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HEINZ HISTORY CENTER PLANS FREE VIDEO PROGRAMS

The Heinz History Center recently launched a series of videos in conjunction with the new *Pennsylvania's Civil War* exhibition, according to Robert O. Stakeley, Educator and Manager of the History Center Affiliates Program (HCAP).

These four to five minute videos help to show the critical role Western Pennsylvania played on both the battlefield and on the home front.

- Rodman Cannon:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=55ImdMV5qWw&feature=youtu.be>
- Dog Jack – Hero Dog of the Civil War:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gLCFVEYTOL8&feature=youtu.be>
- Strong Vincent:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JddO_uqeXSg&feature=youtu.be
- Allegheny Arsenal:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DcyAvSd5XYQ>

The Pennsylvania Civil War exhibit closed January 5th at the Heinz History Center; however, *The Civil War in Pennsylvania*, a 500-square foot traveling exhibit, will tour sites throughout Western Pennsylvania, free of charge to members of the History Center's Affiliates Program.

The schedule for the traveling exhibit is as follows:

- Feb. 14 - March 11, 2014: Allegheny Foothills Historical Society
- March 15 - April 8, 2014: McKeesport Heritage Center

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NHG NEWS

Library Lock-in Announced

NHG and Northland Public Library have scheduled another Library Lock-in for Friday, April 4th. Light refreshments will be provided. Registration for this event will open in March. Space is limited. This joint event provides an opportunity for individuals to use the library's computers for research. NHG volunteers are on hand to answer questions and provide guidance. At past lock-ins, attendees have found a variety of documents about their families. Examples include census records, marriage records, passenger lists, and passport applications. Mark your calendar to join the fun!

2014 Conference Committee Forming

NHG is forming the conference committee for our 2014 Fall Conference. We have chosen the date, speaker, and venue, but we still have lots to do. There will be an organizational meeting on Wednesday, January 29th. The location and time will be announced later. If you would like to join the committee, please email Dave Williams at peggie@consolidated.net.

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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

Happy New Year! It is time for a new year of programs, research projects, and (hopefully) successful ancestor hunting.

I thank Sharon Cimoch for arranging a great December 7th NHG holiday social outing to the Beaver County Heritage Museum and Genealogy and History Center. Twenty-six members and guests ate lunch at the 1810 Tavern in Bridgewater and toured the sites on the grounds of the old P&LE Railroad Station in Beaver. It was an interesting visit even for those (like me) who do not have Beaver County ancestors.

I also thank Shelli Nye for serving as both Vice President of the board and Program Chair. Shelli resigned at the end of the year to move to Philadelphia with her husband.

At the same time I want to welcome Colleen Rumble, who was nominated by the board to fulfill the remainder of Shelli's term as Vice President, and Mary Dzurichko, who agreed to return as Program Chair. Both were approved unanimously by the board, which is authorized to fill interim positions.

The NHG Board has decided to distribute a questionnaire to members and everyone attending the January meeting. The purpose is to solicit your ideas for future North Hills Genealogists' programs and other activities. Copies will be available at the January meeting and online. It is helpful if our members take a few minutes to thoughtfully fill out and return the questionnaire; this is the NHG Board's way of gathering information to best meet the educational needs of our membership.

One of my resolutions for 2014 is to begin actually writing, as opposed to only researching and analyzing, my family history. I know I do not have all the information I can find, nor am I certain about some of my facts, but I feel the need to get the information organized in a narrative form. I will want to include some family stories that have not been verified and distribute everything to other family members for comments and possibly more stories. My parents are getting old, and I have probably missed the

opportunity to get them to sit down and write their life stories. I have found that going through old photographs with them and other relatives is a good way to not only identify people in the photographs, but to help them remember stories about themselves and their parents and grandparents.

Another good option is to bring your writing to a family reunion and distribute it. You can imagine what fun it would be to get a couple of aunts to start arguing about what actually happened. Come to think about it, organizing a family reunion for this purpose might also be a good project. Please also see the article by Sue Ennis titled *Trending Now in Genealogy—Preserve Family Tales* in the November 2013 NHG Newsletter.

I will continue this topic in next month's newsletter. In the meantime, be sure to attend our January program in which Nancy Lauer will discuss, via a live webinar, how to move toward publication of your family history.

~ Dave

CRANBERRY FHC CHANGES

The Cranberry Family History Center will re-open after its holiday break on Thursday, 23 January 2014. The hours remain 9:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. and 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. Other times are available by appointment. Email CranberryFHC@gmail.com to make an appointment.

