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GRIP REGISTRATION OPENING

Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh (GRIP) announces that registration for the July 21-26 institute opens on Thursday, February 7 at noon. Six courses are being offered this year and some are bound to sell out in minutes as they did last year. To prepare for registration day, go to www.GRIPitt.org and prioritize which courses you are interested in taking. Each course runs concurrently for the full week. You can see exact lecture schedules by clicking on “Courses” in the black ribbon and then “2013 courses.”

The six courses and their coordinating instructors are:

- 1.) **Intermediate Genealogy: Tools for Digging Deeper** with Paula Stuart-Warren, CG, FMGS, FUGA.
- 2.) **Determining Kinship Reliably with the Genealogical Proof Standard** with Thomas W. Jones, Ph.D., CG, CGL, FASG, FUGA, FNGS.
- 3.) **Bridging the 1780-1840 Gap: From New England to the Midwest** with D. Joshua Taylor, MA, MLS.
- 4.) **Your Immigrant Ancestors’ Stories: Writing a Quality Narrative** with John Philip Colletta, Ph.D., FUGA.
- 5.) **Advanced Land Research: Locating, Analyzing, Mapping** with Rick Sayre, CG, CGL and Pam Sayre, CG, CGL.
- 6.) **Military Records: From Cradle to Grave** with Craig R. Scott, CG.

In 2012, GRIP hosted 108 students from 28 different states in four courses. You have the advantage of having the institute in your “backyard.” Other similar week-long genealogy institutes are located in Salt Lake City in January; Birmingham, Alabama, in June; and Washington, D.C. in July. Make your plans now for registering for the early-bird tuition.

VOLUNTEER NOW TO PRESERVE MEMORIES AT VINCENTIAN

The “Book of Life” program for Vincentian residents will be held on Monday, 21 January 2013. Volunteers aged 15 or older are needed to work with the elderly residents at one of four Vincentian locations that day. To register, contact Joyce Andrews, Director of Volunteer Services at 412-548-4060 or jandrews@vcs.org. Individuals, families, or groups may register together to participate in this “Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service” project of Vincentian Communities and Services.

The aim of the “Book of Life” program is to meet with residents and use vintage photos and sample questions from the “Book of Life” guidebook to discover, collect, and record the life stories and precious memories of each person’s family. This great program is a just one-day commitment to participate in a local service project. On January 21, volunteers are needed from 2 – 4 P.M. and 6 – 7:30 P.M. at Marian Manor in Greentree and also at Vincentian de Marillac in Stanton Heights. On the same day, others can volunteer from 10 – 11:30 P.A.M. and 1:30 – 3:00 P.M. at Vincentian Home and Vincentian Regency. For more information, go to www.vcs.org.

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WHO WE ARE—NHG

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.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Happy New Year! After the holiday decorations are put away, my mom insists (as did her mother) on re-evaluating what's been saved and deciding if it needs to go. "Out with the old, and in with the new. It's the only way to start off the new year right." I figure the same principle applies to family history research, too.

An article in *Family Tree Magazine* from July 2012 ("Pass It On" by Denise Levenick) reviewed handling family archives and heirlooms. The first step is to distinguish the "junk." Besides the monetary value, there's the historical or cultural value along with the sentimental value to consider. The author didn't see much need to keep family papers beyond vital records, although she acknowledged that some items "add color" to your ancestors' lives. Unfortunately I find that everything I have pertaining to my forebears adds dimension to their lives. The author did make a reasonable point that some of these items could be digitized and then trashed (with multiple back-ups, of course). Some old receipts from rent and an old grocery list that I'm holding onto probably fall into that category. I'm following her advice and skimming through these items once more to sort the wheat from the chaff. What I'm keeping, I am storing and identifying properly. (Please recall Mary Dzurichko's program "Caring For Your Family Archives" in January 2012.) As Ms. Levenick pointed out, if the item isn't worth storing with archival quality materials, then you're acknowledging it may not be worth keeping.

