



# 2008 MARKS 40th YEAR OF SERVICE FOR NORTHLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

*Press Release with submitted additional notes*

**North Hills, PA** - Northland Public Library has announced a year-long celebration in 2008 to mark 40 years of service to the North Hills Communities. During the 40th Anniversary Celebration, library staff will highlight the services that are currently offered at Northland. In addition, Northland will recap their history online and produce special displays and programs which chart the growth and development of the North Hills since 1968.

The theme of Northland Library's celebration is "1968-2008: 40 Years of Learning and Discovery." When Northland first opened in October, 1968, on Three Degree Road in Ross Township, there were 16,000 items in the collection, and a lot of doubts about how many people would even come to the library. Today there are nearly 200,000 items in their collection, including books, CDs, DVDs, magazines and other items - plus there is access to more than 40 online databases. More than three dozen computers are available for public use with high-speed Internet access.

Throughout 2008, Northland Library will be celebrating their 40th Anniversary with profiles of important library events and people, plus special displays and programs to highlight the development of Northland Public Library. Northland hopes its patrons will enjoy this look

at their past as they prepare to serve the North Hills Region of Allegheny County for the next 40 years and beyond.

The North Hills Genealogists have collaborated since 1990 with Northland Public Library. One of the annual projects of the NHG is the donation of books and other resources of genealogical interest to Northland. Each month this year we will highlight historic moments of Northland as they celebrate 40 years of service. This will include our March 18th program featuring Northland librarian Amy Steele, who will showcase the library edition of Ancestry.com for use by all library patrons. For more information, profiles, a timeline and images relating to the 40 years of service from Northland Public Library, go to their web site at <http://www.einetwork.net/ein/northland/>, and click on the *NPL@40* link.

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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!*

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Here we are into the winter months of the New Year. I sincerely hope that you enjoyed last year's programs and newsletters, finding them both informative and helpful. We are fortunate to have two high-energy persons involved with these, with Mary Dzurichko as Program Chair and Sue Ennis as Newsletter Editor. I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of them for the work involved in providing these two resources.

NHG's plans for 2008 include building on the previous success of both the programs and the newsletter. Programs will be aimed at providing tools and methodology for the beginning genealogist, but will also have the content to answer questions from more experienced researchers. The program in February will offer insight into finding your ancestor's names on passenger lists. March will review the Ancestry.com collection that is available at the Northland Library. Later programs will include researching military records, among other subjects. We will continue to present Tip Time—the fifteen minutes of discussion before the start of the monthly general meeting – and develop it into an increasingly valuable tool to assist in your research.

There are also plans to offer an educational seminar later in the year. Stay tuned as details unfold about this exciting event!

Our newsletter will continue to offer instructive materials on methods, tools and resources that can be of assistance. An effort to provide a consistent format and to coordinate its theme with the offering of NHG programs is underway. As always, any input as we move forward will be greatly appreciated.

I am also going to include a short blurb about my personal plans for 2008, with the hope that disclosure will keep my nose to the genealogical grindstone for the year. My first priority is finding the home village of my Williams' **(continued on page 43)**

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ancestors in Wales. Listening to input from fellow NHG members and programs made me realize that I was trying to “jump the pond” too quickly and that much more research needed to be done locally. Locally for me means Erie County, Pennsylvania, and my focus will be shifted accordingly.

My second priority is finding the grave of my great-great-grandfather. I can walk in a small circle in the Wales Cemetery in Erie County and discover all of my ancestors except for him. He was killed in a boating accident on Lake Erie in 1849. After many years of research, I was becoming convinced that he was buried at sea. But in 2007, my brother stumbled across documentation that his body was, in fact, brought ashore at Conneaut, Ohio, and buried somewhere in that locality.

I will keep you posted on my progress on these two priorities with the hope that reading about some of my trials, missteps and successes will be of assistance to you during your own genealogical journey.

Wishing you all the very best for a healthy and prosperous New Year!

