



# NORTH HILLS GENEALOGISTS

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## ATTEND THE NHG SPRING CONFERENCE TO JUMPSTART GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH

NHG extended the early bird deadline for the 2017 NHG Spring Genealogy Conference until 21 February. Have you signed up? The conference begins in thirty days and pre-registration is recommended.

The first ever spring conference, which is **replacing** the annual NHG Fall Conference, will be held 24–25 March 2017 at the Columbian Room (formerly Knights of Columbus) in nearby Wexford. Participants can register online at [www.NorthHillsGenealogists.org](http://www.NorthHillsGenealogists.org) or by turning in a registration form with payment at a meeting. If preferred, download the registration form from the NHG website and mail it with a check.

NHG welcomes back renowned genealogist Thomas W. Jones, PhD, CG, CGL, FASG, FUGA, FNGS, who will present the Friday afternoon workshop, followed by four more workshops during the all-day conference on Saturday. The Friday workshop presentation is “Overcoming Research Barriers and Record Shortages” from 1:30 to 4:30 P.M. After the optional buffet dinner or eating out on your own, plan to return for a Friday evening workshop, “An Archivist’s Guide to Preserving Your Family Archives” by Sierra Green from Pittsburgh’s Heinz History Center.

On Saturday, Jones will present two morning lectures titled, “Solving Problems With Original Records” and “Missing Something? Getting the Most Out of Genealogical Evidence”. After lunch and door prizes, the NHG Spring Conference will end with two afternoon sessions: “Systematically Using Autosomal DNA Test Results to Help Break Through Genealogical Brick Walls” and “Finding 'Unfindable' Ancestors”. The NHG Conference Committee made sure to choose lectures to reflect the interests of the members,

showcase the expertise of Jones, and highlight new topics.

Refer to the printed or digital NHG Spring Conference brochure for the costs for attendees. Options include the full two-day conference package or just segments of the conference along with member and non-member pricing. Plan now to attend this local genealogy event featuring incredibly knowledgeable speakers.

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## HISTORIC PITTSBURGH SITE OFFERS UPGRADES

The *Historic Pittsburgh* website, formerly found at <http://digital.library.pitt.edu/pittsburgh/> has moved to a new site with upgraded features: [www.historicpittsburgh.org](http://www.historicpittsburgh.org).

The main sections of *Historic Pittsburgh* are “Collections”, “Exhibits”, “Chronology”, and the “Finding Aids” just recently added. Remember to check out the “Featured Monthly Collections” while staying up-to-date with the “Recent News” articles.

A few weeks ago, the *Historic Pittsburgh* “Finding Aids” were compiled and added to the search **(continued on page 53)**

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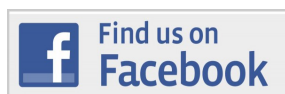
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## WHO WE ARE—NHG

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 February, friends! I hope the New Year is treating you well and you are making lots of great genealogical discoveries.

There's been a lot happening over the past month in the United States, and I can't help but think of my ancestors. Who did they vote for? What were their politics like? For the immigrants who'd become citizens, what was their experience during their first visit to a polling station?

These thoughts remind me of some of the wonderful records available that can at least help me continue to ponder some of these questions. Voter registration lists, while not always widely available, can be found for some jurisdictions. For instance, Ancestry.com has select years of California, Chicago, Kansas, and Texas voter records. (You can see many more here at [www.cyndislist.com/voters/locality](http://www.cyndislist.com/voters/locality)) These lists can help determine an approximate birth date or a naturalization date, as well as pin our ancestors' feet to the ground in a certain place at a certain time. Every now and again, we'll be lucky and even find records that tell us for which candidate our ancestors voted!

Immigration has certainly been in the news lately. When we look back through American history, there have been various times that immigration and naturalization was restricted. Due to tensions with the British, our naturalization laws became more restrictive and looser numerous times in the early 1800s. People of African descent couldn't naturalize until 1870. The Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882 barred many Chinese people from entering America and wasn't lifted until 1943. Women began to take on their husbands' citizenship in 1855—but between 1907 and 1922, that also meant losing their American citizenship if they married an alien. The Immigration Quota Acts of 1921 and 1924 severely limited immigration from Southern and Eastern Europe, as well as Africa, Arabia, and the Far East. All aliens in the US were supposed to register with the federal government in 1940, immediately before World War II. Numerous German, Italian, and Japanese nationals, as well as people of Japanese descent, were interned during the war. I find it fascinating that our ancestors lived through debates and conversa-

tions similar to those we are having today. It makes me feel closer to them.

