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NHG NEWS

Field Trip to Downtown Repositories

NHG is planning a field trip to the City-County Building and the County Office Building for Thursday, September 29th. Amy Arner, Elissa Powell, and Carole Ashbridge will provide assistance to the NHG members going on the trip.

The plan is to visit the Allegheny County Department of Real Estate (formerly the Recorder of Deeds) and the Department of Court Records, Wills/Orphans' Court Division (formerly the Register of Wills). The Department of Real Estate has deeds. The Division of Court Records has probate files, guardianships, and marriage licenses. The records of both departments start with the formation of the county in 1788, although the marriage licenses start in 1885.

You'll need to keep several things in mind on the trip:

- Parking is expensive downtown. We will plan to carpool from the North Hills so we can split the costs.
- Pre-planning is helpful. Develop a research plan that includes names and dates for those records that you wish to research.
- We will break for lunch and eat at one of the restaurants near the City-County Building.
- The old records are dusty and dirty. If you have allergies, come prepared with the appropriate medication.
- Seating is extremely limited in all of the offices we will be visiting. If you have trouble standing for long periods of time, you may not be able to research all day.
- Table space is very limited in the Division of Court Records. Please keep the material you bring on the trip to a minimum.
- All visitors to the City-County Building must

pass through metal detectors. It will be helpful if you have all metal objects in a purse or bag before you reach the detectors.

- Bring name and address labels to make ordering records easier in the Division of Court Records.

Since space is limited, we will only be able to accommodate 10–12 people. Space can be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis by emailing Carole Ashbridge at caroleashbridge@gmail.com or by calling 724-687-0329.

NHG Fall Conference

The early-bird registration deadline for this year's conference is **September 20th**. However, if you register before midnight on **August 16th**, you will be entered into a drawing to have your registration fee refunded. The winner will be drawn at the conference. Come join in the fun!

This year's conference will feature J. Mark Lowe, CG, and Deborah Abbott, PhD, as the speakers. The conference will be held Friday and Saturday, October 21st and 22nd, 2016. We will use the same format as last year—a workshop on Friday afternoon, a workshop on Friday evening, a choice of two tracks Saturday morning, and two lectures Saturday afternoon. We will use the same **(continued on page 3)**

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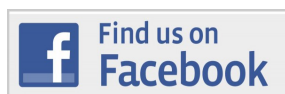
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WHO WE ARE—NHG

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

Happy August to you all! It seems like summer is coming to an end far too soon. I, for one, am looking forward to autumn in Pittsburgh. Cool weather, carving pumpkins, colorful leaves—what could be better? I am also looking forward to serving as your president for the next year. I am very thankful to Sharon Cimoch for her leadership since last summer, and I'm excited to get to know you all, as valued NHG members, better over my time as president.

While I'm a Jersey boy at heart, I do have strong roots here in Western Pennsylvania. My grandfather was born in Wilmerding, and his parents and their families immigrated there right around the turn of the century from southern Italy. I imagine they'd hoped to provide better lives for their families and leave a world full of possibilities for their children. Three generations later, I wound up attending college at Point Park University and decided to return to Pittsburgh permanently in May 2015. I like to think that I did the "Pittsburgh boomerang"—with a few generations in between! My ancestry is mainly that of late-eighteenth century and early nineteenth-century immigrants—only one of my great-great-great-grandparents was born in the United States. I'm really excited to impart my knowledge and experience about immigration, as well as other genealogical topics, to you in these columns over the next months. A great way to begin that is to attend my lecture at the August NHG meeting, "Italian-Americans: Find Your Roots in the Old Country". Even if you don't have Italian in your ancestry, I hope you'll enjoy learning about my *madrepatria*.

