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REGISTER NOW FOR THE 10TH ANNUAL NHG CONFERENCE: DISCOUNT AVAILABLE UNTIL FEBRUARY 16!

For the 10th Family History Conference, the North Hills Genealogists announce the return of Thomas W. Jones, PhD, CG, CGL, FASQ, FUGA, FNGS, a premier genealogical leader who will present all new content to teach attendees about the best methods and resources for current family history research. Note that we have changed the time of year from fall to spring.

Dr. Jones will present four sessions throughout the day on Saturday, 25 March at the Columbian Room (formerly Knights of Columbus) in Wexford. The presentations will include: "Solving Problems with Original Records" and "Missing Something? Getting the Most Out of Genealogical Evidence" in the morning sessions. During the afternoon, the sessions will be "Systematically Using Autosomal DNA Test Results to Help Break Through Genealogical Brick Walls" and "Finding 'Unfindable' Ancestors".

The conference will again feature the option of two Friday workshops on 24 March at the same location. Dr. Jones will present in the afternoon. His topic will be "Overcoming Research Barriers and Record Shortages". After dinner, which includes a stay-in option at the venue or dinner on your own, a second workshop will be offered. NHG will welcome local specialist Sierra Green, MLIS, an archivist at the Detre Library and Archives of Pittsburgh's Heinz History Center, who will share her expertise. Her presentation will be "An Archivist's Guide to Preserving Your Family Archives".

Attendees of the NHG Spring Family History Conference have several options for participating in this year's event on 24–25 March at the

Columbian Room, just off Route 19 and near 910 in Wexford. Please note the new location. Early bird registration fee options, if registration is completed by 16 February 2017 are: Friday and Saturday, \$95 for NHG members and \$105 for non-members (does not include Friday dinner) or Saturday only, \$55 for NHG members and \$65 for non-members. Add \$10 to your registration after 16 February.

To attend Friday events only:

- Afternoon workshop, Dr. Jones, \$30 for members and non-members
- Evening workshop with Ms. Green, \$20 for members and non-members
- To include the Friday dinner option, add \$15 per person.

Checks are payable to North Hills Genealogists, or pay online at www.NorthHillsGenealogists.org.

For complete information and a downloadable brochure, go to this direct link on the NHG website: www.northhillsgenealogists.org/cpage.php?pt=64. Mark your calendar now for the annual NHG Conference and make a point to register by the early bird deadline in February! Encourage others to take advantage of this local and affordable conference with quality educational value, including great networking opportunities.

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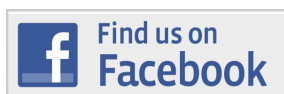
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WHO WE ARE—NHG

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 New Year, NHG members! I hope you're keeping warm and enjoying hot cocoa!

What is on *your* genealogical resolution list for 2017? Perhaps you have decided to take on Thomas MacEntee's "The Genealogy Do-Over", a series of lessons to systematically re-do your research. Or, maybe you have committed to breaking down that brick wall surrounding an ancestor. I have resolved to better keep in touch with my distant relatives, many of whom I've only found through my genealogy research. After all, those connections are a big part of the reason I love to be a genealogist! I recently re-connected with a cousin who lives in Murrysville and another in Edinboro. I can't wait to meet them! As well, I finally sent off e-mails to cousins who had been waiting for responses from me for months and months . . . I've resolved that, no matter how busy work and other things keep me, I need to ensure that I make time for family—near and distant.

NHG has made a resolution, too. We have added a "Members Only" section to our website, providing yet another benefit through your NHG membership! You will be able to find all of the past newsletters (including recent years), access new forums, and more through the "Members Only" link. There is detailed information about this additional feature following this President's Column in the newsletter; I'm really excited for this new benefit for our members.

In January, in addition to resolutions, my mind also wanders to my calendar for the year. And this year—well, there are several local reasons to be excited! From our first-ever spring NHG conference to our monthly meetings, along with the FGS conference right here in Pittsburgh, and other local conferences and workshops (CGSI, Heinz History Center, GRIP)—Pittsburgh-area genealogists will be spoiled with the choices. What better way to jump-start our genealogical resolutions than by continuing our education and meeting others who share our passion for family history!

