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NHG OFFERS TWO FREE REGISTRATIONS FOR THE FGS CONFERENCE IN PITTSBURGH

The NHG Board will award two FGS Conference scholarships this summer to eligible members who enter the free drawing. One award will be for an eligible member to attend the full four-day FGS Conference in Pittsburgh, and the other award will be for an eligible member to attend a single day of the conference. The main goal is to encourage NHG members to participate in the 2017 FGS Conference in Pittsburgh from 30 August – 2 September, 2017, since it will be held close to home this year.

The full FGS Conference scholarship will be in the amount of \$230. This value is equal to the Early Registration fee, due by 1 July 2017. It includes the full four-day conference and the Exhibit Hall Lunch on Friday, 1 September. (Note: If you miss the early registration deadline, you are still eligible for the award, however you will only receive \$230. The additional cost would not be reimbursed.)

The one-day FGS Conference scholarship will be in the amount of \$99. This value is also equal to the Single Day, Early Registration Fee, due by 1 July 2017. This includes a full day of sessions from dynamic presenters, and if you choose Wednesday or Thursday, you benefit from keynote speakers, or if choosing Friday, then lunch is included.

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.

(The award will be reimbursement for your registration.)

Once you register for the FGS Conference, forward a copy of your registration confirmation [Conference @NorthHillsGenealogists.org](http://www.NorthHillsGenealogists.org). Please change the subject line to *FGS Conference Scholarship*.

NHG NEWS

Lots of things are happening at NHG!

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 has offered to serve as the coordinator of 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 **(continued on page 83)**

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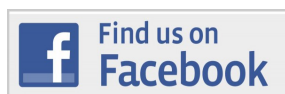
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WHO WE ARE—NHG

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 Spring, genealogists of the North Hills! I hope your flowers are blooming and your research is just as bountiful.

Those of you that don't know me too well may not know that I like to eat—a lot. While I was eating the other day at a new Hungarian restaurant in Pittsburgh's North Side, I was struck at how important food is to our traditions and in our ancestors' lives. This restaurant paid homage to the owners' parents; their photo was on the wall. They had fled after the Hungarian Revolution in 1956 and made their new home in Pittsburgh. The owner learned traditional recipes from her parents, and the restaurant recently brought in a Hungarian chef to keep the menu and the tastes as authentic as possible.

I grew up in a big Italian family, so family gatherings often involved lots of pasta, fresh bread, sauce that had been simmering all day, and innumerable pastries. My aunt made pizzelles for Thanksgiving, Mom made lasagna, and Grandma made braciole. The tomato sauce was always just right—Grandma had learned it from her mother-in-law, who had in turn learned it from her mother, and so on. These traditions have a genealogy all their own, and I wish I'd thought to preserve them better! The best I can do is admire the photo of my great-grandmother in her apron, leaning over the stove. Maybe if I stare long enough, I will learn the secret ingredient!

As Western Pennsylvanians, we're lucky to live in an area where you can find all sorts of food—Hungarian, Polish, Italian, Greek, French, Irish, German—that may bring back memories of your childhood. Make sure to note down those memories! Who brought what to family holidays? Who holds the family recipe book? Do you have a copy? If you are the holder, have you shared with your cousins, near and far?

They say that smell is one of the strongest senses. When you are interviewing older relatives and asking them about their family, be sure to ask for recollections of family meals. What did the meals smell like? What food was there? These memories about the food served may also sharp-

en the remembrances of who was around that table.

Another importance of food for genealogists is the regionalism of cuisine. People from different parts of the same country eat different kinds of food. Southern Italians, for instance, don't touch polenta. For Northern Italians, this is a staple and would be found often at family meals. While pasta is now a little more mainstream, compared to our ancestors' time, it would be much more common to be found in the meals of southern Italian families. This is not a unique case. Learning about the origins of your family's food traditions may well help you to discover the origins of your family.

Happy researching, friends—and happy eating!

~ Rich

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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 of the e-mail.

Once a list of interested volunteers is compiled, then a schedule of time slots for each day will be sent out. 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 of Officers

It's time for NHG's annual election of officers. Please take a moment to vote! The ballot is on the next-to-last page of this newsletter. We will also have copies available at the May and June meetings. You can turn in your completed ballot during the May or June meetings or mail them to NHG, PO Box 169, Wexford, PA 15090. Ballots must be turned in on or before 30 June.

