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NHG NEWS

NHG continues to be busy!

Bonus Program in June

NHG will sponsor an evening lecture during the Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh's (GRIP) June session. This is **in addition to our regular monthly meeting** on June 20. On June 27, Allison Ryall, MA, will present "DNA + Paper Trail = Case Solved!" This program will be held in the Zappala College Center at La Roche College. Use the entrance to La Roche on Babcock Boulevard and follow the family history signs. The program will begin at 7:00 P.M.

Membership Renewal Time

Don't forget that NHG's membership year ends 31 July. If you haven't already done so, please renew your membership. There is a form on page 99 of this newsletter. Membership forms are also available at every NHG meeting. Drop off your completed form and payment at the June meeting or mail it to NHG, PO Box 169, Wexford, PA 15090. If you prefer to pay by credit card, visit www.NorthHillsGenealogists.org.

You can check your membership status any time on our website. Log in using the Members Only/LOGIN menu option on the left side of the page. After you log in, the first page you see has instructions on how to check your status and personal information. Alternatively, you can email Membership Chair Ken Berner at Membership@NorthHillsGenealogists.org to check your status.

Different Location for July Program

Our July program will be held at a different location—La Roche College. Use the entrance on Babcock Boulevard and follow the family history signs. The program will be held on the third

Tuesday, July 18th. Jay Fonkert, CG, will present "Who's on First? Merging and Separating Identities in Family History Research."

NHG Scholarships for FGS Conference

Remember that NHG is providing two scholarships for members to attend the Federation of Genealogical Societies' conference in Pittsburgh. The conference will be held 30 August – 2 September at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center.

One scholarship is for the full four-day conference (\$230) and the other is for a single day of the conference (\$99). The scholarships will be reimbursement for your registration fee. Note that both scholarships are for the early-bird registration pricing. If you register after the early-bird deadline, which is 1 July 2017, you will not be reimbursed for the additional cost.

The eligibility requirements for the two FGS Conference scholarships are:

1. Active paid member of North Hills Genealogists for 2017–18
2. Receipt for registration for the 2017 FGS Conference.

Once you register for the FGS Conference, forward a copy of your registration confirmation to Conference@NorthHillsGenealogists.org. The

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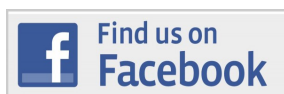
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WHO WE ARE—NHG

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 June, North Hills Genealogists! I hope your summer plans are shaping up, and they include some research travel.

I am in the middle of preparing for on-site research in both Italy and Ireland. As I do so, I am reminded about a lot of things that are essential to remember as you prepare for any research trip. I hope the following list may be helpful to you as you travel and research—or even if you just head to the local cemetery.

1. Read all guidelines, rules, and regulations on the website of the archive, repository, church, cemetery, or wherever you're visiting. Do you need to leave certain items at home? Do you need to bring any special identification?
2. Check the hours and days of operation! Is there a holiday you're overlooking? Look at both federal and local/state holiday lists. In Italy, for instance, each town has its own *fiesta* day, and you can bet that their local archive will be closed several days surrounding that date.
3. Look at the repository's social media account (if extant) to make sure there are no dates of closures or delays. Every now and again, this will save you a few hours of waiting in the parking lot due to a delayed opening!
4. Do you need to register in advance? Does the repository want to know what you want to look at beforehand, so as to have some of the records ready for you?
5. Bring some cash! A lot of archives require cash payment for copies. Having a roll or two of quarters and several singles can definitely come in handy. Your checkbook may also serve you well.
6. Don't wear fancy clothes! Especially at archives with original materials, you may deal with some old—and dirty—documents. You don't want your nice white shirt destroyed by centuries of dirt and dust.
7. Do as much research at home as you can! No use spending time racing to find information twenty minutes before the archive closes that you could have researched from home and had already saved.
8. Assess the parking situation. Are there nearby lots? Will you need to move your car throughout the day? Is there an app you can down-

load in order to pay for parking from your phone?