For our part as genealogists, while we may not like to think of our ancestors being treated a certain way or having had to go through some of these procedures . . . we can at least be thankful for the records these events created. The alien registration files are held by the United States Customs and Immigration Service (USCIS), as are visa files (one needed a visa to enter the country after 1924). Records of interned aliens during World War II are held by the National Archives, as are Chinese Exclusion Act case files. Naturalization records are held everywhere from county libraries and genealogical societies to state repositories and regional branches of the National Archives. The records these laws created are vast and detailed.

Unique record sets are generated by societal changes, which our ancestors lived through. Placing people in the context of what was happening in the world around them can help you find records for which you may not have thought to previously look.

Happy researching! See you at the meeting!  
~ Rich

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## **HISTORIC PITTSBURGH (continued from page 51)**

features. These finding aids are important since they list details about non-digitized items in each collection. Many of the non-digitized items will eventually be digitized; a small portion of these items are unique sizes and therefore must be viewed on-site in the libraries of the University of Pittsburgh. According to the *Historic Pittsburgh* website, "Finding aids (aka collection guides) include a brief overview of each collection, information about the person, organization, or institution who created the collection, and typically an inventory which lists each folder in the collection" (Press release of 13 January 2017 at [www.historicpittsburgh.org](http://www.historicpittsburgh.org)).

The image collection on the *Historic Pittsburgh* site can be used to enhance the stories of your Pittsburgh ancestors. This unique resource takes a commitment for exploring the collections, but

can uncover interesting information through images, maps, and recorded stories. NHG's May meeting will feature David Grinnell of the University of Pittsburgh's Archives Service Center, who will discuss the changes to *Historic Pittsburgh*.

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## **WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE? RETURNS TO TLC**

TLC has announced that *Who Do You Think You Are?* will return Sunday, 5 March, at 10:00 P.M. This season's episodes will feature Jessica Biel, Julie Bowen, Courteney Cox, Jennifer Grey, Smokey Robinson, John Stamos, Liv Tyler, and Noah Wyle. Tune in to see these celebrities learn more about their family history and perhaps some tips and tricks you can use in your own research.

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## **FAMILYSEARCH ADDS NEW RECORDS TO THEIR ONLINE COLLECTION**

FamilySearch announced that they have added fifteen million records from thirteen countries to their digital collection. According to their blog post on 16 February 2017 (found in its entirety at <http://media.familysearch.org/new-historic-records-on-familysearch-week-of-february-13-2017/>) the following records have been added:

- [Argentina, La Pampa, Catholic Church Records, 1882-1976](#) – Added indexed records to an existing collection
- [Argentina, Mendoza, Catholic Church Records, 1665-1975](#) – Added indexed records to an existing collection
- [Australia, Victoria, Outward Passenger Lists, 1852-1924](#) – New indexed records and images collection
- [Australia, New South Wales, Deceased Estate Files, 1880-1923](#) – New indexed records collection
- [Chile Civil Registration, 1885-1903](#) – Added indexed records to an existing collection
- [Chile, Cemetery Records, 1821-2015](#) – Added indexed records to an existing collection
- [Croatia, Delnice Deanery Catholic Church Books, 1725-1926](#) – Added indexed records and images to an existing collection
- [Czech Republic, School Registers, 1799-1953](#) – Added images to an existing collection

