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NHG NEWS

Field Trip

Whether you are new to the area, new to genealogical research, or need a refresher, plan to join the North Hills Genealogists on a field trip to the Carnegie Library (4400 Forbes Avenue, Pittsburgh) on **Saturday, March 15, 2014**. Marilyn Holt, head of the Pennsylvania Department, will provide an introduction and give us a tour of the genealogical resources that the library holds. After her tour you can stay and research to your heart's content in these resources.

The Pennsylvania Department contains a wealth of information for the Pittsburgh area as well as resources for other places in Pennsylvania, bordering states, and foreign countries. There are birth and death records, cemetery transcriptions, obituaries, maps, and on-site databases available for your research. The library of the Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society is housed in the same room.

Meet us at **10:30 A.M., March 15th** on the third floor of the library for our first field trip of the year. Please email Carole Ashbridge at caroleashbridge@gmail.com or see her at the February meeting if you intend to join us so we can plan accordingly for our group.

Conference Volunteers

The NHG Conference Committee will meet again on Thursday, February 20th, at the Eat'n Park on Route 910 in Wexford. The meeting will start at 6:00 P.M. If you would like to serve on the committee, please join us for dinner! We are looking for one more volunteer, someone to help with the logistics the day of the conference. If you have questions about serving on the **(continued on page 53)**

HEINZ CENTER TO HOST GENEALOGY PROGRAM

The Detre Library and Archives at the Heinz Center is hosting a genealogy program on Saturday, February 22nd. The Archives, Pitt's Archives Service Center, the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, the Pittsburgh Catholic Diocese Archives, the Family History Center in Green Tree, and area genealogical societies (including NHG) will have tables set up in the library's area. Representatives of these groups will be available to answer questions about their respective activities and holdings.

The event runs from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. Please contact the Detre Library & Archives at 412-454-6364 or library@heinzhistorycenter.org to RSVP. This event is included in the \$15.00 admission to the Heinz Center. This is an opportunity to learn about a variety of institutions with useful holdings for research and resources for increasing your genealogical knowledge.

After the program, visit the exhibits at the Heinz Center or stay in the library to research. For more information about the center's current exhibits and the library's holdings, please visit <http://www.heinzhistorycenter.org>.

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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

As I stated last month, one of my resolutions for 2014 is to begin actually writing, as opposed to only researching and analyzing, my family history. I believe it is a way to help me organize my information.

Michael J. Leclerc, writing on Mocavo's Genealogy Blog on 7 January 2014, says,

One of the major problems is genealogists who feel they can't share their research until they are "done." Let me tell you from my many years of experience that only rarely will you ever be 'done.' There will always be a new line, a new question, additional evidence, etc.

The moral of the story is, don't wait to be "done." Share as you go. Put together bits and pieces of the family story into smaller stories. As you put more and more of these stories together, you can eventually put together the bigger picture of your family.

Leclerc goes on to say that the format in which you write depends on the audience. Your work could be a standard monograph, a slide show or video on a DVD, a blog, a custom web site, or any of the above. I have personally taken to writing on a multi-track basis. This approach works for me; I'm not saying it would work for anyone else.

My biggest decision was to write outside of the constraints of my genealogy software. Sure, I can add notes, photographs, documents, etc., to that software, but I find it cumbersome to do so and difficult to generate any kind of useable report from it. I also believe that a slide show would be more effective at a family reunion or party, so I am writing snippets about individuals and places, and incorporating as many photographs, charts, copies of original documents, maps, etc., that I can find, knowing that I can weed them out later. This allows me to assemble the information as a slide show first and use the same material in a manuscript later.

I also know that every fact must be documented to verify the information presented and to prevent other members of the family from having to repeat my research. I have selected one family

to start with, as Nancy Waters Lauer recommended in our February webinar.

So this is what I do:

- I prepare an outline of what I want to write, just as my 8th grade social studies teacher taught me.
- I generate a timeline for each individual or family, using a spreadsheet. The columns include date, location, event, names(s), and complete source references.
- I write stories about individuals and their families, connecting the timeline events and adding maps, photographs, and historical context, and pass them around to family members for comment.
- I string these stories together for multiple generations and export the genealogical summary (births, marriages, deaths, children) from my genealogy software into this document, adding reference information as endnotes.

Okay, admittedly I have only written an “Origins” chapter for this family, several timelines, and a few narratives of family members that I personally knew. But it is a start, and I have a plan and a process in place to keep going. I challenge each of you in the next few months to write about something that you have learned, and pass it around to your family.

