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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PITTSBURGH-HOSTED FEDERATION OF GENEALOGICAL SOCIETIES (FGS) 2017 CONFERENCE AUG. 30-SEPT. 2

Organizers for the 2017 FGS Conference in Pittsburgh will soon be looking for volunteers to assist during the conference. The 2017 FGS Conference will occur August 30 – September 2 at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center. Although the FGS 2017 website is not yet up and running, it will be soon.

There will also be a need for volunteers from our membership for the North Hills Genealogists' booth in the Exhibit Hall-! We will coordinate signing up for that opportunity this summer, closer to the start of FGS.

Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society (WPGS) is the local host for FGS 2017; however, all members of the North Hills Genealogists have a chance to provide strong support for the FGS Conference as our region showcases the city, its archives, and our enthusiasm for genealogy!

It is important to note that volunteers are necessary to support the efforts of the conference committee. There are benefits for those who volunteer, including casual networking with other genealogists, welcoming participants to Pittsburgh, and participating in FGS 2017 in a unique way.

Some of the volunteering opportunities do not require conference registration, but that does limit how you can assist. If you are registered for the full FGS 2017 Conference AND you are willing to volunteer 8 or more hours, then you can receive partial reimbursement of your conference registration fee in exchange for your time. The amount of reimbursement that you

receive depends upon the total hours of volunteer time that you donate. The reimbursement could even be donated to FGS or to the War of 1812 Preserve the Pension fund if you prefer.

If you or a friend would be interested in supporting FGS 2017, here are some details about volunteering opportunities:

Conference Bag Stuffing: place materials in conference bags; Monday or Tuesday prior to the conference. One-time event for 2 hours.

Registration: assist at the registration desk throughout the conference in various intervals of time.

Hospitality/Information Desk: welcome attendees and provide directions, general information, and suggestions throughout the conference.

Room Monitors: assigned to rooms to assist speakers in setting up for workshop sessions, check attendees for nametags, and monitor sessions. Minimum shift of 3 – 4 hours required (morning or afternoon).

Exhibit Hall: monitor access to exhibit hall during non-public hours throughout the conference.

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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 Spring, fellow genealogists of the North Hills!

March is Irish-American Heritage Month, so for those of you with some ancestors from the Emerald Isle – sláinte! However, since I wrote about a few new Irish record sets in the October newsletter, I won't write about them again...although I'm happy to discuss Ireland any time!

In recent months, as I was working on some of my own family history, I inadvertently returned to a set of records I'd already used before – Jersey City newspapers on *GenealogyBank*. This record set was a slight source of frustration, as *GenealogyBank* had the *Jersey Journal* (formerly the *Evening News*) editions until the early 1900s and then again for a few years in the 1960s. Naturally, my main period of interest was the missing 1920s – 1940s. My entire family, on both sides, settled in Jersey City by about 1915, so quite literally every line of my family was in Jersey City the first half of the century.

While the intervening years of the newspaper were available on microfilm in the New Jersey State Archives and the New Jersey State Library, these obviously did not include any advanced searching capability – you needed to know the exact date of the event for which you sought! And as we all know, one of the glorious things about newspapers is that they can tell us fascinating anecdotes of our ancestors that we've never heard before and would never find otherwise.

In my family, for instance, there was a dog fight that wound up in the local gossip section. Another time, my 3x-great-grandfather called the police because his (“harmless lunatic”) next-door neighbor insisted that his daughter (perhaps my 2x-great-grandmother?) was his personal typewriter and incessantly followed her around. (Seriously – you couldn't make this stuff up!) With most of these fun anecdotes, though, one can only find them if the newspaper is available online and is OCR-searchable. I never would have found some of the splendid newspaper articles related to my family by hand-searching the microfilm rolls.

When I logged onto *GenealogyBank* around Christmastime to explore the Jersey City newspapers – my Christmas gift had come early! Editions of *Jersey Journal* were now complete well into the 1950s, and even into the 1970s (with some gaps). My family was waiting for me!

