



NORTH HILLS GENEALOGISTS

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ARE YOU REGISTERED?

For the second year, the North Hills Genealogists are offering the Fall Conference over a two-day period of time on Friday, October 21st and Saturday, October 22nd. Featuring nationally-known speakers J. Mark Lowe, CG, and Deborah A. Abbott, PhD, conference sessions will be held Friday afternoon, Friday evening, and all day on Saturday.

Listed below is the schedule for the entire NHG Fall Conference. We hope to see you there for a great educational opportunity at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in the North Hills.

Friday, 10/21

1:00 P.M. Registration

1:30-4:30 P.M. Workshop by J. Mark Lowe, CG
“Developing a Strategic Research Plan and Compiling Complete Results”

6:00 P.M. Registration

6:30-8:30 P.M. Workshop by Deborah A. Abbott, PhD and J. Mark Lowe, CG

“Talking Details: Oral History and Genealogy”

Saturday, 10/22

8:00-9:00 A.M. Registration

9:00 A.M. Opening Remarks

Morning Workshops

Genealogy 101 Two sessions about “What Do I Do Next?” by Deborah A. Abbott, PhD

Genealogy 201 Two sessions about “Methodology” by J. Mark Lowe, CG

Lunch and Door Prizes

Afternoon Workshops

Two sessions presented by J. Mark Lowe, CG

For full details about all workshop content and to read the speaker biographies, refer to the information on the NHG website on this page: www.northhillsgenealogists.org/cpage.php?pt=55.

NHG FALL LOCK-IN

Northland Public Library and NHG will host the annual Fall Lock-in on Friday, November 4th. Join fellow genealogists for an evening of research and fun! Attendees will have the opportunity to work on their own research while volunteers are available to answer questions.

The event starts at 6:30 P.M. and ends at 10:00 P.M. Attendees must be in the library by 7:00 P.M. Registration is open through the library's website, www.northlandlibrary.org. Pre-registration is required due to limited space.

Attendees will be able to search the library's subscription databases, including Ancestry.com Library Edition and HeritageQuest Online. Attendees are also encouraged to use free websites like FamilySearch (www.familysearch.org) and Find A Grave (www.findagrave.com). Bring a flash drive so you can save copies of the documents you find.

If you register and later find that you cannot attend, please let the library know. This event usually has a waiting list to attend. By the same token, if you are put on the waiting list, check your email the day of the lock-in—you may be able to attend at the last minute.

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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 Autumn, friends and fellow researchers! October is finally here—and with it, a month of celebrations and awareness. October is Family History Month! How will you be celebrating? I have been busy with research and have been working on a number of interesting projects that have taken me from Pennsylvania to North Carolina, to Italy and Ireland, and many places in between.

October is also Italian Heritage Month. The North Hills Genealogists was proud sponsors of Italian Heritage Day at the Heinz History Center earlier this month. Pittsburgh Opera was part of the *festa* with their production of “La Traviata,” and Bloomfield held a Columbus Day parade, too. Not to mention the many places you can get wonderful Italian food around town.

But for me, and many others, October is also a month of remembrance and hope, as it is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. I lost both of my grandmothers and a great-aunt to breast cancer. My maternal grandmother was the inspiration behind my passion for family history, so I think of her every day in both my personal and professional work. Grandma was very proud of her Irish heritage, and even though only one of her grandparents was Irish, she felt her Irish roots through and through.

I’ve thought of her often recently, as a number of new Irish collections were released online for the first time in the past few weeks. So, while October is not Irish heritage month (that’s usually March), I hope you don’t mind that I use October’s newsletter to tell you about these great new Irish collections!

Irish civil registration—that is, births, marriages, and deaths—are now available to view on irishgenealogy.ie . . . for free! Civil registration began in 1864. There are some main limitations to the free content—births after 100 years, marriages after 75 years, deaths after 50 years are not available to view online (but can be accessed in-person or by mail from the General Register Office in Dublin). Additionally, one needs to know the Superintendent Registrar’s District in which the record would have been recorded to understand the index results. If you know the

parish or townland in which your ancestors lived, use the “Irish Townlands Index” on <http://www.irishancestors.ie/search/townlands/index.php> to help you determine in which district the event would have been recorded. And happy hunting!