~ Dave

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committee, please email Dave Williams at peggie@consolidated.net or see him at a meeting.

Survey

NHG sent out a survey with last month's newsletter. There were also paper copies of the survey available at the January meeting. If you haven't already done so, please take a few minutes to complete the survey by March 1st. It is available online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WSKYPHG>.

We will also make paper copies available at the February meeting. The board appreciates your feedback so we can plan for the future.

Library Lock-in

Don't forget that NHG and Northland Library have scheduled another Library Lock-in for Friday, April 4th. Registration for this free event will open in early March. Space is limited. Watch the event calendar on Northland's website (<http://northlandlibrary.weebly.com>) to register.

BOOK REVIEW

Deciphering Handwriting in German Documents: Analyzing German, Latin, and French in Historical Manuscripts. 2nd edition. by Roger P. Minert, Ph.D., AG. Published by GRT Publications, Provo, UT, 2013. ISBN 0971690693, 273 pages, illustrations, documents, bibliography, index. Softcover, \$28.00.

Researching church records in Germany or German parishes in the United States can be a frustrating and overwhelming task. German handwriting and script might as well be Greek for the untrained eye. Fortunately, Dr. Roger Minert has published the excellent manual for deciphering those documents.

The second edition of his *Deciphering Handwriting in German Documents: Analyzing German, Latin, and French in Historical Manuscripts* is an expanded version of the essential guide for genealogists who find themselves immersed in a sea of seemingly unreadable texts. The book opens with its own “How to” chapter so that the reader has a clear visualization of working through the process. The suggestions are presented with clarity and provide a needed road map through the book. It begins with a discussion of handwriting styles in German and progresses through the evolution of different scripts to the standardization and abandonment of the Deutsche Schrift in 1945. The charts of characters and scripts give the reader a means to be able to transliterate documents that can then be translated. Minert also includes chapters on German grammar, syntax, and word order. He gives the reader tactics to decipher the handwriting, paying particular attention to vital records.

Because many church documents were written in Latin, the inclusion of hints and tactics for deciphering those words is also a valuable asset in this book. Minert addresses the elements found in a church book entry and delineates those and how they would appear in a column, sequence, or paragraph entry. It becomes easier for the researcher to find the information and decipher it once she recognizes a pattern for an entry. Parts of Germany are also intertwined with France and records will be found in German parishes written in French. This is especially true in the area of Alsace-Lorraine and the territories where French Huguenots established parishes. According to Minert, a third development that resulted in French records was the “intrusion into German territory on the part of the French administrative system during the Napoleonic Era.” (p. 99) If a researcher has interest in those areas, it is incumbent to understand French also.

The inclusion of innumerable documents and examples allows the book to act as a workbook of sorts. The reader can practice deciphering and understanding documents and entries. Minert recognizes the need for a broad understanding of documents and includes transcriptions, translations, and analyses of those papers. It is easy to check your progress in deciphering the entries. The examples not only include parish entries for births, confirmations, marriages, and deaths, but also documents of historical and civil importance such as employment identification, guardianship and citizenship papers, passports, and Trans-Atlantic travel records. The appendix helpfully contains genealogical terms that the researcher will encounter. In addition to the usual alphabetical index, Minert includes a reverse alphabetical index, where the listing is ordered by the last letter of a word to assist when a word’s first letter cannot be ascertained. This is a most beneficial tool.

For any genealogical researcher who finds herself buried in German documents, *Deciphering Handwriting in German Documents: Analyzing German, Latin, and French in Historical Manuscripts* is the first, must-have purchase for her reference shelf. It is clearly formatted, arranged well, comprehensive, and will provide guidance

through the records that one encounters. Unless one is a most proficient reader of German script and handwriting, do not begin research without a copy by your side.

Carole Ashbridge
NHG Social Media Chair

CRANBERRY FHC CHANGES HOURS

The Cranberry Family History Center will change its hours starting March 1st. It will be open on Wednesdays from 9:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. and 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

ROOTSTECH VIDEOS POSTED ONLINE

The RootsTech conference was recently held in Salt Lake City, Utah. Sixteen of the presentations were recorded and are now available for free on the Internet. Lectures from D. Josh Taylor, who spoke at NHG's 2012 conference, and Lisa Alzo, who has presented lectures at several NHG monthly meetings, are among the recordings. The URL is <https://rootstech.org/about/videos>.

