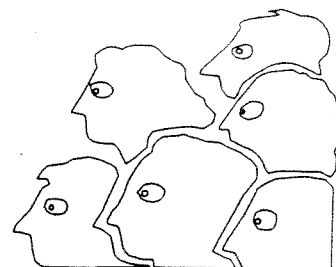


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi Everyone: I heard that Debi's presentation at the February meeting was great. Sorry that I had to miss it. I am looking forward to our March speaker, John Was, on "Researching your Polish Ancestors." Don't forget the Round Table in April. That is the time to share your research problems and possibility get help with them., or maybe your experience will come in handy and help someone else with their problems. That is what is is all about, folks, helping one another and receiving help in return. Let's make this a truly great club, one we can all be proud of. And don't forget that Judy Martin will be here that night also with the W.P.G.S. store. She will have many great genealogical items that you can purchase.

A field trip to Western Reserve Library in Cleveland, Ohio at the end of April is now in the planning stage. If you are interested, try to set time aside for the trip. A sign-up sheet will be made available at a later meeting and also in a future newsletter. We usually get a really good turnout for this field trip. Handouts will be available, prior to the trip, explaining what records are available at the library.

Rosemary Miller has graciously volunteered to be chairman of our field trip committee. Anyone interested in volunteering to be a member of this committee or the speaker committee should contact me.

Mary Wohlleber will be or guest speaker in May and she will be speaking on "Troy Hill." We have rescheduled Laddie Warren for June on the topic of "Publishing Your

Genealogy." He was originally scheduled for our January meeting that had to be cancelled due to bad weather.

Our next board meeting will be Thursday, April 7, 1994 in meeting room # 2 at 7:30 pm.

We are looking for members who would like to run for an officer position for this coming year. If you are interested, please contact Elissa Powell.

We would like to welcome our new members, T.J. Galbraith and David Donahue. We hope that you will find your membership enjoyable and rewarding.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at the March meeting (without my cast). Ginny

ON TO RICHMOND!

The Federation of Genealogical Societies and the Virginia Genealogical Society proudly announce the 1994 Conference for the Nation's Genealogists to be held 12-15 October 1994 in Richmond.

To receive the registration materials in early 1994, contact:

On To Richmond
Federation of Genealogical Societies
P.O. Box 3385
Salt Lake City, UT 84110-2785

WHERE GENEALOGIST MEET

Thursday, April 7, at 7:30 pm - **NHG Board meeting** in meeting room #2 at Northland Library. All NHG members are always welcome at all Board meetings.

Saturday, April 9, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm - **Beginners Workshop** at the Carnegie Library. Taught by Marilyn Holt. Lunch from noon to 1:00 pm. Members of Carnegie \$23, nonmembers. \$34. For information call 622-3288.

Sunday, April 10, at 2:00 pm - **Genealogical Society of South Western Pennsylvania** at the Citizens City Library, 55 South College St., Washington, PA. Speaker from Fort Vance Historical Society.

Thursday, April 14, at 8:00 pm - **W.P.G.S.** meeting at Historical Society of Western PA, 4338 Bigelow Blvd. Program: Barbara Holenstine from the Holenstine Rental Library in Holidaysburg, PA.

Friday and Saturday, April 15-16, **Ohio Genealogical Society Annual Conference**, Holiday Inn, Columbus/Worthington, Ohio. For more information write to: OGS Conference, P.O. Box 63, Guysville, Ohio 45735.

Tuesday, April 19, at 7:00 pm - **NHG regular meeting** at Northland Library. Program: Round Table Discussion, bring your questions. Also, the **W.P.G.S. Store** brought to us by Judy Martin. All kinds of genealogical supplies, forms, preservation items, patches, key chains, research kits, pins and videos will be available. The VHS tape on German Research which was produced in Germany and narrated in English will also be available.

Saturday, May 14 at 10:00 am to 4:00 pm - **Advanced Workshop** at the Carnegie Library. Taught by Marilyn Holt. Lunch noon to 1:00 pm. Carnegie members \$27, nonmembers \$39. For more information call 622-3288.

