



NORTH HILLS GENEALOGISTS

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NHG CONFERENCE NEWS

Excitement is building for our annual fall conference, *Discover Your Roots, Discover Yourself: Putting Your Roots into Context*. This year's informative conference speaker, F. Warren Bittner, CG, will present four in-depth lectures:

- “Complex Evidence: What it Is, How it Works, Why it Matters”
- “Beat the Children with a Fresh Birch Stick So the Animals Don’t Get Worms—Reading for Historical Context”
- “Secrets of Success with FamilySearch.org”
- “Exhausting Research to Find an Impossible Immigrant”

There will also be a wrap-up question and answer discussion session after the last lecture.

The conference will be held at the Wildwood Golf Club in Allison Park. This is the same facility that we used last year. There will be optional valet parking. The staff has assured us that the handicapped access will be available, and we will have NHG volunteers there to guide you.

A continental breakfast, buffet lunch, and door prizes are included with your registration. Come and join us for this day of learning and networking with fellow genealogical enthusiasts!

Early Bird Registration Deadline

The early bird registration deadline is Tuesday, 17 September 2013 for NHG's Fall Conference *Discover Your Roots, Discover Yourself: Putting Your Roots into Context*. Take advantage of the discounted price and register at the September NHG meeting or online using NHG's website. The early bird fee for members is \$50.00. After the 17th, this fee will increase to \$60.00.

Volunteers Needed

NHG members are needed to help with two tasks

for the fall conference. The first is to supply desserts for lunch. If you would like to contribute, please bring a dessert with you to the conference. There will be an area where you can drop off your dish to be put onto individual serving plates by the facility staff. This popular aspect of the conference has gotten rave reviews in previous years and is due entirely to the generosity of our members.

The second way in which you can volunteer is to help to direct traffic and guide people to the correct room. We need several people who can direct cars to the appropriate areas in the parking lot. We also need several people to direct people to the room we will be using inside the building. You would need to arrive at Wildwood well before the conference starts. The specific time will be determined later. If you can help with this volunteer effort, please email Dave Egelston at r.egelston@verizon.net or see him at the September meeting.

Make your decision now to register for the sixth annual NHG Fall Conference and take advantage of the discounted rate. Each year, our featured speaker has sparked our minds with new ideas, methods, and resources for our genealogical research projects!

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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

This month, I want to talk about field work. Archeologists and anthropologists, among others, cannot fulfill their professions without doing field work—digging for lost towns or immersing themselves in foreign cultures. I would argue that genealogists, who might be said to be part archeologist and part anthropologist, also need to do field work in order to fulfill their quest.

Back BIE (Before the Internet Era), one had to go to a repository of some type to search for genealogical records. One would have started at local repositories, such as the Carnegie Library in Oakland or the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania's library in the Strip District, both wonderful places, to find the most rudimentary information. But the local repositories only had census information for Pennsylvania. So, one had to go further afield to get more national information. The closest repository for complete U.S. census information was the Western Reserve Library in Cleveland (followed by the National Archives in Washington, DC).

Times have changed. Today I can find more relevant census information in a half hour at a computer, and save the actual images, than I could in a ten-hour day going back and forth to Cleveland. But with Internet resources now widespread (not only actual records but indexes to holdings), we forget it is still important to go on the road, to visit local or regional repositories and archives, but also to visit the areas where our ancestors actually lived. It is one thing to find an ancestor's tombstone on Find a Grave; it is another to actually walk the cemetery, visit the old homestead or town, and get a sense of how our ancestors really lived.

We learn a lot about research techniques at our monthly meetings and various conferences, such as the NHG annual conference coming up on October 26th, but we should make time to practice what we learn and to get the fullest possible picture of our ancestors by going on the road.

For our September meeting, my wife, Bobby Egelston, will be talking about a trip we took last fall to visit some of her family sites in Germany

and the Czech Republic (after doing the relevant research, of course), visiting towns and villages where the ancestors from both sides of her family lived. Some of these places were prosperous, some not so much, and a couple of villages had totally disappeared. We found churches and houses and cemeteries and met wonderful people who were willing to share their own local history. It was a great example of successful field work.

