



## PLANS FOR TWO NEW GENEALOGICAL PROJECTS ANNOUNCED BY NHG BOARD

**North Hills, PA** - The North Hills Genealogists' board of directors announces plans for two new projects of interest to local genealogists. One long-term project is the fourth cemetery project for our organization. The second project is a first for the NHG, hosting a one-day genealogical workshop in the fall with programs for beginners as well as experienced genealogists.

All members of the NHG are encouraged to participate in these upcoming projects. The success of each project relies upon the help of volunteers from the NHG.

The cemetery project, proposed by Elissa Scalise Powell, CG, and Amy Prager, will preserve information in the cemeteries of Indiana Township and Fox Chapel, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. The scope of this project, including the number of graves and cemeteries to be read, is comparable to cemetery projects completed and published by NHG in the past. Powell and Prager will serve as Co-Chairs of the Cemetery Committee for this project. Look for more detailed information in future issues of the newsletter.

A genealogical workshop in the North Hills area is scheduled for Saturday October 25, 2008. Amy Arner is the conference chair for this first-time NHG event. The purpose of this workshop is to provide educational opportunities in the field of genealogy for interested individuals in our area.

The plans include a series of workshops on a variety of topics, and small-group breakout sessions. The location will be Christ Episcopal Church on Babcock Boulevard. Breakfast and lunch will be included in the registration fee for the NHG fall genealogical workshop.

This genealogical workshop will provide another local opportunity to further your interest in genealogical research in 2008. Save the date of Saturday, October 25, 2008, on your calendar and watch for updated and detailed information in future newsletters and on our website.

Consider getting involved in this NHG project by volunteering to organize and plan the fall workshop. Anyone interested in serving on the planning committee should contact Amy Arner by calling (724) 741 - 0034 or emailing her at [Amy@ArnerResearch.com](mailto:Amy@ArnerResearch.com).

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## WHO WE ARE NORTH HILLS GENEALOGISTS

*We are a group of genealogy enthusiasts who meet on a regular basis to assist one another in establishing our family histories. We meet on the third Tuesday of every month, except December, at the Northland Public Library, 300 Cumberland Road, McCandless Township in the North Hills of Pittsburgh, PA. Tip Time begins at 6:45 P.M., and our general meeting commences at 7:00 P.M. Our meetings are free and open to the public.*

*We publish a newsletter ten times a year for a nominal membership fee of \$15.00 annually. The subscription year runs from August to June, but anyone wishing to join the North Hills Genealogists mid-year will receive back issues of the newsletter for that membership year. Previous years' newsletters are also available for purchase, each containing helpful hints for beginners and for experienced genealogists.*

*The North Hills Genealogists Board meets at 7:00 P.M. on the first Tuesday of each month in the Conference Room of the Northland Public Library. The Board meeting is open to all members of the North Hills Genealogists organization. Consider joining us this year!*

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Happy Saint David's Day!

You may ask, "What? Surely, as the Celtic festive season is imminent, he must mean Happy St. Patrick's Day." After all, who doesn't know St. Patrick!

There is another Celtic national patron saint. His name is St. David, the patron of the country of Wales. He died on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 589, and his life is commemorated on that date each year. So who is St. David, and why is he so important to the Welsh?

St. David, or Dewi Sant as he is known in the Welsh language, was born in the late fifth century in western Britain in an area that is now called Pembrokeshire, Wales. He is said to be of royalty as the son of Sandde, prince of the region, and Non, the daughter of a local chieftain.

Dewi was a preacher, monk, abbot, and archbishop of Wales. He worked to spread the Christian faith among the pagan tribes of western Britain and started a Celtic monastic community at the present-day location of St. David's Cathedral. The Cathedral and St. David have both become symbols of the aspirations for Welsh independence.

On March 1st, Welshman worldwide will be celebrating St. David's Day, a tradition that began in the twelfth century when Dewi was canonized by Pope Callactus the Second. Join in and become a Welshman for the day!

So to you I say: Dydd Gwyl Dewi Hapus - Happy Saint David's Day!

On another subject, I am personally very excited about the one-day workshop that the North Hills Genealogists will be hosting this fall. It is being designed with sessions for both the beginner and the more advanced researcher. Volunteers are **(continued on page 53)**

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needed to help make the day a success. If you are interested, please contact Amy Arner at [Amy@ArnerResearch.com](mailto:Amy@ArnerResearch.com) or 724-741-0034, or myself – Dave Williams – at [peggie@nauticom.net](mailto:peggie@nauticom.net) or 724-449-3359. Thanks in advance!

