



NORTH HILLS GENEALOGISTS

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SAVE THE DATE FOR NHG'S 25th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

There has already been a wonderful response to the NHG Anniversary Summer Social planned at the Depreciation Lands Museum for Sunday, 9 August 2015. So far, over thirty members plan to attend, and more members can sign up at this month's NHG meeting.

With so many already planning to come, we have changed the schedule somewhat. The Depreciation Lands Museum will open at 1:00 P.M. for members to sign in. You will then be able to take a self-guided tour through the various buildings and talk with the numerous museum volunteers. We will convene in the Tavern at 2:00 P.M. where cake and ice cream will be served. We have also arranged for a speaker to give a presentation to everyone about the purpose of the Depreciation Lands and the history of the local area. This event will be a nice chance to celebrate twenty-five years of NHG as well as part of the history of the North Hills of Pittsburgh.

If you haven't already signed up, make sure to do so at the June meeting so you can take part in our 25th anniversary celebration. You can also sign up by sending an e-mail to Sharon Cimoch through Info@NorthHillsGenealogists.org by 30 June 2015. Please type *NHG 25th Anniversary Social* in the subject line.

NHG NEWS

Elections

Don't forget to vote in the NHG election! The ballot was in the May newsletter. There will also be copies of the ballot available at the June meeting. If you are not able to attend the June meeting, please mail your completed ballot to North Hills Genealogists, P.O. Box 169, Wexford, PA 15090 by June 30th.

Horse Trading Days

Dave Williams is looking for a few good people to man an NHG table at Horse Trading Days. The event will be held July 16–18 in Zelienople. He will probably need people from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. each day, although the exact times have not been finalized. The time will be split into two-hour shifts, but any time you can spend would be helpful. See Dave at the June meeting or send him an e-mail at peggie@consolidated.net to volunteer. The main responsibility is answering questions about genealogy and NHG.

Sponsored Lectures

Remember that NHG is sponsoring two lectures during the Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh (GRIP). The first lecture is a special, extra program on 30 June. Judy Russell, the NHG Fall Conference speaker, will present "How Old Did He Have to Be?" Take advantage of this opportunity to see Judy before the conference!

The second sponsored lecture will replace our July meeting at Northland. On 21 July, Marian Smith will present "How the Castle Garden Records Burned in the Ellis Island Fire." Marian is a senior historian at the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (formerly the Immigration and Naturalization Service).

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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 is my final column for the NHG newsletter. It has been my privilege to serve as your president for the past two years. I say that with genuine feeling since I have learned much about genealogy in the past couple of years due in no small part to getting to know NHG members at all levels of genealogical endeavor.

We have done several things this past two years as an organization of which I am proud. We reviewed our organization and board members against several good practices criteria defined by the Federation of Genealogical Societies and came out at a high level of performance. For instance:

- We keep good track of our finances, thanks to our treasurer Reed Powell, and we spend our resources wisely.
- We keep detailed minutes of board discussions and maintain our archives thanks to the efforts of our secretary Kim Paulson.
- We provide a variety of programs at our monthly meetings, including resource and repository information, “how to” hints, and historical background thanks to the efforts of our program chair Mary Dzurichko.
- We publish a great newsletter that includes original articles, reprints, and an extensive list of genealogical happenings in our region, thanks to co-editors Amy Arner and Sue Ennis.
- We have a presence on social media, thanks to Carole Ashbridge (hopefully you will all “like” us on Facebook).
- We actually keep our website up to date, thanks again to Reed Powell, also our webmaster.
- We hold an annual conference in October. This year, in celebration of our 25th year as an organization, we will be having an expanded conference over two days at a new venue. Dave Williams was conference chair for many years, and this year Amy Arner has taken over the position.
- In the past we have collected and published cemetery information, thanks to Elissa Scalise Powell and Amy Prager.

Going forward, we are looking for other projects that would include member volunteers.

- We have periodic social outings for members at local historical sites, arranged in the past few years by Sharon Cimoch.

