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NHG NEWS

Fall Conference Early Bird Registration Deadline

The NHG Fall Conference Committee is excited to present Judy Russell, JD, CG, CGL, and Michael Leclerc, CG, as the speakers for the annual event on 30 and 31 October 2015. The early bird registration deadline for the NHG Fall Conference is 16 September. After that day, the cost will increase by \$10.00. Conference attendees will learn about resolving conflicting evidence, writing a family history, using probate records, accessing tax records, deciphering old handwriting, and much more!

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

Sign up now to take advantage of the lower conference rate! You can register for the 2015 NHG Fall Conference on our website www.NorthHillsGenealogists.org or at the September meeting. Please join us for this special event.

Genealogy Lock-In Registration Opens

Northland Public Library and the North Hills Genealogists have finalized plans for the next Genealogy Lock-In to be held on Friday, 16 October 2015 from 7:00 to 10:00 P.M. in Northland's Computer Center. Doors will open at 6:30 P.M.

Pre-registration is required for this free event. Registration for the Lock-In opens September

15th. You can register on Northland's website at www.eventkeeper.com/code/events.cfm?curOrg=NORTHLAND#4166867 or call the adult services desk at 412-366-8100 ext. 113.

The NHG–Northland Genealogy Lock-Ins have been popular events that fill up quickly, so please register soon. If you register and later discover you will not be able to attend, please let the library know. There is usually a waiting list for the lock-in.

Participants will be able to search several subscription databases during the lock-in. Northland has subscriptions to Ancestry Library Edition, HeritageQuest Online and Access PA's various databases. Volunteers will be available to help you access the databases for your research. Participants will also have access to Northland's great collection of genealogy reference books.

If you plan to attend the October 16th lock-in, don't forget to bring a USB drive with you so you can easily save copies of any documents you find. Light refreshments will be served; hope to see you there!

NHG Creates Beginners Packet

Over the summer months, a committee of NHG members created a packet of materials to focus the efforts of beginner genealogists. The **NHG (continued on page 13)**

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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

About three years ago I spent some time in Tennessee and North Carolina in an attempt to locate information about my fourth-great-grandparents, Tompkins and Abigail Odle. The Odle family lived in Virginia where the men fought in the Revolutionary War. Sometime before the war, King George had declared the west side of the Appalachians as Indian Territory and that area was off limits to the colonists. Obviously, this wasn't a deterrent to many hearty pioneers looking for free land, including my Odle ancestors. In 1778, the patriarch, Justice Caleb Odle and his sons and their families traveled over the mountains into western North Carolina (now Tennessee). Other families with them were the Tiptons, Dentons, and Combs.

Prior to this research trip, I already had a marriage record for Caleb's son Tompkins and his wife Abigail Combs from Washington County, North Carolina, in 1788, but I wasn't able to find any records with more information about the family. I was told that land and court records had been burned, and anything that was still available would be located in North Carolina.

I decided to take a break since I was having no luck, and I shifted my efforts to spend some time exploring the plantation of John Sevier. I knew a little about Sevier who had surveyed the town of New Market, Virginia, and served as a captain of a North Carolina militia unit at the Battle of Kings Mountain in South Carolina. As the only person touring the plantation that day, I had the guide's undivided attention. My guide had the time to tell me the details of the fascinating history of the state of Franklin. Are you wondering about that last statement? There was no state named Franklin in the United States. That's exactly what I thought, but I was soon to discover otherwise.

A little known footnote from the history of the eastern counties of Tennessee before it ever became a state tells of the attempt to ratify this area as a fourteenth colony/state named Franklin. Anger from the Indians in the Indian Territory against the continued invasion of white settlers had led to warfare and deaths. There was no outside backing or protection. The North Carolina legislature didn't want to spend the

money needed to defend squatters living on land reserved for the Indians.

Not receiving any help from North Carolina, in the winter of 1784, John Sevier and a group of leading men and their supporters living in the Tennessee Valley met in Jonesborough to sign a document declaring their independence with the plan of establishing the state of Franklin. John Sevier was elected as Franklin's governor, the citizens developed a functioning state government and court system, raised an army to fight the hostile Indians, and even printed their own money. All this was accomplished in only four years.

At one point, the leaders of the new state began to consider an alliance with Spain, which still dominated trade along the Mississippi River. This angered many of the settlers who were still loyal to North Carolina. The end of the efforts to have a fourteenth state of Franklin came in 1788 when North Carolina sent troops into Franklin to solve the issue. The people had the choice to join with their North Carolina supporters in a battle against the Franklin supporters. As events evolved, the state collapsed, and John Sevier turned himself in to the authorities. In 1790, North Carolina ceded this western territory to the federal government. As for John Sevier, he became the first governor of Tennessee when it was admitted as the sixteenth state a few years later in 1796.