NGS ANNOUNCES NEW COURSE – AMERICAN GENEALOGICAL STUDIES: GUIDE TO DOCUMENTATION AND SOURCE CITATION

Press Release

5 February 2014

ARLINGTON, VA: The National Genealogical Society proudly announces the release of its newest American Genealogical Studies course, *Guide to Documentation and Source Citation*. This course joins *The Basics* in the series of online courses developed by NGS to help those interested in finding their family.

In this three-module self-paced course, Michael Grant Hait Jr., CG, helps genealogists with one of the most confusing areas of genealogy research, “How do I cite my family information?” Knowing where we located our family information and keeping accurate notes, or citations, is the backbone of reliable genealogy. The course modules consist of lessons, examples, citations,

and graded quizzes and cover topics on: "Introduction to Documentation," "Basic Citation Principles," and "Applying Citation Principles."

This NGS American Genealogical Studies course, *Guide to Documentation and Source Citation*, is available for \$30.00 for members and \$45.00 for non-members. For further information, to view the syllabus, or to purchase the course, visit the NGS website at http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/guide_documentation_sourcecitation.

Guide to Documentation and Source Citation joins *The Basics* in the NGS's online cloud-based learning management system. To take advantage of this system, you will need either a computer or tablet with an Internet connection.

NGS also offers several courses available in downloadable PDF files compatible for a PC or MAC. The courses are designed for both the beginner and the established genealogist to help busy individuals learn about a specific topic and to put the ensuing knowledge to work quickly. These courses include:

- Using Federal Population Census Schedules in Genealogical Research
- Introduction to Civil War Research
- Genetic Genealogy, The Basics
- Introduction to Religious Records
- Working with Deeds

Founded in 1903, the National Genealogical Society is dedicated to genealogy education, high research standards, and the preservation of genealogical records. The Arlington, Virginia, based nonprofit is the premier national society for everyone, from the beginner to the most advanced family historian, seeking excellence in publications, educational offerings, research guidance, and opportunities to interact with other genealogists.

JAMBOREE WEBINAR SERIES ANNOUNCED

The Southern California Genealogical Society has announced the schedule for their 2014 Jamboree Extension series of webinars. Live viewing the webinars is free, although pre-

registration is required. To register, please visit <http://www.scgsgenealogy.com/webinar/jes-index.html>.

The schedule is

- March 1 - Lisa A. Alzo, MFA: Timesaving Apps for Busy Genealogists
- March 19 - Michael John Neill: Organizing Database Searches
- April 5 - Michael Brophy: Descendancy Research
- April 16 - Denise Levenick: Caring for Keepsakes: The Top 10 Family Treasures
- May 3 - Ron Arons: Nifty and Powerful Technologies for Genealogical Analysis and Documentation
- May 21 - Gena Philibert-Ortega: Cost Cutting Measures to Help You Do More Genealogy
- June 1 - Leo Myers, Paula Hinkel, Vicki Hilb: Everything You Want to Know about Jamboree
- June 18 - Jay Fonkert, CG: Wooden Shoe Genealogy: Finding Dutch and Frisian Ancestors
- July 16 - Susan Kitchens: How to Interview Family: Skills for your Ears, Eyes, Brain
- August 2 - George L. Findlen, PhD, CG: Crossing the Border: How to Backtrack an Ancestor into Québec from the US
- August 20 - James M. Baker, PhD, CG: Seven Strategies for Finding the Hard Ones
- September 6 - Denise Spurlock: Life on the Farm
- September 17 - Jean Wilcox Hibben, PhD, CG: It's NOT about Zombies: Doing Cemetery Research
- October 4 - Hannah Z. Allan: Where Have They Gone? Researching Ancestors who Chased Gold
- October 15 - Janet Hovorka: Post It Forward: Archiving Lessons From My Great-Grandfather's Records
- November 1 - Pamela Weisberger: Historical Newspaper Research for Genealogists
- November 19 - Tim Pinnick: The WWI Draft Card: Don't Do Research Without It!
- December 6 - Billie Fogarty: Bundling,

Banns, and Bonds: Love & Marriage in Early America

If you would like to see one or more of the webinars after they have been broadcast, the society does have an archive of the webinars. This archive is available to members of the Southern California Genealogical Society. For more information, visit their website at <http://www.scgsgenealogy.com>.

TRENDING NOW: COLLECTING GENEALOGICAL DATA FROM OBITUARIES, OR WHO IS ROLLIE ENDRES?

