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UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH'S ARCHIVES SERVICE CENTER REVIEWED AFTER NHG VISIT

By Ken Berner, NHG Membership Chair

Our contingent of twelve North Hills Genealogists visited Pitt's Archives Service Center in Point Breeze on April 9. It was part of an on-going series of field trips introducing participants to genealogical repositories that they may not have otherwise had an opportunity to visit, or learn how to properly use, in developing their family histories.

Headquartered in what some may term an early 20th century industrial park, the massive building, still undergoing extensive rehabilitation to properly house its growing (over three million volumes) collection and preservation responsibilities, is nonetheless a welcoming entity that, upon entry, is as secure, clean, modern, and bright as any university classroom building or office complex.

As can be expected at many archives, housing mainly one-of-a-kind materials and artifacts, security is immediately in evidence, from the sign-in procedure at the front door, to the user-registration process in the reading room, to pencils-only for note-taking. None of the process is burdensome to the user who recognizes the necessity of preserving these materials, not only for their own use, but for future generations as well.

Of interest, too, was a brief review of the disaster-preparedness plans the facility has in place to deal with internal or external emergencies that may threaten its personnel or collections.

Our one-hour introduction, by Archives Director Ed Galloway and Chief Archivist David Grinnell,
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NHG PLANS FIELD TRIP TO DC

The North Hills Genealogists is sponsoring a trip to Washington, DC, from 22–25 September. It will provide research opportunities in important repositories for participants. We will be traveling by charter coach and staying at the Holiday Inn Rosslyn in Arlington, Virginia. By leaving on Sunday morning, we will travel to Washington and arrive in time to do a little sightseeing or perhaps catch an author presentation at the National Book Festival that evening.

Group visits and orientations are being arranged for the National Archives, the Library of Congress, and the Daughters of the American Revolution Library. Travelers may visit any or all of these facilities depending on their research interests.

Enjoy an Illumination Tour on Tuesday evening with our group, strike out on your own for a dinner and a show, or enjoy some of Washington's nightlife. We will return to the North Hills Wednesday evening. Friends and families are welcome, but space is limited. The registration deadline is 20 August 2013.

For more information and a reservation form, see www.NorthHillsGenealogists.org or contact Carole Ashbridge at caroleashbridge@gmail.com.

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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

Memorial Day originated as a way to commemorate the lives lost during the Civil War, and now it is a day of remembrance for Americans who have given their lives in military service. In my family, Memorial Day is the time to honor my maternal grandfather who died in World War II. He was killed in action during the Battle of the Bulge, a major German offensive to break through the Allied western front in December 1944.

Recently, I attempted to request my grandfather's service record. The World War II Official Military Personnel Files (OMPFs) are available through the National Archives, although the physical records are stored at military personnel centers around the country. (Coincidentally, Carole Ashbridge is coordinating a NHG trip to NARA, the DAR library, and the Library of Congress in Washington, DC, for 22–25 September. Please check out the details on our website.) If you are the next of kin (as my mom is), it's best to start by requesting a copy of the separation document (DD Form 214), which is packed with important information such as dates and character of service, final rank, awards earned, and military occupation specialty. To make a request, go to the NARA website under "Veterans Service Records", and then "Military Service Requests" (<http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/>). If you aren't the next of kin, then make the request with Standard Form 180 (SF-180) by mail. In this case, you are requesting a public record, which is available 62 years after the service member is discharged. In 2013, this means records from 1951 or earlier.

To request an OMPF, it is helpful (but not required) to have the veteran's service number; I found my grandfather's service number on Ancestry. Otherwise the DD Form 214 and the SF-180 request the veteran's name, Social Security number, branch of service, dates of service, along with date and place of birth. The whole process took almost 8 weeks because we hit a few snags, but by including an email address on the request form, we received updates on the progress of the request. The process ended up costing about \$30 in reproduction fees.

One of the snags was a fire at the National Personnel Records Center in 1973, which destroyed nearly 85 percent of the Army and Air Force service records for veterans discharged from 1912–1964. Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard records were not damaged in the fire. Unfortunately, my grandfather's record was destroyed, but a reconstructed record with minimal information was available. The Records Center also advised me to contact the local Department of Veterans Affairs. If my grandmother made a benefits request before 1973 (and she did), a complete copy of my grandfather's records would have been sent to the VA. I'm currently making inquiries; please wish me luck.

For more information about genealogy research into WWII military records, a book by Jonathan Gawne, *Finding Your Father's War: A Practical Guide to Researching and Understanding Service in the World War II U.S. Army*, was recommended highly to me. A copy is available at Northland Library.