This month, I'll be heading west to Salt Lake City for three weeks. I'm taking a course on using the law in genealogical research at the Salt Lake

Institute of Genealogy (SLIG), researching at the Family History Library (FHL), and attending RootsTech—the largest-ever genealogy conference. The FHL, run by FamilySearch, is one of my favorite places in the whole world. As you prepare for your research this upcoming year, don't forget all of the glorious resources available to you from *FamilySearch.org*—both online and on microfilm, available to order from your local FamilySearch Center. They have done a magnificent job of digitizing and microfilming records from all over the world, making them available to the public. These records can sometimes be easy to ignore, because of the perceived hassle of ordering the microfilm and heading to one of the FamilySearch Centers to view it.

I urge you to utilize the FHL's many resources as one of your genealogical resolutions for 2017. I have broken down countless brick walls, solved many mysteries, and found thousands of records through resources that were only available through the FHL. Some were online, but many were only available on microfilm. If you've never ordered records from the FHL before, you can start by reading their introduction at https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Introduction_to_LDS_Family_History_Centers. There are local centers in Cranberry Township, Plum, and Green Tree, and you can also have the microfilms delivered to both the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh in Oakland and Butler Public Library.

May 2017 bring you health, many great finds, and new cousins with whom to connect! Happy hunting!

Remember you can always e-mail me with your genealogical resolutions, thoughts about NHG, ideas about items to add to the "Members Only" section, or anything else; send to President@NorthHillsGenealogists.org. I'd love to hear from you!

~ Rich

NHG INITIATES "MEMBERS ONLY" AREA ON WEBSITE

By Reed Powell, NHG Webmaster

The NHG Board is excited to announce a new feature of the NHG website (www.NorthHillsGenealogists.org): The "Members Only" area of the site. This will be a section of the website that is only available for NHG members, providing access to resources which will help them in their genealogical research efforts. One of the initial holdings in the "Members Only" area is the collection of all recent NHG newsletters. NHG is a member of the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS), which provides discounts and benefits to members of its member societies; we will have all of that information in the "Members Only" area of the NHG website as well. Over the coming months more features will be added; continue to watch the newsletter for those details.

In order to access the "Members Only" area, members will need to log into the website with their user name and password. In late January 2017, each member will receive a personalized e-mail or letter with specific log-in information. Whenever you log into the website, the menu links for "Members Only" features will appear, as well as instructions about how to keep your contact information up to date, change your user name or password, and access all of the new features.

Providing benefits to our members is important to NHG, and we are confident that you will find these new capabilities helpful in reaching your research goals.

FamilySearch ENCOURAGES PERSONAL STORY WRITING IN 2017 WITH THE #52STORIES PROJECT

FamilySearch has revealed a week-by-week plan to make it easier to write and preserve one family story per week in 2017 with the #52Stories Project. The concept is simple: once a week, every week of 2017, dedicate time to write one story snippet that reflects a piece of your family's history. Then share it privately with family members or publicly through FamilySearch.

Background and details are fully explained on the FamilySearch Blog using this link: <https://familysearch.org/blog/en/define-dash-start-writing-personal-history-52stories-project-2/?repeat=w3tc>.

First, FamilySearch divided the year into monthly themes, such as “Education and School” or “Holidays and Traditions”; then there are twelve unique and varied questions for each theme that can be used to directly prepare the written memory or as a springboard to an original idea. In total, there are 144 writing prompts for your use in writing fifty-two family stories in 2017.

Quite frankly, at this time next year, you could be publishing a book!

The FamilySearch links dedicated to the #52Stories Project include downloadable and printable handouts, weekly questions, and sample anecdotes in addition to the framework for the year’s project.

Remember to share and publish your writing. One place to do so would be through #52Stories. At the bottom of the explanatory blog post listed above, there are quick links to #52Stories on Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, and Google+.

