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NHG NEWS

Thank You for Participating in the NHG Membership Survey

The members of the North Hills Genealogists Board would like to sincerely thank everyone who took the time to complete and submit the recent membership survey. Those who responded sent thoughtful and insightful answers. The board has started to review the results of the survey; they plan to consider all feedback and incorporate some of the suggestions in the coming months.

Nominations Sought for 2014–15 NHG Officers

The membership year for the North Hills Genealogists begins August 1 annually and ends July 31 the following year. At this time, the 2014 NHG Nominating Committee is seeking candidates for our organization's officer positions: president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer. This year, all of the incumbent officers are eligible to run again for a second one-year term; however, any active member who is interested in serving NHG in a leadership role may volunteer to run for office.

This year's NHG Nominating Committee will be chaired by Sue Ennis and include Dave Williams and Rose Mary Highman. Please contact any one of them at the March or April meeting if you would like to run for an office. You can also email the nominating committee of your interest at Editor@NorthHillsGenealogist.org.

The NHG Board meets at Northland Library on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 P.M. Anyone is welcome to attend the monthly board meetings. One major reason that NHG continues to thrive and grow is due to our volunteers on the NHG board.

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INTRODUCING APRIL'S NHG SPEAKER

Jessie Ramey, Ph.D., the speaker for NHG's April meeting, is a professor in the University of Pittsburgh's Department of History. Ramey earned a doctorate from Carnegie Mellon University and a masters from Sarah Lawrence College. Her articles have been published in the *Journal of Family History*, the *Journal of Social History*, and *Western Pennsylvania History*.

She will discuss her book *Child Care in Black and White: Working Parents and the History of Orphanages*. Set at the turn of the last century as industrial capitalism was wreaking havoc on America's working families, the book explains how private charities struggled to make a dent in massive social problems long before there were any public safety nets. The study compares the United Presbyterian Orphan's Home and the Home for Colored Children—"sister" agencies founded in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, by the same person—revealing the gender, race, and class inequalities built into the very foundation of our modern child welfare system. Using rich new sources that will be of interest to genealogists, she looks at working parents, children, orphanage managers, progressive reformers, staff members,
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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 you are aware, the North Hills Genealogists Board recently completed a membership survey to help us determine how we could better serve our members and to get feedback on how well we have been doing. I want to thank all those who returned the survey on paper or online. We received a lot of written comments, which will be helpful in formulating our future programming and other activities. We counted a total of 43 responses.

Roughly 70% of respondents stated that our monthly programs were of high or medium interest. There were many suggestions for future programs that Mary Dzurichko, our program chair, will review. She is always interested in hearing about ideas for future programs, not to mention talking to volunteers who might be willing to give presentations on their genealogical experiences. Our monthly programs are offered in partnership with Northland Library and are open to the public for the purpose of increasing interest in and knowledge of genealogy.

Seventy-five percent of respondents would like us to schedule more library lock-ins and provide more research assistance, including more trips to local repositories (courthouses, libraries, historical societies, etc.). Our recent trip to the Carnegie Library of Oakland is one example. We are looking to schedule additional field trips this year.

Ninety percent of respondents would like to participate in one or more interest groups that focus on a specific geographical area. We are planning small group round table discussions at a future monthly meeting to see how these could be organized.

Half of our respondents would be interested in a beginning four-week genealogy course. Over 90% of respondents would likewise be very or somewhat likely to participate in tutorials or workshops on specific subjects. The board is reviewing areas of interest. It is something I would like NHG to start in the fall. Costs, scheduling, and venues would need to be worked out.

Thank you again for participating in our survey.

As always, feel free to talk to any of the board members at the monthly meetings, or send an email at any time to president@NorthHillsGenealogists.org.

Just in time for St. Patrick's Day, Brian O'Neill returns on March 18th to talk about "Irish Maps and Geographical Help." *Sláinte*.

~ Dave

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Library Lock-in

Registration is now open for the library lock-in on Friday, April 4th. Co-sponsored by NHG and Northland Public Library, the lock-in starts at 6:30 P.M. and ends at 10:00 P.M. Pre-registration is required for this free event due to a limited number of computers. This popular event fills up fast, so please register soon. If you register and later discover you will not be able to attend, please let the library know. There is usually a waiting list for the lock-in. To register, please visit <http://www.northlandlibrary.org> or call 412-366-8100, extension 113.

Participants will be able to search several subscription databases during the lock-in. Northland has subscriptions to Ancestry Library Edition and HeritageQuest Online. Volunteers will be available to help you with your research. We will also have access to Northland's collection of genealogy books. If you attend the lock-in, don't forget to bring a flash drive so you can save copies of any documents you find. Light refreshments will be served.