Just a reminder that NHG's fall conference is 26 October! This year the conference features Warren Bittner, CG, who will be discussing complex evidence, reading for historical context, strategies for using FamilySearch, and suggestions for finding the "impossible" immigrant. Please refer to a conference brochure or our website to register!

~ Krisanne

VISIT TO PITT'S ARCHIVES SERVICE CENTER

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made us eager for the pre-lunch behind-the-scenes tour showing us how their materials go from storage boxes and bins to digital presentation on their website. Meeting the employees and student volunteers, who do the dirty (often literally) work of preparing the materials before they can be preserved through state-of-the-art equipment and processes, was enlightening.

At the next station we watched a preservationist scan an 8"x10" glass plate photographic

negative. This resulted in an astonishingly detailed image of an early 1900s neighborhood on the bottom, and Duquesne University's Old Main building on top, of the Uptown promontory known as the Bluff.

Since the Archive's mission also includes preservation of the university's history, we watched as a technician scanned pages of the *Pitt News* student newspaper for online readers. Those pages happened to be concurrent with this observer's own years as a college student, making me feel like an artifact myself!

Then we entered one of what we were told were many similar sprawling, environmentally-controlled storage rooms lined with shelves of stacked file boxes waiting for processing. Included was specialized storage of rows of rolled coal-mine maps, some of which played a prominent role in the rescue of all nine trapped miners at Somerset County's Quecreek Mine in July 2002, testament that properly archived materials can save lives today.

Also to demonstrate in-house capabilities of constructing special clamshell boxes to protect fragile documents, our hosts presented two fragile books of local historic interest. One was a ledger book, called a Waste book, recording sales transactions with 18th century settlers at the fortification and trading post which has become the city of Pittsburgh. The other was one of a two-volume diary written by a prominent Pittsburgh lawyer after whom it is believed, but not yet proven, today's McKnight Road through the North Hills is named.

Listening to the rationale, and watching the digitization process, prompted my inquiry to the archivist about preserving a couple of years' worth of monthly newsletters that my mother had edited for a local civic organization my parents belonged to while I was in my teens. Of course, I had also been pressed into service in the production of those newsletters.

The archivist's response that these are the kinds of records he, personally, is interested in preserving, encouraged me to follow his advice about emailing him the particulars he needs to make a decision about whether he can proceed with digitizing my small collection.

Whether or not it will eventually be possible to preserve my records through the Archives Service Center is secondary to the realization that, they, in fact, can now easily be preserved through this, or a similar service, and not just be left to deteriorate in my file cabinet.

Now, I wonder how long it might take before technology can finally catch up with the fictional Star Trek command to, “Beam me up, Scotty!”

GENEALOGY ROADSHOW TV SERIES ANNOUNCED FOR FALL

Press Release

9 May 2013

ARLINGTON, VA – PBS announced today that it will add the new series *Genealogy Roadshow* to its fall lineup. Part detective story, part emotional journey, *Genealogy Roadshow* will combine history and science to uncover the fascinating stories of diverse Americans. Each individual’s past will link to a larger community history, revealing the rich cultural tapestry of America. *Genealogy Roadshow* will air Mondays, September 23–October 14, from 9:00–10:00 P.M. ET.

“*Genealogy Roadshow* is an engaging, innovative program that reveals the bigger picture of our nation’s past, present and future,” said Beth Hoppe, Chief Programming Executive and General Manager of General Audience Programming for PBS. “With a diverse mix of stories in each episode, *Genealogy Roadshow* appeals to Americans interested in learning about their family histories. It also shows that no matter one’s heritage and background, everyone has a place in history.”

Genealogy Roadshow’s premiere season will feature participants from four American cities — Nashville, Austin, Detroit and San Francisco — who want to explore unverified genealogical claims, passed down through family history, that may (or may not) connect them to an event or a historical figure. These cities were chosen as American crossroads of culture, diversity, industry and history, with deep pools of potential participants and stories.

After participants are chosen, experts in

genealogy, history, and DNA will use family heirlooms, letters, pictures, historical documents and other clues to hunt down more information. These experts will enlist the help of local historians to add color and context to the investigations, ensuring every artifact and every name becomes a clue in solving the mystery. Residents of Austin, Detroit, Nashville and San Francisco are invited and encouraged to submit their personal stories as *Genealogy Roadshow* will unearth family and community secrets, reveal notable relatives, and discover unexpected stories that connect the past to the present. Many answers will be revealed on camera before a local audience, in a historic building relevant to the cities’—and the participants’—histories.