In the first few hours alone, I found an obituary for a collateral relative for whom I'd given up hope of ever finding a death record, articles placing my missing great-grand-aunt in Evansville, Indiana, in the 1930s, and obituaries and wedding announcements galore. Much to my parents' delight, I also found pictures of both of them as children in the paper! (No one was surprised that my mom remembered the circumstances of her photo well; my father not so much.) It was a treasure trove, and I am still finding more articles every time I search.

Sites like *GenealogyBank*, *Newspapers.com*, *NewspaperArchive*, and even *Ancestry.com* and *FamilySearch* are constantly updating their collections. If something isn't there now, make sure to look again in a few months' – and a few years' – time! If there is a newsletter or social media page that updates patrons of new collections, be sure to sign up for the updates. You may be surprised at what's been added since the last time you checked.

I hope re-checking what collections are available on your preferred research site may help you to break down some brick walls this spring. Happy hunting!

~ Rich

VOLUNTEER FOR FGS 2017 (continued from page 61)

Watch the website <http://fgs.org/> for conference registration and for volunteer opportunities. WPGS and NHG member **Rebecca Kichta Miller** is serving as the 2017 FGS Conference Volunteer Coordinator.

If you are interested in volunteering for the 2017 FGS Conference in Pittsburgh, please e-mail your contact information to Rebecca at

volunteers@fgs.org. Include North Hills Genealogists in the message to indicate your membership and list your preference for committees.

LAST CHANCE TO ATTEND THE NHG SPRING CONFERENCE ON 24-25 MARCH 2017 IN WEXFORD

It is not too late! The 10th Annual NHG Genealogy Conference will take place on Friday, 24 March and Saturday, 25 March at the Columbian Room in Wexford. Our first-ever spring conference features Thomas W. Jones on Friday afternoon and all day on Saturday plus a bonus session Friday night, presented by Sierra Green from the Heinz History Center.

Dr. Jones's topics include *Overcoming Research Barriers and Record Shortages* (Friday) and these four workshops (Saturday): *Solving Problems with Original Records* and *Missing Something? Getting the Most Out of Genealogical Evidence* in the morning; in the afternoon, *Systematically Using Autosomal DNA Test Results to Help Break Through Genealogical Brick Walls* and *Finding 'Unfindable' Ancestors*.

Registration fees vary, depending upon how many workshops you plan to attend and with consideration for meals; full two-day conference registration is \$105 with meals. Click on <http://www.northhillsgenealogists.org/cpage.php?pt=64> for all of the conference details along with the complete registration brochure for the NHG 2017 Spring Genealogy Conference.

With the decision to change to a spring conference annually, there won't be another NHG conference until 2018! Plan to attend to hear from two intellectual and dynamic experts, and stay to exchange ideas with fellow members and kindred genealogical enthusiasts.

SAVE THE DATES FOR NHG- SPONSORED WORKSHOPS AT GRIP

NHG will sponsor Tuesday night programs again this summer during the weeks of GRIP on June 27 and July 18 (in place of regular NHG meeting).

Speakers will be announced next month!

CONFERENCE EXPERIENCES: GET INSPIRED TO ATTEND IN PERSON

Written by Mary Dzurichko, NHG Member

With Pittsburgh hosting conferences by the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) in September and the Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International (CGSI) in October, there are two fantastic opportunities to experience a national genealogy conference in a familiar place without the extra costs of travel and hotel. If you have never been to a national conference, I would like to give you some inspiration to attend this year, and this advice applies to regional and local conferences, as well.

Have you ever been to a live musical performance at a large venue, or gone to a sports arena to attend a game? Think of how awesome it is to be there with the other fans of the music or sport, and to get caught up with the excitement and extra side events, like enjoying dinner with friends before the concert, or tailgating before the big game. Do not forget the opportunities to buy CDs, programs, T-shirts, posters, and other mementos to enhance your involvement, both at the venue and once you return home. There is a big difference between listening to a CD at home or watching the game on television and being there in person.

