



NORTH HILLS GENEALOGISTS ANNOUNCE THE PUBLICATION OF THIRD BOOK, *PIONEER CEMETERIES OF FRANKLIN PARK BOROUGH AND MARSHALL TOWNSHIP*

The North Hills Genealogists proudly announce the publication of their third book, *Pioneer Cemeteries of Franklin Park Borough and Marshall Township, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania*, which arrived in mid-September. This newest volume preserves cemetery information in Franklin Park Borough and its daughter municipality, Marshall Township. Every tombstone in cemeteries established before 1900 was read and published in this hard cover, library-quality book.

Other vital information for local genealogists and historians includes unpublished church records, previous tombstone readings, and full tombstone descriptions about color, condition, symbols, and stone carvers' names. In addition, each inscription was correlated to the church records. Attention to detail is a strong feature of this latest endeavor by members of the North Hills Genealogists.

The index of *Pioneer Cemeteries of Franklin Park Borough and Marshall Township, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania*, is cross-referenced with maiden names, military units, place names, fraternal symbols, and funeral home directors. Maps, directions, histories of each cemetery, illustrations, and photos enhance this volume.

In honor of October being "Family History

Month," the books will be offered at a discounted rate through October 31, 2007. Don't miss out on this special offer! The regular book price of \$29.95 is being reduced to just \$22.95, plus tax of \$1.61, and if applicable, shipping charges. You can get your limited edition of *Pioneer Cemeteries of Franklin Park Borough and Marshall Township, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania*, for yourself, as a gift for a family member or friend, or for your favorite library.

This volume can be conveniently ordered online at: <http://www.NorthHillsGenealogists.org>, purchased through the mail, or picked up at one of the monthly meetings of the organization. Congratulations to all members of the NHG for the successful publication of this latest book!

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WHO WE ARE NORTH HILLS GENEALOGISTS

We are a group of genealogy enthusiasts who meet on a regular basis to assist one another in establishing our family histories. We meet on the third Tuesday of every month, except December, at the Northland Public Library, 300 Cumberland Road, McCandless Township in the North Hills of Pittsburgh, PA. Tip Time begins at 6:45 P.M., and our general meeting commences at 7:00 P.M. Our meetings are free and open to the public.

We publish a newsletter ten times a year for a nominal membership fee of \$15.00 annually. The subscription year runs from August to June, but anyone wishing to join the North Hills Genealogists mid-year will receive back issues of the newsletter for that membership year. Previous years' newsletters are also available for purchase, each containing helpful hints for beginners and for experienced genealogists.

The North Hills Genealogists Board meets at 7:00 P.M. on the first Tuesday of each month in the Conference Room of the Northland Public Library. The Board meeting is open to all members of the North Hills Genealogists organization. Consider joining us this year!

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Waking Ned Devine is a delightful film with the tagline, "Finally, a comedy that will make you feel like a million bucks." It was filmed around the village of Cregneash on the southern tip of the Isle of Man (IOM) and was recently lent to me by Sylvan Kretz, the NHG's Queries Editor and Freebies Table person. Its IOM connection made the film all the more interesting to me.

Sitting in the middle of the Irish Sea, the IOM is a jewel of an island with beautiful natural scenery at every turn. A self-governing dependency of the Crown, it has its own laws, parliament, currency, and postage stamps. It proudly proclaims to be neither a member of the UK or the European Union.

My wife's ancestors are Manx, as the residents of the Isle of Man are called. As such, we decided to vacation there in August, 2005, and explore some family history. Home to ancient castles and churches, mountains and sea cliffs, fabulous surroundings and friendly people, it might be the closest to heaven that I ever get.

In preparation for the trip, we decided to post on the IOM RootsWeb mailing list with the only bit of information we knew - the name and date of death of my wife's great-great grandfather. While I have heard a few times that mailing lists are losing their luster, this was not the case in our example.