- [Denmark, Copenhagen City, Civil Marriages, 1739-1964, Index 1877-1964](#) – Added indexed records to an existing collection
- [Hungary, Jewish Vital Records Index, 1800-1945](#) – Added indexed records to an existing collection
- [Hungary Civil Registration, 1895-1980](#) – Added indexed records to an existing collection
- [Netherlands, Archival Indexes, Miscellaneous Records](#) – Added indexed records to an existing collection
- [Philippines Civil Registration \(Local\), 1888-1986](#) – Added indexed records to an existing collection
- [Sweden, Västernorrland Church Records, 1501-1940; index 1650-1860](#) – Added images to an existing collection
- [British Newspaper Archives, Obituaries](#) – New indexed records and images collection
- [District of Columbia Court and Emancipation Records, 1820-1863](#) – New browsable image collection
- [Louisiana World War I Service Records, 1917-1920](#) – Added indexed records to an existing collection
- [Illinois, Chicago, Catholic Church Records, 1833-1925](#) – Added indexed records to an existing collection
- [New York State Census, 1865](#) – Added images to an existing collection
- [United States Passport Applications, 1795-1925](#) – Added indexed records to an existing collection
- [Oklahoma, School Records, 1895-1936](#) – Added indexed records to an existing collection
- [Michigan Obituaries, 1820-2006](#) – Added indexed records to an existing collection
- [California, County Birth and Death Records, 1800-1994](#) – Added indexed records to an existing collection
- [California, County Marriages, 1850-1952](#) – Added indexed records to an existing collection
- [North Carolina, County Marriages, 1762-1979](#) – Added indexed records to an existing collection
- [New York Book Indexes to Passenger Lists, 1906-1942](#) – Added indexed records to an existing collection
- [Ohio Tax Records, 1800-1850](#) – Added indexed records to an existing collection

The above list is in addition to records added the week of 23 January 2017. For a complete list, see <http://media.familysearch.org/new-historic-records-on-familysearch-week-of-january-23-2016/>. The new US records added that week included:

- [Texas, Church Marriages, 1839-1982](#) – New indexed records collection
- [Idaho Church Marriages, 1864-1976](#) – New indexed records collection
- [West Virginia, Berkeley County, Church Marriages, 1819-1889](#) – New indexed records collection
- [Kentucky, Church Marriages, 1824-1995](#) – New indexed records and images collection
- [Indiana, Church Marriages, 1780-1993](#) – New indexed records and images collection
- [New Jersey State Census, 1895](#) – New browsable image collection.
- [Pennsylvania, Church Marriages, 1682-1976](#) – New indexed records and images collection
- [California, San Francisco, Register of Chinese Immigrant Court Cases and Foreign Seamen Tax Cards, 1883-1924](#) – Added indexed records to an existing collection
- [Utah, Territorial Militia Records, 1849-1877](#) – Added indexed records to an existing collection
- [Texas, Manifests of Aliens Granted Temporary Admission at El Paso, ca. July 1924-1954](#) – Added indexed records to an existing collection

To access the new records, you can either use the links in the above list or go to [www.FamilySearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org) and click on the Search option in the menu along the top of the page, then choose the Records option in the menu that appears.

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## RESEARCH YOUR FAMILY HISTORY IN CONJUNCTION WITH TRAVEL

Many are now planning for vacations and travel opportunities for the summer and beyond. There can be opportunities for genealogical research along the way or near your destination! One resource to use for announcements about meetings, events, workshops, conferences, cruises, and webinars is maintained monthly by Dick Eastman of *Eastman's Online Genealogical Newsletter*. This calendar of events is found at <http://eogn.wikidot.com>.

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## **CONFERENCE EXPERIENCES: GETTING READY TO ATTEND A LOCAL GENEALOGICAL CONFERENCE**

With less than a month until the 2017 North Hills Genealogists' Spring Conference, this month's conference column will offer suggestions about getting ready to attend a local conference—one in your hometown area or local region.

Commonly, the expenses of travel and lodging are eliminated or reduced with participation in a local genealogy conference. Registration fees are often lower than larger conferences due to fewer days, speakers, and meals. Therefore, one advantage of attending a local conference is the overall reduction in costs.

Usually the location is in a familiar area, so surveying the area for parking, traffic trends, and access routes is easier, if even necessary. Do check the conference registration and workshop starting times, and then figure out a timetable to head to the conference. Despite the conference being local, you still want to benefit from experiencing the full conference schedule.

Coordinate your attendance with friends and other genealogical enthusiasts and plan to use free time throughout the conference for networking and for discussing news from the genealogical community. Exchange resource ideas or share research successes. These conversations can re-kindle your motivation to overcome a brick wall.

No need to bring many belongings to a local conference as items such as pens, handouts, and folders are usually provided. Extras to consider bringing with you? It is always a good idea to have a sweater or light jacket in case of a drafty room. Investigate what food and beverages will be available, and then supplement with water and preferred snacks as needed. Fully charge your portable technology the day before; bringing a tablet or other device can be helpful for your own note taking or for looking up information.