I would like to acknowledge our corresponding secretary, Al Hartman, a position akin to keeper of the sealing wax, which I understand we abolished several years ago. Almost no one “corresponds” anymore. They communicate via social media. Al also maintains the freebie table at our meetings and is more than happy when you take something (anything) away. He also accepts unneeded genealogically relevant books, magazines, flyers, and mail to add to the table.

We have expanded collaboration opportunities for our members by creating several Special Interest Groups that meet on their own and discuss topics of interest to their members. In the past, we have done many things of a collaborative nature, such as our yearly round table discussion in November, our Tip Time with Rich Hayden before our monthly meetings, and our biannual library lock-ins at Northland Public Library, coordinated by Amy Arner and Northland Library Director Amy Steele.

But the establishment of Special Interest Groups creates the opportunity for our members to collaborate at a higher level. We have created several geographical interest groups over the past year (Pennsylvania, British Isles, Germany, Eastern Europe) and are discussing a couple of new ones for beginners and for writing. NHG may create other SIGs in the future, and I expect some will come and go as the interests of the members change, which is okay. Our outgoing vice president, Colleen Rumble, was instrumental in coordinating the launch of these SIGs, and I want to thank members who volunteered to initially lead the SIGs.

Our membership continues to grow (currently at just under two hundred). I’m sure it is because of the good things we continue to do as an organization and also because of the outreach by many of our members to other genealogical societies, libraries, and community events in the area. Elissa Powell’s influence within our

organization and on the regional and national level continues to be outstanding. As membership chair, Ken Berner does an excellent job of keeping our membership information current, soliciting new members, and answering everyone’s questions.

Finally I want to mention that writing these monthly columns has been an unexpected benefit to me personally. It has forced me into “writing mode” regularly, which has made it easier for me to begin other writing projects, and it has made me think about things of a genealogical nature that are important to me. The newsletter editors have been generous in letting me write about things that interest me and have not edited me too extensively.

This month you have the opportunity to elect new officers and also to renew your membership for next year and to volunteer to participate in any of our many activities.

Thanks again for the experience of the last two years. It has been a pleasure working with all of you members and everyone on the NHG Board of Directors.

~ Dave

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Both sponsored lectures will start at 7:00 P.M. GRIP is held on the campus of La Roche College on Babcock Boulevard. The lectures will be held in room SC103 in the A. J. Palumbo Science Center. Use the Remington Drive entrance on Babcock; this is just north of Duncan Avenue, but not at a traffic light. Look for the Family History signs.

Membership

NHG's membership year ends 31 July. If you haven't already done so, please fill out a membership form and give it to Membership Chair Ken Berner at a meeting. The form is on page 99 of this newsletter. You can renew online at <http://www.NorthHillsGenealogists.org>. Dues are still \$15.00 per year for two people in one household.

July Newsletter

Remember that there is no newsletter in July.

The next newsletter will be published in August.

Outgoing Officers

Many thanks to outgoing officers Dave Egleston and Colleen Rumble for serving on the NHG board! Their terms end on 31 July. We greatly appreciate their time and efforts on NHG's behalf.

NHG Fall Conference

NHG's Fall Conference will be held 30–31 October at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church on Babcock Boulevard. Judy Russell, JD, CG, CGL, and Michael Leclerc will be the featured speakers. The registration brochure is ready and will be available at the June meetings. You can also register on the NHG website.

NHG SIG NEWS

The **British Isles SIG** is taking a summer break and will meet again in September. The **German SIG** has changed their meeting day and time for the summer. They will meet June 18th, July 16th, August 20th, and September 17th at 6:30 P.M. at the St. Paul's Methodist Church on Ferguson Road. After meeting the fourth Wednesday of this month, the **Pennsylvania SIG** will then take a summer break and reconvene in September. Please check back on the NHG web page under Special Interest Groups for meeting time and day.

Eastern European SIG is scheduled to meet June 22nd from 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. at the Northland Library Board Room.

Thank you to the coordinators for the SIGs in giving of your time to organize and maintain the functioning of the groups. Many people have had success in moving their research forward because you enabled the groups to exist. Watch the website for information for the writing SIG that will be starting in Sept. If you have an interest in this group, please contact us through the website.