As Pittsburgh gears up for the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) conference in late summer 2017, to be held at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center downtown, we at North Hills Genealogists will be talking a lot about genealogical education. In addition to our monthly meetings, there are scores of opportunities available to genealogists, for beginner to advanced alike. In addition to the week-long institutes, both local and out-of-town, a great way to learn more are via free online webinars. Legacy Family Tree, Southern California Genealogical Society, Illinois State Genealogical Society, United States Citizenship &

Immigration Services, and Florida State Genealogical Society all offer free webinars! A tip, though—most are free only when they are presented live. To view them again, or at a different time than their original broadcast, one needs to be a member of that organization. Hopefully, you now have a few more resources to learn more about topics of interest to you—right from the comfort of your own living room! (And the best part—no one will know you're still in your pajamas!)

As your new president, I am interested in hearing from you. What do you love about NHG? How could we serve you better? What are some things that you're interested in seeing as a member of our organization? Do you have a topic of interest for a monthly meeting or a speaker in mind for a future fall conference? Please do get in touch—e-mail me at President@NorthHillsGenealogists.org.

Enjoy your last few weeks of summer. See you at the meeting!

~ Rich

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facility, Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church on Babcock Boulevard.

The planned topics for Friday include research planning and oral history. One of the Saturday morning tracks will take attendees through a research problem when your starting point is a single death notice. The other Saturday morning track will focus on source citations and using newspapers to trace pioneers. The Saturday afternoon sessions will focus on finding sources online and using land transactions and landless documents to trace your ancestors.

Membership Renewal

Just a reminder, the NHG membership year runs from August 1st through July 31st. If you have not already renewed your membership, this will be the last newsletter you receive. Membership is still \$15.00 and covers two people in a household. Join on our website, www.NorthHillsGenealogists.org, at a meeting,

or by mail. Our address is PO Box 169, Wexford, PA 15090.

NHG Polo Shirts

The North Hills Genealogists periodically offers its members a chance to purchase a royal blue polo shirt with the NHG logo. Orders will need to be sent in by **September 24** for delivery for our Oct. 18 meeting and Oct. 21–22 conference. Cost will be determined by the number of participants (the larger the order the lower the cost) but should be between \$20 and \$25. Both men's and ladies' sizes (small through 4XL) can be accommodated.

To place your order with your name, e-mail, style, and size, please send an e-mail to Info@NorthHillsGenealogists.org with NHG Polo Shirt in the subject line.

BC3 OFFERS GENEALOGY CLASS

NHG member Debbie Billeter will teach a new class titled "Genealogy Jump Start" this fall at the Butler County Community College's Cranberry Township campus.

The class will be four sessions total eight hours will be held some Wednesday evenings from 6:30–8:30 P.M. The cost for the class is \$55.

For a detailed class description, go to www.bc3.edu/lifelong-learning. To register, you should call BC3 at 724-287-8711 or toll free at 888-826-2829, ext.

FGS BENEFITS FOR NHG MEMBERS

The North Hills Genealogists are a member society of the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS). Besides genealogical groups such as NHG, associate organizations such as libraries and archives can also join FGS as well as genealogy vendors.

As a member society of FGS, there are some benefits to our group and for our individual members under the categories of *Partner Benefits, Tools, and Services*. For example, NHG had the monthly newsletter evaluated recently to ensure quality content, and we received great feedback—a service of FGS.

Two of the current FGS Partner Benefits for individual members include the Dell Computer Discount Program and discounts such as 10% off any book or product from Lisa Louise Cooke of Genealogy Gems. The long list of Tools can benefit our group and members of NHG, particularly webinars, audio recordings, and announcements. For current offers and details, go to fgs.org/cpage.php?pt=125. Check back often for new benefits!

COLLECTION OF HISTORIC LONDON IMAGES AVAILABLE

At the beginning of August, the London Metropolitan Archives and the City of London launched online a special collection of historic images, *Collage: The London Picture Map*. According to the Archives, the collection has “over 250,000 photographs, prints and drawings as well as over 1,000 maps” that are indexed and searchable online.

Accessing this collection allows genealogists to re-create a visual history of London. To get started, go to <http://collage.cityoflondon.gov.uk>. Note that this collection is growing with additional images each month in an ongoing project.

