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NHG FALL CONFERENCE EARLY-BIRD REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS APPROACHING

The early-bird registration deadline for this year's Fall Conference is quickly approaching—it's September 15th. By registering on or before this date, you can save \$10.00. Join us for two days of fun and learning!

In honor of NHG's twenty-fifth anniversary, we're trying something new this year. The conference will span two days and feature two speakers. On Friday, October 30th, there will be two in-depth workshops, one on resolving conflicting evidence and one on writing your family history.

Not sure what conflicting evidence is? That's okay! That's part of what we'll learn. Here's an example: you find two possible sets of parents for an ancestor, such as John and Mary or Thomas and Sarah. Which, if either, set of parents is correct? Judy Russell will teach us how to handle situations like this where we find conflicting evidence.

We all have put a lot of time, effort, and money into researching our families. What do we do to share the results of our labor? One option is to write a family history. Michael Leclerc will teach about converting our research into something we can share with our families.

On Saturday, October 31st, there will be two tracks of lectures in the morning and a single track in the afternoon. Michael Leclerc will teach Genealogy 101: What Do I Do Next? These two sessions will focus on reading old handwriting and a case study on how to put information found in online resources to use in telling your family's stories.

In Genealogy 201: Methodology, Judy Russell

will discuss two research topics. The first is using tax records in genealogical research. She will discuss details about this valuable record set. The second is researching women using the law. Many times women, especially before 1900, are not mentioned in records because they were not allowed to engage in the same activities as men—including voting, serving on juries, and sometimes owning land.

Saturday afternoon will feature Judy Russell giving two lectures, one about using probate records and the other about using circumstantial evidence in our research. The final wrap-up session will be a question-and-answer period with our speakers.

The conference will be held at the beautiful Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church on Babcock Boulevard in the North Hills. This facility is handicapped-accessible and has WiFi for us to use. As always, on Saturday we will serve breakfast and lunch. We will also have a variety of door prizes. Another new feature of the conference is that we plan to have vendors, for which the details are still being finalized.

You can pick up a registration form at the August and September meetings. You can also register at our website, www.NorthHillsGenealogists.org. Please join us for this special event.

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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.

In the past year, we have formed Special Interest Groups so members can collaborate informally to learn about various topics and ethnicities.

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.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

What a wonderful day we had for the Summer Social at the Depreciation Lands Museum. Fifty-four members attended. From the comments I heard from a number of them, everyone had a memorable and entertaining afternoon enjoying the cake and ice cream while learning about our local history. Thanks again to all of our board members who pitched in to cut cake, scoop ice cream, and be there for my moral support.

I also want to thank Dave Egelston for doing an excellent job as president for the past two years. As the expression goes “he’s going to be a tough act to follow.” Also, many thanks to Colleen Rumble who stepped in as vice president when Shelli Nye and her family relocated. She was able to effectively take over for Dave when he couldn’t be at the meetings. I’m looking forward to the future as your president, and as part of my duties, I hope to be able to impart helpful hints and information to you in this column.

For now, I thought I’d tell you a little bit about myself and my own search through the past. I have been researching my ancestors for eight or ten years, more extensively for the last five. I, like so many others, didn’t pay attention when stories were being told around the table, and now as a member of the oldest generation, I realized that my children, nieces and nephews and their children knew nothing about the people who came before them. That gave me the incentive to start my research, and my hope is to be able to put all of my findings into a journal for them.

As a subscriber to Ancestry, one of my biggest gripes is the fact that so many family trees contain information that is not backed up with sources or documentation. Since I have always enjoyed traveling, that pet peeve gives me an excellent excuse to visit another county or state to look for original documents. I use what I gather from other family trees as hints and follow them up online first and then go to a specific location to search court records, libraries, archives, etc. To date, I’ve been to North Carolina, Missouri, Maryland, Virginia, Indiana, Ohio, and Tennessee. At every location, I’ve had the opportunity to see many of the things my ancestors would have seen, walked the same streets and spent time in some of the buildings

they frequented. I've even seen the land that they owned. All of those things have helped me to feel even closer to them. I wish I could spend an afternoon with everyone to pick their brains and ask them questions about their lives and ambitions.

