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NHG DONATES BOOKS TO NORTHLAND LIBRARY

The North Hills Genealogists will donate twelve books to Northland Library for their genealogy collection. This gift has become an annual occurrence to benefit all patrons of Northland. In collaboration with Northland's director, Amy Steele, the following books were selected:

Family Tree Historical Maps Book Europe: A Country-by-Country Atlas of European History 1700s-1900s by Allison Dolan

Fashionable Folks: Bonnets and Hats 1840-1900 by Maureen A. Taylor

Historic German Maps Online compiled by Ernest Thode

How to Archive Family Photos: A Step-by-Step Guide to Organize and Share Your Photos Digitally by Denise May Levenick

How to Use Evernote for Genealogy: A Step-by-Step Guide to Organize Your Research and Boost Your Genealogical Productivity by Kerry Scott

Jamestown People to 1800: Landowners, Public Officials, Minorities, and Native Leaders by Martha W. McCartney

Korzenie Poliskie: Polish Roots, 2nd edition, by Rosemary A. Chorzempa

The Name Is the Game: Onomatology and the Genealogist by Lloyd de Witt Bockstruck

New York Family History Research Guide and Gazetteer by the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society

Pennsylvania Vital Records from the Pennsylvania Genealogical Magazine and the

Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography, 3 volumes

Searching for Family History Photos: How to Get Them Now! by Maureen A. Taylor

Warrantee Atlas of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania by the Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society

Your dues help make this annual donation possible. Thank you!

NHG SIG NEWS

Did you know that NHG members can attend Special Interest Group (SIG) meetings any time? It's okay to attend those that fit your schedule, while skipping those that don't. We provide an overview of the meetings in the newsletter so members can decide whether to attend or not.

At their October meeting, **Pennsylvania SIG** members shared research stories and challenges. This included how one may need to research in other places to solve a Pennsylvania problem. Their next meeting will be Wednesday, November 18th at 6:00 P.M. at the Shaler Public Library. The focus will be members' ancestor surname lists. Note that this meeting will be a week earlier than usual due to Thanksgiving.

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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.

We have several 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

For a long time I have attempted to locate documents pertaining to my great-great-grandparents, Francis Gunnett and Hannah Beard Gunnett. According to his tombstone and family records, Francis was born on August 20, 1829 and died on December 12, 1888 in Missouri. Other than that, I had nothing about where he was born or his parents. Hannah Beard was born in Pennsylvania on July 13, 1834 and died on November 19, 1929 in Missouri. This was taken directly from her death certificate. They were married in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, on March 31, 1853 and shortly thereafter, they relocated to Maramec Springs, Missouri, where they raised their family.

Before my brother's death, he had given me a number of letters that he had regarding his genealogy quest. I hadn't looked at them for a long time, so about a year ago I dug them out and started going through them. One was written to my grandmother, Gladys Wilson Gibbs, a granddaughter of Francis and Hannah. As far as I could tell, the letter was from Gladys's sister Ruth Titus's daughter, Lois Titus Sibley, passing on conversations with her father, Clint Titus.

This is what Clint relayed to Lois: *Frank Gunnett was born and raised in or around Johnstown, PA. He thought that his mother and father came from England with their folks as very young children. His father was a Gunnett and his mother was a Little but he didn't know their first names. Frank and Hannah married in Johnstown, PA in 1854 or 1855 and went to Maramec Springs, MO shortly after. Grandpa Frank went first, and Grandma Hannah followed later with her two brothers, John and Tom Beard. Grandpa Gunnett had one sister (name not known) and one brother, George Gunnett. His brother and the sister both died in or near Johnstown, PA. When Grandpa Gunnett's mother died in Johnstown, PA his father went to Meramec Springs, MO, either with Grandma Hannah and her brothers or shortly thereafter. His father married a woman who lived over on Black River, MO, and they had three boys, Wesley, Manuel, and William.*

The letter had to have been written sometime before my grandmother died in 1973. From it, I

learned that Hannah was born in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, and that she married Francis there, and not in Bedford County as I had always been told. At one time, Johnstown was part of Bedford County, which might explain the confusion. It also gave me some new information about Francis and his early life. With that, I did some searching on Ancestry.com to verify information and see what else was available.