FindMyPast has also recently released some exclusive content—only available online through their website, or in-person at the National Archives of Ireland. You can read more about some interesting finds in these records on their blog: <https://blog.findmypast.com/from-penal-laws-to-piggerys-5-fascinating-finds-in-our-new-irish-recor-2006982013.html>. The new records include Merchant Navy Crew Lists, 1857–1922—allowing us to learn about ancestors who served in the Merchant Navy on a ship’s crew; Catholic Qualification and Convert Rolls, 1701–1845, giving us a glimpse of life under the strict Penal Code enforced in Ireland during this time; Valuation Office Books, various books that were used to direct the creation of Griffith’s Valuation, an invaluable resource for those of Irish descent; and Will Registers, 1858–1920, which can tell us more about the worldly possessions our ancestors may have left behind—and make us wonder why a certain child was left out of the will!

As I celebrate Family History Month and Italian Heritage Month, I’ll also be thinking often of my grandmother—as without her, I probably wouldn’t be celebrating at all.

Hope your Halloween costumes are coming along swimmingly! See you at the meeting!

~ Rich

RECLAIM THE RECORDS OFFERS NEW SITE FOR NEW YORK CITY MARRIAGE RECORDS

Press Release from Newsletter

Reclaim The Records has announced that they won a months-long legal battle with the New York City Clerk’s Office under the New York State Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) for the right to acquire and publish the first-ever public version of the New York City marriage

index. These records have been placed online with the launch of a new web site, The NYC Marriage Index, which is found at www.nycmarriageindex.com.

You can now search through the index to New York City marriage licenses for 1950–1995 for free! This search engine even recognizes sound alike surnames, spelling variants, wild cards (with no minimum number of letters needed), common nicknames, year ranges, borough preferences, and more.

You can download all the raw data files in XLS, CSV, or SQL format, and do whatever you want with them—also free! The hope is that some major genealogy companies and organizations will also add this new data to their websites, but as usual, that’s entirely up to them. The links to all the new files are right there on the new website, so please feel free to grab them and add them to your own genealogy collections, if you’d like. No strings attached!

The final count of the marriage licenses in this data set is 3,124,595 licenses, which represents a little over six million people. You might even see a few famous names in there.

Now, this database obtained from the City Clerk’s Office isn’t perfect. There are several obvious misspellings of common given names, like “Rchard” for “Richard“, etc. There are also many names with obviously transposed letters. For example:

- Some surnames, compound surnames, and hyphenated surnames have inconsistent spacing and punctuation in them. For example, people whose surname was “McMann” or other names starting with “Mc” may have had their names listed in the database as “Mc Mann” (with a space after the “Mc”).
- Most middle names were either not recorded at all, or were recorded as part of the given name.
- There are at least 28,000 to 30,000 missing records for Manhattan for 1967 alone. Those records do exist at the City Clerk’s Office on paper, but for some reason they are not listed in this database. We’ll probably discover other small batches of missing records as we continue to explore all this new information.
- This means that for the handful of years where

there exists both the microfilm of the original images and the database, people might want to check out and compare both sources, just in case.

All that being said, we think you'll agree that it's nice to finally have this information available to the public. And we're not stopping here. *Reclaim the Records* will be following up this successful public records request with two more requests in early 2017, asking for the 1996–2016 continuation of this NYC marriage license index data, as well as the 1988–2016 NYC domestic partnership database. Hopefully it will be a lot easier to get that new data without a protracted legal fight, now that City Clerk's Office knows who we are and knows that we're committed to making them hand over the data to the public.

Enjoy the new www.nycmarriageindex.com site, and all the downloadable data files, and happy searching! You can keep up with the goals of *Reclaim the Records* at www.reclaimtherecords.org.

NEW YORK CITY DIRECTORIES DIGITIZED

The New York Public Library plans to digitize its collection of New York City directories. The collection spans 1786 through 1922/3. Directories from 1849/50 through 1857 are now available. The directories from other years are currently being scanned and will be uploaded over time. To access the directories, visit <http://digitalcollections.nypl.org/collections/new-york-city-directories#/?tab=about>.

To begin with, the directories will only be browseable. The library plans to make them searchable in the future. City directories are a great way to learn about the place your ancestors lived.

ASSIST WITH GB1900—ONLINE PROJECT—GREAT FOR GENEALOGISTS

By Paul Milner

Come and join a project to identify all the place names in Great Britain. First I will explain what

the project is and how it works and then why it is a great way for you to get to know the neighborhood in which your ancestor lived.

The new online project—GB1900—is calling for volunteers to help make sure local place names can live on and not be lost forever. GB1900 aims to create a complete list of the estimated three million place-names on early Ordnance Survey maps of Great Britain (England, Scotland and Wales). It will be a free, public resource of great value to local historians and genealogists.