9. The staff may or may not be able to receive gifts. Government employees (county, state, and federal) technically cannot receive gifts of any kind, even a bar of chocolate or a box of cookies . . . so even if you just want to thank them profusely for their assistance, a thank you card will likely be better . . . and will not result in a box of cookies that winds up on your counter, calling your name.

10. Give yourself more time than you need, and don't bite off more than you can chew. I recently traveled to the National Archives at College Park and decided to look into about twelve sets of records in two days . . . I wound up getting through about half of that. Set yourself up for success! Things often take longer than you anticipate.

Best of luck with your research, both from home and on-site! I will miss seeing you at our monthly meetings this summer . . . see you at FGS in September!

Ciao,
~ Rich

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registration deadline for the scholarships is midnight on Monday, August 14th.

NHG Booth at the FGS Conference

We need your help at the Federation of Genealogical Societies Annual Conference at Pittsburgh's David L. Lawrence Convention Center in August 2017. NHG has reserved a booth, and we need to have volunteers lined up to staff the booth during all exhibit hall hours. The exhibit hall is open Thursday, 31 August through Saturday, 2 September 2017.

You do **not** need to be registered for the FGS Conference to volunteer to help with the NHG booth. Volunteering at the NHG booth is a wonderful way to network, not only with your fellow NHG members who are bound to stop by, but also to help to educate the public about events and programs. Sue O'Connor is coordinating the volunteers for the NHG booth.

One or two people are needed for each time slot during the hours that the Exhibit Hall is open. To volunteer for the NHG booth during the FGS Conference in Pittsburgh, please e-mail your name, e-mail address, and phone number to: **Conference@NorthHillsGenealogists.org**. Please type **NHG Booth at FGS** in the subject line.

Once Sue compiles a list of interested volunteers, she will send out a schedule of time slots for each day. Volunteers can sign up for convenient times when they can help. A final schedule will be created and shared with all of the NHG volunteers in advance of the FGS Conference. Thank you for your continuing support of NHG!

If you have any questions, contact Sue O'Connor at Conference@NorthHillsGenealogists.org.

Election Reminder

NHG's annual election of officers is in progress. Please take a moment to vote! The ballot was in the last month's newsletter. We will also have copies available at the June meeting. You can turn in your completed ballot during the June meeting or mail them to NHG, PO Box 169, Wexford, PA 15090. Ballots must be turned in on or before 30 June.

Error in May Newsletter

In the category of even editors need editors, there was a mistake in the Upcoming NHG Programs section of the May newsletter. The date for the July program was incorrect. The correct date is Tuesday, July 18th. We apologize for any confusion.

TARENTUM GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY CEASES OPERATIONS

The Tarentum Genealogical Society has ceased its operations. Their genealogical library will be transferred to the Armstrong County Historical and Genealogical Society (ACHGS) in Kittanning. You can contact ACHGS at 724-548-5707 or achgs@windstream.net. Their website is <http://achmgs.yolasite.com>.

CONFERENCE EXPERIENCES: NAVIGATING THE FGS PROGRAM REGISTRATION BOOKLET

By Sue Ennis, NHG Newsletter Co-Editor

In seventy days, the 2017 conference of the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) will begin in Pittsburgh from 30 August through 2 September at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center. The early bird registration deadline to save on conference fees is 1 July 2017. Now is the time to design your conference experience!

The FGS Conference booklet is full of details about the conference and includes speaker biographies, workshop and session content listings, dates and times for every conference event, and the chance to add special events such as meals with speakers, tours, and visits to local repositories. Navigating the contents of a conference booklet is helpful for answering questions and for scheduling your conference experience.

