



# NORTH HILLS GENEALOGISTS

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## WITH HISTORIC GIFT AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT, THE FUNDRAISING FOR THE PRESERVE THE PENSIONS IS OFFICIALLY COMPLETED!

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FGS, *The Voice*

**Austin, TX** - Today at our annual conference, we announced the receipt of a historic \$500,000 anonymous contribution to the War of 1812 Preserve the Pensions fund-raising project. The unprecedented donation, which came from outside of the genealogical community, will be matched by [Ancestry.com](http://Ancestry.com), and in total will provide \$1 million to the project. Those funds, along with crowd-sourced funds from the genealogical community have provided more than \$3 million dollars to the project. **With these donations, we are able to officially announce the completion of fund raising for “Preserve the Pensions,” the landmark community fund-raising project.**

The largest fund-raising effort ever initiated for a single genealogical record set, Preserve the Pensions involved donations from more than 4,000 individuals and 115 genealogical and lineage societies. Each donation was generously matched by [Ancestry.com](http://Ancestry.com).

“We are humbled and grateful for the generosity of the genealogical community and those outside of our community who are dedicated to the preservation of records, thank you!” noted D. Joshua Taylor, FGS President. “This historic gift, in-tandem with the thousands of contributions from individual genealogists and societies, illustrates the incredible power of the genealogical community—together we can make a difference.”

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## NHG NEWS

### *NHG Fall Conference*

Don't forget, the early-bird registration deadline for this year's conference is **September 20th**. You can register at a meeting or through [www.NorthHillsGenealogists.org](http://www.NorthHillsGenealogists.org). Come join in the fun! This year's conference will feature J. Mark Lowe, CG, and Deborah Abbott, PhD, as the speakers. The conference will be held Friday and Saturday, October 21st and 22nd, 2016. We will use the same format as last year—a workshop on Friday afternoon, a workshop on Friday evening, a choice of two tracks Saturday morning, and two lectures Saturday afternoon. We will use the same facility, Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church on Babcock Boulevard.

The planned topics for Friday include research planning and oral history. One of the Saturday morning tracks will take attendees through a research problem when your starting point is a single death notice. The other Saturday morning track will focus on source citations and using newspapers to trace pioneers. The Saturday afternoon sessions will focus on finding sources online and using land transactions and landless documents to trace your ancestors.

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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

The Federation of Genealogical Societies' 40th Anniversary conference, "Time Travel: Centuries of Memories," opened with a bang—the news that the Preserve the Pensions project had been fully funded! This exciting announcement means that all 7.2 million pages of War of 1812 pension files will be digitized and made available to the public—for free. You may remember North Hills Genealogists' donation of \$2,150 from last year, which was then matched dollar-for-dollar by FGS and Ancestry.com. As such, we can proudly say we helped with 17,500 of those pages and likely more, with other individual donations from members at various times.

This is a great reminder of the impact we can have when we work together, and it was a brilliant way to kick off an exciting conference. Held at the Prairie Capital Convention Center in Springfield, Illinois, the conference was well-attended and included talks by some familiar faces—previous NHG conference presenters Judy Russell, D. Joshua Taylor, Tom Jones, and others, and by one of our upcoming NHG Fall Conference presenters, J. Mark Lowe.

What I love most about conferences like these is the amount of different information you can learn in one weekend. I spent a morning learning about Australian research and that afternoon absorbing information on lesser-utilized Irish record sets. Another day was filled with different Irish lectures and resources about how to recreate World War I records lost in the 1973 NPRC fire. I personally learn so well this way, honing in on a very specific topic or record set and then learning as much I can about it in an hour. By switching gears to a different topic, I find I'm not over-saturated with too much new information on the same topic. It's a perfect balance when attending a multi-day conference!

Attending a conference is also a great opportunity to network—to meet friends, old and new, and to find folks with similar research interests to you. I even met a genealogist from Colorado who went to high school with a good friend of mine from college—you really never know who you will meet. Additionally, the vendor hall was full of old favorites—Ancestry.com, FindMyPast, MyHeritage, Genealogy Gems—but also new and

interesting companies—GenealogyDOTcoach, Research Ties, and History Lines, among many others. It was thrilling to get to know some new products and resources that may be helpful in my roots pursuits.