If your ancestors lived or worked in London, there is a good chance you can search for an image of the actual building, home, business, or street. The images do not just include street views or simply buildings and grounds, but many everyday people are depicted and also identified. The images capture people as they go about their daily lives!

At the very least, according to the Archives, “It is likely you can now see what they (your ancestors) saw.” Images are able to be downloaded and can be used in your family history stories since they are in the public domain.

After more than two years of digitizing and organizing the images, the archivists realized that many photos were chronological records of important landmarks as they were constructed or renovated. Each image can be located on a map or by searching. The Archives and the City

of London worked with the Guildhall Art Gallery that donated the largest percentage of original photos for this digitization collection.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC LAUNCHES FREE MAPS WEBSITE

National Geographic recently launched a website where you can print detailed topographical maps for free. The site uses quadrangle maps created by the United States Geological Survey (USGS). The scale is 7.5 minute (one inch equals two thousand feet).

The maps are intended for use by outdoor enthusiasts, but they are useful for genealogists too. You can use them to see what the terrain was like in the area where your ancestors lived. Did the terrain make going to one town easier to visit than another? That would affect where your ancestors attended church or went shopping.

Visit www.natgeomaps.com/trail-maps/pdf-quads to search for a location and print the maps. Near the bottom of the pages is a map of the United States. You can enter an address or zip code in the search box or you can zoom in on the map manually. Once you have found a location on the map, look for the closest red box. Left click on the box with your mouse. This will open a small window with a map at the center. Click on the small map and you should be prompted to open or save a PDF. Choose the option to open the PDF, which consists of five pages, one overview and then the map in four sections. You can print the pages at home or save the PDF to your computer to refer to later.

ONLINE LAUNCH OF THE LIST OF CHURCH OF IRELAND PARISH REGISTERS

Press Release

3 August 2016

Dublin, Ireland—At a reception in St Audoen’s parish church, Dublin, at 6pm, Wednesday, 3rd August 2016, the Director of the National Archives, John McDonough, launched *The List of Church of Ireland Parish Registers*: an online colour-coded resource featuring live links to other relevant online resources.

The list accounts for all Church of Ireland parochial registers of baptism, marriage and burial—noting what survives, the dates covered, and where they are located. Where registers were destroyed in the burning of the Public Record Office of Ireland (PROI) during the Irish Civil War in 1922, the list records details about abstracts, transcripts and where they are held.

The original list was the work of Margaret Griffith, Deputy Keeper at PROI, who in the 1950s used extant parochial returns (dating from the 1870s) to compile a hand list of Church of Ireland parish registers known to exist in 1922. In the ensuing decades the list was heavily annotated by PROI staff with notes about abstracts, transcripts and locations of microfilms. Latterly, from 1984 onwards, when the RCB Library was designated as the official place of deposit for Church of Ireland registers in the Republic of Ireland, the updating of the list was carried out by Library staff in conjunction with the National Archives and the Public Records Office of Northern Ireland.

The new online version of the list interpolates all previous work into an accessible, colour-coded resource. Additionally, it now includes live links to other websites holding indexes, transcripts and scanned images of parish registers. Ultimately the list will further link to the RCB Library's detailed in-house hand lists of the collections of parochial records—including the registers but also the wide variety of other records such as vestry minute books, preachers' books, accounts and magazines.

In producing this new resource, the RCB Library has collaborated with the Irish Genealogical Research Society (IGRS) as a project to celebrate the latter's 80th anniversary. Widely known for her online genealogy blog, *Irish Genealogy News*, Claire Santry, a Fellow of the IGRS, painstakingly reworked the list to create a one-stop search tool that links easily to online information.

IGRS Chairman Steven Smyrl said: "Parish registers are a vital tool to genealogists and the loss of so many in 1922 has been an ever-present handicap. This new online resource, highlighting the existence of so many surviving registers, along with abstracts and copies of

those that do not, will prove invaluable. Its launch today is a terrific way to mark the IGRS' 80th anniversary."