Getting started is a common stumbling block for writers, but compared to genealogical brick walls, writing one family story per week could be accomplished in thirty minutes. Consider scheduling that time and utilize the prompts to direct your anecdotal writing about personal stories within your family! The #52Stories Project can provide guidance and inspiration to achieve the goal of writing and sharing genealogical tales.

ELLIS ISLAND’S 125TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED JANUARY 2017

On 1 January 1892, Ellis Island first welcomed immigrants to the United States through its portal. On 1 January 2017, Ellis Island re-opened to reveal its historic holdings and re-creation of the immigration experience. According to the Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation website at www.libertyellisfoundation.org, “Nearly half of all Americans can trace their family roots to a person who passed through Ellis Island’s Processing Center.”

Super Storm Sandy hit the New York Metro area in October 2012, causing substantial damage to Liberty Island, Ellis Island, and their facilities. Although many items were damaged or swept away by the storm, recent efforts to obtain personal artifacts from immigrants’ descendants have yielded unique and historic finds. Due to monetary contributions from corporations and families, and with the addition of federal aid because of the significant destruction in 2012, the Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation, Inc. was granted the opportunity to better preserve the parks for the next century. These repairs bolstered the structures and improved the experience for visitors at these American landmarks. A well-written article from NJ.com explains the people, vision, and efforts behind the improvements of Ellis Island: www.nj.com/news/index.ssf/2017/01/ellis_island_anniversary.html.

Now known officially as Ellis Island National Museum of Immigration, this historic place includes interactive genealogy displays, oral histories, state of the art Family History Center with access to archival records, tours outlining the immigrant processing experience, and views of a prominent gateway to America.

Ever evolving, the online presence of Ellis Island is expanding as their collections are digitized, indexed, and preserved. There are chances to memorialize one’s immigrant ancestors by contributing to The Wall, adding to the records, and donating to ensure ongoing preservation.

A trip to, near, or around New York City would not be complete without a stop at Ellis Island. With Liberty Island so close, make it a day and visit both.

Genealogists discuss the value of historic context when writing, recording, and preserving the stories of ancestors—the family history. If Ellis Island is part of your family’s history, and with the extensive improvements in the past four years of the facility and its web presence, then now is the perfect time to explore the facts about the immigration experience at Ellis Island throughout its sixty years of welcoming our ancestors to America. To plan your visit, go to <https://www.nps.gov/elis/index.htm>.

EXPERIENCING GENEALOGICAL CONFERENCES: BRITISH INSTITUTE

By Dave Williams

There are a number of opportunities to advance your knowledge in the field of genealogy. In previous columns, we've addressed attending genealogical conferences. This month we will take a slightly different approach and discuss genealogical institutes. One option is the British Institute, which is sponsored by the International Society for British Genealogy and Family History (ISBGFH).

The British Institute is a week-long course held annually in Salt Lake City, Utah. Naturally enough, it is geared toward individuals interested in British Isles research. Each course presents four tracks of instruction which generally include three of the four areas of the Isles (England, Ireland, Scotland, and Wales) and one more general track. I have attended three of these institutes and have found them rewarding.

There are many advantages to attending a course such as this. One is that all attendees tend to have the same specific interest. In my case, that interest is Welsh family history and there is nothing better than sitting in a room full of Cymry (Welsh folks) talking genealogy and sharing experiences! Since Wales is a relatively small country, this means that many of us will have overlapping geographic areas of interest and, in many instances, have visited them. This can yield amazing benefits in terms of recommendations for places to research records (libraries, public record offices, local family history societies), accommodations, and local pubs or eating establishments!

The second—for this particular institute—is the venue. While conference hotels are generally picked for convenience, this one is *really* convenient. The institute is held at a hotel less than half a block from the Family History Library. The Welsh sessions run from 8:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. and then adjourn for the opportunity to do research at the library. In addition to having your fellow students there as resources, the instructor also moves with you and is available for consultations. This is in

addition to the usual cadre of library volunteers who are always on hand to help out.

