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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Serendipity. You can almost count on it happening. Ever go to the library and have a book literally fall off the shelf and open to your family? Ever be talking to someone and it turns out they are related or give you a missing piece of your puzzle? Ever walk into a courthouse or library on a whim on vacation and run into a distant cousin also doing research who is visiting from the other side of the country? Or how about going over AGAIN the same passenger lists and this time finding them?

These are all examples of how our ancestors want to be found. In his books "Psychic Roots" and "More Psychic Roots" Henry Z. Jones gives many more stories of this mysterious connection to our ancestors. They try to guide us if we listen to their very subtle clues. I find that these clues become more obvious right after a close family member has died. Coincidence? Or Serendipity? I don't know but it is nice when it happens.

For example, a couple of months after my mother Katherine died I was in Salt Lake City doing research on her side of the family. The *Germans to America* book series pointed me to

the ship "Howard" which arrived on Christmas Eve 1854. I then looked in the Hamburg Emigration records at the Family History Library and saw that they had been living in Copenhagen, Denmark before departing from Hamburg. I really did not expect that from my German Weltzien family, even if Henry did marry a Swedish girl named Amelia Eklund. So off to the International Floor at the FHL, but where to start? I happened to ask an off-duty volunteer who happened to be there and she happened to point me to some church indexes for Copenhagen. After 30 minutes of reading through the Danish language microfilm, I found them! Henry and Amelia had a baby daughter christened and last rites given when she was 4 months old. The baby's name was Katherine Weltzien, the same as my mother. None of the other 3 children were mentioned at this church, and I have subsequently found them at another church. So why was I so fortunate to find this truly small needle in the large haystack of records? Perhaps Amelia did not want her baby to be forgotten.

It doesn't even have to be your own family that is trying to be found. When helping others to find their family roots, their ancestors can lead you in certain directions. I had a client from

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WHERE GENEALOGISTS MEET

Tues, Feb. 5, 2002 - 7:30 pm - NHG Board Meeting - Passavant Hospital Cafeteria. Everyone welcome.

Tues., February 19, 2002 - Regular NHG Meeting - 7:00 pm - "Merrie Old Middlesex (Township)" - CarolJo Henderson, author, writer, and member of NHG

Sat., Jan. 19, 2002 - 10:00 am - Cranberry Genealogical Society. Cranberry Township Municipal Building.

<http://www.cobweb.net/~sharwill>

Mon., Jan. 28, 2002 - 7:00 pm - Greater Pittsburgh Civil War Round Table - "Evolution of the Regular U.S. Horse Soldier, 1846-1865" - Speaker Bob Hassinger. The Babcock, Babcock Blvd.

Sat. Feb. 9, 2002 - 10:30 am - WPGS Monthly Meeting - Field Trip to Western Pennsylvania Historical Society Library.

Upcoming Events

Sat. March 2, 2002 - Ingram Historical Society's Centennial Genealogical Workshop - www.rootsweb.com/~paihs/

Sat., April 6 - Civil War Seminar - "Bitter April" co-sponsored by The Allegheny City Society and Greater Pittsburgh Civil War Round Table. (see article)

Sat., April 13 - WPGS Spring Seminar - 4 lectures by Rhonda R. McClure. More details later.

May 14-18 - NGS Conference in the States 2002 - "An American Sampler, Milwaukee, Wisconsin". Check <http://www.ngsgenealogy.com>.

GENEALOGY CLASSES

Community College of Allegheny County - Beginning Genealogy - starts Feb. 20. Genealogy On-Line and Computer Usage - one starts Feb. 17 and the other April 7. Contact CCAC at 412-237-2670 for details.

Butler County Community College, Cranberry - Beginning Genealogy - starts January 26. Call 724-772-5520 for details.

