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NHG NEWS

Sign Up for a Fun Day at Old Economy

Submitted by Sharon Cimoch, NHG member

Our next NHG field trip is quickly approaching. Plan to meet at 10:30 A.M. at the Visitor's Center at Old Economy Village, 270 Sixteenth Street, Ambridge, PA 15003 on Saturday, September 27th. The cost is \$9.00 per person. The topic featured for that day will be *The Fabric of Their Lives*. Crafters will be available to demonstrate how the fabrics and clothing were made during the years that the Harmonists lived there.

There will also be a tour of the gardens and some of the buildings in the Old Economy complex. Reservations have been made for lunch at 1:00 P.M. at Alexander's Restaurant, where you will order from the menu and pay for your own lunch. Alexander's Restaurant is located at 720 Merchant Street between 7th and 8th Street in Ambridge.

A sign-up sheet for the NHG Field Trip on September 27th to Old Economy will be available at the next meeting.

[NOTE: Sharon would like to send many thanks to Debbie Billeter for stepping in at the last minute last month when she became too ill to attend the field trip to the Heinz History Center. Her help was greatly appreciated.]

Register Now for NHG's Fall Conference

The 7th annual NHG Fall Conference is planned for Saturday, 25 October 2014 at the Wildwood Golf Club, 2195 Sample Road, Allison Park, PA 15101 from 9:00 A.M. through 4:00 P.M. Registration is now open with an early bird discount through September 16th.

The Rev. Dr. David McDonald, CG, will present

four sessions focusing on the theme *Discover Your Roots, Discover Yourself: Praying for Records*. David's expertise as a genealogical researcher and lecturer for over 30 years combines with his experience as a pastor in the United Church of Christ to aid all levels of genealogists in accessing and using church records and related documents for ancestral research.

Conference sessions include these titles: "Churches in Pennsylvania and Their Records", "Colonial Era Migration to Pennsylvania", "It's a Good Thing Mother's Gone: Records from the OTHER side of the Courthouse", and "Religious Records: More than Hatching, Matchings, and Dispatchings". A question and answer session will follow the final presentation.

Registration fees for the one-day NHG Fall Conference are \$50 for members and \$60 for non-members before the early bird deadline—September 16th. After September 16th the registration fee increases to \$60 for members and \$70 for non-members. The registration fee includes a continental breakfast, hot buffet lunch, and all workshop materials. Doors will open at Wildwood Country Club at 8:00 A.M. on the day of the fall conference.

NHG will also host a Friday evening workshop presented by McDonald for an additional \$15 on 24 October from 7:00 to 8:30 P.M. at the same **(continued on page 3)**

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WHO WE ARE—NHG

We are a group of genealogy enthusiasts who meet on a regular basis to assist one another in establishing our family histories. We meet on the third Tuesday of every month, except December, at the Northland Public Library, 300 Cumberland Road, McCandless Township in the North Hills of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Tip Time begins at 6:45 P.M., and our general meeting commences at 7:00 P.M. Meetings are free and open to the public.

We publish a newsletter ten times a year for a nominal membership fee of \$15.00 annually. The subscription year runs from August to June, but anyone wishing to join the North Hills Genealogists mid-year will receive back issues of the newsletter for that membership year.

The North Hills Genealogists Board meets at 7:00 P.M. on the first Tuesday of each month in the Conference Room of the Northland Public Library. The Board meeting is open to all members of the North Hills Genealogists organization.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Welcome to a new programming year for the North Hills Genealogists. My name is David Egelston, and I will continue to be the NHG President for the next twelve months. Other officers are staying on, including Colleen Rumble who replaced Shelli Nye as Vice President in mid-year and Mary Dzurichko who returned as Program Chair. I am looking forward to an exciting year of meetings, activities, and learning opportunities. Our Board of Directors, listed in the adjoining column, meets monthly on the first Tuesday of the month, and interested members are always welcome to attend.