Lynne Arrington has been appointed as the new director of the center. She takes the place of former NHG vice president and program chair Shelli Nye. We wish Lynne and Shelli well in their new endeavors.

HEINZ CENTER VIDEOS (continued from page 41)

- April 12 - May 6, 2014: Depreciation Lands Museum
- May 10 - June 3, 2014: Ellwood City Area Historical Society
- June 7 - Aug. 5, 2014: Somerset Historical Center

- Sept. 6 - 30, 2014: West Overton Museums
- Oct. 4 - Nov. 4, 2014: Greene County Historical Society

NEWLY DIGITIZED COLLECTION ADDED TO PA PHOTOS AND DOCUMENTS

The "New Castle Directories, 1872-1921 Collection" is now available on the *POWER Library: PA Photos and Documents*. This digitized collection from the New Castle Public Library will enhance access to a collection that is already utilized by thousands of users around the world who conduct genealogy research. Making this collection available online will enhance users ability to locate specific names, street, and businesses since the volumes will be made full-text searchable, 24/7. Digitization will increase the use of these early New Castle City, Lawrence County, and regional directories from 1872 to 1921 while preserving the original volumes, which are in poor condition.

The collection can be browsed and searched. For access to the New Castle Directories and more digitized collections, please visit <http://www.powerlibrary.org/collections>.

POWER LIBRARY: PENNSYLVANIA'S DIGITAL LIBRARY

POWER Library, the digital library for all of Pennsylvania's public and school libraries, is back with a full menu of databases and collections, after a four-year period of time when budget cuts in the state had decimated the collection. *POWER Library* is free and accessible to all Pennsylvania residents; to explore the vast holdings, you must enter through your local library's web page or have a direct link, such as the one in the article above about the New Castle (Pennsylvania) Directories.

This digital database is full of valuable resources for genealogists with Pennsylvania roots. In addition to the *PA Photos and Documents* database, some others of interest include *AP Images* and *EBSCOhost*, a searchable database of historic and current newspapers, magazines, and journals, and many digitized e-books that may

otherwise be out of print. Note—each database is a separate link on the *POWER Library* menu, and therefore, each database must be searched separately. The upgrade of *POWER Library* by the PA Department of Education last fall has greatly enhanced access to millions of valuable resources.

Pennsylvania residents—Go to your local library's website and click on the *POWER Library* link. To find the website of your local library, go to [Pennsylvania Public Libraries on the Web](#). Northland Public Library has a link with the name “Access PA Power Library” on the main page of their website (<http://northlandlibrary.weebly.com>).

Instructions for using *POWER Library*

1. If requested, type in your library card number. If you do not have a library card or the number is not working, please contact your local library.
2. Databases are arranged by subjects. Click on a database of your choice.
3. Type in your search term(s) and scroll down the page to select additional search options. TIP: Clicking 'full text', searching for related words, or searching within the full text of the article will improve your search on most databases. Enclosing a string of words within quotation marks will search for items with that exact phrase.
4. Click the search button, click go or press enter to start your search.
5. Some databases may ask you to select additional options.

Results may be read online, printed, emailed, or saved to a storage device! New items are added to the various databases on *POWER Library* each month or as they become available. The more that Pennsylvanians access and utilize *POWER Library*, the better the chance that this collection of digital databases will grow.

GENEALOGY STANDARDS UPDATED IN NEW MANUAL

Press Release

11 December 2013

In honor of its fiftieth anniversary, the Board for

Certification of Genealogists® (“BCG”) has issued *Genealogy Standards*, a manual for best practices in research and assembly of accurate family histories. This revision completely updates and reorganizes the original 2000 edition of *The BCG Genealogical Standards Manual*.

“Accuracy is fundamental to genealogical research,” writes editor Thomas W. Jones, Ph.D., CG, CGL, in the introduction. “Without it, a family’s history would be fiction. This manual presents the standards family historians use to obtain valid results. These standards apply to all genealogical research, whether shared privately or published.”

The 83 specific standards cover the process of researching family history and the finished products of the research. Based on the five-part Genealogical Proof Standard, the standards cover:

- documenting (standards 1–8);
- researching (standards 9–50), including planning, collecting, and reasoning from evidence;
- writing (standards 51–73), including proofs, assembly, and special products;
- teaching and lecturing (standards 74–81); and
- continuing education (standards 82 & 83).