To start with, since I still didn't know his father's name, I looked for any other Gunnett around 1850 or 1860 in the same region. The first census I found was for 1850, Juniata Township, Blair County, Pennsylvania for a Reason Gunnett, his wife Siscily or Cicely and three daughters, Mary (14) Sarah (12), and Rachel (5), all born in Pennsylvania. (Ten years later, a 15 year old girl named Rachel was living with Francis and Hannah Gunnett in Missouri. Was this the 5 year old daughter of Reason?)

Then I found Reason in the 1870 census. This time he was in Black River, Reynolds County, Missouri, with a wife named Elizabeth and three sons, Wesley, Manuel, and William, along with another son, George and a daughter, Lucinda, age 5. I also found a marriage record for Regen M. Gunner (I guess that's the way it sounded to the recorder) to Elizabeth Shepherd on June 7, 1857. This had to be the woman that he married "*over on Black River*" after moving to Missouri; and the names of the three sons were exactly on the mark.

Next I found two more census records, one from the 1876 Missouri State census with everyone listed as before and one from the 1880 census. Both locations were in Black River, Reynolds County. The 1880 record is almost unreadable but all parties are included along with a daughter-in-law, Sarah Jane, aged 16.

Once I had gotten this far, I thought of some posts that I had copied from a Gunnett Message Board on Ancestry. Most of the time I don't like to rely on information from other trees or message boards, but as I continued to look for any reference to Reason M. Gunnett, I found a number of posts referring to a man named George who was born in Reichshoffen, Alsace, France, on May 11, 1774 who came to the

colonies before 1800 and married a woman named Ellen Hudgel on July 31, 1800 in Washington County, Maryland. They had nine children born between 1802 and 1826 in a number of different locations including Baltimore, Frederick, and Allegany Counties in Maryland, and Bedford, Franklin, and Huntington Counties in Pennsylvania. It seems that he was a civil engineer who helped survey and lay out the National Pike (Route 40) starting in Washington, DC, and ending at Wheeling, West Virginia. Tax and census records show that this family finally settled in Blair County, Pennsylvania, about 1828.

Their son, Reason Madison Gunnett married Cicely Lyttel (the letter said Little) between 1830–1831 and she died before 1857 in Johnstown, Pennsylvania. (Since I don't have an exact date for her death yet, I have to assume it was before 1857 when he married Elizabeth in Missouri.) Reason and Cicely had a son named George Theodore in 1832 and daughters Mary A, Sarah J., and Rachel. The 1850 census does not show George, but at 18 he was probably living out of the house as was the 20–21 year old Francis.

From some of the posts, I now had the names of Reason's siblings: Thezia who died as an infant, Thomas, George Washington, Lawson, Mary Katherine, John, and Ellen Anne. Looking for those names in the census and other records, I found none of the females, but I did locate Thomas, George W., and Lawson on various census, tax, marriage, and death records. The 1850 census for Reason's brother George Washington in Fairfield Township, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, included his father, George, aged 76. That record states that the elder George was born in FRANCE! That one really got me excited, because I always thought with a name like Gunnett the family was German. (This may turn out to be the case, since Alsace has belonged to both France and Germany at various times.)

On a trip to Blair County, and in addition to what I had found so far, I located Bible records that verified the above children's births and other documents from a European researcher giving information about the origin of the family in France when their name was Connet. Unfortunately, nowhere can I find my Francis

Gunnett named as a son of Reason and Cicely Gunnett, even though the letter said he had a brother named George and numerous other facts that matched. It did say that his father came from Europe and not his grandfather, but they might have just skipped a generation in the explanation. Analyzing the collected records and evidence, I think I have finally located Francis Gunnett's parents, grandparents, his father's siblings, the names of his father's wives and the children by both wives, and the census records for Francis and many of his relatives, and other pertinent documents. I might find the remaining pieces of the puzzle when I look for records in Johnstown or Bedford and Blair Counties that will show his birth and marriage to Hannah Beard and finally prove once and for all that he belongs with this family.

~ Sharon

NHG SIGS

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During the last **German SIG** meeting, members shared their brick walls and decided on individual goals to accomplish before the next meeting. There was also a discussion about translation options online, using cameras and scanners at courthouses, and archival materials. Their next meeting will be held on 16 January 2016 at 9:00 A.M. at St. Paul's Methodist Church on Ferguson Road.

During the November meeting of the **British Isles SIG**, members discussed what they learned at NHG's Fall Conference, especially regarding using the numbering systems that are standard in genealogy. The discussion of the numbering systems will continue at the next meeting, which will be Wednesday, December 2nd at 11:00 A.M. at St. Catherine of Sweden Church.

