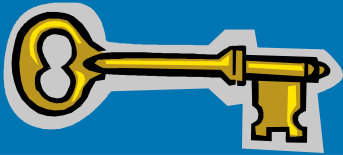


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Don't forget that the MGS Board meets the last Wednesday of the month at 10:00 AM at the Manatee History Records Library in Bradenton (October-May). All members are invited to attend.

### **10 FAMILY RULES**

(List developed by a Frustrated Genealogist)

1. Go Forth and Multiply
2. Pack up and move to a different location many times
3. Use names other than those given to you
4. Refuse to talk about your family or ancestors
5. Make up interesting stories that can't be verified
6. Make spelling changes to your name regularly (And anything else important, or otherwise)
7. Have many different birth dates
8. Do not record any kind of family information
9. Claim to have come from a different country (preferably one that doesn't keep records)
10. Do not save any family correspondence

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**NEW TIME!**

**DON'T FORGET THAT THE MANASOTA  
GENEALOGY SOCIETY "GENERAL"  
MEETINGS NOW START AT  
9:30 A.M.!**

### **Letter from the President**

**Anne Young**

The long hot summer is over and we welcome all of you back from your homes in the frozen north. Your Board of Directors held a meeting during the summer and we have some new and exciting plans for our Society in the coming year.

When you come to the meeting, you will notice that there is a change in the starting time from 10:00 to 9:30. We have also eliminated the afternoon sessions, which for the past few years have been poorly attended. Without the afternoon session, we no longer need to find a new place for lunch. The new start time is to accommodate the following new schedule:

9:30-10:30	Speaker and Question/Answers
10:30-10:45	Break
10:45-11:15	Business Meeting, Announcements and Introduction of Visitors
11:15-12:00	Genealogy Lesson and brown-bag lunch
12:00-?????	Work in the Library with teacher

The lessons are in response to a need which the Board felt was lacking for our new members and will hopefully prove to be interesting and informative to our more experienced members. We will present a new lesson after each session, followed by supervised research time in the library.

Anyone who is interested in getting a group together for lunch, please make an announcement before we adjourn. This way we can keep the tradition alive!

We are looking forward to an exciting year of research and entertaining meetings.

Anne Young

Once again, our Vice President, Jean Morris, has provided us with some excellent articles and web-sites for our members' review!