“It is rare and wonderful when one can produce a show in which literally everyone is qualified to be a part of it,” said executive producer Stuart Krasnow. “PBS is the perfect partner to produce a show that celebrates the richness of the individual, and the differences between us that make our country unique.”

The Genealogy Roadshow has been a hit in Ireland, where national public broadcaster RTE commissioned the original format from producer Big Mountain Productions. “It just hit a nerve,” said Big Mountain executive producer Philip McGovern. “Everybody wants answers to questions about their own histories to help make sense of their lives today. We’ve had a lot of interest in the format internationally and are delighted PBS has picked it up.”

Episodes in the fall series include:

NASHVILLE

Nashville is a vibrant cultural crossroad in the American South. While it is the capital of country music and a centerpiece of Civil War history, it’s known for much more. The city rose to prominence within the shipping industry, and its post-Civil War prosperity led to an explosion in architecture, education and the arts. Its abundant opportunities led to population swells of Mexican, Cambodian, and Iraqi immigrants. Nashville’s Jewish community laid roots in the area more than 150 years ago, and an influx of Kurdish immigrants in recent years has given the city its new nickname, “Little Kurdistan.”

AUSTIN

With the motto “Keep Austin Weird,” this city prides itself on uniqueness. The fast-growing metropolis has evolved into a hub for government, technology, culture, and education. Austin boasts a strong sense of individuality that stems in part from its diverse history. With early Native-American settlements of Tonkawas and Comanches, central Texas’s rich culture includes Mexican, Asian, African-American and European communities.

DETROIT

While Detroit is known mainly for two things — cars and Motown — there is much more to the city, which boasts one of the most diverse populations in the country. After its settlement by French-Canadians, Detroit attracted a large number of Europeans and immigrants of Middle Eastern descent, making it now home to the largest Arab-American community in the country. As well, hundreds of thousands of African-Americans moved to Detroit from the rural southern U.S. as part of The Great Migration of the 20th century. Detroit was the first place in the country to have a stretch of concrete highway and a four-way, three-color traffic light. It supplied 75 percent of the liquor during the Prohibition era and was the birthplace of the ice cream soda.

SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco is known as a Pacific port, a religious mission, a railroad hub, a mining mecca, an earthquake epicenter, the birthplace of world-famous counterculture movements, and the home of the biggest technological innovations of all time, including denim jeans. The city has seen its population transformed over and over again due to its constantly shifting industries, leading to the significant diversity that exists there today.

To submit an application for *Genealogy Roadshow*, visit:

Austin: <http://www.klru.org/grshow/>

Detroit: <http://www.dptv.org/grshow/>

Nashville: <http://www.wnpt.org/grshow/>

San Francisco: <http://www.kqed.org/grshow/>

Genealogy Roadshow is produced by Krasnow Productions. President and owner Stuart Krasnow is a longtime television industry

veteran, having worked for all of the country’s top broadcasters in news and entertainment, as well as at numerous cable networks as a creator and executive producer.

PITT'S DIGITAL DARLINGTON COLLECTION CONTAINS GEMS

Many documents and images useful to genealogists are included in the University of Pittsburgh's Darlington Digital Library (<http://digital.library.pitt.edu/d/darlington>).

Among the treasures are some early tax records for western Pennsylvania.

The collections are the *Bedford County Township Tax Receipts* and *Tax-book of Pitt Township, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania*. There is one interesting aspect of the tax receipts for Bedford County. Bedford is the parent county of Westmoreland County. Westmoreland is the parent county of Allegheny County. The 1773 tax receipts that are included in this collection were created by Bedford, but pertain to areas that later became Westmoreland and Allegheny counties. For instance, the Pitt Township records cover what would later become downtown Pittsburgh. Fairfield and Hempfield townships were part of the area that became Westmoreland County. People with ancestors in these areas during the early 1770s should check out these records!

To access these tax records, click on the Manuscripts option on the menu bar on the main page of the web site. On the Manuscripts page, on the right near the middle is a search box. Type “tax” without the quotation marks in the box and then click on the Go button. As of this writing, the results consist of eleven entries, including the collections for Bedford County and Pitt Township. The records in both of these have been digitized. To access this content, click on the link “full text.” This will cause the collection description to be displayed. The last entry in the description is the heading Collection Inventory. Under this heading is a detailed list of what records are in the collection, along with a link to PDF copies of the records.

Of course, the web site has a lot more than just these tax records. See what other gems you can find for your research.