The **Eastern European SIG's** discussion during their October meeting focused on how to use the FamilySearch website and ordering microfilm from the Family History Library using the site. They also talked about how to use microfilms for research. The next meeting, featuring members sharing genealogy stories, will be Monday, November 23th at 6:30 P.M. in the Northland Library's Board Room.

An organizational meeting for the new Writing SIG will take place at Northland Library on Tuesday, November 24th, at 7:00 P.M. in the Board Room.

We are considering starting a Special Interest Group focused on getting started in genealogy research. If you are interested in joining this SIG, sign up at the November meeting or send an e-mail with "Beginners SIG" in the subject line to Info@NorthHillsGenealogists.org.

For contact information, please refer to the Special Interest Groups section of our website, www.NorthHillsGenealogists.org.

NHG FALL CONFERENCE REVIEW

Over 120 people enjoyed two days of learning and networking at NHG's annual Fall Conference. Thanks to all who attended!

We found a calculator outside Holy Trinity after the conference ended. If you are missing one, send an e-mail with a description of the calculator to Conference@NorthHillsGenealogists.org.

A big thank you goes out to everyone who helped make this year's conference a success. We couldn't do it without your efforts!

Save the date for next year's conference! It will be held October 22, 2017, and will feature J. Mark Lowe, CG, as the speaker.

If you would like to serve on the planning committee for the 2016 Fall Conference, please see Amy Arner at a meeting or send an e-mail to Conference@NorthHillsGenealogists.org. We welcome members of all genealogical skill levels.

MIDWEST GENEALOGY CENTER LAUNCHES NEW RESEARCH RESOURCE: PUBLIC INDEX OF 1.5 MILLION NATIONAL RAILROAD PENSION RECORDS NOW AVAILABLE

Press Release

29 October 2015

Independence, Missouri—A free index to over 1.5 million pension records from the U.S. Railroad Retirement Board can now be located online for

the first time ever through the Genealogy Quick Look from the Midwest Genealogy Center in Independence, Missouri.

“We are very excited to offer this free service for genealogy researchers throughout the United States in association with the National Archives and Records Administration,” said Cheryl Lang, manager of the Midwest Genealogy Center. “This is the first time this treasure trove of genealogical information is publicly available to search by name or date.”

Everyone can access the Genealogy Quick Look by visiting the MGC website at midwestgenealogycenter.org and clicking on the “Genealogy Quick Look” link.

The Genealogy Quick Look is a new online service from MGC that allows users to search the indexes of various genealogical resources. These indexes include the large volume of pension records which are housed at NARA’s Atlanta offices, as well as some materials held by MGC. A list of the additional materials is available on the Genealogy Quick Look website.

While it does not provide direct access to the pension records, Genealogy Quick Look can provide researchers with important information to locate a pension record held by NARA, and then it directs users to the NARA website to make their requests.

“Providing this public index of national railroad pension records has been a project in the making for more than three years,” Lang said. “This is a collaboration with NARA to make indexed information available to the public. Also, our staff and volunteers have been compiling indexes of various materials held by MGC that we would like to make searchable by the public. With the Genealogy Quick Look, we can now provide this service.”

In addition to the national railroad pension records which span the United States and range from 1936 through the early 2000s, Genealogy Quick Look provides an online name index to obituary, birth and marriage records from the *Independence Examiner* newspaper 1900 through 1959; obituaries and memorials from the *Kansas City Call* newspaper from 1995 to

2001; obituaries from the *Kansas City Star* in the 1970s; and a number of books. Outside of the railroad pension records, all of these materials are available in print, microfilm, or microfiche at MGC. Staff can provide digital copies of articles free of charge.

The materials indexed on Genealogy Quick Look represent a small portion of MGC’s almost three quarters of a million genealogy-related holdings. For example, the *Kansas City Call* newspaper for the African-American community is available on microfilm at MGC from 1919 through the present. For more information about how the Midwest Genealogy Center can help your family research, visit the website at midwestgenealogycenter.org.

VIEWING ORIGINALS IS VITAL IN GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH

By Sue Ennis, NHG Newsletter Co-editor

I was reminded of an important lesson while assisting beginning genealogists at the recent Northland Library and NHG Lock-in: be sure to click to view the images of the original document in databases. View the facts with your own eyes!

As most genealogists know, databases such as FamilySearch.org and Ancestry.com, among others, rely upon volunteers to peruse the original document images and to decipher the names, dates, and other data on census and other records. The volunteer then types up the informational interpretation, which is what researchers first see when they click on a search result. Eager for family data, many feverishly record the typed up facts without ever looking at the image of the original document.