~ Dave

## **WELSH NATIONALITY ROOM ADDED TO CATHEDRAL OF LEARNING OPENS JUNE 1st**

June 1, 2008 is the date for the Grand Opening and Dedication Program for the Welsh Nationality Room in Pitt's Cathedral of Learning in Oakland, PA. At 3:00 P.M., the program will begin in the Heinz Chapel, followed by a reception in the Commons Room of the Cathedral of Learning from 4:00 - 5:30 P.M. Tours of the new Welsh Nationality Room will be held during the reception.

The St. David's Society of Pittsburgh, a group which celebrates, preserves, and promotes the Welsh cultural heritage in the tri-state area, initiated the addition of the Welsh Nationality Room and provided funding. St. David's Day, March 1, 2008, is also the start of the membership year for the St. David's Society. Annual dues are \$15. To find out more about this organization, which is celebrating 70 years in Pittsburgh, browse their web site at: <http://www.stdavidssociety.org/>. From the home page, click on "Items of Interest" found along the left side of the web page and then click on "Genealogy."

Upcoming events of the local St. David's Society include the Daffodil Luncheon to celebrate St. David's Day on Saturday, March 1, at The Club at Nevillewood, a pub crawl on Friday, February 29th, and a Tour of Wales 2008 from September 3 through 12. Details about these events are found on their site.

## **QUERIES RECEIVED BY NHG**

**HERR/HARE**, information on descendents of **Benjamin Herr**, the owner of Herr's Island in the Allegheny River. Seeking the parents of both **Margaret "Fanny" Hare**, m. **David Brown**. Their two children: **John** (b. c. 1858) and **Robert Lincoln** (b. 1866). Also, contact information on a **Herr/Hare** organization? Contact: *Jim Leisure, 1339 6th Avenue, Ford City, PA 16226-1349.*

## **NORTHLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY CELEBRATES 40th ANNIVERSARY**

FYI: Northland Public Library is the second largest library in Allegheny County, directly serving Bradford Woods, Franklin Park, Marshall Township, the Town of McCandless, and Ross Township. Approximately 90 people work at Northland in a variety of areas, including circulation, reference, administration, and technical services.

Current holdings at Northland include over 170,000 items: books, audio books, videos, DVDs, and CDs. Also available are newspapers, databases, and magazines. In 2008 Northland Library is "Celebrating 40 Years of Knowledge, Quality, Customer Focus, Teamwork, and Integrity." Browse resources and special programs of Northland Library online at <http://www.northlandlibrary.org/>.

## **NHG EXTENDS CONDOLENCES**

NHG lost a member of its family with the recent passing of Frank M. Thomas on February 3, 2008. Mr. Thomas was known for telling vivid stories about trips to his parents' homeland of Croatia. An avid genealogist, he once smuggled damaged paper records out of the country in order to restore them, later returning the originals. NHG extends its sympathy to Frank's wife, Ann, and his family, including two sons, three daughters, six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

## **NHG UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

**Tuesday, March 18, 2008**

### **FAMILY RESEARCH USING ANCESTRY.COM, LIBRARY EDITION**

Amy Steele of Northland Public Library will present information about the library edition of Ancestry.com. Amy is well-versed in the effective use of the research tools and databases within the Ancestry product, and her presentation will be beneficial to researchers at all levels. For anyone who is not an Ancestry customer, this will assist you in the proficient use of the free version of Ancestry.com, available at Northland and other local libraries. Amy is a favorite presenter at NHG meetings, so be sure to attend this presentation in March.

**Tuesday, April 15, 2008**

### **MILITARY PENSION RECORDS: YOU STOPPED TOO SOON**

Craig R. Scott, CG, has been lecturing at local, state, and national levels since 1990. A specialist in military records research, Craig will demonstrate how to glean information about your ancestor from military pension records and explain what other resources are available for this type of research.

**Tuesday, May 20, 2008**

### **DATING OLD PHOTOGRAPHS**

A staff member of Photo Antiquities in Pittsburgh will discuss the fun and fascinating history of photography. Learn about the beginning of photography in 1839 through the development of color photography at the turn of the twentieth century. Hints for dating old photographs from your family will also be presented during this program.

**Tuesday, June 17, 2008**

### **WHERE DID GRANDPA WORK? WHAT DID HE DO?**

Brent Morgan's presentation takes a look at industries that might have employed our ancestors. We may not find Grandpa's employment record, but we may find information regarding where he worked and

what he did to garner a better understanding of his work life, skills, and income level.

