North Hills Genealogists

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Family History Conference

Friday, March 24, 2017
Saturday, March 25, 2017

Featuring
Thomas W. Jones, PhD, CG, CGL

Thank you for your interest in attending North Hills Genealogists' 10th Annual Family History Conference.

This two-day family history event will be held at The Columbian Room, formerly the Knights of Columbus, in Wexford, PA.

A Saturday conference registration includes a full day of lectures, a hot buffet lunch, and door prizes. In addition, there are also two workshops available on Friday - one in the afternoon and one in the evening.

For those attending one, or both, of the workshops on Friday, this year we're offering the opportunity to stay and network while having dinner at the facility. Friday dinner will be a deli buffet which includes sandwiches, pasta salad, fruit salad, cookies, and a drink for $15. Dinner is optional and not included in the full two-day registration fee or workshop fees. There are also many restaurants in the area for those wishing to venture out.

If you are traveling from out of town and require overnight accommodations, area hotels include:

- DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, Pittsburgh-Cranberry
- Comfort Inn, Cranberry Township
- Holiday Inn Express, Pittsburgh-Cranberry
- Econolodge, Wexford

This is just a sampling of nearby hotels. We encourage you to find what works best for your needs.

Again, thank you for your interest in our Family History Conference, and we hope to see you in March!

Online registration and additional information:

WEBSITE: www.NorthHillsGenealogists.org

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Thomas W. Jones, PhD, CG, CGL, FASG, FUGA, FNGS has edited the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly* since 2002. He is author of *Mastering Genealogical Proof*, a popular textbook on genealogical assessment and reasoning. He has been tracing his family history since 1963. Tom is a recipient of the Association of Professional Genealogists 2011 Professional Achievement Award and its 2004 Grahame T. Smallwood Jr. Award of Merit. Retired from a career in higher education, he is a professor emeritus at Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C.

Tom works full time as a genealogical researcher, writer, editor, and educator. He coordinates courses at the Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh, the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy, and the Institute on Genealogy and Historical Research. Tom writes and speaks frequently on genealogical methods with broad application across geographic areas, time periods, and levels of expertise.

Sierra Green, a native of Adamsville, PA, completed her Masters in Library and Information Science with a specialization in Archives, Preservation, and Records Management at the University of Pittsburgh. As an archivist at the Heinz History Center's Detre Library & Archives, Sierra is engaged in archival processing and reference services in addition to her work in public and educational programming. Throughout her graduate and professional work, Sierra has fostered a deep passion for and interest in archival outreach, engagement, and public awareness. She takes great pleasure in discussing the professional tenets of archival arrangement, description, and preservation with genealogists and family historians through the lens of their personal family collections.

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FRIDAY, MARCH 24

FRIDAY AFTERNOON WORKSHOP
1:30 PM to 4:30 PM
Check-in begins at 1 PM

Overcoming Research Barriers and Record Shortages
Presented by Thomas W. Jones, PhD, CG, CGL

This workshop will allow you to practice techniques that the professionals use to work around record shortages and overcome research barriers through research planning and execution.

FRIDAY DINNER
5:00 PM to 6:00 PM

If you would prefer to stay at the venue rather than venture out for dinner, we are providing an in-house option this year. For $15 you can stay and network with fellow genealogists while enjoying a deli buffet including sandwiches, pasta salad, fruit salad, cookies, and a drink.

Friday dinner is optional and not included in the registration fee.

FRIDAY EVENING WORKSHOP
6:30 PM to 8:30 PM
Check-in begins at 6 PM

An Archivist's Guide to Preserving Your Family Archives
Presented by Sierra Green

Sierra Green, an archivist from the Heinz History Center's Detre Library & Archives, will provide tips and guidance on preserving your family archives. Hands-on activities will illustrate real-world examples on approaches to preserving the original records and genealogical research files that help tell your family's story. Workshop activities will guide visitors through identification, organization, and storage of records to ensure proper care for materials now and for future generations.

