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Early Palatine Neighborhoods

Pagganck, Nooten, Nutten Eylandt, or "The Governors Island", this small piece of land off of Manhattan is generally recognized as the place where the ships carrying the Palatines from England to America in 1710 landed. An Army Post from 1794 to 1966, and a Coast Guard Station from 1966 to 1997, the island is now owned by New York City. This national landmark can be reached by ferry from Manhattan. A pictorial history developed by Christina M. Wilkinson can be found at <http://members.aol.com/christy623/govisletour.html>

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2005 Nellis/Nelles Reunions Nellis—United States

Nellis Family Association

Sunday, July 23 2006, 12 Noon
Nellis Tavern
State Hwy 5, St. Johnsville, NY
Contact: John Nellis at 518 993-2978 or at cnellis@telenet.net for information

Descendants of Vena & Walter Nelles

Weekend of May 27-28, 2006
Home of Evelyn & Charles Hyslop
Birch Tree, MO
Contact: Vena Brondel at 281 265-5135 or at venalee@houston.rr.com

Nelles—Canada

Saturday, August 12, 2006, 12 Noon
Brantford, Ontario
Lunch . Other plans for the reunion are undecided at this time.



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Journals of George Nellis

A number of years ago, Grace Luebke, a Librarian at the Elmore Library in Ottawa County, Ohio, transcribed the Journals of George Lafayette Nellis. George (#4169) was the son of David Nellis and Caroline Stedman. He was born in Harbor Creek, Erie County, PA on 1 Mar 1840. His obituary was published on 14 December 1920 in the Elmore *Tribune*. He never married.

The journals that Grace transcribed were originally written on the back of wall paper with an ink that George had made. All of the Journals describe life in Elmore, OH. Here is an entry from 1896.

Wednesday, January 1, 1896

It was a very cold morning and my leather shoes were frozen so hard that I put on my canvas and leather summer shoes and had them on all day. The family where I was boarding were absent from about 10 AM until after 7 PM, excepting one. I took dinner and supper alone and had buckwheat cakes with hog fat and butter and molasses for breakfast. It does not take much fuel to keep this room warm. A big armful of dry bark would keep fire all day. It thawed but little and I did not see many horses. The roads were horribly rough and snowy I did not have any visitors. Emma was asleep when I went to supper—she told me so. My cheviot suit is in use again. The hole in the coat sleeve was so big that I mended it last night. I also sewed 2 buttons on my pantaloons and attached a good pair of suspenders to them.

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The Palatine Camps of 1710 by Elaine B. Liepshutz is a tour guide of the location of the area where the early Palatine immigrants lived from 1710 to about 1723. The Spring 1980 issue of *The Palatine Immigrant* (Volume V, Number 4 - Spring 1980) is available either as a back-issue or a copy from an original. A printable order form can be found at <http://www.palam.org/immcont.htm>.

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Traveling through New York for the Reunion?

You might be interested in this website that outlines New York historical plaques;
<http://www.nysm.nysed.gov/services/srvmarker.html> .

To see markers by county, visit:
<http://www.nysm.nysed.gov/historicmarkers/>

Ontario plaques can be found from Wayne Cook's site at:
<http://www.waynecook.com/>

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Descendants of Walter Austin Nelles Reunion

This reunion will held on the weekend of Saturday, May 27 & Sunday, May 28, 2006 at the home of Evelyn & Charles Hyslop, east of Birch Tree, MO, approximately 1 mile off Hwy 60. Activities will include swimming, volleyball, horseshoes. Everyone is welcome.

2006 Nellis Family Association Reunion

The **2006 Nellis Reunion** will be held on **Sunday, July 23, 2006** at the **Nellis Tavern** on Route 5, St. Johnsville Montgomery Co., NY. Registration begins at 11:00 a. m. Lunch is at noon. You are asked to bring your table service and a dish to pass. You are also asked to bring an item from your home area for the auction table .The annual meeting of the Nellis Family Association will be held after lunch.