Relying only on the typed information can be very misleading. One might dismiss an entire ancestral family when expected or known information does not match. With background knowledge, it can be easier to accurately interpret genealogical data, especially when you see the entire page, such as a census page, a city directory page, or tax records. Surrounding families including neighbors and relatives are not visible on the typed search result. If a great-grandparent lived for three generations next to a certain family, then that authentic, proven detail can aid in deciphering if a family is your family.

For example, both Welsh branches of my family—maternal grandfather and paternal grandmother—share common given names. John, Johnny, Jon, and Jhon (yes, that's a spelling I've seen) are four variations of some relatives often encountered—IF looking only at the typed search result. If the recorder of a record used script writing, or worse yet, had indecipherable handwriting, then it becomes more important to view the original document's image. Additionally, seeing similar or same names elsewhere on a record page reveals patterns of letters or handwriting that can be compared or contrasted. In each case, looking at the original document's image produces more credible evidence than relying solely on the typed result page.

Gwen is a common given name also in my family. One branch proved elusive in census records where the family should have been found until a closer look at the record by clicking on the original document's image displayed clearer evidence. OWEN Williams was actually GWEN Williams, the relative for whom we searched. The script G followed by w had confused an indexer who recorded is as O. Gwen is not only a different name than Owen, but also a different gender!

Clicking on the view of the original document image takes less time than scrolling to the bottom half of a web page, so no excuses. Both exercises can lead to more accurate information!

Additionally, volunteers who index do not record all categories of information presented on an original document image. The overlooked or not included data might present a definitive clue to finding your actual ancestors or confirming data about a family or individual.

Is clicking on the original document image worth your extra research time? Yes! It is always considered a best practice to examine documents and/or images thoroughly in order to discover as much detail as possible.

HARVARD'S COLONIAL NORTH AMERICA PROJECT NOW ONLINE

For several years, Harvard University has been working to finalize an online, searchable

database containing digital images of artifacts and records from the *Colonial North America Project*. The majority of these items are from the 17th and 18th centuries.

The Colonial North America Project website is found at www.colonialnorthamerican.library.harvard.edu and includes more than 150,000 digital images. Currently the project is about 30% completed with new content added at a steady pace.

The images and content highlight life in colonial times, an era when few artifacts are available online. According to an article in *Boston Magazine*, the Colonial North America Project content includes “reproductions of diaries, journals, notebooks, and other rare documents.”

If traveling to Massachusetts now through March, 2016, stop by Harvard's Pusey Library to view original artifacts from this collection in the exhibit, *Opening New Worlds: The Colonial North America Project*. For more details, read complete articles from *Boston Magazine* at www.bostonmagazine.com/arts-entertainment/blog/2015/11/05/harvard-colonial-north-american-project/ or from the *Harvard Gazette* at news.harvard.edu/gazette/story/2015/11/a-digital-portrait-of-colonial-life/.

ETHNIC CORNER: EASTERN EUROPE

Perhaps no other genealogical heritage has benefited more in the past five years in accessing online records than those from Eastern European countries. Technology and lower costs for digitizing records have allowed more and more information about Eastern European families to become accessible from any location. Here is a list of recommended sites and databases for conducting Eastern European genealogical research.

The Foundation for East European Family History Studies

The website of FEEFHS, found at www.feefhs.org, is full of great options for learning about Eastern European ancestors. Resources include digital collections of genealogies, church records, maps, and immigration. The collections are accessible by country and/or region with over thirty-one areas

highlighted as starting points. Connect with other researchers through the social media options of FEEFHS for a chance to exchange methodology and offer support.

FamilySearch.org

Use the [FamilySearch Wiki](#) to learn what record groups are available to access digitally. Countries such as Slovakia, Ukraine, the Czech Republic, Austria, Poland, Hungary, and Russia have databases of vital records and more. New information is added every month, so check often for what is new.

Genealogical Research in Eastern Europe

EastEuropeGenWeb, found at www.easteuropegenweb.org, is part of the WorldGenWeb project. Links on EastEuropeGenWeb have researchers enter by country, but also include links to sites that offer advice for locating records from this region. Again, check back often for new options.

East European Genealogical Society

This website (www.eegsociety.org) is newer and offers explanations, time lines of countries forming and breaking up, and access to record groups through the archives of newsletter back issues. This site would be a great gateway to connecting with natives of the Eastern European countries.