The project partners include the University of Portsmouth (Great Britain Historical GIS Project: A Vision of Britain through Time); National Library of Scotland; National Library of Wales; University of Wales; The People's Collection of Wales, and the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales.

On their new GB1900 web site, www.gb1900.org, volunteers work on digital images of all the 2nd Edition Ordnance Survey County Series maps of the whole of Great Britain, at six inch to one-mile scale. These maps show not just every town and village but every farm, hill, and wood – and include names for most of them. The site's software enables contributors to mark each name by clicking next to it, and then to type in the name itself. To ensure correctness, each name needs to be identically transcribed by two different volunteers.

The final list of place names will be not just the most detailed gazetteer ever created for Britain, it will be the world's largest ever historical gazetteer. It will be released under a Creative Commons license, making it usable by everyone without charge.

How the GB1900 Project Works

Go to www.gb1900.org. The first time you will need to register—name, email address, and password. In the future when you return to login you will provide your email address and password. As of today (October 2) there are 590 volunteers who have transcribed 440,789 places, and confirmed 42,766 places. What this means is that many more individual places have been tagged by individuals that have been confirmed by a second transcriber. Every place must be

identified by two transcribers.

The first time into the system, read the brief tutorial. It is easy to understand, but read it carefully. The mistake I made by not reading the tutorial carefully enough is that I was placing the marker on the map at the location of the feature, e.g. farm, mill, etc. This was wrong. The marker needs to go under the first letter of the text for that feature. Having tagged enough places now on the maps I can see the validity of this, especially in the crowded urban areas. Unfortunately, if you put a marker in the wrong place you can't undo it.

You will see three types of markers. Brown – these are the places you have tagged; Green – these are places someone else has tagged; Purple – these are places tagged by someone and tagged again correctly by a second transcriber. When registered, you place the cursor under the first letter of a place name and hit enter. An entry box appears. Type in the name of the feature and confirm. The marker appears on screen, but you can't see how it is labeled. If you are confirming a green marker and type in what the other person typed, it changes to a purple marker, but if you type in something different you get a brown marker. As you do more data entry, menus will start to appear on your data entry box as you start typing. This is especially useful if you have common features in your area of interest, e.g. quarries, old mine shafts, footpaths, foot bridges, etc.

Common mistakes that I have made include—apostrophes in the wrong place, or missed; expanding an abbreviation, e.g. street when it's only st. on the map, which is easy to do especially when the entry box covers up the information on the map; or being too quick and ending up with a marker being placed where there is no feature. Unfortunately, if you make a typing error and immediately spot it, or put a marker in the wrong place, there is no way to correct it.

If you log out and then come back into the system, then click on your name you will be told how many entries you have transcribed and how many entries you have confirmed. There is a ranking table for transcribers, and the number

selected is the lower of your two numbers. So as of this morning I am number 10 on the top ten user list with 2,021, having transcribed 2,021 names, while I have confirmed 2,113 places first marked by others.

As a Genealogist you should get involved.

You should get involved because looking at these detailed 6 inch to the mile maps helps you to get to know the neighborhood in which your ancestors lived. Doing the transcription reinforces in your mind the places' names – streets, farms, mills, rivers, woods, all of which are named. But also you will learn about the wells, parish boundary markers; public houses, foot paths and foot bridges.

The gazetteer on the opening pages seems to use the underlying modern Open Street Map index, so it will not find all locations on the map. It can be used to find a village or town that you want to explore. A slider in the upper right corner of the map can show you how the area has changed between the old 1900 maps and present. For my readers outside Great Britain, the find my location button will not work.

For those with Welsh ancestors, this project grew out of the Cymru1900wales.org project, so there are more place names already identified in Wales than other places in Great Britain.

For those with Irish connections, the old maps are not part of this project (yet?). However, the modern interactive map of Ireland is available on the opening screen, so you can move the slider in the upper right to the left to see the modern underlying map.

This is a fun way to get to know the area in which your ancestor lived, be involved in a worthwhile project, and most importantly you don't have to worry about old handwriting issues that you may have with other transcription projects. Come and join this fun project to help yourself and your fellow researchers to learn your ancestral neighborhoods.