~ Dave

NEW FGS BENEFIT ANNOUNCED

In the last issue of the newsletter, there was an article about NHG renewing its membership in the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS). At its recent annual conference, FGS announced a new benefit for its members: a discount on hardware from Dell. This discount applies to laptop computers, desktop computers, printers, cameras, and much more!

The discount is available to members of organizations that are members of FGS, including members of NHG. To access this discount, visit <http://www.dell.com/mpp/FGS> or call 1-800-695-8133. The member ID is SS131372490. Please take advantage of this opportunity!

MEMBER NEWS

Arner Awarded Certificate of Appreciation

The Association of Professional Genealogists (APG) presented NHG's Amy E. K. Arner with a Certificate of Appreciation. At its luncheon held during last month's Federation of Genealogical Societies conference, APG president Kenyatta D. Berry presented the certificate to Arner for her contributions to the organization while serving on the board of directors and the Publications Advisory Committee and proofreading the *Association of Professional Genealogists Quarterly*.

Miller Appointed Jots Editor

NHG member Rebecca Kitcha Miller was recently appointed the new editor of the Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society's

publication *Jots from the Point*.

Congratulations to Amy and Rebecca!

CANADIAN CENSUSES ARE NOW MORE ACCESSIBLE

Almost a year ago the Library and Archives Canada announced an initiative to improve access to Canadian census records. The work, which included the addition of name indexes for some years and the improvement of existing name indexes for other years, has been completed and is available online at <http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/census/Pages/census.aspx>.

This website includes a list of all of the censuses taken in Canada. Each census has a dedicated page. The page has two sections, a menu on the left and the main information on the right. The menu has the options Search, Search Help, and Districts and Subdistricts. Search takes users to a screen where they can enter names and other information to search the census. Search Help provides information on using the search form and how to interpret the results. Districts and Subdistricts has a list of the geographic divisions used when the census was taken. The main information contains a description of how the information was collected and a list of the column headings used on the form. Note that in some years the records are in French.

The censuses were taken in 1825, 1831, 1842, 1851, 1861, 1870, 1871, 1881, 1891, 1901, 1906, 1911, 1916, and 1921. Some years only cover certain provinces or territories. For example, the 1870 census was only taken for Manitoba and the 1906 census was only taken for Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta. Except for the 1921 census, the records are available for free. The records from 1921 are only available through a subscription to Ancestry.

NHG POLO SHIRTS

NHG is preparing to order some polo shirts with our logo embroidered on them. If you are interested in ordering one, contact Elissa Powell at Elissa@PowellGenealogy.com before October 1st.

NEW ONLINE RESOURCE EXCITES GENEALOGISTS, URBAN PLANNERS, AND MORE

Press Release

13 August 2013

State College, Pennsylvania - Rich with valuable and detailed information, Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps — originally created more than a century ago as a product to help insurance companies assess the potential risks involved in underwriting policies — have developed into a tool with myriad uses by researchers in multiple fields. These maps provide extensive details about the roads and buildings in cities and towns throughout the United States. Genealogists, architects, urban planners, and historians have long prized the impressive detail, clear printing, multiple editions (showing changes over time), and distinctive style that mark these maps. Whether tracing turn-of-the-century city expansion, looking for the home of an ancestor, or researching boundaries and zoning ordinances, the Sanborn maps are a key source of reliable data.

While the vast majority of the collection consists of individual, unbound sheets, maps for some of the more industrialized areas and largest urban areas were published as bound volumes. Most communities have multiple editions, each edition being a specific date of publication that provides a unique perspective on community growth over time.

Recently Penn State's University Libraries completed the cataloging and digitization of the entire collection of Sanborn maps that span the late 19th and early 20th centuries—31,036 sheets, representing 585 large and small communities across the Commonwealth. Titles published before 1923 and available online to the public are presented in an alphabetical index of Pennsylvania communities at www.libraries.psu.edu/psul/digital/sanborn.html. As copyright restrictions are lifted for post-1922 titles, the scanned images of those communities also will be mounted on the Maps Library's Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps website for use.

The physical map collection, housed in the Donald W. Hamer Maps Library in Pattee

Library, does not circulate but may be viewed and used for research within the Maps Room. Titles can be found in the Libraries' online catalog, by conducting a keyword search of "Sanborn" plus the desired community name, and limiting the search to the "Maps Library" location. Copies may be obtained for individual sheets with the assistance of the Maps Library staff.

Surveyor D. A. Sanborn founded the company in New York City in 1867 to create special maps, most often at a scale of 1:600, or 50 feet to the inch, to aid companies in assessing liability for fire insurance coverage of buildings in communities across the United States. Teams of surveyors infused the maps with a remarkable level of detail, and for most cities and towns new editions were published every few years, providing a fascinating and unique snapshot into community and industrial growth. The map sheets that cover each community accurately show the location of buildings and outbuildings, including details such as where windows and doors are positioned, as well as property boundaries, the names of land and company owners, the width of streets and sidewalks, building use and, most importantly, the construction materials used for homes, businesses, and other buildings. Key local industries were sometimes highlighted with inset maps, and textual notes added useful information such as the type of water supply and firefighting equipment and companies available. Other useful tidbits of information found on these maps include population figures, street and building indexes, and even prevailing winds!

Originally called the D. A. Sanborn National Insurance Diagram Bureau, the company went through several name changes. It was incorporated in 1876 as the Sanborn Map and Publishing Company, and after acquiring rival Perris and Browne in 1899, it was known as the Sanborn-Perris Map Company, Ltd., thus allowing it to trace its lineage to the year 1852. The name was later shortened in 1902 to its best-known moniker, the Sanborn Map Company.

A complete research guide for the Sanborn and other fire insurance maps is available at www.libraries.psu.edu/psul/researchguides/sanbornmaps.html.

AN ONGOING VOLUNTEER EFFORT THAT YOU MIGHT BE MISSING: RPAC

Are you aware of RPAC and its goals? RPAC might be the most effective genealogical organization making a difference. Nine prominent genealogical organizations are marshaling forces through RPAC—the Records Preservation and Access Committee—to ensure that everything possible is being done to preserve and make accessible historic, genealogical records. To make an impact on records preservation and access, individuals can volunteer to help.

The cooperating organizations of RPAC include three sponsoring members: the National Genealogical Society (NGS), the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS), and the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies (IAJGS), and six participating members: the Association of Professional Genealogists (APG), the Board for Certification of Genealogists (BCG), the International Commission for the Accreditation of Professional Genealogists (ICAPGen), the American Society of Genealogists (ASG), ProQuest, and Ancestry.com. RPAC has been working together for almost five years.

According to the mission statement on their website, <http://www.fgs.org/rpac/about-2/>, RPAC seeks to “advise the genealogical community on ensuring proper access to historical records of genealogical value in whatever media they are recorded, on means to affect legislation, and on supporting strong records preservation policies and practices.”

Simply put—our ancestors’ records are always at risk! Not only is there scheduled destruction of certain records periodically, but also accidental destruction can occur through flood, fire, or decay. Another problem, more recent—budget cuts affect the access to records as well as preservation efforts, due to reduced funding.

Records of interest to genealogists are held at many levels of government—county, state, and federal for example. RPAC makes an effort to learn about threats to records access at all levels,

however if you hear about a threat, please let the committee know! If it is records at the local or state level, contact the appropriate state liaison. A list of liaisons is available at <http://www.fgs.org/rpac/state-liaisons/state-liaisons-roster>. There are some states that need liaisons. If you are interested in volunteering, please use the form at the bottom of the liaisons page to contact the committee.

Here is how you can get involved in supporting the efforts of RPAC. Currently, the Social Security Death Index (SSDI) is at risk. RPAC recommends these steps to secure the preservation of and the access to the SSDI: learn about the importance of the records, sign an online petition, contact your Congressman, spread the word about the problem, and review the RPAC Call to Action web page <http://www.fgs.org/rpac/ssdi-call-to-action-kit/> for informational links and updated status of projects.

If there are historical records that you use and value, then it is important to become aware of whether or not a record group is at risk. The nine RPAC organizations send out alerts and publish press releases, but individual voices that express concerns or raise awareness still have influence on the stance of government officials and politicians.

You don’t need to wait for a threat to records to talk to your state and national legislators about this issue. Make an appointment with the staff at their local offices to express your concerns about the accessibility of records. Make yourself known as a person who cares about this issue!

CYNDI'S LIST IS VALUABLE TOOL

One of the best-kept secrets in genealogy is Cyndi's List (<http://www.cyndislist.com>). This free website is a directory of links to other websites relating to genealogy. The links are arranged by category for ease of use. Categories include countries, ethnic groups, record types, religions, and more. Some categories have sub-categories. As an example, Pennsylvania is a sub-category (with over five thousand entries!) of the United States category. Every researcher can find useful information on Cyndi's List. Check it out!

WHERE GENEALOGISTS MEET

20–21 September 2013 NEW YORK GENEALOGICAL & BIOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY CONFERENCE

The NYG&B and the Central New York Genealogical Society are co-sponsoring a statewide genealogical conference for New York. The event will be held at the Holiday Inn Liverpool in Liverpool, New York. The conference will have two tracks each day, one focused on New York and the other on general methodology. For more information and a registration form, please visit <http://www.nysfhc.org>.

25 September 2013, 6:30 P.M. CRANBERRY GENEALOGY CLUB

NHG member Mary Dzurichko will present “Planning a Research Trip: Online or On the Road.” In order to get the most out of any research trip, you need to be focused on your goals and have the proper information and supplies. This presentation gives you tips and recommendations for having a successful research effort, whether at a repository or at your computer. The meeting will be held in the meeting room of the Cranberry Public Library, 2525 Rochester Road, Cranberry Township. It is free and open to the public. For more information, please visit <http://www.cranberrygenealogy.org>.

Saturday, 28 September 2013, 9:00 A.M. BUCKS COUNTY ANCESTRY FAIR

The Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania and the Bucks County Visitors Center are sponsoring this annual event. The schedule will include these speakers and topics: Karen Higgins, “Getting Started with Your Family Research”; Gerald Vallette, “Exploring the New FamilySearch Website”; Shamele Jordon, “Tips and Techniques for Using Technology in Genealogical Research”; Karen Morrow, Sue Kellerman, and Cheri Banks, “The Library of Congress Chronicling America—The Penn State Newspaper Project”; and Carol Sheaffer, “Would I Lie to You . . . How Our Ancestors Sometimes

Lead Us Astray.” Visit <http://genpa.org> for more information.

Saturday, 5 October 2013, 9:00 A.M. OHIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The Genealogy Guys, George G. Morgan and Drew Smith, will be the featured speakers at the Ohio Genealogical Society's fall seminar. Morgan will present “Getting the Most from Ancestry.com” and “Skype: The Cool New Way to Talk to Grandkids and Colleagues”. Smith will present “Something Wiki This Way Comes” and “Google+ for Genealogists”. The event will be held at the Quality Inn & Suites Conference Center, 1000 Comfort Plaza Drive, Belleville, Ohio. More information is available at <http://www.ogs.org>. The cost is \$35.00 for OGS members and \$40.00 for non-members.

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

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

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

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

Saturday, 5 October 2013, 9:00 A.M.
PENNSYLVANIA STATE
ARCHIVES

The Archives will host "Finding Your Pennsylvania Civil War Ancestor" at its facility at the southeast corner of North Third and Forester Streets in Harrisburg. The morning will feature lectures and discussions on the topic. The morning session is limited to twenty-five participants. The afternoon will feature an opportunity to research in the Archives's collections with guidance from the state. This is limited to ten participants. Both sessions will be filled on a first come, first served basis. To register or obtain more information, please contact Josh Stahlman at jostahlman@pa.gov, or 717-772-3257. The registration deadline is 1 October.

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

This Salt Lake City, Utah, conference features four classes. Maggie Loughran and Paul Blake will teach "Sources for Tracing Pre-Mid-nineteenth Century English Ancestors". Thomas W. Jones, PhD, CG, CGL, FASG, will teach "From Simple to Complex: Applying Genealogy's Standard of Acceptability to British Research". David Rencher will teach "Irish Land Records and Fragmentary Evidence Correlation". Graham Walter will teach "Using the Cloud for British Family History Research". Please visit <http://isbgfh.org> for more information.

