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HEINZ HISTORY CENTER LIBRARY & ARCHIVES

Synopsis by Mary Dzurichko, NHG Program Chair

Chief Archivist, David Grinnell, gave a great presentation on the resources of the Heinz History Center Library and Archives Division, located in the Strip District of downtown Pittsburgh, and how to access them. In accordance with the mission of the History Center, the Library and Archives Division collections all have a connection to the Western Pennsylvania region.

The library consists of published materials, such as books, periodicals, DVDs, etc. The archives contains unpublished manuscripts and records: papers, photographs, oral histories, moving images, and electronic records. A third segment contains the Rauh Jewish Archives.

The printed collection covers such items as local histories for counties and municipalities, directories, genealogies and family histories, memoirs, and institutional histories and directories. Periodicals are also here, including local popular press magazines, community and company newspapers and newsletters, and church/synagogue newsletters. The archives and manuscripts collection includes personal and family papers, business and industry records, and arts and cultural records. Personal and family papers of famous and not-famous folks of Western Pennsylvania, while not written by your particular family, may contain information about your family, for example, a pastor's 19th century diary recording all the baptisms he performed.

Business and industry records are also contained here for companies such as ALCOA, Dravo, U.S. Steel, and Westinghouse. Usually they do not contain employment records, but other information may help you enhance the work history of an ancestor. The employment records they do have may only be available in a restricted capacity due to confidential information in the records, such as Social Security numbers.

There are also institutional records for churches, synagogues, and friendly societies (lodges, beneficial societies, social clubs), many of which no longer exist. Government records include Pittsburgh Board of Health Marriage Returns, Westmoreland, Greene, Allegheny, and Beaver county records, etc.

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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. 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.

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

I had been looking forward to the July Washington, D.C., trip and was disappointed that we had to cancel it. I had carried vacation days over from last year, so I had the time set aside for the research I wanted to do.

I told my wife I had been looking forward to doing some research, so she suggested I still take the time off from work and head over to the Carnegie Library's Pennsylvania Room to catch up on some research I still needed to do there. I am happy she suggested it.

There were a number of sources I had wanted to research. I had heard a number of people talking about the book series *Germans to America*. I spent some time using it and was able to find most of the ancestors who had immigrated from German and Bavaria. Using the dates from the census records and the names of the people that immigrated, I was able to locate 14 ancestors from both my and my wife's families.

I also wanted to finish up some probate searches for four ancestors. I found one of the four and using the information was able to retrieve the documents from the courthouse in Pittsburgh. I copied a will, an inventory statement, a first and final statement, some petitions, and a second will. It seems two wills had turned up with the same date. I'm not sure how that happened, but the court records were interesting, and I am going to see if I can get a transcript from the trial.

To round out the research time, which seemed to fly by, I started to look for obituaries in old newspapers. This is slow going even though you have the date your ancestor passed on, and you only need to check a few days after that date. The Pennsylvania Room had many newspapers to choose from for each year, plus, some of the stories from September 1878 were interesting.

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

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Yes, a time or two I found myself reading the newspaper stories. They were interesting, and I was enjoying myself. I did come away from the library with two obituaries.

I may not have been in Washington, D.C., but I came away from the time I was researching with some more clues about my past and some interesting insight about my ancestors and what it was like when they lived.

The information is there; all you have to do is go after it.

~ Al

NHG LOOKING FOR A NEW MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

NHG is looking for someone to be our membership chair. The responsibilities of the position include attending board meetings, maintaining the society's membership list, providing names and addresses to the newsletter editor, and creating name tags for members and bringing the tags to meetings. Experience using database software such as Microsoft *Access* will be helpful. Current membership chair Amy Arner will be happy to work with the new chair during a transition phase. If anyone is interested, please contact Amy at membership@NorthHillsGenealogists.org.