RESERVE TOWNSHIP HISTORY PROJECT

The following came from Darlane Abel, NHG member

If you have any newspaper articles, pictures, maps, memorabilia, or memories you would like to share about Reserve Township, the History Committee would appreciate hearing from you. For anyone interested, the next meeting of the History Committee will be at 7 pm on Thursday, January 24 at the Township Office, 33 Lonsdale Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15212. Contact Dan Anderson, Township Manager by phone at 412-322-1551 or via e-mail at reservetwo@hotmail.com.

CIVIL WAR SEMINAR

The following was submitted by Darlane Abel

The Allegheny City Society and Greater Pittsburgh Civil War RoundTable are co-sponsors of "Bitter April", the Second Annual Civil War Seminar for Monument Preservation, which will be held at The Babcock Meeting Center in the North Hills on Saturday, April 6, 2002. Scheduled speakers are distinguished authors and historians, Bud Robertson, Bill Lazenby, Chris Calkins and Ron Wilson, who will discuss the days leading up to the surrender at Appomattox. The first seminar raised over \$2,000 to repair and protect the Civil War Soldier's Monument located in historic West Park on Pittsburgh's North Side. 412-321-4502.

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STATE OF OHIO VITAL RECORDS

The Ohio Department of Health, Vital Statistics, has instituted a new procedure for ordering all documents that are held by that office. Unless a copy of the "book document" is requested, you will receive only a computer generated abstract of birth and death certificates, as well as marriage and divorce documents. These computer generated documents will "not" include all the information that the book document does. The cost, reportedly is the same. Note that this procedure pertains to "all" documents requested for any reason.

Remember me in the family tree -- my name, my days, my strife; Then I'll ride upon the wings of time and live an endless life"

(Goetsch)

President's Message (continued)

California who asked me to look for his wife's family in Washington County, PA. So I went to the courthouse and library there and found several things. Usually I don't pursue Internet resources for my clients as they want me to do on-site research, but this time I felt that I should peruse the 'net. I found a cousin who then told me about a woman who had written a book on this family and gave me her name and address. The author of the family history lived 6 doors away from my client in California!

Now your mileage (and experience) may vary. Serendipity does not take the place of a well thought-out research plan nor good genealogy practices. Documentation, finding original sources, and finding ALL the documents related to any event are still how to do good research. But it is nice every now and then when an ancestor raises his hand and says "Here I am." in a voice that is as light as a feather dropping. Are you listening?

Elissa Powell, CGRS

NARA ARCHIVES 1 MAILROOM NOW OPEN

Following the anthrax threats in Washington, DC, the mailroom that handled the mail for the Archives 1 in Washington was closed. If you ordered any records from the archives just prior to the closing, the mail would have been held at the mail facility and not processed. The National Archives now reports that the mailroom has been thoroughly examined and no trace of anthrax was found. Normal mail delivery has now resumed. National Archives officials have asked for everyone's continued patience regarding the filling of any orders that may have been quarantined in the USPS Brentwood mail distribution center since late October, as these are only now beginning to arrive in the NARA mailroom on Pennsylvania Avenue

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT COMPUTERS KNOCKED OFFLINE BY JUDGE

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.

Because of a lawsuit, Cobell v. Norton, genealogists are being denied access to the Interior Department's Bureau of Land Management website. This site contains (or did contain) hundreds of thousands of records related to homestead claims and land sales. The site has been very popular amongst genealogists looking for records of ancestors in the western states. The site is offline with no planned date for its return.

It seems that U.S. District Judge Royce has threatened yet again to hold Secretary of the Interior Gale Norton in contempt as he ordered her department to "immediately" disconnect from the Internet every single computer, server, and system that has access to individual Indian trust data. The problems and lawsuit arose from the government's extremely long delays in paying for oil royalties and grazing leases. The records were housed in a computer infrastructure that was so weak that a court-appointed investigator and his team of security experts were able to break in and repeatedly access, modify and even create data -- all without raising a response from the government.

Judge Royce ordered Secretary Norton to "immediately" disconnect any computers with access to this data. The Secretary did just that. If you try to access the Bureau of Land Management sites, you simply get an error message saying "Not available."

HAPPY NEW YEAR

May 2002 be a great research year for you.

