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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Elissa Scalise Powell, CGRS<sup>SM</sup>

*Spring has sprung; the flowers have "riz." Do you know where that cemetery is?*

Two of our members sure do! I want to express appreciation to Jo Henderson and Irene Dinning who have stepped forward to take on our next cemetery book. Even as our second book manuscript is going through its final preparations, our next team has geared up and is reading the cemeteries of Franklin Park Borough. They have already read two of them: Little Hill United Methodist (aka Creese), and Hopkins Chapel Cemetery. If you know of any others in Franklin Park besides Trinity Lutheran, Fairmount Presbyterian, Tree of Life Jewish, Ingomar Methodist, Franklin Park Baptist, please let Jo or Irene know. It could as small as a single grave in the woods, or just a columbarium, but we would like to include everything possible.

I would also like to express great appreciation to Ginny Skander, our cemetery chairperson for the Pine and Richland townships book. She has spent countless hours entering the data from the volunteer's reading sheets, rechecking it, and indexing each name, maiden name and military regiment mentioned on any tombstone in these townships. Technology has not always been our friend on this book, but Ginny has persevered and has created something that will last a lifetime and for many generations to come. We are hoping for a publication date in the latter part of this year. You will be the first to know!

We have many unsung heroes in our group. Others who are working for the common goal of keeping your society running are Gary Schlemmer who is in charge of our publicity. Gary sends out email notices of meetings and other events, so if you wish to be on the list, please tell him at [pioneerbook@juno.com](mailto:pioneerbook@juno.com).

Steph Valentine has been handling our membership list and address labels for us for many years. He is the one you want to see for change of addresses, etc. Soon he will be asking you to renew your subscription at the bargain price of \$10 through July.

Donna Booth and her team of newsletter handlers, Bill and Lois Daviess ensure that you get your newsletter in a timely manner. News items should go to Donna. We also want to congratulate Bill on his 80th Birthday! The newsletter is a labor of love. Thanks!

Tom Wiley has been doing a great job with programs and making sure our speaker's needs are met. We will be seeing more great programs in the coming year. Sylvan Kretz is always willing to help where needed. No one could ask anymore of a Vice-president. Jean Taylor, our treasurer, is always timely with her reports and keeps our bills paid. And last but not least is Kay Santa who faithfully records the minutes of our board meeting (to which each and every one of you is welcome! Please join us!)

**THANKS TO EVERYONE!**

— Elissa

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## WHERE GENEALOGISTS MEET

**Tues, June 4 - 7:30 pm - NHG Board Meeting -** Cafeteria, UPMC Passavant Hospital cafeteria. Everyone welcome.

**Tues, June 18 - 7:00 pm - Regular NHG Meeting**  
- Introduction to the Pittsburgh LDS Family History Center - Lorrie Danko Guthrie, Director (see article)

**Mon., May 20 - 7:00 pm - Greater Pittsburgh Civil War Round Table** - "Fire on the Water - The Voyages of the USS Kearsarge and the CSS Alabama" - Presenter: Jim Gindlesperger. Held at The Babcock, Babcock Blvd.

**May 23, 7:00 pm - Perrysville Historic Night** - sponsored by The Perrysville Business Assn. St. Teresa Hall, St. Teresa Church. Mr. Ed Urban, Asst. Warden at the Allegheny County Jail will present, "A Re-enactment of the Biddle Brothers' Ride Through Perrysville." Information: John Wersing at 412-257-3080

**Thurs, June 13 - 7:00 pm - WPGS** - "Hookers, Crooks and Kooks, or Aunt Merle Didn't Run a Boarding House" - Joan Sloan Broglin. Carnegie Lecture Hall.

**June 22-23 - Fourth Annual Civil War Soldiers Fair** - West Park, North Side (by the Aviary). The Fair is held to raise funds and awareness of the deplorable condition of the Soldier's Monuments located in the Park. Note: NHG has been invited to have a table at the fair to promote our organization. We need volunteers to staff this table. If you can help, please see one of the Board members.

**A family is like a tossed salad -- each ingredient is distinct and identifiable.**

**Naomi Judd**

## NHG JUNE 18 MEETING

The subject of the June 18 meeting of the North Hills Genealogists is "Introduction to the Pittsburgh LDS Family History Center." It will be presented by it's Director, Lorrie Danko Guthrie.

Lorrie has been a Family History Specialist at the LDS Family History Center in Greentree since 1990. During that time she has given numerous tours of the Center, served as the Patron Services Librarian, Technical Services Librarian, Computer Services Specialist, Temple Names Submission Specialist and Assistant Director.