Jewish Gen

The Jewish Gen database is found at www.jewishgen.org and is constantly updated with additional record groups and news about genealogical projects. The historic information on Jewish Gen is quite detailed and helpful, especially in learning about emigration patterns and border changes.

Cyndi's List – Eastern Europe

The dynamic Cyndi's List includes a page of links to Eastern European records and websites that is comprehensive and up-to-date. Go to www.cyndislist.com/eastern-europe/ to access the menu of websites. If interested, you can submit an e-mail address and then Cyndi will send you a notification each time that new content is added to her database.

Most Eastern European countries have a society dedicated to preserving their unique cultural

heritage and vital records. Each society website focuses upon the records of their culture as well as related ethnicities. It is important to network with other genealogists who are researching the same ethnic group in order to share the sources that yield successful searches for your family history research.

BODLEIANS' ENTIRE MAPS AND MUSIC COLLECTION NOW SEARCHABLE ONLINE

Press Release (partial)

26 October 2015

Oxford, England—The Bodleian Libraries' outstanding collection of 1.3 million maps and half a million printed music scores can now be discovered by searching SOLO, the Libraries' online catalogue.

The Libraries' maps and music collections are among the largest and most important of their kind in the UK but, until now, records for the majority of their holdings were kept in old-fashioned card catalogues. Readers had to physically visit the Bodleian Libraries and search through cabinets of card catalogues in order to find what they were looking for.

The map collection ranges in date from the fourteenth to the twenty-first centuries. It includes such treasures as the Gough Map, believed to be the first map of the UK, the Selden Map, a late Ming watercolour map of trade routes in the South China Sea, historic maps of Oxford and London from the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, and a collection of 2,500 World War I trench maps.

The project has unlocked access to these collections for scholars around the world. It's a significant milestone given that more than 40% of Bodleian readers are not members of the University of Oxford, and many scholars travel to Oxford from around the world to consult the Libraries' special collections.

Maps, which could previously only be searched by place and scale, can now also be found by searching by date and publisher, and a special map search interface has been created on SOLO.

More information about the Bodleian Library Map Room can be found at: www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/maps. More information about the Bodleian's Music collection can be found at: www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/weston/finding-resources/guides/music.

[Editors' Note: Even though you may never travel to Oxford, using their catalog to search for maps is still helpful. If you find a map that interests you, you can try to locate a copy in another repository or order a copy from the library.]

NEW FEATURES MAKE IT EASIER TO FIND AND VIEW FAMILY RECORDS ON FAMILYSEARCH

Press Release (partial) 4 November 2015

Salt Lake City, Utah—FamilySearch collections are growing every day, adding genealogically relevant sources to one of the largest databases in the world. A key FamilySearch goal is to improve the tools that provide access to these records by users searching for the details of their family story. Some enhancements were recently made to the historical image viewer as well as the search interface that should make accessing the growing amount of information that much easier.

Improved viewer experience

Getting around within the historical record image viewer has been made easier with two new enhancements. First is a unified and consistent navigational view, in either full-screen or pop-up view. You'll notice breadcrumbs, or the path you followed to arrive at the record you are viewing. You can also now move between images within the collection by clicking the forward or back arrows, or by entering the image number you wish to view.

Second, you can now switch between the single image view and a new thumbnail gallery view as you browse images in a collection. This second new feature is a response to user requests to create an easier way to quickly navigate to specific spots in the image set. It also makes it easier to look at the records surrounding the record, which is helpful for finding relatives or

neighbors or seeing all of a record that has been split over two pages. These new navigation features can be used anywhere that a user can view a single image by clicking the thumbnail icon in the left side toolbar. Any thumbnail can be clicked to switch back to single image view.

Refinements of exact search

Another oft-requested Search (www.familysearch.org/search) feature has been to make search results more precise through the exclusion of certain words, letters, and punctuation in the name search fields when a user selects "Match all terms exactly." With this change, exact searching will return exactly what the user types into the name fields, in the order they typed it, with the following exceptions:

1. Exact search will ignore spaces: van der graff = vandergraff
2. Exact search will ignore punctuation: O'Brien = OBrien
3. Exact search will ignore diacritics: Pena = Peña
4. Exact search will ignore the spanish "y": Gonzalez y Gomez = Gonzalez Gomez
5. Exact search will ignore capitalization: MacDonald = Macdonald

New Links in the FamilySearch Catalog

The [FamilySearch Catalog](#) (formerly Family History Library Catalog) describes the genealogical resources held by FamilySearch.org, the Family History Library, selected FamilySearch Centers, and selected partner libraries. The Catalog is an incredible guide to original sources of information that can help you discover details of your family story. A new enhancement to the catalog adds hyperlinked icons that take you directly to where you can access or request the item listed. Users of the FamilySearch Catalog who are viewing the film notes for a title will be presented with whatever resources are available for that title. If you don't see an icon, it means that option is not available for that entry.