THE CENSUS IS COMING, THE CENSUS IS COMING!

The 1930 Federal population census will be opened to the public on April 1, 2002. At that time microfilmed copies will be available for research at the National Archives Building in Washington, DC, at 13 of NARA's regional records services facilities across the nation, and through the National Archives microfilm rental program.

The 1930 census consists of 2,667 rolls of population schedules and 1,487 rolls of Soundex indexes for 12 states, totally 4,254 rolls.

Only the following states have been indexed.

Alabama	Arkansas
Florida	Georgia
Kentucky	Louisiana
Mississippi	North Carolina
South Carolina	Tennessee
Virginia	West Virginia

Since so few states have been indexed, many libraries are also purchasing microfilm of city directories to assist in searching the films. Carnegie Library in Oakland has added many new city directors on microfilm for Pennsylvania. At the present time it is not known when Carnegie will obtain the actual census film. So if you plan to use the 1930 census films, you will need to know where your family lived at that time, unless you are one of the lucky ones whose family lived in one of the states that have been indexed. For example, for the state of Pennsylvania, there are 209 rolls of microfilm (purchase price \$7,106), so that is a lot of film to rent and go through page-by-page.

Will keep you posted on the status of census film at Carnegie Library.

WORLD WAR I DRAFT REGISTRATION CARDS

Michael John Neill

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Genealogists frequently use sources because they cover a significant proportion of the population. The World War I Registration Cards contain information on men born between 1873 and 1900. They contain significant genealogical information on the registrants. There were multiple draft registrations during the war and the information from one registration to another varies, but they generally include the name, birth date, birthplace, signature, and other identifying information.

There were three draft periods. The information required on each set of cards is slightly different.

First Draft (5 June 1917) - registered men between the ages of 21 - 31. The first card (sometimes called the ten question card because of the ten questions on the front) includes the following: name, age, home address, date of birth, place of birth, citizenship status, employer, nearest relative, race, questions about physical appearance.

Second Draft (5 June 1918) - registered men who had turned 21 since the first registration. The second card (called the twelve question card) includes the following information: name, age, address, date of birth, citizenship status, birth place, occupation, employer, dependent information, exemption claimed and physical appearance.

Third Draft (12 September 1918) - required all men ages 18-21 and 31-41 to register that had not already done so. The third card (called the twenty question card) includes: name, address, age, date of birth, race, citizenship status,

occupation, employer's name, nearest relative and their address.

24 million men born between 1873 and 1900 registered in these three periods. This is a significant proportion of the American male population. Registrants would have filled out one of these cards based upon when they registered.

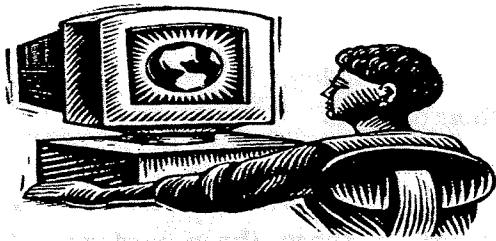
The best way to access these cards is on microfilm through the Family History Library. The cards are listed in the FHL catalog (<http://www.familysearch.org>) by searching for the heading: UNITED STATES, Military Records - World War, 1914-1918. The NARA branch in Atlanta, Georgia will search the films for a specific individual.

If the county is small, order the microfilm from the FHL. Copy all the individuals with the same surname and perhaps easily search for extended family members at the same time.

Given that the cards can provide place of birth and death, these cards are very helpful for finding men during these years whose death certificate and other information provide sketchy or non-existent information on their origins.