Dr Susan Hood, Librarian and Archivist at the RCB Library, said: "For a small record repository like the RCB Library, collaboration with committed organisations like the IGRS whose volunteer members have such an interest in Church of Ireland records (most especially the parish registers) is positive and rewarding." She thanked Claire Santry who had worked so hard on the project and expressed the hope that there will [be] "future opportunities to work so constructively for mutual benefit."

The list is available at www.ireland.anglican.org/library/archive.

EXPERIENCING GENEALOGICAL CONFERENCES FGS 2017 IN PITTSBURGH: *BUILDING BRIDGES TO THE PAST*

[Editors' note: This is the first in a series of articles to share experiences of NHG members who have attended conferences as we lead up to FGS 2017 in Pittsburgh on 30 August–2 September 2017.]

By Susan L. Ennis, NHG Newsletter Co-Editor

A great way to learn to overcome obstacles in genealogical research is to attend a conference. Not only do we learn new methods, discover new record groups, and learn to access resources during the lively workshop sessions, but also when attending a conference, we network with others who share the passion and joy of researching our ancestors.

In 2017, the annual conference for the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) will be held in Pittsburgh. FGS 2017 offers a fantastic opportunity for NHG members to attend a major conference! Typically, FGS offers registration levels—one fee for attending the entire conference and a lower fee to attend one day. In addition to workshops presented by well-known speakers, there are vendor exhibits and chances to meet others and exchange ideas and stories. Perhaps your attendance will enlighten your research or even lead you to meet an actual cousin!

The first national conference that I attended was FGS 1996: *In Your Ancestors' Images* held in Rochester, New York, the home of Eastman-Kodak. The theme often hints at the programming while relating to the local history. Rochester was the home of my only aunt and uncle; I had to go! I had been researching by then for about six years, mostly on-site. Attending FGS 1996 ignited my genealogy research as I learned as much as possible and with the Internet taking off, and with Kodak and the Rochester Institute of Technology nearby, there was a sub-theme of technology that only hinted at what we know today.

To attend a conference, budget for registration fees including optional meals, additional half and full day workshops, and special events. In addition, plan an allowance for lodging, transportation, parking, and meals not offered with the conference. Although these can add up quickly, I find it important to choose a conference based upon my connection to the locale. When I attended FGS 1996, my uncle drove me to the conference daily to save on parking costs. In fact, except for lunch, the only costs I had during that conference were transportation and registration. More importantly—I had a couple of hours each day to visit with my mom's sister and her family to glean some ancestral information from them! That was the visit with my aunt when I first learned what family items and heirlooms were in her home. Some of those items inspired great family stories.

There are multiple tracks at large conferences; this is an aspect of attending a genealogy conference that takes some planning. Decide what sessions to attend to best enhance your research knowledge. I recommend that you consider choosing a variety of speakers and topics to gain a variety of knowledge . . . unless there is a track of workshops about a specific topic that is exactly aligned with your research. Examples of this could be sessions about Welsh records or about online records in the Pennsylvania Archives. In this way, you can customize your learning for a better experience.

I want to share some ideas for enhancing your conference attendance from my perspective and experiences. For one, I sometimes attend a

conference alone, especially when staying with family or friends in the area or when there is an extra incentive such as access to a repository for research. Whether with others or alone, as soon as I sit down in a workshop session, I introduce myself to those sitting adjacent to me. I have met some interesting, knowledgeable genealogy friends this way! If attending the conference alone, don't hesitate to inquire whether or not anyone is eating alone—most people are glad to have company for a meal during a conference, AND you can easily keep the conversation going by talking about your favorite topic! Another idea is to take along business cards to share your contact information; maybe add a list of surnames that you are researching. You can create your own business cards using index cards and address labels or by using a template in Word. In fact, address labels are great to use for a quick method to fill out information cards or raffle tickets for daily prizes! If you encounter conference attendees that are more reserved, ask an open-ended question to get the conversation flowing. Two questions that work well are: *What is your genealogy brick wall?* or *Why did you get started in genealogy?* Reaching out to other conference attendees can lead to gaining insight or to discovering new resources for your research.

