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WHO WE ARE—NHG

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

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

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

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

This month I would like to reflect on the state of our society. We have almost 200 members, most of whom reside in Western Pennsylvania (the majority living on the proper side of Pittsburgh's rivers). Almost one-third of those members, as well as non-members, attend our monthly meetings at Northland Public Library. The Board of Directors surveyed our members at the beginning of the year and is working to create programs and other opportunities for learning based on the survey results, such as establishing special interest groups to study specific areas of interest to our members and creating additional learning opportunities. I hope that our programs going forward will continue to be interesting to our members.

I have always believed that Pittsburgh was an ideal place to conduct genealogy research. Not only does Western Pennsylvania have a unique history (see the newly published book by Daniel P. Barr titled, *A Colony Sprung from Hell: Pittsburgh and the Struggle for Authority on the Western Pennsylvania Frontier, 1744–1794*), but our region is also within a day's drive of almost every major genealogical repository of early American history, from Boston to Chicago to Richmond to Washington, D.C. and places in between. Anyone whose ancestors arrived in North America before 1820 probably spent time in Pennsylvania or nearby states. Immigrants arriving later than that probably came through New York, Philadelphia, or Baltimore to this area or points west. When collaborating with relatives on family history, I'm usually the one who does the field work because of my location. And, yes, in spite of the ever-increasing number of online documents, field work is still required.

This month's NHG meeting allows members of our society to ask questions and provide answers in a roundtable discussion moderated by one or more of our NHG Board members (last year we split into two groups). It is an opportunity to share information, collaborate and possibly find previously unknown cousins. I hope you can come.

Our seventh annual NHG conference took place on October 25th with four sessions presented by

the Rev. Dr. David McDonald, CG, plus an additional workshop the evening before. The venue was great, the luncheon buffet was wonderful (albeit slow), the desserts provided by NHG members were delightful, and Dave offered four excellent lectures to help us pursue our ancestors. Our initial feedback from attendees was that Dave was informative while maintaining an easy rapport with the audience (including one self-described Irish heathen). I thank the Conference Committee for all of their hard work to make this conference possible.

Next year will be the 25th anniversary of the founding of the North Hills Genealogists. We will have a different venue and perhaps more than one speaker for our October 2015 conference. We are already looking for volunteers to help put that conference together. See Amy Arner if you are interested in helping.

This is the last newsletter for 2014, so I want to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a happy holiday season and happy ancestor hunting in the new year.

~ Dave

SIGS TO MEET

Last month we began to organize the Special Interest Groups for Germany, British Isles, and Pennsylvania. The Germany and Pennsylvania SIGs have decided to meet again on Dec 16th at 7:00 P.M. in the main meeting room at Northland Library. We will pull the dividers so each group can have separate space. The British Isle SIG will meet the first Wednesday of the month at St. Catherine of Sweden on Wildwood Road.

Even if you haven't previously signed up for one of these groups, you are always welcome to join in at any time. If you signed up for multiple groups, feel free to participate in all the groups of your interest.

The organizers for these groups are: Germany – Linda Loewer (loewer@verizon.net), British Isles – Cindy Rylands (cinryl2@gmail.com), and Pennsylvania – Colleen Rumble (crumble@zoominternet.net).

NHG PLANS HOLIDAY SOCIAL

NHG will hold our annual Holiday Social on Saturday, 6 December at 10:00 A.M. We'll tour Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Museum and then have lunch. The cost for the tour will be \$5.00 per person. Soldiers and Sailors is located in the Oakland section of Pittsburgh at 4141 Fifth Avenue. Parking is available in the garage under the Soldiers and Sailors front lawn for \$5.00. If you would like to join us, we ask that you please let us know so we can give the museum and restaurant a head count. To sign up, please e-mail info@NorthHillsGenealogists.org or call Mary Dzurichko at 412-334-9778.

