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UPCOMING GENEALOGY LOCK-IN ANNOUNCED

Due to popular demand among NHG members, we are coordinating with Northland Library to host another After Hours Genealogy Lock-In on Friday, 6 September 2013 from 6:30 to 10:00 P.M. Advance registration is required because of limited space.

This event is an evening of hands-on genealogical research, utilizing the online databases such as Ancestry Library Edition, FamilySearch, HeritageQuest, and more. Participants will also be able to access the genealogical book collection at Northland. Librarians and volunteers will be available to assist or guide participants. Please note that general computer skills are necessary for this special event.

It is recommended that participants bring a flash drive (also called a thumb or jump drive) to save copies of documents and other information that they discover. Registration for the next After Hours Genealogy Lock-In is now open by signing up on the Northland Library website, <http://northlandlibrary.weebly.com/index.html>, or by calling the adult services desk at 412-366-8100, extension 113. A waiting list will be kept. If you reserve a spot at the lock-in and later discover that you will be unable to attend, please let the library know. Register now for an evening of focused genealogical research, and we hope to see you there!

Volunteers Needed

We are looking for five or six people to volunteer to help others research during the lock-in. The necessary skills include being comfortable using computers, general genealogical methodology, and familiarity with genealogical websites. If you would like to volunteer, please email Amy Arner at Amy@ArnerResearch.com.

PENNSYLVANIA VITAL RECORDS CHANGE

As of 1 July 2013, the Pennsylvania Division of Vital Records will no longer accept applications for non-certified copies of birth certificates from 1906 and 1907 nor death certificates from 1906 to 1962. Non-certified copies are used for genealogical research and cannot be used for identification. Instead, the Pennsylvania State Archives will accept applications for non-certified copies of these records. The procedure is described in detail on the state website found at http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/genealogy/3183/vital_statistics/387291. The indexes for the birth and death records are still available on the Division of Vital Records: http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/public_records/20686.

The Division of Vital Records will accept applications for certified copies of birth and death certificates from 1906 to the present. The death record digitization started by the Pennsylvania State Archives in collaboration with Ancestry.com is continuing, although a completion date has not been announced.

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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

Welcome to a new programming year for the North Hills Genealogists. My name is David Egelston, and I have assumed the post of NHG President for the next twelve months. I am looking forward to an exciting year of meetings, activities, and learning opportunities. Our Board of Directors, listed in the adjoining column, meets monthly on the first Tuesday of the month, and interested members are always welcome to attend. I want to offer a huge thank you to outgoing officers Krisanne Edwards and Claudia Hickly for their service and leadership with NHG over the past two years.

I have worked on my family history on and off for more than thirty years and yet, after recently attending a week-long GRIP (Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh) seminar, I realize how much I still have to learn and how far genealogical research has progressed in the past ten or fifteen years with so much on-line material now available. I think you will find our monthly meetings will provide a variety of interesting topics to help further your own research. In addition, Rich Hayden continues to provide specific information in his fifteen minute Tip Time presentations before our formal meetings begin.

My own family research has been intriguing. My ancestry is English, Welsh, Scottish, and Scots-Irish. My immigrant ancestors started on the East Coast and migrated westward every few generations. I don't know whether this was because of a pioneering spirit or a personality defect (as in, they didn't get along with their neighbors). My father's father and mother were born in Indiana and Wisconsin respectively, met and married in Montana, and my father was born in Nevada. My mother's father and mother were born in Pittsburgh and Illinois respectively, met and married in Iowa, and followed her parents to Idaho where my mother was born. I was born in Washington State and grew up in Idaho and Southern California and came to Pittsburgh after college where I made my career. My mother's parents divorced when she was young, so I never had any contact with my Pittsburgh family until I moved here. Since I like to travel, I have found local genealogical research to be a good excuse

for going almost anywhere in the country, as my family can attest.

