



# NORTH HILLS GENEALOGISTS

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## TRENDING NOW: LEARNING NEW RESOURCES TO SOLVE GENEALOGICAL PUZZLES

*By Sue Ennis, NHG Newsletter Co-Editor*

With the advent of 2015, learning about genealogical research, repositories, and resources is evolving quickly and becoming more convenient. Gone are the days when you needed to pack a briefcase of family notebooks and pedigree charts and travel to a library, courthouse, or conference site to learn how to improve your genealogical results. Podcasts, webinars, live-streaming of conference workshops, and social media enhance the means by which genealogists of all experience levels are now educated. This is the year for you to explore these educational opportunities for genealogy!

Education is constantly evolving, just like the online resources for genealogists grow through digitization projects. There are many free and inexpensive options for online learning that take a small time commitment yet still yield numerous new ideas. Most of these events require you to register your name and e-mail address, even if the event is free. This allows you to obtain an easy-access link for the live event, and then you often receive a link after that event to review the recorded session. Be sure the registration process is secure.

One of the main purposes of the North Hills Genealogists is to provide educational opportunities for our members. Sometimes you need more in-depth learning—for a specialized record group or a specific country of origin. Keep in mind—despite the topic, anyone can learn new techniques from the record groups and research methods utilized by presenters. Each time you participate in a genealogical learning situation, apply what you learn to your own unique genealogical puzzles.

Podcasts and webinars can be similar—information is presented while you view slides, images, videos, or the speaker. Podcasts are more like radio shows, while webinars are more like television. However, don't overlook the importance of the interactive nature of podcasts and webinars! You can type questions for the speaker or moderator to answer. Often you can contribute comments to a virtual discussion. In fact, participants usually add web addresses within their comments to share sources that have proven helpful to them.

To keep track of the suggestions of others, here is an idea: Open a blank document in your word processor on the side when you are part of a webinar or podcast. Every time you see a hyperlink to a website or resource that might be useful to you, copy and paste that link into the document. You can explore each link at a later time. That way you remain focused on the program in front of you.

Social Media is a fantastic method for connecting and networking with other genealogists . . . or for finding cousins! The most common types of social media include Facebook, Twitter, or Pinterest. North Hills Genealogists have been on all three for a couple of years. A similar experience that is more one-on-one is to contact individuals as you network through local or regional websites and databases. You can connect through subscription services such as Ancestry.com as well. Take the

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## WHO WE ARE—NHG

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

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

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

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Happy New Year! I hope you had a pleasant and not too fattening holiday break. Okay—back to work! It is time for a new year of programs, research projects, and learning new tools and procedures.

I want to thank Mary Dzurichko for organizing a great December 6th NHG holiday social outing to the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall and Museum in Oakland. About thirty members and guests received guided tours by knowledgeable docents at the museum and then enjoyed a cheerful lunch at the Porch Restaurant in Schenley Plaza.

Last year at this time the Board distributed a questionnaire to our members asking about programs, field trips, interest groups, educational opportunities, and how else the North Hills Genealogists could serve its members better. As a result of this, we started three special interest groups for our members to provide more in-depth study and mutual discussion: British Isles, Germany, and Pennsylvania. The groups are free to organize in any way they choose and we expect them to report back to the group as a whole about what they are studying. As these groups become established we hope to create additional groups later this year. If you have a desire to learn more about a specific topic (and it does not have to be geographical), let any board member know, send an e-mail to [info@NorthHillsGenealogists.org](mailto:info@NorthHillsGenealogists.org), or post a message to our Facebook or Twitter accounts.

One of my goals for 2014 was to begin to actually write some family history. I did begin that by putting together a presentation for a family reunion that was held on Memorial Day weekend. I focused on my great-grandfather and his family since everyone at the reunion was descended from him. But I also provided some background material on his and his wife's direct ancestors. The response was encouraging enough for me to begin a text version of it, but I soon found that there were many "holes" in my documentation that I wanted to go back and fix. Of course that is one of the main reasons to periodically switch from researching to writing: Writing forces one to organize materials in a logical way based on

the narration, and it is easier to see what is missing in the way of facts as well as documentation.

