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TIP TIME: LOCATING ANCESTRAL LANDS IN ALLEGHENY COUNTY

By Rich Hayden, NHG Tip Time Leader

If you know or suspect that your ancestor owned land in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, your next stop should be the Deeds Office in the City-County Building Annex in downtown Pittsburgh. First, establish the time period and the town or township of interest (records start with the county's formation in 1788), and then choose the index collection you will need. The Grantor/Grantee Indices are to the left as you walk into the main area on the third floor; the earlier indices and deed books are located at the far end of the aisle. You may also order microfilms of these indices and the appropriate deed book volumes from a Family History Center near you.

You will need to become familiar with the Russell Indexing System to use these volumes, an explanation to which can be found at the beginning of each volume. Starting with land sales (grantor) by your ancestor is usually best, since such deeds may also give the name of the spouse. Once you identify the volume and page number for a likely deed, pull that volume from the shelf and begin reading (Caution! These are large, heavy books that are currently being digitized for more convenient access. Volumes 1–88 are now available on any of the public computers 'round about the third floor and the second floor mezzanine. Copies are \$1.00/page. No photography or scanning allowed!).

As you read, note: (1) the date of execution; (2) full names and locations (and sometimes occupations) of the grantors/grantees; (3) money exchanged; (4) land description, particularly adjoining neighbors and landmarks (roads, streams, rivers, etc.); (5) total acreage; (6) **(continued on page 94)**

NHG NEWS

NHG has a number of things going on this summer:

- Don't forget to hand in your ballot for our election. The ballot was in the May newsletter. We will have extra copies at the June meeting. Ballots are due by 30 June.
- There is no newsletter in July. Look for the next newsletter in mid-August.
- The NHG membership year ends 31 July. There is a membership form in this newsletter. We will also have forms at upcoming meetings. To pay by credit card, please visit our website: <http://www.NorthHillsGenealogists.org>.
- The deadline to register for the NHG field trip to Washington, D.C., is 20 August. The dates for the trip are 22–25 September. See our website for the details.
- The early bird registration deadline for NHG's Fall Conference is 17 September. Please take advantage of this opportunity to learn from F. Warren Bittner, CG. The registration form is available at meetings and on our website. To pay by credit card, you must use our website.

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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, Pennsylvania. 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

Despite having been around for over twenty years, the North Hills Genealogists is an organization committed to maintaining a fresh perspective. One such way is to limit the terms of executive officers; hence, this is my last letter to you as NHG president. A lot has happened over the last two years, and I hope you've noticed that NHG has been consciously evolving to reach out to its members while trying to improve the quality of that connection. As charter president, Elissa Powell has anchored this process by remembering what has worked in the past, and Sue Ennis is a strong advocate for ensuring any changes are consistent with NHG's core tenets.

The most visible aspect of reaching out is our monthly program meeting. Six years ago Mary Dzurichko raised the bar for the quality of the presentations. With a careful transition, Mary handed over the reins last year to Shelli Nye, who has continued the high standard by bringing in even more genealogy experts to share their knowledge. Shelli also stepped in as Vice-President when Rich Hayden ended his term. Fortunately Rich continues to present "Tip Time," where he takes on everyone's brick walls as seriously as his own. Ken Berner is probably the face of NHG, welcoming everyone to the monthly meeting. We continue to reach out to potential members through local events, which is facilitated by Dave Williams and Gary Schlemmer.

To underscore our commitment to improvement, our newsletter editors, Amy Arner and Sue Ennis submitted the NHG newsletter for review by the Federation of Genealogical Societies. The editors of a national organization for genealogy rated our newsletter very highly for its professional detail—kudos to Amy and Sue. Meanwhile, we're experimenting with new ideas for content, such as monthly program reviews and feedback from participants attending the annual conference and member field trips.

More examples of innovation are the Genealogy Lock-ins, FamilySearch indexing, and expansion into social media. Amy Arner partnered with Northland Library to organize the lock-ins, and the response has been overwhelming. Every session has included a long waiting list! Sharon

Cimoch joined the board when she volunteered to coordinate the 1940 US federal census indexing project; the strong participation earned NHG an all-in-one printer, which we offered as a grand prize at last year's fall conference. When we advertised for a Social Media chair, Carole Ashbridge stepped up and brought NHG onto Facebook and Twitter. We appreciate her constant updates!