The author also suggested that you can find alternate homes for selected family heirlooms—good homes where the items will be treated properly. While some families have museum quality heirlooms, the Edwards' family archive is wide of the mark. After my grandmother's house was sold, my cousin (also a genealogy enthusiast) and I agreed on saving a few mementos destined for the dumpster. I was grateful he was willing to take the German cuckoo clock that everyone remembers fondly, but that no one wanted to claim for his or her house. He was glad that I pulled the Christmas ornaments (he had no room for them, but I retrieved a special one that he remembered). Actually I've collected the Christmas ornaments of many deceased relatives,

and I'm currently going through them to make sure I'm saving what is really important. Sometimes the "junk" descriptor is only apparent after a judicious interval.

Meanwhile I noticed that my paper files are bulging. I found a lot of printouts and brochures for repositories that were new to me at one time but now should be purged. I'm also discarding notes for further research that have since been captured in an enhanced Research Log (based on D. Josh Taylor's suggestion at NHG's Fall Conference to add a column titled "Suggested Follow-up"). These notes are not readily found when needed, no matter how logical the storage place seemed at the time! While electronic data doesn't take up much physical space, these files deserve similar attention. I've gained a lot of insight along the way, and older files especially need to be re-examined, renamed, and filed in their proper place.

Next month I plan on going through the cleaned up files (paper and electronic) to make sure everything is properly recorded in my database. I'll let you know how that goes!

~ Krisanne

NORTHERN IRELAND GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE FEES INCREASING

Press release

17 Dec 2012

Fees for services provided by the General Register Office (GRO) are being increased. The fees are for birth, death, marriage and civil partnership certificates, as well as fees in relation to marriage and civil partnership formalities and other services. The changes come into effect from today.

No profit

The fees also cover the following new services introduced:

- short death certificates that will exclude the cause of death
- the notification of registration events to government departments and other organisations

- the introduction of commemorative certificates
- the recording in the Northern Ireland registration records of registration events that have occurred abroad

Fees have remained the same since January 2011. Increases are now needed, but the fees only cover identifiable costs - there is no profit. A 'no-charge' fee for the civil registration of births and deaths remains unchanged.

See below for a list of prices:

Service	Current cost	Cost from 17 December
Birth, death, marriage and civil partnership certificates	£14	£15
Marriage/ civil partnership notice	£20	£22
Solemnisation of a marriage/ registration of a civil partnership	£33	£36
Short death certificates	N/A	£15 (£8 if the certificate is issued by the Registrar at the time of registration)
Commemorative certificates	N/A	£40
Recording in the Northern Ireland registration records of registration events that have occurred abroad	N/A	£40

You can find out more about GRO services, including ordering certificates online, at the following pages:

- [General Register Office information \(do it online section\)](#)
- [Order a birth certificate \(do it online section\)](#)

- [Order a death certificate \(do it online section\)](#)
- [Order a marriage certificate \(do it online section\)](#)
- [Order a civil partnership certificate \(do it online section\)](#)
- [Order an adoption certificate \(do it online section\)](#)

Editors' Note: More information about ordering records from the Northern Ireland General RegisterOffice is available at <http://www.nidirect.gov.uk/index/information-and-services/leisure-home-and-community/history-heritage-and-museums/archive-for-family-and-local-history.htm>.

BCG'S NEW BLOG: SPRINGBOARD: NEWS AND NOTES

Press release

8 January 2013

The 49-year-old Board for Certification of Genealogists (BCG), the group that wrote the book on genealogical standards, recently joined the blogosphere with its blog, *SpringBoard: News and Notes*, accessed from <http://www.BCGcertification.org>.

According to BCG president Elissa Scalise Powell, CG, CGL, of Pennsylvania, the blog will communicate news about BCG and events it sponsors or participates in. Early posts introduced officers Powell; vice-president Michal Ramage, J.D., CG, of Pennsylvania; secretary Dawne Slater-Putt, CG, of Indiana; treasurer Jeanne Larzalere Bloom, CG, of Illinois; and member-at-large Stefani Evans, CG, of Nevada; and gave notice of a fee change effective January 1. Another post announced new audio clips from three Board-certified genealogists describing why they chose to seek certification.