The 100-page book includes appendices: the genealogist’s code, a description of BCG and its work, a list of sources and resources where examples of work that meets standards are regularly published, a glossary, and an evidence-process map distinguishing the three kinds of sources, information, and evidence.

“We are delighted to provide this new edition, which is meant for all genealogical researchers and practitioners as a way to recognize sound genealogy,” said BCG president Elissa Scalise Powell, CG, CGL. “We appreciate the many hands that helped bring this new edition to fruition and look forward to its widespread usage in the field.”

SAVE 20%! To place a specially-priced, pre-publication order with delivery in the first part of February 2014, visit <http://www.bgcercertification.org/catalog/index.html>. Regularly priced at \$14.95, the pre-publication price is \$11.95 before January 27, 2014.

TRENDING NOW IN GENEALOGY: THE WINTER OLYMPICS AS A CATALYST FOR DOCUMENTING ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENTS

By Sue Ennis, NHG Newsletter Co-Editor

In 2014, many genealogists plan to focus on the New Year's resolution of writing up family stories and anecdotes or writing up findings about ancestors. Getting started with the first thought or main idea is often the blockade to writing. Instead of setting aside such an important task, choose a topic to help to focus your written stories.

Current events can often reveal topics for a chapter to add to one's family history, so with that in mind . . . "Let the Games Begin!"

The Sochi 2014 Winter Olympic Games open on February 6th, and in addition to the coverage of Olympic competition, the cultural and historical coverage of Russia will be valuable as well. In addition to the television coverage, two of the most reliable websites for the upcoming Games are the official Sochi 2014 Winter Olympics site, www.sochi2014.com/en and the official site of the Olympic Games sponsored by the International Olympic Committee (IOC), www.olympics.org.

The connections to genealogy? Here are some suggestions:

- Use the Olympic Games as a reminder to document and preserve the athletic achievements in your family. Perhaps there are no Olympians, but there are surely many accomplishments to record. Use scrapbooks, yearbooks, and newspaper clippings to compile the story of each athlete in your family. Interview the family athletes as well as those family members who watched and encouraged them from the stands.
- Cluster genealogy – did anyone in your family know an Olympian? Play with a future Olympian? Live near an Olympian? A great example is Suzie McConnell-Serio, a native of Pittsburgh from a large family, and a former Olympic basketball player with a gold

medal from the 1988 Games and a bronze medal from the 1992 Games. Suzie has coached girls' basketball in Pittsburgh since 1991. You might know her.

- Memories of the Olympic Games – many athletes watch the Olympic Games and have memories of sitting around a TV with family and viewing history live—not just the Olympic achievements, but the celebrations or compromises that reflected history at that time. Perhaps someone in the family has attended the Olympic Games. For example, I served as a volunteer and security guard for six weeks at the 1996 Centennial Summer Olympics in Atlanta, and I also had the privilege of attending the 2002 Winter Olympic Games in Salt Lake City, as well as a week of the London 2012 Summer Olympics. Write up the experience!
- The Cultural Olympic Festival – do you have Russian or Eastern European roots? If so, then during Sochi 2014, watch for features, articles, and web links related to the Cultural Olympics: when original music, literature, and art from the host country are presented to the world. Also, the Opening Ceremony is traditionally a celebration of the history and culture of the host country, with a focus on the people and their lives throughout time. Talk about a crash course about your Russian roots—the Opening Ceremony will showcase Russia!
- Inspirational stories – the myriad of features about athletes and their country can spark a memory for you to write about inspiring ancestors from your own family stories.

The Olympic Games are televised sports at their finest, with the advantage of detailed presentations about Sochi, Russia, and celebrating one's heritage and culture. The music and pageantry will demonstrate pride in one's country in a sportsmanlike atmosphere of competition.

Let the Sochi 2014 Winter Olympic Games inspire your genealogical writing as you preserve the achievements of the athletes and sports fans in your family.

2014 LEGACY FAMILY TREE WEBINAR SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED

Press Release

23 December 2013

Millennia Corporation and FamilyTreeWebinars.com are pleased to announce that registration is now open for its 2014 Legacy Family Tree Webinar Series. Choose from 52 classes from genealogy's leading educators (nearly 80 hours of free genealogy education) on topics ranging from genealogy technology to in-depth research methodologies and evidence analysis. Legacy Family Tree Webinars was awarded the **Best Genealogy Education or Learning Experience** by the About.com 2013 Genealogy Readers' Choice Awards.

Sign up for one or for all of them today (so you don't forget later) and you will receive a reminder email both one day and one hour prior to the live event. Brand new - **sign up for multiple webinars at the same time** by visiting www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com.