She has spoken at several local genealogical societies, taught "Local and Internet Genealogy" at Carlynton High School, and helped plan and organize the Family History Seminar at the grand opening of the Oakland Latter-Day-Saints Meetinghouse. In addition, she has been deeply involved with the LDS Family History Booth at fairs, seminars and genealogical societies in Western Pennsylvania.

She has been a member of the Czechoslovak Genealogical Society, Clan Guthrie-USA, the National Genealogical Society, WPGS, Western Pennsylvania Historical Society and the Historical Society of Carnegie.

The Family History Department of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day-Saints has published many helpful reference papers, CDs and videos. Lorrie will bring some useful handouts for the group and will review some of them during her presentation. Some of them will include:

The Family Search Computer Program: Using Ancestral Files; Using the IGI; Military Index; Scottish Church Records; Family History Library Catalog; Parish and Vital Records on fiche; Library Services and Resources: Family History Library and Family History Centers.

## QUERIES

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## COUNTY RECORDS PROJECT FOR WPGS

The following is from Jo Henderson who is heading up the County Records Committee for WPGS.

As you know, I have been "courting" the County so that WPGS will be allowed to help save the "moldering records." Now, the tables have been turned -- they have asked for our help on a related project, and it is a very exciting one. All of the County photographs and negatives - going back to "when the camera was invented" according to Sam Wilson - need to be identified, logged into a database and packed for proper storage. We would work under the guidance of their photographer at the County Building downtown, anytime from Mon-Fri, business hours. We would not have to be conversant with Pittsburgh history inasmuch as there is already a tagline on the photos. I gather that this County collection is the equivalent of the outstanding and genealogically valuable, City collection now housed at Hillman Library.

Are you interested? Are you free during the week? Let me know and I will contact Sam Wilson and set up an initial meeting. If the schedudling or actual work turns out not to be to your liking, you can always say bye-bye. Hope this will interest you -- it would provide a great service and would also established our credibility with the County Records people. I'll be there.

Jo

Jo can be rached at Chens4th@aol.com or catch her at our meeting.)

**Important papers will often demonstrate their importance by moving from where you left them to where you can't find them.**

## **CEMETERY COMMITTEE NEWSRELEASE**

Jo Henderson & Irene Dinning

Even as Ginny Skander is finishing the Index for Volume 2 of *The Pioneer Cemeteries of Allegheny County Series* being compiled and published by NHG, members have begun reading tombstones in other older cemeteries for Volume 3, which will encompass the Franklin Park area.

Under new chairs for the Cemetery Committee, Irene Dinning and Jo Hendeson, readers finished recording gravestones at Little Hill Methodist Church on McGee Road Extension and did a partial reading of Hopkins Chapel on Hopkins Church Road. Both graveyards are in Franklin Park Boro.

Participating at Little Hill were Sally Matejka, Ginny Skander, Carol Walkins, Alice Tymas, Nancy Staudenmaier, Elissa Powell, Jo Henderson and Irene Dinning. The day was beautiful with bright blue skies and a friendly sun; an unexpected bonus was a noontime concert on the church's carillon!

By the time you read this article, we hope to have read another cemetery and will report on it at the May meeting. Vol. 1 of the NHG series covers Hampton Township and Vol. 2 covering Pine-Richland Townships is almost ready for the printer.

If you have an interest in this project, we could use your help. You will spend a few hours communing with nature in very good company and enjoy recording tombstone information for future generations. Some stones are deteriorating in these cemeteries and we aim to document as much as possible before we have lost it forever. You can sign up at a meeting, e-mail Irene Dinning at [dinning@stargate.net](mailto:dinning@stargate.net) or call her at 412-741-6463. Beginners are welcome. We always need more readers.

Irene and Jo commented that "We never realized what a big job this is. We are grateful to Ginny Skander as chair and to Elissa Powell for their work in the past -- and especially for giving us hours of their time and talent to help us learn this new job."

## **SCOTTISH ARCHIVE NETWORK**

The following is from *Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter* and is copyright 2002 by Richard W. Eastman. It is re-published here with the permission of the author.

The Scottish Archive Network (SCAN) now has a complete index to all the registers of Scottish wills, which is available free of charge on their website. Digital images of the wills are being made available for purchase. The digitization project is underway now and is due for completion in early 2003.

I spent a bit of time on the new Website and found it easy to use. There are two search options: a simple one that searches only by first and last names, and an advanced search option that allows you to search by first and last name as well as by description (title or occupation or place, beginning and ending date).