Some advanced planning leads to a great

benefit: the chance to sit back during the genealogical conference, and engage with the speaker to learn new resources, methods, and insight for your own genealogical research.

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## **TWILE IS NOW FREE FOR EVERYONE**

*Press Release*

*7 February 2017*

SALT LAKE CITY, UT - We are really happy to announce that – as of today – we have removed the subscription fee for using Twile and our family timeline is now free for everyone!

When we started Twile, our vision was for it to be used by all family members, who would share and collaborate on their family story. We feel that our subscription fee was getting in the way.

This is why it is now free to do everything on Twile:

- Build your family tree
- Share and collaborate with family
- Add unlimited milestones and photos
- Import from FamilySearch
- Import and merge multiple GEDCOM files

Whilst we will no longer be charging customers to use our core product, we clearly do need to make some money. We are planning to introduce some optional add-ons in the future, which will enhance the Twile experience.

We realize there are many concerns within the industry about privacy and we want to take this opportunity to assure our customers that we will never sell their personal data.

So Twile is now free for you and all of your family –go ahead and build an awesome timeline of your family story, together!

### **About Twile**

We know that family history is more than just names on a family tree.

With Twile, you can create a rich, visual timeline of your family history, made up of milestones and photos, which everyone in your family can explore and contribute to.

It's designed for family historians who are passionate about learning more of their family

history and want to share what they learn with the rest of the family. And it's designed for the rest of the family, who can easily explore the family timeline and then add their own content to keep the family history right up-to-date.

By capturing your family history in the same place as everything that happens today, Twile turns your family story into something that never ends and never grows old.

### **Who we are**

Twile was started by Paul Brooks and Kelly Marsden in 2013. We wanted our children to know who their ancestors were, what they were like and show how that history connects with their own early years and onwards.

### **Our mission**

*“Make family history exciting and engaging for the whole family and preserve as many memories as possible for the future generations.”*

Written by Caroline Brooks

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## **VIDEO SESSIONS NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE FROM ROOTSTECH 2017**

Online at the RootsTech 2017 website, found at [www.rootstech.org](http://www.rootstech.org), you can scroll down to the bottom half of the page for a nice selection of videotaped workshop sessions from this recent international genealogy conference. Sessions are grouped into the four days of the RootsTech 2017 Conference, and once you click on a day, then all of your workshop options are available for viewing. Most RootsTech session videos are 45 minutes in length. Under each session title there is a list of presenters with a brief phrase about the content.

A couple of highlights are the menu of sessions about DNA with each presenter sharing his or her expertise about using DNA results with genealogical research and family history. Our NHG President, Rich Venezia, is featured in one of the Friday recordings along with Rorey Cathcart and D. Joshua Taylor. The title of this panel discussion is “You Found It Where? Unusual Records”. You might also enjoy the keynote talk on Saturday by CeCe Moore. On

Friday, you can listen to former NHG Conference Speaker, Judy G. Russell discuss female ancestors.

RootsTech 2017 videos of interesting and popular topics will be available for an unspecified amount of time; videos from the past two years have been available online for about 90 days. If you need a bit of genealogical motivation this month, check out the video offerings on the RootsTech 2017 website.

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## **ACCESSING FREE WEBINARS FROM LEGACY FAMILY TREE**

Each week Legacy Family Tree offers one or two webinars. These are free if you watch them live and for one week after the initial broadcast. For full details about these upcoming educational programs, go to this link: [www.familytreewebinars.com/upcoming-webinars.php](http://www.familytreewebinars.com/upcoming-webinars.php). Some webinars are offered in the afternoon, and others are broadcast in the evening. Listed below is the schedule for Family Tree webinars:

- Wednesday, Feb. 22 – “Finding Missing Persons With DNA Testing” by Diahn Southard
- Wednesday, Mar. 1 – “Apprentices, Indentured Servants, and Redemptioners: White Slavery In America” by Peggy Clemens Lauritzen, AG
- Wednesday, March 8 – “50 Websites Every Genealogist Should Know” by Gena Philibert-Ortega
- Friday, March 10 – “Home on the Range: Kansas Research Tips” by Cari Taplin, CG
- Wednesday, March 15 – “Why are Irish Records So Weird?” by John Grenham
- Tuesday, March 21 – “Are You My Grandpa? Men of the Same Name” by Rebecca Whitman Koford, CG
- Wednesday, March 22 – “Picture This: Images You Can Freely Use” by Judy G. Russell, JD, CG, CGL