## **WHERE GENEALOGISTS MEET**

**Wednesday, February 20 6:00 P.M.**

The Beaver County Genealogical Society is offering a free class, "Show and Tell," at the Mormon Family History Center, 114 Church Drive, Monaca, PA, for their monthly meeting. Members will present a variety of resources for genealogists that are available at the Family History Center. In case of inclement weather, call (724) 847-9253 to check if the program is being held.

**Saturday, February 23 11:00 A.M.**

The Historical and Genealogical Society of Indiana County will present a Family and Genealogy Workshop in honor of Black History Month called "Passport to Freedom: Blairsville's Underground Railroad." The workshop will be presented by Ms. Sonya Stewart at the Museum at 621 Wayne Avenue, Indiana, PA for two hours.

Topics to be discussed include: Researching your Civil War Ancestor, Documenting Indiana County's Civil War and Underground Railroad History, Indiana County African-American and Church History, Genealogy Tolls and Techniques on and off line, and local resources for family history. Light refreshments will be provided. Call to register for this free workshop by contacting Denise Jennings-Doyle at (724) 459-0861.

**Saturday, February 23 8:00 A.M.**

The DuPage County, Illinois, Genealogical Society is hosting an all-day seminar in St. Charles, IL, for their 33rd Annual Conference. Featured speakers include Jana Sloan Broglin, CG, Elissa Scalise Powell, CG, and Michael John Neill. For more information, see <http://www.dcgsg.org/> under Conferences.

## **WHERE GENEALOGISTS MEET**

### **Wednesday, February 27 7:00 P.M.**

The Cranberry Genealogy Club will feature Elissa Scalise Powell, CG, for their February meeting, held at the Cranberry Twp. Municipal Building Library, 2525 Rochester Road. Elissa will speak on "20 Years of Stuff - Now What?" about what to do if you have been researching for a long time. If you have files or piles of your family history, what can you do with the information you have collected? She will discuss some ideas for creating a family history that you will be proud of as well as what to do about making sure that your descendants treat your files according to your wishes. This meeting is free and open to the public. For more details, see <http://www.cranberrygenealogy.org/>

### **Saturday, March 8 10:00 A.M.**

At the next meeting of the Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society, Craig R. Scott, CG, will speak about "Researching Your War of 1812 Ancestor" in the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh's Lecture Hall, 4400 Forbes Avenue, Oakland. This program is free and open to the public. Parking is available at the Carnegie Library Lot for \$5.00. Mr. Scott will discuss the War of 1812 and the records which it produced for genealogical researchers. A professional genealogical and historical researcher for more than 20 years, Craig specializes in the records of the National Archives, especially those that relate to the military. For more information, go to the WPGS site at <http://www.wpgs.org/>.

### **Wednesday, March 26 7:00 P.M.**

The Cranberry Genealogy Club will meet in the Cranberry Public Library Conference Room, Cranberry Twp. Municipal Building on Rochester Road in Cranberry Township, PA. The guest speaker will be Rhonda Maloney presenting a program about how to "Archive Your Family History Quickly with StoryBooks." For more information, go to their site at <http://www.cranberrygenealogy.org/>

### **Saturday, April 5 8:00 A.M.**

The Butler County Genealogical Society Expo will feature four sessions with four workshop offerings in each time slot. There is a dynamic line-up of national and local genealogical speakers including John Philip Colletta, Lisa Alzo, Sheila Brown and others. The sessions cover a variety of topics for all levels of genealogists, including naturalization records, tips for beginners, publishing ideas, citing sources, European research, ideas for organizing your family history, Butler County topics, military records, the Civil War, courthouse records, DNA testing and genealogy, and photo preservation. Registration until March 31, 2008 is \$45.00 for members of BCGS and \$55.00 for non-members. The registration fee includes breakfast, lunch, four workshops, and materials. For more information, refer to the BCGS website at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~pabuttle2>.

### **Saturday, April 12 8:30 A.M.**

Don't miss the WPGS Spring Seminar at the Holiday Inn, Greentree! This one-day event features speaker Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak (her real name!) discussing four topics: "Trace Your Roots with DNA," "Find That Obituary! Online Newspaper Research," "Building a Village-Based Community," and "Cases That Make My Brain Hurt." Megan is an avid genealogist who is skilled in many aspects of family history research. She is the author of *Honoring Our Ancestors: Inspiring Stories of the Quest for Our Roots*, *In Search of Ancestors: 101 Inspiring Stories of Serendipity and Connection in Rediscovering Our Family History*, and *They Came to America: Finding Your Immigrant Ancestors*. Her credentials include serving as Chief Family Historian and North American spokesperson for Ancestry.com and she is the co-founder of "Roots Television." A registration form for the WPGS Spring Seminar is available on the web site at <http://www.wpgs.org/events.htm>. The fee is \$40 for WPGS and WQED members or \$45 for non-members and includes a hot buffet lunch at the Holiday Inn. Mail your completed registration to WPGS no later than April 7th.