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and the broader community as the institutions developed from 1878 to 1929. Dr. Ramey will explain what she found when she combined quantitative analysis of the records of over 1,500 children living at the two orphanages with numerous stories of parents struggling to work and care for their children in the new urban, industrial economy.

Ramey will have copies of the book for sale at the meeting. She accepts cash and checks. The

cost for a paperback copy is \$28.00.

The *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* published an article on her experiences writing her book in The Next Page feature in their 23 June 2013 issue. This article is still available online at <http://www.post-gazette.com/opinion/Op-Ed/2013/06/23/The-Next-Page-How-an-orphanage-kept-my-ancestors-together/stories/201306230177>.

GENEALOGIES OF NAMES RARELY FOUND, BUT COMMONLY HEARD!

By Richard A. Hayden, NHG Tip Time Coordinator

"So what do we do? Take any Joe Schmoe off the street and make him our leader?"

How many of you have heard similar references to the Schmoe family and wondered about the name? Despite the ubiquity of the name, actual representatives of the family are rare. The Schmoe family origins are also unclear. Some claim an immigrant from France named Josef Schmaux, but subsequent research has shown that this Schmoe, like many things French, was merely a faux Schmaux unworthy of additional follow-up.

Undaunted, the search for Schmoe family roots turned to the Schmoe wives for clues. One of the earliest wives was possibly a Miss Soandso before her marriage. Like the Schmoe family, one often hears of a Mr. or Ms. Soandso in everyday conversation, yet this surname line remains equally elusive, a striking parallel to the Schmoe family name!

The last hope to solve this riddle may reside in the family origins of John and Jane Doe. Although Jane's maiden name is not yet known, she may also have been a Miss Soandso. Occasional references to her being the daughter of a Jack Squat have been wholly unavailing. It is possible, however, that both the Schmoe and Soandso(e) surnames were either shortened and changed to Doe, or even derived from Doe to further distinguish among the representatives of these family groups. The only major obstacle to this line of reasoning is a detailed analysis of the given names running through each of these surname lines. Among males, Joe predominates among the Schmoes and John among the Does. There is little room here for just any Tom, Dick,

or Harry, yet one hears frequently of these given names also, although they are not normally associated with any of the surname lines that are the subject of this research. Therefore, one must conclude that Tom, Dick, and Harry derive from the Soandso family since Mr. (and Ms.) Soandso are almost never cited with given names!

Future research will therefore focus on locating every Tom, Dick, and Harry Soandso yet living, obtaining their DNA, and looking for appropriate genetic markers to confirm the links to the Doe and Schmoie families presumed above. Stay tuned!

NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY ANNOUNCES LIVE STREAMING BROADCAST 2014 FAMILY HISTORY CONFERENCE RICHMOND, VIRGINIA 7-10 MAY 2014

Press Release (partial)

5 March 2014

ARLINGTON, VA: The National Genealogical Society (NGS) announces the live streaming of ten lectures from the NGS 2014 Family History Conference, which will be held 7-10 May 2014, in Richmond, Virginia. The upcoming conference will be the first time NGS has provided a portion of the conference to NGS members and others across the United States and overseas who are unable to attend the conference in person.

Details of the live streaming program can be found on the NGS Conference website at <http://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/attend/live-streaming-at-ngs2014gen>. NGS has selected some of the most popular topics and nationally known speakers for the two featured tracks. Registrants for live streaming can select either track or the bundled package that includes both tracks.

- **Track One:** Records and Research Techniques can be viewed on Thursday afternoon, 8 May 2014, and Friday morning, 9 May 2014. Join the conference from home and learn about best practices and research sources.
- **Track Two:** Virginia Resources and Migration Patterns can be viewed on

Friday afternoon, 9 May 2014, and Saturday morning, 10 May 2014. Learn about Virginia's records and her people who moved south and west to new lands pushing the frontier ever forward.

Registration for live streaming will close at midnight 30 April 2014. All registrants will receive an electronic version of the NGS 2014 Family History Conference Syllabus. Registration is discounted for NGS Members.

Once registered, you can watch the event live, or if you have other commitments on those dates, you can view the sessions as many times as you want for ninety days following the conference (through 10 August 2014). NGS has selected PlayBackNow to broadcast the live sessions and to provide the recorded sessions for later viewing. Instructions for viewing the live streaming will be sent to registrants before 6 May 2014.

