



NORTH HILLS GENEALOGISTS

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GENEALOGY A TO Z THREE-HOUR WORKSHOP

The NHG program for March will be a little different. We are sponsoring a three-hour workshop on Tuesday, 15 March 2011. The workshop will be divided into two parts, with part one starting at 5:30 P.M. and part two starting at 7:00 P.M.

Elissa Scalise Powell, a Board-certified genealogist with 25 years of experience and NHG Cemetery Co-Chair, will present this special program for genealogists of all interest levels. It is a great overview of the entire genealogical research process and the many types of records available to researchers.

The format for *Genealogy A to Z* allows the North Hills Genealogists to present a more in-depth program on a regular meeting night. Beginning at 5:30 P.M. we will discuss:

- Why do genealogy
- Basic genealogical data organization including software programs
- Types of sources you may have in your home and how to preserve them
- Research caveats
- Free Internet gateways
- Effective Internet searching
- Vital records.

A break for society announcements will be made at 7:00 P.M., after which the second part of the workshop will be presented. This unique portion will explain census records like you have never seen them: year-by-year, and column-by-column. The discussion will then springboard to the records to which the censuses

give us clues such as city directories, passenger and immigration lists, church and cemetery, military, probate, land, maps, and tax records. Correlating the data may help you to overcome “brick wall” problems.

Come and enjoy one or both parts of this special evening of *Genealogy A to Z*, free and open to the public!

GETTING INVOLVED WITH NHG

All members are encouraged to participate actively in the North Hills Genealogists beyond attending the monthly program. Here are some reminders about how to volunteer:

Mary Dzurichko, NHG Program Chair, welcomes your suggestions for future presentations. In fact, consider volunteering to prepare and present a program at one of our meetings. Each NHG member has unique experiences to share about the adventures of genealogy.

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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 NHG members.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

One of my Christmas presents was a genealogy software product called *Map My Family Tree*. There are a number of products on the market, but this is the one my wife found for me. *Map My Family Tree* starts by scanning my *Family Tree Maker* file and looking for place names. This program is compatible with many of the current genealogy products; check to make sure your software will work with it.

What the package is looking for is the birth and death locations you entered for your ancestors. It will take a few minutes to scan your file. As the scan is taking place, you will see the Earth in two dimensions with red dots to highlight place locations.

When the scan is finished, you will see three sections on your screen. A long column on the left side will contain country names. The rest of the screen is divided into an upper and a lower portions. The upper portion shows the world. The lower portion shows your ancestors, an event (birth, death, marriage, emigration, or immigration), the date of the event, and the place the event took place. (For example: NAME Beck, Louise; EVENT: Birth; DATE: 4 FEB 1854; PLACE: Berlin, Germany).

On the left side in the country list, if you have ancestors in a country, click the "+" and the country will expand. One of my countries was Germany. When I clicked the "+" the map expanded into the German states. The world map changed to Germany, and the states were shown in various colors. As I selected a German state, an ancestor whom I had identified from that state appeared on the map as a dot. Only the ancestors from that particular state appeared in the lower area.

Now for the fun part! If you're connected to the Internet, you can click the Google Earth icon on the top of the screen, and Google Earth will use your list of ancestor places and display them for **(continued on page 53)**

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you. When I clicked on Berlin, a red dot appeared, and the Earth turned until Germany was visible. Using the Google Earth controls, I was able to zoom in and see what the area looks like. Since my ancestors' locations are loaded on the left, I could jump from one location to another easily.

This process gives me a look at the locations where my ancestors resided. For my family, it was interesting to click on a specific place name and know what ancestor came from there. You can use Google Earth by itself without any genealogy software as well; you just need to type in the information for each and every ancestral location that you want to explore.

I like the package and use it to see what the country looks like and wonder how it has changed since my ancestors migrated to the United States.

Good luck with your research!

~ Al

LIBRARY OF VIRGINIA TO DIGITIZE AUGUSTA COUNTY CHANCERY RECORDS

[From the Library of Virginia e-newsletter, January 2011 edition.]

