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NHG NEWS

Lots of things are happening at NHG!

Officer Nominations

It's almost time for NHG's annual election of officers. If you are interested in serving as our president, vice president, treasurer or secretary, or know of someone who might be interested in serving in one of those positions, please talk to Dave Williams during the April meeting or email him at peggie@consolidated.net.

Social Hour before the May Meeting

We will have a social before the **May monthly meeting**. Starting at 6:00, there will be snacks and an opportunity to network with your fellow genealogists. We did this several times last year and are doing it again due to popular demand. **Note that the social will replace Tip Time next month.**

Library Lock-in

Northland Public Library and NHG are joining forces for another Library Lock-in. It will be held Friday, June 2 from 7:00 P.M. until 10:00 P.M. Spend an evening working on your genealogical research using Northland's subscription databases and genealogical book collection. Volunteers will be available to answer questions. Registration, which will open May 1, is required due to limited space. More details are available on Northland Library's website (www.northlandlibrary.org).

2017 Conference

Many thanks go to all those who helped with NHG's annual conference last month. Due to the efforts of many volunteers, more than one hundred genealogists were able to spend all or

part of the conference learning and networking with their fellow genealogical enthusiasts.

2018 Conference

Planning has already begun for NHG's next conference, which will be held March 23–24, 2018. John Philip Colleta, PhD, will be the featured speaker. If you would like to serve on the conference committee or simply help during the conference, please contact Conference Chair Amy Arner at Amy@ArnerResearch.com or 412-781-1131.

Bonus Program in June

NHG will sponsor an evening lecture during the Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh's June session. This is **in addition to our regular monthly meeting** on June 20. On June 27, Allison Ryall, MA, will present "DNA + Paper Trail = Case Solved!" This program will be held at LaRoche College, which is on Babcock Boulevard. The program will begin at 7:00 P.M. It is free and open to the public.

Volunteers for FGS

NHG will have a booth in the exhibit hall during the Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference in August. We will need volunteers to sit at the booth and answer questions about NHG. The details are still being worked out, but we will be asking for volunteers closer to the start of the conference.

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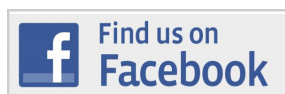
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WHO WE ARE—NHG

The North Hills Genealogists is a group of genealogy enthusiasts who meet to learn, network, and assist one another in establishing our family histories. NHG meets on the third Tuesday of every month except December at 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 starts at 7:00 P.M. Meetings are free and open to the public. Membership runs from August to July for \$15.00 annually.

Benefits of NHG membership include monthly newsletters (not published July or December), field trips, and Special Interest Groups (SIGs). The SIGs are organized so that members can collaborate informally. Current groups are British Isles, Eastern Europe, German Roots, Pennsylvania, and Writing. Find current meeting information on our website.

The NHG Board meets at 7:00 P.M. on the first Tuesday of each month in the Conference Room of the Northland Public Library. All members are welcome. NHG is a member of the Federation of Genealogical Societies.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

It's time for April showers, fellow North Hills Genealogists! And you know what that means . . . more time inside to do research!

I am currently prepping for a trip to the National Archives (often abbreviated NARA), and with thoughts of pension files and immigration correspondence record sets swimming in my head, I thought it an excellent time to remind you of some of the glorious resources available to you at NARA.

The National Archives Building is an impressive, massive structure in Washington, DC, not too far from the White House. It is a privilege to be able to work and research in this beautiful, mammoth building.

Almost anyone doing research on American ancestors will have records relevant to their family in NARA. Military pension files are a record set that is widely used. While not every person who served in a war will have a pension, when pension files do exist for an ancestor, it can be a gold mine of information! Pension files exist at NARA for soldiers who served in the Revolutionary War (most of which have also been digitized on *Fold3*), War of 1812 (currently being digitized), Mormon Battalion, Mexican-American War, Civil War, Indian Wars, and Spanish-American War. Many records are being digitized, but there are also many that are still only available in-person in the Reading Room at NARA. If you're unsure about whether or not your soldier ancestor has a pension, check the indexes on *Ancestry.com* and *Fold3*.