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

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

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

WPGS will host a British Isles seminar at the Carnegie Museum of Art Theater in Oakland. Paul Blake and Maggie Loughran will be the speakers. The topics will include locating English, Irish, Scottish, and Welsh ancestors; pre-1865 sources for Irish research; Irish genealogy online; and the best British websites. The cost is \$20.00 for WPGS members and \$25.00 for non-members. Pre-registration is recommended. For more information and a registration form, please visit <http://www.wpgs.org>.

Friday, 25 October 2013, 7:00 P.M.
GREAT LAKES CHAPTER OF THE
ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL
GENEALOGISTS

Warren Bittner, CG, will present "Proof Arguments: How and Why?" The cost is \$15.00 before 23 October and \$20.00 at the door. This event is open to the public. It will be held at the Wildwood Golf Club, 2195 Sample Road, Allison Park. For more information, please visit <http://www.greatlakesapg.org>.

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

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

Saturday, 26 October 2013, 10:00 A.M.
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF
PENNSYLVANIA

"Genealogy and the Law" is the theme of this all day conference. The lectures will be "Don't Forget

the Ladies – A Genealogist's Guide to Women and the Law” by Judy Russell, JD, CG, CGL; “Finding and Using Online Legal Resources” by Michael Hait, CG; “Government Documents: A Rich Genealogical Resource” by Claire Mire Bettag, CG; and “Forensic Genealogy in a Nutshell” by Michael Ramage, JD, CG. The event will be held at the Delaware County Bar Association, 335 West Front Street, Media, Delaware County, PA 19063. For more information, please visit <http://www.genpa.org>.

HEINZ HISTORY CENTER HOSTS CRAIG SCOTT FOR CIVIL WAR GENEALOGY WORKSHOP NOVEMBER 2

Press Release (Partial)

September 2013

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania - Although no advance registration is needed, plan now to attend a special two-hour genealogy workshop, Pennsylvania’s Civil War, presented by Craig Scott, CG on Saturday, November 2 from 1-3 P.M. at the Heinz History Center.

This workshop is included with regular admission to the Heinz History Center, located at 1212 Smallman Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15222.

Genealogists can learn “strategies on how to identify and locate information on an ancestor living at the time of the Civil War, as well as valuable research tips for Civil War genealogical research in Pennsylvania,” according to the history center’s events link found at <http://www.heinzhistorycenter.org/events.aspx?EventID=341>. In addition, Scott will discuss how Western Pennsylvanians left their mark on the battlefields and on the home front.

Craig Scott’s lectures focus on in-depth research methods and specific records to use when researching your Pennsylvania ancestors during the Civil War. The workshop will take place during the time when the History Center’s Pennsylvania Civil War exhibit is featured.

A nationally recognized lecturer and educator, Craig Scott is a certified genealogist with more than 30 years experience in historical research. He specializes in the military records of the

National Archives and is a member of the Company of Military Historians and a former director of the Association of Professional Genealogists. Scott serves as the president and CEO of Heritage Books, Inc., a genealogical publishing firm with more than 4,900 titles in print, and is also the author of the Stump Craig blog, a genealogical resource for researchers at an impasse in their family history research.

FAMILYSEARCH ADDS MORE THAN 260 THOUSAND INDEXED RECORDS AND IMAGES TO COLLECTIONS FROM GUATEMALA, ITALY, NEW ZEALAND, AND THE UNITED STATES

Press Release

3 September 2013

In a smaller update, FamilySearch has recently added more than 260 thousand indexed records and images from Guatemala, Italy, New Zealand, and the United States. Notable collection updates include the 102,461 images from the new U.S., Indiana, Naturalization Records and Indexes, 1848–1992, collection, the 50,245 images from the Italy, Mantova, Mantova, Censuses (Comune), 1750–1900, collection, and the 36,417 indexed records from the U.S., Maine, State Archive Collections, 1718–1957, collection. See the table below for the full list of updates. Search these diverse collections and more than 3.5 billion other records for free at FamilySearch.org.