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UPCOMING FREE WEBINARS OFFERED ABOUT FAMILY PHOTOS

Over the next couple of weeks, Legacy Family Tree is offering two free webinars about what to do to preserve your family's photos. As the fall and winter approach, organizing and working with your collection of family photos can be an ongoing project. Although a photo project can seem daunting, start by setting up a corner of a room with a table and get going! Perhaps you will make the goal of not only organizing and preserving those precious photos, but also to share the photos with extended family.

These two webinars from Legacy Family Tree can provide a springboard to beginning a family photo restoration project. Register for free for each of the two photography webinars, and then watch them live, or return to the website at <http://familytreewebinars.com> for seven days following the live broadcast to view the archived version. After a week, the webinars are only available to subscribers.

The first of the two webinars is called "Flip for Flickr – Share, Store and Save Your Family Photos" presented by internationally known photo expert Maureen Taylor on Wednesday, 26 October 2016 at 2:00 P.M. Eastern. As listed on the website, this webinar is about the following: "Flickr offers users free storage and a way to protect your digital images with privacy settings. It's got everything a genealogist needs to collaborate with relatives on photo mysteries or to share family photos. It's an under-utilized resource."

The second webinar, presented by Jane Neff Rollins, is called "Dating Family Photographs: 1900–1940" and is offered live on Wednesday, 16 November 2016 at 2:00 P.M. Eastern. According to Legacy Family Tree Webinars, it states the following about this webinar's content: "Do you have a shoe box full of early 20th century family pictures with no labels indicating who the people were? Wouldn't you like to learn how to analyze the photos systematically to pinpoint when they may have been taken? That's what this webinar will teach you. Then you might be able to identify the mystery people whose names were lost with time."

An advantage of participating in the live webinar is that you can interact with the speaker by asking questions and interact with other participants through the comment feature. Sometimes participation in a live webinar yields new connections in the genealogical community for your own ancestral journey!

NEW WRITING TOOL RELEASED

Do you want to write your family's history, but struggle with how to do it properly? A new tool may help. Rondina Muncy wrote a guide on how to number your genealogy using Microsoft Word entitled *Automatically Numbering Your Genealogy in Microsoft Word*. She provides detailed instructions and screenshots for the process. The guide should be used in conjunction with the book *Numbering Your Genealogy: Basic Systems, Complex Families, and International Kin*, revised edition, by Joan F. Curran, Madilyn Coen Crane, and John H. Wray. Northland Public Library has a copy of the book.

The guide is available for free on Muncy's website at www.ancestralanalysis.com. On the main page, put your cursor over the Articles link. Choose the first option on the menu that appears—Numbering Your Genealogy in MS Word. This will prompt you to download a PDF. Save it to your computer for future reference.

GENEALOGY ALPHABET SOUP, PART 2

By Amy Arner and Elissa Scalise Powell

There are many acronyms and initialisms used in genealogy. It can get confusing. We've compiled a list of the most common. This is the second part of the list. The first part was published in NHG's September newsletter.

HSP – Historical Society of Pennsylvania (1300 Locust Street Philadelphia, PA 19107), www.hsp.org. Founded in 1824, HSP focuses on the history of Pennsylvania. They have a large genealogical library.

ICAPGen – International Commission for the Accreditation of Professional Genealogists (P.O. Box 970204, Orem, UT 84097),

www.icapgen.org. ICAPGen tests individuals in geographic areas of competency, has them sign the Genealogists Code of Ethics, and requires periodic re-accreditation.

IGHR – Institute for Genealogical and Historic Research (formerly held at Samford University Birmingham, AL; to be held at the Georgia Center for Continuing Education in Athens starting in 2017). Co-sponsored by BCG, IGHR provides a week of intensive study led by nationally prominent genealogical educators. The ASG scholarship can be used for this institute.

ISFHWE – International Society of Family History Writers and Editors, www.isfhwe.org. Members include writers and journalists of all media.

ISBGFH – International Society for British Genealogy and Family History (P.O. Box 3345 Centennial, CO 80161), www.isbgfh.org. Focuses on helping people trace the origins of their British Isles emigrant ancestors. Sponsors the British Institute every fall.

LDS – The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Salt Lake City, Utah; www.lds.org. The LDS sponsors the Family History Library (FHL) in SLC and branch Family History Centers (FHC) around the world as places to conduct genealogical research. LDS members also are known as “Mormons.”

LOC – Library of Congress (Washington, D.C.); www.loc.gov. Researchers can access millions of books, maps, and manuscripts in the reading rooms of the three buildings that comprise the LOC, as well as many digital collections.