- Take a look at the March/April 2006 issue of *Ancestry Magazine*. It is filled with articles about immigration, ships, ports, what the voyage was like, traveling conditions. Read about "Ten Tough Ancestors" where professionals provide clues on how to resolve some of your research problems. "Family Fact: Putting Numbers to Work" tells you how to use statistics to locate your ancestor. Another article is "Ethnicity and our Ancestors' Records." There is much more to this issue!
- "A Railway for Georgiana" by Ed Vosatka is a fine article in the Fall/Winter 2006 issue of *The Indian River Journal* published by the Brevard County Historical Commission, 801 Dixon Blvd., #1110, Cocoa FL 32922. Titusville joined the rest of the country by rail on 30 Dec 1885 on the Atlantic Coast, St. Johns & Indian River Railroad. The story continues through the years 1891, 1892 with an 1893 map of East Florida when Henry Flagler's Jacksonville, St. Augustine & Indian River Railway (later the Florida East Coast Railway, began direct service to Titusville. A map of the Georgiana Settlement in 1889 is presented with landowners, and much more.
- WorldCat is one of the largest bibliographic databases of published works, and a growing number of manuscript and archival collections are added yearly. WorldCat can be searched by surname, geographic location (city-county-state-country), ethnic group, religion and even occupation. The reference will tell you which member institution own the records. Visit [<http://genealogyblog.com/libraries/worldcat-search-from-oclc-online-with-free-access-5432>] for more information. (From *Geneogram*, the official Newsletter of the Charlotte County Genealogical Society, Box 494707, Port Charlotte FL 33949 in its Sept. 2006 issue.
- FriendsOfAllenCounty.org website (Better known as Fort Wayne). To subscribe to their free newsletter go to [www.friendsforallencounty.org/search\\_microtext.php](http://www.friendsforallencounty.org/search_microtext.php)
- Go to George Morgan's website and read his weekly free blogs: <http://ahaseminars.com>
- We have a real jewel here at Elmer Spear's Genealogy Library, 177 SW Range Ave., Madison FL 32340, 850/973-3282 [www.elmerslibrary.com](http://www.elmerslibrary.com) The library has 24,000 books with 7800 related to Ohio genealogy. Plan a trip there for your Ohio research.
- Genealogy Today has launched Military Roots at [www.militaryroots.com](http://www.militaryroots.com) a free database of info transcribed from sources such as military rosters, muster rolls, and troop histories. You can search for surnames and opt to be notified if they are mentioned in records added later on. Registration is required to read the full transcription. On the results page you will see a \$ sign next to matches, but if you click the Subscribe link, the fee is listed as "free." Each match shows a citation so that you can consult the original source. From the Jan-Feb 2006 issue of *The Quest:Florida Chapter of Ohio Genealogical Society Newsletter* on page 9. Another feature in this issue is a list of "The Forts of Ohio."
- Try <http://world.cat.org> which will help you locate a book in a library near your Zip Code!
- Hereditary Societies, their history & chronology at [www.hereditary.us/chrono.htm](http://www.hereditary.us/chrono.htm) [From Sept 2006 *Indian River Genealogical Society Newsletter*, Vero Beach FL.
- The Spring & Summer issues of *The Jacksonville Genealogical Society Quarterly*, Jacksonville FL contains 8 articles about people in Lackawanna Co. Pa and the Scranton area. #2 issue contains 8 more from same places.
- New York City Photographs of every house in all five boroughs is available online at [www.nyc.gov/html/records/html/taxphotos/home.shtm#order](http://www.nyc.gov/html/records/html/taxphotos/home.shtm#order) for a fee. During the 1920s local governments began to use photos as a tool for appraising real property for tax purposes. [from May 2006 issue of *Suncoast Searcher*, Palm Harbor FL.
- *The Ballew Family Journal* No. 26, June 2006 is a publication of the Ballew Family Assn. of America, representing Ballews of all spellings for more than 26 years. It is an exceptionally well written and researched publication which we have viewed regularly over the 26 years. This issue contains articles about Common Ancestor Lines, DNA, and a list of members dated 5/7/06 showing their Member Line with addresses and emails.
- [www.sec.state.ma.us/arc/arsrch/PassengerManifestSearchContents.html](http://www.sec.state.ma.us/arc/arsrch/PassengerManifestSearchContents.html) is a website for the Port of Boston passenger manifests from 1848 to 1891. It is hosted by the Mass. archives

(See page 8 for additional items)

## PALMETTO HISTORICAL PARK

PALMETTO, MANATEE COUNTY FLORIDA

The Palmetto Historical Park is located in the heart of Palmetto's Historic District and is adjacent to the Manatee County Agricultural Museum, 515 -10th Avenue West, Palmetto FL 34221, phone 941/723-4991.

Our Manasota Genealogical Society toured this facility after our May meeting in 2006. It was delightful! The Park is a stroll down memory lane, says Pam McTeer, Associate Editor of *The North Manatee Observer* Friday, September 3, 2006 issue page 12A.

Stroll along brick pathways lined with old-fashioned street lamps. Relax on park benches and enjoy the tranquility of the past. Start your visit at the Carnegie Library, and browse through exhibits about the people and places of Palmetto's past. The library was dedicated in December of 1914, and was one of the first libraries south of Tampa. It served as a library for over forty years, and housed many community and civic organizations. It was built in 1914 on a \$10,000. grant from Scottish-American businessman and U.S. Steel founder Andrew Carnegie. The reddish wooden floors are original to the building. The white tin ceiling tiles are also original. The old white shelves now house old photo albums, genealogies, and other trinkets from Palmetto's past. Now it is a museum and repository for local history. Light spills through the windows of the old library building, gently casting shadows across the books and artifacts at the Palmetto Historical Park here. Longtime resident Alice Myers gingerly touches a cornerstone from the original 1912 Palmetto High School, pleased that it has found a more suitable resting spot. Myers is the historian for the Palmetto Historical Commission

The tiny post office next door is adorned with photos of former postmasters, presidents, and other memorabilia. Jo Harrison's efforts to save the post office resulted in the 1997 formation of the Palmetto Historical Commission. The post office was built for Palmetto's second and fourth postmaster, Mary Nettles, and sits as one of three buildings relocated to the little historical park. At that time the mail traveled by rail to Cedar Key and then 125 miles by steamer along the Manatee river to its destination in Palmetto. The post office's bulletin boards hail from the Oneco post office, although the post office boxes are from the Carolinas. A local man donated the 1880 hand-woven American flag, with 38 stars and a bullet hole. The neighboring schoolhouse was built in 1920 and once housed the area's kindergarden students. Now it is displayed as a one-room school with small wooden desks with holders for inkwells. A large black and white photo shows Miss Frankie Howze teaching a class full of students. She brought her own Victrola and brought it to school for music appreciation class.

