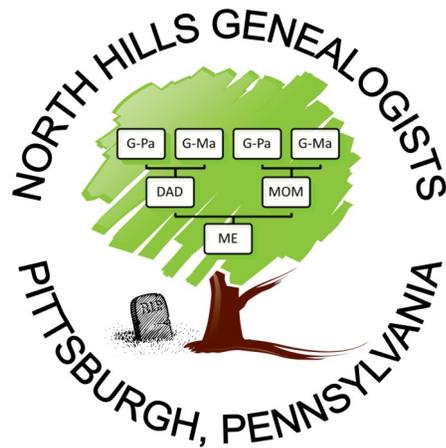


# North Hills Genealogists

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania



## Fall Conference

**Friday, October 30, 2015**

**Saturday, October 31, 2015**

**Featuring**

**Judy G. Russell, JD, CG, CGL**

**Michael J. Leclerc, CG**

In honor of NHG's **25th Anniversary**, and after eight years of successful fall conferences, a few features of the 2015 NHG Conference have been enhanced for returning attendees with plenty of room for new participants!

NEW location - Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church (with no steps and better Wi-Fi access!)

NEW length - **Two** days of learning

NEW format - **Two** featured speakers presenting lectures

NEW skill levels - Programs for beginning to advanced genealogists

NEW options - Attend the entire conference or customize your schedule

NEW connections - More opportunities to mingle and network with fellow genealogists

NEW resources - Learn about websites and record groups to help you with your research

NEW trends - Discuss writing, evidence analysis, and more!

The NHG Conference Committee is dedicated to providing a unique genealogical experience with the same high quality as past conferences. Won't you please join us in 2015?

Online registration and additional information:

**WEBSITE:** [www.NorthHillsGenealogists.org](http://www.NorthHillsGenealogists.org)

**EMAIL:** [conference@NorthHillsGenealogists.org](mailto:conference@NorthHillsGenealogists.org)



## DATE:

Friday, October 30, 2015

1:30 PM to 4:30 PM - check-in begins at 1 PM

6:30 PM to 9 PM - check-in begins at 6 PM

Saturday, October 31, 2015, 9 AM to 4 PM

Check-in & breakfast begin at 8 AM

## PLACE:

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church

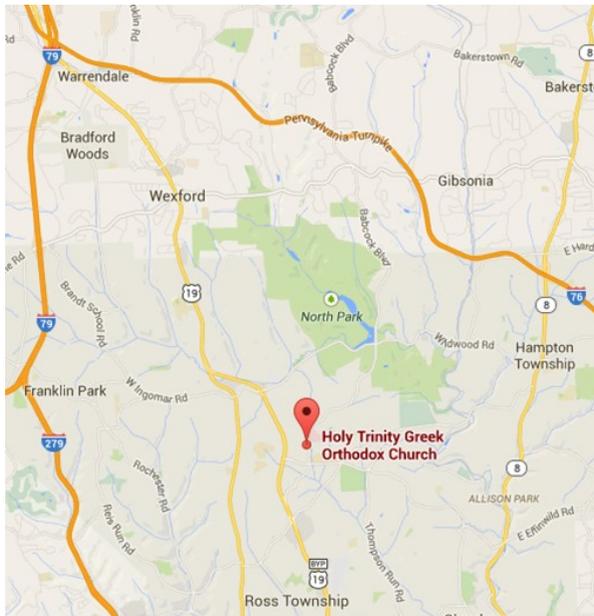
985 Providence Boulevard

Pittsburgh, PA 15237

[www.holytrinitypgh.org](http://www.holytrinitypgh.org)

## DIRECTIONS:

Located in the North Hills of Pittsburgh, Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church is less than a 20 minute drive from both Cranberry Township and Pittsburgh, and is convenient to I-76, I-79, and I-279.



## Judy G. Russell, JD, CG, CGL

*The Legal Genealogist*, is a genealogist with a law degree who writes and lectures on topics ranging from using court records in family history to understanding DNA testing. On the faculty of IGHR, SLIG, GRIP, and Boston University's Center for Professional Education, she is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Board for Certification of Genealogists, from which she holds credentials as a Certified Genealogist and Certified Genealogical Lecturer. Her award-winning blog is [www.legalgenealogist.com](http://www.legalgenealogist.com).



*Judy will be presenting an advanced workshop on Friday afternoon, as well as a full day of lectures on Saturday.*



## Michael J. Leclerc, CG

is an internationally known genealogical educator, author, and editor. He is editor of *Genealogist's Handbook for New England Research*, Fifth Edition, and co-editor, with Henry B. Hoff, of *Genealogical Writing in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: A Guide to Register Style and More*. He is a former board member of the Association of Professional Genealogists and former vice president of administration for the Federation of Genealogical Societies. He is Chief Genealogist at the genealogy search engine Mocavo, a findmypast company, and a Certified Genealogist.