Compiled Military Service Records (CMSRs) are also oft-used records at NARA. Most soldiers who served, especially during the Civil War, will have associated CMSRs. These records are a great way to trace your ancestor's footsteps during their time in the military. It's important to remember that only pre-World War I CMSRs are available in Washington, DC. Later records are held at the National Personnel Records Center out in St. Louis.

Carded medical records also exist for Civil War and Mexican War soldiers. These provide information about when a soldier was hospital-

ized, or suffering from an ailment while serving. These can prove especially valuable if a CMSR cannot be found for a soldier for some reason.

Many people don't know that ancestors who bought land from the federal government also have records at NARA. Did your ancestor homestead or perhaps purchase land under the Cash Act of 1820? If your ancestor moved westward and purchased land from the federal government, there will be associated paperwork in NARA. While a copy of the land patent is generally available online, there are also applications, testimonies, and other records associated with the application for that patent! Homesteaders needed to be American citizens, too, so one will often find a copy of the (original!) certificate of naturalization of immigrant ancestors who homesteaded out west.

My favorite, of course, are immigration records, and there are plenty of those at NARA! One of the largest sets are the Immigration and Naturalization Service Subject and Policy Files, which include correspondence about all sorts of matters related to immigration—deportations, Ellis Island, the Chinese Exclusion Act, investigations of smuggling aliens into the country, contract labor law violations . . . the list is really endless! There are also Bureau of Naturalization Case and Correspondence Files, which include correspondence related to naturalization status (when one questioned whether their father's or husband's naturalization also made them a citizen), fraudulent naturalizations, and lost citizenship certificates, among other things. Records in these sets start in the 1890s or early 1900s, but relate to people who immigrated as early as the 1870s or 1880s (if not earlier).

Ready to head to DC yet? Researching at NARA is fun, and can provide a lot of new information about your family's story! Whether your family has been in the United States for hundreds of years or is a more recent arrival, it's very likely there's a treasure trove just waiting for your visit at NARA. Happy researching! See you at the meeting!

~ Rich

CONFERENCE EXPERIENCES: SUGGESTIONS FOR SELECTING CONFERENCE SESSIONS

By Susan L. Ennis, NHG Newsletter Co-Editor

This week the conference program and registration links were posted for the Federation of Genealogical Societies 2017 Conference, which will be held 30 August – 2 September in Pittsburgh. The theme of FGS 2017 is *Building Bridges to the Past*. Pittsburgh repositories, archives, and history will be highlighted throughout the conference.

Find details about FGS 2017 at www.fgsconference.org. Discounts are offered for early bird registration prior to 1 July 2017. There are options for full conference registration or one-day passes. As the Pittsburgh genealogical community hosts the FGS conference in 2017, take advantage of this occasion close to home.

The North Hills Genealogists will participate in FGS 2017 as attendees, speakers, volunteers, and exhibitors. With the FGS Conference in Pittsburgh, NHG members might attend a large genealogical conference for the first time! There are twenty-one topical tracks with six sessions, PLUS a society day with seven more tracks plus six choices per track, AND a day for librarians. Whew! If attending FGS 2017, how does one decide what sessions to attend?

Planning what sessions to attend, especially when all of the topics and all of the speakers sound interesting, is important to ponder in order to gain the most from the conference. Start by reading the conference's program booklet, found for FGS 2017 at <http://fgs.org/upload/files/FGS2017-ProgramPreview.pdf>.

First, peruse the entire packet to get an overview of the conference. Then, look for the focus of each thematic track, which is a series of related presentations each day. If there is a specific track of high interest, such as DNA or Military or Immigrant/Ethnic (all choices for FGS 2017), then consider concentrating within that track to learn in-depth, closely related content. All FGS 2017 program tracks are outlined at www.fgsconference.org/program/tracks/.

Next, consider the speakers. A national conference brings together the top genealogical lecturers and instructors. One can choose to attend a session simply on the reputation of the speaker. Examine the list of presenters, and then investigate their online presence, reading about areas of expertise and testimonials. Some of the presenters have been featured at NHG conferences. See if a speaker has a webinar scheduled between now and the end of August, and if so, you can tune it to see if you like their lecturing style. If previous experience learning from a speaker was positive, then use the program to see what new topics will be offered by that presenter. When a speaker is well-prepared with content that is applicable to genealogical research, then the learning experience will be valuable.