Again, I am looking forward to an exciting year with the North Hills Genealogists, and I am pleased to be serving as your NHG President. Please feel free to contact me or any board member with your ideas and feedback.

~ Dave

NHG REMINDER FOR 2013-2014 NEWSLETTER DELIVERY

With the start of a new NHG membership year, all members will now receive their ten monthly newsletters via email, in the form of a PDF file. A PDF file can either be opened and read online on your computer or device, or printed out on paper from home. Also, a PDF file keeps the formatting intact no matter what computer system you use. This change will occur for all members who have provided an email address. Please note that NHG will not share the email address of any of its members.

For the past eight years, the annual dues for NHG have remained at \$15. However, due to the ever-increasing costs of postage and of the printing of paper newsletters, the Board voted to make the change to electronic newsletters for as many members as possible, starting with this issue. Our new and improved website makes it very easy to send emails to individual members.

NHG CONTINUES AFFILIATION WITH FGS

The North Hills Genealogists has renewed our group's annual membership in the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) for 2013-2014. FGS began in 1976 to represent the interests of genealogical societies. That purpose has expanded to serve the needs of genealogical groups and support their growth, including hosting an annual conference. Read details about the goals of FGS at www.fgs.org.

One NHG member benefit is available through our FGS affiliation. There is a complete list of benefits available to our group through FGS, listed at <http://www.fgs.org/cpage.php?pt=65>.

Currently, individuals in member societies may subscribe to the *Forum*, the quarterly electronic newsletter of FGS, for \$30 for three years (12 issues). Write in *North Hills Genealogists* on the subscription form to indicate your local genealogy group. Elissa Scalise Powell, CG, CGL is the official NHG delegate to FGS. The FGS website is full of resources and materials that could aid your genealogical research!

QUERY

WHERRY-Searching for verification that William **WHERRY** (b. Nov. 1822, Pennsylvania; d. 12 Sept 1901, Washington, DC) is son of Jesse **WHERRY** (b. 1792, PA; d.1870's, PA) and Jane **KELLY** (b. 1794, PA; d, 1880's, PA). They lived in Beaver County, Allegheny County, and Washington County in PA and had about 13 children. Please contact Janet Wherry Wise at wise20@verizon.net with any information.

CRANBERRY FHC OFFERS FREE CLASSES

The Cranberry Family History Center is offering a free series of classes this fall. The classes will be held on Thursdays at 10:00 A.M. To sign up for a class, please email CranberryFHC@gmail.com. The schedule is:

- Sept. 5 "The Research Process: Getting started in Finding your Family: Learning how to Search for Records on FamilySearch.org"
- Sept. 12 "Using FamilySearch's Family Tree – photos, stories, sources, reviewing and merging, editing relationships" We will take our cue from what the class needs to learn. Sign up for individual help after class to learn using your tree.
- Sept. 19 "Searching the Catalog and Ordering Films at FamilySearch.org"
- Sept. 26 "How to use: Historic Maps, Newspaper Archive and Paper Trail subscription services"
- Oct. 3 "How to use the Godfrey Memorial Library subscription service"
- Oct. 10 "How to use: Find My Past and The Genealogist subscription services"

- Oct. 17 “Pennsylvania Research Help”
- Oct 24 “Where else can I Look? A review of places to go for Help”

The FHC's address is 2771 Rochester Road, Cranberry Township, Pennsylvania.

GSP DEBUTS FREE VIDEO SERIES

The Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania has a wealth of resources and links about genealogy methods and PA records on its website, <http://genpa.org>. One such resource is a series of free, online videos called *Reflections on Genealogy*. Each short video features well-known genealogists speaking about what they wish they knew when they first began to research their ancestors. With their experience and knowledge, each speaker offers insights that can directly transform your own genealogical research.