QUERY

KEARNS, Hugh, b. Ireland, d. 1852 in Pittsburgh, m. to **Ann Corcoran** 1852. Children: Mary, John, Hugh and Thomas – all in Pittsburgh, Pa. Seeking death info etc. Contact: **Christian Tootle, 7630 Joe Allen Drive, Beaufort, South Carolina 29902**

NHG Members may send research-related queries for inclusion in any newsletter to: Info@NorthHillsGenealogists.org.

HEINZ HISTORY

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The main web page is www.heinzhistorycenter.org. The card catalog can be accessed from the main page menu, Library and Archives tab, or at <http://207.67.203.74/S92015Staff/OPAC/index.asp>, and once there, you can search by names and places to see if there are records of interest. When visiting the library and archives, you will register and then talk with a staff member who will assist you in finding what relevant resources they have, particularly those “hidden” ones, such as the minister’s diary mentioned earlier, and other items not readily found with a name/place search.

The library and archives hours are Wednesday through Saturday, 10:00 A.M. To 5:00 P.M. Admission is \$10 for adults, but if you plan on multiple visits, an annual membership is \$57, and includes admission to the History Center Museum, the Fort Pitt Museum, Western Pennsylvania Sports Museum, Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Historic Village, and all the Smithsonian Museums, plus annual subscriptions to the *Smithsonian* and *Western Pennsylvania History* magazines. In order to prevent archives holdings from “disappearing” or being accidentally damaged, strict rules are in place requiring any purses, bags, or backpacks to be stored in a 25 cent (refundable) locker, and the use of pencils only. Photocopies can be made for a modest fee and laptops and digital cameras are permitted, but use of a flash may be limited on certain items. Parking is close by. Any additional questions may be directed to David Grinnell, Chief Archivist, 412-454-6367, or the Reference Desk 412-454-6364.

NHG ELECTION RESULTS

The results from the NHG annual election have been tabulated. President Al Hartman, Vice President Rich Hayden, Treasurer Reed Powell, and Secretary Kathy White were all re-elected. Congratulations to all of them!

EARLY LAWS OF ILLINOIS ONLINE

Press Release

May 2010

MACOMB, IL — The Western Illinois University Libraries is pleased to announce the development of the [Laws of Illinois web site](#). WIU Libraries received an award from the Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries of Illinois (CARLI) to digitize early volumes of the *Laws of Illinois*. The digital collection is nearly complete through 1869. The laws are permanently stored in the Internet Archive, this website enables users to easily access the volumes.

While a few of the volumes linked from the web site were digitized through Google's book digitization project and the Hathi Trust Digital Library, most of the volumes were digitized from the *Laws of Illinois* collection at Western Illinois University and the Illinois State Library. The State Library digitized *Laws of Illinois* volumes from 1834 to 1841, while Abraham Lincoln served in the Illinois House of Representatives. An index to the *Laws of Illinois* through 1869 was digitized by the University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign. In most cases, the text of individual volumes can be searched. The collection includes auditor and treasurer's reports, public laws, dealing with government structure, services and operations, and private laws, which were passed for the benefit of private individuals. For example, private laws were passed to allow wives to inherit property from their deceased husbands.

Linda Zellmer, Government Publications and Data Services Librarian at Western Illinois University compiled links to digitized volumes of the laws that governed Illinois from the passage of the Northwest Ordinance in 1787 through 1869. For ease of use, they are divided by territory and decade. According to Zellmer, "This was an interesting project to develop. By collecting these laws into one location, research into the early history of Illinois will be much

easier for users. It also makes the information more accessible to a wider audience, from school children to genealogists and historians, and will help us preserve our fragile printed volumes."

The web site for the collection is http://www.wiu.edu/library/govpubs/illinois_laws/. Although this is not a complete collection, it is hoped that additional volumes will be added to the online collection over time. Any organization or person with volumes of the Laws of Illinois that are not included in the collection should contact Ms. Zellmer at LR-Zellmer@wiu.edu.

PA VITAL RECORDS ACCESS UPDATE

The effort to make Pennsylvania vital records more accessible to the public continues. The coordinating organization is the People for Better Pennsylvania Historical Records Access (PaHR-Access). Their web site is <http://users.rcn.com/timarg/PaHR-Access.htm>.