By Sue Ennis, NHG Newsletter Co-Editor

At the recent international genealogical event, RootsTech, FamilySearch.org announced its newest project: to index obituaries and create a searchable database. A year ago, I focused weeks of searching on the Pennsylvania Marriages database on FamilySearch. Now I am eager for a chance to search through obituaries as they become available.

Obituaries yield many tidbits of data related to one's family. A keynote speaker at RootsTech mentioned that an average obituary refers to 31 different people, most by name. Although the exact relationships among a group of individuals may or may not be explained in the obituary's text, at least you have a cluster of potential relatives to research.

If the deceased person led a public life, there is often a narrative of jobs, organizations, a church, or even special interests that are mentioned. These hints can be used to expand your search to find the collateral people who crossed paths with your ancestor.

Another path from the names that intersect in an obituary is to list each name and then systematically find each person's family. For example, start with the 1940 U.S. federal census and find where each person lived, with whom they lived, and other vital information. Then examine the collection of names and look for patterns: same neighborhood, same nationality, or even the same year of immigration or

naturalization. Look at the relation of each person in a household to the head of the household. Any in-laws? That could lead to a new surname for your genealogy. You can trace back through other census years to add to your information.

When looking for patterns, also look for trends. In the first half of the 20th century, it was common to list the full name of all pallbearers within a funeral notice. That is where I first encountered Rollie Endres. Who was Rollie Endres? Was the surname Endres spelled correctly, or was it simply our surname, Ennis, spelled incorrectly?

Rollie Endres appeared first in our "family" in the funeral notice of my great-grandmother, Esther Louvina (Mason) Ennis published in *The Wilkes-Barre Record* on Wednesday, 17 November 1920. Esther had died at age 41 on the previous Sunday. In that funeral notice, I recognized the names of all of the pallbearers except one—Rollie Endres. I thought nothing of it at the time.

During a later research session, I discovered the death and funeral notices of Esther's second son, George M. Ennis, who was the younger brother of my grandfather, Harry S. Ennis, Jr. George died at age 19 on Wednesday, 28 March 1923 of "complications after being ill for several weeks." Great-uncle George was "well-known" in the Kingston/Forty Fort, Pennsylvania area. Suddenly, I saw the name again—one of the pallbearers was the unknown man, Rollie Endres.

Now I knew that I needed to know more about him. First I asked my dad, but since he was born more than a decade later, he really did not know. Well, I found Rollie Endres in the 1920 census, and he lived within a quarter mile of my grandpa's family, but none of the men worked together. I traced Rollie forward and backward in the census records—he had not moved for his entire life. I found his World War I and II draft registration cards. At the time of WWI, the 17-year old was living with his widowed mother, Lena Schwartz Endres, at that same address. By the time of WWII, Rollie was married to "Pearl, my wife" and was still at the same address. I recorded this data and the sources.

Then a conversation with an elderly cousin of my dad's finally revealed the truth. Rollie Endres was

married to a sister of my dad's Aunt Gert—no blood relation, but certainly within the circle of the Ennis Family. (Aunt Gert was married to my Grandma Ennis's brother Oliver Williams.) Through the maze of clues, the twice-chosen pallbearer was revealed to be a distant relative of the Ennis family by marriage to an in-law.

We decided that Rollie Endres must have been strong and looked good in a suit to be chosen twice as a pallbearer by the same family. The story and connection will continue to unfold.

The lesson for all genealogists is this: do not overlook any of the names that are mentioned in the obituary of your ancestor. Although the unexpected names take you away from researching your direct lines, those names can also meander back to your branch of the family.

DEAD MEN TELL NO TALES . . . BUT THEIR OBITUARIES DO! ANNOUNCING A MAJOR, NEW INDEXING PROJECT

Press Release

6 February 2014

Reprinted from Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter, found at <http://www.eogn.com> with permission of Dick Eastman.

Salt Lake City, UT: The following announcement was released by FamilySearch at the RootsTech conference: Obituaries + Volunteers = A Treasure Trove of Searchable Stories

FamilySearch has declared 2014 the "Year of the Obituary" and is working with partners and the larger genealogy community to collect and digitize millions of obituaries from the United States, with other countries soon to follow. The goal for this year is to index 100 million names from these historical documents, including the name of the deceased, relatives, and all other individuals found in each document.