Sections of information at the beginning of the booklet include a welcome, conference site location, conference hotels (IF not commuting from home), and descriptions of the overall program, the society showcase, the exhibit hall, and special events. One special event that is featured annually by FGS is the Librarians' Day for which there is an additional fee. For FGS 2017 in Pittsburgh, another special event is the Gateway Clipper Dinner Cruise on Wednesday, 30 August. Why would a local conference attendee choose the Gateway Clipper? Some reasons are to see our city through the eyes of out-of-town guests, to network with fellow genealogists in a social atmosphere, or to enjoy a full conference experience.

Most of a conference booklet includes the full details of tracks (thematic series of lectures by various speakers), individual sessions, scheduled times, and speaker name and credentials. Each double-page spread focuses on just one day of the conference. A good idea for reading these pages of a conference booklet is to highlight or mark your preferences prior to filling out the registration page. You can even rank a first and second choice for each time slot.

Check out the luncheon details including meal choices, cost, speaker, and topic. Then proceed through each of the days in the same manner.

There is always a page or two with names of all speakers, his or her credentials, and a short biography. It can be helpful to peruse this information to find favorite speakers, speakers covering unique topics, or what certain speakers focus upon for their lectures.

Finally, there is a registration page; pay close attention to deadline dates! Another consideration is whether or not you wish to have a printed syllabus (fee) or electronic version (free). What you decide probably will depend upon how (or if) you take notes and whether you prefer paper or digital handouts. Check the accuracy of your vitals before submitting your registration, especially e-mail address and phone number. Remember about the option to attend a single day at a reduced registration rate rather than the entire conference.

Deciding to attend a national conference involves some pre-planning to coordinate your funds, organize meals and special events, and decide what lectures and workshops you would like to attend. Don't miss the exhibit hall! With the vendors in the exhibit you can collect new information, network with other genealogists, purchase books and other items, or participate in free learning.

McCANDLESS/NORTHERN ALLEGHENY HERITAGE CENTER OPENS

On May 20th, the McCandless/Northern Allegheny Heritage Center held its grand opening. The facility houses the collection of NHG member and local historian Joe Bullick, which previously had been held at the McKnight Elementary School. The collection includes North Allegheny School District photos, documents, yearbooks, and memorabilia; artifacts from twentieth century culture; and North Hills related research materials.

The center is in a replica of a one-room schoolhouse, located at 830 Pump House Lane, Wexford. The center is open Wednesdays,

Thursdays, and Fridays 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. and Saturdays and Sundays 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. Other hours are available by appointment. Contact the center at 412-364-0616, ext. 300 or heritagecenter@townofmccandless.org. A more detailed description of the center and its holdings is available through the McCandless Township website, www.townofmccandless.org.

RECLAIM THE RECORDS ANNOUNCES ACCESS TO THE NEW YORK STATE DEATH INDEX

The not-for-profit genealogy group, Reclaim the Records, has announced an update to the free records they have obtained through the Freedom of Information Act and have made available online.

The *New York State Death Index, 1880–1956* is now digitized and available for genealogists to access. Prior to this announcement from Reclaim the Records, no online copies of this index were available anywhere to the public. The NY Department of Health digitized the original copies and provided them for use by the public at the request of Reclaim the Records. At this time, some of the records are available to browse on line and other portions of this record group are still online in zip files. The goal is to have the entire set of death index records online by August, 2017.

The *New York State Death Index, 1880-1956* is found at the Internet Archive website, [https://archive.org/search.php?query="New+York+State+Death+Index"&sort=titleSorter&mc_cid=8ce89a660a&mc_eid=4b80212daf](https://archive.org/search.php?query=%27New+York+State+Death+Index%27&sort=titleSorter&mc_cid=8ce89a660a&mc_eid=4b80212daf); it is a record group that contains the following, as released by Reclaim the Records:

“The records cover 1880-1956, which is seventy-seven years.

“1880 and 1881 have very limited data, as the state law requiring reporting deaths to the state didn't have great compliance at first.