Lately we've been trying to emphasize member benefits—a bit of a challenge when the annual membership fee just covers newsletter printing and mailing! Last summer we rolled out a new and improved website, which was led by Reed Powell. We're still developing content for the *Members Only* section, including a new way of sharing the list of surnames researched by members. Carole Ashbridge revived members only field trip opportunities; hopefully, you've had a chance to go with us to the Pitt Archives or the Heinz History Center Archives. Please consider joining us for the trip to Washington, D.C., in September (see the website for details).

NHG's annual conference has grown steadily in terms of quality as well as size, and Dave Williams has steered the conference committee throughout the years. This year, we consciously chose to limit growth to return to the same venue and make the day move more smoothly. In keeping with our commitment to new approaches, Amy Prager advocated that we deliberately not have the same people head the conference committees. (Don't worry; Kathy White will continue to coordinate desserts. We know when not to mess with success!)

Kathy served as the Board secretary for three years and facilitated another successful transition to Claudia Hickly. Claudia dove right in and anchored a project to standardize the NHG archives from the last 23 years, so that we do not lose touch with how the organization has developed over time. Both Kathy and Claudia provided efficient records of our monthly meetings; their time and commitment has been greatly appreciated. Reed Powell continues to serve as treasurer, making sure that NHG is financially sound. He provides a detailed accounting of income and expenditures monthly.

I've learned a lot over the last two years as president of NHG. I am grateful for the support of the NHG members, the Board, and the help from past president Al Hartman as I learned my role and fulfilled my tenure. Thank you for the opportunity!

~ Krisanne

NECROLOGY

On behalf of NHG, we express our sincere condolences to two dedicated members of our organization on the recent passing of their dear spouses. Our deepest sympathy is extended to **Colleen Rumble** and her family on the unexpected passing of her husband, Charles T. Rumble, M.D., on 23 April 2013.

We also extend our deepest sympathy to **Theresa Kolarik** and her family on the passing of her husband, Albert W. "Big Al" Kolarik on 26 May 2013. Please keep these families in your thoughts.

COLUMBIA COUNTY (PA) HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE

Press Release

7 June 2013

In the June 2013 newsletter of the Columbia County (PA) Historical and Genealogical Society, Editor Dani Crossley wrote that the society's "website redesign project is complete!"

Numerous databases are available to search for your ancestors, and these include materials held by the society such as births, baptisms, death certificates, naturalizations, land records, and World War I Draft Registrations.

The drop down menu choice of "Additional Databases" includes CCHGS Manuscript collections, previously published pamphlets, church and cemetery records, and a database of Molly Maguires, which includes various remarks and notations.

To visit the newly redesigned website for Columbia County's Society, go to <http://colcohist-gensoc.org>.

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witnesses; and (7) whether signed with a signature or a mark (e.g., an “X”). Please also note carefully any descriptions of the prior history of the land, including earlier deed book or patent book entries and the parties involved. Follow the trail of earlier deeds also as far as they will go in the available deed books. If the chain of title is not interrupted, they should lead directly to the original warrantee for the land, although this person may not have been the first owner.

A warrant for the land conferred only limited rights, which must be followed up with a survey to fix the exact boundaries of the property. This would then entitle the holder to full legal possession of the land upon payment of all applicable fees and the issuance of a patent for the land. Nearly all existing Pennsylvania warrants, surveys, and patents can be found instantly on the *Pennsylvania Archives* website: http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt?open=512&objID=3184&&SortOrder=100&level=4&parentCommID=3162&menuLevel=Level_4&mode=2.

For Allegheny County, these records have been conveniently identified and platted in a warrantee atlas which may be found at the following link on the *Historic Pittsburgh* website, http://images.library.pitt.edu/w/warrantee/plate_index.html.