Sunday, May 15, at 2:00 pm - **Genealogical Society of South Western Pennsylvania** at the Citizens City Library, 55 South College St., Washington, PA. Speaker will be Frank Zabrosky on "Records Available at the Hillman Library in Oakland".

May 15-31, **Genealogy Display** by NHG at Northland

Library.

Tuesday, May 17, at 7:00 p.m., **NHG regular meeting** at the Northland Library. Program: Mary Wohleber will speak on "Troy Hill."

Wednesday through Saturday, June 1-4, **National Genealogical Society Conference** in Houston Texas. For more information write to 1994 NGS Conference, 4527 17th St. N., Arlington, VA 22207-2399.

Tuesday, June 21, at 7:00 p.m. **NHG regular meeting** at the Northland Library. Program: Laddie Warren on "Publishing Your Gemology".

October 12-15 in Richmond, VA - **Three Day Conference** hosted by the Federation of Genealogical Societies, P.O. Box 3385, Salt Lake City, UT 84110.

W.P.G.S. SATURDAY CLASSES

W.P.G.S. is offering a series of six lectures from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm on Saturday mornings. The classes are \$35.00 for six sessions or \$8.00 per session. Preregister by sending a check payable to W.P.G.S., Education Committee. The mailing address and the location of the classes: W.P.G.S. 4338 Bigelow Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15213.

Session 1: March 26, Roberta Egelston on "Family Data and History Gathering". Bring family names and data to the class.

Session 2: April 9, Audrey Iacone on "Library Use and Material."

Session 3: April 16, Helen Harriss on "Wills, Deeds and Courthouse Material".

Session 4: April 23, Suzanne Johnston on "Census Records, Military Records and Pension Records."

Session 5: April 30, Helen Harriss on "Church and Cemetery Records" and Eden Harriss on "Archival Preservation."

Session 6: May 7, Lesle Dunn on "Passenger Lists, Naturalization and Vital Records."

QUERIES

Researching the names **TWARDY** and **CYPRYCH**. Send info to: Charles Golankiewicz, 2805 Homehurst Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15234.

Researching the name **KRYSZCZUK** from Eastern Poland. Send info to: Dave Krysty, 300 Overdale Rd., Pittsburgh, PA 15221.

Researching the names **NEDZYNSKI / NEDZINSKI** from Bondyryz, **CZYBYRENCZYK** from Galicia, **GABUZA / GEBUZA** (aka **ZEBUZA**) from Galicia, **MONASTYRSKI** from Jachnia, **KOWALCZUK**, **MIOCZKOW**, **PATCHKO**, and **HUTNICK**. Send info to: Kathleen Nedzesky, 3551 Library Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15234.

Researching the names **WAS**, **WSZOLEK**, **KROK**, **MACHNIEWICZ**, **OBRZUT**, **WIERZBICKI** and **DWOJAK** from Szymbark, Nowy, AP. **FEDORCZAK**, **HAWAJ**, **PYRC**, **GLOWACZ**, **TOKARCZYK** and **BUSZEK** from Muszyna, N. Sacz, AP. **TOKARCZYK**, **PRZBYLSKI**, **GORSKI** from Gorlice, Nowy, Sacz, AP. **ZMITROWICZ** from Lomaz/Grodno. Also **CZMIEL** AND **ROGINSKI**. Contact: John Was, 706 Jessica Circle, Oakdale, PA 15071.

I am researching the names **KOLANO**, **GORZKOWICZ**, and **MARKOWA** all from Rzeszow are anear Lancut/Kanczuga. Contact: Frank Kolano, 429 Edgewood Rd., Pittsburgh, PA 15104.

BEGINNERS CORNER

Question: Where will I find Wills and Probate Records and what kind of information do they usually include?

Answer: Usually you can find both records in the same office at the courthouse or in an adjoining building. They are usually in a book form with an index in the front of each volume. Sometimes there may be one index for several volumes. If you find a will or probate record from an ancestor, it will save you time if you photocopy the entire document. The fee is usually nominal.

A **will** usually names the person's children and/or

grandchildren. It is therefore proof of kinship. In the will, the testator distributes his property among his heirs and friends. You can learn such things as what property he owned, his religious beliefs, his wishes for burial, and his instructions on the division of his estate.