While the line-up of speakers and exhibitors is yet to be announced for FGS 2017 *Building Bridges to the Past* conference, it is sure to be a not-to-miss event. The best part is that it's right on our doorstep! The David L. Lawrence Convention Center in Pittsburgh will provide a beautiful space—not to mention a breathtaking backdrop—for this FGS conference next summer. The conference hotels are now accepting reservations. Note that the conference hotels fill up fast. If you want to stay near the convention center during the conference, make your reservations soon! I am so thrilled that Pittsburgh was chosen to host FGS—it will give people an opportunity to come and experience this city we all love so much. Mark your calendars for August 30 – September 2, 2017. There's nowhere else I'd rather be!

See you at the meetings, friends. Happy researching this September. It's back to school for some—and back to researching our ancestors for others!

~ Rich

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## **1812 PENSIONS (continued from page 11)**

The War of 1812 pensions, among the most frequently requested set of materials within the holdings of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), had never been microfilmed or digitized. Now, with fund-raising complete for the project, and with ongoing cooperation from the project's partners and major supporters, NARA, Ancestry, Fold3, and FamilySearch, these important documents will be made available free, forever to the general public. The project set out to raise more than \$3 million in 2010, an unprecedented amount for the genealogical community.

“It's gratifying to see the fund-raising portion of this project completed after five years, and now we look forward to ensuring these important records are preserved,” said Ancestry President

and CEO Tim Sullivan. “This is a fantastic moment for FGS, the genealogical community, and future generations who will benefit from the preservation of these rich pension records. We want to thank the more than 4,000 individuals who have contributed and are thrilled to play a matching role in this campaign.”

We were the driving force behind the Civil War Soldiers and Sailors project alongside the National Parks Service. Since 2010, we have been actively involved in Preserve the Pensions, an effort to raise more than \$3 million to digitize and make freely available the pension files from the War of 1812.

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## **NHG NEWS (continued from page 11)**

### *Field Trip to Downtown Repositories*

Space is still available for NHG's field trip to the City-County Building and the County Office Building for Thursday, September 29th. Amy Arner, Elissa Powell, and Carole Ashbridge will provide assistance to the NHG members going on the trip. We will carpool from the North Hills to save on parking.

The plan is to visit the Allegheny County Department of Real Estate (formerly the Recorder of Deeds) and the Department of Court Records, Wills/Orphans' Court Division (formerly the Register of Wills). The Department of Real Estate has deeds. The Division of Court Records has probate files, guardianships, and marriage licenses. The records of both departments start with the formation of the county in 1788, although the marriage licenses start in 1885.

Space can be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis by e-mailing Carole Ashbridge at [caroleashbridge@gmail.com](mailto:caroleashbridge@gmail.com) or by calling 724-687-0329.

### *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. Registration will open October 1st through the library's website, [www.northlandlibrary.org](http://www.northlandlibrary.org). Pre-registration is required due to limited space.

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## EXPERIENCING GENEALOGICAL CONFERENCES

*By Amy Arner, NHG Newsletter Co-Editor*

For a long time, I didn't realize that there were genealogy conferences. My first experience was at a single-day event put on by the Slippery Rock Heritage Association in 2000. I probably learned about it by attending a Cranberry Genealogy Club meeting. I don't remember who the speaker was, but I do remember that I had fun and learned a lot.

My first multi-day, multi-track conference was the National Genealogical Society's annual conference, which was held in Pittsburgh in May 2003. I was a member of the Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society, and they put out a call for volunteers. The day before the conference, I went down to the David Lawrence Convention Center and helped stuff bags for attendees. During the conference I spent some time wearing an "Ask Me!" button, which was an indicator to attendees that I could answer questions about Pittsburgh. The conference was four days of lectures, and by the end my head was spinning. During some lectures, I couldn't take notes fast enough. Each night I went home full of ideas and things to try in my research. Unfortunately, I wasn't smart enough to write down my ideas each night. I thought I would remember everything, and well, you can guess how that worked out.

That conference was overwhelming, but I was hooked! I attended my next multi-day conference later that same year, the Federation of Genealogical Societies' annual conference in Orlando, Florida. Was I crazy? A bit. However, the second time around, my head wasn't spinning quite so much by the end.

I've attended, and volunteered at, a lot of conferences over the years—everything from single-day events like that first one to four-day, multi-track events. I always learn *something* from each lecture I attend and from

volunteering. I've met many wonderful people, some of whom have become good friends.