For the latter half of the 1800s, knowing even the adjoining landholders in a single, contemporaneous deed or census listing may be sufficient to locate a property approximately. For example, a James and Sarah Sweeney were known from census records to have lived and owned land in Ross Township before or around 1880. At the courthouse, two deeds were found in their names in Ross which cited metes and bounds and adjoining landholders, as well as how the property came to them. The *1886 Landholder Atlas of Allegheny County* was consulted on-line at the *Historic Pittsburgh* website to get an approximate location for the land using the following link to the general site: <http://digital.library.pitt.edu/maps/browse.html>, followed by opening Plate 6 (Ross Township)

from the “Index Map” to the 1886 atlas: <http://images.library.pitt.edu/cgi-bin/i/image/image-idx?view=entry;cc=maps;entryid=x-86vo1p06>. Plate 6 shows a tract marked “Sweeny” in the extreme southwest corner of the township adjoining both Reserve Township and a tract marked “Mrs. Neilson,” one of the neighbors mentioned in the deeds found at the courthouse. The *1876 Landholder Atlas of Allegheny County* may also be consulted: <http://digital.library.pitt.edu/maps/76vo1ind.html>.

Further confirmation was provided by following the citations of earlier deeds in the chain of title, leading eventually to a Jane McCully, the original warrantee and patentee of an even larger tract on 14 February 1814. Along the chain of title, an 1860 partition was cited in one deed for the estate of James Kerr. A visit to the probate office yielded a richly detailed plat of Kerr’s land, which included the portion sold to Sweeney, and which matched all of the features—roads, intersections, neighbors, etc.—shown in the *1886 Atlas*. Finally, the *Warrantee Atlas of Allegheny County* was consulted using the link given above. Plate 41 of the atlas clearly shows the boundaries of McCully’s tract, which straddled the border between what are now Ross and Reserve Townships, with the Sweeny tract falling into the triangular-shaped portion extending into Ross: <http://images.library.pitt.edu/cgibin/i/image/image-idx?view=entry&cc=maps&entryid=x-14warp41>.

Not all efforts to locate ancestral lands in Allegheny County may be this straightforward. The chain of title may be broken by a will, sheriff’s sale, or any number of other factors. Also, not all landholders are located in an atlas, only those who chose to pay the publisher the required fee. Generally speaking, these impediments can usually be overcome by diligent searching and appropriate “work-around” strategies. Perhaps a final benefit of the work is to walk the ground or even to see the house where your ancestor lived, if it is still standing. Using Google Earth, this may be done without even leaving your own home.

[Editors’ Note: If you have any questions, you may contact Rich Hayden at rahayden@verizon.net.]

WHERE GENEALOGISTS MEET

Wednesday, 19 June 2013, 7:00 P.M.

BEAVER COUNTY GENEALOGY & HISTORY CENTER

Shelli Nye will present "Searching the Internet Main Sites." It is a case study on applying search steps, time lines, and a variety of sources to a family. 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>.

Saturday, 22 June 2013

ALLEGHENY CITY TOUR

In 1863, there was the threat of the Confederate Army invading Pennsylvania. The Allegheny City Society is sponsoring a bus and walking tour of places in Allegheny City where fortifications were built. The cost is \$40.00. There are two times, 10:00 A.M. and 12:00 P.M. The fee includes the tour, lunch, and a presentation on the Battle of Gettysburg. To make a reservation, call Amelia at 412-766-5670.

25-26 June 2013

ARCHIVES WITHOUT TEARS

The Pennsylvania State Archives, the Jefferson County History Center, and the Pennsylvania Anthracite Heritage Museum are cosponsoring this two day event. Learn how to collect and preserve historical records. It will be held at the Pennsylvania Anthracite Heritage Museum's facility in Scranton. The cost is \$25 for both days or \$15 for one day. Space is limited for this event. The registration form is available at <https://dl.dropbox.com/u/551652/AWOT2013.pdf>.

Wednesday, 26 June 2013, 6:30 P.M.

CRANBERRY GENEALOGY CLUB

Carole Ashbridge, MLS, will present "Wikis, Blogs, Twitter, Facebook, Dropbox, The Cloud: What does all this jargon mean and how can you use it to be more productive in your genealogy tasks?" Ashbridge, a retired school librarian, is always looking for an easier way, will discuss applications that can help you keep abreast of

trends in genealogy, research your family, and organize all that paper that floats around in your workspace. The best part of it all— most, if not all, are FREE! 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>.

Monday, 8 July 2013, 6:30 P.M.

ZELIENOPLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Sue Ennis will present "Finding Your Roots Locally" at the Zelienople Library. This free event is open to the public. The library's address is 227 South High Street, Zelienople.

8-12 July 2013

NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH

Designed for experienced researchers, NIGR is a week-long institute focused on the records held by the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). The institute is held in a classroom at NARA's main facility in downtown Washington, D.C. Students will have some time during the week to apply what they've learned in class. Space is limited for this institute. Please visit <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~natgenin> for more information.