Be sure to explore some aspect of the town or city where the conference is held. Conference organizers arrange for a variety of tours and social events in addition to the programming. If choosing those type of events adds too much to your overall budget, then do some exploring on your own! The local tourism bureau is often represented at the exhibits, and committee members volunteer at an information booth to assist out-of-town participants find places to visit and eat. It can be tempting to use the hours of unplanned time to conduct some uninterrupted research from the comfort of your hotel room, however, I believe that one new friend or genealogical contact from a conference is very possible at a conference.

I plan to enjoy every moment of the FGS 2017 conference in Pittsburgh while sleeping comfortably each night in my own home! I look forward to seeing you at FSG 2017, as we fill our brains to overflowing with new skills, resources, and ideas to jump start our genealogy research.

RELATING OLYMPICISM TO ANCESTORS' STORIES

By Sue Ennis, NHG Newsletter Co-Editor

Preserving the stories of our ancestors' lives has been a point of emphasis within the genealogical community. This trend emerged as digitization, recording, and storytelling became more accessible. As we consider methods for preserving our own ancestral stories, we must also consider context, both locally and historically. Storytelling unveils the tenets of Olympicism as they intersect with the important task of preserving our ancestors' tales.

Celebrating the Olympic Games has been a part of my family's historic context for decades, as you will see. As you know, the Rio 2016 Summer Olympic Games will conclude later this week. Perhaps the modern Olympics are too commercialized, too political, or too focused on competition, but the spirit of the Olympics has a purer intent. Olympicism is best explained by its creed and motto.

Perhaps the following will inspire the next phase of *your* genealogical writing. Think about the lives of your ancestors as you read and reflect upon the following:

Motto of the Olympic Games: "Citius, Altius, Fortius" which translates to "Faster, Higher, Stronger". This motto was created to urge people to boldly dare. *How daring were your ancestors?*

The Olympic Creed: "The most important thing in the Olympic Games is not to win but to take part, just as the most important thing in life is not the triumph but the struggle. The essential thing is not to have conquered but to have fought well" (Baron Pierre de Coubertin, Father of the Modern Olympics). This creed was adopted to inspire participants to "perform to the best of one's abilities." *Were your ancestors triumphant after struggling?*

Motto of the 2016 Rio Olympics: "Viva sua paixão" (Portuguese for "Live Your Passion"). *How did passion sustain your ancestors in difficulty or inspire them to new beginnings?*

Watching the 1968 Olympic Games is an early family memory of mine. A great-grandfather was part of the 1904 St. Louis Olympics in the baseball exhibition. Cousins of my father were invited to tryout for the 1960 and 1964 basketball teams. I taught the seventeen-year old alternate in women's archery for the Atlanta '96 Olympics, where I served as a volunteer.

Distant places and cultures are revealed throughout the Olympics. Visit www.Olympic.org, and click on Videos. The snapshots of international lives preserved here offer fascinating information about countries and their cultural traditions! Multimedia offers the chance to "visit" other lands when we cannot do so ourselves. *Is your ancestral country and its culture presented through an Olympian's story?*

In April 1896 in Athens, Greece, 280 participants from thirteen countries competed in the first modern Olympics. As Baron de Coubertin convinced the world to create the International Olympic Committee, he proclaimed, "Holding an Olympic Games means evoking history." *How have your ancestors' lives and history intersected?*

Writing, recording, publishing and sharing the stories about our ancestors will preserve the context of their lives for future generations. By including history, traditions, and culture within our family history stories, we connect our ancestors to time and place, and we explain the context for their decisions, struggles, and triumphs.

WHERE GENEALOGISTS MEET

**Saturday, 20 August 2016 10:00 A.M.
FORT PITT MUSEUM**

Fort Pitt is holding a Living History event about artillery. Learn about the preparation for firing cannons. Tradesman such as tanners, turners, blacksmiths will discuss their contributions. The museum will fire the cannon throughout the day. For more information, please visit www.heinzhistorycenter.org.