SATURDAY, MARCH 25

8:00 AM - Registration and networking
Coffee, tea, and water will be available.

9:00 AM - Opening Remarks

Solving Problems with Original Records
Using case studies, this session will illustrate nine categories of records with skimpy microfilm coverage, explain three reasons genealogical researchers need original sources, and demonstrate strategies that attendees can use for locating original records and applying them to their family histories.

Missing Something? Getting the Most out of Genealogical Evidence
Attendees will learn five ways to get more information from the genealogical sources they use: paying attention to all of the evidence in the sources; examining each source's context; using an entire series; paying better attention to what is not in the source (using negative evidence); and combining sources to build a case.

~~~ Hot Buffet Lunch and Door Prizes ~~~

Systematically Using Autosomal DNA Test Results to Help Break Through Genealogical Brick Walls
A case study set in the early 1800s demonstrates methodology for using autosomal DNA test results to help solve longstanding genealogical problems.

Finding " Unfindable" Ancestors
The failure of common research practices to identify ancestors does not mean they are unfindable. This session will describe and demonstrate nine approaches to locating difficult to trace ancestors.

Wrap-Up Session:
The Fall Conference will conclude with an opportunity to ask questions during a discussion moderated by Elissa Scalise Powell, CG, CGL.

DATE:

Friday, March 24, 2017
1:30 PM to 4:30 PM - check-in begins at 1 PM
5:00 PM to 6:00 PM - deli buffet
6:30 PM to 8:30 PM - check-in begins at 6 PM

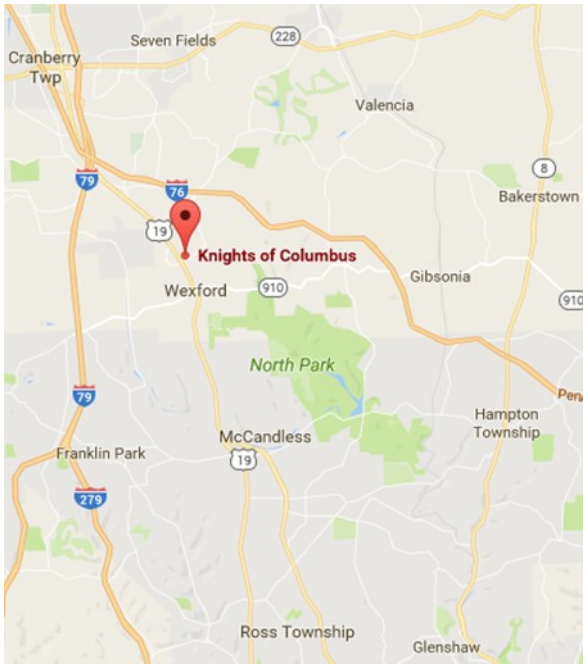
Saturday, March 25, 2017, 9 AM to 4:30 PM
Check-in & networking begin at 8 AM
Coffee, tea, and water will be available and a hot buffet lunch is also included.

PLACE:

The Columbian Room
(formerly Knights of Columbus)
250 Swinderman Road, Wexford, PA 15090

DIRECTIONS:

Located in Wexford, The Columbian Room is located just off Rt. 19, near Rt. 910, and is a short drive from both Cranberry Township and Pittsburgh.



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	NHG Member	Non-Member
Friday & Saturday (Does not include dinner on Friday.)	$95 ☐	$105 ☐
Saturday	$55 ☐	$65 ☐
After Feb. 16 add	$10 ☐	$10 ☐

Friday Workshops:

Afternoon	$30 ☐	$30 ☐
Evening	$20 ☐	$20 ☐
Friday Dinner	$15 ☐	$15 ☐

Aug. 2016 - July 2017 Membership $15 ☐
(includes up to two people at the same address)

Total enclosed $ _____

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