16-19 July 2013

STATEWIDE CONFERENCE ON HERITAGE

Preservation Pennsylvania is sponsoring the 2013 conference Byways to the Past XIV and Heritage Partnerships Conference XXXV. There will be twenty-three sessions, five optional tours, and three evening events. The conference will be held at the William Penn Hotel in downtown Pittsburgh. For more information, please visit <http://pennbyways.org>.

21-26 July 2013

GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF PITTSBURGH

Take advantage of this great local opportunity!

GRIP offers the choice of six week-long courses on genealogy. Two of the courses have filled, but there is still space in the other four. The institute will be held at LaRoche College, 9000 Babcock Blvd., Pittsburgh. For more information, please visit <http://www.gripitt.org>.

Saturday, 3 August 2013, 9:30 A.M.
**SUMMIT COUNTY CHAPTER OF
THE OHIO GENEALOGICAL
SOCIETY**

The Summit County Chapter and the Akron-Summit County Public Library are co-sponsoring *Discovering Your Immigrant Ancestors*, an all-day seminar featuring Leslie Albrecht Huber and Lisa Alzo. Huber will present "Online Sources for Western European Research," "Jumping over Hurdles in German Research," and "The Journey Takers: An Inside Look at the Immigration Experience." Alzo will present "Tracing Your Immigrant Ancestors," and "Crossing the Pond: Successful Strategies for Researching Eastern European Ancestors." The event will be held at the Akron Main Library Auditorium in Akron. For more information, please visit <http://www.summitogs.org>.

4-9 August 2013
IAJGS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies and the Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston are co-sponsoring this year's conference. The event will be held at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel in Boston, Massachusetts. More information is available at <http://www.iajgs2013.org>.

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 is available at <http://www.fgs.org>. 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>.

13-15 September 2013
**FAMILY TREE UNIVERSITY
VIRTUAL CONFERENCE**

The next Family Tree University Virtual Conference will be held in September. The event features fifteen pre-recorded sessions and the ability to participate in live chats. The early bird registration deadline is 9 August. For more information and a schedule, please visit <http://www.familytreeuniversity.com/virtual-conference>.

20-21 September 2013
**NEW YORK GENEALOGICAL &
BIOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY
CONFERENCE**

The NYG&B and the Central New York Genealogical Society are cosponsoring a statewide genealogical conference for New York. The event will be held at the Holiday Inn Liverpool in Liverpool, New York. The conference will have two tracks each day, one focused on New York and the other on general methodology. For more information and a registration form, please visit <http://www.nysfhc.org>.

Saturday, 28 September 2013, 9:00 A.M.
BUCKS COUNTY ANCESTRY FAIR

The Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania and the Bucks County Visitors Center are sponsoring this annual event. Details are still being finalized for this free event. Watch <http://genpa.org> for more information.

7-11 October 2013
**INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR
BRITISH GENEALOGY AND
FAMILY HISTORY INSTITUTE**

This Salt Lake City, Utah, based conference features four classes. Maggie Loughran and Paul Blake will teach "Sources for Tracing Pre-mid-nineteenth Century English Ancestors." Thomas W. Jones, PhD, CG, CGL, FASG, will teach "From Simple to Complex: Applying Genealogy's Standard of Acceptability to British Research." David Rencher will teach "Irish Land Records and

Fragmentary Evidence Correlation.” Graham Walter will teach “Using the Cloud for British Family History Research.” Please visit <http://isbgfh.org> for more information.

BEAVER COUNTY GENEALOGY AND HISTORY CENTER MOVING

The Beaver County Genealogy and History Center is moving to a new location. Their new address will be 250 East End Avenue, Beaver, PA 15009. Their new telephone number will be 724-775-1775. The new address and telephone number will be effective 1 July. The center will be closed 19–24 June while the collection is moved.

ANCESTRY.COM AND TLC TEAM UP FOR THE NEW SEASON OF *WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?*

Provo, Utah - 21 May 2013 – Ancestry.com, the world’s largest online family history resource, announced it has teamed up with TLC, Shed Media US, and Is or Isn’t Entertainment as an integrated sponsor of the upcoming season of the *Who Do You Think You Are?* television series, premiering 23 July at 9:00 P.M. Eastern time. For more details, go to <http://www.tlc.com> and click on the title of the show.