**Tuesday, 23 August 2016 6:00 P.M.
BUTLER AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Learn about using probate records in genealogical research. The library's address is 218 North McKean Street, Butler. For more information and to register, e-mail mhewitt@bcfls.org.

**Wednesday, 24 August 2016 6:30 P.M.
CRANBERRY GENEALOGY CLUB**

Rich Watson and Debbie Billeter will present "What I Learned at Summer Genealogy Camp." The meeting will be held in the Franklin Station room of the Cranberry Public Library, 2525 Rochester Road, Cranberry. It is free and open to the public. For more information, please visit www.cranberrygenealogy.org.

**Saturday, 27 August 2016 9:30 A.M.
AKRON-SUMMIT COUNTY
PUBLIC LIBRARY**

John Philip Colletta, PhD, will present several lectures on the theme *Our Ancestors from Europe: How to Discover Their Individual Stories* in the library's Main Library Auditorium. The auditorium is in the library's facility at 60 South High Street, Akron, Ohio. The event is free and open to the public, although registration is required. For more information or to register, call 330-643-9030 or e-mail speccollections@akronlibrary.org.

**9–11 September 2016
PITTSBURGH IRISH FESTIVAL**

This year's Irish Festival will feature a Genealogy Pavilion. It will feature classes on Irish genealogy and have forms and references books for attendees to use. Visit <http://pghirishfest.org> for more details.

**Saturday, 10 September 2016 10:00 A.M.
WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

Miles Richards, PhD, will present "The Lochry Massacre of 1781" at the next WPGS meeting. The event is free and open to the public. It will be held in the Carnegie Library Lecture Hall in Oakland. See www.wpgs.org for more details.

**15–17 September 2016
NEW YORK FAMILY HISTORY
CONFERENCE**

The Central New York Genealogical Society and the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society are co-sponsoring this event. It will be held at the Holiday Inn and Conference Center Syracuse/Liverpool in Liverpool, New York. The Association for Public Historians of New York State will run concurrently. Those who register for one event can attend sessions from the other. More information is available at www.nysfhc.org.

**16–18 September 2016
FAMILY TREE UNIVERSITY
VIRTUAL GENEALOGY
CONFERENCE**

This event features fifteen half-hour classes in four tracks: genetic genealogy, technology, research strategies, and ethnic research. Live chats with the instructors will also be held. For more information and to register, please visit www.familytreeuniversity.com/courses/fall-2016-virtual-genealogy-conference-1.

**Monday, 19 September 2016 1:00 P.M.
MT. LEBANON GENEALOGICAL
SOCIETY**

The Mt. Lebanon Genealogical Society's next meeting will be held 19 September in Meeting Room A of the Mt. Lebanon Public Library, 16 Castle Shannon Boulevard, Pittsburgh. The topic is to be determined. Watch <http://mtlebanonlibrary.org/306/Genealogy-Society> for more information.

**Saturday, 24 September 2016 8:00 A.M.
YORK COUNTY HERITAGE TRUST**

The trust's conference will have two tracks, one on general genealogy and one on military records. Planned topics include resources at the York County Heritage Trust Library, DNA, and resources at the US Army Heritage Center. For more information, please visit www.yorkhistorycenter.org/education-programs/educational-activities-adult.

Saturday, 24 September 2016 8:00 A.M.
LIGONIER HIGHLAND GAMES

This year's games will feature a Genealogy Pavilion. The pavilion will host classes on Scottish research. Clan tents will have information on specific clans. See www.ligonierhighlandgames.org for details.

24–25 September 2016
MEADOWCROFT ROCKSHELTER

Learn about Native American life in the Ohio Valley during Meadowcroft's American Indian Heritage Weekend. Artisans will give demonstrations. The event is included with the regular cost of admission. For more information, please visit www.heinzhistorycenter.org.