We have several activities coming up for the fall, including our monthly meetings, a September field trip to Old Economy in Ambridge, another library lock-in planned for early October, and our Fall Conference on October 25th. These activities are described in other columns.

The Board of Directors conducted a survey of members last winter and found that many would be interested in forming small study groups focused on specific nationalities, geographical locations, or research methods. We had an interest group round table at our June meeting, which we may repeat in the coming year. We found it to be both successful and enlightening. Based on the survey and round table meeting, we would like to organize several study groups to start up in the fall, depending on membership interest.

We envision these groups to be self-governing, organized tightly or loosely as group members desire, meeting monthly or every other month in people's homes or public or commercial meeting spaces, such as a neighborhood restaurant. These study groups could be pure discussion groups, or programs or themes could be offered.

There will be a sign-up sheet at our August and September meetings where you can list one or more study groups that you would be interested in joining. You can also sign up by sending an email to Info@NorthHillsGenealogists.org. Please type *Study Groups* in the subject line. I envision that we would replace Tip Time at our October meeting with time for study group organization.

Each group would need to select a chair to coordinate meeting schedules and discussion times or topics.

Members can indicate any topic of interest when they sign up. Some suggested topics from our survey include nationalities such as German, Irish, or Eastern European, locations such as Western PA, New York, or New England, and research methods, such as the use of Internet or courthouse resources.

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

If you have not renewed your membership for the coming year, this would be a good time to do so.

~ Dave

QUERY

BROOKER

Seeking information on the **Brooker** farm and the family that owned it. It was in Wexford, probably near the Wexford Flats. Contact Jacky Basl at jwetzelo306@outlook.com.

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location. The evening workshop, co-sponsored by the Association of Professional Genealogists-Great Lakes Chapter, is titled "Document Transcription, Analysis, and Research Plans". Refer to the brochure or the NHG website for additional program details for the Friday night workshop and the Saturday fall conference.

Register now to reserve your spot at the 7th Annual NHG Fall Conference on Saturday, 25 October. To register, go to www.NorthHillsGenealogists.org and click the Fall Conference link for secure online registration. You may also pick up a conference brochure and turn it in with payment at a meeting, or mail the form and payment to **North Hills Genealogists, P.O. Box 169, Wexford, PA 15090**. Mark your calendars now for the 2014 NHG Fall Conference!

NHG Election Results

Congratulations to the new and returning NHG officers for the 2014-15 membership year:

President-Dave Egelston, Vice President-Colleen Rumble, Secretary-Kim Paulson, and Treasurer-Reed Powell. Thank you for volunteering to serve NHG as an officer for the coming year!

Remember to Renew Your Membership!

The membership year for the North Hills Genealogists is defined as from August 1 through July 31 of the following calendar year. With the new membership year underway, remember to renew your NHG membership now! The cost of a yearly NHG membership remains at \$15.00 and includes ten monthly newsletters, a discount for the annual fall conference, and members-only field trips throughout the year.

NHG membership may be renewed in person at any meeting by turning in your form and payment to Ken Berner. You will find Ken greeting all meeting attendees in the hallway of Northland each month. A huge thanks to Ken Berner; he is continuing as NHG Membership Chair for another year.

For your convenience, you may prefer to renew online at www.NorthHillsGenealogists.org by clicking on the *Membership Info* link. You also have the option to mail your renewal form and payment to **North Hills Genealogists, P.O. Box 169, Wexford, PA 15090**.

Encourage other friends of genealogy to join NHG this year. New members are always welcome!

Please note that unless you renew your membership by early September, this will be the last newsletter that you receive. Thank you for your prompt attention; renew your NHG membership today!

Next Genealogy Lock-in Announced for October

Northland Library and the North Hills Genealogists have finalized plans for the next Genealogy Lock-In event to be held on Friday, 10 October 2014 from 7:00 to 10:00 P.M. in

Northland's Computer Center.