“We are thrilled to be teaming up with TLC, Shed Media US, and Is or Isn’t Entertainment to bring this entertaining and inspiring series back for another season,” said Rob Singer, Senior Vice President of Marketing for Ancestry.com. “Charting one’s family history helps each of us better understand who we are. Through the journeys of these celebrities, we hope millions of Americans will see just how life-changing and rewarding genealogy can be and begin researching their own family history to make discoveries that tell them who they are and where they came from.”

Who Do You Think You Are? explores the roots of celebrities who embark on an intense personal journey to discover their family’s past—and now TLC has announced that the fan-favorite reality series will air all-new episodes on the network this summer. Some of the

celebrities to be featured include Christina Applegate, Cindy Crawford, Kelly Clarkson, Chris O’Donnell, and Zooey Deschanel.

Each of the eight hour-long episodes reveals the real person behind the celebrity as they come to understand the lives their ancestors lived which helped shape the person they are today. As part of the show sponsorship, Ancestry.com provides important family history research on each of the featured celebrities, which is used to build out the story of each episode.

Produced by Lisa Kudrow and Dan Bucatinsky, the show is based on an original format created by Wall to Wall Media. An earlier version of the series previously aired on NBC for three seasons.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP PREPARE FOR THE 1950 CENSUS RELEASE

Steve Morse and Joel Weintraub are looking for some volunteers to help them prepare for the release of the 1950 US census. Even though that will not happen until 2022, they are starting to prepare their website <http://www.stevemorse.org> for the release. The goal is to have a tool to determine enumeration district for a given address ready when the census is released. According to their website, they are looking for people who “have basic computer skills, typing skills, have access to the Internet, be detail people but not perfectionists, be independent workers and able to follow instructions, be patient enough to handle large amounts of information, and be comfortable with projects that may take weeks or months, not hours, to accomplish.” More information about the project is available at <http://www.stevemorse.org/census/project1950intro.html>.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PUBLICITY TABLES

Volunteers are needed to assist with the NHG Publicity Display for Zelenople’s 50th Annual Horse Trading Days. The event will be held 18–20 July from 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. daily. The schedule of events and updated information is on their website: <http://www.horsetradingdays.info>.

NHG's table will again be located in front of the historic Buhl House, 221 S. Main Street (on the left side as you drive north on Route 19). No experience necessary to volunteer! We set out flyers, fall conference brochures, and our cemetery books, and we talk about genealogy with interested people. Dave Williams is coordinating volunteers for Horse Trading Days; contact him at peggie@consolidated.net.

ADDITIONAL PENNSYLVANIA HISTORIC NEWSPAPERS DIGITIZED FOR ONLINE ACCESS

In recent weeks several organizations, including Penn State University, the State Library of Pennsylvania, and Genealogy Bank, have each announced that many more historic newspapers from across Pennsylvania are being salvaged and digitized. These newspapers are best accessed for free through the libraries of PSU, <http://www.libraries.psu.edu/psul/home.html>, or through any public library portal by clicking on **AccessPA**. (Access PA cannot be used for free unless you go through a public library site.)

Each collection is searchable by location first, and then by date. One can also browse the collection, which currently covers most cities in the state as well as some county newspapers. Note that the PA Historic Newspaper Project is ongoing. A newspaper from your ancestor's hometown from the right era can produce a wealth of vital statistical data for your relatives.

FIND TIME FOR GENEALOGY . . . ON VACATION!?

By Sue Ennis, NHG Newsletter Co-Editor

The official first day of summer is almost here, and many look forward to a vacation in the coming months. Depending upon your vacation plans, there might be a chance to squeeze in a bit of time during your travels for your favorite pastime—genealogy!

If you and your family, or friends, are heading out for vacation, genealogy could be a rainy day plan for you. Do a little bit of browsing on the Internet before you pack for your vacation

destination. The local genealogy club might have a free evening program that you could attend while you are visiting an area. You might strike up a conversation with a local contact, or even with an unknown cousin.

Perhaps a neighboring town or the next county over from your vacation spot might also be hosting an evening event. Look for one-day conferences, exhibits, or special events. Remember to check the public library near your destination; it might provide access to a genealogical database that you are eager to use. It helps if your vacation destination is actually near some of your own ancestral towns. If so, that county's courthouse might provide an opportunity to quench your thirst for research with a focused plan to locate one or two records.