After one's death in the nineteenth and earlier centuries, and occasionally in the early twentieth century, the estate was often inventoried. Each knife and fork, each head of livestock, each piece of furniture, and each tool were counted and recorded. From these inventories in the **probate records**, you can learn something of the life-style or the financial status of the family. Sometimes the estate was sold. In the reports of the sale, you can learn who bought each item and how much they paid for it. There are also estate settlement records concerning the division of money, land, and personal property among the heirs. There are records dealing with the guardianship of minor children. These records give a picture of family relationships, activities, and even quarrels. They are a valuable sources of information.

The above information came from page 54 of the book "Unpuzzling Your Past, A Basic Guide to Genealogy," second edition by Emily Anne Croom. Copyright 1989.

OLD ALLEGHENY CITY GAVE BIRTH TO TALENTED PEOPLE

Steven Pietzak, letter to the editor, North Hills News Record, July 2, 1993

Mary **Cassatt**, a prominent artist at the turn of the century, is on a U. S. postage stamp (23-cent value).

Willa **Cather**, a Pulitzer-Prize writer, who wrote "One of Ours My Antonia," was from Allegheny City (North Side) and was on a U. S. stamp.

Henry O. **Tanner**, a noted artist, of the "Old Allegheny City" area was featured on a U. S. stamp a few years ago.

Samuel P. **Langley**, an Alleghenian, was featured on a U.S. airmail stamp.

Allegheny City, now the North Side, is polluted with history and mystery!

BOOK REVIEW POLISH ROOTS

by Jack Sanders on Internet

Anyone who has felt frustration in trying to dig into Polish roots now has a savior in the form of "Polish Roots," a new paperback by Rosemary A. Chorzempa, an active researcher who has traced some of her own Polish roots back to the early 1700s.

This comprehensive guide will tell you where to find many kinds of records of Poles, both inside and outside of Poland, and how to make the best use of them.

Called a "pioneering work on Polish family history," the book assumes the researcher is a novice at Polish genealogy and know little of the language.

Help with language is extensive, by the way, with many common words translated. The book also goes so far as to offer the Cyrillic (Russian) alphabet versions of many Polish names because many Poles lived in the Ukraine. A whole chapter — fascinating reading — is devoted to surnames alone.

The book explores Polish history, various ethnic groups in Poland, Polish life, records, and maps, and tells sources of data in the U. S., Poland and elsewhere.

It even has tips for visiting Poland. I can't imagine anyone undertaking research into Polish roots without this guide in hand.

However, I must once again complain about an indexless book. Any non-fiction work, including — and perhaps especially — a handbook, is made much easier to use and much more valuable when it includes an index. This book, alas, does not. An index makes a book a reference work of longer-lasting value. It makes the book much handier to use and saves the researcher time. It makes the book more accessible." (I speak as someone who has indexed a half-dozen books, including my own, because I believed they would be better books for it.)

"Polish Roots" is available at bigger bookstores, can be ordered at books stores (ISBN number 0-8063-1378-1), or may be ordered directly from Genealogical Publishing Company, Dept. SM, 1001 North Calvert Street, Baltimore, Md., 21202-3897 (1-888-296-6687). The price is \$17.95.

POLISH AMERICANS PROUD OF GENERALS

Excerpts from an article by Joseph Swider, chairman
National Assembly of Representatives, National
Confederation of American Ethnic Groups.
North Hills News Record - Feb. 8, 1994

Today in America the number of Polish Americans number in the millions. Polish immigrants did not arrive in great numbers during our early history. There were two Polish generals that played roles in our early history and the American War of Independence.

Poland's General Tadeusz Kosciuszko, an engineer skilled in building fortifications and preparing strategy designs, was assigned by Congress to assist General George Washington.

Poland's General Casimir Pulaski, a cavalry expert, served as an organizer and first Chief of the American Cavalry. He was mortally wounded in the Battle of Savannah, Ga. and was the only American general killed in battle in the American War of Independence.