Another consideration before scheduling your conference is to examine the summary about each topic. For example, a session about “Getting Started with DNA” compared to one titled “Organizing Your Genetic Genealogy” may express two different levels of knowledge—beginner vs. advanced. Presenters at national conferences often prepare unique lectures about highly specialized resources, such as “Anatomy of a Pension File” or “Courting Pennsylvania: The Courts of the Keystone State”. How fortunate for attendees at any genealogical conference when they encounter topics that fulfill a specific need for research! (Note: Each title included here is an actual choice for FGS 2017.)

Once the choices for certain tracks, speakers, or topics is narrowed, it is time to create a schedule for the conference. Planning this in advance can solidify the quality of one’s conference journey; but, making a decision on the spur of the moment can be better than what was pre-planned. The schedule you create can include options. A common recommendation for deciding upon conference sessions is to rank choices for each time slot. Then, make a final decision based upon what is offered that just cannot be missed. For example, perhaps a speaker like Judy Russell is offering three conference sessions. If you are determined to learn from this illustrious genealogist, choose a time slot with consideration to what other speakers or workshops will be presented at the

same time and date. If one time slot has multiple speakers or topics that are highly interesting, consider the other opportunities to learn about a similar topic or to hear from that specific speaker. This checker-boarding effect builds flexibility into your conference plans.

Conferences can be as tiring as rewarding. With pre-planned conference selections and a bit of flexibility, the conference experience becomes personalized. What if you strike up a conversation at lunch with a new acquaintance, and then they discover that their grandparents grew up in the same small town during the same time period as yours? Skipping a workshop session to discuss this finding and exchange information could be even more valuable for your genealogical research than any workshop topic! Networking with fellow genealogists is invaluable.

You can also make your final selection after reviewing the syllabus material. Shortly before the conference, all attendees will receive an email with a link to a PDF version of the syllabus. You can download that and look at the material provided for your sessions of interest. Did the speaker simply provide an outline or is there more detailed information? If it’s the former, it might be wiser to attend that session and take good notes.

The exhibit hall with vendors, societies, and archival repositories, is another aspect to plan when attending a large genealogical conference. Many exhibitors offer mini-workshops or one-on-one consultations as a service during the conference. Typical exhibit hall experiences include browsing FamilySearch on a computer while an advisor provides guidance, or learning how to navigate a successful search using Google Books or Ancestry.com from the experts. With some pre-planning, a genealogy conference becomes a more productive, educational event.

NGS 2017 CONFERENCE OFFERS LIVE-STREAMING REGISTRATION OPTIONS

The 2017 National Genealogical Society’s Annual Conference will be held in Raleigh, North Carolina from 10–13 May. If you are unable to attend in person, there is a virtual conference

option that might interest you! Selected conference sessions will be live-streamed throughout the conference for a modest fee. By registering for the NGS 2017 live-streaming option, participants will receive all handouts, opportunities to ask questions, and of course, the benefits of learning from renowned genealogical speakers without the cost of travel and lodging. Registrants can review the live-streamed sessions not only live, but also for three months after the conference.

There are three options offered for genealogists to participate virtually in the 2017 NGS Conference. Options 1 and 2 are themed tracks of five sessions for \$115.00; Option three provides both tracks (ten sessions) for \$185.00. The tracks are “DNA” and “BCG Skillbuilding” this year. Detailed information about the session topics and speakers can be found at this link: www.playbackngs.com/7770. Pre-registration is required for participation in the live-streaming sessions offered during the NGS 2017 Conference, *Family History Lives Here*.

FAMILYSEARCH MARKS WORLD WAR I CENTENNIAL WITH FREE HISTORIC RECORD COLLECTIONS

Press release

4 April 2017

Salt Lake City, Utah—Did your ancestor serve in World War I? As the centennial of the United States’ entry into World War I approaches, FamilySearch International is highlighting its free online collections of World War I records. Millions of free draft registration, service, and naturalization records online help fill in details about ancestors who served in the military during the conflict. April 6, 2017, will mark the centennial of the United States’ entry into World War I. Search the free collections at FamilySearch.org.