Future posts will come from BCG officers, trustees, and committee members and will include

- names and profiles of new certificants (whose portfolios of work have been

judged to meet the standards set out in the *BCG Genealogical Standards Manual*),

- news of conferences and events where BCG will have a presence through exhibit booths, lectures, certification seminars, and social events, and
- information, advice, and explanation on genealogy standards, the certification procedures, and other items of interest.

In addition, a current-events calendar lists where BCG will have a presence. Anyone may subscribe to email notifications of new posts from the site as well.

Using blog software through its website allows BCG to communicate more frequently than its triannual newsletter, *OnBoard*, to which anyone may subscribe for a yearly fee. The organization also has a presence on Facebook (currently open to the public) and LinkedIn® (for associates).

Said Powell, “We enjoy being able to offer timely news and notes to help advance the mission we began in 1964—defining, supporting, explaining, and advocating high standards in genealogy.”

FYI: BCG is an independent certifying body recognized nationally and internationally. It is not affiliated with, or part of, any group. More about BCG information is available at <http://www.bcgcertification.org/aboutbcg/index.html>.

NHG MEMBER QUERY

MALOY/DEVERS – Seeking information regarding my great-great grandparents, **HUGH MALOY**, born abt. 1840 in Ireland, and **MARY DEVERS**, born abt. 1845 in Ireland. Hugh and Mary were married abt. 1864 possibly in Pittsburgh PA. They lived in the Uptown area during the mid to late 1800's.

They had 6 children: Patrick J., Harry, James J., Mary E., Hugh A., and William J. Mary's date of death is unknown; Hugh died at his home on Webster Avenue on 14 August 1912. Please contact: Colleen Rumble at crumble@zoominternet.net.

NOT ONE, BUT TWO

By Sharon Cimoch, NHG Indexing Project Chair

My g-g-g-g-grandfather, John Abernathy, was born in Bristol Parish, Virginia, and as a young man, he traveled with his parents and siblings to Tryon County in North Carolina (now called Lincoln County). John married and raised a family on a large plantation along the Catawba River. When John died in 1816, he was buried there beside the river, and in 1820, his widow and most of his children moved on to Missouri.

That should be the end of the story, but when I looked for him on the web site *Find-A-Grave*, it said that his gravestone was located in the Unity Presbyterian Church Cemetery. In addition to that information, another source said, "He has a stone in the Hills Chapel Methodist Church Cemetery, but none was found on Findagrave.com."

This conflicting information really set me back. Why would John Abernathy have two tombstones at two different cemeteries when he was supposed to be buried on his plantation? I looked up both of the churches and on the Hills Chapel Methodist Church's website found a 25-page directory for everyone buried in their cemetery. Looking closer, I noticed that everyone buried there had died no earlier than 1861. Why would there be such a huge gap between his date of death in 1816, and everyone else's? Now I was really curious.

I found the e-mail address for the church and wrote "To Whom It May Concern" asking for information about the discrepancies. In a few days, I received a response from a church member who is also an avid genealogist. After a few days of doing some research for me, she found that in 1960 the Duke Power Plant contracted to build a dam on the Catawba River, and graves that would be flooded were to be moved. An advertisement was posted in the Lincolnton newspaper requesting family members to come forward and authorize the removals, but shortly afterward, John's tombstone disappeared. The authorities of the power plant had a new stone made, and it was placed with his disinterred remains in the cemetery at the Methodist church.

Many years later, an Abernathy family member came forward and asked at the local library where John's tombstone should be placed. (A picture of this stone is of a very old sandstone monument, which we think was taken from his original grave before the dam was built and then forgotten.) Not knowing about the tombstone and interment at Hills Chapel, the original stone was then placed in the Unity Presbyterian Church Cemetery.