WILKINSBURG HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNOUNCES WEBSITE

The Wilkinsburg Historical Society now has a website. They've added a variety of pictures and

digitized postcards of the area to the site. Back issues of their newsletter, *The Archives*, are also available. The web address is <https://wilkinsburghistory.wordpress.com/>. More information and pictures will be added as they develop the website.

REPORT FROM THE NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY'S NATIONAL CONFERENCE

By Dave Egelston, NHG President

The NGS National Conference was held 13–16 May of this year in St. Charles, Missouri, with over 2100 NGS members in attendance. The theme was “Crossroads of America,” based on the part that St. Louis played in the expansion to the West after the Louisiana Purchase. At least four members of NHG attended the conference. Elissa Scalise Powell manned the GRIP booth in the exhibition hall and participated in the BCG Skillbuilding track. Amy Arner attended sessions, attended a board meeting, and networked. My wife, Bobby, and I attended most sessions but also snuck away to explore the city of St. Louis and to research at the St. Louis County Library.

As usual there were nine programming tracks at any given time, and five sessions per day (beginning at 8:00 A.M. and concluding at 5:00 P.M.) with luncheon and dinner opportunities to mingle with fellow genealogists from around the country. Typical sessions included, in addition to the skillbuilding track, strategies for success, immigration and migration, military, technology, German research, and regionally focused sessions about places such as Missouri, New York, and Eastern Europe.

Over eighty vendors were on the exhibition floor, including regional and state historical societies and libraries.

May 16th was also the 211th anniversary of the date that the Lewis and Clark expedition set off from St. Charles to navigate up the Missouri River. There was an encampment and re-enactors and many other activities that day along the river.

This was the third national convention Bobby and I have attended (our first one was in Pittsburgh in

2003). I would say it is definitely worthwhile to attend a national convention sometime during your family history pursuit.

INDEXED FAMILY HISTORY RECORDS NOW AVAILABLE THROUGH THE DAR GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH SYSTEM

Press Release

1 June 2015

Washington, DC—The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) is excited to announce a new resource has been added to its [Genealogical Research System](#) (GRS). The new resource is an index of over 40,000 digitized family [Bible records](#), and each day more records are digitized and added to the Index. This is one of the largest known collections of such genealogical materials in existence. The DAR collection spans many decades, so even those researchers who are not looking for Revolutionary War era ancestors, may find the new [Bible Records Index](#) useful.

“The DAR is committed to making family research materials more readily available to the public,” said DAR President General Lynn Forney Young. “Many of these transcripts of the Bible records may be all that is left of these family Bibles, so it is important to preserve them for our future generations and make them accessible to researchers.”

Genealogists often rely on vital records, among other resources, to aid in their research, but sometimes these records may be difficult to find or are non-existent, which is why these Bible records are such important research tools. Historically, families kept detailed accounts of the family’s history in their Bibles, including births, baptisms, confirmations, marriages and deaths and handed the Bible down through the generations. The [Bible Record Index](#) may contain unique information that researchers today are unable to locate anywhere else.

As with any resource there are some disadvantages to Bible records, including errors or inaccuracies, but they are still a useful source when other materials may not be available. Bible records may be an acceptable form of

documentation when applying for membership in the DAR. Learn more about the [parameters in the application instructions](#).

Family Bible records can be found in the DAR’s many genealogical collections, but the largest group of these records is found in the reports of the Genealogical Research Committee (GRC). The new [Bible Records Index](#) was collected, compiled and digitized by the hard-working DAR members of the GRC. In 1913, this committee of members began to gather and transcribe unpublished genealogical source materials such as military records, deeds, vital records, estate records and Bible records. Through this work, DAR was able to expand its genealogical holdings, made genealogy resources available to the public and today it has now facilitated the creation of the Bible Record Index.

“This new index may be helpful to those researchers who have reached a ‘brick wall’ in their research,” said Eric G. Grundset, Director of the DAR Library. “These Bible records contain information that had previously been extremely difficult to find. The index opens these records for the future.”