A century ago, the United States joined its allies to fight in World War I—the “Great War” or the “War to End All Wars.” When the U.S. joined the war effort, battles had already raged in Europe for nearly three years between the Allies and the Central Powers.

Almost five million [American military personnel](#) marched to war under the command of General

John Pershing, commander-in-chief of the American Expeditionary Force. More than 116,000 Americans died in the war—about half from the [Spanish Flu pandemic](#) that swept the globe in 1918, killing millions around the world. Nearly 30,000 American military died of the flu before they even got to France.

The country followed the news of the war, with many people supporting the war effort in industry, farming, and other ways as they waited anxiously for the return of their loved ones. On November 11, 1918, about a year and a half after the United States entered the war, Germany formally surrendered, and terms of peace were negotiated. The nation rejoiced as soldiers returned home to rejoin their families and normal lives. But their experiences helped shape their lives, their posterity, and the country.

As the country remembers that war, many families seek to document the stories of their ancestors and friends who participated in the conflict. The veterans of that conflict are gone now, but many Americans are still alive who listened to the stories told by their parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents of their families’ experience during World War I. Some have documents and old letters, but not everyone has such personalized memorabilia. They may find documents in FamilySearch’s searchable online collections to provide insights.

FamilySearch World War I Records Collections

- [United States World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918](#)
- [California, San Francisco, World War I Enemy Alien Registration Affidavits, 1918](#)
- [Louisiana World War I Service Records, 1917–1920](#)
- [Maine, World War I Draft Registration Index, 1917–1919](#)
- [North Carolina, World War I Service Cards, 1917–1919](#)
- [Texas, World War I Records, 1917–1920](#)
- [United States Index to Naturalizations of World War I Soldiers, 1918](#)
- [United States, YMCA World War I Service Cards, 1917–1919](#)

To find details about an ancestor's military service, start with the [Family History Research](#)

[Wiki](#), which directs readers to related documents. Type World War I into the search box in the wiki. The results provide historical context to events during the war, suggestions of records that may provide World War I information, and links to records on other websites.

The most extensive collection on FamilySearch.org is the United States [World War I Draft Registration Card](#) collection, with nearly 25 million records. During the course of the war, the amount and kind of information required on draft cards changed, but draft registration cards typically included at least the registrant's full name, home address, birth date, birthplace, marital status, occupation, physical description, and more.

FamilySearch.org has also published searchable images of [World War I Enemy Alien Registration Affidavits](#) from San Francisco, California. This collection of records has nearly 34,000 records that offer invaluable genealogical information about noncitizen families during the war, including birth location, countries of citizenship, children, siblings, extended family, educational level, date of arrival in the United States, occupation, languages spoken, a description and a photo of the registrant, and more.

The United States [Index to Naturalizations in World War I Soldiers, 1918](#) offers both indexed information about citizens naturalized during the war and links to images of the actual records.

Census records provide further clues about military service. The 1920 census did not ask questions specific to military service, but the [1930](#) and [1940](#) censuses did. Searchable images of the census sheets are online at FamilySearch.org.

One less-known collection containing information about the World War I military comes in records from the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA). This volunteer organization provided programs and supplies to support the troops, the sick and wounded, and prisoners of war. FamilySearch.org has 27,000 images from the [YMCA World War I Service](#)

[Cards, 1917–1919](#) collection that provide names, addresses, work, religious affiliation, and army service information.

The following World War I books can be found in FamilySearch's [digital book collection](#) online.

FamilySearch World War I Books

- [Soldiers of the Great War](#) (3 volumes) lists by state American casualties, killed, wounded, died of disease, etc. Also included are hundreds of individual pictures of soldiers.
- [Officers and enlisted men of the United States Navy who lost their lives during the World War from April 6, 1917, to November 11, 1918](#)
- [Utah in the World War](#)
- [History of the Seventy-Seventh Division, August 25, 1917–November 11, 1918](#) - The division was made of draftees from New York City

NEW RECORDS FOUND IN FAMILYSEARCH COLLECTIONS

At the end of March, [FamilySearch.org](#) released newly indexed and digitized record collections. Included here is a summary of several record groups to aid in family history research. For a listing of all new collections, follow FamilySearch News at <http://media.familysearch.org>. Each month new collection releases are announced on the FamilySearch News page.

In all cases, the following collections have been established in the past on FamilySearch.org, but a large amount of new, indexed records have been digitized and added to the collection in the past few weeks. Collections are listed from most recently released:

- [Ontario, County Marriage Registers, 1858-1869](#)
- [Germany, Baden, Church Book Duplicates, 1800-1870](#)
- [New Hampshire, Civil War Service and Pension Records, 1861-1866](#)
- [Pennsylvania, Eastern District Petitions for Naturalization, 1795-1931](#)
- [New York State Census, 1865](#)
- [Illinois, Cook County, Birth Certificates, 1871-1940](#)
- [South Carolina Deaths, 1915-1965](#)

- [New York, Southern District, U.S District Court Naturalization Records, 1824-1946](#)
- [Massachusetts, Boston Crew Lists, 1917-1943](#)
- [British Columbia, Victoria Times Birth, Marriage and Death Notices, 1901-1939](#)
- [England, Derbyshire, Church of England Parish Registers, 1537-1918](#)
- [United Kingdom, Royal Hospital Chelsea: Discharge Documents of Pensioners 1760-1887](#)
- [Maine, United States Naturalization Records, 1918-1991](#)
- [Texas, Matagorda County, School Census Records, 1923-1945](#)

To access a specific collection and search only those records, first go to FamilySearch.org. Find "Search" in the menu links across the top of the home page. Under "Search", click on "Catalog" and then set up the search parameters. First, click on "Keywords" and enter the title of the collection. Note that you could also click on "Titles" and enter the collection name; however, if one word is missing or incorrect, then the collection might not emerge as an option. By using the "Keywords" and entering the title, the result will yield the actual collection, even if the title is not exact.

Remember this important advice about conducting genealogical research in online database collections: check back throughout the year and re-create previous searches that did not provide results the first or second time.

WHERE GENEALOGISTS MEET

Saturday, 22 April 2017 9:00 A.M. PALATINES TO AMERICA OHIO CHAPTER

Their spring seminar will feature Fritz Juengling, PhD, AG, a German specialist at the Family History Library. He will present four lectures: "Beyond the Obvious: Beyond Practical and Social Concerns for Emigration to America", "Historical Events that Affect German Genealogical Research", "The Genealogical Value of German Guild Records: How to Fill the Gaps when Church Records Are Missing", and "German Names: Their Origins, Meanings, and Distribution". For more information and a registration form, please visit <https://oh-palam.org>.

Saturday, 22 April 2017 1:30 P.M. ZELIENOPE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The library will hold a Genealogy Work Day from 1:30 P.M. until 4:00P.M. Volunteers, including NHG Newsletter Co-editor Sue Ennis, will be available to help participants with research in online databases. The program is free and open to the public. If possible, participants are encouraged to bring their own laptop computers or tablets.

Sunday, 23 April 2017 9:00 A.M. SOUTH HILLS GENEALOGY DAY & PANCAKE FESTIVAL

The Beth El Congregation will hold its annual genealogy day and pancake breakfast at their synagogue. The address is 1900 Cochran Road, Pittsburgh, 15220. The lectures at the Genealogy Day will include "Technology for Genealogy," "The Nuts and Bolts of Genealogy," "Researching Offline: PA Resources Old & New," and "Trace Your Family History Using DNA (The Basics)." For more information, please visit <http://bethelcong.org/events/south-hills-genealogy-day-2>.

Monday, 24 April 2017 6:30 P.M. ZELIENOPE PUBLIC LIBRARY

NHG Newsletter Co-editor Susan Ennis will lead a workshop in learning tips and tricks to grow your family tree using Ancestry.com Library Edition and other databases. Please bring a laptop or tablet if you have one available. Free and open to all levels of genealogy enthusiasts. Use the time to brainstorm solutions to brick walls and to move ahead with your genealogical research! The workshop will also be held on 22 May.

26-29 April 2017 OHIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

OGS's annual conference will be held at the Kalahari Resorts and Convention Center in Sandusky. This year's theme is *Genealogy Gone Wild*. Choose from multiple lecture tracks each day. Conference registrations are now being accepted. For more information and a program booklet, please visit www.ogsconference.org.

Wednesday, 26 April 2017 6:30 P.M.
CRANBERRY GENEALOGY CLUB

The group will watch a video by Lisa Alzo entitled "Tracing Immigrant Ancestors." The meeting is free and open to the public. Note that the meeting will be held in the Cranberry Public Library's Brush Creek room rather than the usual room. Please visit www.cranberrygenealogy.org for more information.

26–29 April 2017
NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL
GENEALOGICAL CONSORTIUM
CONFERENCE

This year NERGC will be held at the MassMutual Convention Center in Springfield, Massachusetts. The theme is *Using the Tools of Today & Tomorrow to Understand the Past*. The first day of the conference features sets of lectures dedicated to specific topics, including beginning DNA, professional genealogy, libraries, society management, and technology. These sets of lectures require an additional fee. The other three days will feature seven lecture tracks. For more information, please visit www.nergc.org/2017-conference.

Saturday, 6 May 2017 8:00 A.M.
NASHI PREDKY

Interested in Ukrainian genealogy? Nashi Predky's *Rediscovering Your Family Stories* is for you! This single-day conference will feature lectures on Ukrainian genealogy, Ukrainian church records, USCIS record sets, and gazetteers. The event will be held at the Ukrainian American Citizens' Club in Carnegie, Pennsylvania. Please visit www.ukrhec.org/family-history-group for more information.

Saturday, 6 May 2017 8:00 A.M.
PALATINES TO AMERICA
PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER

Their spring conference will feature four lectures: "Moravians in America & the Moravian Archives", "Ornamental Arts at Moravian Boarding Schools", "Tightening the Screws: How Pennsylvania's Loyalists Were Treated in the Revolutionary Era", and "Finding Military

Records". The conference will be held at Kutztown University's Academic Forum in Kutztown. For additional information, please visit www.palam.org/pennsylvania-palam-chapter.php.

Tuesday, 9 May 2017 6:30 P.M.
HEINZ HISTORY CENTER

The center's Detre Library and Archives will host the workshop "Preserving Your Digital Photographs." It will cover how to manage and preserve your digital photos. The workshop is free, however registration is required. For more information and to register, please visit www.heinzhistorycenter.org/events/preserving-digital-photographs-workshop.

10–13 May 2017
NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL
SOCIETY CONFERENCE

This year's conference will be held in Raleigh, North Carolina. The theme is *Family History Lives Here*. Each day of this conference features ten lecture tracks, all of which focus on different areas of genealogical research. Registration is open. For more information and to register, please visit <http://conference.ngsgenealogy.org>.

Saturday, 13 May 2017 10:00 A.M.
WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Suzanne Johnston will present "Using Church Records in Genealogy Research" at the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh Main Branch's International Poetry Room. The program is free and open to the public, but registration is required. To register, please call the library's Pennsylvania Department at 412-622-3154. Visit www.wpgs.org for more information.

Tuesday, 23 May 2017 6:00 P.M.
BUTLER AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY

The library's Weir Genealogy Room will host "Advanced Online Research with Ancestry.com." The free program will be held in the library's Basement Meeting Room. For more information, please call 724-287-1715 or e-mail baplgenealogy@bcfls.org.

Saturday, 27 May 2017 11:00 A.M.
FORT PITT MUSEUM

The museum will host *Massy Harbison: 225 Years After Her Capture*. The programs will include “An Old Strong Law and Custom: Indian Captivity on the Early American Frontier,” “Massy Harbison's Journey,” and “Voices of Captivity.” The event is included with museum admission. More information is available at www.heinzhistorycenter.org/events/fort-pitt-massy-harbison.

Saturday, 3 June 2017 9:00 A.M.
HEINZ HISTORY CENTER

The center's Detre Library and Archives will host an Italian Genealogy Workshop. The topics to be discussed include Italian genealogical research and applying for dual citizenship. Watch www.heinzhistorycenter.org/events/italian-genealogy-workshop-2017 for more details.

25–30 June 2017
GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH
INSTITUTE OF PITTSBURGH

Registration for the first week of GRIP is open. Six courses will be offered: *Confusion to Conclusion: How to Write Proof Arguments*, *Mastering the Art of Genealogical Documentation*, *Writing and Sharing Your Family History*, *Research in the States of the Old Northwest Territory*, *Research in Washington, DC, from Afar*, and *Tracing Your Roots in Eastern Europe*. GRIP is held at LaRoche College on Babcock Boulevard in Pittsburgh. More information is available at www.gripitt.org.

16–21 July 2017
GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH
INSTITUTE OF PITTSBURGH

Registration for the second week of GRIP is open. Six courses will be offered: *Practical Genetic Genealogy*, *Advanced Genetic Genealogy*, *Gateway to the Garden State: Sources and Strategies for New Jersey Research*, *Irish Genealogical Research*, *Law School for Genealogists*, and *Intermediate*

Genealogy: Tools for Digging Deeper. More information is available at www.gripitt.org.

28–30 July 2017
INTERNATIONAL GERMANIC
GENEALOGY CONFERENCE

The Germanic Genealogy Society has announced its next international conference will be in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The speakers will include Michael D. Lacopo, Paula Stuart-Warren, Jim Biedler, and Stephen P. Morse. Seventy presentations are scheduled. Access the website at www.GGSMN.org and click on “2017 IGGP Conference.”

31 July–4 August 2017
HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF
PENNSYLVANIA

Registration is open for HSP's second annual workshop, *Researching in Pennsylvania*. This week-long class covers a variety of records and repositories useful for genealogical research in Pennsylvania. For more information, please visit www.hsp.org/calendar/researching-family-in-pennsylvania.

Saturday, 26 August 2017 11:00 A.M.
FORT PITT MUSEUM

The museum will host author Daniel Krebs, who will present a lecture about German prisoners of war during the American Revolutionary War. The lecture is based on his book *A Generous and Merciful Enemy*. Admission to the lecture is included with the general admission to the museum. For more information, please visit www.heinzhistorycenter.org/events/fort-pitt-speakers-series-captives-in-a-foreign-land.

30 August–2 September 2017
FEDERATION OF GENEALOGICAL
SOCIETIES CONFERENCE

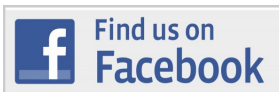
The program for this year's FGS conference has been released and registration is now open. The conference will be held at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center in Pittsburgh. More information is available at www.fgsconference.org.



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UPCOMING NHG PROGRAMS

Tuesday, 18 April 2017 **Making Friends with my Norwegian Ancestors**

Kimberly Latta, PhD

Latta is an English literature scholar who knew practically nothing about the history of Norway or its emigrants. So it was with great daring that she took on the task of telling the story of her Norwegian ancestors, who settled in North America during the 19th century. She is grateful to her youthful self for pestering her grandmother with questions. Now she has settled down to write up what she has been learning. She will present some of the documents she has collected and read a snippet of the saga.

Tuesday, 16 May 2017 **The New Historic Pittsburgh: Change is in the Air**

David Grinnell

Grinnell, Reference Archivist at the Archives Service Center of the University of Pittsburgh, will give a presentation on the New Historic Pittsburgh site (historicpittsburgh.org). While the site is available for

everyone to utilize, it is still being developed. David will show us some of the new viewing tools, share some of the new searching features, and talk about what is still in development. Come hear about the progress that is being made with the site. The old Historic Pittsburgh website (digital.pitt.edu/pittsburgh/) is still live while the transition is being made.

Tuesday, 20 June 2017 **Reflections on Civil War Era Pittsburgh**

James Wudarczyk

Local historian and author James Wudarczyk has resurrected a number of significant pieces of our heritage from the antebellum period and the dark days of the Civil War. His address will focus on some largely overlooked events and give us a glimpse of what Pittsburgh was like during the 1850s and 1860s. Wudarczyk, a member of the Lawrenceville Historical Society, is the author of *Until the Morning Cometh: Civil War Era Pittsburgh* and several other books and articles. In 2015, he and Joann Cantrell compiled a photographic history titled *Lawrenceville* for Arcadia books.