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NHG SPRING CONFERENCE SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED

NHG is changing things up! Going forward, our annual Fall Conference will be our annual Spring Conference. The 2017 conference will be held 24 & 25 March at the Columbian Room (formerly the Knights of Columbus) in Wexford. Our featured speakers will be Thomas W. Jones, PhD, CG, CGL, and Sierra Green, MLIS. Jones is the co-editor of the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly* and the author of *Mastering Genealogical Proof*. Green is an archivist at the Heinz History Center's Detre Library and Archives.

Listed below are the lectures and workshops for the conference. We hope to see you there for a great educational opportunity.

Friday, 3/24

1:30-4:30 P.M. Workshop by Tom Jones, CG, CGL
"Overcoming Research Barriers and Record Shortages"

6:30-8:30 P.M. Workshop by Sierra Green, MLIS
"An Archivist's Guide to Preserving Your Family Archives"

Saturday, 3/25

Lectures by Tom Jones

- "Solving Problems with Original Records"
- "Missing Something? Getting the Most Out of Genealogical Evidence"
- "Systematically Using Autosomal DNA Test Results to Help Break Through Genealogical Brick Walls"
- "Finding 'Unfindable' Ancestors"

For full details about all workshop content and to read the speaker biographies, refer to the information on the NHG website using this link: www.northhillsgenealogists.org/cpage.php?pt=64. Watch our website for updates!

NHG NEWS

Social Before November Meeting

We will have a social before the November monthly meeting. Starting at 6:30, there will be snacks and an opportunity to network with your fellow genealogists. Note that the social will replace Tip Time this month.

Rescheduled Field Trip

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we had to reschedule our field trip to the City-County Building and the County Office Building. Our new date is Tuesday, 29 November. Since space is limited, we will only be able to accommodate 10-12 people. Space can be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis by e-mailing Carole Ashbridge at caroleashbridge@gmail.com or by calling 724-687-0329.

Holiday Social

We will tour the Dollar Bank, Fourth Avenue Office built in 1871 (the one with the lions) on Saturday, December 3. The tour will begin at 10:00 A.M. and last approximately one hour. Free parking is available at the 3rd Avenue Garage (enter from 3rd or 4th Avenues). Lunch will be at noon at Atria's at PNC Park. Street parking is available or at a pay lot on General Robinson
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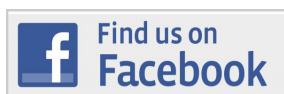
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WHO WE ARE—NHG

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 November, friends! The days are getting colder (well—some of them, anyway), and the nights are growing longer, but the warmth and joy of the holiday season is nigh upon us.

Within just a few weeks, Americans will celebrate Thanksgiving, a holiday steeped in family tradition. Most of us will gather with dear family from near and far and share stories, make memories, and enjoy a delicious meal. Or so says the Hallmark commercials. I say—what a perfect time to discuss your genealogical pursuits! The holidays are what we genealogists live for—a whole bunch of people we are related to, all in the same room at the same time. Many heads are better than one! Why not bring along that photo with relatives you're having trouble identifying? Or the letter you have from your mother's cousin, simply signed, "Your loving cousin" to find out that name. Or even bring the family Bible that you can show off to your cousins—and then pose the question, "So what do *you* have to bring next time?" to encourage them to forage through their own belongings to find family treasures. The holidays are a great way to "crowd-source" some of your genealogical brick walls. Maybe your aunt *does* have the missing piece of the puzzle after all!

So many genealogical enthusiasts say wistfully, "I really should get in touch with that cousin with all the photos . . ." or "I think those papers went to her kids after she passed . . . I owe them a call." I'm guilty of that, too! (Writing this reminds me of a cousin I need to contact.) What I think, with the approach of this cold and dark winter, is that it is time to spread the light of family history! There's no time like the present to put that call or visit on the top of your list. It's a reality of life that relatives get older, papers or photographs get lost during a move, or the keeper of certain items becomes disinterested in being the caretaker any longer. When your family is already all together, a golden opportunity arises to cross that person off your "to call" list . . . maybe you'll wind up learning more about your family—together.

