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Our mission is to preserve the history of the people who have gone before us.

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For the past several weeks two WAGS members have been doing research for Denny Denniston, Brimfield, MA. On August 22nd and 23rd Karen and Denny Denniston came to Wheeling to do additional searching and to get a better feeling of where Denny's ancestors came from. They met up with researchers Jeanne



From left to right: Richard "Denny" Denniston, Glenna Dillon, Karen Denniston and Jeanne Finstein

and Glenna and spent some time at the Wheeling Room and at the Courthouse. They traveled to West Liberty and surroundings, especially Battle Run Road. They accumulated much additional information and left Wheeling with these words from Karen and Denny "Ever since I can remember, Wheeling, WV, my Dad's hometown, was a special place. It is my heritage, this Ohio County. I leave Wheeling with a much better understanding of my family's history, Wheeling's history and a very positive attitude about Ohio County."

They went on to thank Jeanne and Glenna and they felt we had really helped them organize and bring Denny's heritage to life. He stated he would always be forever grateful for all of the efforts of WAGS. There is a picture of the Dennistons and our WAGS researchers.

Also, the week before, two others that research was completed for several years ago came to Wheeling on motorcycles from Oregon. They spent some time in The Wheeling Room and were very impressed. This was Linda Kent and her husband. Linda is a descendant of Edward Morgan from out in Ohio County and had donated a copy of her Morgan Family to WAGS for the Wheeling Room. They were able to meet with the caretaker of the Morgan Cemetery in West Liberty and traveled to see the cemetery first hand.

A brief word about our Newsletter . . .

Since starting the newly formatted WAGS Newsletter I forgot the fact that it was more properly "coded" by volume and issue. Obviously the 2011 Spring issue would be Volume 20 Issue 1 and the Summer issue would be Volume 20 Issue 2. Thanks for your patience as I am learning the ropes.



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**Gary Timmons** recently spoke to WAGS about research he had done on his Revolutionary War ancestors. During that research, he came across Dr. Samuel Adams of Beaver County, Pennsylvania. Dr. Adams was a native of Rowley, Massachusetts, born in 1761. He migrated west and served as a doctor at Fort Pitt during the Revolutionary War. He was also a Methodist minister. In 1806 he served on the first board of trustees of Greensburg Academy and in 1807 was the foreman at the first murder trial in Beaver County.

Below is a treatment sequence from his call book in 1820:

- March 6 J. Townsend had his foot stepped on by a horse. Dr. Adams set his toes; bled, leeches, and purged him; and prescribed syrup of opium. \$2.00
- March 12 J. Townsend had his toes removed. Syrup of opium. \$3.00
- March 19 J. Townsend had his foot removed. Syrup of opium. \$4.00
- March 26 J. Townsend had his leg removed. He was leeches, bled, given syrup of icapac, tect of arsenic, belladonna drops, & syrup of opium. N/C
- April 4 Dr. Adams assisted at J. Townsend's funeral.

A second sequence is also of interest:

- Jan 1828 Mr. Hoopes Fell down stairs, backwards \$ .75
- Feb 10, 1828 Mr. Hoopes Upset stomach, purge \$1.25
- Feb 12, 1828 Mr. Hoopes Fell down stairs \$ .75
- Feb 26, 1828 Mr. Hoopes Bad food/water/cooking \$1.50
- Mar 1, 1828 Mr. Hoopes Fell off porch \$ .75
- Apr 14, 1828 Mr. Hoopes Hit head \$ .50
- May 24, 1828 Mr. Hoopes Fell out of carriage \$1.25
- June 1828 Mr. Hoopes Fell, hit back of head N/C
- Jul 1828 Mr. Hoopes Crushed by fall of bricks
- Aug 1828 Dr. Adams attended Mr. Hoopes' funeral
- Sep 1828 Mrs. Hoopes marries J. Wilson
- Nov 1828 J. Wilson Fell off bridge from carriage. Set arm, purged, bled, gave syrup of belladonna with opium \$3.00
- Dec 1828 J. Wilson Fell off upper porch into snow \$1.25
- Mar 1829 J. Wilson Crushed by gristmill gear
- Jul 1829 Widow Hoopes-Wilson marries Jacob Townsend

*Perhaps the men of the area would have been wise to have stayed away from the Mrs!*

## Listing of Translators . . .

As we all know, our research can easily take us to other countries and different languages. WAGS would like to gather names of individuals who "would consider" translating. This is not a commitment, but rather a listing of contacts that would consider translating. Contact a WAGS Officer if you know somebody.