The latest institute that I attended was in September 2016. It consisted of eighteen different sessions, which meant that some topics were covered more in depth than others. The instructor did a very good job of selecting where to focus and how to find information. The topics ranged from Archives, Libraries & Museums to Tithe & Land Tax.

I came away with renewed enthusiasm and an updated list of priorities. Hopefully, some of them will result in findings. As many of you know, I have been searching for the home village of my great-great-grandfather in Wales for fourteen years. I sense that I have moved closer to finding it!

The 2017 British Institute will be held 18–22 September in Salt Lake City. The four tracks are *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*. This educational opportunity could be a gem for anyone interested in any of those areas!

UNITED KINGDOM'S GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE ADDS BIRTH, DEATH DATA

The UK's General Register Office (GRO) had a productive fall season as they added new indexes for births and deaths to their site at www.gro.gov.uk. The new indexes were created from the original birth and death registers rather than other indexes. Civil registration of births and deaths started in July 1837. Of particular interest, whenever a mother's maiden name was available on a certificate, it was included in the index. Earlier birth indexes did not include the mother's maiden name until 1911.

In general, the GRO indexes reveal more than a typical index, especially prior to 1900. Genealogists who register for the GRO site will have access to more content than just browsing the site.

An advantage of taking time to search the indexes is to locate and record the “certificate’s GRO index reference number”. This is helpful to expedite orders for copies of records.

The GRO website contains links to registration, online ordering of certificates, and most importantly, free searching of historic births and deaths. Links to connected organizational and government websites such as the British Library are included. Sister sites to find certificates for ancestors from Scotland and Northern Ireland are connected to the GRO site.

As is common with 21st century digitization efforts, it is recommended to bookmark the GRO site and re-visit it regularly to discover the most recently added digital records.

For more detailed information, watch the online tutorials about the GRO, its website, and available content.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS, DIGITAL PUBLIC LIBRARY OF AMERICA TO FORM NEW COLLABORATION

Press Release (partial) 29 November 2016

The Library of Congress today signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Digital Public Library of America to become a “content hub partner” and will ultimately share a significant portion of its rich digital resources with DPLA’s database of digital content records.

The first batch of records will include 5,000 items from three major Library of Congress maps collections—the Revolutionary War (<https://www.loc.gov/collections/american-revolutionary-war-maps/about-this-collection/>), Civil War ([loc.gov/collections/civil-war-maps/about-this-collection/](https://www.loc.gov/collections/civil-war-maps/about-this-collection/)) and panoramic maps collections ([loc.gov/collections/panoramic-maps/about-this-collection/](https://www.loc.gov/collections/panoramic-maps/about-this-collection/)).

The Digital Public Library of America is a portal—effectively, a searchable catalog—that aggregates existing digitized content from major sources such as libraries, archives, museums and cultural institutions. It provides users with

links back to the original content-provider site where the material can be viewed, read or, in some cases, downloaded.

The Digital Public Library of America, the product of a widely shared vision of a national digital library dating back to the 1990s, was launched with a planning process bringing together 40 leaders from libraries, foundations, academia and technology projects in October, 2010 followed by an intense community planning effort that culminated in 2013. Its aim was to supersede the silo effect many digitization efforts were subject to. Based in Boston, the board of directors includes leading public and research librarians, technologists, intellectual property scholars, and business experts from across the nation. Its goal is to create “an open, distributed network of comprehensive online resources that would draw on the nation’s living heritage from libraries, universities, archives, and museums in order to educate, inform, and empower everyone in current and future generations.”

The Library of Congress expects to add a significant portion of its digital items to the original trio of collections over time, covering other collections such as photos, maps and sheet music.

Library of Congress items already appear in the DPLA database. Earlier in this decade, the Library digitized more than 100,000 books in its collections as part of its membership in the Hathi Trust and the Biodiversity Heritage Library, both current partners with the DPLA. As a result, those books are already in the DPLA’s collections through those partners.