Due to end of the state legislative session, focus has shifted to getting Senator Robbins' Vital Records Bill (SB 683) out of the Senate Public Health & Welfare Committee. PaHR-Access is asking people to write to the committee chair, Senator Patricia Vance, about bringing the bill up for a vote. Sample letters and contact information of the committee members are available on the PaHR-Access web site. If nothing is done to bring SB 683 up for a vote before the legislature adjourns in September, the entire process will need to be started over again next year with the introduction of a new bill.

TIP TIME SUGGESTION

When coming to NHG meetings, consider bringing a document, memento, or photo to share during Tip Time. You can ask questions about the item or share a success story about finding it. We're here to help each other!

500+ YEARS OF NORTH CAROLINA MAPS ONLINE

Press Release

17 June 2010

CHAPEL HILL, NC — More than 3,200 historic maps of North Carolina are now available online as part of the digital [North Carolina Maps](#) project, set to be completed June 30.

Visitors to the North Carolina Maps site can see the results of a three-year collaborative project to identify and scan nearly every original map of the state published from 1584 to 1923. The collection also contains maps of every North Carolina county and maps published by the state through the year 2000.

The [North Carolina Collection](#) in the [Wilson Special Collections Library](#) collaborated to produce the new site with the [North Carolina State Archives](#) and the [Outer Banks History Center](#) in Manteo. The UNC Library and the State Archives scanned the maps, and the Library hosts and administers the site.

“We’ve heard from K-12 teachers, students, university faculty, and genealogists, all of whom are big fans of the project,” said Nick Graham, project manager and coordinator of the [North Carolina Digital Heritage Center](#), based at the UNC Library. “It’s clear this is reaching a wide audience.”

Highlights on the new site include:

- A [1584 map of the Southeast](#) from the Outer Banks History Center – the oldest map in the online collection.
- [Sanborn® Fire Insurance maps](#) from the late-19th and early-20th centuries. These full-color maps documenting 116 towns in 67 counties show streets and even individual buildings, permitting a detailed look at local history and development over time.
- [Coast and Geodetic Survey maps](#) from the 19th and 20th centuries, showing

detailed surveys of the ever-changing North Carolina coastline.

North Carolina Maps also contains an interactive option allowing users to lay selected historic maps over current street maps and satellite images. Another feature combines historic maps from the project with Google Earth for a “[flying 3-D tour](#)” of the state.

“The interactive maps have been a lot of fun,” said Graham. “We’ve even heard from people who have used these to find the location of their homes on 100-year-old maps.”

North Carolina Maps was underwritten by a grant from the federal [Institute of Museum and Library Services](#) – given under provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act and distributed through the State Library of North Carolina. The map collection is available at <http://www.lib.unc.edu/dc/ncmaps/>. For more information about the project, contact Graham at ngraham@email.unc.edu.

SOME MORE ONLINE MAPS

New York City Map

<http://gis.nyc.gov/doitt/nycitymap/>

Ukrainian Map Collection

http://www.hcl.harvard.edu/news/articles/2010/ukraine_maps.cfm

Digital Atlas of Historical County Boundaries

<http://publications.newberry.org/ahcbp/>

US National Atlas

<http://www.nationalatlas.gov/>

ANCESTRY MAGAZINE DISCONTINUED

Ancestry Magazine has been discontinued as of the March/April 2010 issue. Back issues are available online for free via Google Books at http://books.google.com/books/serial/FTgEAA_AAMBAJ?rview=1.

WHERE GENEALOGISTS MEET

Wednesday, 18 August 2010, 6:45 P.M. BEAVER COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The next meeting of the Beaver County Genealogical Society is Wednesday, 18 August 2010, at the Mormon Family History Center, 114 Church Drive, Monaca, PA. For information call 724-847-9253 or go to: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~pabecgs/>.