For those fortunate enough to be able to attend the conference in person and choose from ten tracks and more than 175 lectures over four days, a reminder that the discounted Early Bird registration will close on 24 March 2014. Conference attendees may also benefit from NGS live streaming by registering to view either track or the bundled package, which they will be able to view after they return home. By selecting different lecture presentations to hear live at the conference, they can expand their overall conference experience.

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.

SAVE THE DATE

The NHG Fall Conference will be held Saturday, 25 October 2014. Please mark your calendar to hear four great lectures by Reverend David McDonald, CG.

TRENDING NOW: SOCIAL HISTORY AND GENEALOGY

By Sue Ennis, NHG Newsletter Co-Editor

In conjunction with the trend that encourages genealogists to write, record, preserve, and share the **stories** of their ancestors, there is also a trend to blend ancestral data with social history. Social history is characterized as the portion of history that focuses upon the influence of news, events, culture, society, economics, and other people upon the lives of individuals and families. With this definition in mind, genealogists can integrate historic facts into the stories about ancestors in order to create a more interesting and fully developed family tale or biographical essay.

Including social history into genealogical writing allows ancestors to come alive more vividly or realistically. In addition, socially historic information can aid in the comprehension of the decisions and situations within a family. Writing more than just names, dates, relationships, and hometown locations can be exciting for a genealogist, but perhaps not so much for other family members. Capture the attention of family members who are less interested in genealogy by incorporating facts about that period of history in order to coax those reluctant relatives into reading the stories of their earlier family members. The oldest and youngest family members could have the stories read aloud. Children love any story; older relatives might recall some additional information about an ancestor once they hear the story. Be accurate with social history details. The information can come from memory, from common knowledge, or from published resources. Be sure to cite sources of facts and any quoted sentence or passage in an accurate, consistent way.

Another hint about including social history into genealogy is to write in a narrative style. Consider the basic elements of literature, and apply them to your genealogical story writing. Although everyone has some family members who were infamous **characters**, think of all ancestors as potential characters in the story of that family. Use social history clues about the **setting** of an ancestor's life to position

individuals or families into their actual time and place. The **plot** of an ancestral tale should include a series of related occurrences leading to a climactic turning point in that person's life, and could be followed by revealing the result of decisions or actions. **Point of view** is another literary element that greatly adds to the story. Take on the persona of the ancestor and write a story in first person, as if the writer actually were that ancestor. The writer of a family's history might be aware of recurring **themes** throughout the generations. Perhaps those themes are shared occupations, connections with neighbors, or heirlooms that have lasted through the generations. Any or all of these elements help the basic facts about an ancestor to evolve into a story.

Here is one memory written as first, just facts, and secondly, with enhanced details from the local, social history.

“Pop-Pop Ennis would play games outside with his grandkids when they visited him and Gram in Kingston, Pennsylvania, in the 1960s. They would use sticks from behind the furnace in their basement for props or tools.” (*Just facts.*)

“When his grandkids would visit Kingston, Pennsylvania, in the 1960s, Pop-Pop Ennis would play games outside with them, using blackened sticks from behind the furnace. In the 60s, most homes in Kingston and Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, were still heated with local coal from one of twenty-seven mines in the surrounding hills. Gram and Pop-Pop used the remnants of wooden tool handles from discarded shovels and rakes to stoke the coal furnace when needed. The residue of anthracite coal from Woodard Colliery or the Plymouth Coal Company stained those sticks from both ends. The sticks were rescued from the dark basement and used to play games of “marbles” pool in the driveway or as makeshift baseball bats for the small backyard.” (*Social history facts included.*)

There are great resources for recalling and collecting social history facts. Books of county or town histories, centennial books, and local history books can all provide details to place ancestors in the context of their times. Obtain these books from a local library or online. One book suggestion is *Bringing Your Family History*

to *Life through Social History*, written by Katherine Scott Sturdevant. Google Books is a great source of historic books, often free. Look especially for books that were published at the time and for histories of specific places.

There are also some great websites for obtaining information. An interesting, easy-to-use site for social history is *On This Day*, found at www.on-this-day.com. Besides social history, *On This Day* also includes information on pop culture through the decades. The Library of Congress web site has an incredible amount of social history information and images. Go to www.loc.gov and in particular, check out the *American Memories* link and the *Chronicling America* section. Search by date, event, or location. The Internet Archive, found at www.archive.org is another website with a great collection of historic data. Search by place, by event, by organization, by institution, and by surname.

This link to a blog post includes a list of ten websites featuring social history: www.asenseoffamily.com/2011/09/social-history-resources-for.html. Thanks to *Family Tree Magazine* for this link to several more published resources about social history: www.familytreemagazine.com/Article/Social-History-Resources. Remember to access web sites about specific historical events. The 100th Anniversary of the start of World War I will be noted beginning in August 2014. A great site for details about ancestors' life during World War I can be found at <http://theworldwar.org>.