Our new year starts off with a series of educational “how to” presentations. Our January meeting features two short webinars with Crista Cowan, as described elsewhere in this newsletter. This newsletter also discusses various educational opportunities offered in our area in the next few months and others available through free webinars.

~ Dave

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## **NHG SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS MEET**

**The British Isles SIG** meets on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 11:00 A.M. at St. Catherine of Sweden Church. St Catherine is located on 2554 Wildwood Rd, Allison Park, PA 15101.

They meet in Room 113. To find Room 113—drive around to the back entrance of the church, go in the double doors, and take the main hallway past Farmer Hall on your right and the restrooms on the left. Room 113 is on the left almost at the end of the hall.

Coordinator Cindy Rylands is working on putting a spreadsheet together of the members brick walls to enable the group members to help one another solve these issues.

**The German SIG** will meet at St. Paul's Methodist Church, 1965 Ferguson Road on Saturday, Jan 24 from 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. Starting in February, they will meet on the 3rd Saturday of the month from 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. A location for the meetings has yet to be determined. Information will be posted on the NHG website and on MeetUp.com.

The group is currently gathering information on the names people are researching as well as the regions/areas in Germany. They plan to compile this information and report on it at the January meeting. Coordinators Bobby Egelston and Linda Loewer also hope to provide a short tutorial on the regions of Germany, both historic and current.

**The Pennsylvania SIG** will be meeting on the 4th Wednesday of the month in the Conference Room at the North Hills Shaler Library. The library is located on 1822 Mount Royal Boulevard, Glenshaw, PA 15116. The time set for the January 28th meeting will be from 6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. Diane McVicker will be the coordinator for the Pennsylvania SIG.

Some topics the group will be discussing are: the history of the counties of Pennsylvania, the various resources available for researching within these counties, and Civil War records.

For this month, members should bring a list of the surnames they are researching. A spreadsheet will be made with all these names for members to compare common names. If you will not be able to attend the meeting, send your list to Colleen Rumble at [crumble@zoominternet.net](mailto:crumble@zoominternet.net).

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leap and e-mail another genealogist working on the same family; ask to exchange information. Remember to give in order to get information in an exchange. An example might be a corrected date of which you have first-hand knowledge or an original source.

Live-streaming workshops and keynote sessions from national and international conferences is more and more common. You must catch a live-streamed program at its actual scheduled time; there is not an archived link to some live-streamed events. One exception to this is RootsTech, held annually in February. Not only does RootsTech live-stream some of its sessions throughout the entire conference, but they also have the archived videos available for an entire year! (If you start now, you can review all of the 2014 RootsTech sessions on their website and be done in time for the 2015 sessions.) RootsTech is free and found at [rootstech.org](http://rootstech.org). Another example of online connecting is Dear Myrtle; she has a couple of interactive genealogical discussions each week. You can participate in the discussion or just listen and take notes or read along with the comments.

These are just a few of the ways to learn more about how to research your genealogy. Read

blogs. Subscribe (free) via e-mail to receive updates from the best bloggers. Explore the FamilySearch ([www.FamilySearch.org](http://www.FamilySearch.org)) website, particularly its wiki. Access the Learning Center available from [Ancestry.com](http://Ancestry.com) research and translation guides. Find a friend to attend genealogy programs in person! Sharing the ride and costs to attend a workshop, library program, or regional conference is helpful. Genealogy can be expensive, but it can also be free. An advantage to attending programs with a friend is the chance to discuss and share all that you learned at an event.

