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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, the NGS Conference is over. I hope those of you who were able to attend learned something and enjoyed meeting people from all over the country. I posted cards with my surnames on the bulletin board and when I checked on Saturday, two of them were gone. I hope that means that I'm going to hear from someone with a connection to my family.

I want to say a very special THANK YOU to all the NHG members who volunteered at the conference. WPGS commented on the great support they received from NHG. It was great to see so many members at the conference.

Last month we asked for a volunteer to take over the newsletter mailings in August. I am happy to report that Laura Kunig has stepped forward to volunteer. Thanks Laura! I am sure she would welcome help in handing out the newsletter at the meetings. Please let us know if you can help.

As you've probably seen in the newspaper and the newsletter, Northland Library will be undertaking a major renovation project starting this fall. As a result, there will be no meeting

rooms available. We are working on finding other meeting locations (free or very cheap). If you have any suggestions, please let Tom Wiley or me know. We will let you know in the August newsletter where the September meeting will be held. The information will also be on our website and in the e-mail notifications Gary Schlemmer sends out.

Have you renewed your membership yet? If you want to keep up to date on meeting topics and locations, you really need to do so now. Take advantage of the early renewal discount by renewing before July 31. A renewal form is on page 99 and on the back table.

Page 99 also has a ballot for the election of Board Officers for 2003-2004. Copies are also available on the back tables. Please return all ballots by June 30. Please mark your envelope "Ballot." You may put your ballot in the box on the back table. We will announce the results at the July meeting.

Remember, there is NO newsletter in July.

Again, thanks for all your help at the NGS conference.

Donna

WHERE GENEALOGISTS MEET

All meetings free and open to the public unless noted.

Tuesday, July 1, 2003 - NHG Board Meeting -
7:00 pm - UPMC Passavant Hospital Cafeteria.
Everyone welcome.

**Tuesday, July 15, 2003 - 7:00 pm - Regular
NHG Meeting - "Technology and the Genealogist"**
- Reed Powell.

**Tuesday, August 5, 2003 - 7:00 pm - NHG Biard
Meeting - UPMC Passavant Hospital cafeteria.**
Everyone welcome.

**Tuesday, August 19, 2003 - 7:00 pm - Regular
NHG Meeting - "Reading Tombstones of Pioneer
Cemeteries in Western Pennsylvania" - Gary
Schlemmer and Gang.**

Other Genealogical Events

Saturday, June 21, 2003 - WPGS - 10:00 am -
Carnegie Lecture Hall, Oakland - "Beginning
Genealogy" - Diane Ragan, CGRS.

**Monday, June 23, 2003 - 7:00 pm - Greater
Pittsburgh Civil War Round Table -**
"Confederates in the Attic" - Robert Lee Hodge -
Reenactor and Preservationist - The Babcock,
Babcock Blvd.

Thursday, July 17, 2003 - 7:00 pm -
**Lawrenceville Historical Society - Canterbury
Place, Lawrenceville - "Orphans and Inmates:
Institutional Records in Allegheny County" -**
Audrey Iacone

**Monday, July 28, 2003 - 7:00 pm - Greater
Pittsburgh Civil War Round Table - "Women of
the Civil War" - Charen Fink. the Babcock**

GENEALOGICAL CONFERENCE

Saturday, October 11, 2003

Are you interested in tracing your family roots?
Join us at the Center in the Woods, Rt. 88,
California, PA for a genealogy conference on
Saturday, October 11. Registration begins at 8
am with the first conference presenter starting at
8:15 am.

Four outstanding genealogists will be featured.
Marilyn Hold, Department Head of the
Pennsylvania Department of the Carnegie
Library of Pittsburgh, will begin with *Resources
in Ethnic Genealogy*. She will present resources
for descendants for various groups, including
Eastern and Southern Europe, Great Britain and
Ireland. Manuals, source books, and websites will
be discussed. Following a break, Jacalyn
Mignogna will present *Preservation of Your
Family Treasures*. Learn principles of
preservation that will keep your memorabilia as a
family record for future generations.

Lunch is included with your registration. During
that time you may browse the various displays or
make a purchase.

After lunch, our first presenter will be Jerry
Boscia, a professional genealogist, who
specializes in Italian ancestry. Jerry's topic,
Italian Genealogy will introduce you to available
resources and strategies for Italian research.
After a break, the final presentation of the day
will be John Righetti, national president of the
Carpatho-Rusyn Society since its inception. His
topic is *Unlocking the Secrets of Carpatho-Rusyn
Genealogy*. You will learn about what is probably
the most difficult group on which to conduct
genealogical research.