When the full images become available online, you should be able to click on the names, enter a credit card number and then view the images of the original document listed. Even in today's format, the information can be valuable as it tells you where you can find the original documents on microfilm.

The Scottish Wills team has a permanent staff of three archivists from the National Archives of Scotland (NAS) and two conservators, with 11 volunteers from the Genealogical Society of Utah (GSU).

You can find the Scottish Archive Network Website at:

<http://www.scottishdocuments.com>

## 1930 CENSUS

The 1930 census has been released by NARA and everyone is waiting to get their chance to look for their family. As we know, only a few states have been indexed and they were mostly in the South.

So, how do we find our family without a soundex?

Well, there are ways, but it will take a little work on our part.

First, we must try to determine where our family was living on April 1, 1930, which was the census date. One way of doing this is through city directories, unless you are one of the lucky ones and already know all the addresses.

Once you have determined where they were living, here are some useful resources to determine which film you need to view.

During WWII, the NARA microfilmed the census records (which were then destroyed to make room for storing WWII records). The filming was done in order by enumeration district numbers. So, now how do we find the correct ED? Read on.

NARA has microfilmed, in full color, thousands of maps that show the boundaries of the EDs. In 1930 the Census Bureau bought large maps of each county in the US and then marked with orange lines the boundaries of each district and wrote the numbers of these districts in orange.

Unlike the ED numbers in the previous census records, the EDs in 1930 have two separate parts separated by a hyphen. The number **before** the hyphen is the number of the county, and the number **following** the hyphen is the actual ED.

For large cities and towns these maps often did not provide enough detail to clearly show the ED boundaries. So, NARA obtained maps of these cities and towns and marked them in a similar

manner by ED boundaries. On the NARA microfilm, these towns and city maps were filmed immediately after the map for the county of which they were a part. They also provide written descriptions of each ED which can be found on the following website:

<http://www.nara.gov/genealogy/1930cen/html>

For approximately 50 of the largest cities, NARA has microfilm that lists all of the streets in those cities and the ED numbers assigned to those streets.

A free utility for matching EDs and microfilm roll numbers has been developed. I've tried this and it works great. It gives you a description of the boundaries of each ED and the appropriate film number. Check out the site and find what you need. <http://home.pacbell.net/spmorse/census>

So, it may take a little more work to find our families in the 1930 census, but the help is there for us to use. Good luck and happy hunting!!

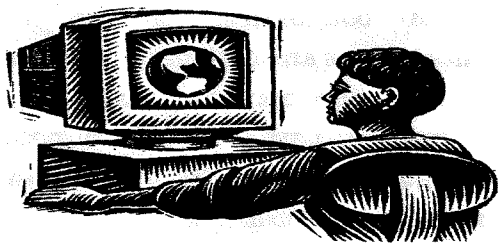
## TV SPECIAL - MAY 27 & 28

### FOUNDING BROTHERS

The History Channel - 9:00 pm

During the Revolutionary War, our founding brothers fought side by side. But, before the smoke had cleared they found themselves in tremendous conflict - battling with one another over how to resolve such issues as structuring the government, forming foreign alliances and emerging party politics. Despite their egos and personal agendas, they ultimately forged a new nation that still thrives and stands as a symbol of freedom for the world.

Get to know the founding brothers and watch their story unfold on this two-part special on The History Channel.



## WEB WANDERINGS

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

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](mailto:DJBooth@worldnet.att.net).

United Methodist Church - PA

[gbgm-umc.org/unchurches/pa1.stm](http://gbgm-umc.org/unchurches/pa1.stm)

Western Migration Maps (animated)

[ac.wvu.edu/~stephan/Animation/us.gif](http://ac.wvu.edu/~stephan/Animation/us.gif)

Guide to Donating Your Personal or Family Papers to a Repository

[archivists.org/catalog/donating-familyrecs.asp](http://archivists.org/catalog/donating-familyrecs.asp)

List of Kinship and Family Books

[genealogienetz.de/gene/faqs/ortsbuch](http://genealogienetz.de/gene/faqs/ortsbuch)

Topozone.com

topographic maps of the US showing what the areas where our ancestors lived looked like  
[topozone.com](http://topozone.com)

Warrenton Cemetery, Jefferson County, OH

[geocities.com/thomasmcelroy/Warrenton\\_page1.html](http://geocities.com/thomasmcelroy/Warrenton_page1.html)

Public Records Search

[pac-info.com](http://pac-info.com)