PITT'S NATIONALITY ROOMS OPEN FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Nationality Rooms Open House 2014 will occur on December 7th from 12:00 to 4:00. Musical and dance performances occur every fifteen minutes. Food and beverage purchases benefit the scholarships. Admission is free. For more information, please visit their site at <http://www.nationalityrooms.pitt.edu>.

After the NHG Holiday Social, consider stopping by the Nationality Rooms to learn about your family's culture. Tour each nationality room, decorated in a traditional manner to reflect each country's cultural heritage.

FAMILY HISTORY 4 BEGINNERS LAUNCHED

On 8 November in *Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter* (EOGN), Dick Eastman announced a new online discussion and sharing board initiated by genealogist Peter Smith. *Family History 4 Beginners* is a free discussion board and is set up in categories to focus the online discourse. Locate the home page of *Family History 4 Beginners* on the web at <http://familyhis4beginners.boards.net>.

Some unique aspects of *Family History 4 Beginners* include free service, expert panelists to guide discussion, and an emphasis on providing genealogical insight for beginners. Any level of genealogist can glean information from the discussion board! Current categories for discussion and posting of queries are: United

States, United Kingdom, World War I, World War II, General Armed Forces, Genealogy Websites, Use of Facebook, and General Discussion, where any topic related to genealogy can be introduced.

Since this is a new site with about 40 registered members, checking out *Family History 4 Beginners* now is an opportunity for you to contribute to this genealogical resource. If you prefer not to register as a member of this discussion board, then you can still benefit from reading the topic threads and learning from others. Hyperlinks to websites, webinars, blogs, and other online sources are included within posts.

To learn more about the purposes of *Family History 4 Beginners*, you can read a blog post on EOGN at <http://blog.eogn.com/2014/11/08/new-family-history-4-beginners-discussion-board/>.

ANCESTRY UPLOADS MORE PENNSYLVANIA DEATH CERTIFICATES

On 23 October, Ancestry.com uploaded the next batch of Pennsylvania death certificates for use by researchers. The database now covers death certificates from 1906 through 1963. The records are fully searchable by name of the deceased, names of the parents, birth date, death date, place of birth, and place of death. Pennsylvania residents who do not have an Ancestry.com subscription can access the records by following the directions on the Pennsylvania State Archives website: <http://phmc.info/ancestrypa>

FAMILYSEARCH INTRODUCES MYHERITAGE'S INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE AT FAMILY HISTORY CENTERS AND LIBRARIES

Press Release

4 November 2014

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah & TEL AVIV, Israel—FamilySearch and MyHeritage announced today that the MyHeritage Library Edition™ is now available for free at every FamilySearch Family History Center and Family History Library in

the world. MyHeritage's new institutional service is a powerful online service that provides libraries and educational facilities with instant access to centuries of history in billions of global historical documents.

FamilySearch operates more than 4,700 Family History Centers in 134 countries. The centers are dedicated family history spaces, open to anyone with an interest in genealogical research. Visitors enjoy free access to historical records and personal assistance from staff to help them in their search for information.

The MyHeritage Library Edition™, launched last month and distributed exclusively by EBSCO Information Systems, provides access to billions of historical documents, millions of historical photos and other resources in thousands of databases that span the past 5 centuries. Available in 40 languages, the MyHeritage Library Edition™ is the industry's most multilingual family history archive and search engine, breaking down geographical and language barriers in research.

“We're delighted to allow our patrons to benefit from the large amount of family history information that MyHeritage offers” said Dennis Brimhall, FamilySearch CEO. “MyHeritage's ability to constantly deliver great technology for genealogy enables us to better serve the visitors to our centers, and helps the family history community as a whole.”

“MyHeritage and FamilySearch share a vision to make family history more accessible to everyone”, said MyHeritage's Founder & CEO Gilad Japhet. “We're delighted to make the MyHeritage Library Edition™ available to the patrons of FamilySearch's institutions all over the world.”