OLD AND NEW GERMAN MONTHS

Janner, Wintermonat - Januar (January)
Hornung - Februar (February)
Lenzmonat - März (Maerz) - March
Weide - Wonnemonat - Mai (May)
Brachmonat - Juni (June)
Heumonat - Juli (July)
Entermonat - August
Herbatmonat - September
Weinmonat - Oktober (October)
Winden - Wintermonat - November
Christ - Wintermonat - Dezember (December)



WEB WANDERINGS

(Note: all start with <http://www> unless otherwise noted)

World War I Draft Registration Cards

ancestry.com/search/rectype/inddb/3172a.htm (free database)

They Answered The Call: Military Service in the United States Army During World War I, 1917-1919

nara.gov/publications.prologue/ww1serv.html

World War I Draft Registration Cards from Nara

nara.gov/genealogy/wldraft.html

World War I Draft Registration Card - JewishGen

jewishgen.org/infofiles/wwidraft.htm

Civilian Draft Registration Database

userdb.rootsweb.com/ww1/draft/search.cgi

1901 England Census

census.pro.gov.uk/

(Note: this is a new site and experiencing very heavy traffic)

Pennsylvania Currency 1756-1789

coins.nd.edu/ColCurrency/CurrencyText/PA.html

Do you have a favorite website? Is there a specific place you would like to find a website for? If so, please send a note to the editor at the address on the front or by e-mail at DJBooth@worldnet.att.net.

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL WAS ENJOYABLE, EDUCATIONAL

Tom Wiley

Twenty-eight members and guests of the North Hills Genealogists had a most enjoyable and educational social on Troy Hill on Pittsburgh's North Side on December 1, 2001.

The event began at 10:30 am in the St. Anthony's Chapel with a presentation by Sister Margaret Glenane. She skillfully wove together the history and significance of the chapel and its many artifacts, including the dramatic life-size, carved Stations of the Cross and beautiful overhead stained glass windows with the story of how she came to St. Anthony's. And, she couldn't help but inject an occasional reference to her own personal faith which seemed very appropriate for the Christmas season and the inspirational setting.

This was followed by a period of questions and answers and then an opportunity for those present to browse the chapel and get a closer look at some of the thousands of relics, all of which have been identified and catalogued in recent years.

Next we walked several blocks to Billy's Troy Hill Bistro for our noon buffet. The outstanding spread prepared by the father-son team of Jim "Senior" and Jim "Junior" Bougher provided a delightful occasion for our nourishment and fellowship.

Following the social, the North Hills Genealogists sent a \$100 donation to the St. Anthony's Chapel for its continued preservation and maintenance.

(For more information regarding St. Anthony's Chapel and Troy Hill see the November/December issue of this newsletter.)

'MERRIE OLDE MIDDLESEX' ... What's in it and how was it written

Tom Wiley

CarolJo Henderson, speaker at our February meeting, and a member of the North Hills Genealogists, is going to tell us some of the things contained in her book, "Merrie Olde Middlesex," such as the early history of Butler County, its boundaries, and Indian tales. Plus, she is going to share with us what she went through in writing a local history in this particular format.

"Originally," Jo says, "my main purpose in writing the book was to bring the past alive through generational tales and to 'save' the remnants of the past which were fast disappearing from Middlesex Township."

"But some topics grew beyond present day Middlesex; topics like the creation of Butler County, its boundaries, certain court cases, and the old plank road. This was because Middlesex was one of the four large, original townships that formed Butler County, and because, in the beginning its area also included Butler City."

"Another aspect, also unplanned, was that as work on the book progressed, families opened up and shared with me their stories and their genealogies. This includes pioneer families who went back before 1800. The result was 22 family trees of three up to six and seven generations and 11 shorter biographical sketches. And then, there were some unpublished genealogical aids such as an 1855 tax record, etc. So, all in all, it became a 350-page hardcover book."

Jo will have a list of the most complete genealogies from her book for anyone who wants to refer to them.

Don't miss this interesting meeting.

