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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, Spring has been teasing us -- warm and sunny one day, cold and wet the next. But the trees are starting to bud and spring flowers are starting to bloom so Spring will be here completely very soon.

With the coming of warm weather we can again get out and visit the cemeteries where our ancestors are buried and hope that the names and dates we need are still able to be read.

It also means that with the threat of ice and snow gone, we can take those trips to distant libraries and city and county archives to hunt down those elusive records we need to keep moving backward in our research. Fortunately the price of gas has been dropping and hopefully it will stay that way.

Of course, warm weather means NHG will be gearing up to start reading cemeteries for volume 3 of our Pioneer Cemeteries book series. Jo Henderson and Irene Dinning will be looking for volunteers to help record the cemeteries in Franklin Park and McCandless townships. They are trying to identify those that should be read first due to the condition of the stones so that the

information on them is not lost forever.

Then, we have the National Genealogical Society conference right here in Pittsburgh the end of May. Based on information from NGS, this is shaping up to be a big conference with people coming from all over. I hope you have registered already, but if not, there is still time. Remember, if you can't go to all four days, you can go for individual days. One note, if you were planning to go on the WPGS dinner cruise, you better hurry up because it is almost full.

Of course, our enthusiasm is tempered by events in the Middle East. While none of us, and neither did our ancestors, like the idea of war, we all hope and pray for the safe return of our troops. I know I am personally concerned since my cousin's youngest son is on his way there as I write this. If any of your relatives are involved in this conflict, I pray that they return home soon and safely.

Have a Happy Passover and Easter.

*Donna*

## WHERE GENEALOGISTS MEET

All meetings free unless noted.

**Tues, May 6, 2003 - 7:00 pm - NHG Board Meeting** - Cafeteria - UPMC Passavant. Everyone welcome.

**Tues, May 20, 2003 - 7:00 pm - Regular NHG Meeting** - "Historic Congregations of Allegheny City" - John Canning

### OTHER GENEALOGICAL MEETINGS/EVENTS

**Mon., April 28, 2003 - 7:00 pm - The Greater Pittsburgh Civil War Round Table** - "Johnson's Island - Historic Preservation of a Confederate Prison" - Dr. David Bush. The Babcock, Babcock Blvd., North Hills

**Tues., April 22, 2003 - 7:00 pm - Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hall** - United States Air Force Band of the Rockies - For tickets contact: Soldiers & Sailors, Attn: Air Force Concert, 4141 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15213. Include SASE. FREE

**Wed., April 30, 2003 - Allegheny City Society Annual Meeting/Dinner** - Featuring the William Rimmell Slides with commentary by Mary Wohleber. Allegheny General Hospital. Call 412-322-8807 for more information

**Sat., May 3, 2003 - 8:00 am - 4:00 pm - Genealogical Society of Southwestern Pennsylvania** - "Eastern European Conference" - Hilton Garden Inn, Washington Grand Ballroom, Pittsburgh/Southpointe, 1000 Corporate Drive, Canonsburg, PA For information call: 724-258-6034 (fee)

**Sat., May 3, 2003 - 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm - Western Reserve Historical Society, Cleveland, OH** - "Advanced Genealogy Class - Honing Your Skills Beyond the Basics" - \$12.00 Call Roger

Ellsworth at 216-283-6451 or e-mail at wrhsgen@juno.com for information

**Thurs., May 8 - 7:00 pm - Allegheny City Society** - "Civil War Railroads" - John Lyon (informational talk) Cranberry Library.

**Mon., May 19, 2003 - 7:00 pm - The Greater Pittsburgh Civil War Round Table** - "Lincoln's Assassination: The Investigation Continues" - Michael Kauffman. The Babcock Meeting Room - Babcock Blvd., North Hills.

**Thurs., May 22, 2003 - 7:00 pm - The Lawrenceville Historical Society** - "Diversions of the Blue and Gray" - Allison Caveglia Barash - Canterbury Place, Fisk Street, Lawrenceville, PA

**May 28-31 - 2003 NGS Conference - Pittsburgh, PA**

see: <http://www.ngsgenealogy.org> or <http://www.wpgs.org>

**Sat.-Sun, June 14 & 15, 2003 - Civil War Soldier's Fair** - West Park - North Side (see below)

### CIVIL WAR SOLDIERS' FAIR

**June 14 & 15, 2003**

West Park, North Side

(by the Aviary)

NHG plans to have a table at the Annual Civil War Soldiers' Fair on June 14 & 15, 2003. We want to take this opportunity to publicize our group and to sell our cemetery books. If you can volunteer some time on either day to help man our table, please contact Donna Booth or Sylvan Kretz. This annual fair is held to promote the restoration of the Civil War monuments on the North Side. There are en-enactments as well as vendors. Abe & Mary Lincoln usually stop by for a visit. Admission is FREE. Please consider volunteering to help out at our table.