**WHO, WHEN, and WHERE are the three essential ingredients for successful genealogical research!**

## NEW WHEELING ROOM BOOK ADDITIONS

- Maryland Genealogies V. I & II
- Church & State in Communist Poland by Marian S. Mazgaj
- What a Great Year ! Bridge Street Middle School 1996 Yearbook
- Guide to the Records of the Ward Engineering Company: Maritime Innovators of Charleston, WV Edited by Michael R. Ridderbusch
- A Miller Family History Vols. 1 & 2 by Rodger K. Miller
- A Newhouse Family History by Rodger K. Miller
- A Downing Family History by Rodger K. Miller
- Marriage & Deaths From Baltimore Newspapers, 1796 – 1816 by Robert Barnes
- Virginia Land Records Vols. 1 & 2
- Stone Church Cemetery Vol. III 1986 to 2009 compiled by Members of the Wheeling Genealogical Society
- The Mercer Family From Cecil Co., Maryland To Ohio Co., Va. (WV) by Marianna Kerns Morgan
- A Journey Through My Family History By Gloria Celeste Palmer Brinkmeier
- Robinson's 1960 Ohio County, WV Rural Directory by Robinson Directories, Inc
- The City of Hills & Kilns by William C. Gates, Jr.
- A History of the Ohio Valley Hospital Steubenville, Ohio 1912-1962 by Malcolm J. Brady
- Daniel Begat by Robert Lee
- Korea Revisited by J. C. McCamic
- Raffaele & Cristina Musilli: Ancestors, Descendants, & life in Italy & the Upper Ohio Valley, 1772 - 2010 by Maxine R. Musilli Cerra Knapp & Michael A. Musilli
- The Final Days of Weirton Steel by Thomas Walter Zielinsky
- A Journey Through my Family History Laura Celeste Criswell Palmer to Richard Criswell by Gloria Celeste Palmer Brinkmeier
- Index to Tyler Co., WV Wills Prior to 1900 (Tri – County Researcher)
- 1840 Marshall County WV Census
- Descendants of Peter Yoho
- Descendants of Henry Yoho by Denver Yoho
- From the Outhouse to the Poorhouse to the State House & Marshall Co. History of the Twentieth Century by Joseph D. Parriott
- The Federal Census Monroe County, Ohio 1820 – 1830 – 1840
- 1870 Perry County Ohio Census Index
- Warrants & Surveys of the Province of PA Including the Three Lower Counties compiled by Allen Weinberg, Thomas E. Slattery, & Charles E. Hughes, Jr.
- Rebecca Harding Davis Writing Cultural Autobiography edited by Janice Milner Lasseter & Sharon M. Harris
- Pennsylvania Line A Research Guide to Pennsylvania 'Genealogy & Local History complied by William L. & Shirley G. M. Iscrupe
- Every name Index to: The Wheeling (W.Va.) Blue Book An Elite (Social) Directory & Family Register 1901 – 1902 compiled by Kenneth Fischer Craft Jr.
- Board Betrayal The Weirton Steel Story by Phillip Hartley Smith
- Persons Naturalized in the Province of Pennsylvania 1740 – 1773
- Workman Family History by Thelma C. Anderson
- Buckeye Blizzard by Roger Pickenpaugh
- Compendium of Historical Sources by Ronald A. Bremer
- Walt Whitman's Secret by George Fetherling
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- Revolutionary War Pensions by Lloyd de Witt Bockstruck
- City of Wheeling, WV Historic Properties – 444 North Wabash Street, 2341 Jacob Street, 73 13th Street by Walter J. Haglund, AIA
- Persons Naturalized in the Province of Pennsylvania 1740 – 1773 by John B. Linn
- In Search of Your Confederate Ancestors by J. H. Segars
- Belmont County & The Civil War compiled by C. Richard Michael
- A Family History Comprising the Surnames of Gade, Gadie, Gaudie, Gawdy, Gowdy, Goudy, Goudey, Gauden, Gaudern & the Variant Forms Vol. I & II by Hon. Mahlon M. Gowdy
- The Civil War Research Guide by Stephen McManus, Donald Thompson, & Thomas Churchill
- The Scotch-Irish A Social History by James G. Leyburn
- The Life & Confession of Thomas Carr...one Notorious Belmont Co. Resident 1846 – 1870
- Greenwood Cemetery Tour
- Bethany Years by W. K. Wollery

**NOVEMBER IS THE TIME FOR NOMINATION OF WAGS OFFICERS:**

If you would like to be considered for any of the Officers positions for the 2012 calendar year, please let the Nominating Committee know. Please talk with Bill Maxwell or Judy Fugate if you are interested.

**NOVEMBER’S BEGINNER’S GENEALOGY WORKSHOP:**

We will be holding a Beginner’s Genealogy Workshop in November. The date needed to be changed because of a scheduling conflict with work. The workshop will be held **Monday November 21 at 6pm in the Library’s basement “Tax Room”**. It is my hope that, as we start Holiday Gatherings, that there will be an interest in starting one’s family history. There will be more details at the November WAGS Meeting.

**OBITUARY FILES PROJECT:**

This has been a topic in concern this year for WAGS and OCPL. We will still continue as we have in the past to December 2011. We will have to have a dialogue with the Newspapers and Funeral Homes of the area since they have listing dating over 8 years ago on their websites. We need to consider whether we are duplicating information that is already available.

In the past Genealogical Societies would transcribe Census data yet that is now widely available and the concern is if this the best use of resources of a given group? The issue of the Obituary Project will be discussed at the November WAGS Meeting.

***We are getting close to the end of the year. Please consider your membership renewal***

**WHEELING AREA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY  
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Membership in the Wheeling Area Genealogical Society is \$10.00 per individual for the year from January 1 to December 31. Membership includes the newsletter, *LOOKOUT*, published in March, June, September and December. Back issues of the membership year will be mailed on receipt of dues. Queries .50¢ a surname to no-members, free to members. Meetings are 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month at 1:00pm at the Ohio County Public Library, Wheeling WV. There is NO December meeting. Make checks payable to WHEELING AREA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, P.O. Box 6450, Wheeling WV 26003-6450

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Wilson Cemetery  
Zion Lutheran Cemetery