An internet angel named Sharon on the IOM took on the project as if it were her own. She found the graveyard where the grandfather and other relatives were buried and gave exact instructions for getting there: *Go through the gate on the gravel path; turn left onto a slight hill path alongside the church wall. Just walk a few metres up, and you will see all of the stones on your left in front of the church wall.* She also found occupations, marriage dates, and addresses for members of the family. It was a very successful trip, with - among other things -

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

a collection of pictures of my wife and daughter at the graves of a number of their ancestors. So from my standpoint, mailing lists remain an extremely helpful tool!

Incidentally, if you ever decide to go to the Isle of Man, take heed. Fairy belief is very strong in Manx folklore, which maintains that they are easily offended. As you head north on the main road from the airport to the capital city of Douglas, you will pass over the Fairy Bridge. Make sure you greet them when crossing over - or be prepared for the consequences!

~ Dave

P.S. Help the NHG to market the latest *Pioneer Cemeteries* book! This new publication covers Franklin Park Borough and Marshall Township. If you can help, please feel free to photocopy the flyer on page 19 of this newsletter and distribute the flyer to local places for display. Libraries, churches, and grocery stores can post the flyer or it may also be used for newsletters of other clubs and civic groups. Thanks!

RANDOM THOUGHTS

Written by: Steph Valentine

I've just finished processing a small box of my great-great grandfather's letters that cover the period from about 1853 to 1893. My first step, which I've already accomplished, is to remove them from their envelopes and place the letters and their envelopes in archival sleeves that I picked up from Staples. In doing this, I've tried to place them in chronological order, but that will be difficult as some of the letters don't have a date, and the envelope, while stamped, does not give the year.

My next step will be to scan each letter and annotate the date of the letter on the archival sleeve. For those letters without a date, I'll just have to leave the date blank. After that, I'll have to start to transcribe the letters, and I'll have to learn his writing. I can use Photoshop to

enhance the scanned letter and assist in the transcription. I also hope that the undated letters will have some clue as to where they belong in his chronology. As there are about 70 letters, I can see myself being quite busy over the next several months. After all of this is done, I'll package them all up and return them to my cousin.

Some of the letters already raise questions. While he was an only son, he addresses some of his letters as "Dear Brother." He was a Quaker, so does that mean that he was addressing a good friend? I just don't know.

I have also been successful in contacting some of my shipmates. Some of them were Naval Academy graduates, and one of my shipmates knew how to access the Academy alumni web site. Kevin was able to provide me with addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses. Alas, some of the data provided was outdated, but at least I've made the attempt. Another shipmate of mine provided a copy of Cruise Book. For those non-Navy types, a Cruise Book is similar to a school yearbook. It provides names which might be helpful in finding some of my shipmates. I've also found that my destroyer has a web site with names and contacts. While the period covered was 1945 to 1973, I'm hoping to locate some more folks.

I'm heading up to Brooklyn to help to celebrate my mother's eightieth birthday. Based on the oral history presentation several months ago, I've been putting together a list of family questions. I also have to raise questions about her health and overall intentions. While she is currently living in her house, given her age, I worry that she hasn't given any thought to three or four years down the pike. Has she considered an assisted care facility? Has she executed a power of attorney? All the related eldercare questions that periodically make the local newspaper are game. The worst that could happen is that she slips, falls, and goes to the hospital. What then? Brooklyn is not around the corner.

NATIONAL ARCHIVES TO CHANGE COPYING FEES

PRESS RELEASE

August 23, 2007

(Washington, DC) - A final rule published in the *Federal Register* on August 17, 2007, amends the fees for reproduction of archival materials in the National Archives (NARA) facilities nationwide. In addition to Federal records, this change will include donated historical materials, Presidential records, and all records filed with the Office of the Federal Register. This rule change will become effective on Monday, October 1, 2007.

The fees are being changed to reflect current costs of providing the reproductions. The National Archives current fees were established in October, 2000, based upon a 1999 cost study. As a result of a cost study conducted in 2006, fees for copying records must increase to recover costs. This is the first fee increase for NARA in seven years.

Two of the main fee changes include revising the fixed fees for reproductions for full Civil War pension files and for Revolutionary War pension files. [Editor's Note: The original proposal called for higher fees, therefore the fee schedule listed below is a much better change.]