To use this new database, researchers will enter a name and the GRS will search the more than 40,000 Bible records for a match. If a match is found, the researcher will see information about the record including: surname, the source, book title, book description and the page on which the name first appears. If the researcher is on-site at the DAR Library they are able to view the Bible records and print off the pages that are needed. If the researcher is not at DAR Headquarters they can use the [DAR Library Search Service](#) to acquire the records or they can start [planning their trip to the DAR Library](#) so they can access the records.

The [DAR Bible Record Index](#) is one of the largest collections of this type of genealogical materials available today and we are excited to make these resources available to the public for research purposes and to help preserve these unique records for future generations. The GRS Bible Records Index can be found at www.dar.org/grs/bibleindex.

For more information about joining the Daughters of the American Revolution, visit www.dar.org/membership.

The DAR Genealogical Research System (GRS) is a free resource provided by the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) to aid general genealogical research and to assist with the DAR membership process. The GRS is a collection of databases that provide access to the many materials amassed by the DAR since its founding in 1890. To access the DAR Genealogical Research System, visit www.dar.org/GRS.

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution was founded in 1890 to promote historic preservation, education and patriotism. Any woman eighteen years or older, regardless of race, religion, or ethnic background, who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution is eligible for membership. With more than 177,000 members in approximately 3,000 chapters worldwide, DAR is one of the world's largest and most active service organizations. Encompassing an entire downtown city block, DAR National Headquarters houses one of the nation's premier genealogical libraries, one of the foremost collections of pre-industrial American decorative arts, Washington, D.C.'s largest concert hall, and an extensive collection of early American manuscripts and imprints. To learn more about the work of today's DAR, visit www.dar.org. Press Contact: Bren Landon blandon@dar.org or (202) 572-0563.

U.S. FEDERAL CENSUS IMAGES AND VIEWER NOW FREE FOR EVERYONE FOREVER

Press Release

22 May 2015

Boulder, CO—Mocavo is thrilled to announce that for the first time anywhere, the indexes and images for all United States Federal Census records are now available for free to everyone.

[Search the Census Now](#)

Thanks to the support of loyal community members, Mocavo's [promise](#) to make more

content available online for free remains as strong as ever.

At Mocavo, they're continuing the fight to bring billions of records, stories, and images to the world, and this announcement is a big one for them and—they hope—the community they care so much about.

Search the Census at <http://www.mocavo.com/1790-1940-United-States-Census/> and explore the images using their Census Viewer for free on their YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/>.

If you are interested in supporting our mission further, sign up for Mocavo Gold. Details can be found at <http://www.mocavo.com/gold>. If you have any questions, simply call Mocavo at 1-866-279-4013.

FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY OFFERS WEEK OF FREE WEBINARS IN OCTOBER ABOUT UNITED STATES RESEARCH

The Family History Library announced a one-week, free seminar, *United States Research*, for 12–16 October 2015 in Salt Lake City. This is the first time this program has been offered. Although the 50 slots for participating in the U.S. Research Seminar filled up immediately, there is a waiting list here: <https://docs.google.com/>, and as slots open, each person will be notified individually and will need to confirm participation.

Good news for interested genealogists— FHL has decided to offer fifteen of the thirty sessions as free online webinars! There is no registration needed for any of these. Instead, you will watch the printed schedule in the link provided below, and then click the link to join a seminar at the time of the presentation. The complete schedule and links for the free webinars are available on the FamilySearch site at [https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/United States Research Seminar](https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/United_States_Research_Seminar). Offering the fifteen free webinars is a creative solution for the *U.S. Research Seminar* since it filled up well before the original registration date! This is also an exciting genealogical opportunity for interested enthusiasts.

The earliest webinar sessions for the *U.S. Research Seminar* will begin at 6:30 A.M. EDT with many of the sessions airing in mid-morning through afternoon. Times and dates are outlined on the page linked in this article. Topics for the webinars include ways to use FamilySearch collections, accessing the FHL catalog, U.S. Census records, how to find ancestors in vital records, U.S. court records, immigration into the U.S., U.S. naturalization, U.S. newspaper research, how to analyze and evaluate documents, overcoming research problems, and researching certain ethnic groups. This eclectic menu of programs has something for any beginner or intermediate level genealogist.