Contact Mary Elaine Lozosky at the Center in the
Woods, Monday-Friday, 8 am - 5 pm at
724-9383554 or e-mail at melozosky@yahoo.com.
for more information.

QUERIES

Looking for descendants of **George and Barbara ADLER**, a shoemaker born in Germany and immigrated to Allegheny City around 1864. Children: **George, Lou, William, Minnie, Louisa** and **Mary**. All but Louisa and Mary are buried around Allegheny. Louise married **William Wilson** in Allegheny and then moved to Hardin County, OH in the 1870's. **Contact: Carol Walkins, 2348 Saddle Drive, Allison Park, PA 15101**

OHIO HOUSE BILL 95

BAD NEWS FOR GENEALOGISTS

The following was written by Amy Johnson Crow for the Ohio Genealogical Society.

On June 5, the Ohio Senate approved House Bill 95. With HB95, there will no longer be uncertified copies of vital records available from the Ohio Department of Health and the local vital statistics registrars. Also, certified copies will have an additional \$5 surcharge (making the cost of a certified copy a minimum of \$15, as the local registrars will also no longer be allowed to charge less than the state.)

House Bill 95 will go into effect July 1, 2003.

The Ohio Genealogical Society Board of Trustees approved a resolution explaining the ramifications of HB95 to Ohio genealogists. Copies of this resolution were hand-delivered to every Ohio Senator's office, Representatives of the Board met with representatives of the Ohio Department of Health. Included in the resolution and in the discussions were good, reasonable, logical explanations as to why eliminating uncertified copies will do nothing to prevent identity theft. They gave them possible alternatives so that uncertified copies would no longer be a financial hardship on the agencies involved. Even with these actions, as well as the countless phone calls, letters and e-mails to the

Ohio Senate from genealogists and organizations from across the state and the nation, the bill went through unchanged.

It is likely (even probable) that the next step will be to restrict access either with a time restriction and/or an access restriction (only qualified parties can get a copy of the record). People have reported that local vital statistics registrars are stating that they are not allowed to issue copies except to the person or the next of kin. HB95 made no such provisions. However, these instances of restrictions need to be noted so that those agencies can be properly informed on what the current requirements are.

It is a very sad time in Ohio genealogy. Unfortunately, this may be only the tip of the iceberg.

(Ed. Note: We will keep you informed of changes in other states as we learn about them.)

FRENCH & INDIAN WAR FILM

On May 21 I attended the world premiere of a new locally produced film on the French & Indian War. The film, "George Washington's First War" is an epic documentary of the French & Indian War. It is the sequel to the award winning "When The Forest Ran Red." It was filmed in five states over 10 months. It depicted the events that shaped the life of America's first hero, George Washington.

This was a very good movie and was very informative, especially if your knowledge of this war is sketchy. If you have an opportunity to see this film, I strongly urge you to see it.

AUGUST 19, 2003 NHG MEETING

Reading Tombstones of Pioneer Cemeteries in Western Pennsylvania

Preserving the history on the fragile grave markers for the early settlers of our area is a race against time as weather, vandals, and land development steadily work to destroy them.

Persistence, creative techniques for reading nearly illegible antique stones, and a disciplined recording method underlie the North Hills Genealogists' continuing *Pioneer Cemeteries* projects. The presentation on Tuesday, August 19, 2003 will demonstrate those techniques as training for those participating in the project and will explain the historic aspects for the interested family researcher.

UK LAUNCHES NATIONAL ARCHIVES

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Last month the United Kingdom introduced its National Archives, www.nationalarchives.gov.uk on the World Wide Web. During the next 12 months, the Public Record Office (PRO) and the Historical Manuscripts Commission (HMC) will join forces to allow online research of documents and materials that cover 1,000 years of British history.

Currently you can research PRO's catalog, PROCAT, to access databases of equity pleadings, hospital records, and more. If you need some guidance, the information leaflets section of the site provides an introduction to PROCAT and links to available records. Those who wish to access British history manuscripts will find the HMC's ARCHON Directory particularly helpful. Researchers simply enter the directory for a list of records repositories in the United Kingdom and throughout the world.

REVOLUTIONARY RESOURCES

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The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Web Site (www.dar.org) features records collections that cover all periods of American history, not just the Revolutionary War. You can use the Web site to tap into your military roots and more thanks to a new resource. The Genealogical Records Committee National Index allows you to search for unpublished genealogical materials, including many Bible and cemetery transcriptions. These and other resources are part of the nearly 18,000 volumes of typescripts the DAR Library has indexed. Currently, most of the volumes have been compiled and are available online for Virginia, Maryland, Oregon and Kentucky. Records for about 20 other states will be added to the Web site as they are compiled.