By comparing the dates that my Odle families lived in the territory during its infancy, I have to wonder if they were supporters of Franklin. This is a good example of considering your ancestors in the context of the historic events through which they lived. Since the Odle families came directly from Virginia in 1778 and never lived in North Carolina, I suspect they were in the territory that attempted to become the state of Franklin. Also, the final battle was fought on the farm belonging to John Tipton, who came with the Odles from Virginia. Since Caleb Odle was a justice of the peace in Virginia, there's a good chance that he may have held the same office in the new territory where the families settled. Records don't seem to be available even in the North Carolina State Archives to back any of this supposition, so it looks like I have another brick wall to climb. There is a very good chance

that I discovered a chapter in history in which my family had an active part.

As a final note, keep in mind that by stretching your itinerary to do some additional exploring on a research trip, you might just discover a little piece of historical trivia as I did. What interesting information you might find out to add to the story of your ancestors' lives!

~ Sharon

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Beginner's Genealogy Packet idea grew out of a similar item offered during the first ten years after NHG was formed, before the Internet was so readily available to all. This updated packet includes charts, forms, articles, and links to websites to aid beginning researchers to efficiently explore their roots.

The packets are a free educational item and are available at all NHG meetings on the Freebie Table in the back of the meeting room. The **NHG Beginner's Genealogy Packet** will also be offered as an outreach of our group's educational goals at publicity tables at local cultural events.

August Newsletter Correction

We included an incorrect URL in last month's "Ethnic Corner" column. The website for the Irish Genealogical Website International should be www.irishgenealogical.org. We apologize for any confusion.

NHG SIG NEWS

The **Pennsylvania Special Interest Group** will reconvene under the leadership of Diane McVicker on September 23rd on the 2nd floor of the Shaler Public Library, which is located on Mt. Royal Boulevard.

During the **British Isles SIG's** last meeting, they discussed their genealogy toolboxes. SIG leader Cindy Rylands shared her toolbox with the group. The SIG's next meeting will be held at St. Catherine's of Sweden on Wildwood Road on Wednesday, October 7th at 11:00 A.M. They will discuss "Irish Land Valuation Records."

The **German SIG's** next meeting will be Thursday, September 17th at 6:30 P.M. at St. Paul's Methodist Church on Ferguson Road.

At their August meeting, the **Eastern European SIG** continued discussing the concept of a genealogical query, and the importance of knowing the ancestral village. They used Jen Silk's query regarding her Polish great-grandparents as an example. Since Jen wrote her query, she hired a Polish researcher. The SIG discussed his findings, including that the information Jen had about ancestral villages was incorrect, and that her family was actually Greek Catholic, in addition to Roman Catholic, and the impact this fact had on determining how to conduct further research. They also had further discussion about manifest markings on passenger lists that they had started in the previous meeting. One group member brought in a number of family papers and photos to share with the group as well. The SIG decided that group members should bring in information about their brick walls so other members can help them solve problems. Part of each meeting could be devoted to that. They are also considering whether learning sessions on specific types of records from Eastern European countries might be useful. The SIG's next meeting will be Monday, September 21st from 6:30 to 8:30 P.M. in the Board Room of the Northland Public Library.

The **Writing Special Interest Group** is being organized. If you previously told us about your interest, look for an e-mail from Elissa Powell and Dave Egelston in the next few weeks. If you are interested in joining this SIG, but haven't let us know, please send us an e-mail at Info@NorthHillsGenealogists.org. Please put "Writing SIG" in the subject line.

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

GERMAN SIG MEMBERS TAKE FIELD TRIP

By Kim Paulson, NHG Secretary

On Saturday, August 29th, several members of NHG's German SIG attended the free

Discovering Your German Ancestors event held at the Akron-Summit County Public Library, sponsored by their Special Collections Division and the Summit County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society. Although we all traveled separately, we ended up sitting together at the event. It's always nice to see friendly Pittsburgh faces when you are away from home! The Akron Library is a beautiful building with a large auditorium for events like this one. If you are ever in downtown Akron, be sure to check it out. I heard the library has wonderful resources for genealogists and sponsors a number of genealogical events throughout the year.