Social Hour before the May Meeting

We will have a social before the **May monthly meeting**. Starting at 6:00, there will be snacks and an opportunity to network with your fellow genealogists. We did this several times last year and are doing it again due to popular demand. **Note that the social will replace Tip Time next month.**

Library Lock-in

Northland Public Library and NHG are joining forces for another Library Lock-in. It will be held Friday, June 2 from 7:00 P.M. until 10:00 P.M. Spend an evening working on your genealogical research using Northland's subscription databases and genealogical book collection. Volunteers will be available to answer questions. Registration, which will open May 1, is required due to limited space. More details are available on Northland Library's website (www.northlandlibrary.org).

Bonus Program in June

NHG will sponsor an evening lecture during the Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh's 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 at LaRoche College, which is on Babcock Boulevard. The program will begin at 7:00 P.M. It is free and open to the public.

Different Location for July Program

Our July program will be held at a different location—LaRoche 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."

CONFERENCE EXPERIENCES: NHG'S ANNUAL CONFERENCE EVOLVES

By Susan O'Connor, NHG Vice President

"How can attending a conference help me with my genealogical research?" I thought when presented with the opportunity to attend NHG's annual conference a few years ago. I can tell you

that after that first conference experience, I was hooked! First, I enjoyed being able to talk about my passion for family research with others who shared my interest. Unlike some family and friends who look “lost in space” when I start to tell them about my latest finds, these wonderful, fellow genealogists understand my excitement. At this year’s NHG conference I met a woman who conducts Swedish research. She shared information with me about how records are kept in Sweden along with other tips for researching in Sweden. This information was very much appreciated and now I can take my Swedish research to the next step.

Second, the information presented by the genealogical speakers has proven to be extremely useful. The case studies that some speakers discuss in order to illustrate their content have been of particular interest to me. Although they were not talking about my family in particular, I have still been able to apply the methodology they presented to enhance my research. The speakers that have spoken about getting the most from content on websites and in documents have also been very helpful.

When I am researching my family, I use all of the techniques that I have learned at the genealogical conferences. I will continue to attend NHG's annual conferences, because I never come away without new ideas for researching or a better understanding of how to put together what I have found to date. At my age I have found that you are never too old to learn, especially when the learning is fun.

AN IN-BRIEF GUIDE TO PENNSYLVANIA GENEALOGY

Press release

24 April 2017

The In-Depth Genealogist (IDG) is pleased to present their newest in-brief research guide in the research series by writer, Elissa Scalise Powell, CG, CGL, entitled “An In-Brief Guide to Pennsylvania Genealogy.” Elissa is a western Pennsylvania researcher and co-director of the Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh (GRIP). She is a past-president of the Board for Certification of Genealogists and coordinator of the IGHR [Institute of Genealogy and Historical

Research] “Professional Genealogy” course since 2007. She was an instructor for Boston University’s Genealogical Research Certificate course (2008–2016) and co-coordinator of SLIG’s [Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy] 2013 “Credentialing: AG, CG, or Both?” course. Elissa’s familiarity with Pennsylvania history and research helps make this research guide a real value to anyone wanting to go further with their Pennsylvania ancestors.

Pennsylvania’s nickname, the Keystone State, is true in genealogy as well. Many of our early ancestors first came to America through the port of Philadelphia which was also the nation’s first capital before it moved to Washington, D.C. “Penn’s woods” welcomed people of all faiths and ethnicities making it Penn’s “Holy Experiment.” The westward expansion of the early 1800s toward Pittsburgh and the head of the Ohio River saw our ancestors open new territories. The industrial revolution of the late 1800s and early 1900s brought new immigrant workers to the coal mines and steel mills of Pennsylvania. The Allegheny Mountains, which run through the center of the state, were a barrier to westward expansion and still divide the state today with differences from language accents and food to sports and politics.