There is no need to drag the whole family or gang with you, however. If you are staying in close quarters during vacation, you might appreciate a couple of hours of time to yourself, away from the crowd. The key, again, is to plan ahead. Know what repository is nearby or when a local group is meeting. You can locate detailed information online, send an email inquiry, or call the local library in advance of your vacation.

If your vacation is driving distance from your home, then breaking up the drive with a strategic rest stop could benefit your genealogical research. A short detour off the interstate could land you in an ancestral town to explore or in a cemetery to search for family members while stretching your legs. You might even arrange to meet with a relative for a meal break on your travels.

If you take technology on vacation, then the easiest way to fit in some of your favorite hobby might be to input data or to update your logs and records. This is a genealogical activity that could be accomplished in a small amount of time daily.

All of these suggestions could work if you want to combine time on vacation with some precious genealogical research time. The trick might be convincing your travel companions to give you the freedom to detour or to take time away from the crowd. This year, if you are traveling near an ancestral location, enhance your trip with time to explore your roots—while you are there!

GRIP EVENING EVENTS

The Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh will be held 22–26 July at LaRoche College. In addition to the week-long classes, there will be free lectures some evenings. The evening lecture schedule is

- Monday – Michael Hait, CG, will present “What Is a 'Reasonably Exhaustive' Search?” The first step of the Genealogical Proof Standard is to “complete a reasonably exhaustive search for all relevant records” related to your research objective. This presentation discusses what a “reasonably exhaustive search” constitutes, why this is necessary, and how to conduct a search. A case study explores how failing to identify all relevant records can lead to missing information and forming inaccurate conclusions about your ancestors’ lives.
- Tuesday – Angela Packer McGhie will present “Read All about Your Ancestors by Locating Historic Newspapers.” Learn how to find which newspapers were printed in the time and location your ancestors lived, and how to access them now. She’ll look at free and subscription newspaper websites as well as accessing newspapers that are not digitized.
- Thursday – Pamela Stone Eagleson, CG, will present “Divorce Records in Genealogist Research.” Divorce was alive and thriving throughout the nineteenth century. Records, if found, are rich in information for genealogists. This lecture, concentrating on the era from 1800 to 1920, focuses on where to find these records and the information contained in them.

The lectures begin at 7:00 P.M. in room SC103 of the Science Center. While pre-registration is not required, space is limited.

Maia's Books (<http://www.MaiasBooks.com>), a genealogical book store, will have books available for purchase in College Center Square, next to the cafeteria, throughout the institute.

NHG MEMBERSHIP FORM

The annual fee for membership in NHG remains \$15.00 for two people in a household. The new membership year starts 1 August. To ensure you don't miss an issue of the newsletter, please send in your renewal form by 31 August. To pay by cash or check, fill out the form below and mail it to North Hills Genealogists, PO Box 169, Wexford, PA 15090 or bring it to a meeting. To pay with a credit card, please visit our website <http://www.NorthHillsGenealogists.org>.

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS FROM NHG

Mark Your Calendars!

Tuesday, 23 July 2013 **READ ALL ABOUT YOUR ANCESTORS BY** **LOCATING HISTORIC NEWSPAPERS**

Angela McGhie

This is a special program on the fourth Thursday of July at **La Roche College**. Learn how to find which historic newspapers were printed in the time and location your ancestors lived and how to access them. Learn about free and subscription newspaper websites as well as accessing newspapers that are not digitized.

Tuesday, 20 August 2013 **UNDERSTANDING DNA TESTING**

Karen Melis

Melis has been pursuing her Slovak family and their migration to Pittsburgh for many years. With graduate-level classes and months spent doing on-site research, she has studied language, migration patterns, and DNA to verify her findings. She will help us understand DNA testing and the reasons for using it in genealogy. Her presentation will apply to all ethnic groups.

THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM – Tuesday, 18 June 2013 **IRISH? SCOTTISH? NOT SURE?**

Brian O'Neill

Mr. O'Neil's presentation on Northern Ireland and Scotland will include histories, maps, and migrations, and take into account the surnames submitted by our members. He will give us a taste of what it was like for our ancestors who lived there and help you learn where to look for them. Mr. O'Neill is the Director of the Association of O'Neill clans in America. He was born in Derry, Ireland.