Pre-registration is required for this free event due to a limited number of computers. The NHG–Northland Genealogy Lock-Ins have been popular events that fill up quickly, 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 email your name and contact information to npladultserv@einetwork.net or call the Adult Services Reference Desk at 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, HeritageQuest Online and Access PA's various databases. Volunteers will be available to help you access the databases for your research. Participants will also have access to Northland's great collection of genealogy reference books.

If you plan to attend the October 10th lock-in, don't forget to bring a USB drive with you so you can easily save copies of any documents you find. Light refreshments will be served; hope to see you there!

NHG JUNE PROGRAM SUMMARY

At our June meeting, we gathered in small groups based on geographical regions and research methods for guidance. Some of the topic facilitators summarized the information discussed.

Research Repositories: Top 10 Hints for Genealogical Research in a New Place – Sue Ennis

- Make plans to go. Now.
- Plan ahead. Call. Browse website. Keep planning.
- Know HOW to ask questions. (Avoid yes/no questions.)
- Search the catalog. Start online in advance.
- Orientation to facility and holdings.

- Learn the layout of the repository.
- Be considerate of others also researching.
- Keep track of sources.
- Log findings for next time and to avoid duplication.
- Write thank you notes to those who assisted you at the repository.

Sue presented ideas and led discussion centered around these ten suggestions to make any visit to a research repository easier. She emphasized the need to prepare in advance for the visit: create research questions for focus, search the online card catalog of holdings, and read about the repository to understand what records are available. Her other discussion emphasis was about making plans to get to the repository. Many genealogists hesitate to go to a new place for remote research. However, in Sue's experiences, her best genealogical information has come from local repositories in the locations where her ancestors lived. Participants were encouraged to step outside of their comfort zone in order to find and access valuable records for adding to their family history. Success stories were shared among the participants.

German Research Revised – Bobby Egelston

The goal in doing research for German speaking ancestors is to find their village of origin. Once the village is identified, the next step is locating the church the ancestor attended and where those church records are kept. The best source for finding the name of the village of origin in records made in this country is church records. Once you know the name of the village, the next step is to locate it on a map. If the name of the village is unclear, the Fuzzy Gazetteer (<http://isodp.hof-university.de/fuzzyquery>) may help clarify the name. The church records may still be at the church or may be found in an archive. A good reference is Raymond S. Wright's 2009 book *Ancestors in German Archives* Volume 1. Remember that not all German speaking ancestors came from Germany—they may have immigrated from Russia, Poland, Switzerland, areas now in the Czech Republic, or Alsace Lorraine.

Useful websites of interest to those doing German research are:

- <http://feefhs.org> The Federation of East European Family History Societies (FEEFHS)
- www.genteam.at Databases made by and for genealogists. After registration, you may use these databases free of charge
- www.progenealogists.com The Articles and Education found under “Research Tools” are most helpful

Books of interest:

- *The German Research Companion* by Shirley J. Riemer, Roger P. Minert, Jennifer A. Anderson, 3rd edition (ISBN 0965676161)
- *Deciphering Handwriting in German Documents* by Roger P. Minert (ISBN 0967842077)

Beginning Genealogy – Sharon Cimoch

- Start with what you know—yourself and work backwards, interviewing your parents, grandparents, and anyone from your family who might know family history.
- You can save money and research at home on free websites like FamilySearch and use the subscription sites on Fold3 for military records and Ancestry.com or Newspaper Archives at public libraries or the LDS Family History Centers. Use local histories, biographies, newspapers, etc. located at state archives and historical and genealogical societies.
- If you’re having a problem locating a family, look at what was happening in the country that would have been the incentive to relocate e.g. the gold rush, free land opening in the west, the Great Depression. Also, look for other family members or neighbors listed on earlier census records. Many times people relocated in groups and finding them might help you find yours.
- When you find something pertaining to your research in another family tree, you can’t depend on it as absolute fact. Only use it as a clue unless it is documented. Otherwise, it’s up to you to verify the source and then cite it.
- When you’re just starting to compile

information, set up a system of organization in file folders or three ring binders. Use tabs or color coding to designate each family or generation. Don’t wait until you’re overrun with documents and paperwork.