Three of my four grandparents passed away before I was fourteen, and most of their siblings before them. I wish I'd been bitten by the genealogy bug sooner—there are so many questions I want to ask them all! What were their

grandparents like, what food did their mother cook for them, what were my parents like as children, and all the rest; I kick myself every time I think about how I never wanted to listen to my grandfather's stories of serving in World War II. Hopefully you can learn from my misfortune and will think about questions you could ask the relatives that you will be seeing over the next few months.

In addition to questions, what a great time to share discoveries! Did you find your criminal great-grandfather after all? Or the uncle who married so many times that your family lost count? Perhaps you found a distant cousin with a photo of your great-great-grandmother (which happened to me recently). Bring your discoveries to share with the people who matter most—those who are also blood relatives of the subjects of those discoveries! A special bond can be forged while learning together about those from whom you are descended. Don't be bashful—take credit for your brilliant finds, and boast about the difficulty of the hunt, but then share the joy of that success.

I'll be spending this Thanksgiving away from my family but will be celebrating my thanks among dear friends halfway across the world—in Canberra, Australia. I'll be thinking of you all (in my shorts and T-shirt) and of my family, as well. I am thankful they don't begrudge my sense of adventure, even when it means I will be spending a holiday without them. May your Thanksgiving—and the rest of your holiday season—be merry and bright. And remember—you can never have too much pecan pie.

~ Rich

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Street. Please make reservations for the Social no later than Tuesday, November 29, by signing up at the November meeting or calling Mary Dzurichko at 412-334-9778.

NHG Donates Books

At the November Meeting, NHG made its annual donation of genealogical books to Northland Public Library. This year's books are:

American Population before the Federal Census of 1790 by Evarts B. Greene and Virginia D. Harrington

The Family Tree Guide to DNA Testing and Genetic Genealogy by Blaine T. Bettinger

Genetic Genealogy in Practice by Blaine T. Bettinger and Debbie Parker Wayne

German Census Records 1816 – 1916: The When, Where, and How of a Valuable Genealogical Resource by Roger P. Minert, PhD, AG

German Maps & Facts for Genealogy, 2nd edition by Wendy K. Uncapher and Linda M. Herrick

Guide to Tracing Your African American Civil War Ancestor by Jeanette Braxton Secret

History for Genealogists: Using Chronological Time Lines to Find and Understand Your Ancestors, 2nd edition, by Judy Jacobson

History of the Great Kanawah Valley [West Virginia], 2 volumes

In Their Words: A Genealogist's Translation Guide to Polish, German, Latin, and Russian Documents, Volume I: Polish by Jonathan D. Shea and William F. Hoffman

In Their Words: A Genealogist's Translation Guide to Polish, German, Latin, and Russian Documents, Volume II: Russian by Jonathan D. Shea and William F. Hoffman

Inventory of Church Archives Society of Friends in Pennsylvania by the Pennsylvania Historical Survey

Only a Few Bones: A True Account of the Rolling Fork Tragedy and Its Aftermath by John Philip Colleta

Organize Your Genealogy: Strategies and Solutions for Every Researcher by Drew Smith

Slave Genealogy: A Research Guide with Case Studies by David H. Streets

Thee & Me: A Beginner's Guide to Early Quaker

Records by Lisa Perry Arnold

Understanding and Using Baptismal Records
by John T. Humphrey

New Program Chair

NHG's new program chair will be Dave Egelston. He will start his new role with the January meeting. If you have a program idea or would like to help plan programs, see Dave at a meeting. Many thanks to our outgoing program chair Mary Dzurichko for her dedicated service.

NHG SIGs

Special Interest Groups (SIGs) were formed to provide additional opportunities for our members. The SIGs are an excellent way to work in small group settings on specific aspects of your research and benefit from the experiences of others. Participation in any SIG can begin at any time. Always check the NHG website at www.NorthHillsGenealogists.org for the SIG meeting dates and times. No matter how you participate in a SIG meeting—listening, sharing or leading—you will reap the benefits of networking with fellow genealogical enthusiasts.