“An In-Brief Guide to Pennsylvania Genealogy” is available now as a PDF (\$2.75) and a printed laminated guide, 8.5” x 11” (\$9.95 + shipping) through [The In-Depth Genealogist Store](#). IDG has published twelve guides which are all available as 4-page PDFs and laminated print versions. Subscribers to the digital magazine, *Going In-Depth*, receive a 10% discount on purchase of each guide.

[Editors's Note: Powell is the NHG Book Marketing Chair]

MASTERING GENEALOGICAL DOCUMENTATION TO BE RELEASED AT NATIONAL CONFERENCE 10 MAY 2017

Press release

4 May 2017

Arlington, Va., — On 10 May, the National Genealogical Society (NGS) will release for sale

Mastering Genealogical Documentation by Thomas W. Jones, PhD, CG, CGL, FASG, FNGS, FUGA, author of the preeminent work, *Mastering Genealogical Proof*, and an award-winning genealogical researcher and educator. The publication of this essential text on how to cite all kinds of sources clearly, completely, and accurately coincides with the NGS 2017 Family History Conference, which will be held in Raleigh, NC, 10-13 May.

Mastering Genealogical Documentation teaches genealogists how to describe and cite their sources—including sources for which no model citation exists—with artistry, clarity, conciseness, completeness, and competence so that their work will meet the genealogy field’s published standards. In this new step-by-step guidebook, Dr. Thomas W. Jones provides a foundation in the principles, logic, and decisions that underpin genealogical documentation. Exercises are provided at the end of each chapter (with answers at the back of the book) to reinforce concepts and provide opportunities for practice.

Jones is a professor emeritus from Gallaudet University. A former trustee and past president of the Board for Certification of Genealogists, he has co-edited the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly* since 2002. He has taught genealogical documentation at Boston University, the Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh, Institute on Genealogy and Historical Research, Western Institute of Genealogy, and elsewhere.

Conference participants will be able to purchase *Mastering Genealogical Documentation* at the conference. Others may order it online beginning 10 May. Shipment of the book will begin 22 May 2017. For more information, visit http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/mastering_genealogical_documentation.

Founded in 1903, the [National Genealogical Society](http://www.nationalgenealogicalsociety.org) is dedicated to genealogical education, exemplary standards of research, and the preservation of genealogical records. The Arlington, Virginia, based nonprofit is the premier national society for everyone, from the beginner to the most advanced family historian, seeking excellence in publications, educational

offerings, and guidance in research. It also offers many opportunities to interact with other genealogists. Please visit the [NGS Pressroom](#) for further information.

[Editors' Note: Jones was the speaker at NHG's annual conference in March.]

PHILADELPHIA'S MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION NOW OPEN

Press release (partial)

20 April 2017

Philadelphia — On April 19, 1775, a shot rang out across the Old North Bridge in Concord, Massachusetts, igniting the Revolutionary War and changing the course of history forever. On April 19, 2017 – the 242nd anniversary of that “shot heard ‘round the world” – history was made once again as Philadelphia’s new Museum of the American Revolution officially opened to the public.

More than a century in the making, the Museum features an unmatched collection of artifacts brought to life through captivating theater experiences, interactive digital installations, life-cast dioramas and immersive environments that transport visitors to the Revolutionary era. The crown jewel of the collection is Washington’s War Tent, which is dramatically revealed as part of an innovative multi-layered mixed media presentation in a state-of-the-art theater.

Located just two blocks from Independence Hall in the heart of Historic Philadelphia—the Headquarters of the Revolution—the Museum will ignite the spark of curiosity in visitors and encourage exploration of the many regional and national sites where history was made.

“The American Revolution was one of the most important events of all time and very much of it happened right here in this great, storied city,” said Pulitzer Prize-winning author **David McCullough**, who spoke at the official dedication. “We can never, ever know enough about the American Revolution. And the opening of this magnificent museum is not just a moment to celebrate here in Philadelphia, but all over our country. This is a moment of national importance and cause to celebrate... It is high time we had such a museum as this.”

The grand opening festivities extended beyond the Museum to encompass Philadelphia's most historic sites, starting with a reflective and reverential tribute at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier of the Revolution at Washington Square, continuing with patriotic fanfare at Independence Hall, and culminating with the official dedication and ribbon-cutting on the Museum's outdoor plaza featuring keynote speaker Former Vice President **Joe Biden**.