- Most importantly, make sure that you *cite your sources* from any books, magazines, etc, including family interviews.

Pennsylvania Research – Amy Arner

Records of interest to genealogists are kept at two levels of government in Pennsylvania. First are the records held at the county level. These include deeds, marriage licenses, and probate records. In most counties the deeds will be held by the Recorder of Deeds Office. The marriage licenses and probate records are usually held by the Register of Wills. Note that Allegheny County is an exception regarding all three types of records. The deeds are held by the Department of Real Estate and the marriage licenses and probate records by the Department of Court Records, Wills/Orphans' Division. Also, in some smaller counties, the Recorder of Deeds and the Register of Wills share the same office space. Armstrong County is an example of this.

Deed and probate records start with the formation of a county. Records created earlier will be held by the parent county. For instance, Allegheny County was formed in 1788 from Westmoreland County. Any deeds or probates for people who lived in the area that became Allegheny County before 1788 will be held in Westmoreland County. The state-wide recording of marriage licenses started in the fall of 1885.

From 1893 to 1905, births and deaths were recorded at the county level. These records are usually held by the Register of Wills Office. Again, Allegheny County is an exception. These early records are now held by the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh's Pennsylvania Department.

Other records are held at the state level. These include birth and death certificates from 1906 to the present. Some of these records are considered public (births 1906–1908 and deaths 1906–1963) and are held at the State Archives in Harrisburg. Newer records are held by the Division of Vital Records in New Castle. The death certificates

from 1906 to 1944 have been digitized and are available on Ancestry.com. The death certificates from 1945 to 1963 will be added to Ancestry.com later this year. Pennsylvania residents can access these records for free through the State Archives website (http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/state_archives/2887).

State-level records also include documents created when the state first sold land to individuals. These transfers occurred before the deeds discussed in an earlier paragraph. An explanation of the process is available on the State Archives website. Five types of records were created during the transfer. The State Archives in Harrisburg holds all of them. Some of the records are available digitally on the State Archives website.

TMG TO BE DISCONTINUED

Press Release 29 July 2014
Written by Bob Velke, TMG developer

Columbia, Maryland – I am sad to report that the decision has been made to discontinue *The Master Genealogist* (TMG).

While thousands of TMG users appreciate the program's many powerful features that are unmatched in other software, the market for those advanced features has proved to be insufficient to support the infrastructure that is necessary to support it and continue development. A variety of my own health issues have also contributed to this decision as I have fewer opportunities to focus on the things that would be necessary to develop and market the program.

There is every reason to believe that TMG will continue to work for existing users for the foreseeable future but official support will end at the end of 2014, although we may release some more bug fixes (but no new features) before that. In the interest of those who may want to communicate their data to family members or upgrade to the latest release, we will continue to sell the full product and updates through September with the understanding that product development has been discontinued.

After the end of the year, I expect to maintain the support forum which would be available for user-to-user support. Other online support forums, including the TMG-L mailing list, are also available to users.

For 25 years, TMG has repeatedly pushed the boundaries of genealogical software and promoted the highest principles of scholarship in record-keeping and reporting. It has encouraged users to expect more from their family tree software, especially in the area of source citations, and the industry has responded by setting new and higher standards in its suite of "standard features." To lesser degrees, programs have begun to emulate some of TMG's other innovative features, including its powerful filtering/searching functions, flags, customizable screen layouts, shared events (i.e., witnesses), and narrative output options.

As genealogical data has become more sophisticated, researchers have been increasingly confronted with the many limitations of GEDCOM in transferring that data. For more than two decades, our GenBridge technology has demonstrated that much more complete and accurate transfers can be achieved through direct imports. Other family tree programs have implemented the GenBridge technology or developed similar direct-import strategies, resulting in the preservation of precious data for countless researchers.