The white building next door was the cottage of Palmetto firefighter Joe Stephens, who donated it to the park. It is decorated with dolls, sewing machines, antique furniture. The Cypress House Veterans Museum next door pays tribute to the area military veterans. The group have recorded more than 300 interviews with local WWII veterans about their war experiences.

End your experience here with a visit to Heritage Chapel. Built on-site, the Chapel is a composite of the three original churches in Palmetto. A simply beautiful building which is available for rental for weddings and other small family affairs.-



Some of our members enjoying a picnic lunch before touring the Palmetto Historical Park last May 2006!

## WHAT I DID ON SUMMER VACATION!

**When I sent out a request recently asking our members to tell us about their genealogy adventures during the summer, I received this wonderful response from our member, Kay Fehily Corcoran:**

I had a busy summer researching. Since I am a first generation American, all my records are in Ireland and I have visited family for years. The only census there is 1901 & 1911. All the RC parish records in Cloyne, Co. Cork are restricted by the bishop so I sent to the Heritage Center and did get my great grandfather history.

I went in May 2004 for info, but this past May I went again and found that I had many cousins interested in genealogy willing to help me. The cousins in Cork had someone clear two cemeteries so we could walk through and read the gravestones they had cleared off. I found the connection to my 3X ggrandfather who died 28Jun 1827 age 72yrs.

One surprise was finding a woman Sheila Bransfield in the UK. Our grandfathers were brothers, something we never knew and I found that out because my mother went back to Ireland and the UK for a visit in 1949 and kept a journal with names and addresses. When I related this to Sheila she said she was living at that address with her aunt and uncle in 1949.

We always believed that my parents came to New York, my Dad from Ireland in 1923 and my Mother in 1926. The only right thing was the years. I found the ship's manifests within the last 3 months of my parents and 4 cousins. My Dad left Ireland for Wales 1920 then came to Cambridge in 1923. My Mother left Ireland and came to Boston in 1926. By 1930 they had married and moved to NYC with all the cousins.

Another problem was her first name was Catherine and she used Mary. Her birth certificate read Mary Kate. My father spelled his name Feeley, which I've never seen him use all my life, but considering that his father & grandfather spelt their names at least four different ways in censuses, land records etc.---I'm not surprised!

My father and my maternal grandfather came from Waterford and they have a fantastic website: [www.waterfordcountylibrary.ie](http://www.waterfordcountylibrary.ie) All the info is online and free.

I started researching about 3 years ago, and it was because of my mother's habit of saving old snaps and old letters & all papers that has helped me.

I find that I relate to these ancestors of mine and even remember them in my prayers. To finish the summer we had a family reunion of 42 people who shared all of my research so far.

Best Regards, Kay Fehily Corcoran

**Anne Young traveled to Sweden this summer to visit the place where her grandparents were born. She met 3 second cousins and had a wonderful tour of the ancestral stomping ground. In this photo she and her new cousins are looking at a huge family tree prepared by her Swedish guide, Anna-Lena Hultman.**

Caption: left to right: Anne with her cousins Asta, Helmer, and Stig with Anna-Lena and the big chart.



MEET OUR NEWEST BOARD MEMBER!

Linda Leber is the new Recording Secretary for the 2006-2007 MGS Board of Directors. We are all grateful for her willingness to take on this important role within our Society.

Linda was born in Washington, D.C., where she lived until she was 10. At that time, her family moved to Montgomery County, MD. She met her husband, Dennis, while attending Montgomery Junior College, and they were married in 1967. They both graduated from the University of Maryland in 1969. Dennis got a job with the Federal Government and Linda worked for the State of Maryland at the Department of Society Services. In 1971, they moved to Columbia, Maryland, where they lived until 2003 when they moved to Florida. They have two children, Mandy (31), and Brad (27), and one grandchild, Alexis (9).