MyHERITAGE ANNOUNCES DNA TESTING SERVICE

Press Release

7 November 2016

TEL AVIV, Israel & LEHI, Utah — [MyHeritage](#), the leading international destination for discovering, preserving and sharing family history, announced today the launch of [MyHeritage DNA](#), its global integrated genetic testing service. The move represents a major turning point for the DNA industry, as MyHeritage DNA debuts an international mass-market home-testing kit that is simple, affordable and will offer some of the best ethnicity reports in the world.

With 85 million users worldwide, 2.1 billion family tree profiles, 7 billion historical records and availability in 42 languages, MyHeritage's new DNA service further strengthens its position as a global leader in family history.

DNA is the hereditary material in the cells of the human body and it carries within it a unique genetic record. The MyHeritage DNA kit enables users to test their DNA to reveal valuable information about their family history and ethnic origins. The kit consists of a simple cheek swab and takes only a minute to complete, with no need for blood or saliva. The sample is then mailed to MyHeritage DNA's lab for analysis and the user is invited to view the results on the MyHeritage website. In its initial version, MyHeritage DNA provides two main features: detailed ethnicity reports that map the user's ethnic and geographic origins, and DNA Matches for finding relatives. Additional features and capabilities are planned for the future.

MyHeritage DNA results include fascinating ethnicity reports, showing the percentage of the user's DNA that come from different populations around the world. The initial reports currently include 25 ethnicities, but this will improve dramatically thanks to MyHeritage's unique Founder Population project unveiled today — the largest of its kind ever conducted. More than 5000 participants have been handpicked for this project by MyHeritage from its 85 million members, by virtue of their family trees exemplifying consistent ancestry from the same region or ethnicity for many generations. In the next few months, the project will be completed, resulting in a rich DNA data set of more than 100 ethnicities that will enable MyHeritage to show users their ancestral roots with far greater resolution than other services. To this end, the company has been sending its DNA kits to project participants far and wide, from Uzbekistan to Fiji, from Greenland to South Africa, and every corner of the globe. Standard ethnicity reports are currently available, with the expert reports to be released at no additional cost to users following the completion of the Founder Population project.

DNA test results complement MyHeritage's core offerings, including family trees and historical records — the tools traditionally used by family history enthusiasts. DNA can be used to prove or disprove a documented family tree connection, or answer the question of whether two people sharing the same rare surname are actually related. DNA is also indispensable for overcoming seemingly insurmountable obstacles

in traditional research, as in the case of adoptees searching for their biological family without access to their adoption records. On the other hand, when DNA locates a match between two people who have the same ancestor or ancestors, family trees and historical records are often essential for piecing together the exact relationship path between them.

MyHeritage DNA is seamlessly integrated with the other services provided by MyHeritage on all web and mobile platforms, as well as offered on a dedicated standalone mobile app released today named MyHeritage DNA. Thanks to its expertise in family trees and its vibrant community, MyHeritage provides its DNA customers with features not offered by most competing services including 23andMe, such as viewing family trees of the majority of their DNA Matches to pinpoint the connection path, and automatically identifying which surnames and geographical locations they have in common. DNA can be a fascinating introduction to the world of family history, and customers who embark on this journey by taking a DNA test can easily use MyHeritage's tools to further explore what made them what they are.

"DNA testing is the future of family history," said MyHeritage Founder and CEO Gilad Japhet. "We see DNA as a natural evolution of our business and look forward to harnessing it to reunite families, engage in new pro bono projects, and enrich the lives of millions of users."