Integrating details about social history will greatly enhance the ancestral stories written for any family's genealogy. From the writer's standpoint, social history helps to develop the story while adding color to the life of the ancestor.

SOCIAL HISTORY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

In the next few weeks, several opportunities to learn about social history will be held in the Pittsburgh area.

- 29 March – The seventeenth annual

Ohio Country Conference will be held at the Westmoreland County Community College. The lectures will include “Braddock's Road: Mapping the British Expedition from Alexandria to the Monongahela”, “In the Shadow of the King—Pontiac Stands Against the Tide of the British Empire”, “Ongoing Archaeological Investigations at Pickawillany, Miami County, Ohio,” and “Bouquet's Destiny, The March to Bushy Run”. For more information, visit <http://bushyrunbattlefield.com/support/heritage-society>.

- 1 April – The Westmoreland County Historical Society will host “Distilling in Pennsylvania.” Robert Myers will talk about the history of distilling in western Pennsylvania. Registration is requested for this event. To register, call Anita at 724-532-1935 ext. 210 or email history@westmorelandhistory.org. More information is available at <http://www.starofthewest.org>.
- 6 April – The Heinz History Center is hosting the 2014 Pennsylvania Museums Conference. One of the features of the event is “War, Whiskey, Washington: A Whiskey Rebellion Bus Tour”. Members of the public are welcome to register for the tour even if they do not wish to attend the rest of the conference. For more information, please visit <http://pamuseums.org>.

CRANBERRY FHC ANNOUNCES CLASSES

The Cranberry Township Family History Center (FHC) has announced a series of free classes. All will be held in the FHC, which is in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints building at 2771 Rochester Road in Cranberry Township. Registration is requested. To register, please send an email to cranberryfhc@gmail.com. All classes will start at 10:00 A.M.

- April 16 – FamilySearch Family Tree - 2014 is the Year of the Tree! Come to see the NEW and EXPANDED functionality of this awesome FREE on-line database.
- April 23 – FamilySearch Family Tree -

Using the Sandbox - Afraid you'll make a mistake in your Family Tree and not know how to fix it? The Sandbox is a learning tool to help you become comfortable with entering data in a "test" tree.

- April 30 – FamilySearch Family Tree - Adding Memories - Learn how to preserve family documents, histories, and photos along with names, dates, and events attached to specific photos stored on your family tree.
- May 7 – FamilySearch FREE Resources - The Family History Center offers many FREE library version databases for public use. Come and hear what's in the center.
- May 14 – Family Search Indexing - New and Experienced indexers will see what's new in 2014, share success stories and learn how to help others in their search for records.

Classes can be held Wednesday evenings at 7:00 P.M. upon request.

USCIS OFFERS WEBINARS

The Historical Research Branch of the United States Citizenship and Immigrations Services (USCIS) is offering several free webinars regarding their record holdings. The USCIS is the successor agency to the US Immigration and Naturalization Service. The holdings include visa files, alien registration forms, alien files (A-Files), and certificate files (C-Files). Most of the holdings pertain to people who immigrated after 1900.

The webinars will cover four topics: History Library Catalog and Services, Genealogy Program Introduction, Guide to I&N History Research, and "Records Found" Case Studies. Each topic will be offered multiple times. All webinars start at 1:00 P.M. Eastern. The schedule is

- March 27 – "Records Found" Case Studies
- April 3 – History Library Catalog and Services
- April 10 – Genealogy Program

Introduction

- April 24 – Guide to I&N History Research
- May 1 – History Library Catalog and Services
- May 8 – Genealogy Program Introduction
- May 22 – "Records Found" Case Studies

Attendees need to download and install AT&T Connect (a piece of software) on their computer prior to the webinar. Attendees also need to have a headset or speakers connected to their computer to hear the audio. More information and links to download the software are available at <http://www.uscis.gov/HGWebinars>.

PÍOSA BEAG (A SMALL PIECE) OF IRISH GENEALOGICAL HELP

In honor of St. Patrick's Day, Irish heritage, and Brian O'Neill (the speaker for this month's NHG meeting), here are some great online resources for Irish genealogy. Dedicate a research session to searching these sites, and ádh mór! (Good Luck!)