January 2014

- [What's New in Legacy Family Tree 8](#) by Geoff Rasmussen. 1/3
- [Are You a GOON? What is a One-Name Study and Why Do One?](#) by Kirsty Gray. 1/8
- [Too Many with the Same Name](#) by Karen Clifford. 1/15
- [Irish Research 101: Learning the Research Process](#) by Judy Wight. 1/22
- [Ten Reasons Your Ancestor Was in Canada](#) by Kathryn Lake Hogan. 1/29

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- [Family Stories: Using Newspapers to Reconnect with the Stories of Your Family's Past](#) by Tom Kemp. 2/12
- [The Ties That Bond](#) by Judy Russell. 2/19
- [Searching for Surnames: Challenges, Pitfalls and the Downright Ridiculous](#) by Kirsty Gray. 2/26

March 2014

- [Genealogy and Technology - State of the Union](#) by Barbara Renick. 3/1
- [Using Google Earth for Genealogy](#) by Lisa Louise Cooke. 3/5

- [Sources and Citations Made Simple, Standard, and Powerful](#) by Geoff Rasmussen. 3/7
- [Some Lesser Known Irish Resources](#) by Judy Wight. 3/12
- [50 Most Popular Genealogy Websites](#) by Kory Meyerink. 3/19

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- [7 Habits of Highly Frugal Genealogists](#) by Thomas MacEntee. 4/2
- [Get Organized Using the FamilyRoots Organizer Color-Coding System](#) by Mary Hill. 4/9
- [Estate Records - More Than Just Wills](#) by Linda Woodward Geiger. 4/11
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- [Google Glass and Family History](#) by Devin Ashby. 4/30

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- [Using Tax Lists to Solve Genealogical Problems](#) by Linda Woodward Geiger. 5/28

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- [Researching Your Illinois Ancestors](#) by Thomas MacEntee. 7/23

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- [Research Recharge - Turning Old Clues into New Leads](#) by Lisa Alzo. 8/8
- [Find A Grave - The World's Largest Cemetery Database](#) by Russ Worthington. 8/20
- [Researching Your Italian Ancestors](#) by Ruth Merriman. 8/27

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- [Legacy Family Tree - Virtual User's Group Meeting](#) by Legacy Family Tree Panel. 9/5
- [Success with Manuscript Sources](#) by Barbara Renick. 9/10
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- [A Library at Your Fingertips - the Internet Archive](#) by Maureen Taylor. 9/24

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- [The Fair Court: Records of Chancery Courts](#) by Judy Russell. 10/1
- [Overcoming Destroyed or Missing Records](#) by Karen Clifford. 10/3
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- [Researching Your War of 1812 Ancestor](#) by Thomas MacEntee. 10/15
- [Tracking Migration Using the Draper Manuscripts](#) by Mary Hill. 10/22

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- [Using Evernote for Genealogy](#) by Lisa Louise Cooke. 11/19

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- [Look Ma, No Hands! Using Dragon Naturally Speaking for Your Genealogy](#) by Ivan Baugh. 12/5
- [Researching Your North Carolina Ancestors](#) by J. Mark Lowe. 12/10
- [Bagging a Live One - Connecting with Cousins You Never Knew You Had](#) by Mary Kircher Roddy. 12/17

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FamilyTreeWebinars.com memberships

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FAMILY TREE UNIVERSITY'S WINTER 2014 VIRTUAL CONFERENCE ANNOUNCED

By Sue Ennis, NHG Newsletter Co-Editor

*Family Tree University (FTU) is an online database of classes and educational events for genealogists of all ability levels that anyone can access from home. A favorite and economical offering from FTU is their three-day virtual conference with downloadable classes, make-your-own-schedule flexibility, and some of the best teachers and speakers in the field of genealogy. FTU is associated with *Family Tree Magazine*, and this upcoming conference is their fifth Virtual Conference in three years.*

If you are ready for “an intensive dose of genealogy education,” then register **by January 31** for the *Family Tree University's Winter 2014 Virtual Genealogy Conference*. The virtual conference will be live from 9:00 A.M. on Friday, February 28 through 11:59 P.M. on Sunday, March 2, 2014. Participants can attend some or all of the

workshops during the weekend hours or save the links for a later, more convenient date.

The registration fee prior to February 1st is \$149.00 for sixteen workshops and more. Use the coupon code **WINTERVCEARLY** to receive the discount. For details and to register, please go to www.familytreeuniversity.com.