## **NHG MAY 20, 2003 MEETING**

### **HISTORIC CONGREGATIONS OF ALLEGHENY CITY**

**John Canning**

Throughout its 100 or so years of existence, Allegheny City was home to a considerable number of religious communities. What city outside of Scotland could boast having three distinct Presbyterian seminaries within eight blocks of each other. Early settlers from the eastern sections of Pennsylvania, from Europe and from the slave South contributed to the diverse religious composition of the Allegheny City community. Added to the mix were congregations having a definite American genesis.

Many of the congregations in Allegheny City "mothered" new religious organizations in the northern communities of Allegheny County as families with Allegheny roots moved into the 20th century suburbs. In fact, the very church building of the Holy Trinity German Lutheran congregation in Allegheny's Eleventh Ward is presently home to a Baptist community in McCandless Township.

This program will examine the history and role of many of Allegheny City's congregations by looking at their origins (in terms of ethnicity and doctrine) as well as their growth, their connections with the North Hills, and in some cases their demise.

### **PIONEER CEMETERIES OF PINE & RICHLAND TOWNSHIPS**

There is still time to order your copy of the *Pioneer Cemeteries of Pine & Richland Townships* book at the special pre-publication price. See the order form on page 79.

## **FEDERAL CENSUS NON-POPULATION SCHEDULES**

We are all familiar with using the federal (and in some cases state) population census reports to find information on our ancestors.

However, there are other federal schedules which should be used also. These can often supply more information to help "flesh out" our ancestors as people and not just names and dates. Many of these schedules have been microfilmed or collected in books. Unfortunately, they may not be available for all areas and some were never microfilmed or published before being destroyed. The following are a few of these non-population schedules that should be checked.

Agricultural Schedules

Manufacturing Schedules

Mortality Schedules

Slave Schedules

Social Statistics

Dependent, Disabled & Delinquent Schedule

Special Veterans Schedules

Check these out for the areas where your ancestors lived. You may be pleasantly surprised with what you find.

## **FUTURE PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS**

If you have any suggestions for programs you would like to see at NHG, please let Tom Wiley or Irene Dinning know. They want to arrange the types of programs you want to see.

## **GET WELL MESSAGE**

Cemetery Project Co-Chair, Jo Henderson is recovering from foot surgery. We want to wish Jo a speedy recovery so she is back on her feet (literally) and able to tramp through the cemeteries to do readings for our next book.

## WORLD WAR I DRAFT BOARDS

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McKeesport - Board 1 and 2

The films with the registration cards are available at Hillman Library in Oakland.

## MILITARY RECORDS IN THE U.S. CENSUS

Genealogy.com Newsletter - April 6, 2003

Most researchers know to look at the U. S. Census for vital information about individuals and family groups but have you ever considered using the census to learn clues about your ancestors' military service? You might be surprised by what you'll find. You can use the information from the census to find military service and pension records. Here's an overview of what you can learn:

1840 Census - Records names and ages of pensioners for Revolutionary or military service.

1890 Census - Includes a special enumeration of Union Army veterans and widows of the Civil War. Find an ancestor in this enumeration and you'll learn the veteran's name (also the widow's name if the veteran is deceased), his rank, his company, regiment, enlistment and discharge dates, length of service, address and nature of disability.

1910 Census - Indicates whether a person was a "survivor of the Union or Confederate Army or Navy." Responses will be UA for Union Army, UN for Union Navy, CA for Confederate Army or CN for Confederate Navy.

1930 Census - Notes military service in the Civil War, Spanish-American War, the Phillippine Insurrection, Boxer Rebellion, Mexican Expedition and World War I.

## TYPES OF GRAVE MARKERS

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What type of gravestone marks your ancestor's grave? Though parts of the inscription may be weathered and unreadable (usually the dates, naturally), or it may have sunk into the ground so that you can't read the death date, you can still get an idea of when the stone was placed by the composition of the stone and the type of lettering. By identifying the composition of the stone, you can also tell if it's a replacement marker. A granite stone with a death date prior to 1800, for example is not the original marker.

