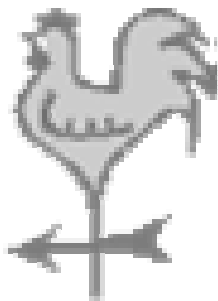


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Nellis/Nelles Volume II

Kathleen McLaughlin completed the revisions to Volume II of the Nellis/Nelles book in November, 2003. She returned all of her revisions to the printer at that time. She does not yet have a print date, but it is expected to be completed this spring. The mailing will be handled by the Herkimer County Historical Society and the **Nellis Family Association**. The book will be about 1150 pages. Kathleen has no idea how many people are in the book. Parents of spouses are not indexed. The first 200 pages are additions and corrections to the first 8 generations. The balance of the book will contain 5 generations of the family.

At one time both volumes were expected to contain 32,461 entries in the index. This consists of 15, 967 marriages, 14905 children and 7,425 parents

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2004 Nellis Reunions

NELLIS - United States

Nellis Family Association

Sunday, July 18, 2004, 12 Noon

Stone Arabia Lutheran Church Hall

State Hwy 10, Stone Arabia

Montgomery County, NY

Contact: John Nellis at 518 993-2978

Descendants of Vena & Walter Nelles

Saturday & Sunday July 3-4, 2004

Birch Tree, MO

**Contact Vena Lee Brondel at 281 265-5135 or
at venalee@houston.rr.com**

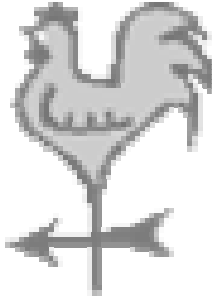
NELLES - Canada

Saturday, August 7, 2004 12 noon

**The location for the Reunion has
not been finalized. Please**

**Contact: Marion Nelles at
519-752-7406 for the location.**

The reunion will be in Ontario.



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Nellis News on the Internet

This issue of the **Nellis News** will be posted on the Nellis Website at <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~nelliswebsite/>

If you wish to send an email to persons interested in the genealogy of the **Nellis/Nelles** family, use the Nellis List at www.RootsWeb.com. Information about this list is at <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~nelliswebsite/nellis-list.htm> The other list is at <http://genforum.genealogy.com/nellis>

Both lists have archived all of the messages sent to the lists. You may search all of the archived messages.

There is also another list on <http://www.ancestry.com/share/> . It is a Bulletin Board where you may post questions about a person, obituary or a cemetery.

Another website to try is at <http://darcisplace.com/darci/> . There were at least 33 references to Nellises on the site. Some of the biographies contain quite a bit of information about various Nellis families.

Journals of George Nellis

A number of years ago, Grace Luebke, the 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 Dec 1920 in the Elmore *Tribune*. He was never married.

The journals that Grace transcribed were originally written on the back of wallpaper with an ink that George had made. All of these journals are in the Elmore Library. I will be including a day or 2 of these journals in future issues of the **Nellis News**.

Sunday, January 4, 1891

My fast was not broken until near noon, then I ate a hard fried cake and 2 apples, giving the cores and peelings to the horse. Took dinner at 2; Cora was with us. Worthy Rees came to see me but did not get in until night because others got in first. Will Whitmore begged like a good fellow to get in but was not admitted until late in the day. Wm. Sanders, Jr., Ed Avers and Fred Eddinger appeared to be happy, singing and even dancing a little.

The Chronology of 1890 was partly copied with this pen and a similar ink. Bridget Dooly died at Mineral Point, Wis., aged 120 yrs. She was born in Ireland and died Aug. 13, 1890.

Aug. 25, 1890: Rejoicing over the completion of the tunnel under the St. Clair River at Port Huron. Many more interesting items were noticed. Ed Avers was reading them for me to copy. At night he read in German and translated some. Rolla Freer sang about My Sweetheart.

Another Nellis Reunion

The **27th NELLES REUNION** of descendants of Vena and Walter Nelles will be held the weekend of July 3-4 in Birch Tree, MO. Walter Austin Nelles (#3694) was born in Scotland, Bon Homme County, SD on 2 Jun 1877. He died 3 May 1961 in Kansas City, MO. He married Vena Hooper in 1910. She died before 1926.

68 persons attended the 2003 reunion. The 3 living children of Walter and Vena were in attendance. They are Mrytle Thompson, 92; May Pulliam, age 91, and Fay Pulliam.

Contact Vena Lee Blondel, 4103 Stone Edge Ct., Sugarland, TX 77479 if you are interested in information about this reunion.

2004 Nellis Family Association Reunion

The 2004 Nellis Reunion will be held on Sunday, July 18, 2004 at the Trinity Lutheran Church Hall on Route 10 in Stone Arabia, Montgomery Co., NY. 2004 is the 275th anniversary of this church. !

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 -518993-2978

Mary Nellis Davis -315866-2619

Motels and Beds and Breakfasts can be found at :

[http://www .roundthebend. com/central/](http://www.roundthebend.com/central/)

1-800-743-7337 or www.montgomerycounty.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 gone to press, life and death goes on. New information can be added to the database. You may want to use this format.

