Tips for genealogists

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names. Pennsylvania, for example, in
the late 1700s was largely populated
by people of German ancestry. Yet
the 1790 Pennsylvania census shows
not one German sumame. The reasons censuslaters were mostly of English or Scottish origin and so turned
names like Schmidt into Smith.
As 18th-century immigrants were admitted in New York, still other names
were abbreviated and Americanized
by rushed or uneducated immigration
officials.

IF YOU BELIEVE you're descend-ed from some historically famous per-son and want to verify your-heritage. Powell advises against starting with George Washington, or Napoleon, or whoever's genes you claim.

Instead, start with yourself and trace backward. That's the most accu-rate method, says Powell, who's skep-tical about most stories of illustrious ancestors, anyway,

Once you've exhausted all verbal Once you've exhausted all verbat leads, search out written records—the family Bible, diaries, account books, even photographs and snapshots. If you know the town where a relative died, but little else' check his tombstone. From there, check the re-

cords in the cemetery office—they're often accurate.

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Film festival on tap at OCC

The Fourth Annual Orchard Ridge Film Festival, scheduled for June 17, is officially open for entries, accord-ing to Dr. Dan Greenberg of the Or-chard Ridge communications depart-

chard Ridge community.

The contest, with nine categories each carrying prizes worth \$150 is open to all filmmakers who do not make a major portion of their livelihood from cinematography.

Deadline for contest entires is May 20, and a \$5 fee must accompany entries Prizes will be awarded and winning films screened at the campus on June 17.

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Entrants may submit 8-milimeter or 16-milimeter film, and either 18-mich reek-to-reek videolage or 7-inch videot-age cassettes. In both film categories, silent or sound, films in color or black-and-white will be accepted. Super, standard, or regular 8-milimeter will be accepted and the submitted of the mile categories will receive a \$150 prize composed of cash books, and film equipment donated by festival \$50050rs.

sponsors.
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LADIES BONUS! the college's program whenever possible." Brown said. "Because of the nature of our business, this is a natural association."

Brown will donate a \$25 gift certificate in each of the nine prize categories. "

Categories include: best-film-of-show; color; black-and-white: Abel Luz Memorial Prize for best silent film; comedy; drama; documentary; videotape; and best junior filmmaker.

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