A few of my ancestors were active members in their communities and maintained large plantations and farms in the early colonies. Many participated in local wars and governments while the majority spent most of their lives just getting by as farmers, millers, or general laborers. I have found that each and every family eventually moved further and further into the wilderness and were some of the first settlers in newly formed states.

My research has also allowed me the opportunity to discover some very interesting information about our country's early history that I hope to be able to pass on to you over the next months. I'm looking forward to a great relationship with everyone in NHG.

~ Sharon

NHG SIG NEWS

The British Isles, German, and Pennsylvania SIGs will not meet during August.

Cindy Rylands, leader of the **British Isle's SIG**, will gather the members at St. Catherine's of Sweden on Wildwood Road on September 6th at 11:00 A.M.

The **Pennsylvania SIG** will reconvene under the leadership of Diane McVicker on September 23rd on the 2nd floor of the Shaler Public Library located on Mt. Royal Boulevard. Attendees are asked to contribute a \$5.00 fee toward the rental of the room.

Bobby Egelston and Linda Loewer are co-leaders of the **German SIG**. If you are interested, join them at a free, all-day seminar on August 22nd at the Akron Summit County Public Library in Akron, Ohio. Genealogist James Beidler will present *Discovering Your German Ancestors*. See the *Where Genealogists Meet* section of this newsletter for seminar details.

Do you have eastern European roots? Join Karen Melis and the **Eastern European SIG** on Monday, August 17th from 6:30 to 8:30 P.M. in the Board Room of the Northland Public Library. Members are asked to contribute \$5.00 to help with the room rental.

There has been a lot of encouragement lately about writing your family story. Do you find that you are stumped as to how to get started? Or maybe you did begin, but are now having a writer's block? Well the **Writing Special Interest Group** is for you. We are looking for a few more members to join and to begin supporting one another with their project of writing that family history. Let us know that you are interested by contacting us via e-mail at Info@NorthHillsGenealogists.org or by signing up at the August meeting.

Please refer to the Special Interest Groups section of our website www.NorthHillsGenealogists.org for contact information.

NHG NEWS

Election Results

Thanks to all who voted in this year's election—the results are in. Our officers will be President Sharon Cimoch, Vice President Rich Venezia, Treasurer Reed Powell, and Secretary Kim Paulson. Congratulations to all!

Membership

If you haven't already, please renew your NHG membership. Dues are still \$15.00 per year for two people in one household. You can fill out a membership form and give it to Membership Chair Ken Berner at a meeting or mail it to us at PO Box 169, Wexford, PA 15090. The form was in the June newsletter or you can print one from our website, www.NorthHillsGenealogists.org. You can also renew online. If you're not sure if you've renewed, you can ask Ken at a meeting or send him an e-mail at Membership@NorthHillsGenealogists.org.

Library Lock-In

Save the date! NHG and the Northland Public Library are planning a lock-in for Friday, October 16th. Details are still being finalized and will be announced soon.

DISCOVERING FAMILY CONNECTIONS TO PITTSBURGH'S MAYORS

In March 2016 the 200th anniversary of the City of Pittsburgh's incorporation will be commemorated. As those plans develop, a search is ongoing to locate descendants of all 56 individuals who have served as a Pittsburgh Mayor. The goal is to have relatives from all 56 families in attendance for the 200th celebration next March.

There are still four former mayors from whom no descendants have been identified. Are you related to these former Pittsburgh Mayors? Do you know anyone who is related?

Mayors whose relatives the committee is still researching are:

- Mayor #15 – Gabriel Adams – Mayoral term: 1847–1849
- Mayor #20 – Ferdinand E. Volz – Mayoral term: 1854–1856
- Mayor #34 – William McCallin – Mayoral term: 1887–1890
- Mayor #38 – William J. Diehl – Mayoral term: 1899–1901

If you are related to any of these former mayors, please contact the committee with details about the mayor's descendants. If you are interested in researching the families of these mayors, volunteer help is greatly appreciated by the Pittsburgh Mayors committee for this short-term project. Updates about progress with this project are regularly added to the Facebook page *Pittsburgh Mayors*.

Finally, if you are related to ANY of the fifty-six individuals who served as the Mayor of Pittsburgh, then you should consider adding information to the genealogical data already compiled about any of the Pittsburgh Mayors by contributing to the project.