To search the index, click on DAR Library at the top of the home page. Once you've entered the library's page, click on GRC National Index. In the search fields, you'll enter the state, surname, first name, series or volume number. You can sort results by one of those categories. If you need help getting started, click on Information for Beginners in the left column of the research page.

FIVE GENERATION CHARTS

NHG retains copies of five generation charts submitted by members. Blank copies are available for 10 cents each. There have been questions on completing these forms.

In an effort to help complete your form, we have included a sample form on page 98 of the newsletter. You can pick up blank copies at the regular meetings or by mail by sending 10 cents for each copy along with a SASE to the address on the front. Submit your chart now!

THEY CAME TO PITTSBURGH

Pittsburgh, the first "Gateway to the West," became the scene of the gateway to NGS's second century of service to genealogists. A wonderful group of 1800 participants came by plane, train, car and/or bus to enjoy classes, demonstrations and the fellowship of other genealogists. NGS and the Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society passed out syllabi and smiles, briefcases and brochures, distributed information and interest as well as promoting camaraderie and connections of family ancestors.

Our early Pittsburghers helped fellow Americans to expand our new nation. The Program coordinated by NGS's John Humphrey and WPGS's past president Marilyn Cocchiola Holt, MLS, enabled out fellow genealogists to broaden their skills for finding their ancestors who made this country unique. The speakers inspired, informed and rejuvenated us all.

Between sessions, the Pittsburgh participants shopped and browsed through the extensive exhibit hall, full of booksellers, technology vendors and new products and ideas. They shopped until they dropped - Those books were heavy! Attendees really enjoyed the "we don't want to haul it home" sales and the UPS onsite on Saturday. Later they rested in the pre-registration area, taking in the lovely view of the Allegheny River.

WPGS would like to extend its appreciation to all who participated and volunteered. Attendees and volunteers were kind, considerate, congenial, happy and honest (three purses and one wallet went missing and were returned intact). We would like to thank the great NGS staff for their help and hard work with overwhelming appreciation going to John Humphrey for his guidance, humor, and advice for the almost three years preparation for this

conference. NGS recognized all of the WPGS Chairpersons at a reception on Tuesday night presenting them with certificates of appreciation; Marilyn Cocchiola Holt, MLS, for her work on the program, Chuck Novak (President of the Virginia Genealogical Society) for helping with registration, Diane Ragan for arranging local publicity, Suzanne Johnston for coordinating and compiling the syllabus, Lesle Dunn, MLS, for helping with speaker relations, Audrey Abbot Iacone, MLS for her efforts coordinating volunteers, Jim Costello for Exhibit Hall Liaison, Donna Booth for government Liaison, Alexis Olkowski for planning the tours, Shirley M. Kuntz for Banner Design and Elissa Powell for Participating Societies. These people worked diligently for three years to make this conference successful. WPGS would also like to thank Kay Haviland Frellich, Jack Brisee, and Chuck Novak for sharing their previous experiences working on BGS conferences. Barbara Braden Gufey, M.Ed., was given the NGS 2003 Distinguished Service +Award for her work as Local Arrangements Chairperson for NGS 2003.

The banners that greeted attendees in the pre-registration area are original works of art by WPGS's [and NHG's] Shirley Kuntz. The most recent banner, depicting the old and new skyline of Pittsburgh was presented to the NGS Board at their Annual Meeting on Saturday morning. It was given to NGS in commemoration of the society's 100th Anniversary and will hang in the historic Glebe House. WPGS also presented to the NGS Board a book of congratulatory letters from President George W. Bush, governors, as well as local and state officials. WPGS has already offered to host NGS's 200th Anniversary. (We want to get our bid in early and avoid the rush.)

The NGS Banquet complete with a cake, the WPGS River Cruise with its First Families' Presentations and great food. The Historical Society evening with Rick Sebak and the

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

The following is a listing of websites for local historical/genealogical groups. If you know of others, please send them along.

Allegheny City Society
alleghenycity.org

Beaver County Genealogical Society
rootsweb.com/~pabcgs/index.htm

Historical & Genealogical Society of Indiana
County
rootsweb.com/~paicgs

Tarentum Genealogical Society
targensoc.homestead.com

WPGS
wpgs.org

Lawrenceville Historical Society
lhs15201.org

Genealogical Society of Southwestern PA
cobweb.net/gssp

Grater Pittsburgh Civil War Round Table
grpghcwrt.org

Soldiers & Sailors National Military Museum &
Memorial
soldiersandsailorshall.org

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Participating Societies' lunches all contributed to a very interesting week. As Saturday's sessions drew to a close, we knew we had accomplished our goal of an informative and successful experience. Our heartfelt thanks to all who came, all who helped and all who enjoyed.