The speaker was James Beidler, a professional genealogist, author, and lecturer specializing in Pennsylvania and German research. Jim was born in Reading, Pennsylvania, and lives in Berks County. He writes *Roots & Branches*, an award-winning weekly newspaper column on genealogy that is the only syndicated feature on that topic in Pennsylvania. He has also written the book *The Family Tree German Genealogy Guide*, and writes for many genealogical periodicals and magazines. It was a jam-packed agenda and a full-day of learning. The topics Jim covered included "German Migrations to the United States—1700's Pennsylvania Germans vs the 1800's German Americans"; "German Church Records"; "German Research Online"; "German for Genealogists"; and "Finding a European Village of Origin".

I learned a lot in one day and have much work to do on my German side of the family. I purchased Jim's book and am looking forward to reading it to gain even further insight into my German roots. Jim is an excellent speaker on this subject and if you get a chance to hear him in the future, please do so. He was also very approachable during the breaks and answered many questions from the attendees. Overall, this was a great day of free learning and I'm glad I attended. Keep your eyes open for events like this one. You learn a lot and meet new people—all for free!

CRANBERRY FAMILY HISTORY CENTER ANNOUNCES FALL HOURS

The Cranberry Family History Center (FHC) has announced their hours for this fall. They will be open Wednesdays from 9:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. and

7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. The FHC will be closed November 25th and December 16th through January 6th for the holidays.

ETHNIC CORNER: SCOTLAND

By Sue Ennis, NHG Newsletter Co-editor

Researching Scottish ancestors will lead to records that are unique to Scotland as well as United Kingdom records. Once there is verification that ancestors came from Scotland, there are two excellent websites to use to begin the search. Other websites provide more information you can use to trace your Scottish ancestors.

The website *Scotland's People*, found at www.scotlandspople.gov.uk, is an easy to use and often updated free website. The menu of links includes Registers of Births, Marriages, and Deaths, Old Parish Registers, Catholic Registers, Census Records from 1841 through 1911 (occurring every ten years), Valuation Rolls (tax records), Coats of Arms, and Wills. There is also a section of the site focusing upon resources help with suggestions about how to best use the *Scotland's People* site.

The other top website to access and explore is *Scotland's Genealogy*, found at www.scotlandsgenealogy.com. This site is more involved because it includes links to record groups as well as archival news, examples of scholarly family histories, and services and fees of professional genealogists within Scotland who can assist with research.

In the collections of Ancestry.com, the Scottish databases are vast. These collections are divided into the following categories: Scotland Census and Voter Lists; Scotland Birth, Marriage, and Death; Scotland Military; Scotland Immigration and Travel; Scotland Newspapers and Publications; Schools, Directories and Church Histories; Wills, Probates, Land, Tax and Criminal Records; and Scotland's Maps, Atlases, and Gazetteers.

The *Scottish Genealogy Society* maintains a website at www.scotsgenealogy.com. Both the Library link and the Resources link lead to many types of Scottish record groups. A newer website

with resources and records is Scotland's Family, found at www.scotlandsfamily.com. Many terms that are used in historic Scottish records are explained in this site and there are some very good explanations about each highlighted record group so that any genealogist would know exactly what data and dates are included.

For genealogists who have just discovered their Scottish roots, consider starting to learn about Scotland through the *Visit Scotland* website at www.visitscotland.com/en-us/about/ancestry. This site has detailed information about all major cities, towns, regions, and historically significant places in Scotland with vivid imagery. It is never too soon to plan a trip to ancestral lands!

Another free place to find out what types of records are available for Scottish ancestors and how to access those records is through the FamilySearch Wiki for Scotland at https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Scotland_Genealogy. Remember that every few weeks, FamilySearch adds a large number of records to their collection, so set aside time to check back often for new records.

As discoveries about Scottish ancestors are uncovered, keep in mind the official site of Historic Scotland found at www.historic-scotland.gov.uk to place them in the context of history. Fortan leat (good luck) in the search for Scottish genealogical records!

LIB GUIDES AID IN GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH

By Sue Ennis, NHG Newsletter Co-editor

A lib guide, short for library guide, is comprised of information presented online as a web page with short articles, research guidance, and a menu of links to closely related sites or collections all focusing upon one specific topic. The University of Pittsburgh's Libraries recently launched a new lib guide titled *Genealogical and Family History Resources @Pitt*. The direct link to this genealogical lib guide from Pitt is <http://pitt.libguides.com/Genealogy>.

The genealogical and family history information highlighted by the new lib guide includes all available collections and records from Hillman

Library and Pitt's Archives Service Center. As the lib guide collection is updated quarterly, remember to check back throughout the year to see what is new on the site.

The main article, "Getting Started With Family History Research", explains a suggested route through the many digital collections available, including links to the *Historic Pittsburgh* website and more. Hyperlinked lists of "Types of Collections", "Local Government Records", and "City Directories" are some of the main sections of the tab *Family History Resources* on the main page of the Pitt lib guide.