1830s to 1880s - Marble became popular, although its use can be dated back to the late 1700s. Marble is especially prone to staining and weathering, and it dissolves easily in acid-rain pollution. This breakdown in marble leaves inscriptions unreadable and causes a dullness to appear on the polished surface, followed by a roughened texture that eventually becomes pitted and grooved. In the early 1850's, the use of photographs (daguerreotypes) secured to tombstones began. The vast majority of these graven images portrayed the deceased alive, but some were postmortem photographs.

1880s to 1910s - Soft gray granite and cast-metal markers began being used. Raised lettering on granite became popular. This soft granite weathers somewhat and is prone to lichen and moss. In the early 1900s, sandblasting replaced stone carving by hammer and chisel.

1920s to present - Granite is the most popular marker and is often polished. This polished granite appears to be durable enough to withstand elements such as pollution, weathering, lichen and moss.

**A great many family trees are the result of grafting.**

## CIVILIAN PATRIOTS IN THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR

Genealogy.com Newsletter, April 7, 2003

As you research your Revolutionary War-era ancestors, look beyond the famous battles to the everyday patriots. Just because you can't find record of your ancestor in military records doesn't mean that he didn't contribute to the cause.

Many civilians took on important non-military roles in the American Revolution. Perhaps your family played a role in the new government, donated money or supplies to the Revolution, or signed oaths of allegiance to the new government.

Just as servicemen took on great risk, these behind-the-scenes patriots risked retribution and their personal fortunes for the cause. To begin looking for your patriot ancestors, check out the Daughters of the American Revolution's Patriot Index and records of patriotic service at the state archives or county library.

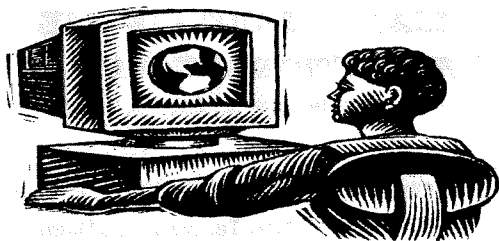
## THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

April, 1790 - American statesman, printer, scientist and writer, Benjamin Franklin died in Philadelphia at age 84.

April, 1801 - President John Adams approved legislation to appropriate \$5,000 to purchase "such books as may be necessary for the use of Congress," thus establishing the Library of Congress.

April, 1803 - Thomas Jefferson purchased the Louisiana territory from France for \$15,000 roughly doubling the size of the United States.

April, 1865 - President Abraham Lincoln was shot at Ford's Theater in Washington, DC.



## 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). All site addresses were valid at time this was prepared.**

Lutheran Roots Genealogy Exchange

[www1.aal.org/LutheransOnline/Gene\\_Ex/](http://www1.aal.org/LutheransOnline/Gene_Ex/)

Town-name database for provinces of eastern

Germany

[kartenmeister.com](http://kartenmeister.com)

Family Records Look-up Assistance

[http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Lookup\\_Assistance](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Lookup_Assistance)

History Sources

[spartacus.schoolnet.com.uk](http://spartacus.schoolnet.com.uk)

World War I

[worldwar1.com](http://worldwar1.com)

Search Engine

[GenDoor.com](http://GenDoor.com)

Photos, documents

[honoringourancestors.com/orphanphotos.html](http://honoringourancestors.com/orphanphotos.html)

## ANCESTRY QUICK TIP JAMBOREE

Ancestry Daily News - April 8, 2003

### Was Clarence Really Born Three Times?

Kara Lange Lewis, South Carolina

Grandfather Clarence Minger's gravestone shows his birth year as 1888, while his military records show his birth year as 1885. In addition, his birth certificate shows he was born in 1891.

After questioning family members, we found out the truth. In 1916, Clarence wanted to join the U. S. military, but he was only 15; so he reported his birth year as 1885. The military, believing he was 21, accepted him. He must have been a very large boy.

Then, his wife was sensitive about her being a few years older than Clarence, so when Clarence died in the 1918 flu epidemic (at the age of 27), his wife had a gravestone made with his birth year as 1888, so it would appear that he was older than she was, by a couple of years. Clarence's birth certificate shows his correct birth year as 1891.