GLEANNING DATA SOURCES FROM GENEALOGICAL CONFERENCE MATERIALS

By Sue Ennis, NHG Newsletter Co-Editor

Attending genealogy conferences and workshops can lead to a common malady for family researchers – Full Brain Syndrome. Once you complete the day's events at any conference, you head home with an armful of handouts and flyers accompanied by your own scribbled notes. When you start to consider ways to apply this newly acquired knowledge to your own genealogy project . . . that is when there is a sudden rush of Full Brain Syndrome! Although not painful, making time to debrief after a conference or event is a great way to filter through the new data sources presented. Knowing what to do with the wealth of information that you eagerly absorb during any genealogy event is the key to making the most of your experience.

Start by focusing upon any resource list that you received. Most speakers provide a list of recommended resources, a bibliography of sources they have used, or both. These lists contain print sources, hyperlinks for online sources, and ideas for the reasons to access these sources for yourself. It is convenient to begin with web sites. Remember to always utilize the search bar found on the home page of a site to get a quick listing of all possible sections or articles that might aid your research. Also, patiently input alternative terms or phrases to expand your search within that site.

Remember to explore the other links provided on any web page menu! Those links may not have been highlighted at your conference, yet those additional links are usually directly related in content to the original, recommended web site. By systematically checking the various links, it is possible to discover another source to supplement your genealogical research.

Next, look at the print resources that you have been given through the speakers' handouts. Find your local public library's web site and search the card catalog to determine which books might be available for easy access. If your local

library does not have a certain book, ask if they can obtain it for you. If that doesn't work, see if the book is available as an e-Book. Start with the index of the book in order to zoom in the exact data about your ancestors. All of this is time consuming, but not difficult. Learning about new resources is a benefit of attending genealogical conferences.

Last month, The Northeast Pennsylvania Genealogical Society and the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania presented a one-day seminar, *Finding Our Ancestors at Home and Abroad*, which a few NHG members attended at the Luzerne County Community College Conference Center in Nanticoke, Pennsylvania. I was lured to this conference by the fact that my parents, all four grandparents, and all eight great-grandparents were born and raised in this part of the state, the gorgeous Wyoming Valley. The presentations were focused on both the region and on Pennsylvania in general. I learned so much and definitely felt the effects of Full Brain Syndrome.

Upon my return from the conference, I scheduled an uninterrupted, two hours to explore the myriad of sources that I had received. That was a good start, but not nearly enough time. It was a nice amount of time, however, to review my notes while also looking at the online resources. Although I will make more time in future weeks to delve deeper into the list of resources, I was thrilled with one particular lead. In case you have relatives from Luzerne County, I will share the link to a detailed wiki site with you: https://www.familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Luzerne_County,_Pennsylvania.

Gleaning data from genealogical resource lists that you collect at workshops and conferences is a worthy use of research time. Doing so can provide fresh leads to record collections, repositories, and other information for your genealogical research.

150th GETTYSBURG ANNIVERSARY NATIONAL CIVIL WAR BATTLE RE-ENACTMENT ORGANIZED FOR 4-7 JULY

To commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, the Gettysburg Anniversary Committee

and the Gettysburg Convention and Visitors Bureau have collaborated to organize a special event for the 2013 Fourth of July weekend. This family event is less than a four-hour drive from our area, and the price to attend is reasonable.

The GAC website, found at <http://www.gettysburgreenactment.com>, has released the following information: "Join us in the field for the 150th Gettysburg Anniversary National Civil War Battle Reenactment, the single largest and one of the most pivotal military engagements ever fought on American soil. Our event will take place just outside of Gettysburg over four days, on July 4, 5, 6, and 7, 2013. This is an All-Day Family Event where those dusty old history books will come alive.

"There will be spectacular Battle Re-enactments, Field Demonstrations, a large Living History Village, Living History Activities Tents, Guest Speakers and an extensive Sutler area. Thousands of re-enactors from across the nation and around the world will be staging the battle re-enactments for this very special re-enactment. Visit the camps, learn about Civil War Medicine, Music, Weapons and Daily Life during the conflict that defined our nation and saved the Union!"

Tickets are available in advance in a variety of price ranges and for one, two, three, or four-days of the Gettysburg Civil War Battle Re-Enactment. This historic commemoration is timed to coincide with the Fourth of July as an ongoing part of Pennsylvania's celebration of the 150th anniversary of the Civil War. Check out the website for all of the details!