To learn more about the Pittsburgh Mayors Project or to contribute, access the public Facebook page by clicking <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Pittsburgh-Mayors/619171031552676>, or contact Gloria Forouzan by calling 412-255-2632 or e-mailing

her at gloria.forouzan@pittsburghpa.gov. The Pittsburgh Mayors Facebook page also contains many links to content of value to area genealogists.

OVERCOMING SURNAME VARIATIONS WHEN RESEARCHING

By Sue Ennis, NHG Newsletter Co-Editor

Most genealogists have overlooked ancestral discoveries due to surname spelling variations. Surname variations occur through indexing errors, spelling errors, poor penmanship, or any combination of those issues. Identifying and keeping track of the spelling variations of surnames in your family tree will yield better results during research sessions.

A common error that genealogists encounter is easily overcome. When one searches the U.S. Federal Census records, the first item to view is the typed, indexed version of the handwritten pages. Clicking on the image of the actual original document and using your own eyes to decipher the handwritten record is a better technique for genealogical research. Do not rely solely on the record view that was created by an indexer.

For a basic example, consider this scenario. After fifty or more searches and not finding my great-grandparents, **Joseph and Mary METCALF**, in the 1940 census, I decided to scroll page by page through the records for Nanticoke, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, because I was 100% certain they were there somewhere. What I found was **Joel and Mame MITCALFE!** Even though a Soundex version of my surname was a feature of the search tool, I still had not located the family.

In addition, when I looked at the cursive handwriting on the image of the original census record, it clearly looked like **Joe and Mary METCALF** to my own eye—probably because I knew what the actual names and spelling should be. NOTE: Without volunteer indexers, we would be so far behind in records to access, so the point here is a reminder to look at the actual document images yourself, not just the typed, indexed versions of the record.

There is also the “Ellis Island Myth” about surnames being changed or Anglicized upon

debarking. There is a great article about this process and recording of names through the New York Public Library's archives www.nypl.org/blog/2013/07/02/name-changes-ellis-island. The truth is that names were written and matched with the ship's passenger list, and immigrants had the chance to verify or correct the written surname and its spelling. I suspect the bigger problem with Ellis Island records is again poor penmanship.

Surnames from certain countries, especially in Eastern Europe, can cause frustration when searching for a family of ancestors. Here is a typical example from a member of NHG. Program Chair Mary **DZURICHKO** has a surname with both expected spelling variations and with spellings that were misread or caused by transcription errors. Mary's surname list for just her paternal line includes: **DZURICHKO**, **DZURICKO**, **DZURICKO**, **DZURICKO**, **DURICKO**, and **DRICKO**. Therefore, every time that Mary searches for a Dzurichko ancestor, she uses these five surname variations within each record group or database collection. That means five separate searches for most well known databases, even if one uses a wild card symbol.

Mary **DZURICHKO** has also encountered the following set of surname variations during her years of genealogical research: **DZURICKO**, **DZURICKO**, **DZURICKO**, **DZURICKO**, **DZURICKO**, **DZURICKO**, and **DZURICKO**. These surname variations are just from one branch of her family tree!

Overcoming the problem of trying to remember all variations of your ancestral surnames is made easier with a bit of organization. Keep a list of surname variations for quick reference as you spend time searching for ancestral records. Being able to visually refer to the list will aid in remembering the surname options.

Create a spreadsheet with a column for each surname, and list alternate spellings below the most common surname spelling. Write all variations of one surname on an index card and keep surname cards close to your work area. Use an app to list reminders about surname variations on the device that is most likely to be in your possession during research sessions at remote locations. Remember to view the image

of the actual original record document with your own eyes in order to evaluate surname spelling for yourself.

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF GENEALOGICAL BLOGS

The number of genealogical blogs is overwhelming, and that number continues to grow. Not all blogs will be relevant to your research. One way to learn about blogs that may help you with your research is to network with other genealogists. Ask what blogs they follow. Chances are they know about a blog that is unfamiliar to you.

Another way to learn about blogs is to visit the website *GeneaBloggers*. They have a directory of blogs at www.geneabloggers.com/genealogy-blogs/2. You can browse or search the directory. As of this writing, the directory lists almost 3,200 blogs. Each entry in the directory has a link to the blog and one or more categories (labeled as Type). Categories include ethnic groups, locations, record types, and more. Some examples are Italian, African American, Ohio, United Kingdom, death records, cemeteries, education, and lots more.