Since I first heard from her, my new friend in Lincolnton has sent me numerous documents, including a photo of the newer stone and a topographical map showing the exact location of John Abernathy's plantation grave site. That site did not end up in the lake, but is now right on the very edge of the lake. She is even willing to go to the Register of Deeds and the courthouse and look through all of those old, dusty ledgers that we are all familiar with to find deeds, etc. for me.

The moral of my research story about John Abernathy is this: Don't be afraid to ask questions if something does not make sense to you. If I hadn't thought to look for an e-mail address and taken the time to write to someone—anyone—asking a few questions, then I never would have known about the very strange circumstances that lead to finding not one grave, but two!

NEW PENNSYLVANIA CIVIL WAR BOOK RELEASED

The Heinz History Center and Pennsylvania Civil War 150 announce the release of a special book that commemorates the 150th anniversary of the Civil War. This unique book, *The Civil War in Pennsylvania: A Photographic History*, was written by local historians Michael G. Kraus, David M. Neville, and Kenneth C. Turner. It was published on 1 December 2012 by Heeter Direct in Canonsburg through the Heinz History Center. The 304-page, oversized paperback contains large images with factual captions, many of which are presented for the first time.

According to the Heinz History Center's website, "*The Civil War in Pennsylvania* presents for the first time in a single volume the story of the war's impact on the Keystone State as told through photographs. Nearly 500 rare and previously unpublished images from private collections

highlight Pennsylvania's role on the battlefield and on the home front." Many of the images were obtained from private collections, including a large number from co-author Kenneth C. Turner of Ellwood City.

A favorable review from the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette's* Marylynne Pitz can be read online at <http://www.post-gazette.com/stories/ae/books/a-new-look-at-the-civil-war-664958/>.

Pitz mentions the connections of the co-authors to each other and to the history of the Civil War. Michael G. Kraus is curator of collections at Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall and a sculptor. David M. Neville is a military historian and the publisher of *Military Images* magazine. They previously co-wrote the DVD documentary series *Civil War Minutes*. Kenneth C. Turner is a Beaver County historian and collector of images and artifacts from the Civil War era. This is the first collaboration for the three authors.

Genealogists, historians, and military enthusiasts would all enjoy reading *The Civil War in Pennsylvania*. The images and captions provide a dynamic narrative of Civil War heroes by the re-telling of historic events through the images and the personal accounts of soldiers and their families. *The Civil War in Pennsylvania: A Photographic History* is available online for \$39.95 at www.ShopPAHeritage.com or by contacting Ann Barnett at 717-425-5701 or c-abarnett@pa.gov. For additional information, you may also visit the Heinz History Center website: <http://www.heinzhistorycenter.org>.

NORTHLAND LIBRARY NEWS

A pierogi truck will be parked at Northland from 2:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, 15 January. This is the day of the next NHG meeting! You can get hot pierogis to eat that day or order frozen pierogis that can be picked up at Northland on 2 February. Orders for the frozen pierogis will be accepted through 22 January. Proceeds from the sales will benefit Northland.

Joe Bullick, curator of the North Allegheny Museum, will speak at Northland on Wednesday, 23 January at 7:00 P.M. This is the museum NHG toured for our holiday social in December. Joe and his co-author Jennifer Gill

Kissel will be discussing their new book *Put a Tent Over the Circus: The True Story of a Foster Child's Love and Loss During the Great Depression*, which is the story of Joe's life. The book will be available for sale during the program. The event is free, but registration is required. Visit <http://www.northlandlibrary.org> or by calling the Adult reference desk at 412 366-8100 ext 113.

NATURALIZATION INDEX AVAILABLE THROUGH GSP

The Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania recently announced a new database of interest to genealogical researchers. *The Philadelphia Courts Naturalization Index, 1790 – 1880* contains a listing of the majority of declarations of intent and of naturalization petitions from a variety of Philadelphia area courts during a span of 90 years.