I am proud of the leadership role that TMG has played in the evolution of genealogical software and I encourage TMG users to continue to press developers to raise their standards and implement features that allow researchers to do the same.

In the interest of preserving users' data, I have released a document that details TMG's internal file structure and I will make GenBridge available for free to developers who wish to produce a direct import from TMG insofar as their programs support the same features.

It goes without saying that this has been a painful decision and is a significant milestone for me. TMG has been a major part of my life for more than 25 years and it is not easy to let it go. I recognize too and regret the degree to which it

may leave researchers uneasy about the future of their data and the prospects for their research tools. I am taking a necessary step back from the genealogical community but with the hope that my contribution to it has left researchers better equipped to accomplish their research goals.

ANCESTRY.COM FOCUSES ON CORE OFFERINGS

Press Release

1 July 2014

Posted by Eric Shoup on Ancestry.com

Provo, Utah – We're proud of the variety of products we've created over the years that enable people to discover, preserve and share their family history. We recognize that there are a lot of ways that we, as a company, can make family history easier, more accessible and more fun for people all over the world. And we're continually innovating to make it a reality.

We're always looking to focus our efforts in a way that provide the most impact, while also delivering the best service and best product experience to users. To that end, we've decided to retire some of our services: MyFamily, MyCanvas, Genealogy.com, Mundia and the Y-DNA and mtDNA tests.

We will note that the AncestryDNA (autosomal) test is not affected by this change and will continue to be available as we continue to invest in this new technology. Only the y-DNA and mtDNA tests will be retired.

Starting September 5, 2014*, these services will no longer be available to access. Genealogy.com is the exception to the rule, and will continue in a slightly different form. If you are an active member or subscriber to one of these services, you will be contacted directly with details of how to transition the information you've created using these services.

We know these services have provided value to you. We think they're pretty cool too, which is why this wasn't an easy decision for us to make. In the end, it came down to priorities and we think our core offerings are a great place to spend our time and resources.

So here's to revolutionizing family history, focusing on providing the best product experience we can offer and to the limitless possibilities that lie before us.

If you have any other inquiries, here are some frequently asked questions that might help:

Genealogy.com

MyFamily

MyCanvas

LegacyDNA

[Mundia – English](http://Mundia - English)

* **UPDATE JULY 1, 2014:** Due to recent site issues, we will be extending the period that MyFamily, MyCanvas, Genealogy.com, Mundia, and the Y-DNA and mtDNA websites will be available. **These sites will now retire on September 30, 2014.** An email will be sent to all customers accordingly.

WHERE GENEALOGISTS MEET

Wednesday, 27 August 2014, 6:30 P.M.
CRANBERRY GENEALOGY CLUB

NHG's Sharon Cimoch will speak at the next Cranberry meeting. It will be held in the Relief Society Room of the Church of Latter-day Saints building, 2771 Rochester Road, Cranberry Township. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, please visit their website at <http://www.cranberrygenealogy.org>.

27–30 August 2014
FEDERATION OF GENEALOGICAL SOCIETIES ANNUAL CONFERENCE

This year's conference will be held at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center in San Antonio, Texas. The theme is "Gone to Texas." Registration is open. The conference features lectures in more than a dozen tracks. Some of the tracks include methodology, Texas and neighboring states, technology, writing, and ethnic origins. For more information and a blog about the latest conference news, please visit <https://www.fgsconference.org>.

19–21 September 2014
FAMILY TREE UNIVERSITY

FTU's Fall 2014 Virtual Conference will feature fifteen recorded presentations and six live chats. This is an opportunity to learn about technology, research strategies, and ethnic research from the comfort of your own home. The cost is \$199.99. *Family Tree Magazine* subscribers and *Family Tree Magazine* VIP Program members are eligible for a conference discount. More information is available at <http://www.familytreeuniversity.com>.