“1943 is, unfortunately, extremely hard to read, and we don't know if any better copy exists.

“New York City deaths are, for the most part,

not included in this statewide death index. That's because New York City and New York State are completely different vital records jurisdictions. However, some deaths that were in neighborhoods that are part of modern-day New York City—such as Flushing (Queens) or Canarsie (Brooklyn)—do show up in the pre-1897/1898 statewide death index! That's because they weren't incorporated as part of the city yet at the time they were recorded.

“Three major cities are not included in this statewide death index until 1914 or 1915: Yonkers, Buffalo, and Albany.

“Finally, there is some disagreement over whether people who died at state-run mental institutions or developmental disability institutions were correctly included in the statewide death index.”

Reclaim the Records is open to ideas for other record groups that should be accessible. You can subscribe to their free newsletter by signing up at www.ReclaimTheRecords.org.

SANBORN FIRE INSURANCE MAPS NOW ONLINE

Press release

25 May 2017

The Library of Congress has placed online nearly 25,000 Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, which depict the structure and use of buildings in U.S. cities and towns. Maps will be added monthly until 2020, for a total of approximately 500,000.

The online collection now features maps published prior to 1900. The states available include Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Delaware, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota, South Dakota, Vermont, Wisconsin and Wyoming. Alaska is also online, with maps published through the early 1960s. By 2020, all the states will be online, showing maps from the late 1880s through the early 1960s.

In collaboration with the Library's Geography and Map Division, Historical Information Gatherers digitized the Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps during a 16-month period at the Library of Congress. The Library is in the process of adding

metadata and placing the digitized, public-domain maps on its website.

The Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps are a valuable resource for genealogists, historians, urban planners, teachers or anyone with a personal connection to a community, street or building. The maps depict more than 12,000 American towns and cities. They show the size, shape and construction materials of dwellings, commercial buildings, factories and other structures. They indicate both the names and width of streets, and show property boundaries and how individual buildings were used. House and block numbers are identified. They also show the location of water mains, fire alarm boxes and fire hydrants.

In the 19th century, specialized maps were originally prepared for the exclusive use of fire insurance companies and underwriters. Those companies needed accurate, current and detailed information about the properties they were insuring. The Sanborn Map Company was created around 1866 in the United States in response to this need and began publishing and registering maps for copyright. The Library of Congress acquired the maps through copyright deposit, and the collection grew to 700,000 individual sheets. The insurance industry eventually phased out use of the maps and Sanborn stopped producing updates in the late 1970s.

The Library's Geography and Map Division is among the world's largest map collections, holding some six million cartographic items in various languages dating from the 14th century to the present. Some of its most important collections are available online at loc.gov/maps/collections/. Further information about the Geography and Map Division can be found at loc.gov/rr/geogmap/.

The Library of Congress is the world's largest library, offering access to the creative record of the United States—and extensive materials from around the world—both on site and online. It is the main research arm of the U.S. Congress and the home of the U.S. Copyright Office. Explore collections, reference services and other programs and plan a visit at loc.gov, access the official site for U.S. federal legislative

information at congress.gov, and register creative works of authorship at copyright.gov.

QUERY

BARNDS/BAUS/BRANTZ – Looking for my BARNDS (or similar early names) family. Information needed about Hesse German Dutch who came to the United States before the Revolutionary War and settled in Pennsylvania. Some known ancestors: DANIEL **BARNDS** is buried in the Washington County (Pennsylvania) Cemetery – died 2 November 1840 in Brownsville, Pennsylvania. Daniel's son WILLIAM FLETCHER BARNDS married ELIZABETH **DUNLAP**. Have DUNLAP history. Elizabeth had three brothers, all Methodist ministers plus a sister MARY DUNLAP who made her living as a glass blower. Any information, please contact Cam Barnds at cdbarnds33@yahoo.com.