Education is a key to keeping your genealogical research dynamic. As part of your 2015 resolutions, reach out to network with others and explore online learning opportunities. [CyndisList.com](http://CyndisList.com) has a complete list of online educational opportunities for you to consider under *Education*. Ask someone at the next genealogy meeting or event to share an idea about their current research finds and then offer your own idea or link as well. Networking takes time but often leads to that one idea to spark your family history searches.

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## SCGS ANNOUNCES 2015 WEBINAR SERIES—GROW WHAT YOU KNOW

Press Release

14 December 2014

The Southern California Genealogical Society proudly announces plans for the 2015 Jamboree Extension Webinar Series. Since 2011, SCGS has offered twice-monthly webinars for genealogists and family historians around the globe.

The goal of the Webinar Series is to fulfill an important element of the Society's Mission Statement: *The Southern California Genealogical Society exists to foster interest in family history and genealogy, preserve genealogical materials, and **provide instruction in accepted and effective research techniques.***

### What does it cost?

The live webcasts are **open to the public free of charge**. Please tell your cousins, fellow genealogical society members and others about our program. We'd love to have them join us.

### When are they held?

SCGS webinars are held the first Saturday and third Wednesday of each month. They are held at hours that most people are not working: Saturday 10am Pacific time and Wednesday 6pm Pacific time.

### I'm sold. How do I sign up?

It's really easy. Go to the SCGS website page with the Extension Series information. <http://tinyurl.com/2015-SCGS-Webinars>

You'll see a list with all of the upcoming webinars and links to register. Click on the links to register for the live webcasts you want to attend. Fill out the registration information and you're all set. You'll get a confirmation e-mail and will also get reminders before the webinar, as well as a link to a handout for every presentation.

On the day of the program, click the link that you received in those e-mails and you'll be taken to GoToWebinar for your session. You can watch the webinars on your laptop or desktop, on your tablet or even your smartphone. If you don't have an internet connection, you can even dial in by phone and listen to the presentation.

### What if I can't watch the live webcast?

As a benefit of membership, SCGS members may view any of the 125 or so archived sessions any time, day or night, on the SCGS website. Webinars are posted online about two weeks after the webcast. A list of the archived sessions can be found on the [SCGS website](http://SCGS website). To learn more about the valuable membership benefits available for SCGS members, visit our [membership](http://membership) web page. Download the [2015 Webinar flyer](http://2015 Webinar flyer) and post it on your office's bulletin board.

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## LEGACY FAMILY TREE ANNOUNCES 2015 WEBINARS

[*Editors' Note: This article is excerpted from a blog post published on 8 December 2014 at [http://news.legacyfamilytree.com/legacy\\_news/2014/12/2015-legacy-family-tree-webinar-series-announced.html](http://news.legacyfamilytree.com/legacy_news/2014/12/2015-legacy-family-tree-webinar-series-announced.html).*]

[FamilyTreeWebinars.com](http://FamilyTreeWebinars.com) and Millennia Corporation are pleased to announce that registration is now open for its 2015 Legacy

Family Tree Webinar Series. Choose from fifty-eight classes from genealogy's leading educators (approximately eighty-seven hours of free genealogy education) on topics ranging from genealogy technology to in-depth research methodologies and evidence analysis. See the complete schedule below.

They've added several new features to their 2015 webinar series:

- Evening webinars! For those who work during the day to support their genealogy habits, we have scheduled at least one evening webinar per month.
- Popular speaker and writer, Marian Pierre-Louis, will guest-host our evening webinars.
- Beginners series. Accredited Genealogist Peggy Lauritzen will present a three-class series designed especially for beginners.
- Researching with Karen! series. Submit your research problem to Karen for a chance to have personalized recommendations explained during the live webinar.
- Subscribers-only bonus webinars. Another new membership benefit for annual and monthly webinar subscribers —private bonus webinars presented by Thomas MacEntee and Judy Russell.

Sign up for one or for all of them today (so you don't forget later) and you will receive a reminder e-mail both one day and one hour prior to the live event.

