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WESTMORELAND COUNTY RELEASES NATURALIZATION RECORDS

Recently Christine O'Brien, the Westmoreland County (Pennsylvania) Prothonotary, announced that the naturalization records from 1906 to 1982 are now available online. This collection contains more than 55,000 images. According to O'Brien, "These documents include Declaration of Intention, Petition for Naturalization, Certificate of Arrival, Oath of Allegiance, and Affidavit of Witnesses." Each of these required naturalization records offer slightly differing data for the immigrant and his or her family.

For the genealogist willing to dig a bit, a wealth of information can be obtained by looking at naturalization files. The Westmoreland collection has been digitized and is searchable by name of the naturalized citizen. In addition to finding the name of each naturalized citizen, other collectible data includes birth location, date of birth, native country, place names, arrival date, and name of the ship. Recorded witnesses could include relatives or acquaintances from the country of origin. The process of naturalization involves steps that are documented through a series of formal documents. This is a valuable record collection.

"These records will be a great asset to people conducting genealogy research," O'Brien said in a Westmoreland County press release. She added that gathering the facts from the naturalizations creates "a fascinating snapshot looking back in history." Photos of immigrants are included within some of the documents. As most genealogists know, finding a published photo of some ancestors is exciting and helpful.

To access the searchable index of Westmoreland County naturalizations, go to the [website of the Prothonotary's Office](#). The main website is

accessed at <http://www.co.westmoreland.pa.us>. Once on that page, begin your search by either clicking on the links for Naturalization Records, or insert a word or phrase into the keyword search bar in the upper right portion of the web page.

Note that this new collection focuses on the years 1906 through 1982 in Westmoreland County. The prothonotary's office is working diligently to preserve all naturalization records from 1982 through the present. Naturalization items from 1802 through 1910 in Westmoreland County are available, but only on microfilm at this time.

SAVE THE DATE!

North Hills Genealogists is planning a field trip for its members to Washington, D.C., September 22-25, 2013. We will be visiting the Library of Congress, National Archives, and the DAR Library. Transportation will be by coach with the overnight stay in a convenient Washington hotel. This is a wonderful opportunity to spend some quality research time in our nation's capital. Final plans and reservation arrangements will be announced in a future newsletter as well as at our monthly meetings.

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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

If you have English ancestors, I hope you were able to join us for last month's general meeting when Linda Johnson presented an awesome, practical, and thoroughly delightful guide to English genealogy research. Linda gave an overview of how English records have been compiled over time, as well as some great websites and excellent tips and strategies. She also mentioned that a good "how to" guide is available at www.genuki.org.uk.

To start, Linda recommended consulting historical maps, because English county boundaries have changed over time, just as counties in the United States have evolved. To make sure you're searching the right locality, try this free resource: www.oldmapsonline.org.

As Linda reviewed the types of records available, she pointed out that electoral records (voter registration) began in 1832; these records can be as useful as a city directory to track your family's whereabouts. More importantly, civil registration records began in 1837 (see www.freebmd.org.uk). Incidentally, marriage fees were waived on Christmas day in that era, and there was a preponderance of marriages on that day. While the national census began in 1801, the 1841 census was the first to record names; previous censuses were statistical. Linda recommended the website www.thegenealogist.co.uk for census and other records. While this site does require a subscription, the Family History Library makes its subscription available to all visitors.

Linda further explained that English record keeping began in earnest in 1538 when Henry VIII required all christenings, marriages, and burials to be recorded. This is also true for Welsh records, since Wales has been under the political dominance of England since that era. There was little innovation in how English (and Welsh) records were maintained until the Hardwicke's Marriage Act of 1754, which required that marriages had to be consecrated in the Church of England for all denominations except Quaker and Jewish unions. Be sure to check Church of England records even if your family didn't belong! Some church record transcriptions can be found at www.genuki.org.uk/indexes/OPC.html.

Church records may also be available at FamilySearch.org and Ancestry.com.

I can attest to the records available at FamilySearch, and how more are added every month. Last year the church records for Barnard Castle in Durham became searchable. In one afternoon, I traced my paternal great-great-grandfather's line back three generations! As for Ancestry, Linda suggested purchasing a subscription through the UK website (www.ancestry.co.uk) instead of the US site to save money. To access the same English records, the UK site costs about \$20 for a one-month Premium subscription but a US World subscription costs \$34.95. Of course, the UK records are also available through Northland Library for free.