## NATIONAL ARCHIVES ANNOUNCES EXTENDED RESEARCH ROOM HOURS

From: "Public Affairs" [Public.Affairs@nara.gov](mailto:Public.Affairs@nara.gov)

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
February 1, 2008

Washington, DC.- Archivist of the United States Allen Weinstein announced today that the National Archives will restore its evening and weekend hours in its Washington, DC and College Park, MD, research rooms. Effective the week of April 14, 2008, the extended hours will be 9 A.M. to 9 P.M. Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday and 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. Saturday. Hours on Monday and Tuesday will continue to be 9 A.M. to 5 P.M.

Congress and the President provided a one-time appropriation of \$1.3 million in the National Archives Fiscal Year 2008 budget to restore these hours. The funds will be used to hire new archival research room staff and to cover the costs of utilities, maintenance, and security during the extended hours.

"I am very grateful to the Congress and the President for their recognition of the importance of making our documentary heritage as widely available as possible. Extending the research room hours goes a long way in helping us attain this goal.

This increase in hours underlines our commitment to open government," the Archivist said in making the announcement. "I would also like to acknowledge the enthusiastic support of our user communities," he added.

Research room hours at the National Archives Building in Washington, DC and at the College Park facility were reduced in October 2006 as a cost-savings measure. Since then, the National Archives has had extended hours only once a month on Thursday and Friday evenings and on Saturdays. Prior to October 2006, the National

Archives extended hours were Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. The change from Tuesday to Wednesday evening late hours was implemented to make it more convenient and cost-effective for out-of-town researchers who travel to the National Archives for research.

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For more information, contact the National Archives Public Affairs staff at 202-357-5300.

## GENEALOGICAL BLOGS OFFER ADVICE AND RESOURCES

*Written by Sue Ennis*

Blogs are becoming the newest avenue for communicating about genealogical research. What's a BLOG? The word blog is a blend of "web log." In the past four years, blogs have become a popular method for individuals or groups of people to provide news, ideas, commentary, and journal entries to others through the worldwide web. In fact, you can access and read blogs on your computer with a web browser and internet connection.

Blogs showcase topical discussions that have been self-published by people with an interest in a specific subject or field. A unique aspect of blogging is that others can respond to a blog posting or entry and engage in a discussion with the writer, all from the comfort of home.

If you plan to start your own blog, you must first create your blog web page through a blog service. Most are free to host your blog. Through any web browser, you can explore various blog sites. One that I recommend for its ease of use, its concise explanations, and its free services is <https://www.blogger.com/start>. If you decide to begin your own blog, be sure that you carefully read the Terms of Service and the Content Policy links. Once you begin to write posts or updates, other people can respond to you and your ideas. You can add text, images, and keep a list of favorite links to other sites. There is no limit to what can be changed.

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## **GENEALOGICAL BLOGS OFFER ADVICE AND RESOURCES (continued from page 56)**

Blogging is the fastest growing means of sharing ideas on the internet. Genealogists have successfully entered the realm of blogging. Listed here are some of my favorite genealogical blogs with a brief comment about the content of the blog. You can also type the phrase "Genealogy Blogs" into Google to find sites about specific topics related to your own family history research. Discovering blogs is a great way to stay up to date about the newest genealogical research techniques, methods, and databases.

Some suggested genealogical blogs are listed here in alphabetical order:

### **24/7 Family History Circle**

<http://blogs.ancestry.com/circle/>

Variety of genealogy experts provide advice and share own experiences.

### **The Accidental Genealogist**

<http://theaccidentalgenealogist.blogspot.com/>

Recent NHG speaker Lisa Alzo's blog with a taste of Pittsburgh.

### **The Ancestry Insider**

<http://ancestryinsider.blogspot.com/>

Provides viewpoints about how to best utilize larger genealogy web sites and databases.

### **Creative Genealogy**

<http://creativegenealogy.blogspot.com/>

Ideas for preserving your family heirlooms and photos with a focus on scrapbooking ideas.