My advice to anyone attending a conference is to take some method of making a list with you. It should be whatever you're most comfortable with—a note pad, sticky notes, a tablet computer, a phone. While attending lectures, jot down on your list anything you want to try in your research. This list should be separate from the notes you take during the lecture to help you remember key points. This is so after the conference you don't have to search all of your notes for the things you want to try. The result will be a to do list for your research. After the conference, you can organize your to do list and tackle the items in a way that makes sense.

I urge you to attend the Federation of Genealogical Societies' annual conference that will be held in Pittsburgh next August. You can't beat the cost and convenience of it being held in your backyard. If you decide to attend, I also urge you to consider volunteering for a few hours. A conference of this size is a huge undertaking. Many people are needed to make it run smoothly. You'll meet great people—possibly even someone researching in the same areas as you!

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## JOIN THE CAUSE! INDEX EVERY MARRIAGE RECORD IN THE UNITED STATES

*12 September 2016*

*FamilySearch Blog*

The U.S. Marriages Project, a joint initiative between [findmypast.com](http://findmypast.com) and FamilySearch.org, is actively working to save the marriage records from every state in the United States. Through the indexing efforts of online volunteers across the U.S, this service project will create a high quality, searchable database of nearly every marriage recorded in the United States since the early 1800s.

**Valuable Records for Connecting Families**  
Marriage records, often recorded by county clerks in beautiful ledgers, have valuable data that many records do not have—the wife's maiden name and her parents. This information was not generally captured in earlier census records or other government documents. As people fill in the

branches of their family tree, it is often the lines of the women that are harder to fill in. Marriage records in this project will help many people fill in their family trees. Fueled by the joy of discovering fascinating surprises from their own family history, volunteer indexers are excited to join the cause of indexing U.S. marriages.

When complete, the index and images will be available to findmypast subscribers and LDS members with FamilySearch.org accounts. Free access for everyone will be available at family history centers all over the world.

*Please note: The marriages project does not diminish the ongoing, critical need for records in non-English languages. If you have begun using your language skills to help in this area, please be thoughtful as you consider how you can best contribute at this time.*

### How to Participate

Marriage records for this project are listed by state. Indexers are invited to contribute to any state in the available projects. If there is a state that indexers feel connected to, then that is a great place to start.

To select a project, follow these steps:

#### I'm New to FamilySearch Indexing

1. Go to the list of U.S. Marriage Projects here:  
<https://familysearch.org/indexing/projects/country/us>
2. Find a project with the term "Marriage Records" in the title, as in this example:  
[US, California—Marriage Records, 1750–1990](#)
3. Click **Get Started**, and follow the instructions.

#### I Have Used FamilySearch Indexing and Have the Software on My Computer

1. Open the indexing program on your laptop or desktop computer.
2. Click the blue **Download Batch** button.
3. A pop-up window will open. Click the button to select **Show all projects**.
4. Click the column **Project Name** (this sorts the list alphabetically).
5. Select a US State—Marriage Records

project.

### 6. BEGIN INDEXING!

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## GENEALOGY ALPHABET SOUP, PART 1

*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. The first part of the list is below. The second part will be published at a later date.

APG – Association of Professional Genealogists, (P.O. Box 350998, Westminster, CO 80035), [www.APGen.org](http://www.APGen.org). Members sign a code of ethics. APG sponsors a yearly Professional Management Conference and publishes the *APG Quarterly* geared to professional genealogists.

ASG – The American Society of Genealogists (P.O. Box 519, Williamstown, MA 01267), [www.fasg.org](http://www.fasg.org). ASG is an honorary society with no more than fifty members elected for life and designated as Fellows (identified by the initials fasg). Publishes a semi-annual journal, *The Genealogist*; sponsors an annual \$500 scholarship to several institutes.

BCG – Board for Certification of Genealogists (P.O. Box 14291, Washington, DC 20044), [www.BCGcertification.org](http://www.BCGcertification.org). Board-certified genealogists sign a code of ethics and are retested every five years. BCG sponsors a skill-building track of lectures at national conferences and co-sponsors the Institute for Genealogical and Historical Research and the Genealogical Institute on Federal Records.

FEEFHS – Foundation for East European Family History Studies, [www.feefhs.org](http://www.feefhs.org). Formerly the Federation of East European Family History Societies. Promotes genealogical research in Eastern and Central Europe.