The other three main tabs of topical information for genealogists include *Census Records*, *Church and Synagogue Records*, and *Ethnic Guides*. The *Ethnic Guides* present records for German research and Polish, Jewish, Italian, and African Americans with Pittsburgh ties. Under the link "Other Ethnicities" there are evolving lists of records for the following heritage groups: Greeks, Serbians, Irish, Chinese, Croatians, Slovaks, Swedes, Slovenians, Syrians, and Ukrainians.

Based upon the wealth of information for general research as well as for specific digital collections, any genealogical researcher with Pittsburgh or Western Pennsylvania roots could easily spend a couple of days exploring the records on Pitt's genealogy lib guide.

If you cannot access certain records through online exploration, you use the lib guide to prepare for a field trip to Hillman Library or the Pitt Archives Service Center to view those items not yet digitized.

FINDMYPAST MARKS 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF END OF WORLD WAR II BY PUBLISHING PRISONER OF WAR RECORDS

According to news about FindMyPast on their blog, "one million records of service men, women and civilians who were taken captive during World War II" were launched online recently. The release of these unique records was timed to correspond with the seventieth anniversary of the conclusion of World War II.

The complete article including historic images can be read in full at <http://blog.findmypast.co.uk/2015/wwii-prisoners-of-war-records-published-online-for-the-1st-time-on-70th-anniversary/>.

FindMyPast.com and FindMyPast.co.uk are companion subscription sites focusing on genealogical records from the United Kingdom, Canada, and the United States. A quickly growing genealogical database, FindMyPast offers unique record groups that are indexed and include digitized images of many records. FindMyPast has partnered with many organizations to preserve records and publish them online. Three of the more impressive partners are the National Archives of Great Britain, the British Library, and FamilySearch, and all contribute records and collections to FindMyPast.

If you have yet to explore the holdings of FindMyPast.com, consider signing up for a 14-day free trial of this database to verify that FindMyPast has records of interest to your genealogical research.

FINDING DEATH RECORDS

By Amy E. K. Arner, NHG Newsletter Co-editor

This is the first in a new occasional column about how to find specific types of records. In this column we'll talk about finding death records and other types of records that can help you determine when an ancestor died.

In many states, the civil registration of deaths and modern death certificates didn't start until after 1900. How then, do you find out when an ancestor died? If you're lucky, the person had a tombstone that has been transcribed or photographed and put on Find A Grave (www.findagrave.com) or BillionGraves (www.billiongraves.com). You may also be able to find published transcriptions of tombstones. NHG published three volumes of tombstone transcriptions. Many other genealogical and historical societies, as well as individuals, did the same.

If you know where the person lived or owned property, you can search for probate records. Often a probate document will state when a

person died. If that is not the case, you can use dates in the probate documents to narrow when the person died. Probate records are not filed until after the person dies. Ancestry.com and FamilySearch have digitized probate records from many areas. See the article on this page of the newsletter about Ancestry's new probate collection.

Some libraries and historical societies have created indexes to death notices and obituaries published in local papers. In some cases, these indexes are online. The Butler Area Public Library has an index for the Butler papers on their website at www.butlerlibrary.info. In other cases, the index is only available in the library or historical society. The Pennsylvania Department of the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh has an index to death notices and obituaries in some of the newspapers published in Pittsburgh. This index is available on microfilm in the department. If you cannot visit the library or historical society, they may provide a service by which the staff will search for a death notice or obituary for you for small fee.

If your ancestor went to church, you may be able to locate a record of their burial. A burial record is not the same as a death record, but usually a person was buried within a few days of death. In some cases, church records have been transcribed or microfilmed. Good examples can be found in the Family History Library catalog on FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/catalog-search>) and the Presbyterian Historical Society collection (www.history.pcusa.org). In other cases, the records are still held by the church. If so, you will need to contact the church and ask what the policy is for searching the records. The church may not let you search the records yourself, but may search on your behalf. The church may also choose to restrict all access to the records. Sometimes old church records have been given to another entity. This is the case for the Roman Catholic churches in Pittsburgh. Most of the older sacramental records are now held by the Pittsburgh Diocese's Office for Archives and Records Center (www.diopitt.org/departments-chancellor/office-archives-and-record-center). The archives does not allow researchers to access the sacramental records, but does provide a service where they will search on your behalf.

These are just some ideas about how to determine when an ancestor died. It is by no means an exhaustive list. If one of these types of records does not help you determine when an ancestor died, you'll need to expand your search into other types of records.

