Old Fort", from its location at the mouth of the Redstone Creek. It was laid out by Thomas BROWN, owner of the site, for whom it

was named. Dunbar was named for Colonel Thomas DUNBAR, of Braddock's ill-fated army.

Fayette City was once called "Freeport", then "Cookstown", after the founder Colonel Edward COOK, in 1800, and finally its present name, in further honor of General LA FAYETTE. Masontown was first "Germantown", and changed in honor of John Mason, who laid out the town in 1798.

### UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS

There will be a field trip to Mercer County on Thursday, October 28th. We will receive an orientation at several court house offices, starting at 10 A.M. For those who are interested, lunch reservations have been made at a nearby restaurant, the Magoffin Inn, at noon. A visit to the nearby Mercer County Historical Society will begin at 1 P.M.

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Sign up sheets for both of the above trips are in this month's newsletter. However, due to the nearness of both dates, you can alternately call Jim Rickey at 931-9161 to sign up for either trip.

A trip to Passavant House in Zelienople is scheduled for Saturday, December 11th, at 10 A.M. A sign up form will appear in the November newsletter. In addition, following the tour, the group has made reservations for lunch at the Kaufman House for those who are interested, at 12:30 P.M. A sign up form for both the tour and the lunch will be available at both the October and November meetings. Spouses are welcome.



**CENSUS INDEX FACTS**

Precision Indexing will be doing indexes for all states for the year 1870. They will also be going back and reindexing many of the states that have already been done by other companies. Their indexing staff worked on the Philadelphia, PA 1870 for 800 hours to do the data entry. The data in the index book is name, age, sex, color, birthplace, locality, county, Series and roll numbers and page number. An edit copy of the index was then printed and each page was scanned for anything that looked like it might be an error. Each of these was highlighted and every questionable entry was checked. Editing took another 500 hours. The final master copy was then produced and the index was sent to the print shop. At the print shop 240,000 pages were printed, collated, and assembled, then bound with a heavy-duty library binding and gold stamped. The Philadelphia 1870 has 230,278 entries. The Western PA edition (including Pittsburgh) has recently become available and includes 297,579 individuals.

**ILLINOIS VITAL RECORDS AMENDMENTS**

from Moultrie Co., Illinois Historical & Genealogy Society,  
vol. 21-1, 1993

Illinois birth and death records may now be issued to persons having a "genealogical interest." These are births which occurred not less than 75 yrs. [ago] and deaths occurring not less than 20 yrs. prior to the date of written request. A certificate which is requested for genealogical purposes will be stamped "For Genealogical Purposes Only." Also, certain indexes (originating prior to Jan. 1, 1916) are to be made available "to persons for the purpose of genealogical research rather than just "members of Illinois genealogical societies."

**MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS**

As of our last board meeting on October 7, we had 100 members plus we mail the newsletter to about 12 libraries and other societies.



Yes, as a member of the North Hills Genealogists, I plan to attend the trip to **Fayette County Courthouse and Uniontown Public Library, Uniontown, Pa., on Thursday, November 4th, at 10 A.M.** [Please return this form to the address on the newsletter or to one of the officers **by Tuesday, November 2nd or by calling Jim Rickey at 931-9161.**]



<b>Name:</b>	<b>Home phone:</b>
I am interested in car pooling to Fayette County: Yes _____ No _____	
I am interested in serving as a car pool driver: Yes _____ No _____	



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### **LONG LOST RELATIVES**

from the Cranberry Eagle,  
6 Oct 1993

The Cranberry Eagle is looking for information about an old, abandoned cemetery with eight plots, located off Valencia Road in Adams Township, Butler County, PA.

The names on the plots are:

Albert **Kaufman**, who was born Feb. 29, 1822 and died Jan. 26, 1886;  
Elizabeth **Kaufman**, born May 5, 1844 and died April 6, 1886;  
Catharine **Foltz** died Sept. 27, 1860;  
and Charles H. **Groves**, born Feb. 28, 1887 and died July 8, 1901.

If you have any information about the cemetery or plots, contact Linda at the Cranberry Eagle at (412) 776-4270.

### **POSTAL REGULATIONS**

from Searchers & Researchers,  
vol. 15-4, 1992,  
via AZ Genealogy Society Bulletin,  
vol. 28-2, summer 1993

It is a violation of postal regulations to include folded envelopes inside another causing a postal sorting machine to jam. The postmaster could then send your mail (containing a folded SASE) to the dead letter office. To avoid this, use a #9 envelope which will fit inside a regular #10 business envelope without having to be folded.

#### **Old Genealogists Never Die ...**

...They just dig a little deeper.

...They just lose their census.

### **NEWSLETTER INDEX READY**

Volume 3 (August 1992 to June 1993) of the North Hills Genealogists' Newsletter has been indexed and is available to anyone interested. This 14 page index is in two sections. The everyname index comprising eight pages and the subject index being six pages. They will be available at meetings to be picked up. If you wish yours to be mailed to you, please send a business-sized Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope (with 2 stamps) to our address at Northland Library.

Thank you, Mildred Noble Halechko, for doing such a wonderful job on the index! I am sure we all appreciate the work you put into it. It will enhance our research by quickly letting us locate those gems tucked away in each issue.

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## **NEXT: TUES., NOV. 16, 7 PM: ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION**

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