MyHeritage DNA kits are available at the affordable introductory price of \$79 + shipping (prices vary by location). To order, visit the [MyHeritage DNA website](http://www.myheritage.com/dna) [www.myheritage.com/dna]. MyHeritage has already amassed a significant number of DNA kits uploaded by its users from other DNA services, providing valuable matches on MyHeritage from day one. With the launch of MyHeritage DNA, the company will cease to offer DNA kits of other vendors. Users who have already tested their DNA on other services are welcome for a limited time to upload their DNA data to MyHeritage at no cost to benefit from free DNA Matches.

About MyHeritage

MyHeritage is the leading global destination for discovering, preserving and sharing family history. As technology thought leaders, MyHeritage is transforming family history into an activity that's accessible and instantly rewarding. Its global user community enjoys access to a massive library of historical records, the most internationally diverse collection of family trees and ground-breaking search and matching technologies. An extension of the core MyHeritage brand, MyHeritage DNA offers technologically-advanced, affordable DNA tests that reveal users' ethnic origins and previously unknown relatives. Trusted by millions of families, MyHeritage provides an easy way to share family stories, past and present, and treasure them for generations to come. MyHeritage and MyHeritage DNA are available in 42 languages.

LOCAL HISTORIAN JOE BULLICK PUBLISHES BOOK

Idea from Ken Berner, NHG Membership Chair

Many North Hills residents know Joe Bullick, a friendly local historian. If nothing else, Bullick is known as the local saver. His collection of artifacts from the North Allegheny school community is only rivaled by his extensive stories that depict local North Hills history. He is the founder, and for a long time was the keeper, of the North Allegheny Museum.

Recently Bullick co-authored and published his second book, *Inspired Messages from A to Z by a Catholic Priest*. This book emerged from the files of the late Father William Schroeder, who was the pastor of St. Alphonsus in Wexford for twenty-seven years before passing away in 1998. Over the past eighteen years, Bullick often read through Father Schroeder's paper files until he finally decided that he should preserve the well-written papers for those who knew him and to honor all priests.

Inspired Messages from A to Z by a Catholic Priest is a collection of stories from Father Schroeder's homilies and includes "anecdotes, articles, humor, poems, quotes, (and) reflections" according to Bullick in an interview from *Pittsburgh Catholic's Senior Living* newspaper.

The book was co-written by Jennifer Hogan.

Bullick's first book should serve to inspire all genealogists. In 2012, Joe co-authored his autobiography with Jennifer Gill Kissel; that book, *Put a Tent Over the Circus*, focuses on preserving details of Bullick's childhood through his teen years. Some facts that make Bullick's life unique include being adopted yet knowing his birth mother, a stellar baseball career, and his vivid imagery about life in the North Hills throughout the 1930s and '40s. This book was written after years of family history research and is a tribute to families of all types.

If interested in the books of Joe Bullick, you may order one or both via email to Joe: JEJOE@consolidated.net. The cost of each book is \$15.00, including postage. If you purchase the book inspired by Father Schroeder, then \$5.00 per book will be donated to the Father William Schroeder Catholic High School Scholarship, awarded annually to the eighth grader from St. Alphonsus who writes the most inspiring essay about the Catholic faith.

POWER LIBRARY NEWS—HISTORIC PHOTOS ADDED

According to the most recent press release for Access PA's POWER Library databases, the following historic collection is now online: "The Heinz History Center just added the Eichleay Engineering Corporation Photographs Collection to POWER Library. Eichleay Engineering Corporation was founded in 1875 as a structural moving business in Pittsburgh. From its beginnings, moving houses and other buildings to make way for urban growth brought on by industrial growth, Eichleay became a diversified engineering services company involved in such well-known projects as the Hoover Dam and the Manhattan Project."

Another recently digitized collection is a group of Pennsylvania's World War I posters. These posters represent recruiting efforts and encouraging messages for those on the home front.

POWER Library databases are available free to all residents of Pennsylvania through public and

school libraries. To access POWER Library from home, first navigate to your local public library's website. Then click on "Electronic Resources" or "POWER Library" followed by entering either the number of your physical library card or your E-card number. If you do not have either, you can quickly receive an E-card number by inputting your last name, home address and zip code, and an e-mail address. The E-card will be sent to you immediately.