NHG 2014 Fall Conference speaker Rev. David McDonald, CG, started a blog earlier this year. He writes in the same style as he lectures—approachable and entertaining while educating us. He discusses his start in researching his family history, his adventures while researching today, and the state of the field of genealogy in *Thinking Genealogically* (<http://onwresearch.thinkinggenealogically.com>). Check out his blog, especially if you enjoyed his lectures at last year's conference.

Both of the speakers at this year's conference have blogs. Judy Russell, CG, CGL, blogs as *The Legal Genealogist* (www.legalgenealogist.com). Her main focuses are using the law and DNA testing in genealogical research. She also discusses her own research efforts.

Michael Leclerc, CG, is one of the writers of the genealogical search engine Mocavo's blog at <https://blog.mocavo.com>. He talks about research tips, genealogical news, social history, and his own family and research.

Think about blogs as being like a magazine—you don't have to read each article (or in the case of a blog, each post). You can read the magazine or blog for as long as you enjoy and learn from the content. When those end, you end your subscription or stop visiting the blog. Perhaps you then look for a new magazine or blog that meets your needs.

We all need to learn about genealogical methods and new resources that have been digitized. Reading blogs can be a valuable way of fulfilling these needs. Plus, some blogs allow readers to comment on posts, which can increase your interactions with other genealogists.

ETHNIC CORNER: IRELAND

Irish genealogical research is evolving as more records are digitized and indexed. There are definitely challenges for accessing Irish records, but use sound methodology to begin by collecting all data from the United States records created by Irish ancestors first, prior to jumping into the records, websites, and databases from Ireland. The National Library of Ireland, found at www.nli.ie, is dedicated to providing free access to Irish records; just last month they added a web link to a site with free access to images of the Catholic parish registers.

Collecting and evaluating information about your Irish ancestors from the records they created in the United States is the best place to start. Then work back through the decades. Observe and note the year of entry into the United States, the birthplaces of all family members, and occupations from U.S. census records. Cross reference dates for the same individual in multiple census years, for example. Variations of given names and surnames are worth noting. Every clue of data collected yields information about the ancestor's life during and before entry into the United States.

Another important aspect of ethnic research includes the culture's history. Learning about the history of Ireland and its heritage, foods, crafts, and social traditions aids in expanding the story of each ancestor's life. Work to find the town and county from where your ancestors originated and then learn about that area of Ireland. Land records as well as probate records

and wills can add details to an ancestor's life and lead to other discoveries.

There is a comprehensive list of links for genealogical research societies throughout Ireland and Northern Ireland at this web link: www.irish-genealogy-toolkit.com/Irish-family-tree-research.html.

Some of the best online sites for researching and learning about Irish roots include:

- FamilySearch Wiki: Ireland Genealogy <https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Ireland>
- Irish Genealogy Toolkit www.irish-genealogy-toolkit.com
- National Library of Ireland www.nli.ie
- Irish Genealogy www.irishgenealogy.ie/en
- Irish Family History Foundation www.rootsireland.ie
- Irish Genealogy News www.irishgenealogynews.com
- Irish Genealogical Website International www.irishgenealogical.org
- The Irish Times Database www.irishtimes.com/ancestor
- Search for Your Irish Ancestors www.ancestryireland.com

Remember to check back often to see what is updated or new on each website. More importantly, discover how your Irish ancestors fit into the timeline of Irish history through your genealogical research.

FAMILYSEARCH.ORG ADDS COLLECTIONS

Thanks to the continuing efforts of enthusiastic volunteers, FamilySearch.org announces the titles of newly indexed and digitized collections every month. The latest collections include records from a few states as well as Italy and Mexico. To see the complete list, either read the FamilySearch blog <https://familysearch.org/blog/en/> or click the links in the press release on Eastman's blog, found at <http://blog.eogn.com/2015/08/11/new-familysearch-collections-week-of-august-5-2015>.

Highlights of the latest collections launched on

August 5th include Italian Civil Records dating back to the 1500s in some regions, Massachusetts Marriages 1841–1915, additions to the United States Federal Census 1810 records, and over 450,000 newly indexed records from U.S. Alien Case Files 1940–2003.