Currently, the GSP website has an archive of videos featuring these genealogical researchers and speakers: Thomas W. Jones, Jan Alpert, D. Joshua Taylor, Thomas MacEntee, Craig Scott, Dick Eastman, Allison Stacy (editor of *Family Tree* magazine) and Dear MYRTLE. Additional videos are in production and will be added soon.

Another great resource on the GSP site is their blog, *GSP Gen Notes*, which is found at this link <http://genpa.org/blog>.

2014 MARKS THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE START OF WORLD WAR I: PRESERVE THE SOLDIERS' STORIES

By Sue Ennis, NHG Co-Editor

Plans have started around the world to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the start of World War I in the summer of 2014. There are numerous websites and organizations dedicated to next year's anniversary, which reviews the time line of WWI, highlights the historical details from political and human perspectives, and educates today's generations about the people and impact of WWI. Watch the news in the coming months as more and more

information emerges and memorial events are finalized.

The 100th Anniversary of World War I provides a unique opportunity for genealogists, especially if there are WWI veterans in your family tree. Several organizations are encouraging family members of WWI veterans to write and submit stories based on the facts of each soldier's service. One of the more reputable groups to do so is Witness to War, found on the Internet at <http://www.witnesstowar.org>. Based in Atlanta with a small branch in Washington, DC, Witness to War asks for families to donate stories, images, or both about their WWI soldiers.

A great example of an individual family member's story from World War I can be read on the website *Lifetime Memories and Stories* found at <http://www.lifetimememoriesandstories.com/world-war-one-family>. This is not lengthy, but is still a published story. Many genealogists will hesitate to write up an ancestor's life if they seem to be lacking in detailed information, however, writing and preserving a shorter or brief story, is better than losing the story as time passes.

The best example of preserving the stories of ancestors who were veterans can be found through the Library of Congress project, *The Veterans History Project*, found at <http://www.loc.gov/vets>. On the main menu is a link called *How to Participate*, which explains how to submit stories and/or images. According to the LOC page, *Experiencing War: World War I: The Great War*, help is needed to submit stories, because “World War I is among the least documented wars of those covered by the Veterans History Project, and the number of collections relating its experiences are not likely to grow dramatically. Because all but a handful of WWI vets are no longer alive, oral history interviews are out of the question, so we must rely on the generosity of relatives and friends of deceased veterans to donate written accounts in letters, diaries, and memoirs, as well as precious collections of photographs.”

As 2014 approaches, help to mark the 100th anniversary of World War I by preserving what you know about your relatives and their service in The Great War.

WHERE GENEALOGISTS MEET

28 August 2013, 6:30 P.M.

CRANBERRY GENEALOGY CLUB

Debbie Billeter will present “Researching in Cemeteries: Methods to Find and Record Your Ancestors' Graves” at the next Cranberry Genealogy Club meeting. The meeting will held in the meeting room of the Cranberry Public Library, 2525 Rochester Road, Cranberry Township. It is free and open to the public. For more information, please visit <http://www.cranberrygenealogy.org>.

13–14 September 2013

PENNSYLVANIA GERMAN HERITAGE CULTURAL CENTER

The Pennsylvania German Heritage Cultural Center at Kutztown University will host a bus tour and conference. The tour will go through the Allemangel, which is in Berks, Lehigh, and Northampton counties. Don Yoder, William Woys Weaver, Gabrielle Lanier, and Patrick Donmoyer will be the speakers at the conference. The tour is only available to those who sign up to attend the conference. For more information and a registration form, please visit <https://sites.google.com/site/pagermanhc/genealogy-conference-2013>.

13–15 September 2013

FAMILY TREE UNIVERSITY VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

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

Saturday, 14 September 2013, 8:30 A.M.

WESTERN RESERVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Researching German Ancestors will be the theme of the WRHS seminar. Warren Bittner, CG, will present four lectures: “Historical

Overview of Germany,” “German Historical Maps and Territories—You Can't Do Research Without Them,” “German Marriage Laws and Customs,” and “Elusive Immigrant! The Search for Dora Luhr.” The event will be held in the Norton Gallery, WRHS, 10825 East Boulevard, Cleveland, Ohio. For more information and a registration form, please visit http://www.wrhs.org/calendar/Researching_German_Ancestors.