_____ 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 _____ and was

the child of _____ and _____.

Spouse died on _____ at _____ and was

buried at _____ Cemetery _____, _____, _____.

They had the following children:

i _____ born on _____ at _____

ii _____ born on _____ at _____

iii _____ 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 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

2004 Events

March 21- Erie Canal Era theme Benefit Colonial Dinner at Union Hall Inn, Johnstown, NY.

April 19 -Member meeting and program onNellis Tavern Stencils at Reaney Memorial Library, St. Johnsville

May 16- Antiques of the Erie Canal Era – exhibit at the Tavern

June 6- Seventh Annual Rhubarb Festival at theTavern.

July 18- Antique Show and Sale at the Tavern; 10:00AM-4:00PM; tours available.

October 17- Harvest Festival at the Tavern.

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

News

Using funds from the James Nellis-Restoration Fund, the original front, or south entrance to the Tavern was reproduced in 2003. In addition, a roofed porch was constructed over the south entrance and part of the south facade utilizing an existing limestone foundation, which probably dates to the early nineteenth century. The entrance includes a paneled door and two sidelights.

Ann Eckert Brown, in her recent book "American Wall Stenciling 1790-1840", Lebanon, NH, University Press of New England, 2003, has devoted three pages to the Nellis Tavern history and stencils found there. "The stenciling, one applied (1815-1820) during the height of western turnpike travel, is a vital part of the visual history of this tavern, area, and country."

The New York State chapter of the **Palatines to America** will be holding their fall 2004 meeting in Little Falls, NY at theUniversalist Church on October 2. The Nellis Tavern will be the program subject.

Palatine Settlement Society

2004 Membership Renewal Form

Each fall the Palatine Settlement Society asks your support in the form of Membership for 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

SI Johnsville, NY 13452

Name _____

Address _____

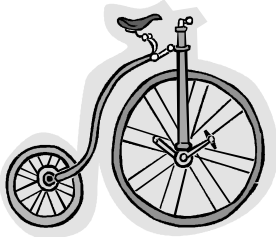
Phone _____

Email _____

Dues \$ _____

Donation \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____



***American Cycling Odyssey, 1887* by Kevin J. Hayes**

George Nellis Book in print, on the Internet, and at Wheelmen Convention

This article appeared in the December 25, 2003 issue of the Sacramento, CA Bee.

The news cycle: I spied a new book in the library: "An American Cycling Odyssey, 1887," by an Oklahoma English prof, Kevin J. Hayes. It's about one George W. Nellis, Jr. (6498) a New York newsman who rode one of those old bikes with the big front wheel cross-country to San Francisco. Which means he came through Placer. Loved it, of course. Hayes sent copies of Nellis' reports in his hometown papers, the Herkimer Democrat and Citizen. Nellis overnighted in Colfax, leaving on Aug. 1, 1887. (A week later, half of Colfax burned down.) "All the forenoon, I had waded in oceans of peaches and plums, while plums and grapes rained upon me by the peck," he wrote in one account of Placer. In another: "For the next three miles, to Penryn, we see nothing but fruit orchards: acres and acres of trees ... while acres and acres of melon patches greet the eye on every hand." (The eye on every hand?) Nellis reported being too full from fruit to eat much dinner when he got to Rocklin. He clearly preferred this area to the big town he visited next. "All Sacramento, as far as sights are concerned," he wrote, "can be placed in our saddlebag." ...

Other articles about the book appeared here:

<http://www.raintaxi.com/online/2002winter/hayes.shtml>

<http://unp.unl.edu/bookinfo/4253.html>

<http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/public/archives-ncb/summer03/SumNCB-4.html>

Wheelmen Convention

Kevin Hayes will be giving a talk about George Nellis' 1887 bike ride at the **2004 Wheelmen National Convention** at Baker University in Baldwin, KS in July. Pictures of old bicycles and information about the convention are at: <http://www.brekus.org/kansas/>

ONLY ONE NELLIS FAMILY

Sharon L. (Nellis) Anderson grew up in Colorado far away from the Mohawk Valley. At that time she thought that her Nellis family was the only family with the **Nellis** name. Little did she know that our research of this family would find about 45,000 persons who are Nellises or are related to the Nellis family.

Sharon's grandfather was Abraham Sylvester Nellis (#5942). Her father is Clyde W. Nellis. He is living in Goodyear, AZ.

PLEASE NOTE

This is the last issue of **Nellis News** that you will receive unless you have paid your membership dues to the **Nellis Family Association**. We have been mailing 850 copies in the U.S. and 150 in Canada. Use the form on the outside of this newsletter to make your payment. Dues payments may be made at the Nellis Reunion in July or by mail or sent directly to our Treasured, Jay Nellis.

The Nellis Association of the United States

Renewal Notice Annual Dues

Membership Year August 1 to July 31

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____ (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			\$ 6.00	\$ _____
Postage, Canada			\$14.00	\$ _____
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

Please include your **County and State**. Enter dates: **Month, Day, Year**

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