Wednesday, 25 August 2010, 7:00 P.M. CRANBERRY GENEALOGY CLUB

At the August meeting, Dr. Aaron Cowan will present "Writing Your Family's History Without Falling Asleep." The meeting will be held in the Library Conference Room at the Cranberry Township Municipal Building, 2525 Rochester Road. For more information about the Cranberry Genealogy club, go to <http://www.cranberrygenealogy.org>. Meetings are free and open to the public.

Saturday, 11 September 2010, 10:00 A.M. WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The next WPGS meeting will be on 11 September 2010. Cliff Kubiak will present "Indian Traders at Fort Pitt." The meeting is free and open to the public. Parking at the Carnegie Library and Museum complex is \$5.00. Go to <http://www.wpgs.org> for more details.

Tuesday, 14 September 2010, 6:30 P.M. BUTLER COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The next BCGS meeting will be on 14 September 2010. Louise Stanzione will present "Miscellany," a lecture on genealogy in general. The meeting will be held at the Butler Area Public Library, 218 North McKean Street, Butler, in the Meeting Room located on the

Lower Level. For more information about the Butler County Genealogical Society, go to <http://www.bcgs.us>. Meetings are free and the public is invited.

Saturday, 18 September 2010 FAYETTE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY Uniontown, PA

On 18 September 2010, the Fayette County Genealogical Society will have Deborah Abbott, Ph.D., present "Cluster Genealogy, Finding Your Lost Ancestor." Dr. Abbott is an adjunct faculty member at the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research. The meeting will be held at 1:00 P.M. at the Uniontown Public Library. For more information, please visit <http://fcgspace.org/>.

Friday and Saturday, 1-2 October 2010 MINNESOTA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY South St. Paul, MN

The Minnesota Genealogical Society is hosting the North Star Genealogy Conference on 1-2 October. The featured speaker is Thomas W. Jones, Ph.D, CG, CGL. Other speakers include Tom K. Rice, CG; Alice Eichholz, Ph.D., CG; Stephen Bartel, AG; Bob Herskovitz; Lois Abromitis; Marieta Grisson, CG; and Duane Swanson. Topics include finding elusive ancestors, publishing, reconstructing an ancestor's life, time lines, and using gazetteers. The conference will be held at the MGS Library and Research Center, 1185 Concord St. N., South St. Paul. More information is available online at <http://www.mnsgs.org/>.

Saturday, 2 October 2010 TARENTUM GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY New Kensington, PA

The Tarentum Genealogical Society, the
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Armstrong County Museum and Genealogical Society, and the Oakmont Genealogical Study Group are hosting a conference on 2 October 2010. The featured speaker is Dr. John Philip Colletta. His lectures will include "Passenger Arrival Records: Advanced Problem Solving;" "How to Prepare for Successful Research in European Records;" "Breaking through Brick Walls: Use Your HEAD;" and "Discovering Your Ancestors' World Through Maps and Gazetteers." The conference will be held at the Clarion Hotel, 300 Tarentum Bridge Road, New Kensington, PA. For more information, please visit the Tarentum Genealogical Society web site <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~patgs/>.

Saturday, 2 October 2010

OHIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Bellville, OH

The Ohio Genealogical Society's Fall Seminar will be held on 2 October 2010 from 9:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. at the OGS Library. Curt B. Witcher, MLS, FUGA, will be the speaker. The lectures include "The Road Not Taken: Mega Internet Sites for Genealogists Off the Beaten Path," "Doing Effective Genealogical Research in Libraries," "Fingerprinting Our Families: Using Ancestral Origins as a Genealogical Research Key," and "Mining the Mother Lode: Using Periodical Literature for Genealogical Research." Space is limited to 75 attendees. The cost is \$30.00 for OGS members and \$35.00 for non-members. More information and a registration form are available at <http://www.ogs.org/fallseminar2010.php>.

4-8 October 2010

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR BRITISH GENEALOGY AND FAMILY HISTORY

Salt Lake City, Utah

The International Society for British Genealogy

and Family History's annual institute will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah, from Monday, 4 October through Friday, 8 October 2010. The instructors will be Barbara Baker, AG, David Rencher, AG, CG, FIGRS, FUGA, and Darris Williams, AG.