Thanks to the dedicated efforts and generous donation of Jefferson M. Moak, former archivist of the Philadelphia City Archives who spent many years creating the database, researchers can access and search the "most accurate index of Philadelphia County Court declarations and naturalizations known to exist." Researchers are reminded that variant spellings must be considered while searching this collection. In addition, the index does not include the petition or declaration from every immigrant who applied for citizenship.

By visiting the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania's website at <https://genpa.org/collection/philadelphia-courts-naturalization-index-1790-1880> you can read about the record groups within the collection, view sample declarations and petitions, and submit search queries. After completing a successful search of the index, researchers must then request copies of their finds, or obtain copies by visiting the Philadelphia Department of Records City Archives, 3101 Market Street, Suite 150, Philadelphia, PA, 19104.

For genealogists who are searching for the details of their immigrant ancestors' lives, accessing this index database could prove to reveal an essential piece of your family's history.

2013 LEGACY FAMILY TREE WEBINAR SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED

Press Release

27 December 2012

Millennia Corporation is pleased to announce that registration is now open for its 2013 Legacy Family Tree Webinar Series. Choose from more than 40 classes from genealogy's leading educators (over 60 hours of free genealogy education) on topics ranging from genealogy technology to DNA to in-depth research methodologies and evidence analysis.

Sign up for one or for all of them today (so you don't forget later) and you will receive a reminder email both one day and one hour prior to the live event. Register at www.LegacyFamilyTree.com/webinars.asp.

January 2013

- [In the Trenches: Successful On-site Research](#) by Marian Pierre-Louis. 1/16
- [Best Internet Resources for East European Genealogy](#) by Lisa Alzo. 1/23
- [Inheritance in Scotland - Wills, Testaments, and Land Records](#) by Marie Dougan. 1/30

February 2013

- [Online Genealogy: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly](#) by Linda Woodward Geiger. 2/1
- [YouTube Your Family History](#) by Devin Ashby. 2/6
- [Pre-1850 U.S. Research Methodologies](#) by Karen Clifford. 2/13
- [Making the Most of Canadian Census Records](#) by Kathryn Lake Hogan. 2/20
- [Annie Moore of Ellis Island - A Case of Historical Identity Theft](#) by Megan Smolenyak. 2/27

March 2013

- [Behind the Cheese Curtain: A Look at Wisconsin Genealogy Resources](#) by Thomas MacEntee. 3/6
- [Blogs: Easy-to-Make Web Pages](#) by DearMYRTLE and Carrie Keele. 3/8
- [Breaking Down Your Irish and Scottish Brick Wall in the New Poor Law Records](#)

[of Scotland](#) by Judith Eccles Wight. 3/13

April 2013

- [Evidence: Guidelines for Evaluating Genealogical Evidence](#) by Linda Woodward Geiger. 4/3
- [That First Trip to the Courthouse](#) by Judy Russell. 4/10
- [A Treasure Trove of Irish Websites](#) by Judith Eccles Wight. 4/17
- [What's New at FamilySearch](#) by Devin Ashby. 4/24

May 2013

- [Researching your Roots in Rhode Island](#) by Maureen Taylor. 5/1
- [Blogging for Beginners](#) with DearMYRTLE. 5/3
- [Land Records Solve Research Problems](#) by Mary Hill. 5/15
- [Ten Hidden Resources Every Genealogist Should Know](#) by Lisa Alzo. 5/22
- [The New Frontier in Genetic Genealogy: Autosomal DNA Testing](#) by Ugo Perego. 5/29

June 2013

- [The Genealogy of Your House](#) by Marian Pierre-Louis. 6/5
- [Get What You Came For: New Search Options Let You Target Obituaries, Photos, Passenger Lists, Births, Marriages, and More](#) by Tom Kemp. 6/12
- [Next Exit: Your New Jersey Ancestors](#) by Thomas MacEntee. 6/19
- [How Knowing the Law Makes Us Better Genealogists](#) by Judy Russell. 6/26