NARA – National Archives and Records Administration, Washington, DC; www.archives.gov. NARA is the repository of the US Federal Government Agencies. Records are located in textual and microfilm formats in Washington, DC, and at College Park, Maryland. Regional branches have some records for their designated regions. NARA is in partnership with Fold3.com and other companies to digitize some of their most popular collections.

NEHGS – New England Historic Genealogical

Society (99 Newbury Street, Boston, MA 02116), www.americanancestors.org. Founded in 1845, it is the oldest nonprofit genealogical organization in America. NEHGS maintains a research library and staff; teaches classes; publishes books, online databases, and periodicals including *The Register* and *New England Ancestors*.

NGS – National Genealogical Society (3108 Columbia Pike, Suite 300, Arlington, VA 22204), www.ngsgenealogy.org. NGS sponsors educational opportunities such as an annual conference and a variety of self-paced courses. It publishes books, the *NGS Magazine*, and a scholarly peer-reviewed journal, the *NGS Quarterly* (NGSQ).

NIGR – See Gen-Fed.

NSDAR – National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (1776 D Street NW, Washington, DC 20006), www.dar.org. Founded in 1890, the DAR is the largest of about one hundred lineage societies. Its female members trace their descent from a Revolutionary War patriot. Its library holds compiled records and genealogies and the society’s members’ lineage papers.

NYG&B – New York Genealogical and Biographical Society (36 West 44th Street, Suite 711, New York, NY 10036), www.newyorkfamilyhistory.org. Membership organization that focuses on helping people research their family history in New York, both the state and the city. Publishes the *Record* and the *New York Researcher*.

OGS – Ohio Genealogical Society (611 State Route 97 West, Bellville OH 44813-8813), www.ogs.org. Membership organization focused on helping people trace their family history in Ohio. Holds a conference each April. Publishes the *Ohio Genealogical Society Quarterly* and the *Ohio Genealogy News*.

PRONI – Public Records Office of Northern Ireland (2 Titanic Boulevard, Belfast, BT3 9HQ) www.nidirect.gov.uk/proni. The official archive for Northern Ireland.

SLIG – Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy (P. O. Box 1144, Salt Lake City, UT 84110),

www.infouga.org. SLIG is held in Salt Lake City, Utah, for one week in January each year. Students may choose one course from intermediate to specialized topics and a personalized problem-solving course.

TNA – The National Archives. (Kew, Richmond, Surrey, TW9 4DU), www.nationalarchives.gov.uk. The National Archives of the United Kingdom. Its holdings include governmental records from the UK.

VIGR – Virtual Institute of Genealogical Research, www.vigrgenealogy.com. Offers courses on genealogical subjects.

WPGS – Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society (4400 Forbes Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15213), www.wpgs.org. Membership society focused on the twenty-six counties of western Pennsylvania.

EXPERIENCING GENEALOGICAL CONFERENCES

By Dave Egelston, NHG Member

I have been working on my family history for thirty years, on and off. The more I learn about doing genealogy, the more I realize I don't know. Going to genealogy conferences, whether local, regional, or national, are a good way to get out of your rut, learn new things and procedures, and gain new perspectives.

The first national conference I attended was the NGS Conference held in Pittsburgh in 2003. Since then I have been to two other NGS conferences. This year I attended the Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference in Springfield, Illinois, along with six other people from western Pennsylvania representing both North Hills Genealogists and the Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society.

Like all national conferences, there were several tracks (simultaneous lectures) over four days. In this case there were up to six sessions per day with eight different tracks, plus luncheons, dinners, and special workshops. The tracks included such topics as skill building, military, ethnic, regional, occupation, migration, and DNA. Because I have ancestors who lived in

Western Illinois, I attended some of the regional lectures. But my default approach is to sit in on lectures by national speakers, typically in the skill building tracks. I heard lectures from Judy Russell, Josh Taylor, Tom Jones, David McDonald (all who have been featured at past NHG conferences), as well as Elizabeth Shown Mills (another speaker from a previous NHG conference and who wrote the books *Evidence!* and *Evidence Explained*) and Mark Lowe, who will be back for our NHG conference this month.

Next year the FGS Conference will be in Pittsburgh, as you all know by now. The advantage is that locals will not have to pay travel and living expenses to attend. The Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society is the local co-sponsor, but there will be many opportunities for anyone interested to volunteer and see for yourself how these conferences are put together.