ANCESTRY.COM MAKES PENNSYLVANIA PROBATE RECORDS AVAILABLE

Ancestry.com recently added a large collection of probate records from the United States to its offerings. The collection contains records from many states, including Pennsylvania. The complete list of states is available at www.ancestry.com/cs/recent-collections. The Pennsylvania records are the same ones that are available in the "Pennsylvania Probate Records 1683-1994" collection on FamilySearch. The difference is that Ancestry has indexed the records by the name of the decedent.

The records are available in a collection called "Pennsylvania, Wills and Probate Records, 1683-1993" at <http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=8802>. When you search, if you would like to limit your results to those from a particular Pennsylvania county, in the line labeled Any Event, put the county in the field labeled Location.

If you do not have an Ancestry subscription, a library near you may provide access. For instance, you can access Ancestry at all public libraries in Allegheny and Butler Counties. You do need to be in the libraries—there is no access from home.

WHERE GENEALOGISTS MEET

**Wednesday, 23 September 2015 6:30 P.M.
CRANBERRY GENEALOGY CLUB**

The program for the meeting is to be determined. 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.

**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. The event will also feature exhibitors and have door prizes. 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.pgsctne.org.

**2–3 October 2015
VIRGINIA GENEALOGICAL
SOCIETY**

The Virginia Genealogical Society and the Mining Your History Foundation are holding a joint conference. Friday's events will be held at the West Virginia Archives and History Library in the Capitol Complex, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, WV 25305. Saturday's events will be held in the Great Hall of the Culture Center, Capitol Complex, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East. For more information and a registration form, please visit www.vgs.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.

**Saturday, 3 October 2015 8:30 A.M.
TARENTUM GENEALOGICAL
SOCIETY**

Tarentum, the Armstrong County Genealogical Society, and the Oakmont Genealogical Study Group are jointly holding their annual conference at the Clarion Hotel, 300 Tarentum Bridge Road, New Kensington. Barbara J. Antel will present “Preserving Your Family Archives: You Are Not Alone”, Richard Gazarik will present “Sorting Through the Dirty Laundry of Your Long Lost

Relatives”, and Marilyn Cocchiola Holt will present “Resources in the Pennsylvania Department, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh” and “Genealogical Resources in Western PA”. The cost is \$25.00 for TGS, ACGS, and OGS members and \$30.00 for non-members. For more information, contact Barb Diller at 724-244-1486 or badiller@verizon.net.

Saturday, 3 October 2015 10:00 A.M.
DEPRECIATION LANDS MUSEUM

The Hydref Festival will feature crafts people and re-enactors at an eighteenth century market fair. There will also be food and live music. Admission is \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children. Depreciation Lands Museum members get in free. For more information, please visit www.depreciationlandsmuseum.org/upcoming.Hydref.shtml.

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.

Tuesday, 6 October 3:00 P.M.
HEINZ HISTORY CENTER

The Heinz Center's Museum Conservation Center will hold an open house from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. At this free event, attendees can learn more about the center's programs, projects, and products. For more information, please visit www.heinzhistorycenter.org/events.

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

The next WPGS meeting will feature storyteller and radio producer Joe McHugh. He will

present “American Family Stories: The Telling Takes Us Home”. Copies of McHugh's publications will be for sale. The event, which is free and open to the public, will be held at the Carnegie Library Lecture Hall in Oakland. For more information, please visit www.wpgs.org.

Thursday, 15 October 2015 6:00 P.M.
BUTLER AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY

The topic for this meeting will be “Searching with FamilySearch”. It will be held in the library's basement meeting room. To register, e-mail baplgenealogy@bcfls.org or call 724-287-1715 ext. 116. More information is available at www.butlerlibrary.info.

21–22 October 2015
NATIONAL ARCHIVES VIRTUAL
GENEALOGY FAIR

NARA will be broadcasting lectures live via YouTube. The speakers will give tips and techniques for using federal records for genealogical research. Details for this free event are still being finalized. Watch www.archives.gov/calendar/genealogy-fair for more details.

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.

Saturday, 24 October 2015 8:30 A.M.
UKRAINIAN HISTORICAL AND
EDUCATIONAL CENTER OF NEW
JERSEY

Nashi Predky—Our Ancestors will feature lectures on Ukrainian and Eastern European genealogy. It will be held at the Ukrainian Cultural Center, 135 Davidson Avenue, Somerset, NJ 08873. For more information and to register, please visit <https://www.ukrhec.org/civicrm/event/info?id=22&reset=1>.



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UPCOMING PROGRAMS FROM NHG

Mark Your Calendars!

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.

Tuesday, 17 November 2015 **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!

THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM – 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.