Contacts:

John and Christine Nellis – 518 993-2978
 Mary Nellis Davis – 315 866-2619

Motels and Beds and Breakfasts can be found at:
<http://www.roundthebend.com/central/>
 1-800-843-7337 or www.montgomerycountyny.com

GENEALOGY

Please continue to send your family announcements, additions, corrections, Christmas letters, news articles and new information to:

Kathleen McLaughlin, 877 Pearl St., Bowling Green, OH 43403-2611.

Although Nellis/Nelles Volume II has been published, life and death goes on. New information may be added to the database. You may want to use this format.

Name _____ was born on _____
 at _____ the child of _____
 and _____. He/she died on _____
 at _____ and was buried at _____
 Cemetery _____, _____,
 He/she married _____, the child of _____
 And _____ (maiden name), on _____
 At _____
 Spouse was born on _____ at _____
 the child of _____ and _____
 Spouse died on _____ at _____ and was
 buried at _____ Cemetery _____, _____,
 They had the following children:
 1. _____ born on _____ at _____
 2. _____ born on _____ at _____
 3. _____ born on _____ at _____

Notes:

Please include city/town/township county and state.
 Use day, month, year sequence for dates. DD/MM/YYYY

1747 Nellis Tavern/Homestead

Hours

The Nellis Tavern is open for tours every Sunday, June through September, from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. There is a suggested \$2.00 donation. All donations go toward the upkeep and restoration of the tavern.

Visit the Nellis Tavern at:
www.palatinesettlementsociety.org

2006 Events

Sunday April 30, 2006

A Tale of Two Taverns at Saltsman's in Ephratah. Cash bar, 4:00 pm, Dinner, 5:00 pm. \$30 per dinner. Tickets - Saltsman's or a board member.

Sunday May 14, 2006

Textile & Fiber Show 12:00 to 4:00. This is a part of the St. Johnsville Spring Festival. Admission \$3.00.

Sunday June 4, 2006

10th Annual Rhubarb Festival

11:00 am - 5:00 pm
Pie baking contest, Li'l Miss Rhubarb contest, rhubarb treats and lunch is available. Entertainment by Sun Mountain Fiddler and more.

Saturday July 15, 2006

Antique Show and Sale 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
Admission \$3.00

Sunday July 23, 2006

Nellis Family Association Reunion

11:00 am to 3:00 pm
Covered dish lunch at noon. Business meeting at 1:00 pm. Children's games and more.

Saturday August 26, 2006

Evening at the Tavern 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm.
Annual candlelight event with hors d'oeuvres, wine and period music by Ron Burch.
Admission \$15.00

Sunday September 17, 2006

Ghosts, Sectors and Spirits 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Mohawk Valley Paranormal Society and vendors.

Monday October 2, 2006

United Empire Loyalists of Canada 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm. Visit and tour.

Sunday October 22, 2006

Halloween Fun 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm
Children's costume contest

For more information on upcoming events, call Mary Nellis Davis at (315) 866-2619.

Palatine Settlement Society

2006 Membership Renewal Form

Each fall the Palatine Settlement Society asks for your support in the form of Membership for the coming year. There are several Membership categories, so check your choice. One is certain to fit your needs.

ACTIVE: For individuals who can offer their time and expertise in the activities of the organization. Receives Newsletter. Dues are \$10.00.

SUPPORTING: For individuals who cannot offer time or energy to the organization, but are willing to support the functions and progress of the organization. Receives Newsletter. Dues are \$20.00.

LIFE: For individuals who can offer a substantial amount of funds for supporting the restoration of the Nellis Tavern and the activities of the Society. Receives Newsletter. Dues are \$200.00.

YOUTH: For students between the ages of 8 years to 21 years old who are still in school. Dues are \$1.00.

ORGANIZATION: For any organized group wishing to support the restoration of the Nellis Tavern. Receives newsletter. Dues are \$25.00.

Please mail your dues with the following information to:

**Palatine Settlement Society
PO Box 183
St. Johnsville, NY 13452**

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Dues \$ _____

Donation \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

NELLIS ONLINE

A number of Nellis Family Members have websites about their branch of the family. Here are the addresses of the websites that I have found. Additional websites may be found using a search engine like Google.