AMERICAN LEGION PUBLISHES DIGITAL, ARCHIVAL RECORDS

A unique digital archive has been published online this month by the American Legion for the general public and genealogists researching ancestors with military experience. It is found by following this link: <http://archive.legion.org>. In an effort to offer historic news of awards and service details this organization has digitized and indexed the “full run of the *National Legionnaire*, a newspaper that ran more or less monthly from January 1935 through November

1948,” according to a press release at Military.com

By March 1, the American Legion will add thirty years of information that was released through the news service corps of the Legion. Additional content will include the official monthly magazine, local and state newsletters, national meeting notes, and award publications.

The well-labeled, organized site is easy to navigate when browsing or searching. This site is definitely one that genealogists should search monthly in order to identify and access new content as digitization efforts continue throughout 2017 and 2018. For more detail, read this official article, found at <http://centennial.legion.org/headlines/5734/use-digital-archive-find-your-post's-history>.

Record groups and resources that offer specific categories of records often lead to a research discovery that might not be available in any other location. Before searching the American Legion Digital Archives, gather the basic facts about an ancestor in order to focus your research or to answer a specific research query.

LEGACY FAMILY TREE ANNOUNCES UPDATED WEBINAR SCHEDULE

Legacy Family Tree continues to offer dynamic webinars, promoted with their theme *Genealogy Education, Where You Are!* Go to <http://familytreewebinars.com> often to select webinar content that directly relates to your current genealogical research or to aid in smashing those stubborn brick walls.

Note the following about Legacy Family Tree Webinars:

1. You must register (for free) in advance of the scheduled event, and
2. You must watch and learn live, in real time, unless you have an annual webinar subscription.

New in the past year to Legacy Family Tree Webinars is the option to view a recording of a few of the past webinars for free. Legacy contracts with the most talented genealogical presenters so that the webinar experience is interesting, productive, and interactive.

A highlighted section of the Legacy Family Tree Webinars site is found by scrolling to the bottom of the page. Categories of webinar topics are listed in a colorful menu to aid participants in customizing their genealogical education.

After viewing and interacting in two or three live sessions, consider subscribing to Legacy Family Tree Webinars. A one-year subscription is currently priced at \$49.95 and according to Legacy, this option offers “a 1 year unlimited access to all recorded webinars ... includes access to the instructors’ handouts, chat logs from live webinars, and 1 year of 5% off anything in the store.”

Here is a list of upcoming webinars starting for the next month:

- Tues. 1/17/17 “Writing Up Your Research” Michael J. Leclerc, CG
- Wed. 1/18/17 “Create a Free Google Earth Historic Map Collection for Your Research” Lisa Louise Cooke
- Wed. 1/25/17 “Playing Nice in the Genealogy Sandbox” Thomas MacEntee
- Wed. 2/1/17 “Photography for Genealogy” Nicka Smith
- Wed. 2/8/17 “The WHO of Genetic Genealogy” Blaine Bettinger
- Fri. 2/10/17 “Deciphering German Script” Gail Blankenau
- Wed. 2/15/17 “Be Your Own Digital Archivist: Preserve Your Research” Cyndi Ingle

Additional upcoming webinars, free registration links for each webinar, and detailed descriptions of the content are accessible at <http://familytreewebinars.com/upcoming-webinars.php>.

Taking advantage of free genealogical education is a convenient and helpful way to add to your understanding of how to successfully research your roots.

BOOST YOUR RESEARCH HABITS WITH FREE, ONLINE CLASSES

The “Family History Library Classes and Webinars” section of FamilySearch.org was updated as 2017 arrived, and the educational offerings are diverse and helpful. Although the emphasis is on the upcoming, scheduled

webinars, there is also a section of links to “Past Webinars and Handouts” to explore. Use this direct link to access the page: https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Family_History_Library_Classes_and_Webinars.

Many options for day and time are available; although there are a few “advertised” classes each month that are only taught on-site at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, the vast majority of the options are free webinars. If you are particularly interested in an offering but unavailable to participate live, then watch this same web page for the handout that accompanies the broadcast. Another feature on the calendar listing is the recommended level for the target audience. Webinars are announced two months in advance; this allows time to clear your calendar for the air date.