This massive collection of obituaries will add a fabulous new dimension to online family history research. Obituaries are a "treasure trove" of valuable genealogical information. Each is a unique story of a person's life. Many obituaries

include a photo of the person along with the names of generations of family members.

The success of this indexing campaign depends on volunteers. Tens of thousands of additional volunteers are needed to keep up with the volume of obituary indexing projects coming this year. This represents an excellent opportunity for societies, archives, schools, and churches to participate in a meaningful act of service that will pay big dividends for generations to come.

Many indexers will enjoy indexing obituaries because they are so interesting to read and are virtually all typewritten. However, each obituary is as unique as the deceased person it portrays, and this uniqueness can make obituaries deceptively tricky to index correctly. Good judgment and a willingness to closely follow the instructions are crucial.

Volunteers are encouraged to start immediately. The quirks of the project may take some getting used to, but help resources are readily available, including:

- A video: [Indexing Obituaries](#)
- A blog article: [12 Vital Hints to Guide You as You Index Obituaries](#)
- FamilySearch support: <http://familysearch.org/help/contact>
- FamilySearch indexing Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/familysearchindexing>

If you haven't indexed before, get started today by following these steps:

1. Go to familysearch.org/indexing and click **Get Started**.
2. Follow the download instructions.
3. Open the indexing program using the new indexing icon on your desktop.
4. Sign in with your FamilySearch or LDS Account.
5. Enter your profile information.
6. Read and agree to the license agreement.
7. Click **Download Batch**.
8. Select a project to index.

To download a set (or batch) of obituaries to index, do the following:

1. While in the indexing program, click the **Download Batch** button.

2. Select **Show all projects**.
3. Scroll down to US indexing projects, and select a project that includes the word "Obituaries."
4. Click **OK**.
5. A message will pop up offering help. Use the help resources as needed, and then click Close to begin indexing the batch.

Although 2014 is the "Year of the Obituary," this collection will likely require several years to fully index. Working together we will unlock this treasure trove of fascinating information for researchers everywhere.

DIGITIZED PA DEATH CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE SOON ONLINE

According to an article in Volume 14 of *Access Archives*, Ancestry.com's digitization of Pennsylvania death certificates from 1906 through 1963 and birth certificates from 1906 to 1908 is almost finished. The State Archives expects the indexing of these records to be finished sometime this year.

PaHR-Access, the group that coordinated the effort to make older birth and death certificates public, stated in a recent Facebook post that Ancestry will make the death certificates available on their website in three phases. These phases are scheduled for April, June, and November. The birth certificates are scheduled to be uploaded in September.

Pennsylvania residents will have free access to the certificates and other records from the State Archives collection through an agreement with Ancestry. The currently available records include the Septennial Census, 1779–1863, War of 1812 Pensions, 1866–1879, and Land Warrants and Applications, 1733–1952. The instructions for accessing the records are available at <http://phmc.info/ancestrypa>.

WHERE GENEALOGISTS MEET

**Wednesday, 19 February 2014, 7:00 P.M.
BEAVER COUNTY GENEALOGY &
HISTORY CENTER**

At the next meeting, the group will host a webinar presentation by Crista Cowan entitled "Common Mistakes in Genealogy." It will be held at the center's facility in Beaver. The address is 250 East End Avenue, Beaver. This is the old Beaver Train Station. As you are facing the building, the entrance is on the right side below the grade of the parking lot. For more information, please visit <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~pabecgs>.

**Wednesday, 26 February 2014, 6:30 P.M.
CRANBERRY GENEALOGY CLUB**

At the next meeting, the club will watch the video "Pennsylvania Research: Vital and Church Records" and then discuss the topic. The free meeting will be held in the meeting room of the Cranberry Public Library, 2525 Rochester Road, Cranberry Township. For more information, please visit <http://www.cranberrygenealogy.org>.

**Sunday, 2 March 2014, 9:00 A.M.
BETH EL CONGREGATION OF THE
SOUTH HILLS**

The congregation will host its third annual Genealogy Day from 9:00 am to 2:00 P.M. The event will be held in conjunction with their annual Pancake Festival. Off-street parking is available. The event will be held at 1900 Cochran Road, Pittsburgh. Watch for more information to be posted on their website, <http://www.bethelcong.org>.