POLISH SURNAMES

Elizabeth Siwek on Internet

The suffix -ski or -cki on surnames has no literal meaning. The trend started with land owners and nobels, but then was adopted by "common" people. The suffix sort of means "sir". For instance, a land owner named Jan might have gone by Jan Jankowski. The ending was also tacked onto place names to represent where that person was from. So, another Jan in the village might have been from Warsaw, thus dubbed the name Jan Warszawski. But, then again, there might be a third Jan in town who was a boot maker. He may have liked the sound of the name Jan Butewski.....Sir Boot.

The suffix -wicz- simply means "son of". So, Jozef Jankowicz is Joe Johnson. Some Polish surnames start with "Z" which in Polish means "from" (similar to Italian "de"). So, Jan from Wiliczka might use, Jan Zwiliczki or Jan Wiliczki.

There is a new book "Polish Surnames: Origins and Meanings" by William F. Hoffman that can be purchased for \$16.50 (plus \$2.50 postage and handling) from the Polish Genealogical Society of America, c/o Marcia Bergman, 926 Oxford Lane, Willmette, IL 60091.

MAJOR LAWS RELATING TO IMMIGRATION & NATURALIZATION IN THE UNITED STATES

from Tree Tracers, Vol. XVI #3, reprinted in Richland
Co. Vol. 11 #4 Dec. 1992

March 26, 1790 - 1 Stat. 103 - One visit to court; 2 year
residency; free white alien; children of
naturalized citizens considered to be citizens.

Jan. 29, 1795 - 1 Stat. 414 - Free white aliens of good
moral character; 5 year residency with one year
in State; Declaration of Intention filed after 2
years; petition filed three years after declaration.

June 18, 1798 - 1 Stat. 566 - 14 year residency;
Declaration of Intention filed 5 years before
granting of citizenship.

July 14, 1798 - 1 Stat. 570 - Ordered removal of aliens
considered to be dangerous to the peace and
safety of the U. S. Passenger lists to be given to
collector of customs.

April 14, 1802 - 2 Stat. 153 - Reasserted residency
requirement of 1795 of act; children of
naturalized citizens considered to be citizens.

March 2, 1819 - 3 Stat. 489 - Passenger lists to be given
to collector of customs.

May 26, 1824 - 4 Stat. 69 - Alien minors naturalized
upon reaching 21 years of age if alien had lived
in the U.S. for 5 years.

Feb. 10, 1855 - 10 Stat. 604 - Alien women married to
U. S. citizens considered to be citizens.

July 17, 1862 - 12 Stat. 597 - Aliens who received
honorable discharges from U. S. Army were not
required to file declaration. (for citizenship)

March 3, 1875 - 18 Stat. 477 - Residency permits
required of Asians.

May 6, 1882 - 22 Stat. 58 - 10 year suspension of
immigration of Chinese laborers. Certificates
required of Chinese laborers who came to U. S.;
Chinese not allowed to become citizens.

July 5, 1884 - 24 Stat. 115 - Extended 10 year
suspension of immigration of Chinese laborers.

Sept. 13, 1888 - Stat. 476 - Indefinite suspension of
immigration of Chinese laborers.

March 3, 1891 - 25 Stat. 1084 - established office of
Superintendent of Immigration. Classes of
person denied right to immigrate to U. S. -
insane, paupers, person with contagious diseases;
person convicted of felonies or misdemeanors of
moral turpitude, and polygamist.

May 5, 1892, 27 Stat. 25 - All Chinese immigrants
excluded from U. S. for ten years; Chinese
illegally in U. S. could be removed.

Nov. 3, 1893 - 28 Stat. 7 - Chinese legally in the U. S.
must apply to collectors of internal revenue for
certificates of residence or be removed.

July 26, 1894 - 28 Stat. 124 - Aliens who received
honorable discharged from U. S. Navy and
Marines not required to file declarations.

June 29, 1906 32 Stat. 596 - Bureau of Immigration and
Naturalization established.

May 9, 1918 - 40 Stat. 543 - Aliens currently in U. S.
military permitted to file for citizenship after
serving three years.

Sept. 22, 1922 - 42 Stat. 1021 - Allowed alien wives of
U. S. citizens to file for citizenship after one year
of residency; removed citizenship status of
native-born American women if they married
aliens who were not eligible for citizenship.