Linda is researching the names Barnet, McKnight, Battistone and Catalano from Ohio, Washington, D.C. and Sicily.

MANASOTA GENEALOGY SOCIETY 2006-2007 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**Wed - Nov. 1, 2006 - 9:30am -12 noon**

- ☛ "Utilizing Maps for Your Research." by Ed Gaulin
- ☛ Genealogy Class #2: "The Federal Census: Population, Agricultural, Industrial, Mortality & Tax Lists." by Phyllis Doucette
- ☛ Using Library Genealogy Resources (for those interested, from 12 noon on)

**Wed - Dec 6, 2006 - 9:30 - 12 noon**

- ☛ "The Saxon Chronicle: A Fictional Family Story Based on my Genealogy Research in Germany" by Jane Swan (Jane has published 3 volumes on her family)
- ☛ Genealogy Class #3: "Vital Records of Birth, Death, Marriage and Divorce" by Jean Morris
- ☛ Using Library Resources (for those interested, from 12 noon on)
- ☛ SILENT AUCTION (Donate your discarded periodicals, genealogy books, CDs, equipment, etc. to help support our MGS library book fund)

**Wed - Jan. 3, 2007: 9:30am - 12 noon**

- ☛ "Virtual Roots: Powerful Tools for Online Research", by Thomas J Kemp PhD (Mr. Kemp is Director of Genealogical Products of NewsBank Inc.)
- ☛ Genealogy Class #4 "Immigration, Library Resources & LDS" by Anne Young
- ☛ Using Library Resources (for those interested, from 12 noon on)

**Wed - Feb. 7, 2007: 9:30am - 12 noon**

- ☛ "Bits & Obits: Reading Between the Lines" (re Newspaper Research), by George Morgan
- ☛ Genealogy Class #5: "Obituary Clipping Project for Manatee County." by Ruby Young
- ☛ Using Library Resources (for those interested, from 12 noon on)

**Wed - Mar 7, 2007: 9:30am - 12 noon**

- ☛ "Your Scottish Heritage", by Richard Cardell
- ☛ New World Celts with Todd McClinchy
- ☛ Genealogy Class #6: "U.S. Military Records" by Ed Gaulin
- ☛ Using Library Resources (for those interested, from 12 noon on)
- ☛ SILENT AUCTION (Donate your discarded periodicals, genealogy books, CDs, equipment, etc. to help support our MGS library book fund)

**Wed - Apr 4, 2007: 9:30am - 12 noon**

- ☛ "Using Land Records for your Family Research", by Cindy Russell
- ☛ Genealogy Class #7: "Courthouse and Probate Records", by Barb Schultz
- ☛ Using Library Resources (for those interested, from 12 noon on)

**Wed - May 2, 2007: 9:30am - 12 noon**

- ☛ "Researching My Irish Roots", by Jim McHugh
- ☛ Genealogy Class #8: "Prepping for your Genealogy Trip This Summer." by Phyllis Doucette
- ☛ Using Library Resources (for those interested, from 12 noon on)

**New Genealogy Books Received May- August 2006  
(all are shelved in the Genealogy Section)**



**Submitted by Rose Taylor, Central Library**

Finding Italian Roots by John Philip Colletta, PhD (929.345 Col)

Locating your French & Indian War 1754-1763 Ancestor: (929.73 Mor)

Western Migrations by River & Canal from PA & NY by Jean Morris ((929.3747)

Frontier Forts of PA, MD, VA, WV & OH 1740-1794 by Jean Morris (929.3748 Mor)

Who was born in a log cabin? by Pennola Nolan (929.3771 Who)

The Whiskey Rebellion of 1794 in Southwestern PA: by Jean Morris (929.3748 Mor)

A Guide to Using the Published Archives of PA: by Jean Morris (929.3748 Mor)

Maps Showing the development of Pennsylvania (929.3748 Pen)

Lorain County Probate Court Births Volume I 1867-June 1872 (929.3771 Lor)

Index to the Census of 1870 for Lorain County, Ohio (929.3771 Ind)

Tracing your Irish Ancestors by John Grenham 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed. (929.3415 Gre)