FIND YOUR FAMILY'S WORLD WAR I VETERANS IN NEW, FREE MILITARY COLLECTIONS ONLINE

Press Release

10 November 2014

SALT LAKE CITY—Veterans' Day is a time to recognize the veterans in our lives—to honor their service for our country and show them that we appreciate their sacrifices made in our behalf. “The Great War,” World War I, began 100 years

ago and later ended on November 11, 1918. In commemoration of Veteran's Day, FamilySearch.org has announced the addition of three free World War I collections containing information on the millions of American and British citizens who served and registered for military service between 1914 and 1920. These vital genealogical resources were made available in collaboration with the National Archives and Records Administration in Washington DC, The National Archives in Kew, Surrey, England, and findmypast.com.

These resources include the free United States World War I Draft Registration Cards 1917-1918. This collection "acts like a national census," notes FamilySearch collection manager Ken Nelson, "because it includes over 24 million records representing almost half of the male population of the United States at the time." Out of those who registered, approximately 4.8 million served and 2.8 million were drafted.

"Included in the draft registration cards," said Nelson, "we can find such notables as Babe Ruth, entertainer/musician George M. Cohan, immigrant Metropolitan tenor Enrico Caruso, and silent film star Charlie Chaplin, a British enrollee, answering the call to arms alongside our own ancestors."

FamilySearch has also made two additional significant WWI collections available online for free with the help of The National Archives in Surrey, England, and findmypast.com. These resources include the United Kingdom WWI Service Records 1914-1920 collection and the United Kingdom WWI Women's Army Auxiliary Corps Records 1917-1920 collection. These two collections combined add more than 43,000,000 images to FamilySearch's growing military databases while allowing users a unique glimpse into their connection to The War to End All Wars.

ERIE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY (continued from page 31)

adjacent carriage house on West Sixth Street. The sandstone building was cleaned in the spring to reveal a gorgeous stone; ongoing renovations include masonry restoration, roof replacement, and mechanical system upgrades

to the existing museum and society building as well as to the Watson-Curtze Mansion and its carriage house.

The goal of the ECHS project is to create a "campus" or area of historic buildings, which will house permanent and rotating displays and museum pieces. All of the holdings of the ECHS will be displayed in one consolidated location in Erie for the first time. The ECHS project is on target to be completed by March 2015.

During the renovation and expansion project, the ECHS building is closed, and they have deactivated their website for now. However, ECHS is maintaining its online presence on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/eriehistory>.

As the Erie County Historical Society's massive project continues, remember the facilities are now closed until all phases of the project are completed. Watch for news of a grand re-opening in the spring of 2015! ECHS is committed to preserving the heritage of Erie, Pennsylvania for future generations.

WHERE GENEALOGISTS MEET

**Sunday, 23 November 2014 10:30 A.M.
HEINZ HISTORY CENTER**

The Rauh Jewish Archives at the Heinz History Center, the Rodef Shalom Congregation, and the University of Pittsburgh Jewish Studies are co-sponsoring an open house. The event will feature several presentations as well as a book signing by Julian Preisler. Admission to the event is free, but pre-registration is requested. Call 412-454-6406 or e-mail rjarchives@heinzhistorycenter.org to do so.

**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> 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. Watch <http://www.ogs.org> for more information.

**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 will open December 1st. The early bird registration deadline is 30 March. For more information, please visit <http://www.ngsgenealogy.org>.

SAVE THE DATE

The Federation of Genealogical Societies and the Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society announced that Pittsburgh will host the 2017 FGS conference. The dates will be 30 August

through 2 September 2017. Mark your calendars! This is a great opportunity for local genealogists to attend a national conference. Details of the event will announced later.

BREATHING LIFE INTO ANCESTORS

By Ted Pack (tedpack@thevision.net)

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These pages are a series of questions. The answers will make a short biography. You can use them to interview your older relatives or to write your autobiography.