"What is this Museum intended to stand for? Our founders – who lived the Revolution, who gave their lives to the Revolution—what were they attempting to do?" asked Vice President Biden. "I think it was about an idea . . . the idea that people could govern themselves . . . An idea that ordinary people could do extraordinary things, given half a chance. It truly was a revolutionary idea. An idea that both startled and, at the same time, gave hope to the rest of the world."

Nearly 400 people were in attendance at the 8 a.m. ceremony at Washington Square Park, which paid tribute to the men and women who sacrificed their lives in the fight for American Independence with a blessing by the Oneida Indian Nation, an interfaith prayer by leaders of historic and modern congregations, a spiritual sung by the St. Thomas Gospel Choir of the African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas, and a wreath-laying by The U.S. Army 3rd Infantry (The Old Guard). The participants then processed up 6th Street, led by The Old Guard and more than 120 members of states' militias from the 13 original states.

Approximately 500 spectators gathered at Independence Hall at 9 a.m. and were treated to pageantry and patriotic fanfare as The Old Guard performed a Revolutionary War Tactical Performance and 250 students from St. Mary's Interparochial School of Philadelphia created a "living flag" representing George Washington's Standard, which is in the Museum's collection. Remarks were made by Pennsylvania Governor **Tom Wolf**, Former Pennsylvania Governor and Museum Board Member **Edward G. Rendell**, and representatives from many of the original 13 states. The procession then paraded up Chestnut Street to the Museum.

More than 1200 people were in attendance for the official dedication at the Museum, which featured keynote speaker Former Vice President **Joe Biden**, Pulitzer Prize-winning author **David McCullough**, and best-selling author, journalist, and political commentator **Cokie Roberts**, along with **Dr. Vincent Brown**, Charles Warren Professor of American History and Professor of African and African American Studies at Harvard University; **Ray Halbritter**, Oneida Nation Representative and Nation Enterprises CEO, and a Museum Board Member; Pennsylvania Governor **Tom Wolf**; Philadelphia Mayor **Jim Kenney**; and **Colonel John E. Bircher III**, representing the Military Order of the Purple Heart. A highlight of the event was a performance of songs from the Broadway phenomenon "Hamilton" by original cast member **Sydney James Harcourt** along with high school students from Philadelphia High School from the Creative and Performing Arts.

The ribbon was officially cut by **General George Washington**, represented by historical interpreter **Dean Malissa**, along with Biden, Founding Museum Chairman Emeritus **H.F. (Gerry) Lenfest** and his wife **Marguerite Lenfest**; current Museum Chairman General **John P. Jumper**; and Museum President and CEO **Michael Quinn**. The full ceremony can be viewed on C-SPAN's website [here](#).

About the Museum of the American Revolution

The Museum of the American Revolution explores the dynamic story of the American Revolution using its rich collection of Revolutionary-era weapons, personal items, letters, diaries, and works of art. Immersive galleries, theater experiences, and recreated historical environments bring to life the events, people, and ideals of our nation's founding and engage people in the history and continuing relevance of the American Revolution. Located just steps away from Independence Hall, Carpenters' Hall, and Franklin Court, the Museum serves as a portal to the region's many Revolutionary sites, sparking interest, providing context, and encouraging exploration. The Museum is a private, non-profit, and non-partisan organization. For more information, visit www.AmRevMuseum.org or call 877.740.1776.

WHERE GENEALOGISTS MEET

Monday, 22 May 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 26 June and 28 August.

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.

Wednesday, 24 May 2017 6:30 P.M. **CRANBERRY GENEALOGY CLUB**

Debbie Billeter will lead an interactive session about writing your family history. The meeting is free and open to the public. It will be held in the Cranberry Public Library's Franklin Station Room. Please visit www.cranberrygenealogy.org for more information.

Saturday, 27 May 2017 11:00 A.M. **FORT PITT MUSEUM**

The museum will host *Massy Harbison: 225 Years After Her Capture*. The programs will include "An Old Strong Law and Custom: Indian Captivity on the Early American Frontier," "Massy Harbison's Journey," and "Voices of Captivity." The event is included with museum admission. More information is available at www.heinzhistorycenter.org/events/fort-pitt-massy-harbison.