~ Dave

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

The North Hills Genealogists are planning an all-day workshop for Fall 2008. We are looking for volunteers to help with the planning of this event. Anyone interested in serving on the planning committee should please contact Amy Arner at [Amy@ArnerResearch.com](mailto:Amy@ArnerResearch.com) or by calling (724) 741 - 0034.

## NHG UPCOMING PROGRAMS

**Tuesday, February 19, 2008**

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

Elissa Scalise Powell, CG, will present an informative program in February. Passenger lists are a wonderful resource for finding out more about the origins of immigrant ancestors. 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. This lecture reviews the history of why passenger lists were recorded in an attempt to understand what types of records exist. Various indices, research aids, examples of records and where to find them are all discussed. Internet sources will also be presented.

February's speaker, Elissa Scalise Powell, CG, is the past president and past newsletter editor of both the North Hills Genealogists and the Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society. Elissa has been doing genealogical research since 1985, and has been helping others find their ancestral roots since 1990. She has been a Certified Genealogist since 1995, who is active in local and national genealogical societies. For more detailed information, take a look at her site at: <http://www.powellgenealogy.com/>.

**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.

## WHERE GENEALOGISTS MEET

### **Wednesday, January 16 7:00 P.M.**

The third Wednesday of each month is when the Beaver County Genealogy Society holds meetings, which are free and open to the public. The meetings are held at the Family History Center in Monaca, PA. For more information, go to <http://www.rootsweb.com/~pabecgs/>.

### **Wednesday, January 23 7:00 P.M.**

The Cranberry Genealogy Club's next meeting is Wednesday, January 23 at 7:00 P.M. at the Cranberry Twp. Municipal Building 2525 Rochester Road in the library. Elissa Scalise Powell, CG, will speak at this meeting about "Published *Pennsylvania Archives*." The published *Pennsylvania Archives* set, containing 138 volumes, is the most valuable research tool for Colonial (1681-1774) and Revolutionary (1775-1783) records, including baptisms, marriages, militia, land warrantees, tax lists, and immigration records. Understanding how to access these volumes is a key to success in finding your early Pennsylvania ancestor. The wide variety of records found include militia rolls, tax records for the late 1700s, early marriage records in a place where civil registration began in 1885, oaths of allegiance from new foreign immigrants in a time before passenger lists, original land warrantees, election results, and baptismal records, among other things. This lecture will give an understanding of the value of the records, the limitations, research strategies, and keys to access in book, Internet, and CD-ROM form. Go to <http://www.cranberrygenealogy.org/> for more details.

### **Saturday, February 9 10:00 A.M.**

The Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society (WPGS) has announced its next meeting for Saturday, February 9, at the Carnegie Library Lecture Hall at 4400 Forbes Avenue in Oakland. Gary Kersey, a genealogical researcher, will present a unique story about an unusual chain of events that led to the pardon of Private Peter Gilner of Pittsburgh by President Lincoln. During his program, "A Pittsburgh Connection:

President Lincoln's Pardon of Peter Gilner of the 62nd PA, Arranged by Congressman James Kennedy Moorhead," Kersey will reveal details of the general court martial of Gilner and the eventual Presidential pardon. For more information about WPGS, go to their web site at <http://www.wpgs.org/>.

### **Sunday, February 10 2:00 P.M.**

The Genealogical Society of Southwest Pennsylvania will have their next meeting on Sunday, February 10th at 2:00 P.M. at the Citizen's Library, Washington, PA. This month's speaker is Elissa Scalise Powell, Certified Genealogist, presenting "Get Paid for Your Passion: Becoming a Professional Genealogist." Researchers of all levels are invited to come and hear what it takes to become a professional or to work with one. This meeting is free and open to the public.

### **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. If you send the registration postmarked by February 9, then the fees are discounted. For more information, see <http://www.dcgsg.org/> under Conferences.

### **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/>.

## CCAC Class Begins in February

The Community College of Allegheny County (CCAC) is offering the basic genealogy course *Genealogy from A to Z* at the North Campus, beginning on February 23, 2008. Four sessions from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. are offered for \$59. Go to <http://www.ccac.edu/> for more information or to register.