We hope these new enhancements will make your research time more productive and help you experience the joy of connecting with your ancestors.

WHERE GENEALOGISTS MEET

Wednesday, 18 November 2015 6:30 P.M. LAWRENCEVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Lawrenceville Historical Society will feature Charles McCormick appearing as a Scots-Irish frontiersman from Western Pennsylvania. The program title is "Living History: American Frontier Life." McCormick will use stories and artifacts to recount life from the French and Indian War to the War of 1812. The event will be held at the Carnegie Library, 279 Fisk Street, Pittsburgh. No reservations are required.

Tuesday, 8 December 2015 6:00 P.M. HEINZ HISTORY CENTER

The Heinz Center's Museum Conservation Center will hold "Holiday Heritage." The workshop will cover preservation practices for family treasures. Methods to display, store, and lightly clean items will also be discussed. The cost is \$30 for center members and \$35 for non-members. Pre-registration is required for this event. For more information, please visit www.heinzhistorycenter.org/events.

Saturday, 12 December 2015 WESTMORELAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The society will hold "Three Centuries of Christmas in America" at their Hanna's Town location. Tours will begin at 11:30 A.M. and 1:00 P.M. Reservations are requested. Hanna's Town is located at 809 Forbes Trail Road, Greensburg. More information is available at www.westmorelandhistory.org.

3–6 February 2016 ROOTSTECH

This conference will be held at the Salt Palace Convention Center in Salt Lake City, Utah. The schedule and registration information are available at www.rootstech.org. Rootstech usually provides free live-streaming for some of its lectures, however those details have not been announced yet.

28–30 April 2016 OHIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The annual OGS conference will be held at the Great Wolf Lodge in Mason, Ohio. The theme for the conference is "Tracking Your Ancestors." Watch www.ogs.org for more details.

26 June–1 July 2016 GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF PITTSBURGH

Registration for the first week of GRIP opens Wednesday, February 10th, at noon Eastern. Six courses will be offered: *Family Archiving: Heirlooms in the Digital Age*, *Fundamentals of Forensic Genealogy for the 21st Century*, *German Research Resources*, *Master the Art of Genealogical Documentation*, *Pennsylvania: Research in the Keystone State*, and *Women and Children First! Research Methods for the Hidden Members of the Family*. Visit www.gripitt.org for more information.

17–22 July 2016 GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF PITTSBURGH

Registration for the second week of GRIP opens Wednesday, March 2nd, at noon Eastern. Six courses will be offered: *Advanced Genetic Genealogy*, *Diving Deeper into New England: Advanced Strategies for Success*, *From Confusion to Conclusion: How to Write Proof Arguments*, *Intermediate Genealogy: Tools for Digging Deeper*, *Practical Genetic Genealogy*, and *Resources and Strategies for Researching Your Italian Ancestors*. Visit www.gripitt.org for more information.

1–5 August 2016 HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HSP has announced a week-long class on Pennsylvania research. The title is "Researching Family in Pennsylvania." Details are still being finalized. Watch www.hsp.org for more information.



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UPCOMING PROGRAMS FROM NHG

Mark Your Calendars!

Saturday, 5 December 2015 **Annual Holiday Social**

This year's social will find NHG members and their guests touring Clayton, Henry Clay Frick's family home in Point Breeze. Docents will lead informative tours of the lower floors of the mansion, dressed in its holiday décor. Note the special day: Saturday, December 5th at 10:00 A.M. After, we will have lunch and social time at the Spaghetti Warehouse.

Tuesday, 19 January 2016 **Researching Death Records**

Mary Dzurichko, NHG Program Chair

You would be surprised just how much information can be found in death records. NHG Program Chair Mary Dzurichko will speak on researching various death-related records, understanding what kinds of data can be found, and analyzing the findings for facts, clues, and new discoveries.

THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM – Tuesday, 17 November 2015 **Annual Round-table Discussion**

NHG Members

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