In July, a few other record groups were added to FamilySearch including Alabama County Marriages 1809–1950, Utah Obituaries 1850–2005, Missouri County Marriage, Naturalization and Court Records 1800–1991, and updated images for the 1820 U.S. Federal Census.

Also in July, twenty-two million more records were added, including collections about Delaware Vital Records 1680–1971, Illinois County Marriages 1810–1934, Kentucky Vital Records Index 1911–1999, Boston, Massachusetts Passenger Lists 1899–1940, North Carolina Probate Records 1735–1970, and Tennessee County Marriages 1790–1950.

Remember to re-do searches for elusive ancestors at least once a month within the FamilySearch database. With millions of indexed and digitized records being added monthly, there is always new genealogical content to explore!

FamilySearch recently updated the information about how to access the free, educational webinars from the Family History Library at <https://familysearch.org/blog/en/connecting-family-history-library-webinarseasy-follow-instructions>. Making time to listen to or participate in free genealogy webinars is a convenient way to grow as a genealogist.

POWER LIBRARY CONTINUES TO ADD HISTORIC RECORDS TO COLLECTION

The POWER Library database is available free for all residents of the Commonwealth through Access PA at Pennsylvania's public, academic, and school libraries. The POWER Library collection includes the *PA Photos and Documents* database with access to many images of interest to genealogists with Pennsylvania ancestors.

To utilize the *PA Photos and Documents* database, you must first visit your local public library's web page, then click on POWER Library, which is usually found under the Electronic Resources link. Access is free to all from home, but some library branches will ask for a library card number for full access. Users may download images that include a full source citation in the most common formats. Every month in 2015, at least one major collection has been added to *PA Photos and Documents*.

Two weeks ago, the *Cambria City Church* collection was added to POWER Library's holdings, including photos and documents from the five Catholic parishes in Johnstown, Pennsylvania. Items digitized include photos, church newsletters, bulletins, and church registers. According to the POWER Library press release, "The churches represented by this collection are Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin (German), Sts. Casimir and Emerich (Polish/Hungarian), St. Columbia (Irish), St. Rochus (Croatian), and St. Stephen (Slovak)."

Each of these churches had been in existence for one hundred years or longer, so of course the collection's records have regional and historical importance.

Once you navigate to the *PA Photos and Documents* page of POWER Library, just click on the content links or use the search bar to find specific collections or to search the entire collection. By scrolling to the bottom of the page, there is a link "Explore other digitized collections hosted by institutions in PA" that leads to digital collections in major public and university libraries around the state and features many institutions' yearbooks.

The collections available through Access PA's POWER Library are often overlooked resources and may not be available through other repositories. You do not have to use POWER Library within the library itself, but if you do, any reference librarian can assist you with searching or downloading. By adding images and documents within genealogical research, family projects and stories can align visually with historic events.

WHERE GENEALOGISTS MEET

20–23 August 2015 LITTLE ITALY DAYS

Bloomfield's Little Italy Days will feature live music, dance lessons, 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 and a schedule are available at www.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, who specializes in Pennsylvania and German research, will present five lectures on the theme. For more information, please visit <http://sc.akronlibrary.org>.

Wednesday, 26 August 2015 6:30 P.M. CRANBERRY GENEALOGY CLUB

Sue Ennis, NHG Newsletter Co-editor, will present “Tag Team Genealogy” at the next Cranberry meeting. She will discuss how to find and keep up with new resources and records for genealogists and why collaborating with others will boost your research productivity. The meeting, which is free and open to the public, will be held in the Franklin Station Meeting Room of the Cranberry Public Library, 2525 Rochester Road, Cranberry Township, PA 16066. For more information, please visit www.cranberrygenealogy.org.

Saturday, 5 September 2015 2:00 P.M. GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

The next meeting will feature a program on searching with Google. It will be held at Citizens Library, 55 South College Street, Washington,

PA 15301. The meeting is free and open to the public. For more information, please visit www.genealogicalsocietyswpa.com.

Tuesday, 8 September 2015 7:00 P.M. CORNERSTONE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The next CGS meeting will feature Mary Beth Pastorius. Her lecture will be “Northern Ireland's Ties to Greene County”. It is open to the public. The lecture will be held at the CGS facility in the First Greene County Courthouse Annex, 144 East Greene Street, Waynesburg, PA 15370. For more information, please visit www.cornerstonegenealogy.com.