The nine instructors are all Accredited Genealogists (AG); most have roles in Salt Lake's Family History Library. Their areas of expertise are reflected in the specific webinar topics offered.

Take a moment today to click on and bookmark this link https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/United_States_Research_Seminar, and then mark the calendar for 12–16 October to benefit from this unique genealogical program!

WHERE GENEALOGISTS MEET

Tuesday, 23 June 2015 6:00 P.M. BUTLER AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Butler Library will host "Ancestry Library Edition." Learn about the features of this subscription website, which is available in all public libraries in Butler and Allegheny Counties. The program will be held in the Basement Meeting Room. The library's address is 218 N. McKean Street, Butler 16001. To register, call 724-287-1715, ext. 116 or e-mail haplgenealogy@bcfls.org.

Wednesday, 24 June 2015 6:30 P.M. CRANBERRY GENEALOGY CLUB

Lynne Arrington, director of the Cranberry Family History Center, will discuss the FamilySearch website (<http://www.familysearch.org>). FHC Assistant Director Kelly Smith will discuss the FamilySearch indexing

project and how volunteers can contribute. Note that the meeting will be held at the Family History Center (FHC) rather than the Cranberry Public Library. The FHC is in the LDS church at the intersection of Rochester and Powell Roads in Cranberry. The meeting is free and open to the public. For more detailed information, please visit <http://www.cranberrygenealogy.org>.

26–27 June 2015 PALATINES TO AMERICA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

This year's Pal Am conference will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel on Second Street in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Lecturers will include Michael D. Lacopo, Jonathan Stayer, Katherine Lowe Brown, Iren Snaveley, Joe Lieby, and Kathleen Hale. There is optional research time at the Pennsylvania State Archives on 25 June. Watch <https://www.palam.org> for additional details and registration information.

27–28 June 2015 WESTMORELAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

WCHS will host two days of frontier court reenactments at its Historic Hanna's Town facility. Hanna's Town was the first county seat for Westmoreland County and held the first English courts west of the Allegheny Mountains. The event will feature cases actually heard between 1773 and 1786. Court sessions will be held on Saturday at 11:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M. and Sunday at 2:00 P.M. The event is free for WCHS members, \$5.00 for adults, and \$4.00 for children and seniors. Hanna's Town is located at 809 Forbes Trail Road, Greensburg, PA 15601. For more information, please visit <http://www.westmorelandhistory.org>.

27 – 28 June 2015 HARTWOOD ACRES CIVIL WAR REENACTMENT

Celebrate the 150th anniversary of the end of the Civil War with a Civil War Reenactment at Hartwood Acres, Pittsburgh, PA. The 2015 Civil War Reenactment titled "The Passing of Armies" will be hosted by Soldiers and Sailors Memorial

Hall and Museum and Allegheny County (PA) Parks. According to the event summary on the website for Soldiers and Sailors, "Authentic Civil War soldiers and civilians will reenact life in 1865. Soldiers will perform military demonstrations and conduct a battle reenactment . . . historical artifacts will be on display." There will also be speakers and a Saturday evening concert by Wildcat Regiment. Detailed information can be found at <http://www.soldiersandsailorshall.org/events>.

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 2014 speaker Reverend David McDonald), land records, and DNA. Space is still available in some classes. There are free lectures in the evening that do not require registering for a class. Descriptions of classes and more information are available at <http://www.gripitt.org>.

Monday, 6 July 2015 6:00 P.M.
BUTLER AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Butler Library will host "Military Research and Your Family Tree." The program will be held in the Basement Meeting Room. The library's address is 218 N. McKean Street, Butler 16001. To register, call 724-287-1715, ext. 116 or e-mail baplgenealogy@bcfls.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. Space is still available in some classes. There are free lectures in the evening that do not require registering for a class. Descriptions of classes and more information are available at <http://www.gripitt.org>.

Saturday, 15 August 2015 8:30 A.M.
OHIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
CHAPTER MANAGEMENT
SEMINAR

OGS is holding its annual chapter management seminar in Zanesville, Ohio, this year. In addition to lectures on chapter management, it will feature a track on general genealogical research. The event is free to OGS members and OGS chapter members. The fee for non-members is \$25.00. It will be held at 220 North 5th Street, Zanesville, 45036. For more information, please visit <http://www.ogs.org>. For a complete list of OGS chapter events, see <http://www.ogs.org/events>.