This is the feeling I get when I attend a genealogy conference! There is excitement to learn more about this complex hobby of ours: the research tools and strategies, technological innovations, and old and new record collections that are available. Then there is a bit of awe at seeing the experts that we've come to know about through television genealogy shows, on-line blogs, magazine articles, and reference books, with a chance to personally ask specific questions relating to your own research. (Yes, selfies are taken, too!) I also enjoy the camaraderie within the sessions and during the breaks and lunch, where I have met very nice people and have shared tips and ideas with them that have helped me with my research. Sometimes I have attended a conference by myself, but I never feel alone, as everyone is so

friendly.

Conferences may also have a marketplace of vendors selling books, maps, and other resources, technology services, software, research services, and archival supplies, as well as fun items like shirts, totes, and gadgets that help us to enjoy genealogy even more. The national conferences have the largest marketplaces, and simply by talking to the vendors, you can learn a lot about specific ethnicities, history, and places. These vendors often offer discounts on their products if you purchase at the conference.

I encourage you to attend the FGS or CSGI conference here in Pittsburgh in 2017, either for one day or for the entire schedule. Both FGS and CSGI programs will present a rare opportunity for you to enjoy a national conference at a local venue so that you can reap the benefits all of the information and fun the conferences offer in person.

CONFERENCE EXPERIENCES: LEARNING AMONG A "FAMILY" OF FELLOW GENEALOGISTS

Written by Ken Berner, NHG Membership Chair

Although I have yet to attend a multi-day genealogy event for which I've had to make travel and lodging arrangements, I have attended local events that have given me a much more informed "family" experience than any online, or even local repository research effort, could offer on its own.

The first such venture for me was the second annual genealogy conference sponsored by the North Hills Genealogists (number 10 is coming up later this month), held in the basement, and other spaces, of a local church.

I had just begun to develop what I thought would be a good hobby to keep me busy when my retirement came up in a few years. And that it has!

At the beginning, however, I knew few genealogy hobbyists, let alone any of the professionals of national reputation who were on hand to address that conference.

My desire to become personally active in my local organization, however, helped me strengthen my

feeling of family within the genealogy community, which also led to a greater ability to develop my knowledge and feeling of “rootedness” within my own family.

Little did I know at that first conference that one of the invited professionals, Paula Stuart-Warren, CG, would be my instructor a few years later at my first Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh (GRIP) week-long learning experience at nearby LaRoche College.

Becoming active within the North Hills Genealogists actually put me in contact with a cousin I didn't know I had, when she saw my nametag and approached me after a meeting to ask if I had any Berner relatives in a particular part of Pittsburgh.

My initial response was “No”, since that wasn't my father's neighborhood. But I suddenly remembered early childhood visits with an aunt and uncle's family in the locale she mentioned. My “new” cousin was from my aunt's side of the family, but she saw my facial resemblance to the Berner side of the family. Both my living and my ancestral families expanded at that moment!

As each annual NHG conference came around (and I became involved in helping it happen each year), I could see myself becoming more familiar, and comfortable, with what I had initially thought was a bewildering array of “do this, don't do that” approaches to developing genealogical skills. Not only was I becoming more familiar with the techniques, but I was becoming familiar with, and personally meeting, those on the national scene who were promoting best practices.

Even some of the familiar faces on genealogy television shows, or popular internet webinars, were becoming real people with whom I was actually interacting in a classroom, or a hallway, or sharing a meal.

Layer after layer, much of the mystery of genealogy research was being peeled back, though many layers of discovery yet remain. And the teachers, who also may have seemed “mysterious” from afar, were becoming part of that “family” to whom I could go for help, when needed, simply by referring to materials they

had presented in the classroom, or by clicking back to their webinar presentations. And some are now as close as an email address.

I've sometimes compared online research, or webinar learning, even exploring dusty records on shelves, as valuable as they are in their own right, with watching a theatrical presentation, or a sporting event, in person rather than on a screen. There's interaction with other human beings at a live event that simply cannot be duplicated any other way. Some may describe it as “the smell of the grease-paint, the roar of the crowd”.