As people were leaving they expressed their thanks and gratitude for the effort that was made to have the conference. Several said, "You must be glad this is over!" Our answer was "No, we had a great time and hope you really enjoyed it." Deep down, we were sorry it was finished because as genealogists, historians, librarians, and educators, we love talking to each other, exchanging and learning new information and pursuing our passion for genealogy. We hope the time spent in Pittsburgh was memorable and that the enhancement of the participants skills and knowledge was priceless.

Barbara Braden Guffey, WPGS President
(2002-2003) & NGS 2003 Local Arrangements
Chairperson

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHWESTERN PA BUS TRIP TO OHIO JULY 11, 2003

Visit the Ohio River Museum on Marietta, OH and take a trip on the Valley Gem Sternwheeler.

For more information call 724-258-6034. To learn more about the Genealogical Society of Southwestern Pennsylvania, check out their website at www.cobweb.net/gssp.

The Southwestern corner of PA is all the area which was the original Washington County. Portions of the original Washington County are now all of Greene and portions of Beaver County.

CIVIL WAR SOLDIER'S GRAVE IS LOCATED

The following article was in the June 11, 2003 issue of the Tribune-Review newspaper and *Historical Happenings* of the Lawrenceville Historical Society.

More than 130 years after he made the ultimate sacrifice. Civil War Sgt. Eugene Zebulon Hall of Company D in Michigan has been found.

His family had searched for years without success for the gravesite of Hall, a Union Army soldier who died in 1864 in Washington, D.C. from wounds received in battle.

Hall's great-great-great-nephew, Thomas Hall, contacted Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hall and Military Museum in Oakland for help in 1990. Through research, it was discovered that Hall's remains had been interred at Allegheny Cemetery in Lawrenceville and incorrectly identified as those of "E.Z. Hall" on the grave marker.

Earlier this year, Allegheny Cemetery and the Department of Veterans Affairs installed a correct grave marker. Hall's family will honor him during a dedication ceremony and memorial service at the site at 2 p.m. June 21.

Additional help in locating this grave was provided by Bill Reynolds, a member of the Lawrenceville Historical Society. The grave was found in the plot of Civil War veterans across the road from the Veterans' Memorial at Allegheny Cemetery. Mr. Reynolds is one of the most respected and knowledgeable veteran historians in Allegheny County.

At the ceremony on June 21 a member of the musical group Home Front will be on hand to play Civil War songs on his violin. The Lawrenceville Historical Society invites all its members to attend this ceremony and to welcome Sgt. Hall's family from Michigan.

FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY REDUCES HOURS

The following article is from *Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter* and is copyright 2003 by Richard W. Eastman. It is published here with the permission of the author.

The Family History Library in Salt Lake City has announced new library hours beginning 1 July 2003. The library will be open Monday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm and Tuesdays through Saturdays from 8:00 am - 9:00 pm. Frequent library users will note that this reflects opening one-half hour later, and closing one hour earlier from Tuesday through Saturday.

Glade I. Nelson, Director of the Family History Library, pointed out that the library will still be open 74 hours per week, considerably more than any other major genealogical facility in the U. S. He also hopes that patrons will be able to adjust their schedules to fit all their research needs within the new open hours. The reductions were necessary because of a decrease in staff and volunteers.

REPEAT PERFORMANCES AUDIO TAPES OF NGS CONFERENCE

If you were unable to attend the NGS conference in Pittsburgh, you can order copies of 139 of the talks at the conference. Repeat Performances taped the sessions and you can purchase copies for \$8.50 each plus postage. I know I plan to order tapes from several of the sessions I attended. You can order from their website: <http://www.audiotapes.com>. At the time the newsletter was being prepared, the 2003 NGS conference was not yet listed on their website. You can check later to see when the list of tapes is available. There are quite a few other genealogy conference tapes available that you might want to check out.

ANCESTOR CHART

Name of Compiler _____
 Address _____
 City, State _____
 Date _____

Person No. 1 on this chart is the same
 person as No. _____ on chart No. _____.