The Ancestors, their families and significant relatives and descendants of Archie L. King and S. Fern King by Merle V. King (929.2 Kin)

Ancestor Roster 1915-2005 National Society., Colonial Dames XVII Century. (929.40973 Anc)

German-American Names 3rd Ed. By George F. Jones (929.4 Jon)

Scottish Surnames of Colonial America by David Dobson (929.42 Dob)

North Burial Ground Providence, Rhode Island Old Section 1700-1848 by John E. Sterling (929.3745 Ste)

Ancestry Family Historian's Address Book 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed. by Juliana Szucs Smith (929.1 Smi)

Florida's Unfortunates The 1880 Federal Census: by Donna R. Mills (929.3759 Mil)

Too Late for Blood: Florida Volunteers in the Mexican War by Russell James (973.62 Jam)

Florida 1860 Agricultural Census (929.3759 Gre)

Hispanic Surnames and Family History by Lyman D. Platt (929.4 Pla)

Southern Boots and Saddles: The Fifteenth Confederate Cavalry C.S.A. by Arthur E. Green (929.3759 Gre)

Passenger and Immigration Lists Index 2007 Supplement (929.373 Pas)

**MICROFILM**

**North Carolina 1870 Census Index - microfiche  
New York 1870 Census Index - microfiche**

## BOOK REVIEWS (submitted by Jean Morris)

*Beltzhoover [Family History]* by Gayle O. Kamp and Deanna Thomas Oklepek, 2006 publ. AuthorHouse, 1663 Liberty Drive, Bloomington IN 47404 800-839-8640, 189 + xix pp. 8.5x 12 softbound, indexed, ISBN 1-4259-4963-7, \$17.99 from publisher, or online at [www.authorhouse.com/BookStore/BookHome.aspx](http://www.authorhouse.com/BookStore/BookHome.aspx)

From Metterzimmern, Germany Evangelical Church records we find that Hans Jerg Beltzhuber and wife Anna Barbara Staigers had 11 issues, among whom was Christian Melchior Beltzhuber b. 7 Aug 1713 Metterzimmern, Neckarkreis, in Wuerttemberg, He married Anna Maria \_\_\_\_\_ 21 July 1739. This couple emigrated on the Ship *President* out of Rotterdam 12 Apr 1752 and arrived in Philadelphia 27 Sept. 1752 where Melchoir took the Oath of Allegiance. Six children accompanied them. The widow is next found in York County Pa. in tax records for the years 1757-1769, and in the pastoral records of Rev. Jacob Goering of Christ Lutheran Church, York Pa. and Hagerstown, Md. A. Maria is listed as a widow. Her estate papers were filed 6 Sept 1786 at York. He died before Nov. 1760. Their issue: Melchoir (b. 27 Jan 1740); Geo. Conrad (b. 8 Nov 1741); Daniel (b. & d. 1744); Johann Jacob (b. 8 Feb 1746); Johann Martin (b. 3 Nov 1747); Thomas (b. 27 Sep 1749); Anna Maria Dorothea (b. 3 Oct 1751); and possibly Theobald (b. ca 1753). The son Melchior (1740-1809) md Eliza. S(c)hunk (1739-1816). His will written 8 Apr 1806 & proved 29 May 1809 names wife Elizabeth and issue: Jacob; Henry; George; Elizabeth; Daniel; Samuel; & William. Melchior & Eliza. are buried in Allegheny Cemetery, Pittsburgh. This family settled in the Allentown section of Pittsburgh (South Side) which later became known as the borough of Beltzhoover. Their children were Jacob; Catharina who md Jacob Stout; George md Eliz. Goll; Henry; Samuel md. Mary Bausman; Eliz. md John Thompson Mason; Daniel 1md Arabella Wallace, 2nd md Jane Harris Stockman; and William. Other surnames are Gross; Hughey; Leidigh; Kuntz; Shimp and Bosler. Nice genealogy, sources included, with an every name index.