There are advantages to participating in live webinars to learn new information, including the ability to ask questions that may be answered at the end of the presentation. At Legacy Family Tree, all webinars are free to the public for a week after the live broadcast, so there is some good flexibility for viewers to learn at their own pace.

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## **ANCESTRY RESEARCHERS PUBLISH DNA ARTICLE**

Researchers at AncestryDNA, which is part of Ancestry.com, recently published "Clustering of 770,000 Genomes Reveals Post-Colonial Population Structure of North America." This article is available for free online at [www.nature.com/articles/ncomms14238](http://www.nature.com/articles/ncomms14238). The researchers used a combination of DNA test results and genealogical data as the basis of the article.

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## **GPC NOW OFFERS EBOOKS**

The Genealogical Publishing Company (GPC) announced that almost eight hundred of their books are now available as ebooks. The company added a new section on their website with additional features to support their new offering. The ebooks are available through <http://library.genealogical.com>. Genealogists can search for books, preview any that are of interest, and purchase them immediately. GPC requires purchasers to create an eReader account before buying any of the books. The eReader account is free.

The books may be available in several digital formats—including online, Kindle, ePub, and PDF. The book description will tell users which formats are available. In addition to the convenience of having digital copies of your books wherever you go, GPC sells the ebooks for a lower price than their print versions. Check it out!

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## **WHERE GENEALOGISTS MEET**

### **Wednesday, 22 February 2017 6:30 P.M. CRANBERRY GENEALOGY CLUB**

This month the group will focus on finding women. They will watch a short video and then have a discussion about this type of research. The meeting will be held in the Cranberry Public Library's Franklin Station room. The meeting is free and open to the public. Please visit [www.cranberrygenealogy.org](http://www.cranberrygenealogy.org) for more information.

### **Monday, 27 February 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 27 March, 24 April, and 22 May.

### **Saturday, 11 March 2017 10:00 A.M. WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

NHG Member Rebecca Kichta Miller will lead "Electrifying Your Family" at the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh Main Branch's third floor conference room. Attendees need to bring a laptop or tablet and a collection of paper documents from their own genealogical research. Miller will teach the group how to enter data into genealogy software RootsMagic. 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. After registering, email [jots@wpgs.org](mailto:jots@wpgs.org) for additional information.

### **Tuesday, 14 March 2017 6:30 P.M. BUTLER COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

Ted Sobek and Charles Snyder will present a program about their genealogical research adventures in Poland. The meeting will be held in the Butler Library's basement meeting room. Please visit [www.bcgs.us](http://www.bcgs.us) for more information.

### **Sunday, 19 March 2017 HEINZ HISTORY CENTER**

The Detre Library & Archives and the Westmoreland County Historical Society are co-sponsoring an Irish Genealogy Workshop. Experts from the Ulster Historical Foundation in Belfast, Northern Ireland, will provide attendees with information on historic and electronic resources that can be used in genealogical research. Advanced registration is required. To

register or for more information, please visit [www.heinzhistorycenter.org/events/irish-genealogy-workshop](http://www.heinzhistorycenter.org/events/irish-genealogy-workshop).

**Sunday, 19 March 2017 2:00 P.M.**  
**BALTZER MEYER HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Becky Plischke will present "Places to Do Genealogical Research in Pennsylvania." The program will focus on the courthouses, historical societies, and libraries where Plischke and her husband have researched. It will be held at the Baltzer Meyer facility at 642 Baltzer Meyer Pike, Greensburg. The program is free and open to the public. For more information, please visit [www.baltzermeyer.pa-roots.com/Pages/index.html](http://www.baltzermeyer.pa-roots.com/Pages/index.html).