The Winter 2014 Virtual Genealogy Conference workshops have already been announced. In the track of **Genealogy Technology**, speakers include Lisa A. Alzo, Shannon Bennett, Lisa Louise Cooke, Rick Crume, Gena Philibert-Ortega, and Diana Smith.

The **Research Strategies** track offers lectures by D. Joshua Taylor, Sunny Jane Morton, Denise May Levenick, Michael Hait, and David A. Fryxell.

The third, more specialized, track is **Ethnic Genealogy**. Workshops include *Digging into the Dawes Rolls* by Nancy Shively, *Find Your German Town of Origin* by James Beidler, *Find Your Irish Town of Origin* by Donna Moughty, and *Veni, Vidi, Vici: Interpreting Latin Records* by Lisa A. Alzo. Family Tree University reserves the right to alter or add workshop topics between now and February 28th, but they will clearly announce any changes.

Registered participants get unlimited viewing of each genealogy workshop, downloadable slides and handouts, live chats and message board discussions, a swag bag of freebies from the virtual exhibit hall, and more. Some of these features offer a chance to network with top genealogists and inquire about your brick walls.

The three best aspects of the *Family Tree University's Winter 2014 Virtual Genealogy Conference* are the value and savings of attending an online conference; the convenience—you can connect to the conference anywhere that you can access the Internet—home, library, coffee shop—with no travel, lodging, or parking expenses; and my personal favorite—the chance to ask questions and get answers and suggestions from all of the speakers as well as fellow attendees.

Mark your calendar for February 28 through

March 2 and register this month for the *FTU's Winter 2014 Virtual Conference!* Hope to see you there.

NEW GENEALOGY COURSE OFFERED IN FOX CHAPEL

Elissa Scalise Powell, CG, CGL, charter president of the North Hills Genealogists, will offer a four-week genealogy course through Fox Chapel Area Adult Education. You don't have to reside in Fox Chapel to take the course but residents do receive a discount. Held on four consecutive Wednesdays from March 12 through April 2, 2014 from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M., "Genealogy: Digging Deeper" will encompass classroom presentations and discussions about census clues and details, passenger lists, finding females, court house research, and best practices in genealogy. One week in a computer lab will allow for exploring recommended websites.

For more information and to register, please visit <http://www.fcaae.org>. Space is limited. Registrations are recorded in the order received until the maximum of twenty students is reached. Classes will be held at Fox Chapel High School, 611 Field Club Road, Pittsburgh.

WHERE GENEALOGISTS MEET

Wednesday, 22 January 2014, 6:30 P.M. CRANBERRY GENEALOGY CLUB

At the next meeting, the club will watch the video "County Histories and Your Family" 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>.

Saturday, 25 January 2014, 1:00 P.M. HEINZ HISTORY CENTER

Join Italian American Collection Scholar-in-Residence Joseph Bathanti for a workshop entitled "Where You Live: Writing About Yourself and Your Family." Participants will write their own stories during the event and are encouraged to bring photographs to trigger memories. Bathanti will read some of his works as examples.

Reservations for the workshop are strongly encouraged. To register, contact Melissa Marinaro, curator of the Italian American Program, at 412-454-6426 or memarinaro@heinzhistorycenter.org.

Sunday, 2 February 2014, 2:00 P.M.
**HOLY SPIRIT BYZANTINE
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

NHG Program Chair Mary Dzurichko will teach a class entitled "How to Begin Your Genealogy." A \$5.00 donation is requested. Free off-street parking is available behind the church. The address is 4815 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh. For more information, please visit <http://holyspiritchurchpgh.org>.

6–8 February 2014
ROOTSTECH

Registration is now open for RootsTech, a conference focusing on using technology for genealogy as well as getting started with research. It will be held in the Salt Palace Convention Center in Salt Lake City, Utah. For more information and to register, please visit <https://rootstech.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>.

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

Prior to their annual 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 annual 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>.

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>.



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UPCOMING PROGRAMS FROM NHG

Mark Your Calendars!

Tuesday, 18 February 2014 **Finding Your World War I Ancestors**

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.

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.

THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM – Tuesday, 21 January 2014 **TRILOGY OF FAMILIES: THE ROAD TO PUBLICATION**

Nancy Lauer

Lauer has written and published three books about her Maryland families, including her German, Irish, Welsh, and Scottish ancestors. Via a live webinar, hear what she learned while jumping hurdles, breaking brick walls, and making tough decisions. Explore the many ways to research, compile, write, and publish a quality family history.