July 2013

- [Canadian Ports of Entry: Ship Passenger Lists, Immigration Records, and Border Crossing Records](#) by Kathryn Lake Hogan. 7/10
- [Research in the Old Line State: An Overview of Maryland Genealogy](#) by Michael Hait. 7/17
- [Top Ten Techniques for Finding More in Library Catalogs](#) by Barbara Renick. 7/19
- [Top 21st Century Genealogy Resources - A Baker's Dozen](#) by Tom Kemp. 7/24
- [Direct Your Research with City Directories](#) by Maureen Taylor. 7/31

August 2013

- [Captured For All Time: Recording Family](#)

[Voices to Preserve and Pass Down](#) by Marian Pierre-Louis. 8/7

- [Digital Research Guidance, Research Logs, and To Do Lists: FamilySearch, Research Wiki, and Legacy FamilyTree](#) by Geoff Rasmussen. 8/14
- [Colonial Immigrants: Who They Were and Where They Came From](#) by Mary Hill. 8/28

September 2013

- [Getting the Most from Your Records: Putting Them Through the Wringer!](#) by Linda Woodward Geiger. 9/4
- [More Blogging for Beginners](#) with DearMYRTLE. 9/6
- [You Use WHAT for Genealogy?](#) by Thomas MacEntee. 9/11
- [Don't Be an Audio Hog: Free and Easy Ways to Share Your Audio Files](#) by Marian Pierre-Louis. 9/18

October 2013

- [Using Church Records to Identify Ancestors](#) by Mary Hill. 10/23
- [Using Court Records to tell the Story of our Ancestors' Lives](#) by Judy Russell. 10/30

November 2013

- [Ancestry Trees Can Jump Start Your Research](#) by DearMYRTLE. 11/1
- [Researching with Marian! Creating a Research Plan with YOUR Research](#) by Marian Pierre-Louis. 11/6
- [Researching Your Ohio Ancestors](#) by Lisa Alzo. 11/13
- [Mind Mapping Your Research Plans and Results](#) by Thomas MacEntee. 11/20

December 2013

- [How Computers & Gadgets are Changing Genealogy](#) by Barbara Renick. 12/4
- [Overcoming Lost Records Using Technology](#) by Karen Clifford. 12/18

Webinar Brochure

[Print the webinar brochure](#) to share with your friends, genealogy society, or Family History Center.

Editors' note: During the winter, viewing webinars is an inexpensive and convenient way to bring genealogical education into your home.

WHERE GENEALOGISTS MEET

Wednesday, 16 January 2013, 7:00 P.M. BEAVER COUNTY GENEALOGY & HISTORY CENTER

The topic for the next Beaver County meeting will be "What's New For You? Area Meetings, New Research, Share Your Progress." The meeting will be held in the Beaver Valley Family History Center in Monaca. Meetings are free and open to the public. For more information, please visit <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~pabecgs>.

Wednesday, 23 January 2013, 6:30 P.M. CRANBERRY GENEALOGY CLUB

Join the club to watch an online tutorial about military records and discuss the information. 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, please visit <http://www.cranberrygenealogy.org>.

Saturday, 9 February 2013, 10:00 A.M. WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Debbie Kapp will present "Beginning Your Journey Through JewishGen.org." The meeting will be held in the Carnegie Library Lecture Hall, 4400 Forbes Avenue, Pittsburgh. Meetings are free and open to the public. Parking in the Carnegie Library and Museum Garage is \$5.00. Go to <http://www.wpgs.org> for more details.

Monday, 25 February 2013, 1:00 P.M. WESTMORELAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Looking to get started in genealogy? Join WCHS for an introduction to genealogical research for those interested in getting involved in this fascinating hobby. Materials are included and reservations are required. The cost is \$17 for WCHS members and \$23 for non-members. The event will be held at the WCHS office, 362 Sand Hill Road, Suite 1, Greensburg. For more information about WCHS, please visit <http://www.westmorelandhistory.org>.

22–24 February 2013
VIRTUAL GENEALOGY
CONFERENCE

Family Tree University will hold their next virtual conference in February. It includes fifteen classes spread over three days as well as chat sessions. The early bird registration deadline is 25 January 2013. Please visit <http://www.familytreeuniversity.com/virtual-conference> for more information.