WHERE GENEALOGISTS MEET

Saturday, 24 June 2017 11:00 A.M.
FORT PITT MUSEUM

The museum will host Dr. Patrick Spero for a lecture and book signing. Spero wrote *Frontier County: The Politics of War in Early Pennsylvania*, which discusses the control of Fort Pitt and Lord Dunsmore's War. Registration is required. For more information, please visit www.heinzhistorycenter.org/events/when-pittsburgh-was-virginia.

24–25 June 2017
WESTMORELAND COUNTY
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

WCHS will hold frontier court reenactments at Historic Hanna's Towns. The reenactments will feature court trials from 1773–1786 that were actually heard by the court seated at Hanna's Town. The event will also have eighteenth century living history skill demonstrations, a militia encampment, and militia drills and musket fire demonstrations. Please visit www.westmorelandhistory.org for more information.

25–30 June 2017
GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH

INSTITUTE OF PITTSBURGH

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

Monday, 26 June 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 28 August.

Wednesday, 28 June 2017 6:30 P.M. CRANBERRY GENEALOGY CLUB

In lieu of a program, the group will take a field trip to cemeteries in Zelienople to fill Find A Grave requests. The group will start at the cemetery of South Oliver Avenue then move to the St. John Burry's church cemetery on Hartzell Road (Route 68). After finishing at the cemeteries, the group will go to Young's Custard Stand for some social time. If there is inclement weather, the field trip will be rescheduled. Please visit www.cranberryygenealogy.org for more information.

Tuesday, 11 July 2017 6:30 P.M. ERIE SOCIETY FOR GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH

Claire Butler will present "Using Timelines to Correlate Evidence and Solve Complex Genealogical Problems." The program will be held at the Thomas B. Hagen History Center, 356 W. 6th Street, Erie. More information is

available at www.pa-roots.com/erie/index.htm.

16–21 July 2017 GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF PITTSBURGH

Registration for the second week of GRIP is open. Six courses will be offered: *Practical Genetic Genealogy*, *Advanced Genetic Genealogy*, *Gateway to the Garden State: Sources and Strategies for New Jersey Research*, *Irish Genealogical Research*, *Law School for Genealogists*, and *Intermediate Genealogy: Tools for Digging Deeper*. More information is available at www.gripitt.org.

28–30 July 2017 INTERNATIONAL GERMANIC GENEALOGY CONFERENCE

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

Saturday, 29 July 2017 10:00 A.M. FORT PITT MUSEUM

The museum's third annual Women's History Seminar will feature lectures on Martha Washington, Lenape Indian women, and Hausenosaunee pottery. Pre-registration is recommended. More information is available at www.heinzhistorycenter.org/events/womens-history-seminar-2017.

31 July–4 August 2017 HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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

Saturday, 12 August 2017 1:30 P.M.

ZELIENOPLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

Saturday, 19 August 2017 2:00 P.M.

**GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF
SOUTHWESTERN
PENNSYLVANIA**

The group's program will be held at Citizen's Library, 55 South College Street, Washington. It will feature Kathy Pienkowski, Circulation Service Manager at Citizen's Library, as the speaker. This event is free and open to the public. See www.genealogicalsocietyswpa.com for more information.

Saturday, 26 August 2017 11:00 A.M.

FORT PITT MUSEUM

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

30 August–2 September 2017

**FEDERATION OF GENEALOGICAL
SOCIETIES CONFERENCE**

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

Sunday, 17 September 2017 2:00 P.M.

**BALTZER MEYER HISTORICAL
SOCIETY**

Mary Jane Shaw will present "The Nitty Gritty Details of Researching a Historic Log Home." The event will be held at the Baltzer Meyer facility, 642 Baltzer Meyer Pike, Greensburg. It is free and open to the public. See www.baltzermeyer.pa-roots.com 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. Please visit www.isbgfh.org for more information.

Sunday, 1 October 2017 10:00 A.M.