Self-service electrostatic copies will be \$0.25 per page in the Washington, DC, area, and \$0.20 per page at all regional archives and all Presidential libraries. NARA-made copies will be \$0.75 per page.

The final rule change will affect individual as well as Federal agencies. For more details of the final rule change for copying fees, go to the NARA web site at: <http://www.archives.gov> and click on the "Press Release" link.

As of October 1, 2007, fixed-fee reproductions of commonly-requested genealogical records using the National Archives' order forms will be the following:

| Type of Record | Order Form | Fee |
|---|--------------|---------|
| Passenger Arrival Lists | NATF Form 81 | \$25.00 |
| Federal Census Requests | NATF Form 82 | \$25.00 |
| Eastern Cherokee Applications to the Court of Claims | NATF Form 83 | \$25.00 |
| Land Entry Records | NATF Form 84 | \$40.00 |
| Full Pension File more than 75 years old (Civil War and after), up to 100 pages total | NATF Form 85 | \$75.00 |
| Full Pension File (pre-Civil War) | NATF Form 85 | \$50.00 |
| Pension Documents Packet (selected records) | NATF Form 85 | \$25.00 |
| Bounty Land Warrant Application Files | NATF Form 85 | \$25.00 |
| Military Service Files more than 75 years old | NATF Form 86 | \$25.00 |

**GENEALOGY GROUP TO
RECOGNIZE YOUNG
PROFESSIONALS
Educational Conference Scholarship
Designed to Encourage and Support
Newcomers**

PRESS RELEASE

August 15, 2007

(Fort Wayne, IN) - Recognition and financial assistance await an outstanding young genealogy professional.

The Association of Professional Genealogists (APG) has announced a scholarship to its annual Professional Management Conference (PMC). The scholarship includes conference registration and a \$500 award toward the costs of travel and accommodations.

The first recipient, who will be selected next spring, will attend the September, 2008, conference in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The Professional Management Conference is held in conjunction with the Federation of Genealogical Societies' annual conference.

"As an organization, it is important for APG to encourage and inspire young people to choose this as a career rather than a hobby," said APG President Sharon Tate Moody in making her announcement at the PMC in Fort Wayne this week. "We could think of no better way to do this [than] by recognizing academic achievement in preparation for a career in genealogy."

Candidates for the 2008 award must be between the ages of 18 and 25 years as of 1 May 2008, be enrolled as a high school senior, undergraduate, or post-graduate, or recent graduate of an accredited university or college, and have at least a 3.0 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale or the equivalent in another averaging system).

The application requirements for the APG Educational Conference Scholarship include:

- Listing of extracurricular activities, organizations, and volunteer activities;
- A letter of recommendation from a dean, principal, or faculty advisor, which must indicate the applicant's current or graduating grade point average; and
- A letter of recommendation from an individual who has witnessed the applicant's interest in genealogy.
- Applicants also must submit 500-750 word answers to two questions relative to genealogical records and the applicant's anticipated career.

Complete scholarship requirements and an application form are available to interested genealogists on the APG website at:

<http://www.apg.org>.

Applications for this educational scholarship must be returned to the APG Office no later than February 28, 2008. The recipient will be announced by April 30, 2008.

The Association of Professional Genealogists is an independent organization whose worldwide members number 1,700. The group's purpose is to support professional genealogists in all phases of their work: from the amateur genealogist wishing to turn knowledge and skill into a vocation, to the experienced professional seeking to exchange ideas with colleagues and to upgrade the genealogical profession as a whole.

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NHG UPCOMING PROGRAM SPEAKERS