WHERE GENEALOGISTS MEET

21–22 October 2016 NORTH HILLS GENEALOGISTS

Join NHG for two days of lectures by J. Mark Lowe, CG, and Deborah Abbott, PhD. NHG's annual fall conference will be held at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, which is just off of Babcock Boulevard. For more information, visit www.NorthHillsGenealogists.org.

Wednesday, 26 October 2016 6:30 P.M. CRANBERRY GENEALOGY CLUB

NHG Newsletter Co-editor Amy Arner will present "Researching in Pittsburgh and Allegheny County." The meeting will be held in the Franklin Station room of the Cranberry Public Library, 2525 Rochester Road, Cranberry. It is free and open to the public. For more information, please visit www.cranberrygenealogy.org.

26–27 October 2016 NATIONAL ARCHIVES VIRTUAL GENEALOGY FAIR

The National Archives will hold their virtual genealogy fair again this fall. The entire event will be webcast and viewable on YouTube. Lectures

will focus on records available at the National Archives. For more details, including the lecture schedule, please visit www.archives.gov/calendar/genealogy-fair/.

**4–5 November 2016
NASHI PREDKY**

The third annual Ukrainian genealogy conference will be held at the Ukrainian Cultural Center, 135 Davidson Avenue, Somerset, NJ. It also covers southeast Poland. Topics to be covered include the Cyrillic alphabet, military records, DNA, and more. For more information and to register, visit www.ukrhec.org/family-history-group.

**Saturday, 12 November 2016 8:30 A.M.
BUCKS COUNTY ANCESTRY FAIR**

The Bucks County Genealogical Society will hold their annual ancestry fair at the Bucks County Community College in Perkasio, Pennsylvania. Registration is open for the event, which will feature three lecture tracks. The speakers will include Judy Russell, CG, CGL, Joyce Homan, Michelle Chubenko, Sydney Cruice Dixon, Rich Venezia, and Connie Ace. Visit www.ancestryfair.org for more information.

**Friday, 11 November 2016 9:30 A.M. and
1:00 P.M.
HEINZ HISTORY CENTER**

The Heinz History Center's Museum Conservation Center will hold two sessions of the clinic "Preserve Your WWII Photo Album." The staff will share tools and materials used for preservation as well as tips for the digitization of photos. The cost is \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members. Pre-registration is required. For more information and to register, please visit www.heinzhistorycenter.org/events.

**Saturday, 12 November 2016 10:00 A.M.
WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

At the next WPGS meeting, Elizabeth Williams will present "Pittsburgh and World War I". The meeting will be held in the Carnegie Library

Lecture Hall in the Oakland section of Pittsburgh. It is free and open to the public. Visit www.wpgs.org for more information.

**Saturday, 12 November 2016 10:30 A.M.
HEINZ HISTORY CENTER**

The Heinz History Center's Detre Library & Archives will hold Treasures in the Archives. This event focuses on exploring the photographs in their diverse collections. Pre-registration is required for this free event. Visit www.heinzhistorycenter.org/events/november-treasures-in-the-archives for more information and to register.

**Monday, 14 November 2016 7:00 P.M.
MOON TOWNSHIP GENEALOGY
CLUB**

The club's next meeting will feature a lecture on research in military records. The club meets at the Moon Township Municipal Building, 1000 Beaver Grade Road, Moon Township, 15108. Use the building's main entrance. The meeting is free and open to the public. For more information, please visit www.facebook.com/MoonTownshipGenealogyClub/.

**22–27 February 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**

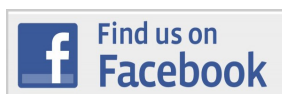
The conference will feature more than two hundred sessions covering DNA, tools, photographs, stories, and organization. It will be held at the Salt Palace Convention Center in Salt Lake City, Utah. There will also be an exhibit hall. For more information and to register, please visit www.rootstech.org.



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UPCOMING NHG PROGRAMS

Tuesday, 18 October 2016 **North Hills Road Show**

Amy Steele and Debby Rabold

Presented by Northland Library Director, Amy Steele, and local historian, Debby Rabold, this program will feature road photos dating from 1899 into the 1930s shown side-by-side with current views. It includes an explanation of how the roads came into being as well as historical background on the surrounding landmarks.

Tuesday, 15 November 2016 **Annual Round Table**

If you missed last year's, you missed a great exchange of information and ideas! Our annual Round Table

has proved to be a successful meeting of information, guidance, and cousin-finding for those in attendance. 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!

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 has the bank's archives. The tour will start at 10:00 A.M. After the tour we will go to a local restaurant for lunch, dutch treat.