HEINZ HISTORY CENTER

The Heinz Center will hold its annual Italian Heritage Day from 10:00 A.M. until 3:00 P.M. This family-friendly event features activities for all ages. Additional details will be announced over the summer. Watch www.heinzhistorycenter.org/events for more information.

6–7 October 2017

NASHI-PREDKY FALL CONFERENCE

The fourth annual conference will be held at the Ukrainian Cultural Center in Somerset, New Jersey. Conference sessions will cover using DNA in genealogical research, researching Ukrainian Catholics, records held by the Polish State Archives, using castral maps, Russian census records, and more. More information and a registration form are available at <http://ukrhec.org/nashi-predky-conference-2017>.

17–21 October 2017

**CZECHOSLOVAK GENEALOGICAL
SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL**

Registration for this year's CGSI conference is

now open. The event will be held in Pittsburgh at the Pittsburgh International Airport Hyatt Regency Hotel. The first two days of the conference will feature bus tours of the area. The last three days feature lectures with four options offered during most time slots. The lectures will focus on history and culture as well as genealogical research. The speakers will include NHG's Rich Venezia and Rebecca Kichta Miller. More information can be found at <http://cgsievents.com>.

20–21 October 2017
CUMBERLAND PATHWAYS FAMILY HISTORY AND GENEALOGY CONFERENCE

The Cumberland County Historical Society, the Army Heritage Center Foundation, the Cumberland Valley Visitors Bureau, Dickinson College, and the Historical Society of Pennsylvania are joining forces to host this conference. Topics will include using archival resources, military records, oral history, and church records for genealogical research. There will also be focus areas staffed with experts to provide information one-on-one. The event will be held at various venues in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. More information and a registration brochure are available at www.cumberlandpathways.org.

Saturday, 28 October 2017 1:00 P.M.
HEINZ HISTORY CENTER

Rabbi Barbara Aiello will present "I'm Italian, but Could I Be Jewish Too?" She will discuss the history of hidden Jews in Southern Italy. Details are still being finalized. Watch www.heinzhistorycenter.org/events for more information.

Sunday, 29 October 2017 1:00 P.M.
HEINZ HISTORY CENTER

Rabbi Barbara Aiello will present "Italian Jews and World War II." She will discuss how Southern Italians saved four thousand Jews during the war. Details are still being finalized. Watch www.heinzhistorycenter.org/events for more information.

NHG MEMBERSHIP FORM

The annual fee for membership in NHG remains \$15.00 for two people in a household. The new membership year starts 1 August. To ensure you don't miss an issue of the newsletter, please send in your renewal form by 31 August. To pay by cash or check, fill out the form below and mail it to North Hills Genealogists, PO Box 169, Wexford, PA 15090 or bring it to a meeting. To pay with a credit card, please visit our website www.NorthHillsGenealogists.org.

Current members can check their membership status any time on the NHG website.

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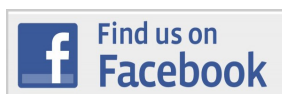
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UPCOMING NHG PROGRAMS

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

James Wudarczyk

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

Tuesday, 18 July 2017 **Who's on First? Merging and Separating Identities in Family History Research**

Jay Fonkert, CG

Merging or separating identities is a core genealogical problem. Sometimes we find a person of the same name in several different places over time. Other times, we find two easily confounded people in the same place and time. A series of short case studies illustrate the importance of certain identity. This special presentation **will be held at La Roche College** in conjunction with the Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh.

Tuesday, 15 August 2017 **Men of Steel: Researching Your Steel-working Ancestor**

Elissa Scalise Powell, CG, CGL

Iron and steel manufacturing played a key role in the development of Western Pennsylvania. Researching your ancestor who worked in these and related industries can almost be as dirty a job as he experienced. Learn who worked in the mills, his duties and job names, his migration paths, and where records exist. Powell is NHG's Book Marketing Chair.