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## NATIONAL ARCHIVES BUDGET INCREASED FOR FY08

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

December 28, 2007

Washington, DC - The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) will receive \$411.1 million in funding for the current fiscal year under the omnibus appropriations bill signed by President George W. Bush on December 26. The funding level represents an increase of 20.5 percent over the Fiscal Year 2007 level of \$341.1 million, which was a continuation of the FY 2006 funding because of the absence of a regular appropriation for NARA. The FY 2007 funding level also did not include any monies for the larger construction projects for the Presidential libraries.

NARA's funding is part of the \$555 billion Consolidation Appropriations Act of 2007, which funds the parts of the U.S. government that have not received regular appropriations. The legislation provides \$2.1 million to restore important customer services: \$1.3 million to return to the public research hours that were reduced in October 2006, and \$800,000 to hire more staff archivists to replace those who have left the agency in the past few years. The agency has 30 days to report to Congress on its progress in these two areas.

"I am very pleased that the Congress and the President have recognized the importance of the work of the National Archives and the urgency of our needs for increased staffing and greater public access," said Allen Weinstein, Archivist

of the United States. "We will restore our regular research hours and bring on more trained archivists as soon as possible."

Professor Weinstein added, "The resources being provided to us reflect a recognition of the dedicated and professional work of Archives' staff during this period of fiscal austerity. They not only have worked to maintain access to records of our democracy, but they also have expanded that access."

The new budget provides \$315 million in operating expenses for the National Archives, up from last year's operating expense level of \$279.3 million. Operating expenses include energy, security, and staff costs for operating Archives' facilities around the country.

For continued work on the Electronic Records Archives (ERA), the legislation also provides full funding of \$58 million, compared to last year's funding level of \$45.2 million. However, the spending measure requires the agency to submit to Congress a spending plan before any multi-year funds are obligated.

The ERA is being built by the Archives to preserve and make accessible all the electronic records being produced by the federal government now and in the future. It is to allow access to these records to anyone, anywhere at any time.

The legislation also provides \$28.6 million for repairs and restorations at NARA facilities, including \$8.6 million for general repairs at NARA facilities. This also includes \$7.4 million for construction of an archival addition to the Richard M. Nixon Presidential Library in Yorba Linda, CA. The Nixon facility was turned over to the National Archives in July by the private foundation that had operated it since 1990.

Also included is \$3.7 million to complete the repairs and restoration of the plaza at the Lyndon B. Johnson Presidential Library in (continued, page 46)

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Austin, TX; \$8 million for the first steps of acquiring land for and building a new addition to the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library in Boston; and \$750,000 for design work on renovations at the Franklin D. Roosevelt Library at Hyde Park, NY.

The National Historical Publications and Records Commission, which makes grants to non-federal entities to preserve and provide access to important and significant non-federal historical records, will receive \$7.5 million for grants under the spending bill.

Also, the Lyndon B. Johnson Foundation will receive, in the Department of Education budget, a \$718,000 grant for the Presidential Timeline, an interactive Internet feature that allows visitors to explore each of the modern Presidents' lives and administrations. This foundation provides support for the Johnson Library.

The National Archives and Records Administration is the record keeper for the federal government and operates not only major facilities in downtown Washington, DC, and College Park, MD, but also at locations in 17 states and an additional facility in the District of Columbia. It also publishes the Federal Register and other official government publications and has on permanent display the nation's founding documents and many other records of importance to the history of the nation.

### **NHG MEMBERSHIP IN FGS BENEFITS YOU!**

Did you know? The North Hills Genealogists is an annual member of the Federation of Genealogical Societies. One benefit of this allows you to subscribe to the FGS Forum at a discounted rate. For information on this member benefit as well as other discounts, please see <http://www.fgs.org/forum/index.php>.

## DISCOVERING FOOTNOTE.COM

*Written by Sue Ennis*

*Idea Submitted by Amy Arner*

A versatile web site containing a searchable database for genealogists to explore is found at <http://www.footnote.com/>. Footnote.com offers a free one week trial, including a chance to browse databases, images and tools. Footnote, Incorporated, in partnership with the National Archives and Family Search, is one of the five fastest growing web sites on the Internet.