Ms. Baker will teach "Pre-1800 Scottish Records," which explores lesser known records and address ways to help you break down brick walls. Mr. Rencher's class, "Making the Transition from Irish Church Records to Irish Land Records," will be of help in extending a pedigree prior to church records. Mr. Williams' class "Strategies for Discovering Welsh Ancestors" will highlight methods for solving research questions and learning successful strategies that will provide you with ways to become a better Welsh researcher.

All classes will be taught in the morning with afternoons in the Family History Library. The instructors will be available for consultation and help. To register or for more information, go to the society's web site <http://www.isbgfh.org>.

Saturday, 23 October 2010

NHG FALL CONFERENCE

Our annual fall conference will be held on 23 October 2010 at Christ Episcopal Church in Pittsburgh. We are delighted to have Elizabeth Shown Mills, CG, CGL, as our speaker. The early bird registration deadline is 22 September. The fee includes a continental breakfast, hot lunch, and door prizes. More information and a registration form are available on the NHG web site, <http://www.northhillsgenealogists.org/>.

PAL-AM CONFERENCE COMING TO PITTSBURGH

The 2011 Palatines to America national conference will be held in Pittsburgh on 9-11 June. The Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society is the local host. The Sheraton Station Square will be the venue. More information will be forthcoming.

TENNESSEE STATE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES TO PROVIDE DATABASE OF CIVIL WAR BATTLEFIELDS

Press Release

27 July 2010

NASHVILLE, TN — The Tennessee State Library and Archives (TSLA) will use a \$40,750 grant from the National Park Service's American Battlefield Protection Program to develop an online database of the state's Civil War battlefields that will be available for federal, state and local planning agencies as well as the general public.

This project will use Geographic Information Systems (GIS) technology to create the database. The database will link information from the *Civil War Sourcebook for Tennessee* to Civil War maps and documents archived at TSLA. This enhanced resource will be available on TSLA's section of the Tennessee Department of State web site.

GIS technology has become one of the major tools used by planners who are trying to protect and preserve Civil War battlefields.

This project will convert a comprehensive Civil War database for Tennessee to a web-based application available to all communities, planners and preservationists. This project will integrate GIS technology with economic, demographic and transportation data to support planning and protection for the 38 most important battlefields in the state.

TSLA will provide public access to the Tennessee Civil War database as well as supplementary records and maps. The state's Office of Information Resources will provide technical assistance to design and power the GIS applications.

The Tennessee Civil War database will serve as a robust, sustainable and long-range tool for Civil War research and battlefield preservation in the state for the future.

CIVIL WAR UNION VETERANS GRAVES DATABASE

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVVCW) have created a database of burial locations for Union Civil War veterans. The database is free for the public to search and use. The database is available at <http://www.suvcwdb.org/home/index.php>. It is searchable by first name, last name, unit, cemetery, city or town, county, and state or country. SUVVCW is accepting additions to the database through the same web site. SUVVCW is a successor to the Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of Union veterans.

FREE INTERACTIVE SLAVE RECORDS COLLECTION

Press Release (Partial)

19 July 2010

SALT LAKE CITY — Today Footnote.com (www.footnote.com) and Lowcountry Africana (www.lowcountryafricana.net) announced the launch of a new free collection of historical records from the South Carolina Department of Archives and History containing estate inventories and bills of sale for Colonial and Charleston, South Carolina from 1732 to 1872. FamilySearch International donated the copies of the microfilm of the original historical documents.

Charleston's role as a port of entry during the Atlantic Slave Trade means many thousands of African Americans may have ancestors who came from, or through, South Carolina. This new collection on Footnote.com will assist African American genealogy research by forming, in many cases, a seamless paper trail from Emancipation to the 1700s.