Our family learned two things from this experience: When confronted with conflicting data, there is often an explanation. And, don't believe everything you see on a gravestone, or old military records, either.

### Dyslexic Enumerators?

Shari Mockensturm, Ohio

I recently ran into a situation where I believe the census taker was dyslexic. Many names in the 1850 Wayne County, Illinois census had two letters transposed. I didn't think too much of the first couple, but by the end of my search I felt certain that the census taker suffered from this disorder.

## WHO OWNS TOMBSTONES AND TOMB MARKERS?

The following article is from Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter and is copyright 20003 by Richard W. Eastman. It is re-published here with the permission of the author.

Who owns a tombstone or other markers at a grave? Who retains ownership rights to these memorials centuries after the family paid for them? Do later museum directors, art collectors, and outright thieves have the right to remove these objects for their own use?

These and other questions are highlighted in a recent article in the *Philadelphia Inquirer*. Staff writer Michael Currie Schaffer describes the quest of Shirley Donan, a Grove City, PA genealogist. Donan went to England to visit St. Lawrence Church in the tiny English village of Brundish, about 100 miles northeast of London. She went there to research several members of the Colby family, direct ancestors of her husband, who were buried in the church under intricate brass carvings, according to a nineteenth-century genealogy book. When arriving at the tomb of Francis Colby, whose brother was a direct ancestor of Donan's husband, she found a 20th century replica in the place of the 1570 original brass carving.

Donan investigated and found that the ornate brass plate had been stolen from the unlocked church many years ago by persons unknown. Eventually, it surfaced in the collection of the Philadelphia Museum of Art, not far from Donan's home.

The article describes in some detail Shirley Donan's efforts to have the brass plate returned to its rightful place on Francis Colby's grave. After all, the Colby family paid for the marker and expected it to remain in place for eternity.

The Philadelphia Museum of Art has refused to return the object to the Colby family. Perhaps

even more disturbing is the museum director's quote of a policy of many major museums. "Objects acquired in earlier times must be viewed in the light of different sensitivities and values, reflective of that earlier era." In other words, if enough years pass after the theft, the museum claims that the recipient of these stolen goods does not have to return the item in question.

You can read more about this story at the *Philadelphia Inquirer's* website at:

<http://www.philly.com/mid/inquirer/news/front/553576.htm>.

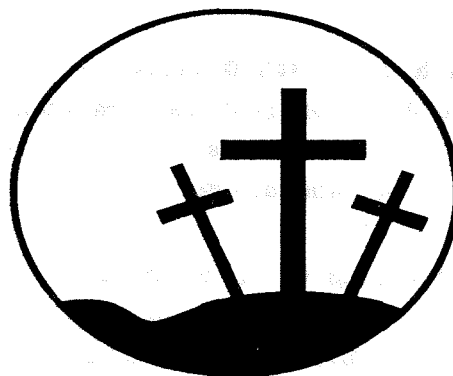
## DOUBLE THE FEES

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On Tuesday, the Massachusetts Registry of Vital Records and Statistics doubled its fees. Conducting personal research now costs \$6 per hour. Birth, marriage or death certificates are \$12 each to obtain in person and \$22 per certificate to receive by mail. The registry houses the state's vital records from 1911 to present. For a complete outline of the new fees and information about the registry visit:

<http://www.state.ma.us/dph/bhsre/rvr/>

Ed. Note: This is only one state of many who are increasing their fees for vital records (PA has proposed such increases) or in some cases, prohibiting the release of these records at all.



**HAPPY EASTER**

## WHAT IS A FIRST COUSIN, TWICE REMOVED?

AARP Website

If someone walked up to you and said "Howdy, I'm your third cousin, twice removed," would you have any idea of what they meant? Most people have a good understanding of basic relationship words such as "mother," "father," "aunt," "uncle," "brother," "sister,". But what about the relationship terms that we don't use in everyday speech? Terms like "second cousin" and "first cousin, once removed"? We don't tend to speak about our relationships in such exact terms ("cousins" seems good enough when you are introducing one person to another), so most of us aren't familiar with what these words mean.

Sometimes, especially when working on your family history, it's handy to know how to describe your family relationships more exactly. The definitions below should help you out.

**Cousin (a.k.a. "first cousin")** - Your first cousins are the people in your family who have two of the same grandparents as you. In other words, they are the children of your aunts and uncles.