**24–25 March 2017**  
**NORTH HILLS GENEALOGISTS**

Join NHG for two days of lectures by Tom Jones, PhD, CG, CGL, and Sierra Green, MLIS. NHG's annual conference will be held at the Columbian Room, which is just off of Route 19 in Wexford. For more information, visit [www.NorthHillsGenealogists.org](http://www.NorthHillsGenealogists.org).

**Tuesday, 28 March 2017 6:00 P.M.**  
**BUTLER AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY**

The library's Weir Genealogy Room will host a free program on using Ancestry Library Edition. See how it compares to Ancestry.com, and discover tricks to find more clues for your family search. The 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](mailto:baplgenealogy@bcfls.org).

**Saturday, 1 April 2017 9:30 A.M.**  
**AKRON-SUMMIT COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Breaking down brick walls often means in-depth research in sources that may not be easy to find. Learning to locate these sources and understanding what they can tell us is an important part of the process. The library's Special Collections Department will host "Church and State: Genealogy Research in

Religious and Government Records" featuring Cleveland-area genealogists Sunny McClellan Morton and Chris Staats in the Main Library Auditorium in Akron, Ohio. The program is free and open to the public, and parking is free in the High-Market Parking Deck. To register, or for more information, contact the Special Collections Division at 330-643-9030 or [speccollections@akronlibrary.org](mailto:speccollections@akronlibrary.org).

**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. The early bird registration deadline is 10 March. For more information and a program booklet, please visit [www.ogsconference.org](http://www.ogsconference.org).

**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](http://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.NashiPredky.org/workshop](http://www.NashiPredky.org/workshop) for more information.



**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>.

**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](mailto:baplgenealogy@bcfls.org).

**25–30 June 2017**  
**GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH**  
**INSTITUTE OF PITTSBURGH**

Registration for the first week of GRIP opens 22 February. 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](http://www.gripitt.org).

**16–21 July 2017**  
**GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH**  
**INSTITUTE OF PITTSBURGH**

Registration for the second week of GRIP opens 8 March. 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](http://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 seven presentations are scheduled. Access the website at [www.GGSMN.org](http://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](http://www.hsp.org/calendar/researching-family-in-pennsylvania).

**30 August–2 September 2017**  
**FEDERATION OF GENEALOGICAL**  
**SOCIETIES CONFERENCE**

Details for this year's FGS conference are being finalized. The conference will be held at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center in Pittsburgh. Watch [www.fgs.org](http://www.fgs.org) for more information.

**18–22 September 2017**  
**BRITISH INSTITUTE**

This year's British Institute will feature the following classes: *DNA as a Genealogical Tool*, *English Genealogical Research before 1837*, *Finding Irish Ancestors before the Great Famine*, and *Scottish Family History Research: Where and How to Find the Real Records*. The institute is sponsored by the International Society for British Genealogy and Family History (ISBGFH). It is held at the Salt Lake Plaza Hotel, which is next to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah. Registration is open now for ISBGFH members. Registration for non-members opens 1 April. Please visit [www.isbgfh.org](http://www.isbgfh.org) for more information.

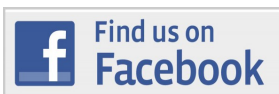
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## UPCOMING NHG PROGRAMS

**Tuesday, 21 February 2017**  
**Who Fathered Jacob and William Northamer?**  
**Pennsylvania Tax Records Help Determine Kinship**

Catherine Desmarais, CG

To determine kinship, genealogists commonly rely on census, church, land, military, probate, and vital records. What other record sets can be employed when those documents either don't exist, or don't fully answer kinship questions? No historical document specifies parentage for Jacob and William Northamer of Pennsylvania's Chester and Lancaster Counties. Desmarais will present via webinar a case study demonstrating how she and Noreen Manzella analyzed and correlated tax records to reveal critical hidden parallels of residency and occupation that provided evidence of these men's paternity.

**Tuesday, 21 March 2017**  
**Preserving Your Online and Digital Legacy**

Reed Powell, NHG Treasurer and Webmaster

This talk will cover the issues and legalities involved in preserving electronic records and research after a person passes on. Inspired by *Your Digital Afterlife: When Facebook, Flickr and Twitter Are Your Estate, What's Your Legacy?*, it will talk about recent changes in federal and state laws, and how various online services handle this situation. With the amount of research information which we store online these days, preservation is no longer a simple matter. Specific recommendations and examples will be given.

**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.