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## FROM THE DESK OF THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN, JIM MCHUGH

### MEMBERSHIP RESEARCH INTERESTS

If you are a current MGS member and did not receive via e-mail our Membership Research Interests PDF file publication, send an e-mail note to me with “MGS Research Interests” as your message “Subject” line, also current members can submit new input, corrections, etc. to the research interest database via e-mail text to <[jamchugh@ix.netcom.com](mailto:jamchugh@ix.netcom.com)>. Again please use “MGS Research Interests” as your message “Subject” line. In the e-mail message body providing your input, let the text word wrap with no indents (tabs or extra spacing), no paragraphs, and use Upper & lower case (NO ALL CAPS). Also, if needed, you can correct membership information (name, address, telephone, and e-mail address) in this same message. We will continue to periodically distribute via e-mail a “PDF” file containing research interests.

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## OTHER LOCAL GENEALOGY INTEREST GROUP MEETINGS

- **The Manasota PAF Users Group** meetings are held the first Saturday of each month at the South Manatee Branch Library, 6061 26<sup>th</sup> Street, West, Bradenton, Florida. Doors open at 9:00am, and the meetings run from 9:15am until 11:30am., <<http://www.rootsweb.com/~flmpafug>>
- **Dimage** (digital photography) 6:15 pm, fourth Tuesday, monthly, Flanzar JCC, 582 S. McIntosh R., Sarasota, FL <<http://www.dimage.org>>
- **(EGS) Englewood Genealogical Society of Florida**, 1:30 pm, usually Wednesday, Sept-May, Elsie Quirk Library, Englewood, FL <http://www.rootsweb.com/~flegsf>
- **(LWL) Lakewood Ranch Genealogy Group** 7:00pm, 1<sup>st</sup> Monday, Oct-May, Lakewood Ranch Town Center. Contact Jo Ann Froman [joannf@gimi.org](mailto:joannf@gimi.org)
- **(FGST) Florida Genealogical Society of Tampa**, 12 noon, 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday, monthly. John F. Germany Library at 900 North Ashley Drive., Tampa, FL <http://www.rootsweb.com/~flfgs/>
- **(GSS) Genealogical Society of Sarasota**, 10:00 am, usually 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday, Oct-May, Selby Library Auditorium., Sarasota, FL <http://www.roosweb.com/~flgss>
- **(JGS) Jewish Genealogical Society of SW Florida** 1:00 pm, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, monthly, Flanzar JCC, 582 S. McIntosh Road, Sarasota, FL <<http://www.jewish-sarasota.org/jgs/jgsowfl.htm>>

Please see below for additional information from Jean Morris' review of newsletters, new website's and other genealogy information.