20–21 September 2013

NEW YORK GENEALOGICAL & BIOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY CONFERENCE

The NYG&B and the Central New York Genealogical Society are co-sponsoring 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. The schedule will include these speakers and topics: Karen Higgins, “Getting Started with Your Family Research”; Gerald Vallette, “Exploring the New FamilySearch Website”; Shamele Jordon, “Tips and Techniques for Using Technology in Genealogical Research”; Karen Morrow, Sue Kellerman, and Cheri Banks, “The Library of Congress Chronicling America—The Penn State Newspaper Project”; and Carol Sheaffer, “Would I Lie to You . . . How Our Ancestors Sometimes Lead Us Astray.” Visit <http://genpa.org> for more information.

Saturday, 5 October 2013, 9:00 A.M.

OHIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The Genealogy Guys, George G. Morgan and Drew Smith, will be the featured speakers at the Ohio Genealogical Society's fall seminar. Morgan will present “Getting the Most from

Ancestry.com” and “Skype: The Cool New Way to Talk to Grandkids and Colleagues”. Smith will present “Something Wiki This Way Comes” and “Google+ for Genealogists”. The event will be held at the Quality Inn & Suites Conference Center, 1000 Comfort Plaza Drive, Belleville, Ohio. More information is available at <http://www.ogs.org>. The cost is \$35.00 for OGS members and \$40.00 for non-members.

Saturday, 5 October 2013, 8:30 A.M.
MID-ATLANTIC GERMANIC SOCIETY

The MAGS Fall Meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn Conference Center, 2000 Loucks Road, York, Pennsylvania. The lectures will include “Searching for a Pennsylvania German Ancestor” and “Success Story: Finding a European Village of Origin” by James M. Beidler; “Introduction to the National Archives in Philadelphia” by Beth Levitt; and “Introduction to the National Archives in New York City” by Patrick Connelly. For more information, visit <http://www.magsgen.com>.

Saturday, 5 October 2013, 8:30 A.M.
TARENTUM GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Thomas MacEntee will be the featured speaker at Tarentum's Genealogy Conference. He will present the following lectures: “Google for Genealogists,” “Backing Up Your Genealogy Data,” “Tech Initiative for Genealogy Societies,” and “You Use WHAT for Genealogy? Wonderful Uses for Unusual Tools.” The event will be held at the Clarion Hotel, 300 Tarentum Bridge Road, New Kensington, Pennsylvania. For more information and a registration form, please visit <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~patgs>.

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

This Salt Lake City, Utah, 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.

Thursday, 10 October 2013, 6:30 P.M.
MOON GENEALOGY CLUB

The next program of the Moon Genealogy Club will be Show & Tell. The meeting will be held at the Moon Township Public Library, 1700 Beaver Grade Road Suite 100, Moon Township, Pennsylvania. The group does not have a website, but does have a page on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/130880826976535>.

Saturday, 19 October 2013, 9:00 A.M.
WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

WPGS will host a British Isles seminar at the Carnegie Museum of Art Theater in Oakland. Paul Blake and Maggie Loughran will be the speakers. The cost is \$20.00 for WPGS members and \$25.00 for non-members. Pre-registration is recommended. For more information, please visit <http://www.wpgs.org>.

Saturday, 26 October 2013, 8:30 A.M.
BUTLER COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Jonathan Stayer, the head of the reference section of the Pennsylvania State Archives, will present two lectures, “Lydia's Bottom' and Me: Understanding the State Land Records of Pennsylvania” and “Military Records at the Pennsylvania State Archives.” He will also be available for one-on-one consultations. The event will be held at the Butler Area Public Library, 218 North McKean Street, Butler. Space is limited for this event. The early bird registration deadline is 30 August. For more information, please visit <http://www.bcgus.us>.