Northland Library's Ancestry subscription was heavily in use during the third Genealogy Lock-in on April 5, which was co-sponsored by the library and NHG. The lock-in was well attended, and several people did the Genealogical Happy Dance! Amy Arner will work with Amy Steele to coordinate another lock-in later this summer.

In another bit of news, last week Carole Ashbridge led a field trip to the University of Pittsburgh Archives with about fifteen NHG members to learn more about this repository and its holdings. Carole is currently organizing an even bigger research trip to Washington, DC, next September to visit the National Archives, the DAR library, and the Library of Congress. Stay tuned for details!

Al Hartman is heading the election committee for the NHG officers; please contact Al, Sue Ennis, or Dave Williams if you are interested in volunteering. We are especially in need of someone to act as the secretary for a one-year term beginning in August 2013.

Finally, NHG's annual fall conference is only six months away and now open for registration! This year the conference features presentations by Warren Bittner, who has over thirty years of genealogy research experience. Please see a conference flier or our website link for program details.

~ Krisanne

Note: Linda Johnson has graciously agreed to provide appointments for one-on-one consultations on English and Welsh research. The consultations will take place at the Cranberry Family History Center. To make an appointment, e-mail cranberryfhc@gmail.com.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS ANNOUNCES FREE PUBLICATION

The Library of Congress (LOC) has announced a free publication, *Perspectives on Personal Digital Archiving*. It covers topics like preserving digital photographs, documents, text messages, and other things that are a part of life today. The work consists of posts from the LOC blog *The Signal*. The blog is written by staff members of the National Digital Information Infrastructure and Preservation Program, which is a program led by the Library of Congress.

This publication is available as a PDF at http://www.digitalpreservation.gov/documents/ebookpdf_march18.pdf. According to Susan Manus on *The Signal*, "the content in *Perspectives on Personal Digital Archiving* is grouped under three general headings:

- "Personal Digital Archiving Guidance: including tips for preserving digital photographs, personal archiving in the cloud, how to get your digital affairs in order, and others.
- "Personal Reflections on Personal Digital Archiving: tales of personal experience (either saving or losing digital material)
- "Personal Digital Archiving Outreach: reports of presentations, events and campaigns held both at the Library of Congress and elsewhere."

We all need to consider what will happen to our digital files and photographs in the long term. NHG's Reed Powell gave a presentation on a similar topic several years ago. He recommended the book *Your Digital Afterlife: When Facebook, Flickr, and Twitter Are Your Estate, What's Your Legacy* by Evan Carroll and John Romano. Consider reading either *Perspectives on Personal Digital Archiving* or Carroll and Romano's book and implementing some of the suggestions.

PROTOTYPE OF DIGITAL PUBLIC LIBRARY OF AMERICA TO LAUNCH IN BOSTON THIS MONTH

Press Release

4 April 2013

[Editors' Note: The launch of the Digital Public Library of America is great news for genealogists! Family researchers will have access to previously published materials that might not be in print in 2013. Check out <http://dp.la/> for more information.]

The beginnings of the first public, national, on-line library will soon be unveiled in Boston—home to the country's first publicly supported municipal library.

A prototype of the [Digital Public Library of America](#), or DPLA, will launch during a two-day event, which will include a series of events April 18 and 19 at the Boston Public Library, according to leaders of the digital library.

The project's primary focus is to make materials from the United States available through its on-line platform. Initially, the project will concentrate on written records—books, magazines, manuscripts, digital text—and eventually hopes to include other media, like images, movies and audio.

Over the past couple of years, much of the work to create the digital library has been happening nearby, at Harvard University's Berkman Center for Internet & Society.

The project has been likened to Google's efforts to digitize print through Google Books, which in recent years has been criticized for, and settled lawsuits over, alleged copyright infringement.

DPLA leaders have said their effort is different because it will be run as a public, not-for-profit endeavor.

"It became clear, as Google's project evolved, that it would be a commercial enterprise, and in fact an enterprise attached to a gigantic monopoly," Robert Darnton, director of Harvard University's library system, told the *Globe* in 2011. "A monopoly, perhaps, with the

best intentions, but that would not necessarily serve the public good, because of course Google's primary responsibility would be to its shareholders."

Visions of a public, national digital library have been talked about since the early 1990s, but tangible planning did not begin until late 2010, according to the DPLA.

"The Digital Public Library of America will make the cultural and scientific heritage of humanity available, free of charge, to all," its leaders wrote a year ago in a memo. "By adhering to the fundamental principle of free and universal access to knowledge, it will promote education in the broadest sense of the term."