Introduction

When I was younger I could never think of enough to say. I can remember sitting in the 4th grade classroom after a long summer, sweating over the annual essay assignment, “What did you do over the summer vacation?” Miss Perry, who tried valiantly to develop my prose style and handwriting, would not accept the simple answer, “Played.” Now that I'm a geezer, my problem is just the reverse; I ramble on for pages at the slightest excuse, while my children yawn elaborately.

I was surprised to find that some adults still have problems thinking of enough to say. In the course of gathering genealogical information I've asked my older relatives to write a short memoir. Some of them asked for a guide - “Oh, what sort of things do you want to know about?”

The short answer comes from putting yourself in someone else's shoes. What would you have liked your great-great-grand parents to have written about themselves for you? I sometimes stop, when I'm tracing some ancestor who was married at the age of 16 in 1809, six ridges to the west of civilization, and wonder—what their life was like? Did they dance at the wedding? Did friends and neighbors gather in the hard-packed dirt between the house and the barn to make merry with a couple of jugs and a fiddle? Or was it a solemn religious service, as quiet and subdued as a Quaker meeting? What was it like to start keeping house at 16 in a log cabin with a dirt floor? What was it like for the groom to be 16 or 17 and expected to provide for his wife, with plow, ax and musket?

What follows is a long answer. These are some things I would like to know about my ancestors. They are just a guide; no one will want to answer all of them. For almost any category (occupation, schooling, religion, courtship, military service) or any age (child, teenager, young adult, young married, middle aged) you could ask yourself first, what was an ordinary day like? That might seem boring now, but might not be to your great-grandchildren. My grandmother didn't think hitching up a horse and buggy to go into town for supplies or helping her mother cook for the threshing crews was all that interesting. When I tell my children the stories she told me, they are hearing about what life was like 100 years ago.

After the ordinary part, and again for each period and category, what was the most exciting thing that happened, the proudest moment, the funniest event, the saddest moment? Don't forget those anecdotes that were horribly embarrassing at the time, but funny when you look back on them. The sections below have more specific questions.

Childhood and School Days

Where and when were you born? In a hospital? At home? In a taxi cab? (I remember my parents telling me that my twin and I were a week overdue, so Dad took mom for a car ride on a bumpy road.)

Where and when did you go to school (elementary, high school, college, trade school, graduate school)? What were your favorite subjects? Why?

What were your favorite hobbies, sports, amusements, youth groups (Scouts, 4-H, etc.) as a child, teenager, and young adult?

What would a typical school day, Saturday, and Sunday have been like as a child, teenager, and young adult? Chores, for instance, have changed a lot since children had to fetch water, chop kindling, and hold a leg while Dad butchered the elk. I know a man whose teenager has to delete all the temporary files from the family's computers once a week, since his younger children "draw" a lot but aren't trusted with the file manager.

If you had an after school or summer job, what

did you do? What did you like about it? Dislike about it? What was the funniest thing that happened on the job? How much did you earn? What would that buy in terms of candy bars, movie tickets, toys, or other things you were likely to buy at that age?

Where did you live as a child, teenager, and young adult? What was the house like? What was the town like? What do you remember liking and disliking about it? As an adult, why did you pick the places you picked to live (specific apartments, neighborhoods, cities, regions)?

What was the most exciting thing that happened to you as a child, teenager, and young adult? Or, what were the three most, five most, or seven most exciting things?

Romance, Work, Play and History

How did you and your spouse meet? What attracted you to each other? Do you have a favorite incident from your courtship that was either funny in the ordinary way or embarrassing then and funny now? (My cousin told me that when his parents, Bill and Dorothy, were courting, they often played tennis. Dorothy would make tuna sandwiches. After they were married Bill told Dorothy he hated tuna fish sandwiches; he just ate them to please her.)

What was your wedding like? Where and when was it held? Was this typical for the time? (Not everyone gets married while skydiving.) Did you dance? What did people wear? (Those of you who changed out of a rented tuxedo into a powder blue polyester leisure suit for the reception will want to skip this one.)