ADDITIONAL HISTORIC PA

NEWSPAPERS ONLINE AT LOC

The Library of Congress (LOC) has recently added to its list of digitized Pennsylvania newspapers on the *Chronicling America* link of the library's website. The newspapers are free and fully searchable. This is a small number of publications when compared to the microfilmed publications in the Pennsylvania State Library, but for quick, online access, this site is definitely worth the time for genealogists to explore. Go to <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov> and use the search parameters (in drop down menus) to search for a particular publication and/or date range. The database includes this list of newspapers as well as previously digitized publications.

Newspapers can yield valuable tidbits of genealogical information in general articles, announcements of weddings and births, society news, and of course, obituaries. Remember to record or copy all names included in any newspaper article that mentions your ancestors, because those other names can offer clues to in-laws, cousins, or other families with close ties to your ancestors.

The latest Pennsylvania newspaper titles and available date ranges include:

- *The Bloomsburg Democrat*, Bloomsburg, PA, 1867-1869
- *Clearfield Republican*, Clearfield, PA, 1851-1937
- *Columbia Democrat And Bloomsburg General Advertiser*, Bloomsburg, PA, 1850-1866
- *Columbia Democrat And Star Of The North*, Bloomsburg, PA, 1866-1867
- *Democrat And Sentinel*, Ebensburg, PA, 1853-1866
- *Evening Public Ledger*, Philadelphia [PA], 1914-1942
- *Jeffersonian Republican*, Stroudsburg, PA, 1840-1853
- *Juniata Sentinel And Republican*, Mifflintown, Juniata County, PA, 1873-1955
- *Juniata Sentinel*, Mifflintown, PA, 1846-1873
- *Lancaster Daily Intelligencer*, Lancaster, PA, 1864-1928
- *Lewisburg Chronicle and West Branch Farmer*, Lewisburg, PA, 1849-1850
- *Lewisburg Chronicle*, Lewisburg, PA, 1850-1859
- *Pike County Press*, Milford, PA, 1895-1925
- *Pittsburg Dispatch*, Pittsburg [PA], 1880-1923
- *Raftsmen's Journal*, Clearfield, PA, 1854-1948
- *Somerset Herald*, Somerset, PA, 1800s
- *Sunbury American And Shamokin Journal*, Sunbury, Northumberland Co., PA, 1840-1848
- *Sunbury American*, Sunbury, PA, 1848-1879
- *The Alleghenian*, Ebensburg, PA, 1859-1865
- *The Bloomfield Times*, New Bloomfield, PA, 1867-1874
- *The Cambria Freeman*, Ebensburg, PA, 1867-1938
- *The Carbon Advocate*, Lehighton, PA, 1872-1924
- *The Columbia Democrat*, Bloomsburg, PA, 1837-1850
- *The Columbian*, Bloomsburg, PA, 1866-1910
- *The Ebensburg Alleghenian*, Ebensburg, PA, 1865-1871
- *The Elk County Advocate*, Ridgway, PA, 1868-1883
- *The Elk Advocate*, Ridgway, Elk Co., PA, 1860-1868
- *The Evening Herald*, Shenandoah, PA, 1891-1966
- *The Forest Republican*, Tionesta, PA, 1869-1952
- *The Fulton County News*, McConnellsburg, PA, 1899-Current
- *The Greene County Republican*, Waynesburg, PA, 1850s-1867
- *The Honesdale Citizen*, Honesdale, PA, 1873-1908
- *The Jeffersonian*, Stroudsburg, PA, 1853-1911
- *The Middleburgh Post*, Middleburgh, Snyder Co., PA, 1883-1916
- *The New Bloomfield Times*, New Bloomfield, PA, 1877-1883