Saturday, 1 October 2016 11:00 A.M.
DEPRECIATION LANDS MUSEUM

The Depreciation Lands Museum (DLM) will hold Hydref, their annual fall festival, on October 1st. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. DLM members get in free. Features of the festival will include eighteenth century craftspeople, re-enactors, live music, and more. See www.depreciationlandsmuseum.org for more information.

Saturday, 1 October 2016
ERIE SOCIETY FOR
GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH

The Erie Society for Genealogical Research will hold their 2016 conference at the Jefferson Educational Society in Erie. The theme *What's in Your Closet?* will feature two prominent speakers, John Philip Coletta, PhD, and Lisa Alzo. The schedule can be found at www.facebook.com/ErieSocietyForGenealogicalResearch. The cost before 3 September is \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members and after that date will increase to \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members. Send your registration to: ESGR, PO Bo 1403, Erie, PA 16512. If you need more information, contact ESGR at 814-454-1813 ext. 29 or esgrconf@gmail.com.

Saturday, 1 October 2016 9:00 A.M.
OHIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The OGS Fall Seminar will feature Deborah Abbott, PhD, as the speaker. Topics will include using manuscripts, cluster genealogy, and writing your family history. The event will be held at the Quality Inn & Suites Conference Center, 1000 Comfort Plaza Drive, Belleville, OH. See www.ogs.org/events/2016fallseminar.php for more information.

Sunday, 2 October 2016 10:00 A.M.
HEINZ HISTORY CENTER

Join the Heinz History Center and other local groups for Italian Heritage Day! Activities for the whole family are scheduled, including learning to play bocce, cooking demonstrations, learning Italian, and exploring family history. Vendors will also be featured. For more information, please visit www.heinzhistorycenter.org.

10–14 October 2016
BRITISH INSTITUTE

The International Society for British Genealogy and Family History will hold their annual institute at the Salt Lake Plaza Hotel in Salt Lake City, Utah. Choose from four courses: *English Research: The Fundamentals and Beyond*; *Irish Law and Government Documents*; *Welsh Family and Community History*; and *Crossing the Pond: Finding Your Immigrant Ancestor in Their Homeland*. The early registration deadline is September 14th. For more information and to register, please visit www.isbgfh.org.

4–5 November 2016
NASHI PREDKY

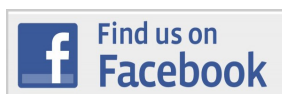
The third annual Ukrainian genealogy conference will be held at the Ukrainian Cultural Center, 135 Davidson Avenue, Somerset, NJ. It also covers southeast Poland. Topics to be covered include the Cyrillic alphabet, military records, DNA, and more. The early-bird registration deadline is October 1st. For more information and to register, please visit www.ukrhec.org/family-history-group.



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UPCOMING NHG PROGRAMS

Tuesday, 16 August 2016
Italian-Americans: Finding Your Roots in the Old Country

Rich Venezia, NHG President

This program will put Italian-Americans and Italian immigration patterns into context and provide a concise history of Italy to understand genealogical records available. Learn about the Italian records, what's available and where, and tips and tricks for finding elusive ancestors.

Tuesday, 20 September 2016
What's a Prothonotary? Pennsylvania's Courthouse Records

Elissa Scalise Powell, CG, CGL

Pennsylvania courthouses have some unique terms and an indexing system that may not be familiar to every researcher. This program will help you to gain

a better understanding of those terms, the Russell Index System, and the types of records contained in every Pennsylvania courthouse: the Recorder of Deeds, the Register of Wills, and the Prothonotary.

Tuesday, 18 October 2016
North Hills Road Show

Amy Steele and Debby Rabold

Presented by Northland Library Director, Amy Steele, and local historian, Debby Rabold, this program will feature road photos dating from 1899 into the 1930s shown side-by-side with current views. It includes an explanation of how the roads came into being as well as historical background on the surrounding landmarks.

Tuesday, 15 November 2016
Annual Round Table

Our Round Table returns! Stay tuned for details!