Footnote.com currently contains over ten million images of original documents, including Spotlights, a link which highlights interesting images and their stories. Another feature of Footnote.com is the Story Page link, which is an effective way to save a genealogical story from your family and make it an instant resource for others. The original documents on Footnote.com are searchable by topic, title, or year. The philosophy of Footnote is "to provide users with an unaltered view of the events, places, and people that shaped the American nation and the world."

There is free access to Footnote.com through local Family History Centers. However, if you would rather stay at home, there are three options. One is a free Basic membership with limited access. The free Basic Membership offers five opportunities for genealogists:

1. Add annotations and comments to items that you find on Footnote.com
2. Create your own Story Page and Spotlights
3. Maintain a gallery of your favorite Footnote images
4. Upload your own images to your gallery
5. Annotate and print any Free Titles or Document.

The other two choices are to subscribe to an All-Access Membership of either \$7.95 per month or \$59.95 per year.

Take a closer look at <http://www.footnote.com/>! With their ongoing commitment to preserve images and documents, there will always be something new to explore on Footnote.com.

## **NEW RESEARCH FACILITY OPENS FOR MID-CONTINENT**

### ***FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE***

Independence, MO - The Genealogy Branch of Mid-Continent Public Library, named one of the top ten public libraries for genealogists by Family Tree Magazine, is pleased to announce the building of a new research facility to be opened in May 2008. The genealogy collection had its beginning with a donation of some genealogy books by the Independence Pioneers Chapter of the DAR to the Independence Public Library in 1928.

Over the years the collection and research space has continued to grow. The current facility at 317 West US Highway 24 in Independence has outgrown its 12,000-square-foot building. The new building will be less than one mile north of I-70, at the intersection of Lee's Summit and Kiger Roads, and will be 52,000 square feet with room to expand. The new library will serve the current and future needs of genealogists and will house the collection for many years to come.

The new facility will provide a comfortable patron lounge, many large tables for research, a classroom, and a computer lab where genealogists can digitize their own items. It will be an excellent research center for genealogists, historians and research groups. As always, the expertise of the staff, the large book and microfilm collections, and research databases will be available to researchers.

Out-of-town groups are always welcome at the library, but are asked to inform us before coming to ensure adequate staff to meet all of their needs. A private tour of the library facility will be included in an orientation for first-time visitors. The library staff can also assist with finding suitable lodging for your group. Private consultations with our experts are available by prior arrangement. Those experts are in the following subject areas: German, Irish, French,

Scandinavian, Italian, Preservation, Genealogy Software, Word Processing, and Brick-Wall Solutions.

The genealogy staff will do limited research for individuals who send postal or email inquiries. The library charges only for photocopies and not for research time. Donations to the Genealogy Endowment Fund are welcomed. Individuals wishing to donate to our capital improvement fund may also do so with a credit card via our website, or by cash, credit card, or check by contacting the Truman Heartland Community Foundation. Their website is found at <http://www.thcf.org/>.

For more information about the Genealogy Center, refer to our website at <http://www.mcpl.lib.mo.us/>.

## **SUGGESTED WEB SITES FOR YOU**

*Idea submitted by Amy Arner*

1. The People for Better Pennsylvania Historical Records Access are lobbying the state to have older Pennsylvania death certificates digitized for preservation. Write a letter or find out more about this project on their web site at <http://users.rcn.com/timarg/PaHR-Access.htm>.
2. For information about British and Norwegian ships from 1764-2003, check out the website of Lloyd's Register of Ships, which includes a searchable database. New information is added often. Refer to the following website at: <http://www.reach.net/~sc001198/Lloyds.htm>.
3. Back issues of some newsletters from the North Hills Genealogists are available online. We are always eager to add more back issues as they become available. Included in previous issues of the North Hills Genealogists newsletter are many pertinent articles about methodology, resources and repositories, preservation and organizational ideas, surname queries, and samples of family history discoveries. See <http://www.NorthHillsGenealogists.org/>.