FGS – Federation of Genealogical Societies (P.O. Box 200940, Austin, TX 78720), [www.fgs.org](http://www.fgs.org). FGS membership includes over five hundred genealogical and historical societies. FGS sponsors an annual four-day conference of which the first day offers society management topics;

publishes *The Forum*.

FHC – Family History Center. See FHL.

FHL – Family History Library (35 North West Temple Street, Room 344, Salt Lake City, UT 84150), [www.FamilySearch.org](http://www.FamilySearch.org). The FHL is the largest genealogical library in the world and is operated by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS). Small branch libraries are called Family History Centers (FHC) in designated LDS churches. The facilities are open to the public free of charge.

Gen-Fed – Genealogical Institute on Federal Records. [www.gen-fed.org](http://www.gen-fed.org). Formerly known as National Institute for Genealogical Research. A week-long course held at the National Archives in Washington, DC, in July each year for experienced researchers to learn more about the holdings of NARA and other Washington, D.C., repositories. Enrollment is limited to forty and is highly competitive when registration opens in February. The ASG scholarship can be used for this institute.

GPS – Genealogical Proof Standard. This standard describes the five criteria that must be met before a genealogical assertion can be considered “proof.” (See *BCG Genealogical Standards Manual*, pp. 1-2.)

GRIP – Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh (P. O. Box 44, Wexford, PA 15090), [www.GRIPitt.org](http://www.GRIPitt.org). Week-long institute with choice of courses.

GRO – General Records Office. [www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/](http://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/). Oversees the civil registration of births, marriages, and deaths in England and Wales. Researchers can order copies of certificates through their website. Note that Ireland also has a General Records Office ([www.welfare.ie/en/Pages/General-Register-Office.aspx](http://www.welfare.ie/en/Pages/General-Register-Office.aspx)).

GSG – Genealogical Speakers Guild, [www.genealogicalspeakersguild.org](http://www.genealogicalspeakersguild.org). Membership organization which usually has a presence at national conferences.

GSP – Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania

(2100 Byberry Road, Suite 111- Philadelphia PA 19116), [www.genpa.org](http://www.genpa.org). Member organization focused on education and preservation and access to Pennsylvania-related genealogical information.

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## **DIGITIZED BOOKS AVAILABLE THROUGH HERITAGEQUEST ONLINE**

Did you know that HeritageQuest Online has resources in addition to the census records? Their collection includes digitized books. It features more than ten thousand family histories, more than thirteen thousand local histories, and twenty thousand city directories. The collection is fully searchable.

HeritageQuest Online has a LibGuide for its offerings at <http://proquest.libguides.com/heritagequestonline>. This guide describes what is available, how searching works, and more. In addition to the census records and digitized books, the collection includes Revolutionary War records, Freedman's Bank Records, the US Serial Set, and the Periodical Source Index (PERSI) Archive.

HeritageQuest Online is a subscription service only available through libraries. Northland Public Library has a subscription. Anyone may use it in their computer center. People who live in one of Northland's supporting municipalities (Bradford Woods Borough, Franklin Park Borough, McCandless Township, Marshall Township, and Ross Township) can access this service from home using their library card. Contact the library for details on how to do so.

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## **DIGITAL PUBLIC LIBRARY OF AMERICA PROVIDES ACCESS TO UNIQUE HISTORIC RESOURCES**

If you have not yet discovered the documents and images on the website for the Digital Public Library of America, then you might be missing items that can enhance your family history! There is even the chance that you can access actual family records, documents, and images about your ancestors through DPLA.

The Library of Congress website, found at [www.loc.gov](http://www.loc.gov), has similar holdings to DPLA but

there is one main difference. Items and artifacts found on the DPLA site have been compiled from public and private libraries across the nation. For example, if the Wyoming County (PA) Public Library has the only copy of the genealogy of your family, then in the past you would probably need to be inside that library to access the resource. With increased funding, DPLA has encouraged libraries in the United States to digitize their unique holdings and make those holdings available on the public website.

The scope of available historic topics on DPLA is vast. In fact, the primary sources housed on the DPLA site is starting to rival that of the Library of Congress and its archival holdings.

While preserving the stories of your ancestors' lives, some visual aids can be added to depict a historic era or a specific event, or to map land plats and discover where ancestors resided. Possibilities are endless! Browsing through available items which are highlighted on the home page of DPLA might spark an idea for what to include in your family history.