The Library of Virginia has received a grant of \$150,000 from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission to support the scanning of the Augusta County chancery records, one of the most significant collections of these records in the nation. The Augusta County chancery causes are comprised of case files from the Augusta County Court of Chancery, 1745 to 1912; the District Court of Chancery, Augusta District, with jurisdiction of five localities, from 1789 to 1802; and the Staunton Superior Court of Chancery, with a

jurisdiction of 28 localities, from 1802 to 1831.

The Augusta County chancery causes are the most voluminous of any locality in Virginia and are one of the longest and most complete continuous collections of chancery records of any locality in the country. The collection consists of 1,002 legal boxes and 18 oversize boxes and contains 10,437 individual cases. The causes also document an unusually large geographic area. For the period from 1745 to 1770, the boundaries of Augusta County encompassed most of western Virginia and what became the states of West Virginia, Kentucky, Illinois, and Ohio, and parts of present-day Pennsylvania as far north as Pittsburgh.

A chancery cause is one that could not be decided readily by existing written laws. Decisions were made by a county justice or judge, not a jury, and on the basis of fairness, or equity. These justices administered most facets of local government and were the face of government for most people during this period. As justices made decisions based on equity, they expressed social mores and values that governed everyday life in communities. They were appointed, not elected, until 1852, and most were not trained lawyers. Since chancery cases dealt with issues of equity rather than law, they often contain lengthy depositions, similar to oral histories, and can also hold other valuable materials in the form of exhibits submitted to the court. It is not uncommon to find land plats, correspondence, wills, publications, photographs, architectural drawings, and the like as exhibits. As such, these records are vital to genealogists and historians.

This project will provide free online access to all pre-1913 Augusta County chancery causes. The Chancery Records Index is available through the Library's Virginia Memory Web portal (www.virginiamemory.com). Currently, records from 48 localities can be searched through the index. The scanning project will begin in February 2011 and be complete on January 31, 2013.

WHERE GENEALOGISTS MEET

Wednesday, 16 February 2011, 7:00 p.m. BEAVER COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The speaker for the February Beaver County Genealogical Society meeting is Alice Kern. She will present "Death and Taxes," which will cover using tax records to further your genealogical research. The meeting will be held at the Mormon Family History Center, 114 Church Drive, Monaca, PA. Go to: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~pabecgs> for more information, or call 724-847-9253.

Wednesday, 23 February 2011, 6:30 p.m. CRANBERRY GENEALOGY CLUB

The next Cranberry Genealogy Club meeting will be on 23 February. They will have a round table discussion. The meeting will be held in the Library Conference Room at the Cranberry Township Municipal Building, 2525 Rochester Road. Meetings are free and open to the public. For more information about the club, please visit <http://www.cranberrygenealogy.org>.

Saturday, 12 March 2011, 2:00 p.m. GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

The next meeting will be held on 12 March. Matthew Todd will present "The Coming of the Irish to America." The meeting will be held at the Citizens Library, 55 South College Street, Washington, PA. The meeting is free and open to the public. For more details, go to <http://www.genealogicalsocietyswpa.com>.

Tuesday, 15 March 2011, 6:30 p.m. BUTLER COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The next BCGS meeting will be held on 15 March. Shelly Neigh will present "What's New at FamilySearch.org." The meeting will be held

in the Lower Level Meeting Room in the Butler Area Public library, 218 North McKean Street, Butler. Go to <http://www.bcgus> for more details.

Monday, 21 March 2011, 1:00 p.m. WESTMORELAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Westmoreland County Historical Society (WCHS) will host "Overcoming Stumbling Blocks to Genealogical Research" on 21 March. The program will be held at the WCHS facility, 362 Sand Hills Road, Suite 1, Greensburg, PA. The fee is \$10.00 for WCHS members and \$15.00 for non-members. Please visit <http://www.starofthewest.org> for more details.

Friday-Saturday, 25-26 March 2011 FAIRFAX GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY SPRING CONFERENCE

The Fairfax Genealogical Society will hold their annual conference 25-26 March at the Marriott Fair Oaks in Fairfax, Virginia. The conference has four themed tracks, including "Putting the Pieces Together," "Western European Research," "Probate Records," and "Basics for Beginners and Beyond." For more information and to register, please visit <http://fxgsconf2011.eventbrite.com/?ref=esfb>.

Thursday-Saturday, 31 March-2 April 2011 OHIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY CONFERENCE

The Ohio Genealogical Society's 2011 conference will be held in Columbus, Ohio, 31 March through 2 April. It is the society's 50th annual conference. The venue will be held at the Hyatt on Capitol Square. The conference includes a variety of two-hour workshops on 31 March and one-hour sessions on 1 and 2 April. Visit <http://www.ogs.org/conference2011/index.php> for more details.

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Thursday-Saturday, 31 March-2 April 2011 LANCASTER MENNONITE HISTORICAL SOCIETY CONFERENCE

The Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society's 2011 conference will be held at the DoubleTree Resort Lancaster/Willow Valley in Willow Valley, Pennsylvania. The conference includes two days of optional field trips and a day of lectures. The day of lectures has four tracks. Lecture topics include the German migration, Lancaster County Archives, land records, maps, and Pennsylvania tax records. The registration deadline for the field trips is 1 March 2011. The registration deadline for the lecture portion of the conference is 15 March. For more information, please visit http://www.lmhs.org/Home/Events/History_Conference.

Wednesday-Sunday, 6-10 April 2011 NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL GENEALOGICAL CONFERNCE

The New England Regional Genealogical Conference (NERGC) *Exploring New Paths to Your Roots* will be held at the Sheraton Springfield Monarch Place and Springfield Marriott in Springfield, Massachusetts 6-10 April 2011. Special events at the conference include a Society Fair, Special Interest Groups, and an Ancestors Road Show. More information and the conference brochure are available through <http://www.nergc.org>.

Wednesday-Thursday, 20-21 April 2011 NATIONAL ARCHIVES GENEALOGY FAIR

The National Archives and Records Administration is holding a two day seminar on genealogy on 20-21 April from 9:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. The event will held at the National Archives facility in Washington, D.C. Attendees

should enter the building through the Pennsylvania Avenue entrance. Speakers and exhibitors include National Archives staff, historians, and genealogical professionals. The fair provides information and guidance for experienced genealogical professionals and novices alike. Reservations are not required. The fair is free and open to the public. It is presented in partnership with the Foundation for the National Archives. More information is available at <http://www.archives.gov/dc-metro/know-your-records/genealogy-fair>.

Saturday, 7 May 2011 CENTRE CO. GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY SPRING SEMINAR

The Centre County Genealogical Society is sponsoring an all-day seminar on 7 May. The event will be held at the Ramada Conference Center in State College, PA. The speaker will be John T. Humphrey, CG. His lectures will include "Pennsylvania's Land Records: an Indispensable Resource for Genealogists," "Pennsylvania's Early Church Registers," "Pennsylvania's Eighteenth-Century Economy," and "Researching Eighteenth-Century Germans." More information is available at http://www.centrecountygenealogy.org/Spring_2011_Seminar.html.

Wednesday-Saturday, 11-14 May 2011 NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY CONFERENCE

The National Genealogical Society's 2011 conference will be held in Charleston, South Carolina 11-14 May. The venue will be the Embassy Suites Airport Convention Center in North Charleston. Each day will have ten tracks with four to six lectures each. Special events focusing on beginners and children are scheduled for Saturday. The conference has a blog at <http://conference.ngsgenealogy.org>. The brochure and registration form are available at http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/conference_info.

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Friday-Sunday, 13-15 May 2011 ONTARIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY CONFERENCE

The 2011 Ontario Genealogical Society Conference will be held in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, 13-15 May. The venue is the Hamilton Convention Centre. Lectures on German/Palatine, Eastern European, Irish, United Kingdom, and beginning research are scheduled. The early-bird registration deadline is 31 March. The conference will have an exhibit hall in addition to lectures. Please visit <http://www.ogs.on.ca> for more information.

Thursday-Saturday, 2-4 June 2011 PALATINES TO AMERICA CONFERENCE

The 2011 Palatines to America national conference will be held at the Sheraton Station Square in Pittsburgh on 2-4 June. The Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society is the local host. The speakers will include Jim Beidler, John Humphrey, Michael Shaughnessy, and more. Watch <http://www.palam.org> for more details. This conference will be another great chance to experience excellent genealogy programs and speakers in our local area!

Friday-Sunday, 10-12 June 2011 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY JAMBOREE

The Southern California Genealogical Society will hold their 42nd annual Jamboree 10-12 June. The event will be held at the Los Angeles Marriott Burbank Airport Hotel in Burbank, California. More than 50 speakers will present over 130 lectures during the event. For more information, please visit the Jamboree blog at <http://genealogyjamboree.blogspot.com>.

Saturday, 18 June 2011, 9:00 A.M. ROOTS IN THE BOOT ITALIAN GENEALOGY SEMINAR

The Pittsburgh POINT Chapter is sponsoring a day-long Italian genealogy seminar on 18 June. Ruth Merriman, an Italian expert at the Family History Library, will present four lectures. The seminar will be held at the Carnegie Library Lecture Hall, 4400 Forbes Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15213. The cost is \$25.00 for Pittsburgh POINT Chapter members and \$35.00 for non-members. For more information, please visit <http://www.rootsintheboot.org>.

Sunday-Friday, 14-19 August 2011 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON JEWISH GENEALOGY

The Jewish Genealogy Society of Greater Washington (D.C.) will be the host for the 2011 International Conference on Jewish Genealogy. The conference headquarters will be the Grand Hyatt Washington. The hotel is conveniently located on the DC Metro and is five blocks from the National Archives. A special event during the conference will be a Jewish Film Festival, focusing on documentaries. The early bird registration deadline is 1 May 2011. For more information and a registration brochure, please visit <http://dc2011.com>.

Wednesday-Saturday, 7-10 September 2011 FEDERATION OF GENEALOGICAL SOCIETIES ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Federation of Genealogical Societies will hold their annual conference in Springfield, Illinois, on 7-10 September. This year's theme is "Pathways to the Heartland." The conference sessions will be held at the Prairie Capital Convention Center. A list of sessions and a registration form are available at <http://www.fgs.org/2011conference/index.php>.

RIVERS OF STEEL CULTURAL HERITAGE WORKSHOPS

The Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area is sponsoring a series of cultural heritage workshops focusing on southwestern Pennsylvania. Each two hour workshop includes light refreshments. Unless otherwise noted, the workshops will be held at the Bost Building, 623 E. 8th Avenue, Homestead. Reservations are required. For more information and to reserve your space, please visit <http://www.riversofsteel.com>. The schedule is:

Telling Your Story: Oral Histories Step-by-Step
10 a.m. to noon Feb. 19; \$40

Genealogy: How do I Start?
10 a.m. to noon Feb. 26; \$40

Beautiful Writing: History and Hands-on Calligraphy
10 a.m. to noon March 5; \$40

Photo Detective: Deciphering Pictures to Uncover Your History
10 a.m. to noon March 12; \$40

Heritage Scrapbooking: How to Creatively Preserve Family Photographs
10 a.m. to noon March 19; \$40

Pittsburgh's Food Treasures or How We Got the Pierogi
10 a.m. to noon March 26; \$40

Repurposing Your Handheld Heirlooms
10 a.m. to noon April 2; \$40

Here Comes the Bride: Pittsburgh Wedding Rituals
10 a.m. to noon April 9; \$40

Beginning Digital Photography
10 a.m. to noon May 7; \$40

Digital Photo Safari
10 a.m. to noon May 14, at The Pump House,

Munhall; \$50

NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH

By Amy Arner, NHG Newsletter Co-Editor

The National Institute on Genealogical Research (NIGR) is a week-long program focusing on the records held by the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). The institute is held every July in Washington, D.C. This year's dates are 10-15 July.

I attended NIGR last year. It was a wonderful experience. You spend each day at one of two National Archives facilities, four days at the main NARA branch in downtown Washington, D.C., and one day at Archives II in College Park, Maryland. Days are spent listening to lectures with some free time for research. Last year the lecture topics included NARA finding aids, still pictures, the Civilian Conservation Corps, military records, federal land records, immigration and naturalization records, State Department records, American Indian research, and more. The lecture schedule does change each year, so the same topics may not be covered this year. There are also optional evening sessions at the Daughters of the American Revolution Library and the Local History and Genealogy Reading Room at the Library of Congress.

This is the best opportunity to learn about the wide variety of records created by the federal government. We tend to focus on the compiled service and pension records, but there are many more types of records. The institute will introduce you to some of these and enable you to learn more about other records of interest.

The institute's web site is <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~natgenin>. You do have to request a registration form. There is a way to do so on the web site. The class size is limited to 40 people, so it is a good idea to register early.

PASSAVANT HOUSE RENOVATIONS

[Excerpted from the Cranberry Eagle, 30 January 2011]

The 1808 Passavant House, located at 243 S. Main Street, Zelienople, PA, is temporarily closed for tours. The historic house and museum is being renovated to further preserve one of the town's original landmark homes.

Scheduled renovations to the Passavant House include interior and exterior work. Interior walls will be painted in colonial colors, while exterior walls will be altered to guard against deterioration of artifacts and archival records.

The Passavant House is part of the Zelienople Historical Society. During the renovation, which is expected to take several weeks, the historical society office will remain open on Mondays through Fridays from 9:00 A.M. – noon. Tours will continue for the nearby 1805 Buhl House as well. The Zelienople Historical Society may be reached at 724-452-9457 or <http://www.zelienoplehistoricalsociety.com/>.

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The newsletter co-editors, Amy Arner and Sue Ennis, enjoy receiving articles, or even ideas for articles, from our NHG members. There is no requirement for length or formatting, so don't hesitate to organize and share your ideas with others in NHG.

When spring finally arrives, you are all invited to volunteer time to assist with the newest cemetery project, co-chaired by Amy Prager and Elissa Scalise Powell, CG. Last fall, the tombstone reading of Pine Creek Cemetery just started and will be continued in 2011. The more members who assist with a cemetery reading, the better!

Besides the monthly program, you may also attend our monthly board meeting at Northland on the first Tuesday of each month. At the board meeting, reports from each chair are given, and programs and events are planned for our group. Committees for the 2011 Fall Conference are still being formed as well. Speak to any board member at our next meeting or make contact through our web site. New ideas are always welcome!

THE MAP ROOM

The Map Room is a blog about maps. A blog is an online journal where new content is added on a regular basis. Blog readers can often leave comments on journal entries. Blogs usually have older posts accessible in an archive. Authors categorize blog entries to make them easier to find in the archive.

The Map Room can be accessed via <http://www.maproomblog.com>. It is not targeted at genealogists, but we may find things of interest on it. The blog's author, Jonathan Crowe, discusses old and new maps from a variety of perspectives. He talks about collecting maps, finding maps online, satellite imagery, using GPS systems, and more. He also writes reviews of books and software related to maps.

People can read the blog entries in reverse chronological order (newest first) or go to the archives to find categories of interest. The blog's archive is accessible through the "Archives" link near the top of all the blog pages. In particular, we might be interested in entries in the Antique Maps, Cities, Historical Maps, and Libraries sections of the archive. Pittsburgh is listed in the Cities section and has four entries.

Maps are invaluable to genealogists. This issue's President's Column covers one use. Other uses include determining which church was closest to the family home, platting deeds, tracing migration paths, and more.

ONLINE ACCESS TO PA'S BIRTH AND DEATH CERTIFICATES PROPOSED BY PaHR-ACCESS

The People for Better Pennsylvania Historical Records Access (PaHR-Access) have started 2011 by focusing attention on the importance of preserving PA's birth and death certificates online through the Division of Vital (PA) Records. Their goal is to provide "greater access to Pennsylvania's older state death certificates and to have them available online," according to a recent discussion on the PaHR-Access web site.

In addition, PaHR-Access advocates for the creation of a free public database of all of PA's birth and death certificates. With consideration of privacy laws, PaHR-Access has published their suggestions for state lawmakers and other advocates.

According to PaHR-Access, "Currently, all death certificates recorded by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania since 1906 have restricted access regardless of how long ago a person died. A requester is also required to have a direct relationship to the deceased in order to obtain a copy of a death certificate. Often a requester doesn't know if the person is related and needs the death certificate to find out. This is especially true when compiling family histories and trying to find the descendants of a common ancestor." This is time-consuming for the Division of Vital Records and can be frustrating for the family researcher.

An index of names of all people who have died in Pennsylvania does not exist at this time. For these and other reasons, the public is not able to access historic birth and death certificates. PaHR-Access strongly believes that the public should have access to these valuable records. Genealogists conducting research in Pennsylvania would generally agree with this

proposal. The current procedure can be costly and take many weeks to complete.

According to the PaHR-Access web site, "There are 34 states that allow viewing by the public of state death certificates or extracted data from death certificates online and/or in person at the respective state archives. For nine other states there are indexes to state death certificates online or at the respective state archives. In two additional states, although they do not allow access to certificates or extracted data, they do allow anyone to request a copy of a death certificate after a specific number of years. It is only in the remaining five states (including Pennsylvania) that there is no general public access to death certificates, extracted data, indexes, or copies of certificates."

PaHR-Access is a group of "ordinary people who literally want better access to Pennsylvania's historical records. PaHR-Access is not affiliated with any political, commercial, institutional or religious organization whatsoever."

For more information, contact the PaHR-Access spokesperson, Tim Gruber, by e-mail timarg@rcn.com or phone 610-791-9294.

To learn more about the efforts of PaHR-Access, go to <http://users.rcn.com/timarg/PaHR-Access-SL.htm>.

VITAL RECORDS FOR OTHER STATES

The Center for Disease Control has compiled a list of where to write for vital records for all U.S. states and territories. It is available online at <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/w2w.htm>.

FamilySearch has digitized and indexed vital records for some states. These are available for free at <https://www.familysearch.org>. FamilySearch also has vital records from some Canadian provinces online at the same web site.



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UPCOMING PROGRAMS FROM NHG

Mark Your Calendars!

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Speaker: Elissa Scalise Powell, CG

This special event will be divided into two parts. Part 1 begins at 5:30 P.M. and will cover genealogy basics. Part 2 begins at 7:00 P.M. And will cover census records in detail, along with how to use the census to move into other records. Please join us for all or part of this workshop!

Tuesday, 19 April 2011
RESEARCHING PITTSBURGH'S ROMAN
CATHOLIC ARCHIVES

Speaker: Kenneth White

Kenneth White, Archivist at the Archives and Records Center for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh, will address what records are available, how to access records, and how to find records from closed churches.

THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM - Tuesday, 15 February 2011 ***YOUR DIGITAL AFTERLIFE: PRESERVING YOUR DIGITAL LEGACY***

Speaker: Reed Powell, NHG Treasurer

After a genealogical technology review, Reed Powell will discuss the book *Your Digital Afterlife: When Facebook, Flickr and Twitter Are Your Estate, What's Your Legacy?* As we all move further into the digital world, there are important considerations as to the permanence of our creations. This book addresses many of those questions.