"Research about African American history and genealogy has often been especially difficult because of limited access to primary source material," says Henry Louis Gates Jr., Director

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REGISTER NOW FOR THE NHG FALL CONFERENCE

Register now for the 2010 NHG Fall Conference, *Discover Your Roots, Discover Yourself: The Devil is in the Details*, on Saturday, 23 October 2010. The conference will be held at Christ Episcopal Church off McKnight Road from 9:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M. Doors open at 8:00 A.M. for check-in and breakfast. Conference brochures are available at all NHG meetings and online at <http://www.NorthHillsGenealogists.org>. The Early Bird Registration at the reduced rate of \$35 for NHG members and \$45 for non-members ends on 21 September.

Included in the cost of registration for the Fall Conference is continental breakfast, a packet of handouts, four workshop sessions, a hot lunch, and a moderated question and answer session to end the day. Door prizes will also be awarded. After 21 September, the conference registration fees increase to \$40 for members and \$50 for non-members.

It is an honor to welcome Elizabeth Shown Mills, CG, CGL, FASG, as the speaker for the NHG Fall Conference during our organization's 20th Anniversary Year. Elizabeth is highly regarded nationally as a prominent genealogist. The National Genealogical Society referred to her as "Arguably the most influential genealogist of her time," and posted a video about Elizabeth on their members only site. The 2010 NHG Fall Conference offers you a special opportunity to experience the insight and knowledge offered by Elizabeth Shown Mills in a local setting!

Elizabeth's popular presentation style is informative, educational, and conversational. Best known for her book, *Evidence Explained: Citing History Sources from Artifacts to Cyberspace*, Mills is the author, editor, and translator of numerous other works, including 13 books and over 500 articles about genealogy,

history, literature, and sociology. She is also the past president of the American Society of Genealogists.

For the NHG Fall Conference, Elizabeth Shown Mills will present four sessions: "Genealogical Problem Solving: Professional Techniques for Everyday Success;" "Citations and Sources Simplified: From Memorabilia to Digital Data to DNA;" "In a Rut? Seven Ways to Jump Start Your Research;" and "How to Find the Truth about a Family Story." A book signing with Elizabeth is available at the end of the conference.

As you can see, the NHG Fall Conference on 23 October 2010 is going to be a exciting celebration of family history and genealogical research. Reserve the date and register now to attend the NHG Fall Conference, *Discover Your Roots, Discover Yourself: The Devil is in the Details!*

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of the W. E. B. Du Bois Institute for African and African American Research. "Footnote.com is spearheading a revolution in access to the black past by digitizing major portions of the black archive, and making these records available on the Internet. The publication of these records from South Carolina in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries is the latest example of their bold commitment to resurrecting the African American past."

Visitors to Footnote.com can enhance these records from the South Carolina archives through various activities including: creating and sharing web pages about the documents and their discoveries; adding their own insights and comments to the documents; uploading and connecting their own photos, letters and documents; and annotating information on the documents, which creates a searchable database.



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UPCOMING PROGRAMS FROM NHG

Mark Your Calendars!

Tuesday, 21 September 2010

ALLEGHENY COUNTY REAL ESTATE DEPARTMENT

Speakers: Valerie McDonald Roberts and James Uziel

Our speakers will present information about records of interest to genealogists that are available in the Real Estate Department. Particular concentration will be on how to access deed records using the Russell Index System.

Tuesday, 19 October 2010

USING THE FAMILYSEARCH WEB SITES

Speaker: Amy E. K. Arner, NHG Newsletter Editor

NHG Newsletter Co-Editor Amy Arner will explore the network of web sites created by FamilySearch. She will discuss what's available, including digitized records, educational material, and the Family History Library catalog. Visiting area Family History Centers will also be covered.

THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM - Tuesday, 17 August 2010 *DISCOVERING CLUES TO DATE OLD PHOTOGRAPHS*

Speaker: Kelly Holderbaum

Do you have a box of old photos that make you ask who, what, when and where? Bring them to our meeting, and we'll help you discover the clues in your old photos. Kelly Holderbaum, President of the Summit County Chapter of OGS, will touch on the different types of photographs, the different ways to date them, and some tips about how to preserve your photos. Then we'll work together on your photos to help pin down a date, so you can match them to your relatives.