Searchable historic records are made available on FamilySearch.org through the help of thousands of volunteers from around the world. These volunteers transcribe (index) information from digital copies of handwritten records to make them easily searchable online. More volunteers are needed (particularly those who can read foreign languages) to keep pace with the large number of digital images being published online at FamilySearch.org. Learn more about volunteering to help provide free access to the world’s historic genealogical records online at FamilySearch.org.

FamilySearch is the largest genealogy organization in the world. FamilySearch is a nonprofit, volunteer-driven organization sponsored by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Millions of people use

FamilySearch records, resources, and services to learn more about their family history. To help in this great pursuit, FamilySearch and its predecessors have been actively gathering, preserving, and sharing genealogical records worldwide for over 100 years. Patrons may access FamilySearch services and resources for free at FamilySearch.org or through more than 4,600 family history centers in 132 countries, including the main Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Collection	Indexed	Digital	Records	Images	Comments
<u>Guatemala, Civil Registration, 1877–2008</u>	46,255	0			Added indexed records to an existing collection.
<u>Italy, Catania, Catania, Civil Registration (Tribunale), 1866–1929</u>	0	3,135			Added images to an existing collection.
<u>Italy, Mantova, Mantova, Censuses (Comune), 1750–1900</u>	0	50,245			New browsable image collection.
<u>New Zealand, Probate Records, 1848–1991</u>	0	1,600			Added images to an existing collection.
<u>U.S., Indiana, Naturalization Records and Indexes, 1848–1992</u>	0	102,461			New browsable image collection.
<u>U.S., Maine, State Archive Collections, 1718–1957</u>	36,417	0			Added indexed records to an existing collection.
<u>U.S., Maryland, Baltimore, Airplane Passenger and Crew Lists, 1954–1957</u>	16,952	0			Added indexed records to an existing collection.
<u>U.S., New York, County Marriages, 1908–1935</u>	3,528	688			Added indexed records and images to an existing collection.

SUPPORT EFFORTS TO DIGITIZE THE WAR OF 1812 PENSION RECORDS

[Editors' Note: Segments of www.Preservethepensions.org are reprinted here with written permission.]

According to the National Archives, the War of 1812 pension records are “among the most requested documents” by researchers. Due to the age and frequent use, these records are rapidly deteriorating. The Federation of Genealogical Societies, the National Archives, Fold3, and Ancestry.com are collaborating on a project to digitize the War of 1812 pension records and to make them immediately available online in a searchable, indexed format.

With the 200th anniversary of the War of 1812, attention focused on the records of that event. Although there are millions of pension records from many wars still to digitize for preservation and accessibility, the War of 1812 Pension and Bounty Land Files are the oldest.

There are a total of 7.2 million images to digitize, which is 180,000 pension files. As of now, over 775,000 images have already been preserved and 33% of the necessary funding has been donated. A \$45 donation, for example, will allow the digitization and saving of 200 pages. For every dollar donated, Ancestry.com will match the funds to accelerate the project's completion.

Any individual or society that donates at least \$250 to the Preserve the Pensions fund will be formally recognized in a newly created organization, the Society of Preservation Patriots. This organization's aim is dedication to raising funds for preserving critical, historic records and genealogical data for future generations.

Once an entire pension file is digitized, the images are indexed and posted immediately on Fold3. All War of 1812 images are free and fully accessible through Fold3 indefinitely. This immediate posting of preserved records allows historians, teachers, patriotic societies, and genealogists to examine facts related to those soldiers who served in this early American war.

Find out more and follow the progress of Preserve the Pensions by reading updates on www.preservethepensions.org.



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UPCOMING PROGRAMS FROM NHG

Mark Your Calendars!

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

Deborah A. Abbott, Ph.D.

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

Tuesday, 19 November 2013 **NHG ANNUAL ROUND TABLE**

NHG Members

November is a popular month for our group to break through brick walls! Join NHG for the annual Round Table Discussion. This meeting is an opportunity for all members to exchange ideas for resolving problems in family history research. Everyone, whether a beginner or an experienced genealogist, can benefit!

THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM – Tuesday, 17 September 2013 **OUR EXPERIENCE RESEARCHING AND VISITING ANCESTRAL GERMAN VILLAGES**

Roberta (Bobby) Egelston

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