For a detailed description of the contents of the DPLA website, go to <https://dp.la/info/>. Remember to check back at least once a month to search newly added items.

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## **NGS OFFERS SELF-PACED EDUCATIONAL COURSES**

The National Genealogical Society has recently announced the latest offerings from their self-paced American Genealogical Studies (AGS) educational series, a group of modules titled *Branching Out*. Modules 6 – 10 are available now and cover these topics in-depth: cemeteries, religious records, newspapers, probate records, and deeds.

The goals of these courses are to “advance your research techniques and develop skills in collecting, interpreting, analyzing, and evaluation of genealogical information.”

*Branching Out* is a formal course requiring pre-requisite course work through AGS including *The Basics*, *Guide to Documentation* and

*Source Citation*, and *Beyond the Basics*. The cost of taking any of the AGS courses is \$175 for NGS members and \$200 for non-members. Note that there are no refunds or credits. Be sure to read the terms before purchasing one of the online courses through NGS.

For detailed information about all of this, read more on the NGS website at [www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/ags\\_branchingout](http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/ags_branchingout).

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## **GENEALOGY SEARCH ENGINE PROVIDES WEBSITES BY LOCATION: EXPLORE eGENEe SEARCH ENGINE FOR GENEALOGICAL FINDS**

*Idea submitted by Dave Egelston, NHG member*

Earlier this year, Anita Brubaker launched a genealogical search engine that leads to her extensive spreadsheet of websites with direct links to the actual site. This project started as a source list for Anita's genealogy research, and then she decided to convert it into a usable search engine for all genealogists. Check it out at <http://eGENEe.com>.

For more details about this genealogical search engine, read this blog post from February: <https://blog.eogn.com/2016/02/23/use-egenee-to-search-for-genealogy-and-history-websites-and-resources/>.

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## **CRANBERRY FAMILY HISTORY CENTER SEEKS VOLUNTEERS**

The Mormon Family History Center (FHC) in Cranberry Township (2771 Rochester Road) is looking for volunteers. Volunteers answer patron questions and provide research guidance. The FHC is open on Wednesdays from 9:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. and from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. The shifts are either two hours (evening) or three hours (morning and afternoon). Volunteers work one or two Wednesdays a month. If you are interested in volunteering for this rewarding family history work, please contact the center's director, Lynne Arrington, at [cranberryfhc@gmail.com](mailto:cranberryfhc@gmail.com).

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## WHERE GENEALOGISTS MEET

### **Saturday, 24 September 2016 8:00 A.M. YORK COUNTY HERITAGE TRUST**

The trust's conference will have two tracks, one on general genealogy and one on military records. Planned topics include resources at the York County Heritage Trust Library, DNA, and resources at the US Army Heritage Center. For more information, please visit [www.yorkhistorycenter.org/education-programs/educational-activities-adult](http://www.yorkhistorycenter.org/education-programs/educational-activities-adult).

### **Saturday, 24 September 2016 8:00 A.M. LIGONIER HIGHLAND GAMES**

This year's games will feature a Genealogy Pavilion. The pavilion will host classes on Scottish research. Clan tents will have information on specific clans. See [www.ligonierhighlandgames.org](http://www.ligonierhighlandgames.org) for details.

### **24–25 September 2016 MEADOWCROFT ROCKSHELTER**

Learn about Native American life in the Ohio Valley during Meadowcroft's American Indian Heritage Weekend. Artisans will give demonstrations. The event is included with the regular cost of admission. For more information, visit [www.heinzhistorycenter.org](http://www.heinzhistorycenter.org).

### **Wednesday, 28 September 2016 6:30 P.M. CRANBERRY GENEALOGY CLUB**

NHG President Rich Venezia will present "Discovering Your Immigrant's Origins: Exhausting Every Resource." 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](http://www.cranberrygenealogy.org).

### **Saturday, 1 October 2016 11:00 A.M. DEPRECIATION LANDS MUSEUM**

The Depreciation Lands Museum (DLM) will hold Hydref, their annual fall festival, on October 1st. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3

for children. DLM members get in free. Festival features will include eighteenth century craftspeople, re-enactors, live music, and more. See [www.depreciationlandsmuseum.org](http://www.depreciationlandsmuseum.org).