- *The Petroleum Centre Daily Record*, Petroleum Center, PA, 1868-1873
- *The Scranton Tribune*, Scranton, PA, 1891-1910
- *The Somerset Herald And Farmers' And Mechanics' Register*, Somerset, PA, 1830s-1852
- *The Somerset Herald*, Somerset, PA, 1870-1936
- *The Star Of The North*, Bloomsburg, PA, 1849-1866
- *The Waynesburg Republican*, Waynesburg, PA, 1867-1880s
- *The Campaign*, Bloomsburg, PA, 1866-1866
- *The Citizen*, Honesdale, PA, 1908-1914
- *The Evening Telegraph*, Philadelphia [PA], 1864-1918
- *The Mountain Sentinel*, Ebensburg, PA, 1844-1853
- *The Post*, Middleburg, Snyder County, PA, 1864-1883
- *The Star*, Reynoldsville, PA, 1892-1946
- *Union County Star And Lewisburg Chronicle*, Lewisburg, PA, 1859-1864

FOCUS ON METHODOLOGY AND RECORDS WITH TLC'S *WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?*

By Sue Ennis, NHG Co-Editor

On July 23rd, The Learning Channel (TLC) broadcast the first episode of the new season of a series that genealogists enjoy—*Who Do You Think You Are?* (WDYTYA) This is the first time the series has been affiliated with TLC. Each episode of this genealogical-themed series features a celebrity who researches an ancestor or two and travels from one ancestral town to another to follow the trail of records. After the first three episodes aired, it became one of the highest rated shows on TLC.

Some genealogists scoff at the series *WDYTYA* because of the seemingly easy path taken to locate ancestors, the obvious help of the experts doing all of the work, and the over-the-top reactions by some celebrities to each genealogical find.

To me, however, the “glass is half full” with *WDYTYA*. There is value in every opportunity to learn about genealogical research, which can be observed and then applied to your own projects and brick walls.

If viewers watch each episode with a focus upon the types of records used and the indicated methodology of how to find that resource, then there is much to glean from *WDYTYA*. Also, the name and title of each featured expert appears on the screen. Perhaps one of these genealogical contacts is working near your ancestral paths. For example, in the July 30th episode, Christina Applegate searched for information about her paternal grandmother whom her father “never knew.”

During the episode, Applegate utilized several types of records and visited a variety of repositories in New Jersey. First she met with Joseph Shumway, AG, in Trenton, New Jersey, at the New Jersey Office of Vital Statistics where a marriage record was located. From there, Applegate proceeded to the Trenton Free Public Library where she combed through newspaper articles from the 1930s and 40s and searched Ancestry.com with library director Kimberly Matthews. Each article provided a new clue about her grandmother’s life, including a treasured photo. Next, she met with Meredith Schalick, a family law professor affiliated with Rutgers University and the New Jersey State Archives. Schalick deciphered and explained terminology in five court case transcripts revealing custody battles and a divorce in the family.

After that, Applegate met with Joe Coletta, State Archivist of New Jersey, to review records related to great-grandparents on her father’s maternal and paternal lines. This information yielded addresses, employment, marriages, and relatives, and more clues. Finally, Applegate and her father met with Maude Snyder, President of the Riverview Cemetery in Trenton, New Jersey. Maude provided them with a record containing facts about family grave sites and a second record with details about the grandmother’s death and burial. This summary of the types of records used and the New Jersey repositories visited provides us with useful information, which could possibly help us in our own genealogical research.

On July 23rd, the Kelly Clarkson episode of *WDYTYA* was centered in Ohio and traced the paternal line of Clarkson's mother, Jeanne Ann Rose Clarkson Taylor. The Rose family had a rich history of service and honor, particularly Clarkson's third great grandfather, Isaiah R. Rose.