May 26, 1924 - 43 Stat. 153 - Ceiling placed on number
of immigrants in "National Origins Quota"
system; Courts no longer allowed to determine
naturalization eligibility.

June 25, 1936 - 49 Stat. 1917 - Allowed American
women who had lost their citizenship because they
married aliens to regain citizenship by taking
oaths of allegiance to the U. S.

June 27, 1952 - 66 Stat. 163 - Established national
origins minimum quota of 100 person per
country. lowered age requirements for
naturalization to 18 years.

Oct. 3, 1965 - 79 Stat. 911 - "National Quotas" replaced with "annual ceilings" for number of immigrants.

CHANGE IN LAW MAKES VITAL RECORDS MORE ASSESSABLE TO GENEALOGISTS

by Bill Eilrich on Internet

Effective 1 January 1993, the Illinois Vital Records Act (Illinois Revised statutes, Chapter 111 1/2, Paragraph 73-1 et seq.) include the provision that birth and death certificates shall be issued to person having a "genealogical interest". The amendment, (Public Act 87-1058), further provides, (Paragraph 73-25 (3)), that genealogical interest shall be proper purpose with respect to births which occurred not less than 75 years ago and deaths which occurred not less than 20 years prior to the date of the written request. This information was originally printed in the Chicago Genealogical Society Newsletter dated December 1992.

FREE ADMISSION

by Stacy Niedecker

North Hills News Record February 19, 1994

State-owned historic sites and museums will be open free of charge the first Wednesday of each month beginning March 2.

The "free first Wednesdays" are intended to make the state's history accessible to everyone.

Some nearby sites included in the offer are Fort Pitt Museum in Pittsburgh, Bushy Run Battlefield in Jeannette, Old Economy Village in Ambridge, Drake Well Museum and Pithoe City in Titusville, Somerset Historical Center in Somerset and the Flagship Niagara in Erie.

Free first Wednesday will continue through December. For more information call (717) 787-2723.

[NHG Newsletter editor's note: Once when I was in a museum in PA I found a family surname listed under an exhibit. Museums can be a good research source.]

BOOK FOR SALE

Genealogy Search Leads Woman to Write Ben Avon History Book

by Ben Rand, North Hills News Record, 3/18/93

Gladys Phillips caught the history bug the year her son learned about genealogy in his high school social studies class.

She didn't know then what she was getting into. From a simple project to learn about a man she thought to be her great-grandfather, Phillips stumbled into the role of historian for the Ben Avon borough she's called home for 40 years.

Phillips, who says she is in her 70's recently finished compiling the official history of Ben Avon, a project that began in 1984.

The 72-page book includes maps, interviews with long-time residents and many photographs.

It came about from an idea to have a comprehensive written history of Ben Avon ready for its centennial celebration last year.

The book describes the history of Ben Avon, starting from the earliest known activity on the land, moving through its founding, its incorporation and development. The book also contains information on the History of the Avonworth School District. Ben Avon became a borough in 1892.

"Centennial History of Ben Avon, 1892-1992" by Gladys Phillips can be bought for \$10.00, if bought in person or for \$12.00 by mail order. It can be purchased at either Rite Aid Discount Pharmacies, Emsworth Shopping Center, Center Avenue, Emsworth or John E. Kicher Printing, 7117 Church Ave., Ben Avon. For mail orders, call 766-9085. Proceeds from the book benefit Ben Avon Historical Association.

[NHG Newsletter editors note: I called on March 1, 1994 and copies of the books are still available.]

Debi MacIntyre is offering a second, free, presentation on photo preservation at the Northland Library on Monday, April 11th at 7:00 pm. for more information contact Debi at 1-412-366-2462

WHERE TO WRITE FOR VITAL RECORDS

VR = Vital Records

DPH = Dept. of Public Health

ST	ADDRESS	CITY	ZIP	BIRTH	DEATH
AL	VR,DPH	Montgomery	36130	\$5	\$5
AK	VR Pouch H-02G	Juneau	99811	\$5	\$5
AZ	VR,DPH P.O. Box 3887	Phoenix	85030	\$5	\$3
AR	VR 4815 W. Markham St.	Little Rock	72201	\$3	\$3
CA	VR,DPH 410 "N" St.	Sacramento	95814	\$11	\$7
CO	VR,DPH 4210 E. 11th Ave.	Denver	80220	\$6	\$6
CT	VR,DPH 150 Washington St.	Hartford	06106	\$3	\$3
DE	VR P.O. Box 637	Dover	19903	\$5	\$5
DC	VR 425 I St. NW, Room 3009	Washington DC	20001	\$5	\$5
FL	VR P.O. Box 210	Jacksonville	32231	\$6.50	\$6.50
GA	VR Room 217-H, 47 Trinity Av. SW	Atlanta	30334	\$3	\$3
HI	VR,DPH P.O. Box 3378	Honolulu	96801	\$2	-\$2
ID	VR Statehouse	Boise	83720	\$6	\$6
IL	VR,DPH 535 W. Jefferson St.	Springfield	62702	\$10	\$10
IN	VR,DPH P.O. Box 1964	Indianapolis	46206	\$6	\$4
IA	VR Lucas State Office Bldg.	Des Moines	50319	\$6	\$6
KS	VR Forbes Field Bldg 740	Topeka	66620	\$6	\$6
KY	VR,DPH 275 E. Main St.	Frankfort	40621	\$5	\$5
LA	VR P.O. Box 60630	New Orleans	70160	\$8	\$5
ME	VR Station 11, Statehouse	Augusta	04333	\$5	\$5
MD	VR P.O. Box 13146	Baltimore	21203	\$2	\$2
MA	VR 150 Tremont St. Room B-3	Boston	02111	\$3	\$3
MI	VR 3423 N. Logan St.	Lansing	48909	\$12	\$10
MN	VR P.O. Box 9441	Minneapolis	55440	\$11	\$8
MS	VR P.O. Box 1700	Jackson	39215	\$10	\$10
MO	VR,DPH 570	Jefferson City	65102	\$5	\$5
MT	VR,DPH	Helena	59620	\$5	\$5
NE	VR P.O. Box 95007	Lincoln	68509	\$6	\$5
NV	VR Capitol Complex	Carson City	89710	\$6	\$6
NH	VR Health & Welfare Bldg, Hazen Dr.	Concord	03301	\$3	\$3
NJ	VR CN 360	Trenton	08625	\$5	\$5
NM	VR P.O. Box 968	Santa Fe	87504	\$10	\$10
NY St	VR Empire St. Plaza Tower Bldg	Albany	12237	\$5	\$5
NY Ci	VR,DPH 125 Worth St.	New York City	10013	\$5	\$4
NC	VR P.O. Box 2091	Raleigh	27602	\$5	\$5
ND	VR Office of Statistical Services	Bismark	58505	\$7	\$5
OH	VR,DPH 65 S. Front St. Room G-20	Columbus	43266	\$7	\$7
OK	VR,DPH P.O. Box 53551	Oklahoma City	73152	\$5	\$5
OR	VR,DPH P.O. Box 116	Portland	97207	\$8	\$8
PA	VR P.O. Box 1528	New Castle	16103	\$4	\$3
RI	VR Rm 101 Cannon Bldg. 75 Davis St.	Providence	02908	\$5	\$5
SC	VR 2600 Bull St.	Columbia	29201	\$5	\$5
SD	VR Joe Foss Office Bldg	Pierre	57501	\$7	\$7
TN	VR,DPH Cordell Hull Building	Nashville	37219	\$6	\$4
TX	VR,DPH 1100 W. 49th St.	Austin	78756	\$5	\$5
UT	VR,DPH P.O. Box 16700	Salt Lake City	84116	\$12	\$9
VT	VR,DPH Box 70	Burlington	05402	\$5	\$3
VA	VR,DPH P.O. Box 1000	Richmond	23208	\$5	\$5
WA	VR P.O. Box 9709, ET-11	Olympia	98504	\$11	\$11
WV	VR,DPH State Office Bldg. #3	Charleston	25305	\$5	\$5
WI	VR,DPH P.O. Box 309	Madison	53701	\$7	\$5
WY	VR Hathway Building	Cheyenne	82002	\$5	\$5

HEADLAND FAMILY FROM MARSHAL TOWNSHIP

Extracted from "Education was his passport to an uncommon life," printed in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, November 14, 1993

In 1852, William and Sarah **Taylor Headland** arrived in New Sewickley Township, Beaver County, from Colby, England, with their four sons, William Jr., Abraham, Elijah, and Jacob. They expected to be greeted by their fifth son Isaac who had immigrated before them and saved enough money driving his peddling wagon to buy 300 acres there. Instead they found Isaac murdered and the money gone.

Isaac had been the apparent victim of robbers. His body was discovered along the road, and his wagon abandoned nearby. There are no records to indicate the murder was ever solved.

Undaunted, William managed to buy 12 acres on Pleasant Hills Road in nearby Marshall, Allegheny County, where he built a log house for his family (1852) and that still stands on the property currently owned by Mary **Harbison Vogel** of Mars.

The Headland sons and their descendents married into many of the old families in Allegheny, Beaver and Butler counties. Some of their names such as **Lonsdale, Steeb, Ford, Goettman, Freshcorn, Swoger, Herr, Roll, Sala** and **Hartling** are still familiar today.

While there have been many prominent Headlands, (Dr. Michael Edward Headland was Butler county coroner from 1929 to his death in 1941), one of the most famous members of that large extended clan was Michael's brother Dr. Isaac Taylor Headland (1859-1942)

His parents were Jacob (Pioneer William's son) and Eliza **Smith** Headland. They both stressed the practice of religion and the importance of learning to their 10 children. After Jacob died at 41 in 1877, Eliza continued that dual philosophy, encouraging her children to pursue higher education at a time when that was unusual - especially for a widow with nine children at home.

After beginning his education in Marshall's one-room schoolhouses, Isaac Taylor Headland went to Mount Union College in Alliance, Ohio, where, according to his grandniece Violet Headland **McFarland**, he was so poor

"he gathered up sticks of wood and burned them in his coal bucket" in order to have a fire over which to cook his food.

He graduated in 1884 with a B.A. degree, and later received an M.A. and a Ph. D. from Mount Union as well as other degrees, including bachelor of sacred theology degree from Boston University.

In 1890, Headland was ordained a Methodist minister and accompanied by his wife, Anor Arelia **Eckert**, he sailed to China to teach at Peking College. Later that year his wife died and in 1894 he married Dr. Mariam **Sinclair**, a physician who attended the household of Tzu Hsi, the last empress dowager of China, and the Manchu princesses.

He and his wife stayed in Peking from 1890 until 1907. He admired Tzu Hsi, the ruthless yet brilliant, "Imperial Woman" whom Pearl Buck wrote about and who was the power behind the Manchu dynasty. Many remember her as the Old Buddha whom the Chinese peasants worshipped from the opening scenes of the 1987 movie, "The Last Emperor."

Dr. Isaac Taylor Headland wrote several articles and books on China including "By-Products of Missions" and "Court Life in China." After returning to the United States, he became a lecturer on Chinese life, art, language, literature and history.

An interesting side note is that Thanksgiving both as a concept and holiday, was very important not only to Dr. Isaac Headland, but to that family as a whole. It was at Thanksgiving that the Headland families gathered to thank God not just for the obvious blessings but for all that He saw fit to bestow. Helen Goettman **Clear**, his grandniece, has the original manuscript of a sermon he preached at the American legation in Peking on Thanksgiving Day in 1893. Helen Clear and her daughter Linda Ruth were both born on Thanksgiving Day.

Helen Clear also embodies her ancestors' practice of religion and pursuit of learning. She is a lay speaker and historian of the Western Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church. She graduated from Westminster College with a master's degree in educational research. She was a high school English and Spanish teacher for 27 years, is the editor of "Biographical Sketches of Beaver County, PA", and is the publisher of 14 volumes of Beaver County records.

HISTORY OF THE PRESS

Allegheny Bulletin, November 6, 1992

June 23, 1884 - The Evening Penny Press is published for the first time.

Feb. 11, 1888 - The paper is renamed The Pittsburgh Press. Pittsburgh at the time was spelled without the "h".

May 31, 1889 - Press coverage of the Johnston Flood wins the paper national acclaim.

July 6, 1892 - The Press publishes nine editions in its effort to cover the clash between Pinkerton guards and the steelworkers at Homestead.

January 1901 - Thomas **Keenan Jr.**, its founder, sells the Press to Oliver S. **Hershman**.

July 2, 1921 - First non-stop air flight from New York to Pittsburgh is sponsored by The Press, to deliver first photos of a Jack **Dempsey** heavyweight boxing match.

July 28, 1923 - Hershman sells the newspaper to Scripps-Howard.

Jan. 30, 1927 - Scripps-Howard opens "the most modern newspaper plant in the world," costing \$4 million, on the Boulevard of the Allies.

July 3, 1931 - Edward T. **Leech** is appointed editor. He guides the newspaper through the Depression, World War II and the start of Pittsburgh's Renaissance, until his death in 1949.

1986 and 1987 - Under Editor Angus **McEachran**, The Press wins back-to-back Pulitzer Prizes, the first for specialized reporting, the second for public service.

Oct. 2, 1992 - Shut down for five months due to the third labor dispute in two decades, the E. W. Scripps Co. announces The Press is for sale.

Oct. 29, 1992 - Scripps announces it has accepted a bid from Blade Communications, owner of the city's oldest newspaper, the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, to buy The Pittsburgh Press.

HISTORY OF THE POST-GAZETTE

Allegheny Bulletin, November 6, 1992

July 29, 1786 - John **Scull**, using a small hand press he hauled over the Allegheny Mountains, first published a weekly Pittsburgh Gazette, the first newspaper west of the Alleghenies.

1787 - Scull, a Federalist, uses the paper to promote adoption of the U. S. Constitution.

1794 - Scull supports the Washington administration's excise tax on whiskey. His office is surrounded by an angry mob and he is arrested.

1816 - John Scull retires. His son, John Jr., turn the Gazette into a semi-weekly.

1818 - Scull Jr. sells a half-interest in the paper to Morgan **Neville**, a lawyer.

1820 - The paper is sold to the **Eichbaum** and **Johnston** printing company. Its name becomes the Pittsburgh Gazette and Manufacturing and Mercantile Advertiser.

1822 - The paper is sold again, to David **Maclean**. With his brother, Matthew, he enlarges the paper and restores the original name. Nerville A. **Craig**, an attorney, becomes editor and turns the newspaper into an afternoon daily.

1840 - Paper is sold to Alexander **Engram Jr.** A year later, Engram sells the paper to D. N. White & Co. printers. Henry Ward **Beecher** is editor.

1853 - Gazette and The Advocate, a Whig Party paper, merge and become the Daily Gazette and Advertiser.

1865 - Daily Gazette and Advertise merges with Commercial Appeal.

1866 - The paper is acquired by a group headed by Nelson P. **Reed**.

1882 - The Commercial, a morning competitor, is absorbed and the paper's name is changed to the Commercial Gazette.

June, 1900 - The Reed family sells Commercial Gazette to George T. **Oliver**. He moves the operation to Oliver

Avenue and acquires the evening Chronicle-Telegraph.

1901 - Oliver restores the original Pittsburgh Gazette name, but later in the year buys the Pittsburg Times and changes the name again to the Gazette Times.

1927 - William Randolph **Hearst** buys Gazette Times and Chronicle Times. Paul **Block** buys Post and Sun, and agrees to exchange with Hearst the evening Sun for the morning Gazette Times.

Aug. 2, 1927 - The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette appears for the first time. It sells for three cents.

1938 - The paper opposes President **Roosevelt's** attempt to pack the U. S. Supreme Court. Post-Gazette reporter

Ray **Sprigle** discloses Justice Hugo **Black's** former membership in the Ku Klux Klan and wins the Pulitzer Prize.

March 7, 1938 - Post-Gazette moves to new offices at Boulevard of the Allies and Grant Street (now the city's Public Safety Building).

June 22, 1960 - The Blocks purchase the Sun-Telegraph.

November 1961 - A joint operating agreement is reached in which The Pittsburgh Press prints, circulates and distributes the Post-Gazette.

Oct. 29, 1992 - William Block announces his Blade Communications Inc. would buy its last remaining competitor in Pittsburgh, The Press.

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