### **Saturday, 1 October 2016 ERIE SOCIETY FOR GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH**

The Erie Society for Genealogical Research will hold their 2016 conference at the Jefferson Educational Society in Erie. The theme *What's in Your Closet?* will feature two prominent speakers, John Philip Coletta, PhD, and Lisa Alzo. The schedule can be found at [www.facebook.com/ErieSocietyForGenealogicalResearch](http://www.facebook.com/ErieSocietyForGenealogicalResearch). The cost is \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members. Send your registration to: ESGR, PO Bo 1403, Erie, PA 16512. If you need more information, contact ESGR at 814-454-1813 ext. 29 or [esgrconf@gmail.com](mailto:esgrconf@gmail.com).

### **Saturday, 1 October 2016 TARENTUM GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

Tarentum, in conjunction with the Armstrong County Historical Museum and Genealogical Society, will host their annual conference at the Clarion Hotel in New Kensington. The lectures will be "A Chat about Adoption," "Finding More on FamilySearch," "Mining Tax Records for Genealogical Gold," and "In the Realm of the Prothonotary: PA Courthouse Research." For more information and a registration form, please visit [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~patgs](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~patgs).

### **Saturday, 1 October 2016 9:00 A.M. OHIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

The OGS Fall Seminar will feature Deborah Abbott, PhD, as the speaker. Topics will include using manuscripts, cluster genealogy, and writing your family history. The event will be held at the Quality Inn & Suites Conference Center, 1000 Comfort Plaza Drive, Belleville, OH. See [www.ogs.org/events/2016fallseminar.php](http://www.ogs.org/events/2016fallseminar.php) for more information.

### **Sunday, 2 October 2016 10:00 A.M. HEINZ HISTORY CENTER**



Join the Heinz History Center and other local groups for Italian Heritage Day! Activities for the whole family are scheduled, including learning to play bocce, cooking demonstrations, learning Italian, and exploring family history. Vendors will also be featured. NHG members will provide free genealogy consultations. For more information, please visit [www.heinzhistorycenter.org](http://www.heinzhistorycenter.org).

**Monday, 3 October 2016 1:00 P.M.**  
**MT. LEBANON GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

The Mt. Lebanon Genealogical Society's next meeting will be held in Meeting Room A of the Mt. Lebanon Public Library, 16 Castle Shannon Boulevard, Pittsburgh. The topic is to be determined. Watch <http://mtlebanonlibrary.org/306/Genealogy-Society> for more information.

**Saturday, 8 October 2016 10:00 A.M.**  
**WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

At the next WPGS meeting, Marilyn Holt will present "Pittsburgh 200: Pittsburgh in 1816". 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](http://www.wpgs.org) for more information.

**Monday, 10 October 2016 7:00 P.M.**  
**MOON TOWNSHIP GENEALOGY CLUB**

The club's next meeting will feature a lecture on international research. 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/](http://www.facebook.com/MoonTownshipGenealogyClub/).

**10-14 October 2016**  
**BRITISH INSTITUTE**

The International Society for British Genealogy and Family History will hold their annual institute at the Salt Lake Plaza Hotel in Salt

Lake City, Utah. Choose from four courses: *English Research: The Fundamentals and Beyond*; *Irish Law and Government Documents*; *Welsh Family and Community History*; and *Crossing the Pond: Finding Your Immigrant Ancestor in Their Homeland*. For more information, please visit [www.isbgfh.org](http://www.isbgfh.org).

**Saturday, 15 October 2016 10:00 A.M.**  
**BUTLER PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Butler Library's Weir Genealogy Room will hold an open house from 10:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. Researchers of all skill levels are welcome to attend and explore the resources. The library's address is 218 N. McKean Street, Butler. Their website is [www.butlerlibrary.info](http://www.butlerlibrary.info).

**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](http://www.NorthHillsGenealogists.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/](http://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](http://www.ukrhec.org/family-history-group).

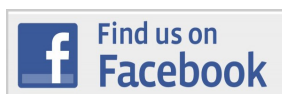
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## UPCOMING NHG PROGRAMS

### **Tuesday, 20 September 2016** **What's a Prothonotary? Pennsylvania's** **Courthouse Records**

*Elissa Scalise Powell, CG, CGL*

Pennsylvania courthouses have some unique terms and an indexing system that may not be familiar to every researcher. This program will help you to gain a better understanding of those terms, the Russell Index System, and the types of records contained in three offices in every Pennsylvania courthouse: the Recorder of Deeds, the Register of Wills, and the Prothonotary.

### **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!