### **Webinar Brochure**

[Print the webinar brochure](#) to share with your friends, genealogy society, or Family History Center.

### **FamilyTreeWebinars.com memberships**

All live webinars are free (excluding the members-only bonus webinars), and their recordings are free to watch for the next seven days. If you missed a previous webinar you can now have access to the entire archives (almost 200 classes) and instructors' handouts (more than 800 pages) through a monthly (\$9.95/month) or annual webinar membership (\$49.95/year). [Click here](#) for more information or to subscribe.

## **2015 Schedule**

### **January 2015**

- My Genealogy DO-Over: A Year of Learning from Research Mistakes by Thomas MacEntee. 1/21
- Getting Started in Scrapbooking by Susan Budge. 1/28

### **February 2015**

- Tracing the History of a Community by Kirsty Gray. 2/4
- Step-by-Step: Finding Confederate Soldiers and Their Records by Mark Lowe. 2/6
- Zigzagging through German Church Records by Jim Beidler. 2/11
- Researching Your New Zealand Ancestors by Jan Gow. 2/18
- Tap Into Your Inner Private Eye: 9 Strategies for Finding Living Relatives by Lisa Louise Cooke. 2/25

### **March 2015**

- Researching with Karen! by Karen Clifford. 3/4
- Tools and Techniques for Differentiating Two People with the Same Name by Geoff Rasmussen. 3/6
- Crafting Ancestor Profiles from Start to Finish by Lisa Alzo. 3/11
- Irish Genealogical Records in the 17th-19th centuries by Judy Wight. 3/18
- Where Does It Say That? Learning to Love Indirect Evidence by Chris Staats. 3/25

### **April 2015**

- Genealogy 101, a 3-Session Course in Beginning Genealogy - Part 1 by Peggy Lauritzen. 4/1
- American Revolution Genealogy by Beth Foulk. 4/8
- Isn't That Special: Hookers, Crooks, and Kooks by Jana Sloan Broglin. 4/10
- Ten Genealogical Lessons I Learned the Hard Way by Warren Bittner. 4/15
- D-I-V-O-R-C-E! by Judy Russell. 4/22
- Using Legacy with Specialized Studies - Legacy is for more than your family history by Tessa Keough. 4/29

### **May 2015**

- Genealogy 101: A Three-Session Course in Beginning Genealogy, Part 2 by Peggy Lauritzen. 5/6

- After You're Gone: Future-Proofing Your Genealogy Research (subscribers-only bonus webinar) by Thomas MacEntee. 5/8
- GenealogyBank: The Power of Finding Our Ancestor's Stories by Tom Kemp. 5/13
- Martha Benshura: Enemy Alien by Judy Russell. 5/20
- Migration Patterns East of the Mississippi Prior to 1860 by Mary Hill. 5/27

### June 2015

- Genealogy 101: A Three-Session Course in Beginning Genealogy, Part 3 by Peggy Lauritzen. 6/3
- Tips for Planning a Successful Seminar by Jana Sloan Broglin. 6/10
- 10 Tips for Using Legacy with Specialized Studies by Tessa Keough. 6/12

### July 2015

- The Secret Lives of Women: Research Female Ancestors Using the Sources They Left Behind by Gena Philibert-Ortega. 7/1
- Pinning Your Family History by Thomas MacEntee. 7/8
- Making a Federal Case Out of It (subscribers-only bonus webinar) by Judy Russell. 7/10
- Researching with Karen! by Karen Clifford. 7/15
- Have Swedish Roots and Don't Know How to Get Started? by Kathy Meade. 7/22
- Storyboard Your Family History by Lisa Alzo. 7/29

### August 2015

- What's in a Name? Trouble! by Ron Arons. 8/5
- Power Platting: Technology Tools to Create Pictures from Property Descriptions by Chris Staats. 8/12
- Discovering Your Kentucky Ancestors by Mark Lowe. 8/19
- Digital Family Reunions by Devin Ashby. 8/21
- German Names and Naming Patterns by Jim Beidler. 8/26