Saturday, 3 June 2017 9:00 A.M. **HEINZ HISTORY CENTER**

The center's Detre Library and Archives will

host an Italian Genealogy Workshop. The topics to be discussed include Italian genealogical research, applying for dual citizenship, and genealogical resources available locally through the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh's Pennsylvania Department and the Diocese of Pittsburgh Archives and Records Center. Registration is required. Watch www.heinzhistorycenter.org/events/italian-genealogy-workshop-2017 for more details.

Saturday, 17 June 2017 10:00 A.M. **WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA** **GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

James Beidler will be the featured speaker for WPGS's free conference. He will present three lectures: "Exploring Pennsylvania's State Archives and State Library," "Unlocking the Door to Lineage Societies," and "German Research Online." Lunch is not included. This event is free and open to the public. It will be held at the Carnegie Library Lecture Hall in Oakland. Doors will open at 9:30 A.M. Visit www.wpgs.org or call 412-622-3154 for more information.

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.

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 presentations are scheduled. Access the website at www.GGSMN.org and click on “2017 IGGP Conference.”

Saturday, 26 August 2017 11:00 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.
ZELIENOPE 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, 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.

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>.

2017–18 NOMINEES FOR OFFICERS OF NORTH HILLS GENEALOGISTS

PRESIDENT – Rich Venezia is a professional genealogist and current NHG President. A New Jersey native who now calls Pittsburgh home, he has roots in Italy, Ireland, England, Wales, Prussia, and Canada—and perhaps most importantly of all, in Wilmerding! In his past years, he was a professional actor, a marketing officer for a Dublin theatre, and a study abroad advisor in Massachusetts. He started Rich Roots Genealogy after researching his own family for a decade and credits his maternal grandmother for his passion for family history. He has been a member of the research team of *Genealogy Roadshow* (PBS) for two seasons and has consulted on *Follow Your Past* (Travel Channel). He recently presented at RootsTech 2017.

VICE PRESIDENT – Susan O'Connor has been a resident of the North Hills for over forty years. She retired from Nationwide Insurance after thirty years and then worked as director of operations for a Pittsburgh-based insurance broker for ten years. With her love of mystery books, and after being told many times she would make a great detective, Sue felt as if she were finally getting her dream job when she started researching her family seven years ago! She loves taking road trips and meeting new family members. Sue has been a member of the NHG Conference Committee for four years and is the current NHG vice president.

SECRETARY – Kim Paulson is a native of the North Hills area. She grew up in Shaler Township and moved to McCandless Township twelve years ago. Kim earned her bachelor's degree in business from LaRoche College and has worked at PNC Financial Services for 31 years where she is a human resources project manager. Kim joined NHG in 2012 and has been a board member for five years. She enjoys researching her family history and is continually learning about genealogy through NHG members and resources. Her interest in genealogy started when she first watched the show *Who Do You Think You Are?* and since then, Kim has been tracing her ancestors in the Pittsburgh area and beyond. When she's not researching her family history, Kim enjoys traveling, spending time outdoors gardening, and doing various craft projects.

TREASURER – Reed B. Powell is the current and longtime NHG treasurer. He has worked in the computer industry since the early 1970s and now works for Merkle, an Internet marketing company based in Green Tree, where he develops database applications. Reed is the web master for the North Hills Genealogists, and he also lectures locally and nationally on the use of technology in genealogical research.

ELECTION BALLOT FOR THE 2017–18 NORTH HILLS GENEALOGISTS' OFFICERS

This ballot is due on or before 30 June 2017. You may turn in your ballot at any NHG meeting, or mail your completed ballot to: **North Hills Genealogists, P. O. Box 169, Wexford, PA 15090.**

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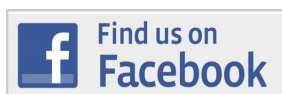
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UPCOMING NHG PROGRAMS

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 being developed. David will show us some of the new viewing tools, share some of the new searching features, and talk about what is still in development. Come hear about the progress that is being made with the site. The old Historic Pittsburgh website (<http://digital.library.pitt.edu/pittsburgh/>) is still live while the transition is being made.

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, 27 June 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 LaRoche College in conjunction with the Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh.