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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Golly, the Fourth of July is almost upon us again.

It hardly seems like a year since the centennial celebration last Fourth of July. This year, my sister is hosting the family reunion at Oglebay Park in Wheeling, West Virginia. This should make it easier for the family living in Columbus to attend. Of course, I'll take along all my genealogy "stuff" to share with any who are interested.

Last year, the reunion was at my daughter's house in Yorktown, N.Y. We've learned a lot about technology in the past year. One nice bit of technology, was when my niece taped my presentation on "The Family Tree", and afterwards, her husband edited it and sent a copy to all in attendance. Another nice bit of technology, was when my son-in-law took numerous photographs with his digital camera, and when we left, he gave CDs of the weekend to all. One bad bit of technology I've recently read about, was that photographic prints made by today's printers will last no longer than one or two years before serious deterioration. That made me sad, because there was one special picture of the whole family, all wearing white

T-shirts with American flags on, that I especially liked. I was hoping that some day in the future the grandchildren would look at the photo and remember when.

Not too long ago, I obtained photos of my great-great-grandfather, his wife and eight of their eleven children on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary in 1895. There was another of the whole family, children and grandchildren, about 50 of them. And the photos were just as sharp and clear as that day one hundred and five years ago. You can bet I'm going to gather up all the family and take a group photo with an old fashioned camera with film in it.

It is a great idea to celebrate the family on the Fourth of July, the day that stands for freedom. After all, our ancestors came to this country not just for themselves, but for their family, so that their family could enjoy the benefits that this country offers. So, between the hot dogs and the watermellon, give a thought to your ancestors, and the freedom that they've passed along to us to enjoy.

Sylvan

WHERE GENEALOGIST'S MEET

NHG Board Meeting - cancelled for July. Next meeting, **August 7** - 7:30 pm - Cafeteria, Passavant Hospital. Everyone welcome.

Tues, July 17 - 7:00 pm - **Regular NHG Meeting** - "Were Your Ancestors Citizens? A Look at Naturalization" - Leslie Dunn

Tues, Aug. 21 - 7:00 pm - **Regular NHG Meeting** - "Ethnic Experience in Lawrenceville" - Jim Wudarczyk (see separate article)

Mon, June 15 - 7:00 pm - **The Greater Pittsburgh Civil War Round Table** - "The Work Was Hellish: the Struggle for Culp's Hill" - Dr. Charles Fennell, Gettysburg Licensed Battlefield Guide. The Babcock, 3382 Babcock Blvd.

Sun, June 24 - 10:00 am - 5:00 pm - **Third Annual Civil War Soldier's Fair** - West Park (by Aviary), North Side. To benefit the restoration of the Civil War monuments on Pittsburgh's North Side.

July 12 - 18 - **The Traveling Wall** - Vietnam Wall on the front lawn of Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hall. This is the traveling Wall that is one-half the size of the one in Washington, DC.

July 23 - **The Greater Pittsburgh Civil War Round Table** - "The Civil War Soldier" - Civil War Reenactor

September 12-15 - **FGS National Conference** - Quad Cities area of Iowa and Illinois - For more information call: 1-888-FGS-1500; e-mail at fgs-office@fgs.org.

There is no newsletter in July. If you have any news for the August issue, please send to the Editor at DJBooth@worldnet.att.net.

AUGUST 21 NHG MEETING

The Ethnic Experience in Lawrenceville

by James Wudarczyk

In his talk, Mr. Wudarczyk will illustrate how the various ethnic groups were instrumental in shaping the Lawrenceville community. Injecting amusing stories, he will show how one Pittsburgh neighborhood reflected national trends. Since many families in the Greater Pittsburgh Metropolitan area can trace their roots to the historic community in Lawrenceville, the lecture will also focus on available resources for genealogical research and address what the historic communities must do to preserve the record of the past.

The presentation will also trace the area from a struggling village in a rural area in 1826 with a population of 200 to a metropolitan community in 1900 with between 30,000 and 33,000 residents.

While historical events will be mixed into the lecture, most of the talk will focus on how the English, Irish, Swedes, Germans, Polish, Slovenians and other ethnic groups built churches, fraternal organizations and founded newspapers. Also, the heyday of ethnicity prior to WW II will be discussed, as will be causes that led to the decline of ethnic identification in more recent time. Exhibits will supplement the presentation.

Mr. Wudarczyk is author of the book *Pittsburgh's Forgotten Allegheny Arsenal*, co-author of the book *Monster on the Allegheny and other Lawrenceville Stories* and author of the booklet *Historical Sites and Lost Landmarks of Lawrenceville's Sixth Ward*. His articles have appeared in the *Western Pennsylvania Historical Magazine*, *Pittsburgh History and Landmarks Foundation Newsletter*, and many small publications and newsletters. He is a frequent lecturer and has designed several tours of the Lawrenceville area.

THE STORY BEHIND THE NAMES OF PENNSYLVANIA COUNTIES

Reprinted from John M. Roberts' & Sons advertising in the
Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph, late 1940's-early 1950's.

Submitted by Bernice Broniecki

LAWRENCE COUNTY

Lawrence County was erected by Act of March 20, 1849, out of Beaver and Mercer counties, and named for the flagship of Commodore Perry's fleet, in the battle of Lake Erie during the War of 1812. The Act creating the county designated *New Castle* as the seat of justice. The county is rich in early history, especially that of the Indian occupation and the attempts of the Moravian missionaries, of Bethlehem, to settle them into peaceable communities. A log church, where New Castle now stands, was dedicated by Bishop Zeissberger, for his Moravian Indian converts, June 20, 1771.

The area of 360 square miles is underlaid with rich deposits of coal, gas, iron and limestone. The land is so fertile that fully eighty percent of it is under cultivation. There are the city of *New Castle*, eight boroughs and seventeen townships in the county.

New Castle, the county seat, and only city in the county was chartered February 25, 1868. In 1798 John C. Stewart, a civil engineer, discovered an unoccupied tract of fifty acres between two adjacent districts of Donation Lands, at the confluence of Neshannock Creek with the Shenango. Stewart took up this tract in his own name, and in 1802, laid out a town which he called *New Castle*, from the old Swedish town in Delaware. Some authorities believe, however, that Stewart named it for *New Castle*, the manufacturing town of *England*, claiming he had an idea that his town would eventually become a great manufacturing center because of its unlimited supply of natural resources and its excellent shipping facilities. If the latter view is correct, Stewart made no error in his judgment

for there is a remarkable similarity in the business activities of the New Castles in England and Pennsylvania. Stewart built the first charcoal furnace here. Incorporated as a borough in 1825, and from that date the inhabitants were anxious that a new county should be erected and that the county seat should be fixed there. The great tin plate industry has caused New Castle to be known as the "Tin City", many products of this article are made here, also pottery ware, radiators, steel, brass, and bronze, engineering supplies, brick, cement, blast furnaces, coal, sand, gravel and limestone.

Many of the boroughs have been named for prominent residents. *Bessemer*, incorporated from *North Beaver Township*, June 9, 1913, was named for Sir Henry Bessemer, whose discoveries are so important to the iron industry. *Ellwood City*, incorporated from *Wayne Township*, December 6, 1892, was laid out as a town by Pittsburgh Co. and named for Colonel I. I. Ellwood, a pioneer manufacturer of wire fencing and a chief stockholder in that company. *New Wilmington*, incorporated from *Wilmington Township*, April 24, 1863 is the seat of Westminster College. Chief industries are tool works, fruit raising and general agriculture. A few outstanding townships of Lawrence County are *Big Beaver*, *Hickory*, *Mahoning*, *Neshannock*, *North Beaver*, *Perry*, *Pulaski*, *Shenango*, *Slippery Rock*, *Taylor*, *Union* and *Wayne*.

North Hills Genealogists is a group of people who share an interest in genealogy and meet to share their knowledge. NHG does NOT maintain a library and does NOT do research for others. An individual member may choose to handle research requests, but NHG will not be responsible for the quality of the work performed or any fees charged.

Membership is open to everyone. See application on page 9.

NHG MEMBER LOOK-UP OFFER

Bernice Broniecki, NHG member, has a copy of the Morton Allan Directory of European Passenger Steamship Arrivals from 1890-1930. If you know the name of your ancestor's ship, she will be happy to check the directory to see when it arrived in the USA and at what port.

Send her your questions by e-mail at beb@icubed.com or by mail at 153 Revere Drive, Pleasant Hills, PA 18236-4421. If you want a reply by mail, please enclose an SASE or stamped post-card.

MISCELLANEOUS QUERIES QUESTIONS

When we think of "queries", we think of surnames. But, what about all the other questions we have during our research? Do you have a question about where a place is (Looking for location of poor house located near Hays section of Pgh), or what a word means (What is a curtain top desk?), or when an event happened? (Does anyone have info on the date of the big landslide that happened near the Liberty Tubes?). If you do, send them along to the newsletter and we will put them in future issues. Please include your name, address or e-mail address so anyone with an answer can get in touch with you. Here's your chance to tap into the knowledge of the other NHG members. Questions do not have to pertain specifically to Pittsburgh or events that happened here. Remember, we have members that live outside Pittsburgh who may just have the answer you are looking for. Also, our newsletter goes to many other groups, libraries, etc. so you may just find that missing information.

Thanks to Bernice Broniecki for this suggestion.

TOMBSTONE SYMBOLS

continued from last month

Resurrection, Eternal Life, Immortality

Angel, Flying or Trumpeting - Rebirth; Resurrection

Bird of Bird Flying - Eternal life, Resurrection

Cross - The Cross means resurrection to many Christians

Dove, Flying - resurrection

Flame, Light, Lamp or Torch - immortality of the spirit, resurrection

Garland or Wreath - symbol of saintliness and glory, victory in death

Horns - the Resurrection

Ivy - immortality

Rooster - Awakening, Resurrection

Star - Death could not overpower the Light of the Spirit which still shines in the darkness

Sun - A symbol of light and warmth, renewed life and life everlasting

Trumpeters - harbingers of the Resurrection

Urn - immortality (the storing of the vital organs was of extreme importance to the ancient Egyptians who believed that life would be restored through the vital organs placed in the urn)

FRAUDULENT GENEALOGIES

First Families website

This organization has now identified over 305 fraudulent lineages created by Gustave Anjou. If you are tracing your family line back to Europe, you might want to check out this site and see if your line is included in any of these fraudulent genealogies. There is also a Fraud Index at their site, which contains other pages. Remember - verify everything you read in a genealogy, especially if it was written by Anjou.

<http://www.linkline.com/personal/xymox/fraud/anjousbu/htm>

1895 FINAL EXAM

Salina, KS

This is the eighth-grade final exam from 1895 Salina, KS. Could you have passed this exam?

Grammar (time: 1 hour)

1. Give nine rules for the use of Capital Letters.
2. Name the Parts of Speech and define those that have no modifications.
3. Define Verse, Stanza and Paragraph
4. What are the Principal Parts of a verb? Give Principal Parts of "do", "lie", "lay" and "run".
5. Define Case. Illustrate each Case
6. What is Punctuation? Give rules for principal marks of Punctuation.
- 7-10 Write a composition of about 150 words and show therein that you understand the practical use of the rules of grammar.

Arithmetic (time - 1:25 hours)

1. Name and define the Fundamental Rules of Arithmetic.
2. A wagon box is 2 ft. deep, 10 ft. long, and 3 ft. wide. How many bushels of wheat will it hold?
3. If a load of wheat weighs 3942 lbs, what is it worth at 50 cts/bushel, deducting 1050 lbs for tare?
4. District No. 33 has a valuation of \$35,000. What is the necessary levy to carry on a school seven months at \$50 per month, and have \$104 for incidentals?
5. Find cost of 6720 lbs. of coal at \$6.00 per ton.
6. Find the interest of \$512.60 for 8 months and 18 days at 7 percent.
7. What is the cost of 40 boards 12 inches wide and 16 ft long at \$20 per meter?
8. Find bank discount n \$300 for 90 days (no grace) at 10 percent.
9. What is the cost of a square farm at \$15 per acre, the distance around which is 640 rods?
10. Write a Bank Check, a Promissory Note and a Receipt.

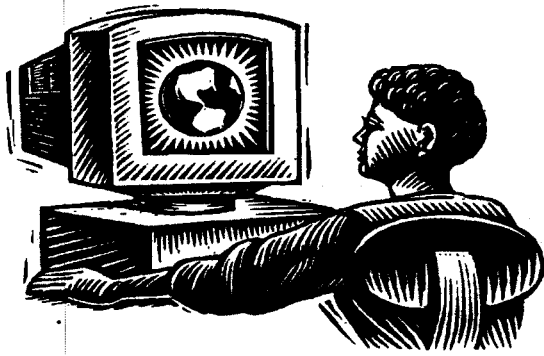
U.S. History (time - 45 minutes)

1. Give the epochs into which U.S. History is divided.
2. Give an account of the discovery of America by Columbus.
3. Relate the causes and results of the Revolutionary War.
4. Show the territorial growth of the United States.
5. Tell what you can of the history of Kansas.
6. Describe three of the most prominent battles of the Rebellion.
7. Who were the following: Morse, Whitney, Fulton, Bell, Lincoln, Penn and Howe?
8. Name events connected with the following dates: 1607, 1620, 1800 1849, 1865

Orthography (time - one hour)

1. What is meant by the following: Alphabet, phonetic, orthography, etymology, syllabication?
2. What are elementary sounds; how classified?
3. What are the following and give examples of each: Trigraph, subvocals, diphthong, cognate letters, linguals?
4. Give 4 substitutes for caret 'u'.
5. Give two rules for spelling words with final 'e' Name two exceptions under each rule.
6. Give two uses of silent letters in spelling. Illustrate each.
7. Define the following prefixes and use in connection with a word: Bi, dis, mis, pre, semi, post, non, inter, mono, sup
8. Mark diacritically and divide into syllables the following, and name the sign that indicates the sound: card, ball, mercy, sir, odd, cell, rise, blood, fare, last.
9. Use the following correctly in sentences; cite, site, sight, fane, fain, feign, vane, vain, vein, raze, raise, rays.
10. Write 10 words frequently mispronounced and indicate pronunciation by use of diacritical marks and by syllabication.

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WEB WANDERINGS

Note: All start with <http://www> unless otherwise noted

Calculation of the Ecclesiastical Calendar
smart.net/~mmontes/ec-cal.html

PA Newspapers on Microfilm at Carnegie Library
in Oakland

[http://freepages.genealogy.rootweb.com/
~njm1/papaper1.htm](http://freepages.genealogy.rootweb.com/~njm1/papaper1.htm)

WebWide Surname Locator
obitcentral.com

select WebWide Surname Locator option

Polish Translations
poland.com

select English version and then translation button

Migration Resource Center
German - germanmigration.com/default.asp
Irish - irishmigration.com/default.asp
French - frenchmigration.com/default.asp
English -
genealogyresources.net/English/default.asp
Italian -
genealogyresources.net/Italian/default.asp
Spanish -
genealogyresources.net/Spanish/default.asp

Victims of Influenza Epidemic of 1918
[http://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/pa/
allegany/deaths/dths2.txt](http://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/pa/allegany/deaths/dths2.txt)

1895 FINAL EXAM

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Geography (time - 1 hour)

1. What is climate? Upon what does climate depend?
2. How do you account for the extremes of climate in Kansas?
3. Of what use are rivers? Of what use is the ocean?
4. Describe the mounts of North America.
5. Name and describe the following: Monrovia, Odessa, Denver, Manitoba, Hecla, Yukon, St. Helena, Juan Fernandez, Aspinwall and Orinoco.
6. Name and locate the principal trade centers of the US.
7. Name all the republics of Europe and give capital of each.
8. Why is the Atlantic Coast colder than the Pacific in the same latitude?
9. Describe the process by which the water of the ocean returns to the sources of rivers.
10. Describe the movements of the earth. Give inclination of the earth.

Gives the saying of an early 20th century person that "she/he only had an 8th grade education" a new meaning.

(submitted by Jean Taylor)

ELLIS ISLAND WEBSITE A BIG HIT

The Ellis Island Website was launched on April 17, 2001. It was an immediate hit. So popular that many people were unable to access the site. According to Peg Zitko, a spokeswoman for the Status of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation, Inc., the site had 26 million visitors in its first 54 hours of operation. That calculates to 27,000 hits per second, and only counts those that got through. Additional servers have been added, so if you could not get onto the site, try again.

<http://www.ellislandrecords.org>

UNCLE SAM WANTS YOU!

The following article is from *Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter* and is copyright 2001 by Richard W. Eastman. It is re-published here with the permission of the author.

The U.S. Army's Repatriation and Family Affairs Division is asking for your help in its mission to locate the families of soldiers who are still unaccounted for from the Korean War, some 50 years ago. Of the more than 8,100 missing servicemen, 6,318 were with the Army. The Army is trying to locate the families of all of these soldiers. To date, about a third of them have been found, but there are still more than 4,000 remaining.

In recent years relations with North Korea have been improving somewhat. As a result, several hundred sets of remains have been repatriated. The goal is to find the families so the soldiers can be identified and ultimately buried. They are contacting all families in an effort to build a database of mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA) samples to facilitate identification.

Unfortunately, with the passage of 50 years, it is often difficult to locate the next of kin. This is where you come in. Many of us knew of someone who served in the Korean War and didn't return.

All of this information can help the Army locate family members today. The tiniest shred of data - the name of the soldier's sister, the company he worked for before enlisting, his child's name - can bring a case to resolution.

If you think that you might have a few of these tidbits of information to offer, please visit:

<http://www.koreanwar.org> With each soldier's family found, the more complete the mtDNA database becomes - and the greater the chance becomes of resolving any given soldier's case. Please give Uncle Sam a helping hand!

HAVE A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE SUMMER!

TIME TO GATHER FAMILY INFORMATION

Continued from the May Issue
Submitted by Steph Valentine

Where have you lived as an adult? List the places and the years that you lived there.

Why are you living where you are today?

Describe your general health.

What major illnesses or health problems do you remember having?

Do you have any health problems that are considered hereditary in nature? If so, what are they?

Have you ever been the victim of a crime? What happened?

Have you ever been in a serious accident?

Have you ever been hospitalized? If so, what for?

Have you ever had surgery? If so, what for?

Has anyone ever saved your life? Describe.

Have you ever saved anyone else's life? Describe.

If you could change something about yourself, what would it be?

Do you have any bad habits now or in the past? What are/were they?

Genealogy Is -- discovering how your family is connected to distant places and significant events.

WHAT GAVE ME PAUSE

Submitted by Betty Hoge

Genealogy Lesson for Us Genealogy Buffs and Others

"Respond to the following question by a show of hands," my professor instructed.

"How many of you can tell me something about your parents?" Everyone's hand went up. "How many of you can tell me something about your grandparents?" About three-fourths of the class raised their hands.

"How many of you can tell me something about your great-grandparents?" Two out of sixty students raised their hands.

"Look around the room," he said. "In just two short generations hardly any of us even know who our own great-grandparents were. Oh sure, maybe we have an old, tattered photograph tucked away in a musty cigar box or know the classic family story about how one of them walked 5 miles to school barefoot. But how many of us really know who they were, what they thought, what they were proud of, what they were afraid of, or what they dreamed about? Think about that. Within three generations our ancestors are all but forgotten. Will this happen to you?"

"Here's a better question. Look ahead three generations. You are long gone. Instead of you sitting in this room, now it's your great-grandchildren. What will they have to say about you? Will they know about you? Or will you be forgotten, too? Is your life going to be a warning or an example? What legacy will you have? The choice is yours. Class dismissed."

Nobody rose from their seat for a good five minutes.

1880 UNITED STATES CENSUS ON CD-ROM

The 1880 United States Census records have been produced by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (Mormons). This huge offering fills 56 CD-ROM disks. The 1880 census contains information about 50 million individuals. The 1880 census has never been indexed before. As you know, the Soundex only contains families with children under 10 in the household. This leaves quite a few families unindexed.

These CD-ROMs contain transcribed records, not the original images. These transcribed records contain the following information about each person: Last Name; First Name, often including middle name or initials; Age; Sex; Race; Marital status; Occupation; Relationship to head of household; State or country of birth; Father's state or country of birth; Mother's state or country of birth; National Archives microfilm number and page; LDS microfilm number. The microfilm number and page number of the original record are also included.

You can search by name or wildcards (d*b*y*). You can even use wildcards on the first letter of a last name. You can also use the Boolean operators AND, OR and NOT. You can search by any combination of the following criteria: Gender; Year of birth; Race; State or country of birth; residence in 1880 by region of the country, state, county, city or town. You can also find neighbors of your relatives. The information does not include street addresses.

Individual records are easily printed. You can export data (up to 100 records) in either GEDCOM format or text files in RTF format.

The cost for the 56 CD-ROMs is \$49.00. To order: <http://www.familysearch.org>, click on "Order/Download Products" and then "Software Products."

2001-2002 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
NORTH HILLS GENEALOGISTS

Please print or type

Name: _____ **Home Phone (____)** _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ **State** _____ **Zip+4** _____

E-mail address: _____

If desired, you may submit a query on the surnames you are researching. These will be published in future issues of the newsletter. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

Make check payable to "North Hills Genealogists". Dues are \$10 if paid before July 31, 2001 and \$12 after July 31. Membership runs from August through the following July. Members receive 10 issues of the monthly newsletter; are entitled to submit unlimited free queries to the newsletter; attend field trips and social events and take advantage of the 5 Generation Charts and Surname Cards which are available at the meetings.

Return completed form to the address on the front of the newsletter.

BALLOT FOR THE NORTH HILLS GENEALOGISTS

INSTRUCTIONS: Each member of the North Hills Genealogists is entitled to one vote for the election of officers.

Officers elected will serve from August 2001 to July 2002. Please drop your ballot in the ballot box at the meeting or return it to the address on the front. All ballots must be received by JULY 10. If mailing your ballot, PLEASE MARK THE WORD "BALLOT" ON THE ENVELOPE.

President (vote for one)

Elissa Powell _____

Write In: _____

Vice President (vote for one)

Sylvan Kretz _____

Write In: _____

Treasurer (vote for one)

Jean Tayler _____

Write In: _____

Secretary (vote for one)

Kay Santa _____

Write In: _____

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WERE YOUR ANCESTORS CITIZENS? A LOOK AT NATURALIZATION - Lesle Dunn

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ETHNIC EXPERIENCE IN LAWRENCEVILLE - Jim Wudarczyk

August 21, 2001

Dear Ancestor:

Your tombstone stands among the rest;
Neglected and alone.

The name and date are chiseled out
On polished, marbled stone.

It reaches out to all who care,
It is too late to morn,
You did not know that I exist
You died and I was born.

Yet each of us are cells of you,
In flesh and blood and bone,
Our blood contracts and beats a pulse
Entirely not our own

Dear Ancestor, the place you filled
One hundred years ago
Spreads out among the ones you left
Who would have loved you so.

I wonder if you lived and loved,
I wonder if you knew
That someday I would find this spot,
And come and visit you.

Author Unknown
(From the Sanders list at RootsWeb)