### September 2015

- Break Down Brick Walls in Eastern

European Research: Tips, Tools, and Tricks by Lisa Alzo. 9/2

- Research Your Swedish Ancestors in Living Color Using ArkivDigital Online by Kathy Meade. 9/9
- Genealogy Serendipity—Listening For Our Ancestors by Geoff Rasmussen. 9/11
- Researching Your Dutch Ancestors by Yvette Hoitink. 9/16
- Researching Your Ancestors in England and Wales by Kirsty Gray. 9/23
- Researching Your Ancestor in Periodicals by Gena Philibert-Ortega. 9/30

### October 2015

- Wearables and Genealogy: Wacky and Wild or Worth the Wait by Thomas MacEntee. 10/7
- Colonial Immigration: The English Pioneers of Early America by Beth Foulk. 10/14
- Billions of Records, Billions of Stories by Devin Ashby. 10/16
- What Happened to the State of Frankland (Using Tennessee's Pre-Statehood Records) by Mark Lowe. 10/21
- Complex Evidence: What Is It? How Does it Work? And Why Does it Matter? by Warren Bittner. 10/28

### November 2015

- Researching with Karen! by Karen Clifford. 11/4
- Organizing Your Genetic Genealogy by Diahann Southard. 11/11
- Bringing it All Together and Leaving a Permanent Record by Tom Kemp. 11/13
- Mapping Madness by Ron Arons. 11/18

### December 2015

- Stories in Stone - Cemetery Research by Gail Blankenau. 12/2
- Thinking about Becoming an Accredited Genealogist? by Apryl Cox and Kelly Summers. 12/9
- Pointing Fingers at Your Siblings - Breaking Down Brick Walls with Collateral Research by Marian Pierre-Louis. 12/16

[Click here to register for individual webinars.](#)  
[Click here to register for multiple webinars at once.](#)

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## CCAC TO OFFER CLASSES

The Community College of Allegheny County (CCAC) has published their spring community education catalog. It lists two courses that may be of interest to genealogists: "Preserving Your Still Photos for the 21st Century" and "Writing Memoirs—Memories & Stories". There is a fee for each class. Both classes will be offered at the CCAC North Campus on Perry Highway in McCandless (near Northland Public Library). The catalog is available on CCAC's website at <http://www.ccac.edu/community-education>.

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## NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY INTRODUCES NEW COURSE: RESEARCHING YOUR REVOLUTIONARY WAR ANCESTORS

Press Release

16 December 2014

ARLINGTON, VA, 16 DECEMBER 2014: The National Genealogical Society announced today the release of its newest Continuing Genealogical Studies (CGS) course: Researching Your Revolutionary War Ancestors. Developed by military records expert Craig Roberts Scott, CG, FUGA, the new course expands on NGS's offerings for teaching military research strategies, and helps achieve NGS's goal of providing quality educational opportunities to the genealogical community.

In addition to his role as CEO and President of Heritage Books, Inc., Craig Scott has spent decades honing his military research expertise and teaching these skills within the genealogical community. He has coordinated military courses at the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy, the Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh, and Samford University's Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research in Birmingham, Alabama. His books include *Understanding Revolutionary War and Invalid Pension Ledgers 1818–1872 and Pension Payment Vouchers They Represent*, and *The "Lost" Pensions: Settled Accounts of the Act of 6 April 1838*.

In this eight-module cloud-based course, Scott introduces numerous U.S. based records related to those who fought for independence, including

compiled service records, prisoner of war records, and pension files. He will also teach strategies to identify and locate information about ancestors who lived at the time of the Revolution.

Researching Your Revolutionary War Ancestors is available to NGS members for \$45.00 and to non-members for \$70.00. For additional information or to purchase the course, visit the NGS website at [http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/researching\\_your\\_revolutionary\\_war\\_ancestors](http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/researching_your_revolutionary_war_ancestors).