"That is, it will function as an on-line library for students of all ages, from grades K-12 to postdoctoral researchers and anyone seeking self-instruction; it will be a deep resource for community colleges, vocational schools, colleges, universities, and adult education programs; it will supplement the services of public libraries in every corner of the country; and it will satisfy other needs as well—the need for data related to employment, for practical information of all kinds, and for enrichment in the use of leisure," the memo added.

The DPLA says it will be "an open, distributed network of comprehensive online resources that would draw on the nation's living heritage from libraries, universities, archives, and museums in order to educate, inform and empower everyone in the current and future generations."

At the two-day prototype launch later this month in the Central Library in Copley Square, the DPLA says it "will celebrate the groundbreaking work of hundreds of librarians, innovators, and other dedicated volunteers in our collective effort to build the first national digital library."

The launch will include a meeting to highlight the digital library project's "progress and potential," presentations on that look at the technology used to create the digital library and a series of interactive exhibits showcasing content from the project's partners.

Speakers will include: Darnton; Boston Public

Library president Amy Ryan; Maura Marx, a fellow at Harvard's Berman Center who has helped lead the DPLA's community-building efforts and started the digital services program at Boston's library system; Dan Cohen, the DPLA's newly-appointed executive director; Emily Gore, content director at DPLA; John Palfrey, president of the DPLA board and head of school at Phillips Academy in Andover; and Amy Rudersdorf of DPLA.

FREE ACCESS TO NEWSPAPER ARTICLES THROUGH CHRONICLING AMERICA

By Sue Ennis, NHG Newsletter Co-Editor

The National Digital Newspaper Program (NDNP), co-sponsored by the Library of Congress and the National Endowment for the Humanities, provides a free, searchable database of digitized newspaper articles from across the nation. In the past two months, thousands of newspaper pages have been added to the collection. Access it through *Chronicling America* (<http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov>).

According to the Library of Congress, "The National Digital Newspaper Program is a long-term effort to provide permanent access to a national digital resource of newspaper bibliographic information and historic newspapers, selected and digitized by NEH-funded institutions (awardees) from all U.S. states and territories." As grant money is awarded, each state can add newspaper archives to *Chronicling America* to be preserved by the Library of Congress.

"Since 2005, the NEH has awarded grants to state libraries, historical societies, and universities representing states in the national program. These awards are projected to generate more than 5.6 million newspaper pages to be deposited at the Library by 2013, with many more states and territories to be included in the coming years. Over 4 million of these pages are already available through the *Chronicling America* website," according to a recent press release by the Library of Congress.

Searching historic newspapers can be a gold mine of information for any genealogist. Besides the usual information about births, marriages, and deaths, you can also read about anniversaries, special events, honors and awards, or other news items concerning ancestors. In each article, read carefully for names, dates, places, and affiliations. Affiliations can be formal ties to an organization, church, or club, or informal ties to named people who might not be related by blood, but could be related in other important ways to your ancestors.

Chronicling America is a wonderful website to use for finding or verifying ancestral facts. Be sure to check back often, because the Library of Congress is constantly adding content to the *Chronicling America* website.

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK 2013

By Sue Ennis, NHG Newsletter Co-Editor

The American Library Association (ALA) has designated 14 – 20 April 2013 as National Library Week. This designation started in 1958. The 2013 theme is "Communities matter @ your library" so check out details at <http://www.ala.org> (no pun intended).

Where would genealogists be without local, state, and university libraries? According to the ALA, "Service to the community has always been the focus of our libraries. While this aspect has never changed, libraries have grown and evolved in how they provide for the needs of every member of their community."

To genealogists, libraries have long been valued repositories of artifacts and information that are vital to ancestral research. NHG supports Northland Library annually through the donation of reference books relating directly to genealogical topics. Additionally, NHG co-sponsors genealogical events at the library, such as lock-ins and workshops.

Reach out this week to visit Northland Library and other local libraries in your neighborhood—spend some time researching your roots @ your library!

FREE FAMILY HISTORY SUMMER CLASSES OFFERED LOCALLY

By Shelli Nye, Vice President and Program Chair

The Cranberry Family History Center (FHC) has announced its course offerings for spring and summer 2013. Each class occurs at two times: from 10:00 to 11:00 A.M. on Thursday mornings, and a repeat of the same class on Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 8:30 P.M. This year there will also be a special class, offered one time only on Saturday, June 1 from 10:00 to 11:30 A.M.