### **Dear Myrtle - Your Friend in Genealogy**

<http://blog.dearmyrtle.com/>

Advice about all things related to genealogy!

### **Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter**

<http://blog.eogn.com/>

Dick Eastman's daily newsletter covers all aspects of genealogical research.

### **Everton Publishers Genealogy Blog**

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

Daily updates containing extensive variety of genealogical topics and techniques.

### **Genea-Musings**

<http://randysmusings.blogspot.com/>

Tips and news from the world of genealogical research provided by Randy Seaver.

### **The Genetic Genealogist**

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

Information about the connections between DNA genetic studies and genealogical research.

### **The Practical Archivist**

<http://practicalarchivist.blogspot.com/>

Avid archivist Sally Jacobs reviews expert tips for preserving your family's past.

## **SUGGESTED WEB SITES FOR GENEALOGISTS**

1. If you are in need of genealogical forms when you are in the middle of working on your family history at home, there is a great site where you can download FREE forms. You can print the forms by referring to the following website at: <http://www.familytreemagazine.com/>

2. For detailed instructional materials for beginning genealogists, there is a wonderful series of how-to articles that can be found at: <http://www.genealogyforum.com/gfaol/beginners/>.

3. Along the same theme, some beginners need advice about how to prepare a family tree suitable for color printing or publishing. You can learn how to create a family tree and use free family tree templates at the following website: <http://www.genealogybeginner.com/>.

4. A Pittsburgh based web site with digitized records of patriots of war as far back as the American Revolution can be found at this site: <http://www.homewoodcemetery.org/> and is maintained by The Homewood Cemetery Historical Fund.

## **FOCUSING ON PASSENGER LISTS AND IMMIGRANT ANCESTORS**

This month's presentation is by an active genealogist and NHG member, Elissa Scalise Powell, CG. Her presentation is titled, "Sailing into the Sunset: Tips for Finding Your Ancestors on Passenger Lists." During Elissa's program, she will review the history of why passenger lists were recorded in order to understand the types of records that exist. In addition, she will discuss various indexes, research aids, internet sources, and examples of records and where to find these records.

As Elissa explains in her program synopsis, "Most people have at least one immigrant ancestor who arrived by ship, but the records that have been kept over the years are mostly chronological. Passenger lists are a wonderful resource for finding out more about the origins of immigrant ancestors." To find out more about this month's speaker, Elissa Scalise Powell, CG, take a look at her web site at: <http://www.powellgenealogy.com/>.

The following information is offered in addition to Elissa's presentation. Included here are general suggestions for genealogists of all levels, who are researching the arrival of their immigrant ancestors, the naturalization of those ancestors, and/or passenger lists.

A popular starting point is to explore the Ellis Island web site: <http://www.ellisland.org/>. On the left side is a link for "Genealogy" and under that link are three helpful sub-topics: "Getting Started," "Free Charts and Forms," and "Helpful Sites." Keep in mind that you will only find images or information if your ancestor arrived through this port. The site is very useful for its free forms and the list of related links, even if you do not find your relative.

Some immigrants arrived through Canadian ports in the 19th century. Canada's Immigration Museum maintains a timeline of Canadian immigration at its web site found at:

<http://www.pier21.ca/>. The database on this site is not as simple to use, but the historical information about ships, arrivals, and passenger lists is detailed and simple to browse.

Another resource for finding passenger lists, ship manifests, and general immigration information is available through the web site of the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana at <http://www.acpl.lib.in.us/>. Once you access this site, click first on "Genealogy" found on the left menu, and then scroll down to "Passenger Lists" which cites all holdings related to this topic.

Beginners and experienced genealogists alike can benefit from the data about immigrants and passenger lists outlined and linked by the USGenWeb Project on their web site, found at: <http://www.usgenweb.org/research/immigration.shtml/>. The main article, "Immigration and Passenger Arrival Records," explains where genealogists can find the answers to their questions about their immigrant ancestors and provides a bulleted list of links regarding this topic.

These suggestions are just a few tidbits listed in one place for genealogists who are focusing their family research on immigrant ancestors.

## **NHG WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS**

After the January meeting of the North Hills Genealogists, the following individuals joined our organization. We welcome these new members of NHG: Beverly Niceswanger, Theresa Kolarik, William Spaley, Amy Panebianco, and Kathy and Dennis White.

## **NHG APPOINTS CEMETERY CO-CHAIRS FOR NEW PROJECT**

NHG members Amy Prager and Elissa Scalise Powell, CG, were appointed as the Co-Chairs for the Cemetery Committee by the NHG Board of Directors at the February Board Meeting. Thanks for the cemetery project proposal, and congratulations on your appointment.