## **BEGINNERS CAN GAIN SKILLS AT GENEALOGY CONFERENCES**

This month's presentation of the North Hills Genealogists is an overview by Debbie Day of "Basics for All Genealogists." Following the theme of assisting beginning genealogists, it is helpful to encourage family researchers to plan to attend a local, regional or national genealogy conference in 2008. For those of us in Pennsylvania, there are opportunities in 2008 that are not far from home. Using the information here and on the conference web sites, you can plan in advance to attend one or more conferences this year.

On Saturday, April 5, the Butler County Genealogy Society is holding their first Genealogical Expo at Butler Senior High School. From August 1-3, the Federation of East European Family History Societies is planning their annual conference to be held in Pittsburgh. A month later, The Federation of Genealogical Societies will present their 2008 Conference in Philadelphia, PA, from September 3 - 6. Finally, the North Hills Genealogists are in the initial planning stages to host our first one-day seminar for genealogists.

The value of attending a local, regional or national conference is the opportunity to focus upon genealogy and your own family history research for several days. Conferences offer varied experiences, since they can provide a crash course in genealogical methods, a leisurely exploration of genealogy for the novice, or a scholarly collection of related classes for avid learners.

Plan now to attend one or more of the following conferences in the coming months. It is imperative to register by the deadlines stated and to make reservations and travel arrangements as early as possible. Attending a conference with another family member can be advantageous, especially if you can share expenses, attend different sessions or network with other genealogists with similar interests.

## **CONFERENCE CHOICES FOR 2008**

**APRIL 5, 2008**

### **BUTLER COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY EXPO, BUTLER, PA**

This one-day event features 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 and registration forms, refer to the BCGS website at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~pabutle2>.

**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 Cincinnati Public Library will hold extended hours during the conference. Fifty programs with nationally known speakers will be offered on a wide range of topics. New this year is an Ancestors Road Show, sponsored by the Great Lakes Chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists, offering private consultations for your research. The registration deadline is April 1, 2008. For more detailed information go to <http://www.ogs.org> and click on the conference link.

## CONFERENCE CHOICES FOR 2008

**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 of Missouri in 2008. If you would like to make a full week of this trip, a research day is offered at the Mid-Continent Public Library on Monday, May 12, and a Research Day at the National Archives is offered on Tuesday, May 13. The local host for this national conference is the Northland Genealogy Society.

Registration details are now available online at 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.

**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, and is co-sponsored by The Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society, The Jewish Genealogical Society, The Western Pennsylvania Slovak Cultural Association, and the Mifflin Township Historical Society.

Presentations will include leading experts discussing Central European genealogy, Eastern European genealogy, DNA testing, Online Databases, one-on-one consultations and more! Featured speakers include Dr. Stephen P. Morse, creator of the one-step web pages, and Joseph Bielecki, telling the story of the

Nationality Rooms at the University of Pittsburgh. There will also be vendors and exhibits and an optional tour of the three rivers.

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.

A great advantage to attending this conference is that you can avoid the costs of lodging and travel associated with more distant conferences.

**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. Mid-Atlantic heritage will be presented throughout many sessions. The program topics pay tribute to the region's rich history as well as including topics on the cutting edge of family history.

Philadelphia was not only the largest city in North America during Colonial Times, but it was also the most prominent port of entry for immigrants in the 18th and early 19th centuries.

While in Philadelphia, you might spend some additional time conducting genealogical research at the Free Library of Philadelphia, The Historical Society of Pennsylvania, The Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania, or the National Archives - Mid-Atlantic Region. These four research facilities are located within close proximity to the convention center and to each other.

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!**

**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.

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*Speaker: Amy Steele*

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**THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM - TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2008**

***BASICS FOR ALL GENEALOGISTS***

Genealogists of all levels will benefit from this month's presentation by Debbie Day. She will cover basic how-to methods and preliminary decisions to be made by those just starting out, as well as research information helpful to the more experienced genealogist. Learn about records and resources to search, both on-line and traditional, record keeping tools, how to analyze data and cite your sources, and the all-important internet safety tips when sharing information with strangers.