Saturday, 20 September 2014, 1:00 P.M.
FAYETTE COUNTY
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Kimberly Powell will present "How to Use DNA in Genealogy" at the next meeting. It will be held on the second floor of the Uniontown Public Library, 24 Jefferson Street, Uniontown. For more information, please visit <http://www.fcgsa.org>.

Saturday, 27 September 2014, 9:00 A.M.
WESTERN RESERVE HISTORICAL
SOCIETY

The speaker for the WRHS Genealogical Committee's Fall Seminar will be Claire Bettag, CG, FUGA. She will present four lectures: "NARA at Your Fingertips", "Federal Land Records", "Bounty Land Records", and "Government Documents and the U.S. Serial Set." For more information, please visit <http://www.wrhs.org>.

Saturday, 4 October 2014, 9:00 A.M.
OHIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The speaker for OGS's Fall Seminar will be D. Joshua Taylor. He was the NHG Fall Conference speaker in 2012. Taylor will present the following lectures: "Beyond Belief: The Wealth of Genealogical and Historical Societies", "Online Resources: New England", "Mapping Your Success: Employing Maps for Genealogical Research", and "New Tools and Ideas in Research." The event will be held at the Quality Inn & Suites Conference Center, 1000 Comfort Plaza Drive, Bellville, OH. For more information and a registration form, please visit <http://www.ogs.org/fallseminar2014.php>.

Saturday, 4 October 2014, 9:30 A.M.
SUMMIT COUNTY CHAPTER OF
THE OHIO GENEALOGICAL
SOCIETY

In conjunction with the Akron Public Library's Special Collections Department, the Summit County Chapter is sponsoring an all day seminar featuring Paul Milner. He will present "English Parish Registers: How to Access, Use, and Interpret"; "Buried Treasures: What's in the English Parish Chest"; "Are You Lost? Using Maps, Gazetteers, and Directories for British Isles Research"; "Irish Emigrants to North America: Before, During, and After the Famine"; and "Finding Your Ancestors in Ireland". Lunch is on your own. This free event will be held in the Main Library Auditorium, 60 South High Street, Akron. For more information, please visit <http://www.summitogs.org>.

Saturday, 4 October 2014, 8:30 A.M.
TARENTUM GENEALOGICAL
SOCIETY

Tarentum and the Armstrong County Historical Museum and Genealogical Society are holding an all-day conference at the Clarion Hotel, 300 Tarentum Bridge Road, New Kensington. The featured speakers will be Margaret A. Diamond on genealogy and copyright; L. Suzanne Kellerman on the Pennsylvania Newspaper Digitization Project; and David R. Grinnell on "Historic Pittsburgh." The registration fee includes a hot buffet lunch. For more information and a registration form, please visit <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~patgs>.

20-24 October 2014
2014 BRITISH INSTITUTE

The International Society for British Genealogy and Family History's annual institute will be held at the Salt Lake Plaza Hotel in Salt Lake City, Utah. It features four classes: "From Simple to Complex: Applying Genealogy's Standard of Acceptability to British Research" with Thomas Jones; "Researching Your Irish Ancestors" with David Rencher; "Scottish Research: The Fundamentals and Beyond" with Paul Milner; and "Welsh Family History Made Simple" with

Darris Williams. More information is available at <http://www.isbgfh.org>.

PBS GENEALOGY SHOW RETURNS

Season Two of the PBS series *Finding Your Roots with Henry Louis Gates* is scheduled to return with the first of ten episodes on Tuesday, 23 September 2014, airing weekly at 8:00 P.M.

According to PBS/WNET press releases: "The 10-part series explores the heritages and ancestries of 30 of today's leading entertainers, athletes, chefs, and media personalities, including: Ben Affleck, Jessica Alba, Khandi Alexander, Tom Colicchio, Tina Fey, Sally Field, Derek Jeter, Stephen King, Nas, Anna Deavere Smith, Sting, and Courtney Vance."