Nellis Website

[Http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~nelliswebsite/](http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~nelliswebsite/)

Purchase Unsold Copies of Nellis-Nelles Vol, 1

<http://www.genealogybookstore.com/familybooks/N/nellis.htm>

Gone But Not Forgotten

<http://www.gbnf.com/genealog2/nellis/home.htm>

Woolever/Nellis

<http://www.kcnet.com/~sdjones/woolnel.html>

Genforum Inquiries Read or respond any of the messages.

<http://genforum.genealogy.com/nellis/>

Near/Neer Family by Bud Neer

<http://www.icdc.com/~bfnr/dat22.htm#19>

Palatine Settlement Society

<http://www.palatinesettlementsociety.org>

Klock Family & Nellis Family History

<http://www.threerivershms.com/third.htm>

Fort Klock

<http://www.fortklock.com/>

Ellis Island Arrivals

<http://www.ellisland.org/search/matchMore.asp?kind=exact&FNM=&LNM+NELLIS&x=53&y=3&dwpdone>

Darci's Place Use the Pico Search to find Nellises

<http://darcisplace.com/darci/related.htm#one>

Nellis/Nelles List

<http://lists.rootsweb.com/index/surname/n/nellis.html>

Snell, Zimmerman, Timmerman Families

<http://www.szt-genealogy.org/>

Nellis Air Force Base

<http://homest.net.au/~pdunn/28feb44.htm>

Getman Family

<http://hometown.aol.com/berne58/myhomepage/heritage.html>

Mistakes in Nellis-Nelles Book

When I realized that Volume I of Nellis Nelles was going to be 1000 pages long, the first thought that came to my mind was "Oh, no! 1000 errors!" I was some what relieved, and saddened, to see that Richard A. Pence agreed with me when he said "People make mistakes. In genealogy, they make lots of them." Mistakes happen, and I apologize for those for which I am responsible.

I have tried to analyze how and why mistakes have occurred while compiling Nellis Nelles. Keep in mind that this material was not researched by one, or even ten, individuals, but was the work of probably 500 individuals, often submitted by second or third cousins, three times removed, who had different views of the same family. Obviously, typing mistakes are going to occur, especially when typing from a variety of handwritten notes. Legibility, or rather, illegibility, leads to misinterpretation.

Typing mistakes are going to occur, when typing from a variety of handwritten notes. Legibility, or rather, illegibility, leads to misinterpretation. Sometimes source materials were not identified. Marriage dates may have been fudged to cover a premature birth of a first child. I made the decision to not report adoptions except in the case of mixed race adoptions where physical appearances alone would be an indicator of adoption. Perhaps the most common errors occur when handwritten materials are misinterpreted either because the material is difficult to read or because it is in a different font size than the rest of the text. Please accept my apology for any errors that were made. Kathleen McLaughlin.

Please Note:

In order to receive a copy of the *Nellis News* by regular mail, a paid membership in the **Nellis Family Association** is required. Please use the membership form in this newsletter and mail your payments to Jay Nellis. Purchasers of the **Nellis-Nelles Book** will receive complementary copies of *Nellis News* for 2006 and 2007.

The Nellis Family Association
Annual Dues Renewal Notice
Membership Year August 1 to July 31

Name: _____

Street _____

City/State _____ (zip +4) _____

Email Address: _____ Phone: _____

	One Year	Life	Services	Amount
Individual	\$5.00	\$100.00		\$ _____
Family	\$8.00	\$150.00		\$ _____
Nellis Family History, Two Volumes			\$75.00	\$ _____
Postage, within US			\$12.00	\$ _____
Postage, Canada			\$12.00	\$ _____
Donation to Printing Fund				\$ _____
Donations, Other, please specify _____				\$ _____
Total				\$ _____

Please make checks (equivalent to US Funds) payable to: Nellis Family Association
 Mail to Jay Nellis, Treasurer, 7434 Temple Ct, Rockford, IL 61108

Herkimer County Historical Society
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Herkimer, NY 13350