WHERE GENEALOGISTS MEET

Wednesday, 22 May 2013, 6:30 P.M. CRANBERRY GENEALOGY CLUB

Stan Malecki will present "Taverns on the Turnpike." Travelers along Route 40, or the "National Road," required places to stop, eat, and sleep during a lengthy journey. This need was filled by numerous taverns along the way. Attendees will get an understanding of how our ancestors traveled cross-country in historic times. 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, 15 June 2013, 9:00 A.M. WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The WPGS Spring Seminar will feature Lisa Alzo, MFA, as the speaker. The theme is "Solving Your Family History Mysteries." The cost is \$15 for WPGS members and \$20 for non-members. Lunch will be on your own. The event will be held at the Carnegie Museum of Art Theater in Oakland. For more information, please visit <http://www.wpgs.org>.

Saturday, 22 June 2013, 8:30 A.M. CHAPTERS OF THE OHIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The Morgan County, Noble County, and Washington County chapters of the Ohio Genealogical Society are sponsoring an all-day seminar. Rev. Dr. David McDonald, CG, will be the featured speaker. The event will be held at the American Legion, 812 Beverly Place, Marietta, Ohio. The registration fee is \$40.00. Please visit <http://www.morgancountyogs.org> for more information.

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>.

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 have some time during the week to apply what they've learned in class. Space is limited for this institute. For more information, please visit <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~natgenin>.

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 was recently released and is available at <http://www.fgs.org>. Registration is now open for the conference. 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>.

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>.

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.

2013-2014 NOMINEES FOR OFFICERS OF NORTH HILLS GENEALOGISTS

PRESIDENT

David Egelston moved to Pittsburgh after college and has lived in the area ever since. He retired two years ago from a career in engineering, product marketing, and marketing support with Emerson Electric/Westinghouse. A long-time member of the Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society, Dave joined NHG three years ago, where he has been active on the Fall Conference Planning Committee. He finds that his interest in history and travel meshes perfectly with genealogy, and he has ancestors or relatives in most states north of the Mason-Dixon Line. Dave currently resides in Oakmont with his wife, Bobby, a Pittsburgh native. Their son, daughter-in-law, and granddaughter live in Minnesota.

VICE-PRESIDENT

Shelli Nye and her family came to Wexford twelve years ago for her husband's employment with H. J. Heinz. She is the director of the LDS Cranberry Family History Center. She also served for four years as the assistant director doing training for the LDS family history consultants in the region. Her degree is in Communications and Interior Design. For many generations, her ancestors have passed down family history stories, pictures, and documents. She is actively passing on her love of her heritage to her five children and two grandchildren. She is also finding and correcting records kept by ancestors who were often short of food and clothing but still recorded their lives.

SECRETARY

Kim Paulson has lived in the North Hills area of Pittsburgh her entire life. She grew up in Shaler Township and moved to McCandless eight years ago. Kim attended LaRoche College during the evenings and received her Bachelor's Degree in Business in 2000 (it was the 11-year program). She has worked for PNC Financial Services for 27 years where she is currently a Human Resources Project Manager. Kim just recently joined the North Hills Genealogists and hopes to broaden her knowledge of family history and genealogy through the group's members and resources. Kim's interest in genealogy started two years ago with the TV show *Who Do You Think You Are?* Since then she has been tracing her ancestors in the Pittsburgh area and beyond. Kim enjoys traveling with her family and spending time outdoors gardening.

TREASURER

Reed B. Powell is the current and longtime NHG treasurer. He has worked in the computer industry since the early 1970s and now works for Impact, an Internet marketing company in Green Tree, where he develops database applications. Reed is the web master for the North Hills Genealogists, and he also lectures locally and nationally on the use of technology in genealogical research.

BALLOT FOR THE 2013-2014 OFFICERS - NORTH HILLS GENEALOGISTS

Ballot is due on or before 30 June 2013. It may be turned in at a NHG meeting or mailed. Send your completed ballot to: **North Hills Genealogists, P.O. Box 169, Wexford, PA 15090.**

President

David Egelston _____
_____ (write-in)

Secretary

Kim Paulson _____
_____ (write-in)

Vice-President

Shelli Nye _____
_____ (write-in)

Treasurer

Reed Powell _____
_____ (write-in)



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UPCOMING PROGRAMS FROM NHG

Mark Your Calendars!

Tuesday, 18 June 2013 **IRISH? SCOTTISH? NOT SURE?**

Brian O'Neil

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.

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.

THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM – Tuesday, 21 May 2013 **A MAN AND HIS CAMERA**

W. Douglas Drumheller, NHG Member

Richard Geiselhart, a Pittsburgh lawyer, served during WWII. While in Germany, Richard and three of his friends purchased Leica cameras. Years later Richard's nephew inherited the camera and an envelope of information. Surprisingly the information in the envelope turned out to be much more valuable than the camera!