It is important to plan ahead and register for the class or classes in which you are interested in attending. Contact the Cranberry FHC by e-mailing them at cranberryfhc@gmail.com.

Here is the current list of upcoming classes for Thursday mornings and evenings:

- May 9 – Wikis for Genealogists and FamilySearch.org's Learning Center
- May 16 – How to Use FamilySearch.org's New Search Engine and Other Top Online Resource References
- May 23 – Search Steps and Tips, Helpful Time Lines, Crowdsourcing, etc.!
- May 30 – FamilySearch.org's Family Tree – Using the FHC Scanner to Add Documents to Dropbox and then attach them to Family Tree
- June 6 – Family Search's Family Tree – How to Add Photos, Stories, and Print Fan Charts with Ancestors and Descendants
- June 13 – Search the Catalog and Order Films at FamilySearch.org
- June 20 – Getting Started Writing Personal and Family Stories
- June 27 – Family History Games for Family Fun

On June 1st, local expert Elissa Scalise Powell, a board-certified genealogist and national teacher, will offer a one-time class, "Getting More Out of the Census," from 10:00 to 11:30 A.M. This class will show participants how to "take the next step in using the census in finding out more about your own family!"

All of these instructional sessions will be held at the Cranberry Family History Center, 2771 Rochester Road, Cranberry Township, PA, 16066. The FHC phone number is 724-742-0922. Call on Thursdays only, please. E-mail with questions and for appointments on other days. When you arrive, enter by ringing the doorbell labeled "Family History Center" located on the south side of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints building. Hours of operation on Thursdays are from 9:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. and from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M.

BUTLER PUBLIC LIBRARY NOW A FAMILYSEARCH AFFILIATE

The Butler Public Library is now a FamilySearch affiliate. This means you can order microfilms from the Family History Library in Salt Lake City and have them delivered to the Butler Library. The procedure for ordering microfilms via <http://www.familysearch.org> is the same, just make sure your default Family History Center is set to the Butler Area Public Library.

NEW BOOK ON GENEALOGICAL PROOF

Thomas W. Jones, PhD, CG, CGL, FASG, has written a new book, *Mastering Genealogical Proof*. Jones describes the genealogical proof standard and then spends a chapter discussing each of the five elements. This textbook on genealogical proof includes exercises at the end of each chapter with the answers at the back of the book. To view the table of contents and a sample exercise, visit http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/mastering_genealogical_proof.

The National Genealogical Society (NGS) is publishing the book. They are accepting pre-orders now, with the estimated shipping date of May 20th. NGS members will receive a discount if they log-in to the members only section of the NGS web site (<http://www.ngsgenealogy.org>) before placing an order.

Editors' Note: Tom Jones was the speaker at NHG's Fall Conference in 2011.

HEINZ HISTORY CENTER SETS DATES FOR NEW EXHIBIT, PENNSYLVANIA'S CIVIL WAR

On 22 June 2013, the Heinz History Center will unveil its newest major exhibit, *Pennsylvania's Civil War*. Simultaneously, a traveling exhibit—*The Civil War in Pennsylvania*—is making the rounds at various regional repositories. Both of these exhibits highlight the role of Pennsylvania and its citizens in the Civil War and are presented in partnership with the Pennsylvania Civil War 150 organization, found at <http://pacivilwar150.com>.

When *Pennsylvania's Civil War* opens in June at the History Center, visitors will learn about “an in-depth look at Pennsylvania’s significant contributions during the Civil War,” according to the Center’s website. The Battle of Gettysburg will be prominent in this exhibit, however another focus will be on the role of Pittsburgh and its citizens, both on the battlefield and at home. For detailed information about *Pennsylvania's Civil War*, explore the links at <http://www.heinzhistorycenter.org>.

According to the Heinz History Center, this exhibit will feature “more than 60 artifacts, rare archival images, six life-like museum figures, immersive settings, and military encampments.” More than twenty specific artifacts are presented on the History Center web page, including cameras, weapons, costumes, uniforms, mementos, original recruitment posters, glassware, and military goods. The exhibit is extensive and therefore will remain open at the History Center through 4 January 2014.