During the research project, Clarkson first met with Vonnie Zullo, a historic researcher, at the Ohio Historical Society in Columbus, Ohio, where they examined census records on Ancestry.com and looked at Civil War records. Clarkson's ancestor, Isaiah Rose, was a Union soldier from Ohio during the Civil War. Next, Clarkson met with Timothy Orr, a history professor at Old Dominion University, at the DeKalb County History Center. They delved into the records and history of Isaiah's Civil War brigades. This led to a trip to Andersonville National Park, Andersonville, Georgia. Ranger Chris Barr provided a tour of the prisoner of war camp, historic images, and a fascinating first person account of a fellow soldier with insight into the realities of the camp. Records revealed that Clarkson's ancestor had escaped from the camp and survived to live a long life.

Next Clarkson met with genealogist D. Joshua Taylor at the Washington County (Ohio) Public Library where newspaper articles traced Isaiah's life after the Civil War. Eventually, her ancestor was elected to serve as a state senator for his district. She last met Dr. Thomas R. Pegram, history professor at Loyola University, Maryland, at Ohio's state capital building to complete her quest for genealogical information. This episode also provided a variety of methods, records, and repositories to discover the story of one ancestor's life.

In every episode of *WDYTYA*, pay attention to the type of genealogical records, the repository where each record is located, and the type of expertise that is offered by genealogists, historians, librarians, archivists, and others. That information can spark a new idea or uncover a new avenue for your own genealogical research. It can also provide contact names for specific repositories that might be useful. To me, this is why the television series is so valuable—there is a mini workshop in each episode, if you focus on the research!

Use the following link to access a list of the current and past episodes of *Who Do You Think You Are?* You can click on each celebrity's name to access that episode.

<http://tv.msn.com/tv/series-episodes/who-do-you-think-you-are.4/?ipp=40>.

Current episodes are aired on TLC at 9:00 P.M. on Tuesdays and have been preceded each week by a re-run of the previous week's episode. TLC also makes each episode available to be viewed free online within hours after it airs at <http://www.tlc.com/tv-shows/who-do-you-think-you-are>.

By now, Chelsea Handler's and Zooey Deschanel's episodes have aired. Tonight, August 20th, actor Chris O'Donnell is featured. The remaining episodes include Cindy Crawford on August 27th, Trisha Yearwood on September 3rd, and Jim Parsons on September 10th. Ancestry.com is a prominent sponsor of this series and highlights information from the show on their blog at <http://blogs.ancestry.com/ancestry>.

100,000 BOOKS FULLY SCANNED IN TIME FOR FGS CONFERENCE

Press Release (partial)

5 August 2013

FamilySearch has announced a milestone in its collection of Family History Books. One hundred thousand books have now been scanned by the partnership of the Family History Library, Allen County Public Library, and several other important family history libraries in the world. These books are online and available to search and use on the FamilySearch.org website. You can reach the collection by clicking Search and then Books or by simply clicking the link above.

The majority of the books online are family histories, with a smaller portion made up of cemetery records, local and county histories, genealogy magazines, and how-to-books, gazetteers, and medieval histories and pedigrees. These valuable aids are viewed by more than 100,000 people a month.



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UPCOMING PROGRAMS FROM NHG

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Tuesday, 17 September 2013 **OUR EXPERIENCE RESEARCHING AND** **VISITING ANCESTRAL GERMAN** **VILLAGES**

Roberta (Bobby) Egelston

In 2012, NHG members Bobby and Dave Egelston visited some ancestral villages in Bavaria and toured former German villages in Bohemia in the Czech Republic. Learn about the research and trip preparations, what they found, and how they shared information with other family members.

Tuesday, 15 October 2013 **THE GIFT OF LEGACY: WHO'S WRITING** **YOUR STORY?**

Deborah A. Abbott, Ph.D.

We trace the lives of our ancestors in order to learn about them and to preserve for our children the stories that have gone before us. Just like our ancestors, parts of our lives may leave questions that someone else will try to answer. So why not answer the questions now? Don't leave this task to someone else—take time to write your own story.

THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM – 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.