Although it takes a few jumps to access POWER Library resources from home, it is worth it for the historic content related to Pennsylvania! Each month, new photos, books, yearbooks, and article content is added to POWER Library. Any of this incredible historic content can lead to genealogical finds or enhance your family history stories.

EXPERIENCING GENEALOGICAL CONFERENCES: I WASN'T GOING TO GO

By Elissa Scalise Powell, CG, CGL

[NOTE: This article was originally written in 2008 when the National Genealogical Society (NGS) conference was in Kansas City. It has been updated. Both NGS and the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) have annual conferences that move around the country. We are fortunate to have the FGS conference next year in our "backyard" at the convention center August 30–September 2, 2017.]

I wasn't going to go. It was too far from Pittsburgh to attend the NGS conference. It was expensive to stay at a hotel and dine out every day. I wasn't being compensated for speaking and so would have to pay for everything myself. I didn't know anyone from Pittsburgh going. My youngest child's thirteenth birthday was at the same time and since I was there at the birth, I would feel guilty not being there at this milestone. I rescued, fostered, and placed dogs, and would have to do something with the current foster. The church newsletter that I edited was due that week. I had promised to run the neighborhood garage sale. With just a couple weeks of school left, band concerts and award ceremonies for the kids would be missed if I went. My husband would be left with all these

responsibilities. My clients would have to wait another week for their reports. I wasn't going to go.

But then I realized what I would have missed. I would have missed the numerous lectures offered each hour. So many, it would be hard to narrow it down to just one. True, I could always buy recordings, but some of the more visually oriented do not translate well to just audio. I would have missed the vendor hall packed with new products, services, and "must-haves." I would have missed out on conference specials of items and one-of-a-kind out-of-print books. I would have missed getting copies of new books that were available and could be autographed by the authors. I would have missed door prize drawings, free swag, and all the great deals that are only good for attendees. I would have missed the lunches that were not just a place to take nourishment but a real place to network and make connections and share a laugh with the luncheon speaker.

I have heard that the odds are in a room of forty people, you could be related to one . . . but only a genealogist knows which one! I would have missed meeting these cousins. I would have missed the opportunity to place my surnames on the message board and see who contacted me. I would have missed meeting in person the people whose names were familiar from email lists and social media. I would have missed being helpful and making new friends by volunteering for booth duty for the organizations to which I belong. I am a Board of Certification for Genealogists associate, a Genealogical Speakers Guild member, and a director for the Association for Professional Genealogists. These are all very important to me. The APG board meeting is only at the two national conferences each year, so I would have missed it if I did not go.

I would have missed the city itself . . . whether it was research in the local repositories, the views and history around the city, or local shopping for genealogical treasures where one might have to buy another piece of luggage to carry home all the bargains.

I wasn't going to go. But I did. I used my husband's frequent flier miles to fly there. I

shared a room with two delightful roommates (a treat itself). I had the big thirteenth birthday party before I left (he enjoyed Mom playing laser tag with him). I placed the foster dog in an adoptive home. I told the church that the newsletter would be a little late. I told the neighborhood association president he would have to find someone else to do the garage sale. I made sure my husband went to the award ceremonies and took pictures. I told my daughter how proud I was of her. The clients understood and were willing to wait another week. I worked hard to clear off my desk so that I could go.

It was worth it! I got acquainted with so many nice people. I reaffirmed other relationships with friends who live across the country. I received (and accepted) many offers to help do, write, or volunteer. I was interviewed by a newspaper reporter covering the conference. I could see products demonstrated that I had been contemplating purchasing. I learned of newly released products and books and could be one of the first to buy them. I could buy books for my local library's collection at a discount. I attended lectures that had numerous innovative ideas. I received the syllabus that included the handouts for the lectures I could not attend. I learned and learned more. I relaxed at dinner with friends and acquaintances where the conversations were refreshing. Whether it was technology, professional ideas, or telling about a memorable ancestor, it was very enjoyable, with much laughter shared. I am now inspired, rejuvenated, and ready to jump back into my genealogy with renewed vigor.