The traveling display, *The Civil War in Pennsylvania*, was moved last week to the Butler County Historical Society where it will stay through 27 April 2013. After that, it moves to the Community College of Beaver County from 1–15 May. It will then return to the Heinz History Center for the duration of the exhibit, but will then visit other museums and historical societies throughout 2014. The complete list of dates and locations is available on the Heinz History Center’s web page. This portion of the exhibit is five hundred square feet, free to the

public, and designed for students and adults to learn more about the Civil War.

For Heinz History Center hours and information about the exhibits, consult the web page, or contact Sandra Smith at 412-454-6393 or sasmith@heinzhistorycenter.org.

THE STATE MUSEUM OF PENNSYLVANIA ANNOUNCES APRIL 2013 HIGHLIGHTS

Press Release

March 28, 2013

Harrisburg – The State Museum of Pennsylvania today announced its program schedule for April 2013, including a Civil War Exhibit.

New Civil War Exhibit and Opening: “Objects of Valor: Commemorating the Civil War in Pennsylvania” is a new exhibit created to coincide with the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg. The exhibition showcases treasured State Museum artifacts that reflect a century and a half of collecting, preserving and interpreting the commonwealth’s Civil War experience.

The exhibit opens Friday, April 19, with a free reception from 7 to 9 P.M., sponsored in part by the Friends of the State Museum and in conjunction with Third in the Burg, a monthly celebration of Harrisburg’s arts and entertainment. For updated information, please visit <http://www.statemuseumpa.org>.

GENEALOGICAL EVENT WEB SITE

Looking for genealogical events to attend? Check out a free resource, *Conference Keeper*, which is a free list compiled by Jen Baldwin. The URL is <http://www.conferencekeeper.net>. It lists events on the local, regional, national, and international levels.

Each event has a link to the sponsoring organization's web site. Baldwin, the site's owner, updates this calendar of events frequently. If you know of an event that is not listed, there is a form to submit the information.

WHERE GENEALOGISTS MEET

Wednesday, 17 April 2013, 7:00 P.M.

BEAVER COUNTY GENEALOGY & HISTORY CENTER

Linda Riding Johnson will be the featured speaker. She will present "Researching Your English Ancestors: Websites and Methods to Locate English Ancestry." 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>.

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. For more information and a registration brochure, please visit <http://www.nergc.org>.

Saturday, 20 April 2013, 8:00 A.M.

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF PENNSYLVANIA

GSP and the Northeast Pennsylvania Genealogical Society are co-sponsoring an all-day seminar. The event will be held at the Luzerne County Community College Educational Conference Center in Nanticoke, Pennsylvania. Lisa Alzo will be the keynote speaker. The \$55.00 registration fee includes a continental brunch and buffet lunch. For more information, please visit <http://genpa.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. 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. Please visit <http://www.ngsgenealogy.org> for more details.

Saturday, 11 May 2013, 8:30 A.M.

LANCASTER MENNONITE HISTORICAL SOCIETY CONFERENCE

Dr. John Philip Colletta will be the featured speaker at this year's conference. The event will be held at the Lancaster Host Resort & Conference Center, 2300 Lincoln Highway E, Lancaster. Attendees will be able to choose from twelve lectures. The conference has optional tours and discussions in the days leading up to the 11th, which cost extra. More information can be found at <http://www.lmhs.org>.

Tuesday, 14 May 2013, 6:30 P.M.

BUTLER COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

NHG member Debbie Billeter will give a presentation on the Hopkins Platt Maps (historic maps of Pittsburgh) and how to use them and Warrantee Atlas maps of Allegheny County, which have information on the earliest settlers and landowners in the county. The event will be held at the Butler Public Library, 218 North McKean Street, Butler. Go to <http://www.bcgus> for more details.

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 fee is \$35.00 before 1 May and \$40.00 after that date. Please visit <http://www.morgancountyogs.org> for more information.

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. The event will be held at the Akron Main Library Auditorium in Akron. Visit <http://www.summitogs.org> for more information.

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. The early bird registration deadline is April 30th. 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>.

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." Registration for the institute is now open. Please visit <http://isbgfh.org> for more information.



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FIRST CLASS MAIL

Dated Material



UPCOMING PROGRAMS FROM NHG

Mark Your Calendars!

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!

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 takes 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.

THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM – Tuesday, 16 April 2013 **LOCATING MILITARY RECORDS FOR THE AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN ARMY**

Carl Kotlarchik

If you have Eastern European ancestors it is likely that they may have served in the Austro-Hungarian Army. For hundreds of years, Austria had one of the largest armies in Europe. Learn how to locate these records and learn more about your ancestors.