Military service - When and where did you serve? Why did you choose it, if you had a choice? What was the most exciting thing that happened to you in the service? Funniest? Most frightening? This particular section can get intense if you are interviewing a Vietnam vet. Try to be sensitive. If your subject is willing, ask about his reactions to the furor at home while he was fighting. There will probably not be many funny anecdotes here, no matter what war they fought in.

Occupation - What did you do? Why did you choose it as a career? What did you especially like and dislike about the job(s)? What are some of

the things you are proudest of? How much did you make to start with at your first full-time job? How much was that in terms of a "starter" home, or a good second-hand car? (Inflation being what it is, most of us started working at wages that seem ridiculously low now. Asking how much a car, house, or whatever cost back then balances it out. I only earned \$2,000 a year at a variety of part time and summer jobs while I was in college, but it was enough to cover room, board, tuition, books, and living expenses.)

What did you do outside of your job as an adult? Why do you do it? What did you like or dislike about it? Funny, proud, sad events? Not just volunteer work, but hobbies, recreation, travel, and so on. Do you bird watch, water ski, play the banjo, teach Sunday school, volunteer at the library, fly fish, collect stamps, refinish antiques, rebuild hot rods?

What historical events have you witnessed in person? On radio or television? How did you and your friends and neighbors react to them?

Religion, Children, History again

Religion - Why did you choose your particular denomination, if you did? What do you like about it? Dislike? What was the funniest thing that ever happened to you in church? What was the most awe-inspiring thing? What was your proudest moment? What was your saddest moment? What was the top church event in that elusive class, "Things that were horribly embarrassing then but funny now that a few years have passed"?

Children - Where and when were they born? How did you pick their names? What were they like as infants and toddlers? Most of the questions above are as open and optional as I could phrase them, but parents doing this have to come up with at least two anecdotes about each child for the grandchildren to chuckle over.

Larger events, personal perspective - what do you notice is the biggest (three biggest, five biggest) change in the world today from the world you knew as a child? What one, three, or five things can you remember being invented in your life which people today take for granted? (The first time ever I saw a television set the horizontal hold was off; it was showing a boxing match. The top half of the screen showed the boxer's legs, the bottom half their heads, arms

and chests. I thought there was a special double-decked boxing arena, and the TV was showing two matches at once.)

Even if you didn't participate in a large event, you may have watched. When I was born, somewhat before 1950, women kept house, men worked, and schools were segregated.

Eating - Holidays and Hard Times

Food makes memories and binds families together. How did you celebrate Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas? What did you eat, and how did you cook it? (Some people in Texas deep-fry their turkeys for Thanksgiving. I barbecue mine, with mesquite chips.) How did you decorate the house? Did you do anything special for breakfast, lunch, or dinner on your birthday? If you are writing an autobiography and you are an American between 25 and 50, there is a good chance Super Bowl Sunday is one of your major holidays. Don't forget to describe it.

Did your family celebrate any holidays that were special to your religious or ethnic heritage? If, for instance, you are Jewish, Muslim, or Sikh, how did you feel when Christmas rolled around? How did your parents help you cope?

This would be a good place to ask about heirloom recipes, too. What was your favorite meal, apart from the holidays?

Not everyone had steak every Saturday night when they were growing up. I don't think anything brought the reality of the Great Depression home to me more than my mother's description of eating corn meal mush for dinner. When I was substitute teaching for \$75 a week, I used to eat boiled wheat instead of rice. The wheat was seven cents a pound down at the feed store, right next to the layer mash. Rice was 29 cents a pound. Describe your hard times; maybe your kids will appreciate what they have. (Maybe they will pick up their room without being told, too.)

The Unknown Side

The next question is one I ask at dinner parties a lot. "What have you done that no one would guess you'd done, to look at you"? People are surprising.