October 16: *Lisa A. Alzo, M. F. A.*

Demystifying Eastern European Research

Anyone who has attempted to trace their ancestors back to Eastern Europe understands how border changes, language differences, and exotic-sounding surnames often complicate the research process. But researching your Eastern European ancestors is not as difficult as you may think. This talk will cover the 10 most common myths and misconceptions about Eastern European research and how to bust them, using the best traditional and online resources available. Even if your ancestors didn't hail from Central or Eastern Europe, this talk will include many universal tips for busting your own brick walls. Lisa A. Alzo, M.F.A., grew up in Duquesne, Pennsylvania. She is the author of six books: *Three Slovak Women*, *Baba's Kitchen: Slovak and Rusyn Family Recipes and Traditions*, *Finding Your Slovak Ancestors*, *Pittsburgh's Immigrants*, *Slovak Pittsburgh*, and the recently released *Sports Memories of Western Pennsylvania*, as well as numerous articles for genealogy magazines and journals. Lisa serves on the Board of Directors for Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International and as Second Vice-President for the Federation of Eastern European Family History Societies. She teaches online genealogy courses for GenClass.com and the National Institute for Genealogical Studies, and is a frequently invited speaker for national conferences, and genealogical and historical societies.

November 20: Annual Round Table Discussion of the NHG

Plan to attend the annual Round Table Discussion meeting, a great opportunity to jump-start your family research, just in time for those holiday gatherings. Everyone, beginner to experienced, learns something, so bring your questions and/or listen to the discussion on a variety of genealogical topics as we go 'round the table!

QUERY

The NHG Board received the following query:

LEHMAN, Joseph - North Hills, Ross Township, Allegheny County, prior to 1900. According to the Prothonotary, he was evicted from his property in Ross Township in the 1870's. Have only one Federal Census reference. May have changed his name prior to the 1880 Census. Contact: Ethel Daly, 5309 Old Pittsburgh Road, Ellwood City, PA 16117-6839, or email Ethel at: edaly@zbzoom.net.

Correspondence to NHG

When word of the NHG cemetery book started to spread, the NHG Board received many encouraging responses. Some purchasers placed a note with their payment that said they were looking forward to the book. Here is one that we received: "This [book] does not include my cemeteries, mainly in Montgomery County and Philadelphia. But for all of us who do cemetery research as part of our genealogy, I want to say "thank you" for all of the time and effort that went into the project. Ramona in Florida."

TIP TIME

Submitted by: Sue Ennis

Even with all of the printed genealogical charts and finding aids available today, don't forget the basic supplies! Some of my favorite genealogical supplies are easily and inexpensively found on the shelves in the stationery aisles at your local stores. Archival safe page protectors are a must, along with a three-ring notebook for each family line. In addition, index cards now come in several color choices in various sizes. Use a different color note card for each branch of your family tree. Plastic index card boxes, similar to recipe boxes, can store your cards for easy access.

WHERE GENEALOGISTS MEET

Wednesday, September 19 6:00 P.M.

At their monthly meeting, the Beaver County Genealogical Society is hosting a presentation by Elissa Scalise Powell, Certified Genealogist, about "Becoming a Professional Genealogist." This meeting is free and open to the public. It will be held at the Family History Center located at 114 Church Drive, Monaca, Pennsylvania.

Thursday, September 20 7:00 P.M.

A free presentation, "Hiding Behind Their Skirts: Finding Women in Records," will be given by Elissa Scalise Powell, CG, at the Mansfield / Richland County Public Library. The Mansfield / Richland County Public Library is located at 43 West 3rd Street, Mansfield, Ohio. For more information, call the library at (419) 521 - 3100 or look online at <http://www.mrcpl.lib.oh.us>.

Wednesday, September 26 7:00 P.M.

The Cranberry Genealogy Club is holding their monthly meeting on a new day and at a new time. Plan to attend their next meeting in the Cranberry Township Library's Conference Room. This month's program is a Round Table Discussion. Bring your brick walls and other problems to the meeting for a discussion with club members. The Cranberry Library is located in the Cranberry Township Municipal Building, 2525 Rochester Road, Cranberry Township, Pennsylvania, 16066.

Saturday, October 13

10 A.M.

The Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society (WPGS) will feature Debbie Kapp in a two-hour program, "Ancestry Library Edition: Search Smarter, Not Harder!" This workshop is free and open to the public; reservations are not required. The WPGS meets in the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh in the Lecture Hall, 4400 Forbes Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Many genealogy enthusiasts already know that the Ancestry Library Edition database collection is FREE through Allegheny County libraries affiliated with the Electronic Information Network. But are you often overwhelmed by sorting through a vast number of hits, or underwhelmed at not being able to find name matches? This lecture will review methodical searching by using good genealogical standards, describing the types of databases used to store information, highlighting search and navigation techniques to use specifically at Ancestry.com, and providing tips for printing census images.