*Michael will be presenting a workshop on Friday evening as well as a Genealogy 101 course on Saturday morning.*

*CG, CGL, Certified Genealogist, and Certified Genealogical Lecturer are Service Marks (SM) of the Board for Certification of Genealogists and are used under license after periodic evaluations by the Board.*

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

### FRIDAY AFTERNOON WORKSHOP

1:30 PM to 4:30 PM - \$30

Check-in begins at 1 PM

#### **When Worlds Collide: Resolving Conflicting Evidence Presented by Judy G. Russell, JD, CG, CGL**

One record says her maiden name was Rankin. Another says it was Pugh. A third says it was Gentry. One record says she was born in Texas; others say she was born in Mississippi. Clearly, the evidence we've gathered in our reasonably exhaustive research is conflicting. *Now* what? A key element of the Genealogical Proof Standard (GPS) is that we resolve conflicts among evidence items relating to our research question, since we can't reach a credible conclusion if conflicting evidence isn't resolved. Sounds good . . . but like so many things that sound good, it's easier said than done. What exactly are we supposed to do when we encounter conflicting evidence? What standards are we to follow? In other words, *how* do we do what the GPS tells us to do? This workshop will review the basic types of evidence conflicts and the methods – and tips and tricks—to use to resolve them.

---

### FRIDAY EVENING WORKSHOP

6:30 PM to 9:00 PM - \$20

Check-in begins at 6 PM

#### **Mechanics of Writing Your Family History Workshop Presented by Michael J. Leclerc, CG,**

This workshop will teach you how to get started in converting your research into a form to share with your family. We will discuss the necessary components of your family story and examine and compare published genealogies. We will then get into the mechanics of using Microsoft *Word* to write your family history, showing the powerful features like automatic numbering and automatic indexing that are extremely useful for genealogists.

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

8:00 AM - Registration and breakfast

9:00 AM - Opening Remarks

### **Genealogy 101: What Do I Do Next?**

presented by Michael J. Leclerc, CG

(space is limited to 40 registrants)

#### **Using Old Documents in Your Research**

Electronic databases and online trees are great places for clues, but the only way to be certain that the people in your database are actually your ancestors is to research in the original records. These are getting more and more accessible in the digital age. Learn the steps necessary to not only read these documents, but also to understand their meaning.

#### **Telling Your Family's Story with Mocavo and Findmypast**

Learn about the vast resources available to you from these valuable websites. Using a case study, you will see how you can not only find the "bare bones" information, but add context and tell more of your family's stories.

### **Genealogy 201: Methodology**

presented by Judy G. Russell, JD, CG, CGL

#### **Polls, Personality and Property-Making Sense of Tax Lists**

Somebody had to pay the government's bills, and they did it through the law by imposing taxes on polls, personal property, and real property. The records of those taxes offer some of the best clues available to our ancestors, their families, and their neighborhoods.

#### **"Don't Forget the Ladies"-A Genealogist's Guide to Women and the Law**

In early America, women were all too often the people who just weren't there: not in the records, not in the censuses, not on juries, not in the voting booth. The common law relegated women to "protected"—second-class—status and understanding how they were treated under the law provides clues to finding their identities today.

### ~~~~ LUNCH AND DOOR PRIZES ~~~~

#### **Where There Is-or Isn't-a Will**

presented by Judy G. Russell, JD, CG, CGL

Where there's a will, there's a probate. And often when there isn't a will, there's still a probate. Understanding the process and finding the records created when our ancestors died can help break through those brick walls.

#### **No Vitals? No Problem! Building a Family through Circumstantial Evidence**

presented by Judy G. Russell, JD, CG, CGL

When there's no birth, marriage, or death record, what's a genealogist to do? Learn how to use circumstantial evidence to build a family.

#### **WRAP-UP SESSION:**

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

---

Name

---

Address

---

City, State, Zip

---

Email

---

Phone Number

Until 9/16/15                      NHG Member   Non-Member

**Full Two Days**                      \$95                       \$105

(Please circle if you will be attending Genealogy 101 or 201)

**Friday:**

Afternoon                      \$30                       \$30

Evening                      \$20                       \$20

**Saturday:**

Genealogy 101                      \$55                       \$65

Genealogy 201                      \$55                       \$65

**After Sept. 16 add**                      \$10                       \$10

(Please add \$10 if registering after 9/16/15.)

August 2015-2016 NHG Membership                      \$15

(includes up to two people at the same address)

Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to:

**North Hills Genealogists**

PO Box 169, Wexford, PA 15090

Credit cards accepted at:

[www.NorthHillsGenealogists.org](http://www.NorthHillsGenealogists.org)