One evening while my daughter was a Girl Scout, we adults were sitting around the fire after the girls had gone to their tents. Talk turned to wool sweaters scented with wood smoke and other memorable odors. A small, quiet fellow who everyone in the troop called "Grandpa" told us he'd never forget the smell of a Japanese pillbox wiped out by a flame thrower. When World War II broke out he'd lied about his age and gone to Guadalcanal as a Sea Bee. Our children took ballet lessons with the children of a thin, scholarly piano teacher. I never thought of him as an athlete until he swam the length of our pool, twice, underwater. He told us his lungs had always been good; when he was a boy he climbed Mt. Whitney, the tallest peak in the continental United States, in a single day.

An accountant used to work down the hall from me. She had glasses, brown hair and an air of meticulous attention to detail. Her office had a wall of spectacular underwater photos. I asked her once if she had bought reprints from the National Geographic. She said, no, she and her husband lived rather frugally so that they could spend two weeks a year SCUBA diving. They had been all over the Caribbean and the South Pacific. She'd taken about half, he the others.

During my brief stint as an eighth-grade math teacher, the ace reporter from the school paper interviewed all of us first-year teachers. I wanted to tell him about being tear gassed by riot police or tattooed by headhunters. He asked, "What's your favorite food?" Years of asking that question have convinced me that everyone has done something exciting, interesting, or amazing at least once in their life. Your deed doesn't have to be a huge, death-defying stunt; just something to make your grandchildren say, "Wow—I never knew that!"

There are a lot of subjects that don't fit any of the above very well. Many of them are what I call the "est" questions. What is the best meal you've ever eaten? Worst? (What are the ten best, for that matter, and three worst?) What was the best vacation you've ever taken? Worst? What was the nicest act of human kindness you've performed or benefited from? What was the most beautiful sunset (sunrise, waterfall, rolling hillside covered with wildflowers) you've

ever seen? Fanciest party you've ever been to? Most fun you've had in a single day?

WEBINARS—A GREAT ALTERNATIVE FOR WINTER RESEARCH

By Sue Ennis, NHG Newsletter Co-Editor

Online webinars are a great alternative for continuing genealogical education over the winter months, when travel is not always convenient. Many webinars are offered free of charge. Be aware that most webinars require registration by providing a name and e-mail address. Doing so will result in a reminder e-mail prior to the webinar, and afterward, you may receive a link to the archived version of the webinar recording.

Participating in a live webinar gives added benefits. Questions can be submitted in real time with all attendees learning the answers. Networking with other genealogists can provide research connections and idea exchange. Take notes or download the slides for later reference during a webinar!

A fantastic resource for discovering genealogical webinars is just a click away at *GeneaWebinars*. They have a hyperlinked calendar of events. at <http://blog.geneawebinars.com/p/calendar.html>. Each title in the list of offerings will open a summary of the topic and list the speaker, date, time, and instructions for registering.

Three highly recommended, upcoming events currently listed on GeneaWebinars are:

- Wednesday, 19 November - "The WWI Draft Card: Don't Do Research Without It" by Tim Pinnick (who has presented programs to NHG)
- Tuesday, 9 December - "*HeritageQuest Online* – The Ins and Outs" by C. Ann Staley
- Thursday, 18 December - "That First Trip to the Courthouse" by Judy G. Russell (who will be 2015 NHG Fall Conference speaker)

On-going learning is important for understanding current best practices in genealogy, and free webinars are a convenient way to learn from the experts!



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UPCOMING PROGRAMS FROM NHG

Mark Your Calendars!

Saturday, 6 December 2014 **Holiday Social**

NHG Members

Come and tour the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Museum in the Oakland section of Pittsburgh. Originally it was a memorial to those who served during the Civil War, but the scope was changed to include all wars. The tour starts at 10:00 a.m. After the tour we will have lunch at a nearby restaurant, Dutch treat.

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 25 minutes long. There will be time for questions on the content.

THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM – Tuesday, 18 November 2014 **Annual Roundtable Discussion**

NHG Members

If you missed last year's, you missed a great exchange of information and ideas! Join the group as we ask questions of each other and share information on anything in genealogy. Remember, no question is too basic or obscure. We are here to help each other!