The National Archives of Ireland
www.genealogy.nationalarchives.ie

National Archives of the United Kingdom
<http://nationalarchives.gov.uk>

Ask About Ireland
www.askaboutireland.ie

FamilySearch
<https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Ireland>

Genealogy UK and Ireland
www.genuki.org.uk/big/irl/

The *IreAtlas* Townland Database
www.thecore.com/seanruad/

Cyndi's List: Ireland and Northern Ireland
www.cyndislist.com/uk/irl/

Ireland GenWeb
<http://www.irelandgenweb.com>

Northern Ireland GenWeb
<https://sites.google.com/site/northernirelandworldgenweb>

WHERE GENEALOGISTS MEET

Thursday, 20 March 2014, 1:00 P.M. WESTMORELAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Representatives from the Ulster Historical Foundation in Belfast, Ireland, will present at a genealogy workshop. Registration is required for this event. The cost is \$25.00 for WCHS members and \$30.00 for non-members. To register call Anita at 724-532-1935, ext. 210 or email library@westmorelandhistory.org. It will be held at the WCHS facility at 362 Sand Hill Road, Suite 1, Greensburg, Pennsylvania. For more information, please visit <http://www.starofthewest.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." For more information, please visit <http://magsgen.com>.

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

At the next meeting, NHG's Rich Hayden will present a program on James Ross, a former Pennsylvania State Senator for whom Ross Township is named. The free event 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, 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>.

Thursday, 3 April 2014, 7:00 P.M. NORTHLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

NHG's own Elissa Scalise Powell, CG, CGL, will present "Let the Gravestones Speak: Tracing Your Family History through Cemeteries." She will discuss the website Find A Grave and show pictures of tombstones from cemeteries in the North Hills. Registration is required for this free event. To register, please visit <http://www.northlandlibrary.org> or call 412-366-8100, extension 113.

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.ggsminn.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. The speakers will include Mark Lowe, CG, Debbie Abbott, Ph.D., George Morgan, Drew Smith, Paula Stuart-Warren, CG, Craig Scott, CG, Lisa Alzo, Judy Russell, CG, CGL, and more. For more information, please visit <http://www.genex2014.org>.

Saturday, 3 May 2014, 8:00 A.M.
PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER OF
PALATINES TO AMERICA

The Pennsylvania Chapter of Pal Am will hold their conference on the Kutztown University campus. The speakers will include Jonathan Stayer of the Pennsylvania State Archives, David Haugaard of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, and Frederick Sheeler of the Berks County Record of Deeds Office. Pre-registration is required for this event. Registrations must be postmarked by 24 April. For more information and a registration form, please visit <http://www.palam.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. A free camp for youth will be held on May 10th. Separate registration for the youth camp is required. For more information and a conference registration form, visit <http://conference.ngsgenealogy.org>.

25–28 June 2014
PALATINES TO AMERICA

Pal Am will hold their annual conference at the Ramada Plaza Columbus North Hotel &

Convention Center in Columbus, Ohio. The theme is “The Road to Your German Ancestors.” The speakers will include Roger Minert, Ken Smith, Lisa Long, Jenni Salamon, Joseph Lieby, and Robert Rau. More information and a registration form are available at <http://www.palam.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>.

1–2 August 2014
MIDWESTERN ROOTS

The Indiana Historical Society is sponsoring *Midwestern Roots*, which will be held at the Marriott East in Indianapolis. Registration for the conference opens March 26th. The theme is *Exploring Frontiers: What Would Your Pioneer Ancestors Have Tweeted?* The speakers will include Warren Bittner, CG, Lisa Louise Cook, Amy Johnson Crow, CG, Thomas MacEntee, Curt Witcher, and more. Pre-conference activities will be held on July 31st. For more information, please visit <http://www.indianahistory.org>.

15–17 August 2014
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GENEALOGY

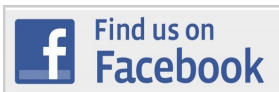
The first international genetic genealogy conference will be held in Washington, DC, this August. Spend two and a half days learning about the use of DNA in genealogical research. The event will be held at the National 4-H Youth Center in Washington, DC. Lodging and meals will be available at the center. For more information, please visit <http://i4gg.org>.



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UPCOMING PROGRAMS FROM NHG

Mark Your Calendars!

Tuesday, 15 April 2014 **Orphanage Records**

Jessie Ramey, Ph.D.

Ramey will speak to us about her 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.

Tuesday, 20 May 2014 **Legends and Folklore of Western Pennsylvania**

Thomas White

Author and historian Thomas White will discuss the legends and folklore of western Pennsylvania, demonstrating how they reflect the history and evolving culture of our region. Hear the story of the whispering dead beneath the Black Cross, the phantoms of Pittsburgh's steel mills, and more.

THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM – 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.