- From Rootsweb Review 23 Aug 2006 Vol. 9 No. 34  
Norwegian Research at [www.norwayheritage.com](http://www.norwayheritage.com) Passenger lists 1825, 1836 thru 1873, search by date, by name of ship, or ship line. Emigrant ship arrivals 1870-1894; a forum for discussing subjects relating to passenger lists, families, migration to Australia, etc. In the Image Gallery you can search by Ship's agents, and Ship Lines. Also search your surname(s) in articles and books.
- New York site adds thousands of new indexes. [www.libraryweb.org/index](http://www.libraryweb.org/index) is a site hosted by the Monroe County Rochester Public Library. The recently launched new online indexes of 130,000 names plus 800,000 vital records.
- Do you have a Quaker ancestor? While searching the new Everton website at [www.genealogy.com](http://www.genealogy.com) on page 5 there is republished an article by Linda Sparks Starr dated April 2005 entitled "Problems with Hinshaw." The article brings up a serious problem with abstracts of the Virginia Yearly Meeting for Cedar Creek Monthly Meeting in Virginia - and confirms what I have always stated in my lectures about researching all monthly meeting records in William Wade Hinshaw's 6 volumes of (some) published Quaker meeting records. One of my lectures is about finding your Pennsylvania Quaker ancestor using the Yearly Meeting records of Virginia, Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio (the boundaries of the YMs changed many times over the years).
- French & Indian War Ancestor in America 1754-1763? Each year at Jumonville, in Fayette County Pennsylvania, the first weekend in November (the 18th Annual F&I Seminar is being held Nov. 3 & 4) by the Braddock Road Preservation Association. Visit their website at [www.braddockroadpa.org](http://www.braddockroadpa.org) to learn more. Jumonville is a Methodist Retreat Center, so that housing is available for those attending these seminars. Featured are national speakers i.e. Lady Joan Reid, historian of the Benjamin Franklin House in London; Jeff Wood, VP of the Cumberland Pa. Historical Society and owner of The Whistlestop Bookshop in Gettysburg will speak on "The War on Terror, 1756: Armstrong's Raid on Kittanning." Paladin Productions of Pittsburgh have recently completed their second documentary "Pursuit of Honor: The Rise of George Washington," which will likely be seen later in 2007 on one of the QED TV stations. Patricia Brady of New Orleans who is an expert on the Washington Family, especially Eleanor Parke Custis, Martha Washington's granddaughter. She will speak on her recent book on *Martha Washington: An American Life*. This seminar is known for its representation of Rare Book Dealers, and displays of F&I and Revolutionary War paintings by Pennsylvania artists John Buxton, Robert Griffing, Andrew Knex Jr., and Lee Teter.
  - *Note: Our own Jean Morris has compiled several pamphlets about the F&I War, i.e. Locating Your French & Indian War [1754-1763] Ancestor: A Bibliography and Finding Aid with Maps, 25pp. \$8.50; & Frontier Forts of Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia & Ohio 1740-1794 Built by the French, English & Americans: A Bibliography & Finding Aid with Maps. 68pp. \$14.50. Write or email her at [morrisjean@verizon.net](mailto:morrisjean@verizon.net), or 174 Osprey Circle, Ellenton FL 34222; she gives lectures on these subjects using many maps to illustrate the country at the time of this war).*
- The Reverend John Wrenshall was born Preston, England 1761, 4th among 24 children born to the same couple. He was a merchant and lay pastor before emigrating in 1794 to Philadelphia. The family removed to Pittsburgh Pa. two years later, where he was the first ordained Methodist minister west of the Allegheny Mountains. He died in Pittsburgh in 1821. A relative, Linda S. Mabry, 2404 Oakdale St., Tallahassee FL 32308, [mabryrj@comcast.net](mailto:mabryrj@comcast.net) has abstracted his five journals 1808-1817 including a table of contents, and index to help locate specific information. She has donated a CD-Rom of this work to the MGS library. She is also sharing her abstracts in *The Tallahassee Genealogist*, Box 4371, Tallahassee FL 32315 in Vol. 24 No. 4, 2005-2006 and in earlier issues of this periodical. What a wonderful source for those of the Methodist persuasion! Microfilms of his journals are held in various libraries, and at HSWP Pittsburgh.
- Minnesota research = [www.dalbydata.com/user.php?action=cemsearch](http://www.dalbydata.com/user.php?action=cemsearch)
- Butler County Pa site for 75,000 obituaries is [www.bcfls.org/butler/Genealogymain.htm](http://www.bcfls.org/butler/Genealogymain.htm)

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- [www.fcms.syr.edu/showcase/SPClemence/ErieCanl/index.htm](http://www.fcms.syr.edu/showcase/SPClemence/ErieCanl/index.htm) is an excellent site with pictorial history of the canal. It is not genealogical but your family might have used the canal to migrate to the West.
- Jean S. Morris translated the Journals of Reverend Robert Ayers 1785-1845. Ayers was born 1761 in York Pa. His preaching began in 1785 with the Methodists in the Dorchester Circuit (Chesapeake Region of Maryland). By 1786 he had been transferred to the Redstone Circuit (Fayette County in SW Pa.). In 1787 he served in Bath (Warm Springs now Berkeley County WV). Later that year he changed to the Episcopal Church. His journals are tiny notebooks which he carried while on his itinerant ministry and contain daily entries of the towns and people who he visited, or "tarried" with on his travels in the areas above, including visits to his parents in York Pa. where he also preached. All names have been indexed and include baptisms and marriages. Maps implement the diaries and show locations where he preached and lived. The journals are in the manuscript collection of the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania, The Senator John Heinz History Center, Pittsburgh. The article entitled "The Journals of Rev. Robert Ayers 1785-1845 of Maryland, Virginia and Western Pennsylvania" can be found in Vol. 14 No. 4 (Spring 1988) pp. 3-22 of the *Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society Quarterly*, a copy of which is held in our MGS library collection with the periodicals. The issue is every-name indexed.
- Another good search site is <http://a9.com> which is powered by Amazon.com. Decide what you want to search by checking appropriate boxes, i.e. books, people, web, news, blogs, etc., then type in the name, place you are searching for. Use the Advance search or quotes to have it include ALL of your names in one search. It's neat!

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