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 www.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. The event will be held on Penn Avenue between 22nd and 27th Streets. Join in the fun with live music, activities for kids, food booths, and more. Details are available at www.stripdistrictworldfestival.com.

Saturday, 12 September 2015 10:00 A.M. WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The next WPGS meeting will feature Miles Richards, president of the Elizabeth Township Historical Society. He will present “Henry Miller Shreve and His Pennsylvania Roots”. The event, is free and open to the public, will be held at the Carnegie Library Lecture Hall in Oakland.

Parking in the Carnegie Library & Museum Parking Garage is \$6.00. For more information, please visit www.wpgs.org.

**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 about society management, New York research, and genetic genealogy. For more information, please visit www.nysfhc.org.

**Saturday, 19 September 2015 8:00 A.M.
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. It will feature three tracks, Beginners, Technology, and General. Watch www.genpa.org or www.ancestryfair.org for more details.

**Sunday, 20 September 2015 2:00 P.M.
BALTZER MEYER HISTORICAL
SOCIETY**

The next meeting will feature archaeologist Mary Jane Shaw. Her lecture will be “The Greensburg-Stoystown Turnpike”. The event will be held at the BMHS Center, 642 Baltzer Meyer Pike, Greensburg, PA 15601. Details can be found at www.baltzermeyer.pa-roots.com/Pages/index.html.

**Thursday, 1 October 2015 7:00 P.M.
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF
PENNSYLVANIA**

GSP will host a webinar by Diahn Southard entitled “Jump into Genetic Genealogy.” It is free for GSP members and \$10.00 for non-members. More information and a link to sign up are available at www.genpa.org.

**2–3 October 2015
POLISH GENEALOGICAL
CONFERENCE**

The Polish Genealogical Society of Connecticut and the Northeast is holding a two-day event at the Central Connecticut State University in New Britain. The event will feature lectures on Polish research and history. There will be an exhibit hall. A limited number of one-on-one consultation appointments are available. More information is available at www.pgscctne.org.

**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 www.ogs.org.

**Sunday, 4 October 2015 10:00 A.M.
ITALIAN HERITAGE DAY**

The Heinz History Center will hold an Italian Heritage Day in October. Planned learning activities for the whole family will cover bocce, traditional folk dancing, basic Italian vocabulary, and family history research. The event will also feature vendors and live entertainment. Children under age 17 get in free; the standard admission rates apply for everyone else. For more information, please visit www.heinzhistorycenter.org/events.

**Saturday, 24 October 2015 9:00 A.M.
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF
PENNSYLVANIA**

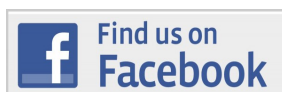
GSP is planning an Italian Genealogy Day. It will feature Mary Tedesco, who appeared on PBS's *Genealogy Roadshow*. More details will be announced soon, so watch www.genpa.org.



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UPCOMING PROGRAMS FROM NHG

Mark Your Calendars!

Tuesday, 15 September 2015 **Irish Presbyterians**

Peter Gilmore, PhD

Dr. Gilmore, an adjunct lecturer in the History Department at Carlow University, will give a presentation on the Irish Presbyterians and the origins of Presbyterianism in Western Pennsylvania, with North Hills-specific emphases and references.

Tuesday, 20 October 2015 **Beginning Genealogy Research**

Rebecca Kichta Miller, NHG Member

Miller will speak about how to begin your genealogy research, emphasizing good methodology to avoid making errors that can cause many headaches and heartaches later on. This is also a good refresher program for more experienced researchers.

THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM – Tuesday, 18 August 2015 **O'Hara Township History**

Tom Powers

Powers will give a presentation based on his book, *Portrait of an American Community: O'Hara Township, PA*, which covers the community's growth and development from a farming community to today's suburbia. Interesting items include Pittsburgh's first municipal airport; the Allegheny County Workhouse and the development of RIDC; US Senator James Ross and his summer mansion; and the battle between oil refiners and the Pennsylvania Railroad. Copies of his book will also be for sale at the meeting.