THE STORY BEHIND THE NAMES OF PENNSYLVANIA COUNTIES

Reprinted from John M. Roberts' & Sons advertising in the *Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph*, later 1940-early 1950. Submitted by Bernice Broniecki

Warren County

Warren County was erected by Act of March 12, 1800, out of Lycoming and Allegheny Counties, and named after General Joseph Warren, who fell heroically at the Battle of Bunker Hill. One of the thirteen Pennsylvania counties named for American soldiers, and one of the eight new counties created by the same Act of Assembly. It borders on New York State and is rich in history and tradition. The Holland Land Company purchased extensive tracts early in 1794, when a memorable controversy arose with General George Mead, also an owner of enormous land projects over their respective warrants involving more than 100,000 acres. A compromise was affected in 1796. The Lancaster Land Company assisted in the development when it purchased 174,000 acres in 1813, and laid out their land in lots. The county was first permanently settled by James Morrison, in 1795.

In the spring of 1882, an oil well was discovered in *Cherry Township* ... so wealthy was it that it was named the Mystery Well No. 646. Almost immediately the town of *Garfield*, which was named for President Garfield, developed on the site and continued to grow at tremendous proportions. The well's output originally was 1,000 barrels per day, but did not continue at such an unbelievable rate and the town of *Garfield* decreased in population almost as quickly as it was populated.

The Allegheny River divides Warren County's area of 902 square miles into two nearly equal portions, and its tributary streams are large and numerous. The soil is generally fertile, but oil

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and natural gas are the chief natural resources. Lumber and tanning were the first great industries, followed by the development of oil and natural gas wells. *Warren* was erected the county seat in 1832 when the commissioners laid out a town below the confluence of the Conewango Creek and Allegheny River, March 18, 1795, which was called *Warren*. The real development began after the close of the War of 1812. Many of the boroughs have been named for prominent historical residents. *Clarendon*, a town laid out in 1872 was named for Thomas Clarendon, owner of a tannery and sawmill there. *Tidioute* was named for its creek and was settled prior to 1880. *Youngsville* was named for Matthew Young, school master and its first settler in 1796. The names of townships also represent outstanding persons or characteristics of the territory: *Brokenstraw*, named for a historic creek; *Conewango* is named for its historic stream; *Mead* was named for David Mead; *Pine Grove*, named for the fine pine forests; and *Sugar Grove*, for the maple groves and fruit trees which comprise its chief industries.

ALLEGHENY COUNTY DIVORCES

An index to divorces can be found in the Ejectment & Miscellaneous Index located in the Prothonotary Office for Allegheny County. Divorce records can be ordered from the Prothonotary main desk (same address as Register of Wills.) Older records may be in storage and may take longer to be located. For more information call: 412-350-4210 or 412-350-4205.

BEGINNER'S PACKET

NHG is looking for someone to update the Beginner's Packet we sell. If you are interested in doing this, please see any Board member.

The following is from WPGS

The Members and Board of Directors of the
Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society
Invite you to Attend the
One Hundredth Anniversary Conference
Commemorating the Founding of the
National Genealogical Society
In Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
May 28th to the 31st, 2003

Western Pennsylvania has played a significant role in the development of the United States. From colonial times to the present, our rivers and fields have helped feed and transport Americans. Our natural resources -- coal, oil and gas -- provided warmth and energy while our industries - glass, iron and steel - provided materials for shelter. As the Keystone State, Pennsylvania is the perfect place for everyone to assemble to research and applaud the people whom we feel privileged to call our ancestors. Come; join in the celebration as well as the learning experience that this conference will provide. You will find Pittsburgh to be a large city with a hometown atmosphere and we look forward to sharing it with you.

We hope that you will save these dates and make plans to meet with us in Pittsburgh.

Mrs. Audrey Iacone - President 2001-2002 - WPGS

Ms. Barbara Braden Guffey - President Elect - WPGS & Local Arrangement Chairperson
The WPGS Board of Directors

Here's your chance to attend the best annual genealogical seminar, right in our own backyard.

E-MAIL MEETING NOTIFICATION

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NGS Conference in the States 28-31 May 2003

Call for Papers — Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

By Marilyn Cocchiola Holt, Program Chair

America in Transition:

From Colonial East to the Midwest and Beyond

NGS will celebrate the end of one century and the beginning of another in a city that has been closely associated with history, transition, and new beginnings — Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania! Dates for the NGS Conference are 28-31 May 2003. Proposals for presentations are due on or before 1 March 2002.