## SCAMS, SCAMS AND MORE SCAMS

Will they ever stop? We all thought when Halberts closed up shop things would get better. But, it seems that they have gotten worse. In past issues we advised you about a group named Familydiscovery.com. Well, they shut down, but have come back with a new name. One investigator has found that the IP (Internet) address is the same. Ancestordetective has sent out a red alert about this "new" site. they have resurfaced under several names:

**GenealogyHelper.com**

**GenTruth.com**

**GenSeeker.com**

**Genlocator.com** (which shut down shortly after the alert was issued but will probably be back with a new name soon.)

The following are several "watchdog sites" that track these scam sites. You might want to check them out when you get one of these "invitations" from a group that charges for what you can get for free on the Internet.

The International Blacksheet Society of Genealogists

<http://blacksheep.rootsweb.com/familydiscovery.htm>

Genealogical Web Site Watchdog

<http://www.ancestordetective.com/watchdog.htm>

Another scam is by mail. It is from a company with an address of Parker RD, Denver, Colorado. They are offering a Y2K surname archives, Y2K yearbook and a Y2K journal. The cost is \$184. The yearbook turns out to be a list of your surnames from the Social Security Index, manipulated to show longevity, who lives in which state and addresses and phone numbers you can find on the Internet for FREE. BUYER BEWARE!!!

## 2003 NOMINATIONS OPEN

There is still time to nominate candidates for Board officers for the coming year. Ballots with all candidates will be in the June newsletter and available at the June meeting. We will be electing a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Newly elected officers will serve from August through July, and are limited to two consecutive terms. Please get the permission of anyone you are nominating **before** submitting their name. Please see any current Board member with your nominations.

## HOW TO KEEP TRACK OF WHERE YOU FOUND INFORMATION -- "SOURCING"

We all know the rule to "cite your sources" when placing information in your genealogy database. You can make your citations as simple or complex as you want. The most important thing is to provide enough information so that another person could find your source. Generally, you will want to include the following information:

**Author; Title; Publisher's name and location; Publication date; Location of the source and identifying information (ISBN no., etc.); Specific information for the piece of data you found (page number, line number, etc.)**

Of course, not all sources will have all of the above information, but it is important that you provide enough that if necessary, you can go back to that source and check your information or look for more information as you find other ancestors. For example, you would always want to note the ED number as well as the page and line numbers, along with the city/town, county and state for any census records. It is important that this information be available for use by future generations to carry on your work.

## NUNS PUTTING LIBRARY'S GENEALOGY INDEX ONLINE

Macon, Georgia *Telegraph*  
Submitted by Bernice Broniecki

Nuns in a cloister near Erie, PA rise in the dark to pray, study and then boot up their computers to create an online catalog for Washington Memorial Library's genealogy and historical collection.

The nuns are fulfilling their ancient roles as scribes with a modern twist. They are working for the Virginia-based Electronic Scriptorium Company. This company employs monks and nuns at 12 monasteries across the US. The nuns began their work in February by utilizing their training in transcription, conversion and indexing for the library.

The electronic index of more than 22,000 books and 10,000 microfilm documents will be available online by June through the statewide catalog for public libraries, the Public Information Network for Electronic Services. The final product will benefit Georgians by allowing them to check what books are available in the genealogy collection before traveling to Macon to research. For the time being, only the card catalog will be available online. The addition of photos and postcards may be a possibility in the future, but will require the addition of more server space.

## NHG CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

**Where do you want to go this year?**

No, it's not too early to begin making plans for our Christmas Social. Group reservations need to be made early. We normally go the first or second Saturday in December.

Pick up one of the surveys at the meeting or send your suggestions for a place to visit and a restaurant where we can have lunch.

## BEGINNER'S PACKET

The new Beginner's Packet is now available for \$7.00. It contains a wealth of new and updated information. If you bought the first one, you definitely want to check out the new one. A **BIG** thanks to Kay Santa for all her hard work in updating this packet. We sold quite a few at the WPGS Spring Seminar in April.

## A NEW, COMPREHENSIVE LOOK AT THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR

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The story of the American Revolution has been told in bits and pieces by museums across the United States, but now a new museum is being planned as the "premier educational, historical and cultural institutiona concerning the American Revolution." The National Park Service and the National Center for the American Revolution have teamed up to create a place to display the world's most comprehensive collection of Revolutionary artifacts. Located at the trailhead of Valley Forge National Historical Park, the museum will show visitors the events leading up to the Revolution, the 1777-1778 encampment of General George Washington and the Continental Army at Valley Forge, and a chronicle of the war itself. The 21-acre museum complex will be completed in 2005.

Visit <http://www/valleyforgemuseum.org> to learn more.

## E-MAIL MEETING NOTIFICATION

To receive e-mail notifications of future NHG meetings and events send an e-mail to the following: [pioneerbook@juno.com](mailto:pioneerbook@juno.com)

## MAGAZINE ARTICLES TO CHECK OUT

The following are some magazine articles in recent genealogical magazines that you might want to check out. All these magazines can be purchased at Borders (current issues) or seen at Carnegie Library. Some may be available at other libraries.

### Family Tree Magazine

February 2002

"*The Other Europe*". Tracing Eastern European Roots by Allison Stacy. This article discusses the Czech Republic, Slovakiaa, Croatia, Hungary, Yugoslavia and other Eastern European countries.

"*Immigrant Images*" by Maureen Taylor. This article discusses how to use old photos of ancestors in foreign lands and their new homes here to unlock answers about their origins.

### Ancestry

May/June 2002

"*Your Search for U.S. Marriage Records*" by Sandra H. Luebking, FUGA and "*Catholic Marriage Records*" by George Ryskamp, JD, AG. The articles describe how to find and use marriage records in your research.

### Everton's Family History Magazine

May/June 2002

"*DNA Testing Dispels a Genealogical Myth*" by Megan Smolenyak. Tells how a group used DNA testing to determine if everyone with the same surname in the same town all came from a common ancestor.

"*German Church Records*" by Kory L. Meyernik, MLS, AG and "*Tracing Roots Through Religious Records*" by Charles Dickson, PhD. How to use church records in research.

## A MEMORIAL DAY PRAYER

by Rev. Dick Kozelka (ret)  
First Congregational Church of Minnesota  
Minneapolis, MN

Eternal God,  
Creator of years, of centuries,  
Lord of whatever is beyond time,  
Maker of all species and master of all history --  
How shall we speak to you from our smallness  
and inconsequences?

Except that you have called us to worship you in  
spirit and in truth;  
You have dignified us with loves and loyalties;  
You have lifted us up with your loving  
kindnesses.

Therefore we are bold to come before you without  
groveling (*though we sometimes feel that low*)  
and without fear (*though we are often anxious*).  
We sing with spirit and pray with courage because  
you have dignified us;  
You have redeemed us from the aimlessness of  
things going meaninglessly well.

God, lift the hearts of those for whom this holiday  
is not just diversion, but painful memory and  
continued deprivation.

Bless those whose dead ones have died needlessly,  
wastefully (*as it seems*) in accident or  
misadventure.

We remember with compassion those who have  
died serving their countries in the futility of  
combat.

There is none of us but must come to bereavement  
and separation, when all the answers we are  
offered fail the question death asks of each of  
us.

We believe that you will provide for us as others  
have been provided with the fulfillment of  
"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be  
comforted." Amen

The "Memorial" in Memorial Day has been  
ignored by too many of us who are beneficiaries  
of those who have given the ultimate sacrifice.  
Often we do not observe the day as it should be, a  
day where we actively remember our ancestors,  
our family members, our loved ones, our  
neighbors and our friends who have given the  
ultimate sacrifice. This Memorial Day honor  
them:

by visiting cemeteries and placing flags or  
flowers on the graves of our fallen heroes.

by visiting memorials

by flying the US flag at half-staff until  
noon

by flying the POW/MIA flag as well

by participating in a "National Moment of  
Remembrance" at 3 p.m. to pause and think upon  
the true meaning of the day, and for Taps to be  
played.

by renewing a pledge to aid the widows,  
widowers, and orphans of our fallen dead, and to  
aid the disabled veterans.



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## **FIRST CLASS MAIL**

### **DATED MATERIAL**

#### **INTRODUCTION TO THE PIRRSBURGH LEDS FAMILY HISTORY CENTER**

**Lorrie Danko Guthrie**

**June 18, 2002**

#### **FIVE STATES OF GENEALOGY**

1. Denial - "I'm NOT related to you"
2. Anger - "I'm related to YOU?"
3. Bargaining - "Okay, I'm related to you... but only by marriage.
4. Depression - "You mean I'm related to you?"
5. Acceptance - "I guess I am related to you."

**Have you gone through these five stages during your research?**

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#### **DO YOU KNOW THE DIFFERENCE?**

##### **Emigrate and Immigrate**

**An ancestor emigrates *FROM* the Old Country and immigrates *TO* America.**