Webinars are also organized by sub-topic including methods, ethnic groups, and indexing sessions.

All past webinars, currently those from 2016, offer handouts and in some cases, a recording of the original webinar to view at a convenient time. Certain subtopics, such as “Czech Republic Research Webinars and Handouts” lists several options, while other categories only list one recorded webinar.

To be honest, genealogists could use the “Family History Library Classes and Webinars” section of FamilySearch.org to create a customized genealogical conference for one or more to gather and learn. Be sure to allow time to immediately explore the resource options while the ideas and suggestions are fresh.

WHERE GENEALOGISTS MEET

22–27 January 2017 SALT LAKE INSTITUTE OF GENEALOGY

There is still space in several courses offered at SLIG. Other courses have waiting lists. This week-long institute is held at the Hilton Salt Lake City Center in Salt Lake City, Utah. More information is available at www.infouga.org/aem.php?eid=20.

Monday, 23 January 2017 1:00 P.M. MT. LEBANON GENEALOGY SOCIETY

Jim Stuber will give a talk on “Finding Your Female Ancestors”. Many records we find have the husband's first and last name listed but only the wife's first name. So how do you find a woman's maiden name when you only find her living with her husband? This is key to finding her parents and earlier generations of her family. This talk by Jim Stuber will show multiple proven techniques to find her given name from Internet sources which are free to search. The program will be held in one of the lower-level conference rooms at the Mt. Lebanon Public Library. For more information, please visit <http://mtlebanonlibrary.org/306/Genealogy-Society>.

Wednesday, 25 January 2017 6:30 P.M. CRANBERRY GENEALOGY CLUB

This month the group will be taking a field trip to the Cranberry Family History Center. The center is in the Mormon Church located at the intersection of Rochester and Powell Roads in Cranberry Township. Meet at the center. The field trip is free and open to the public. Please visit www.cranberrygenealogy.org for more information.

Monday, 30 January 2017 6:30 P.M. ZELIENOPLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

School librarian and 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 February, 27 March, 24 April, and 22 May.

8–11 February 2017 ROOTSTECH

The conference will feature more than two hundred sessions covering DNA, tools, photographs, stories, and organization. It will be held at the Salt Palace Convention Center in Salt

Lake City, Utah. For more information and to register, please visit www.rootstech.org. Some of the sessions will be streamed live online, although the exact details have not been announced.

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. Watch www.heinzhistorycenter.org/events for more information.

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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.

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.

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.

28–30 July 2017
INTERNATIONAL GERMANIC
GENEALOGY CONFERENCE

The Germanic Genealogy Society has announced its next international conference for the summer of 2017 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The conference website has the most current information including the conference schedule, speakers such as Michael D. Lacopo, Paula Stuart-Warren, Jim Biedler, and Stephen P. Morse, blurbs about seventy presentations, and registration details. Access the website at www.GGSMN.org, and click on “2017 GAGP Conference.” Conference registration online or by mail opens in January 2017 and includes an early bird rate until April 1.

31 July–4 August 2017
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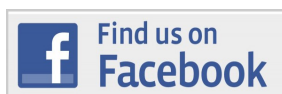
Registration is open for HSP's second annual workshop, *Researching in Pennsylvania*. This week-long class covers a variety of records and repositories useful for genealogical research in Pennsylvania. For more information, please visit <http://hsp.org/calendar/researching-family-in-pennsylvania>.



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UPCOMING NHG PROGRAMS

Tuesday, 17 January 2017
Voices through Time: What I Learned from My Mother's Roller Skate Case

Faith Jack, NHG Member

After my father passed away in 2013, my siblings and I cleaned out our parents' house. Being the family historian, I wanted to keep almost everything while my siblings wanted to purge. As a child, I can remember my mother taking out her old roller-skate case and showing me letters, photos, and mementos from her childhood. Little did I know that taking the case home with me would be the impetus for progress in my genealogical journey.

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

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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

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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.