"The episode construction of Season Two explores a much wider array of themes. In each episode, Gates focuses on the specific ethnic roots, cultural traditions and deep interplay of family influence and genetics of three guests."

"Professor Gates of Harvard continues his journey into the past to illuminate the familial histories of today's most recognizable names in sports, music, film, television, theatre, and literature." For more details and a preview: www.pbs.org/.

WORLD WAR I IMAGES AND FILMS AVAILABLE ONLINE AS CENTENARY EVENTS BEGIN

By Sue Ennis, NHG Newsletter Co-Editor

Genealogists join historians this month in commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the beginning of World War I. As ongoing events to remember WWI emerge, multimedia resources are becoming readily available online. WWI veterans are no longer alive, but the stories of ancestors who were WWI soldiers, and of those who worked on the home front to support the troops, must be preserved.

The Imperial War Museum (IWM), located in London, England, has released images and film footage from World War I in the *First World War Centenary* program. The footage includes unique glimpses of historic events during the

War and of world leaders and the troops.

The IWM web site is <http://www.iwm.org.uk> and includes a link to *Lives of the First World War*, a permanent digital memorial to all of the men and women of WWI. This collection is searchable online and includes historic images and the WWI film archives, available to the public for the first time. Rare videos include footage of King George V visiting air bases and with the soldiers as well as meeting other leaders, sometimes accompanied by Queen Mary. Other countries are also submitting multimedia to add to the WWI collection.

Anyone may contribute to the *Lives of the First World War* collection by submitting images, stories, or artifacts to preserve the memory of ancestors.

The WWI collection is just part of the Imperial War Museum's featured collections. For a more in-depth, international view of World War I, the IWM has also launched a commemorative website, *The First World War Centenary* at <http://www.1914.org>. The Centenary site contains educational information, a calendar of events, a link to news and project updates, and an impressive database of WWI images and videos. The 1914.org site will be adding information on an ongoing basis through 2018, so check back often to see what's new.

According to the IWM press center, "The First World War Centenary Programme is a vibrant global programme of cultural events, exhibitions and activities and online resources that connect current and future generations with the lives, stories and impact of the First World War. The programme is presented by the First World War Centenary Partnership, a network of local, regional, national and international cultural and educational organisations, led by IWM."

With the UK's Imperial War Museum projects leading the way, take some time to explore and learn about World War I's timeline and events and the impact on the lives of our ancestors. The 100th Anniversary of World War I is the perfect time to reflect on the war's impact and to preserve the stories of the individuals who lived that history.



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UPCOMING PROGRAMS FROM NHG

Mark Your Calendars!

Tuesday, 16 September 2014 **Patriot or Not? A Case Study Using the** **Genealogical Proof Standard**

Elissa Scalise Powell, CG, CGL

After introducing the Genealogical Proof Standard, the audience will solve four research questions. Using evidence presented, the group will determine the conclusion. This lecture is a story of what constitutes an exhaustive search, proof, and conflicting evidence, as well as techniques (time lines, spreadsheets, and other analysis tools) that help us see the answers in the gathered information.

Tuesday, 21 October 2014 **Land Records**

Rich Hayden, NHG Tip Time Leader

Hayden will take us through the steps involved in finding your ancestor's land. He will discuss the Allegheny County deeds, probate records, and partition plat maps. After putting all of these records together, we will see how to locate the land on old and new maps using Historic Pittsburgh and Google Earth.

THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM – Tuesday, 19 August 2014 **SEARCHING S.M.A.R.T**

Susan Ennis, NHG Newsletter Co-editor

Ennis, a teacher and librarian, will review techniques that genealogists can use for more effective searching on the Internet. Using search engines, Ancestry.com, FamilySearch.org, and the websites of the USGenWeb Project, she will demonstrate ways to discover the results you need to make progress in your genealogical research. Join us as we search S.M.A.R.T.!