I couldn't afford to go? I couldn't afford not to!

I am now looking forward to attending the FGS conference in Pittsburgh August 30–September 2, 2017. I will look for you there too.

GIVE THANKS FOR 21ST CENTURY ADVANCEMENTS

By Sue Ennis, NHG Co-Editor

As a twenty-first century genealogist, there are, thankfully, many research and resource advancements! How do I know? I started my genealogical research "way back" in the twentieth century during the summer of 1991!

Here are several highlights of twenty-first century developments for which genealogists can all be thankful:

- **Digitization** – Not only has the digitization of microfilm, primary source documents, and photos progressed rapidly, but digitization is now also affordable for us “Do It Yourselfers.”
- **Crowd-sourcing** – see item above; the digitization of resources is affordable and rapidly produced through programs such as *Preserve the Pensions* which took a short time to be fully funded. Now the War of 1812 pension records can be preserved, shared, and accessed. The site *Reclaim the Records* offers a form of crowdsourcing through networking and is worthy of our attention.
- **Social Media** for networking and for learning – From public Facebook pages to Twitter’s succinct tweets, social media offers us quick updates about record groups, methods of research, and online access. Oh! And, Pinterest! Build a board to represent your family. Add photos. Social media quickly evolves, so it is recommended to find a *descendant* to assist you in keeping up with your *ancestors* by tapping into social media.
- **DNA testing** – Finding cousins from around the world from your own home? Incredible. Although DNA results vary by the testing evaluation, results can positively confirm heritage or lead to the negation of branches with non-compatible results. DNA testing is continually evolving, so stay tuned.
- **Livestreaming** – International conferences such as RootsTech and national conferences such as NGS offer limited livestreaming—often for free—of certain presentations at their annual conference. Livestreaming allows us to participate from home while still sampling the amazing educational opportunities at large conferences. Park yourself in your comfy home office and tune in!
- **Webinars** – These mini-classes offered by organizations, groups, or individuals usually just require registration with a name, location, and e-mail address. You can participate in the live broadcast online, including asking questions and networking with other genealogists. Plus, even if you cannot participate live at the specific date/time of broadcast, check the fine print

when you register to see if you will receive the archived video.

- **Free and downloadable forms** – Do you need another Family Group Sheet or blank research log? Search online for “free, downloadable genealogical forms” and then print what you need. Forms can be located through FamilySearch.org, Ancestry.com, and *Family Tree Magazine* online, among other options.
- **The Pennsylvania Archives** – I have traveled throughout the state of Pennsylvania to research in genealogical repositories small and large. Organizations such as the archives or Digital Pittsburgh work diligently to reveal new record groups that are not widely available and then preserve these digitally. Then the collection becomes searchable, and suddenly, you discover a page of a city directory or an early naturalization record that breaks through a research brick wall.
- **Google Books** – Check out <https://books.google.com/>. Input your surname. Read and take notes. Content added weekly.
- **NHG** – Dynamic local genealogical clubs such as the **North Hills Genealogists** do not exist everywhere. Thank you to the volunteers who lead NHG and provide us with quality programs, networking opportunities, and current best practices for genealogy. Check out our website each month for new links, opportunities to network, and other helpful content at www.NorthHillsGenealogists.org.

FEWER THAN 10,000 PHOTOS NEEDED TO HONOR EVERY NAME ON THE WALL

[Editors’ Note: Since Veterans Day is this month, this article is timely, although it was first announced in September 2016.]

Press Release

12 September 2016

Arlington, VA - The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF) is pleased to announce that more than 48,000 photos have been collected for the nationwide Wall of Faces effort. The Wall of Faces effort aims to put a face to the more than 58,000 names inscribed on The Wall in Washington, D.C.