**Second Cousin** - Your second cousins are the people in your family who have the same great-grandparents as you, but not the same grandparents.

**Third, Fourth and Fifth Cousins** - Your third cousins have the same great-great-grandparents, fourth cousins have the same great-great-great-grandparents, and so on.

**Removed** - When the word "removed" is used to describe a relationship, it indicates that the two people are from different generations. You and your first cousins are in the same generation (two generations younger than your

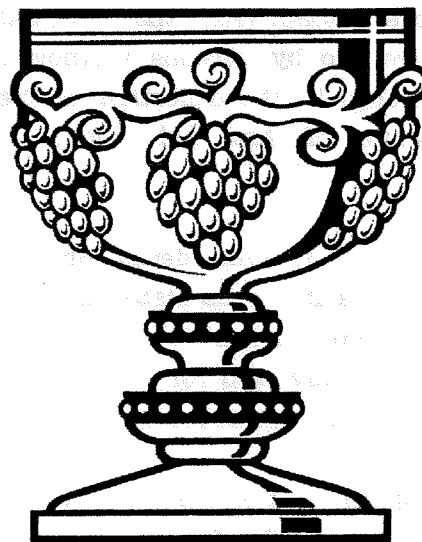
grandparents), so the word "removed" is *not* used to describe your relationship.

The words "**once removed**" mean that there is a difference of one generation. For example, your mother's first cousin is your first cousin, once removed. This is because your mother's first cousin is one generation younger than your grandparents and you are two generations younger than your grandparents. This one-generation difference equals "once removed."

**Twice removed** means that there is a two-generation difference. You are two generations younger than a first cousin of your grandmother, so you and your grandmother's first cousin are first cousins, twice removed.

### Just When You Thought You Had It

When you are working with older records, be aware that the meaning of the word "cousin", along with the meanings of other relationship terms have changed over time. In addition, because Latin was used in some older records, you may also want to check out some Latin terms to learn the equivalents of some relationship terms.



**HAPPY  
PASSOVER**

**APRIL 17,  
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# Pioneer Cemeteries of Pine and Richland Townships, Allegheny County, PA

## SOME SURNAMES:

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 Almyer  
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 And Many More!



This outstanding work documents the final resting place of many of the Pittsburgh area's first settlers. In addition to contemporary readings of thousands of weathering tombstones, every effort has been made to cross reference with available church records and previous readings. Included:

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- Photos, area maps, and histories

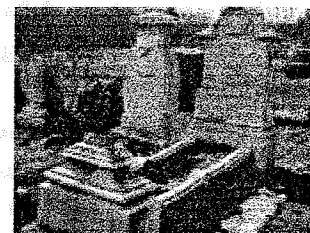
**Pre-publication price** until April 30, 2003 is \$27. Pennsylvania residents add \$1.89 tax. Price after April 30 is \$39.95.



**Special Offer!** Get the *Pioneer Cemeteries of Hampton Township*, a 200-page hardbound book published in 1997 together with the above book for a special package price of \$35 plus PA tax of \$2.45 and \$8 shipping. Price of the Hampton Township volume is \$19.95 (\$14.95 NHG members).

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[www.NorthHillsGenealogists.org](http://www.NorthHillsGenealogists.org)

The website also has more information such as lists of cemeteries or names included.

Books will be shipped as soon as they are published, or you may wait to pick-up your order at the May 20th meeting of the North Hills Genealogists.

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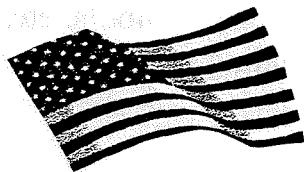
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### **HISTORIC CONGREGATIONS OF ALLEGHENY CITY**

**JOHN CANNING**

**MAY 20, 2003**

**7:00 PM**

**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.**

### **COUNTY ARCHIVES VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Jo Henderson, chairman of the County Archives group is looking for volunteers to help with the two archive projects - photo archives and documents archives.

the old county photos and building a database for them. They are also working at the new North Side Records Warehouse to identify those records that need to be preserved. Since they are now working on both projects, additional help is needed. If you are able to help with either project, please contact one of the following people to sign up. Here is your chance to help preserve Allegheny County's history.

Photo Archives: Darlene Phillips  
rover@stargate.net

Documents Archives: Bob Seeberger  
Robertseeberger@cs.com

This is the group that is working on identifying all