Those who are gathered at live events, such as this summer's national conference of the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) being held in downtown Pittsburgh, have as a common denominator an interest in exploring their family histories. I would encourage even those, or especially those, who consider themselves complete novices in this fascinating avocation, to step out and become participants in these live programs.

Even if you *attend* alone, do not *be* alone. Take the initiative and *introduce yourself* to that person beside you. You already share a common interest, or you wouldn't be there. You may even find you share a common relative.

At the very least, you will find yourself becoming a member of the family of genealogists!

[Editors' Note: Thanks to Mary and Ken for taking time to write and submit articles this month and for sharing their unique perspectives, while making some similar conclusions about conference attendance!]

WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE? CONTINUES ON TLC NETWORK

TLC has announced that the March 26th episode of *Who Do You Think You Are?* at 10:00 P.M. will feature actor Noah Wyle. Upcoming episodes in April will follow Jessica Biel, Smokey Robinson, John Stamos, and Liv Tyler as they uncover ancestral stories. On TLC's website, watch videos of the first three episodes with Courteney Cox, Julie Bowen, and Jennifer Grey. Learn some tips you can use in your own research!

REMEMBER WOMEN ANCESTORS TO CELEBRATE WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH THIS MARCH

Throughout the 20th Century in American history and as women's rights evolved, there was first a Women's History Day, followed by Women's History Week surrounding March 8th annually, which is International Women's Day. Since 1987, U.S. Presidents have proclaimed the month of March as "Women's History Month" in order to highlight contributions of women in the work place and in history.

On 28 February 1909, most often considered to be the origin of "Women's History Month", women first rallied for better working conditions. Over time the celebration of women and their achievements has risen and fallen to reflect current history. During World War II was one resurgence of honoring women for their achievements in the work place. Since 1980, the United Kingdom, Australia, and the United States have celebrated women in history during the month of March.

How this relates to genealogical research is perhaps obvious: many brick wall research problems are centered around an investigation of one's elusive female ancestors, including searching for marriage records, for maiden names, and for the maternal line of relatives.

Beyond the archival and historic records where one might discover female ancestors, here are some less obvious choices that can be utilized to uncover females in your family history.

1. Look for mother's maiden name listed on the marriage license application for her children.
2. Make note of the middle names of children in the family....even of grandchildren...for clues.
3. Cemetery records and gravestone inscriptions could mention family names.
4. The backs of photos.
5. Newspaper articles present clues, especially in announcements of births, deaths, marriages.
6. Family Bibles or other religious records.
7. Examine details in U.S. census records for neighbors, boarders, or relatives listed within a household.
8. The names of witnesses or informants on

records such as death certificates.

Three historic websites offer interesting images, articles, and artifacts reflective of women throughout history. This content can add to knowledge about women in our families in the context of the times in which they lived. Images display clothing styles that can aid in placing an unlabeled family photo into the right decade and perhaps narrow down the options for what female ancestor is depicted.

The first website is *Women's History Month* found at <http://womenshistorymonth.gov/> and sponsored by the National Park Service, National Archives and Records Administration, Library of Congress, National Gallery of Art, Smithsonian Institute, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, and National Endowment for the Humanities. The digital images are stunning in their clarity with detailed captions. The link to exhibits and collections includes newspaper items, art, women in historic locales or at significant events, and links to women in careers such as politics, engineering, science, and medicine.

Another site is *Chronicling America* on the Library of Congress official web page, found at <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/>. Centered around decades of historic newspapers and other periodicals, *Chronicling America* offers "in the moment" glimpses of women (and other family members) and living history. First, consider searching within the newspaper directory, with archived content from 1690 through the present day. Digitization of the newspapers is ongoing as collections are donated to the Library of Congress. Also included in the *Chronicling America* collection are primary source documents such as photos at historic occasions, letters and/or images about "famous firsts", and page by page digital images of newspapers from 1789 – 1924. Check back often for newly added items!

The third website is the *National Women's History Project* found at www.nwhp.org/; its subtitle is "Writing Women Back Into History". This site offers resources for writers, genealogists, and historians. Links to events around the U.S. are included. Educating children about historic achievements of women is the main goal while also providing "diverse and historic accomplishments" in the context of the times.

This month, renew your search for the females in your family tree whom you know little about, and let your discoveries serve as a tribute to all women ancestors!

ROOTSTECH 2017 VIDEO FEATURES SUNNY MORTON AND THE BIG 4 GENEALOGICAL SITES

If you have a free hour in the coming weeks, there is an interesting, well-done workshop video on the RootsTech site under the Friday sessions. Sunny Morton, a well-known genealogical writer, editor, and speaker, presents “Big 4: Comparing Ancestry, findmypast, FamilySearch and My Heritage.” The direct link to Morton’s workshop is www.rootstech.org/videos/sunny-morton.

The “Big 4” session outlines the content, cost, and benefits of each database collection with the amateur and professional genealogists in mind. Software comparisons are also included in this informative video, which is found on the RootsTech website for free. Check it out!

WHERE GENEALOGISTS MEET

Wednesday, 22 March 2017 11:00 A.M. CRANBERRY FAMILY HISTORY CENTER

The center's assistant director, Gloria Mason, will hold a hands-on workshop about how to use the new FamilySearch apps. The center has ten computers available, however participants may bring their own devices to use. The workshop will be held at the FHC, 2771 Rochester Road, Cranberry Township. A second session of this workshop will be held Wednesday, 29 March at 7:00 P.M.

Wednesday, 22 March 2017 6:30 P.M. CRANBERRY GENEALOGY CLUB

NHG's Elissa Powell will present “Moravian Trails and Records.” 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

for more information.

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.

Monday, 27 March 2017 6:30 P.M. ZELIENOPLE 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 24 April and 22 May.

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.

Saturday, 8 April 2017 10:00 A.M.
WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Deborah Kapp will present “Online and On Target: Making the Most of Internet Genealogy Research” at the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh Main Branch's International Poetry Room. The program is free and open to the public, but registration is required. To register, please call the library's Pennsylvania Department at 412-622-3154. Visit www.wpgs.org for more information.

Saturday, 8 April 2017 1:00 P.M.
WESTMORELAND COUNTY
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Join WCHS for “Overcoming Stumbling Blocks of Genealogical Research,” which will be presented by their in-house researcher. The fee is \$10 for WCHS members and \$15 for non-members. Pre-registration is required. Call 724-532-1935, ext. 210 to register. The program will be held at the WCHS office, 362 Sand Hill Road, Suite One, Greensburg.

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

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

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 still being accepted. For more information and a program booklet, please visit 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.

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 for more information.

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

Their spring conference will feature four lectures: “Moravians in America & the Moravian Archives”, “Ornamental Arts at Moravian Boarding Schools”, “Tightening the Screws: How Pennsylvania's Loyalists Were Treated in the Revolutionary Era”, and “Finding Military Records”. The conference will be held at Kutztown University's Academic Forum in Kutztown. For additional information, please visit www.palam.org/pennsylvania-palam-

chapter.php.

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.

25–30 June 2017

GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF PITTSBURGH

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

16–21 July 2017

GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF PITTSBURGH

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

28–30 July 2017

INTERNATIONAL GERMANIC GENEALOGY CONFERENCE

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

31 July–4 August 2017

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Registration is open for HSP's second annual workshop, *Researching in Pennsylvania*. This week-long class covers a variety of records and repositories in Pennsylvania. For more information, visit 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 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 British Institute is sponsored by the International Society for British Genealogy and Family History (ISBGFH) held at the Salt Lake Plaza Hotel next to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. Registration is open now for ISBGFH members. Registration for non-members opens 1 April. Please visit www.isbgfh.org for more information.



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UPCOMING NHG PROGRAMS

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.

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

David Grinnell

Grinnell, Reference Archivist at the Archives Service Center of the University of Pittsburgh, will give a presentation on the New Historic Pittsburgh site (historicpittsburgh.org). While the site is available for everyone to utilize, it is still in being developed. He will show us some of the new viewing tools, share some new searching features, and talk about what is still in development. Come and hear about the progress that is being made with upgrading the old Historic Pittsburgh website.