To date, 48,289 photos have been collected. Fewer than 10,000 photos are still missing. Part of VVMF's mission is to preserve the legacy of those who served and sacrificed in Vietnam, and this is one way to ensure these veterans are remembered for generations to come.

Collected photos are currently displayed on VVMF's virtual Wall of Faces. The Wall of Faces is an online memorial dedicated to honoring, remembering and sharing the legacies of all those who died in the Vietnam War. Visitors can go beyond the names on The Wall to see the faces, share the stories and read the remembrances posted by friends, neighbors, classmates and family members.

To date, 17 states have found every photo for their fallen. The completed states include: Maryland, Nebraska, Washington, Colorado, Alaska, Utah, Nevada, Oregon, Idaho, Hawaii, Montana, South Dakota, North Dakota, Wyoming, New Mexico, Minnesota, and Wisconsin. VVMF is enlisting in the help of volunteers and supporters across the country to find the remaining photos. "Behind every name is a story," said Jim Knotts, CEO of VVMF. "We're calling upon everyone to help us remember the service and sacrifice by doing a little detective work. We can't let these service members be forgotten."

If you have a picture of a loved one or fellow veteran whose name is on The Wall, please help VVMF honor these individuals by putting a face with a name. VVMF encourages the public to submit as many photos of each individual as possible. Along with the virtual Wall of Faces, photos and stories of the more than 58,000 veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice during the Vietnam War will also be displayed at the future Education Center at The Wall. To submit a photo or to learn more on how to submit a photo, visit www.vvmf.org/how-to-submit.

WHERE GENEALOGISTS MEET

**Sunday, 20 November 2016 4:00 P.M.
CRANBERRY PUBLIC LIBRARY**

The Cranberry Public Library and the Cranberry Genealogy Club are joining forces to sponsor an

After Hours Genealogy Library Lock-in. The event will be held at the library, 2525 Rochester Road, Cranberry Twp. Participants will have access to Ancestry Library Edition and experienced volunteers to help with research. Attendees are encouraged to bring flash drives to save the documents found. Space is limited. Send an email to info@cranberrygenealogy.org to sign up.

**Sunday, 4 December 2016 12:00 P.M.
NATIONALITY ROOMS**

The annual Nationality Rooms Open House is 12:00-4:00. Admission is free. The rooms will be open for tours, and costumed guides will be in each room to present information. Proceeds of committees' sale of food and souvenirs goes to the Nationality Rooms' Scholarship funds. More information is available in the News section at www.nationalityrooms.pitt.edu.

**22-27 January 2017
SALT LAKE INSTITUTE OF
GENEALOGY**

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

**8-11 February 2017
ROOTSTECH**

The conference will feature more than two hundred sessions covering DNA, tools, photographs, stories, and organization. It will be held at the Salt Palace Convention Center in Salt Lake City, Utah. For more information and to register, please visit www.rootstech.org.

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

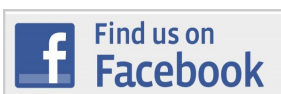
Join NHG for two days of lectures by Tom Jones, PhD, CG, CGL, and Sierra Green, MLIS. NHG's annual conference will be held at the Columbian Room, which is just off of Route 19 in Wexford. For more information, visit www.NorthHillsGenealogists.org.



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UPCOMING NHG PROGRAMS

Tuesday, 15 November 2016
Annual Round Table

If you missed last year's, you missed a great exchange of information and ideas! Join us for an evening of sharing questions, answers, and helpful hints among all attendees. You can pose your own questions or just sit back and listen. Remember, no question is too basic or obscure. Bring a notepad and pen to capture this terrific information exchange! **Special this month—social time starting at 6:30! Come to the meeting early to network!**

Saturday, 3 December 2016
NHG Holiday Social

For our annual social, we will tour the original Dollar Bank office on Fourth Avenue, Downtown, which was built in 1871. This branch holds the bank's

archives. After the tour we will go to Atria's at PNC Park for lunch, Dutch treat.

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

Faith Jack, NHG Member

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