Saturday, 6 April 2013, 8:30 A.M.
MID-ATLANTIC GERMANIC
SOCIETY

MAGS is holding their annual spring conference at the Holiday Inn—Laurel West in Laurel, Maryland. The lectures will include “Those Other Germans: Intro to the Hapsburg Empire,” “Using Wikipedia for Family History,” “Documenting War of 1812 Army Service,” and “Austrian Germans: Bohemia.” The early-bird registration deadline is 23 March. For more information, please visit <http://magsgen.com>.

Saturday, 13 April 2013, 9:00 A.M.
WESTERN RESERVE HISTORICAL
SOCIETY

The Genealogical Committee of the Western Reserve Historical Society is sponsoring an all-day seminar featuring Judy Russell, J.D., CG. Russell writes the popular blog *The Legal Genealogist*. The day will feature four lectures on putting our ancestors into legal context. The \$40.00 registration fee does not include lunch. For more information, please visit www.wrhs.org/calendar/Genealogy_Law.

17–21 April 2013
NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL
GENEALOGICAL CONSORTIUM
CONFERENCE

The NERGC Conference will be held in Manchester, New Hampshire, this year. The theme is “Woven in History—The Fabric of New England.” This conference features seven lecture tracks each day. The track themes include

technology, DNA, methodology, writing, and more. One of the special events during the conference will be an Ancestors Roadshow. Get a free, 20 minute appointment with an experienced genealogist. The early bird registration deadline is 28 February. For more information and a registration brochure, please visit <http://www.nergc.org>.

25–27 April 2013
OHIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Ohio Genealogical Society Conference will be held at the Millennium Hotel in Cincinnati this year. The conference theme is “Expanding Your Ancestry through Technology.” This two-and-a-half day conference features seven lecture tracks. The track themes include technology, DNA, military records, land records, Irish research, German research, and more. An exhibit hall is planned. The early bird registration deadline is 15 March. For more information, please visit www.ogs.org/conference2013/index.php.

8–11 May 2013
NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL
SOCIETY ANNUAL CONFERENCE

NGS's annual conference will be held at the Las Vegas Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada. This year's theme is “Building New Bridges.” All four days will feature nine lecture tracks. These tracks will include methodology, law, military research, migration, and technology. The early bird registration deadline is 19 March. Please visit <http://www.ngsgenealogy.org> for more details.

21–24 August 2013
FEDERATION OF GENEALOGICAL
SOCIETY ANNUAL CONFERENCE

FGS's annual conference will be held in Fort Wayne, Indiana, this year. The conference brochure has not been released yet, so watch <http://www.fgs.org> for more information. Fort Wayne is the home of the Allen County Public Library, which has one of the largest genealogical collections in the country. The conference has a blog at <http://www.fgsconferenceblog.org>.



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UPCOMING PROGRAMS FROM NHG

Mark Your Calendars!

Tuesday, 19 February 2013
**SHOW ME THE CARFAX: THE PURPOSES
OF DOCUMENTATION**

Elissa Scalise Powell, CG, CGL

Ever run across family trees, information and pedigree charts online and wonder “where did they find that information?” Documenting facts is important to communicating how reliable the information is. Just as when buying a used car we want to see the “Carfax,” good genealogy needs documentation.

Tuesday, 19 March 2013
**HOW TO SEARCH ENGLISH AND WELSH
RECORDS**

Linda Johnson

Learn how to research in England and Wales. Linda Johnson, an experienced genealogical researcher, was born and raised in England. She is a previous director of the Cranberry Family History Center.

THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM – Tuesday, 15 January 2013
WAR OF 1812 GENEALOGY

Rich Hayden, NHG Tip Time Coordinator

Rich Hayden will provide an introduction to War of 1812 genealogy. The records of this often overlooked conflict may contain a rich source of ancestral information. The program will also cover the larger historical context for the war to help identify record groups useful to genealogists.