Chart No. _____

b. Date of Birth
 p.b. Place of Birth
 m. Date of Marriage
 d. Date of Death
 p.d. Place of Death

4 HIS FATHER
 (Father of No. 2)

b. _____
 p.b. _____
 m. _____
 d. _____
 p.d. _____

2 YOUR FATHER
 (Father of No. 1)

b. _____
 p.b. _____
 m. _____
 d. _____
 p.d. _____

5 HIS MOTHER
 (Mother of No. 2)

b. _____
 p.b. _____
 m. _____
 d. _____
 p.d. _____

1 YOU

b. _____
 p.b. _____
 m. _____
 d. _____
 p.d. _____

6 HER FATHER
 (Father of No. 3)

b. _____
 p.b. _____
 m. _____
 d. _____
 p.d. _____

3 YOUR MOTHER
 (Mother of No. 1)

b. _____
 p.b. _____
 m. _____
 d. _____
 p.d. _____

7 HER MOTHER
 (Mother of No. 3)

b. _____
 p.b. _____
 m. _____
 d. _____
 p.d. _____

(Spouse of No. 1)

b. _____ d. _____
 p.b. _____ p.d. _____

8 FATHER
 (Father of No. 4)

b. _____
 p.b. _____
 m. _____
 d. _____
 p.d. _____

9 MOTHER
 (Mother of No. 4)

b. _____
 p.b. _____
 m. _____
 d. _____
 p.d. _____

10 FATHER
 (Father of No. 5)

b. _____
 p.b. _____
 m. _____
 d. _____
 p.d. _____

11 MOTHER
 (Mother of No. 5)

b. _____
 p.b. _____
 m. _____
 d. _____
 p.d. _____

12 FATHER
 (Father of No. 6)

b. _____
 p.b. _____
 m. _____
 d. _____
 p.d. _____

13 MOTHER
 (Mother of No. 6)

b. _____
 p.b. _____
 m. _____
 d. _____
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14 FATHER
 (Father of No. 7)

b. _____
 p.b. _____
 m. _____
 d. _____
 p.d. _____

15 MOTHER
 (Mother of No. 7)

b. _____
 p.b. _____
 m. _____
 d. _____
 p.d. _____

16 FATHER
 (Father of No. 8,
 Cont. on chart No. _____)

b. _____
 m. _____
 d. _____

17 MOTHER
 (Mother of No. 8,
 Cont. on chart No. _____)

b. _____
 d. _____

18 FATHER
 (Father of No. 9,
 Cont. on chart No. _____)

b. _____
 m. _____
 d. _____

19 MOTHER
 (Mother of No. 9,
 Cont. on chart No. _____)

b. _____
 d. _____

20 FATHER
 (Father of No. 10,
 Cont. on chart No. _____)

b. _____
 m. _____
 d. _____

21 MOTHER
 (Mother of No. 10,
 Cont. on chart No. _____)

b. _____
 d. _____

22 FATHER
 (Father of No. 11,
 Cont. on chart No. _____)

b. _____
 m. _____
 d. _____

23 MOTHER
 (Mother of No. 11,
 Cont. on chart No. _____)

b. _____
 d. _____

24 FATHER
 (Father of No. 12,
 Cont. on chart No. _____)

b. _____
 m. _____
 d. _____

25 MOTHER
 (Mother of No. 12,
 Cont. on chart No. _____)

b. _____
 d. _____

26 FATHER
 (Father of No. 13,
 Cont. on chart No. _____)

b. _____
 m. _____
 d. _____

27 MOTHER
 (Mother of No. 13,
 Cont. on chart No. _____)

b. _____
 d. _____

28 FATHER
 (Father of No. 14,
 Cont. on chart No. _____)

b. _____
 m. _____
 d. _____

29 MOTHER
 (Mother of No. 14,
 Cont. on chart No. _____)

b. _____
 d. _____

30 FATHER
 (Father of No. 15,
 Cont. on chart No. _____)

b. _____
 m. _____
 d. _____

31 MOTHER
 (Mother of No. 15,
 Cont. on chart No. _____)

b. _____
 d. _____

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Please print or type

New Member _____

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DUES: _____

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**BALLOT FOR ELECTION OF NHG BOARD OFFICERS
2003-2004**

PRESIDENT: Donna Booth _____

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SECRETARY: Sylvan Kretz _____

TREASURER: Reed Powell _____

Please send your completed ballot to the address on the front. Ballots must be received by June 30, 2003. Results will be announced at the July, 2003 meeting.

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DATED MATERIAL



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both at 7:00 pm

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in Western Pennsylvania - Gary Schlemmer & Gang**

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.

There is **NO** newsletter in July. Check out the North Hills Genealogists website for information on upcoming meetings and other information: northhillsgenealogists.org

Order your copies of the two Pioneer Cemeteries books. Check out the NHG website for ordering information.