## CALL FOR OFFICERS

The Nominating Committee of the North Hills Genealogists is seeking members interested in serving as officers of NHG. This committee consists of Mary Dzurichko as chair, Elissa Powell, and Sue Ennis. The officer positions include president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer. The committee also needs to find an individual to be appointed as the new Membership Chair, starting in August, 2008. If you are interested in any of these positions or would like to nominate a member, contact Mary Dzurichko by calling (412) 341-3556 or email her at [mdzurichko385@dollarbank.com](mailto:mdzurichko385@dollarbank.com). The deadline for nominations is April 1, 2008, and elections will occur in May/June.

## 2008 NATIONAL CONFERENCES

**APRIL 17 - 19, 2008**

### **OHIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY'S ANNUAL CONFERENCE, CINCINNATI, OH - *NAVIGATING THE PAST***

The Ohio Genealogical Society invites researchers to the Sheraton Cincinnati North from April 17 - 19. The 47th Annual Conference is "Navigating the Past: Charting a Course for Your Family Tree." The registration deadline is April 1, 2008. For more detailed information go to <http://www.ogs.org> and click on the conference link.

**May 14-17, 2008**

### **2008 NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY'S CONFERENCE IN THE STATES, KANSAS CITY, MO**

The 2008 NGS Conference's topic is "Show Me the Nation's Records," and will include workshops covering topics and record types from across the country as genealogists travel to the "Show Me" State. Registration details are on the National Genealogical Society's website: <http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/>. Click on the link for conferences, and download a registration booklet or register online. The early bird deadline for the NGS Conference in the States at a reduced fees is March 31.

**June 21, 2008**

### **FAYETTE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY SEMINAR, UNIONTOWN, PA**

"Come and Dig Your Fayette Roots!" is the theme of this year's one-day seminar at the Uniontown Library, 24 Jefferson Street, Uniontown, PA, from 10A.M. to 4 P.M. The cost for this event is \$25 which includes lunch and two well-known guest lecturers, Lisa Alzo and Elissa Scalise Powell, CG. Lisa will present "365 Ways to Discover Your Family History" and "Silent Voices: Telling the Stories of Your Female Ancestors." Elissa will present "What's a Prothonotary? Your Guide to Pennsylvania Court House Records" and "Thinking Outside the Index -Advanced Search Techniques." The seminar is offered for all genealogists no matter what your level: beginner, intermediate, or advanced. For information and a registration form, go to: <http://fcgspa.org/Seminar.html>.

**August 1-3, 2008**

### **THE FEDERATION OF EAST EUROPEAN FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETIES ANNUAL CONFERENCE, PITTSBURGH, PA**

"Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania: The East European Magnet" is the theme of the 2008 FEEFHS Conference. This conference will be held at the Pittsburgh Airport Marriott August 1-3. For more information and registration materials, go to <http://www.feefhs.org/> and click on the conference link. The deadline for early bird registration is June 1, 2008.

**September 3-6, 2008**

### **THE FEDERATION OF GENEALOGICAL SOCIETIES' 2008 CONFERENCE, PHILADELPHIA, PA**

After just a few hours drive on the PA Turnpike, you can attend the FGS Annual Conference, "Footprints of Family History" in Philadelphia at the Pennsylvania Convention Center September 3-6. The early bird registration deadline is May 31, 2008 for the Philadelphia FGS Conference. For more information and registration details, go to the web site at: <http://www.fgs.org/> or call for a conference brochure toll-free at (888) FGS-1500.

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**UPCOMING PROGRAMS FROM NHG**

**Mark Your Calendars!**

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**FAMILY RESEARCH USING**  
**ANCESTRY.COM LIBRARY EDITION**

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**MILITARY PENSION RESEARCH: YOU**  
**STOPPED TOO SOON**

*Speaker: Craig R. Scott, CG*

Craig R. Scott, a certified genealogist who specializes in military records, publishing, and problem solving, will present information about military pension research. He will outline how to use pension records and will take a look at the details often overlooked in these records.

**THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM - TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2008**

***SAILING INTO THE SUNSET: TIPS FOR***  
***FINDING YOUR ANCESTORS ON PASSENGER LISTS***

*Speaker: Elissa Scalise Powell, CG*

Understanding passenger lists and what indexes exist are key to your success in finding your ancestor's records. Resources and aids in both printed and electronic versions will be discussed.