Western Pennsylvania played a significant role in the development of the United States. From colonial times to the present, its rivers and fields helped to feed and transport Americans. The region's natural resources provided warmth and energy and its industries — glass, iron, and steel — provided materials for shelter.

The character of the area has been shaped by boundary disputes. The claims of Maryland to Pennsylvania land resulted in the Mason-Dixon Line, the division between North and South, Union and Confederate, free and slave. The claims of Virginia, unsettled until after the Revolution, formed the first great test of federal control. The confluence of two great rivers, and early roads and trails made Pittsburgh the logical "jumping off" point for pioneers moving on to Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and locations further west. Early settlement of the area was by Germans and Scots-Irish, but by the late nineteenth century, industrial development called immigrants from Eastern and Southern Europe in large numbers.

Now Accepting Proposals

Possible presentation topics include first settlers and their early westward migration routes, boundary disputes, or the French & Indian and Revolutionary Wars. Presentations on industrial development, Eastern European immigration, and the Civil War are also encouraged. Records generated by all groups, both civil and religious, as well as information on regional libraries and repositories are welcome.

Suggested broader topics include methodology, documentation, regional resources, genetics and family health history, writing and publishing, professional research, and other general instruction. Proposals about computer technology and use of the Internet are encouraged. Topics suitable for workshops will be considered.

Sessions are generally limited to one hour, which includes a ten-minute question-and-answer portion. Camera-ready handout material, due in 2003, is required for each lecture or workshop presentation and will be included in the syllabus distributed to all conference registrants.

Each speaker may submit any number of proposals. NGS members will be given first consideration as speakers. Lecturers will receive compensation, travel expenses, per diem, and hotel accommodations based on the number of lectures given. Complimentary conference registration and conference publications are also included.

Interested individuals are encouraged to submit their proposals online at the NGS web site. Under Opportunities, select Annual Conference; then select the Speaker option (upper right in the frame). Under Call for Papers, read the guidelines, then select Submit a Proposal and enter your information. You can use cut and paste functions to lift material from your word processor and enter it on the NGS speaker page.

Entering information online is actually easier and cheaper than having to print two copies and to take them to your local post office. In the event you are having trouble with online entry, send two copies of each proposal to NGS Program Chair, 1509 Clinton Road, Glenshaw PA 15116.

Proposals should include the following information:

- ♦ *Title of the presentation and a brief but comprehensive outline and/or abstract.*
- ♦ *Short summary for the program brochure. The word count of title plus description should not exceed forty words.*
- ♦ *Identification of the audience level: beginner, intermediate, or advanced.*
- ♦ *AV requirements for each lecture.*
- ♦ *Speaker's full name, address, telephone and fax numbers, and e-mail address.*
- ♦ *Brief speaker biography (two or three sentences).*
- ♦ *Résumé of recent lectures the speaker has given. Those who have not spoken previously at a regional or national conference are encouraged to submit an audio tape or videocassette of a recent lecture.*

DUE DATES

Program Proposals
1 March 2002
Syllabus Material
1 February 2003

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CarolJo Henderson

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7:00 pm

"MERRIE OLDE MIDDLESEX"

From the book cover

"Merrie Olde Middlesex" turned out to be a lot merrier than even its author imagined when she began this unique historical narrative...years ago!"

"No great battles were fought in Middlesex. No Shinning Luminaries overpowered the scene. Washington certainly never slept there – in fact, LaFayette's horse didn't even have the common courtesy to water over at the local trough."

"But what did go on – and there was plenty - was the essence of pioneer life at the level where it was *really* lived and loved."

"Homes and attics, albums and scrapbooks, dusty Courthouse records untouched for almost two centuries one by one became accessible to (Mrs. Henderson). The result: a delightful history crammed with valuable Americana such as the original minutes of an 1825 adultery trial in one of Western Pennsylvania's oldest churches."

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.