The NGS Continuing Genealogical Studies courses are designed for both beginners and established genealogists who wish to focus on a specific topic and put their ensuing knowledge to work quickly. The courses allow individuals to complete genealogical coursework at their own pace and from the convenience of their own homes.

Two other cloud-based CGS courses are also offered:

- Introduction to Civil War Research
- Genetic Genealogy, The Basics

In addition to the CGS courses, NGS also offers several courses from its American Genealogical Studies (AGS) series, including:

- The Basics
- Guide to Documentation and Source Citation

Advanced AGS courses in a new series called Beyond the Basics are currently in development. This cloud-based series is scheduled for release in 2015 and will complete American Genealogical Studies, which replaces the NGS Home Study Course, the standard in genealogical education for decades.

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.

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## **WHERE GENEALOGISTS MEET**

### **Monday, 26 January 2015 4:00 P.M. ZELIENOPE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

There will be a Genealogy Work Session at the Zelenople Public Library from 4:00 P.M. to 5:30 P.M. Bring your genealogy puzzles to the library and enjoy a collaborative work session to find the missing pieces in your family tree. NHG Newsletter Co-editor Susan Ennis will guide you through methods and sources you can access to locate your ancestors. Participants are encouraged to bring their own laptop or tablet to use throughout the workshop. The program is free, and registration is not required.

### **Tuesday, 27 January 2015 6:00 P.M. BUTLER AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY**

The Butler Library will host Genealogy 101, which will feature resources for beginning researchers. The library's address is 218 North McKean Street, Butler. For more information, visit the library's website at <http://www.butlerlibrary.info> or call them at 724-287-1715.

### **Wednesday, 28 January 2015 6:30 P.M. CRANBERRY GENEALOGY CLUB**

NHG member Debbie Billeter will present "Organization for Genealogists" at the next Cranberry meeting. It is free and open to the public. The meeting will be held in the Cranberry Public Library's Franklin Station meeting room. The library's address is 2525 Rochester Road. Watch <http://www.cranberrygenealogy.org> for more information.

### **Thursday, 29 January 2015 7:00 p.m. GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF PENNSYLVANIA**

GSP's next webinar will feature Cathi Becker Wiest Desmarais, CG. She will present "Who Fathered Jacob and William Northamer? Pennsylvania Tax Records Help Determine Kinship." The webinar is free for GSP members and \$10.00 for non-members. Please visit <http://www.genpa.org> for more information.

### **11–14 February 2015 FEDERATION OF GENEALOGICAL SOCIETIES/ROOTSTECH**

FGS and RootsTech are hosting a one-time special event in Salt Lake City, Utah. The two events will share some sessions and an exhibit hall. Each conference will also have sessions specifically for its attendees. Participants can register for one or both conferences. See <https://www.fgsconference.org> and <http://www.rootstech.org> for more information.

### **Thursday, 12 March 2015 9:30 A.M. HEINZ HISTORY CENTER**

The Heinz Center is holding a workshop titled "Housing Solutions for Your Paper Collections." Attendees will learn practical knowledge about the preservation of collection items. The cost for the workshop is \$60.00. Registration is required. For more information, please visit <http://www.heinzhistorycenter.org>.

### **9–11 April 2015 OHIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

The 2015 OGS conference will be held at the Sheraton Columbus Hotel at Capitol Square in Columbus, Ohio. It will feature ninety lectures and workshops. The tracks for the conference include organization and productivity; records and resources; problem solving; immigration; sharing family history; forensic genealogy, general methodology; technology; German research; African and Southern research; getting started; Ohio research; DNA; and preserving your heritage. This conference is relatively close to Pittsburgh, making it a great place to attend your first multi-day conference. The registration program is now available at <http://www.ogs.org>.