Presenter Debbie Kapp began personal family research nine years ago and is now a professional genealogist and WPGS member. Her own family includes few Western Pennsylvanians, so there was ample opportunity to extend her research via Interlibrary Loan, microfilm rentals, and Internet resources, including those at Ancestry.com. Debbie's science background and analytical mindset have been put to good use in these endeavors.

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Saturday, October 13 9:00 A.M.

The "Italian Family History Seminar" will be held in Cleveland, Ohio, at the Western Reserve Historical Society Library from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Western Reserve is located at 10825 East Boulevard, Cleveland, Ohio.

Topics for the "Italian Family History Seminar" include passenger lists, naturalization records, Italian research, and discovering ancestor stories. The featured speaker, John Philip Colletta, is an entertaining national lecturer, faculty member of the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research at Samford University and the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy, and the author of three books. The fee for this all-day seminar is \$40.00, and space is limited, so reservations are required.

Registration is by mail only. Walk-ins are welcome, if space allows. For more detailed information about the "Italian Family History Seminar" at Western Reserve, go to <http://www.wrhs.org> and click on *Library*, then *Genealogy*, and finally *Seminars*. You may also contact Nancy Leinweber at (440) 205 - 1942 or nanbwl@juno.com.

Genealogists can also attend a Pre-Seminar Class, which is available on Saturday, September 29, at 12 noon at the Western Reserve Historical Society Library. This is a FREE seminar about how to get started with your family history research. Contact Roger Ellsworth at (216) 229 - 7887 or arby69@sbcglobal.net for more information.

Sunday, November 4 2:00 P.M.

The Depreciation Lands Museum will have a program presented by Elissa Scalise Powell, CG, titled "Listening to Your Ancestors' Tombstones." The museum is located on Route 8 (William Flynn Highway) in Hampton Township, Pennsylvania.

Sunday, November 11 2:00 P.M.

The Genealogical Society of Southwest Pennsylvania will hold their regular meeting at Citizen's Library in Washington, Pennsylvania, featuring a presentation by Elissa Scalise Powell, CG, called "The Research Cycle: Don't Pedal Backwards."

Saturday, December 8 12 Noon

The Massey Harbison Chapter of the DAR will have their luncheon at the Hill Crest Country Club in Lower Burrell, Pennsylvania. Elissa Scalise Powell, CG, will present "Listening to Your Ancestors' Tombstones."

GENEALOGY COURSES

Many North Hills Genealogists members have taken a CCAC course from Elissa Scalise Powell, CG, over the past 14 years. Elissa is now busy presenting a variety of genealogical programs, so she has therefore "retired" from teaching the genealogy courses at CCAC. However, CCAC is still offering genealogy courses, great opportunities to learn and experience the fun of family history.

Debbie Day, MLS, will be teaching the beginning genealogy course at CCAC North Campus for four Saturdays from 9:00 A.M. to 12 P.M. beginning October 6th. The class will touch on internet safety when sharing personal information, some of the main sources for beginning a search (vital records, census, marriage, military, church, etc.), and where to find them (courthouses, archives, etc.) How to analyze a source for accuracy, working in cemeteries, and preservation of family documents will also be explained. There will be an optional field trip to the HSWP Library and archives. The CCAC class will be in the computer lab with a computer for each person.

Another CCAC genealogy course taught by Ms. Day will be on two Monday afternoons from 12:30 - 2:30 P.M. at Oasis, Macy's 10th Floor, 400 Fifth Avenue, beginning October 22.

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and Richland Townships burials

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS From NHG

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THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM - TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2007

CREATING DIGITAL ALBUMS

Presenter: Angel Miglioizzi

Angel Miglioizzi shows us how the newest technology enables us to create digital albums and reproduce them for multiple loved ones in one easy step. She will share tips about how to organize and display family photos and create traditional scrapbook albums that include photo journaling, memorabilia, and photos to log an entire heritage.