**Saturday, 8 March 2014, 10:00 A.M.
WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

WPGS will hold an open house at the Carnegie Library complex in Oakland. The event will feature a class on "Beginning Genealogy" at 10:00 a.m. in the Carnegie Library Lecture Hall. Marilyn Holt will present the class. After the class, visit the WPGS collection on the third floor of the library. WPGS volunteers will be available to answer questions about the society and its projects. This event is free and open to the public. The address is 4400 Forbes Avenue, Pittsburgh. For more information, please visit <http://www.wpgs.org>.

Friday, 21 March 2014, 1:00 P.M.
MID-ATLANTIC GERMANIC SOCIETY

Prior to their spring meeting, MAGS will hold a workshop. Debra Hoffman and Dr. Kenneth Heger will present "Dissecting a Civil War Pension File." The event will be held at the Holiday Inn Laurel West in Laurel, Maryland. For more information, visit <http://magsgen.com>.

Saturday, 22 March 2014, 8:30 A.M.
MID-ATLANTIC GERMANIC SOCIETY

MAGS will hold their spring meeting at the Holiday Inn Laurel West in Laurel, Maryland. The all-day seminar has the theme "Creating Access for Genealogists 24/7." The early-bird registration deadline is 8 March. For more information, please visit <http://magsgen.com>.

Saturday, 29 March 2014, 9:00 A.M.
WESTERN RESERVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY RESEARCH LIBRARY

The Genealogical Committee of WRHS will host an all-day seminar featuring Thomas W. Jones, Ph.D., CG, CGL. He will present four lectures related to the theme "Establishing Genealogical Proof." The event will be held at the WRHS facility at 10825 East Boulevard, Cleveland, Ohio. For more information and to register, please visit <http://www.wrhs.org>.

11–12 April 2014
GERMANIC GENEALOGY SOCIETY

F. Warren Bittner, CG, is the featured speaker at this year's conference. He will present five lectures during the conference. The event will be held at the Inver Hills Community College in Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota. For more information, please visit <http://www.ggsmn.org>.

24–26 April 2014
LANCASTER MENNONITE HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL CONFERENCE

This year's conference will be held at the Lancaster Host Resort and Conference Center, 2300 Lincoln Highway East, Lancaster, Pennsylvania. This year's theme is *Family History through Photographs: Daguerreotypes to Digital*. Saturday features more than fifteen lectures to choose from. The first two days consist of field trips and small group discussions, all of which are an additional fee. For more information, please visit http://www.lmhs.org/Home/Events/History_Conference.

30 April–3 May 2014
OHIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL CONFERENCE

This year's conference will be held at the Kalahari Resorts and Convention Center, 7000 Kalahari Drive, Sandusky, Ohio. A variety of lectures and workshops will be offered over three and a half days. For more information, please visit <http://www.genex2014.org>.

7–10 May 2014
NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL CONFERENCE

This year's conference will be held in the Greater Richmond Convention Center in Richmond, Virginia. The theme is *Virginia: The First Frontier*. Over 200 lectures on a wide variety of topics will be given during the conference. For more information and a registration form, visit <http://conference.ngsgenealogy.org>.

20–25 July 2014
GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF PITTSBURGH

Registration for GRIP is now open. Intensive classes will be taught by leaders in the field (including several past NHG conference speakers). Some of the classes are full, but waiting lists are available. The institute will be held at La Roche College, 9000 Babcock Boulevard, Pittsburgh. In addition to the classes, there will be evening lectures that are free and open to the public. For more information, please visit <http://www.gripitt.org>.



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UPCOMING PROGRAMS FROM NHG

Mark Your Calendars!

Tuesday, 18 March 2014 **Irish Maps and Geographical Help**

Brian O'Neill

O'Neill returns to teach us about Irish maps. He will cover Gaelic place names, Irish town lands, and clan areas. We will also learn about the great British Crown map maker Barlett, who is recognized as one of the leading map makers of the British Isles during the early 1500s.

Tuesday, 15 April 2014 **Orphanage Records**

Jessie Ramey, Ph.D.

Ramey will speak to us about her new book, *Child Care in Black and White: Working Parents and the History of Orphanages*. It tells the story of families who used orphanages as an early form of childcare in times of family crisis, at the turn of the 20th century, from sources of interest to genealogists.

THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM – Tuesday, 18 February 2014 **FINDING YOUR WORLD WAR I ANCESTOR**

Craig R. Scott, CG

Because of the 1973 fire at a National Archives facility in St. Louis, researching an American soldier in the Great War period can be difficult. This lecture will provide work arounds for finding that ancestor. Scott will present his lecture via a live webinar.