20–23 August 2015
LITTLE ITALY DAYS

Bloomfield's Little Italy Days will feature live music, food, a bocce tournament, sidewalk sales and more. Celebrate Italian heritage, which has been a part of Bloomfield since the early 1900s. The event is free. More information is available at <http://littleitalydays.com>.

Saturday, 22 August 2015 9:30 A.M.
AKRON-SUMMIT COUNTY PUBLIC
LIBRARY

The Akron-Summit County Public Library and the Summit County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society are co-sponsoring an all-day seminar. The theme is *Discovering Your German Ancestors*. Jim Beidler will present five lectures on the theme. For more information, please visit <http://sc.akronlibrary.org>.

11–13 September 2015
PITTSBURGH IRISH FESTIVAL

The 25th Annual Pittsburgh Irish Festival will be held at the Riverplex, 1000 Sandcastle Drive, West Homestead, PA 15120. Details are online at <http://pghirishfest.org> with more information to be added as plans are finalized. The Pittsburgh Irish Festival features all things Irish in a family-friendly environment. Don't miss the Genealogy Pavilion as well as authentic Irish food, music, dance, and more!

**11–13 September 2015
STRIP DISTRICT WORLD
FESTIVAL**

Celebrate all of Pittsburgh's ethnic heritages at the Strip District World Festival. Join in the fun with live music, activities for kids, food booths, and more. Details are available at <http://stripdistrictworldfestival.com>.

**17–19 September 2015
NEW YORK STATE FAMILY
HISTORY CONFERENCE**

The New York Genealogical & Biographical Society and the Central New York Genealogical Society are co-sponsoring a conference at the Holiday Inn and Conference Center Syracuse/Liverpool in Liverpool, New York. There will be tracks on society management, New York research, and genetic genealogy. For more information, please visit <http://www.nysfhc.org>.

**Saturday, 19 September 2015
BUCKS COUNTY ANCESTRY FAIR**

The Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania and the Bucks County Genealogical Society will host their annual fair at the Bucks County Community College. Watch <http://genpa.org> for more details.

**Saturday, 3 October 2015 9:30 A.M.
OHIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
FALL SEMINAR**

Thomas MacEntee will be the featured speaker at OGS's annual fall seminar. His lectures will include “7 Habits of Highly Frugal Genealogists,” “After You've Gone—Future Proofing Your Genealogy Research,” and more. The event will be held at the Quality Inn & Suites Conference Center, 1000 Comfort Plaza Drive, Bellville, Ohio, 44813. The cost is \$40.00 for OGS members and \$45.00 for non-members. More information and a registration form are available at <http://www.ogs.org>.

NHG MEMBERSHIP FORM

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS FROM NHG

Mark Your Calendars!

Tuesday, 30 June 2015 **Special NHG-Sponsored Lecture at GRIP** **How Old Did He Have to Be?**

Judy Russell, CG, CGL

Is this man John the father or John the son? Could that man be my ancestor who married in 1802? Knowing a person's age is often the key to distinguishing between two people of the same name. But if no record gives a birth date, how do you know how old someone was? The law can often give the answer.

Tuesday, 21 July 2015 **How the Castle Garden Records Burned in** **the Ellis Island Fire**

Marian L. Smith

Smith, an expert from the USCIS, will discuss exactly what records burned in the 1897 fire that consumed Ellis Island. Were "some," "many," "most," or "all" records destroyed? Were passenger lists destroyed or "only administrative" records? Did we really lose anything in that fire? Note that this meeting will be held at La Roche College during GRIP. See the NHG website for more info.

THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM – Tuesday, 16 June 2015 **Caring for Your Archives**

Sierra Green

Green, an archivist at the Heinz History Center, will give a presentation about caring for and organizing your family archives. In particular, she will offer guidance and tips from the archival profession about how to preserve the stories that give meaning to the items in your family collection.