### **13–16 May 2015 NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

NGS's next conference will be held in St. Charles, Missouri. The program for the 2015 conference has been posted. Registration is open for the conference. The early bird registration deadline is 30 March. This year NGS will live stream some of



the conference sessions. The streamed sessions will be available for purchase in packages. One package will focus on immigration and naturalization and methodology techniques. Each package consists of five lectures. If you can't attend the conference in person, purchasing and watching one of the packages is a great way to learn. For more information and a registration booklet, please visit <http://www.ngsgenealogy.org>.

## **28 June–3 July 2015 GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF PITTSBURGH**

The first GRIP session this summer will feature classes on writing your family history, kinship determination, research in New York, using church records (with NHG Fall Conference speaker David McDonald), land records, and DNA. Registration for this week opens 4 February. Some classes fill up quickly, so decide now if you would like to attend. Class descriptions and more information is available at <http://www.gripitt.org>.

## **19–24 July 2015 GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF PITTSBURGH**

The second GRIP session this summer will feature classes on intermediate research, advanced research, genealogy as a career, Pennsylvania research, DNA, and using the law in genealogy. Registration for this week opens 18 February. Again, some classes fill up quickly. Class descriptions and more information is available at <http://www.gripitt.org>.

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### **GENEALOGICAL HOW TO: CAPTURING ONLINE IMAGES**

During the lunch after the December Holiday Social, one of our members asked how to easily copy an online image. Of course it depends upon whether you are using a Mac, tablet, or PC. There is often more than one method for doing this, but here are the basics.

On a Mac:

- First, navigate to the web page or site

where the image appears.

- Press **Command-Shift-4**.
- A cursor will pop up; click and drag to select the area you wish to save to your files.
- Release the mouse or touch pad, and the screen shot is saved to your desktop.
- Consider re-naming the image for easy identification.

On a tablet:

- Navigate to the image on the Internet.
- Hold down the Sleep/Wake button
- Press and release the Home button, quickly, just like a camera button.
- You should hear a click like a camera shutter.
- Check for the photo.
- Save to your photo app or e-mail it, as needed.

On a PC method 1:

- On the Internet, navigate to the image you wish to save.
- Click on the Windows icon in the bottom left corner.
- In the menu, find the Snipping Tool and click on it. (Windows 7 version and later)
- A small menu appears along with a cross hairs cursor.
- Click and drag to select the area you want to save to your files.
- Release the mouse or touch pad.
- Use the menu to Copy and Save the image.

On a PC method 2:

- Navigate to the image.
- Press the Print Screen key on the keyboard (often labeled Prnt Scrn).
- Create a new document in your word processor.
- Paste the image into the document.

File images by surname or in a Saved Images file on your desktop or within your genealogy files. By capturing and saving online images, you can quickly find and refer to them over and over again. Remember to record complete source citation data with each screen shot that you capture.

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## UPCOMING PROGRAMS FROM NHG

## Mark Your Calendars!

### **Tuesday, 17 February 2015** **Pennsylvania Vital Records**

*Amy Arner*

NHG Newsletter Co-editor Amy Arner will discuss how and where to find birth, death, and marriage records in Pennsylvania. She will show examples of each type of document and what kinds of valuable information researchers can find in them.

### **Tuesday, 17 March 2015** **Using Evernote**

*Carole Ashbridge, MLS*

Do you struggle with keeping files, research plans, newspaper clippings, e-mails, and web pages organized? Have you become inundated with paper files and notebooks of information? NHG Social Media Chair Carole Ashbridge, MLS, will demonstrate how to organize your files and easily find them by using the free application Evernote.

### **THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM – Tuesday, 20 January 2015** **Research Plans and Handling Name Changes**

*Crista Cowan*

We'll watch two videos featuring Ancestry.com's Crista Cowan, the Barefoot Genealogist. The two videos are "Crafting a Genealogy Research Plan" and "How to Handle Name Changes in Your Family Tree." Each is approximately twenty-five minutes long. There will be time for questions on the content.