



# NORTH HILLS GENEALOGISTS

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## NHG NEWS

### *Social Hour Before April Meeting*

We will have a social before this month's meeting. Starting at 6:00 P.M., there will be snacks and an opportunity to network with your fellow genealogists. We've done this several times before and are doing it again due to popular demand. **Note that the social will replace Tip Time this month.**

### *Second Round Table for 2018*

Due to the popularity of the NHG round table meeting offered annually in November, this year NHG is offering an additional round table for the April 2018 meeting. The round table program is a chance for every attendee to ask a question or share a research story and then benefit from the knowledge and experience of all other participants. Depending upon the number of people, NHG will have two groups for the meeting: a beginner's round table discussion group and an advanced group. The April meeting will be an opportunity to get to network with fellow members.

### *Spring Library Lock-in*

NHG and Northland Public Library are teaming up for another library lock-in, this time on Friday, April 27th.

Join your fellow genealogists for an evening of research and camaraderie! Volunteers will be available to help you with your research and how to use various genealogy websites

Registration is required due to limited space. To register, visit the Events Calendar on Northland's website ([www.NorthlandLibrary.org](http://www.NorthlandLibrary.org)). There is currently a waiting list to attend. We usually pull some people from the waiting list because of last-

minute cancellations, so don't hesitate to register. By the same token, if you have registered and discover that you will not be able to attend, please let the library know.

### *2018 Conference Thanks*

Many thanks go to all of those who helped with NHG's 2018 conference. Due to their efforts, more than 160 genealogists were able to spend time learning about their passion.

### *2019 Conference*

Planning has already begun for NHG's next conference, which will be held 22–23 March 2019. Blaine Bettinger, PhD, JD, will be the featured speaker. If you would like to serve on the conference committee or simply help during the conference, please contact Conference Co-Chair Amy Arner at [Amy@ArnerResearch.com](mailto:Amy@ArnerResearch.com) or 412-781-1131.

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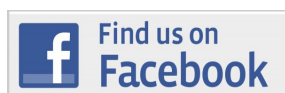
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## WHO WE ARE—NHG

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 for two people at the same address.

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, DNA, 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 Northland Public Library's Conference Room. All members are welcome. NHG is a member of the Federation of Genealogical Societies.



## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Happy Spring, fellow North Hills Genealogists!

I hope your 2018 research is going well, and that you enjoyed our recent annual conference. I am always amazed at what a superb job our Conference Committee does, chaired by Amy Arner. Thanks to Amy and the entire Conference Committee for organizing such a great conference! We look forward to Sharon Thornber's leadership as 2019 Conference Co-Chair.

We're happy to share with you our new and improved Policies & Procedures and the proposed changes to our NHG Bylaws later this month. The membership will be voting on the Bylaws in June. (More information about that process later.)

I did some fascinating research at the Heinz History Center's Detre Library & Archives a few weeks ago, and wanted to share my discoveries. I think you might find them useful in your research.

My goal was to determine the differences between the City of Pittsburgh marriage returns held by the Detre Library & Archives and the county-level marriage records held by the Allegheny County Marriage License Bureau. I noted several differences in the information contained between the various record sets; while they generally contained similar information, the level of detail within the Pittsburgh marriage returns, specifically regarding place of origin, pleasantly surprised me!

Pittsburgh city marriage returns exist from 1875 to 1909, and these records are available at the Heinz History Center (MSS 458). These are Minister's Returns for marriages that occurred within the city limits. The phrase "Minister's returns" is a misnomer, as they actually also include returns from rabbis, aldermen, justices of the peace, etc. The same records are also available on microfilm at the University of Pittsburgh's Archives & Special Collections (<http://digital2.library.pitt.edu/islandora/object/pitt%3AUS-PPiU-ais197910/viewer>). Additionally, these same records are also available on *FamilySearch.org* ([www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/257622](http://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/257622)), although you will need to ac-

cess them at a Family History Center or a FamilySearch affiliate library.

As an example, let me introduce you to Samuel Cohen and Bella Goldenson. They married 25 December 1892 at the Schaarch Torah Synagogue in Pittsburgh. Because this marriage occurred within the city limits, a city marriage return was filed. This city marriage return (obtained at the Heinz History Center) specified the exact address and place of foreign origin of both bride and groom, as well as their ages and the occupation of the groom.

The county marriage record (obtained downtown at the Marriage License Bureau) for the same marriage only included a country of origin for both spouses, though it did include an exact date of birth for both individuals. The groom's occupation and address was listed (though the address did not match the address on the city return). No exact address was listed for the bride.

A *third* marriage record exists in the form of a marriage license docket, which is available via *FamilySearch* ([www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/248617](http://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/248617)). (These records appear to exist for marriages within Allegheny County from 1885 to 1905.) This is different from the county marriage license obtained downtown, though it included nearly identical information.

A *fourth* record of the marriage should exist in the form of the synagogue's records. I have not reached out to the synagogue to determine how the information on their records might differ or provide further details on this couple.

In addition, remember a resource that Aaron McWilliams, Reference Archivist at the Pennsylvania State Archives, specified in one of his lectures during our annual conference. *Another* set of the county-level marriage records exist for marriages that occurred between 1885 and 1891, so if Samuel and Bella had married one year earlier, there could have been a *fifth* record of the same marriage. According to Aaron, the records should be identical to the records on file in the county courthouse, but we all know that human error sometimes comes into play.

Thus, with pulling together the information from these three different sources, we learn exact birth dates for both bride and groom, their town of birth overseas, their exact addresses in Pittsburgh, and the occupation of the groom. We only can see such a complete picture when correlating the information from *all* of the sources rather than from just one source.

Keep these ideas in mind as you research—remember that there are sometimes differences in records that all document the same event. If a town, county, and state copy all exist, it is worth examining every one of those documents. If your research goal was to determine the place of origin of Samuel and Bella, but you only obtained the two county-level records (the license and the license docket), your research goal would remain unfulfilled. However, just by adding that third record to the mix, the answers sought materialize.

Remember that county marriage licenses start in 1885, but these city returns start in 1875. There are also separate City of Pittsburgh marriage returns from 1870-1879 that are on microfiche downtown (and indexed in published volumes at the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh). As such, while Allegheny County marriage records do not start until 1885, marriages that occurred in the City of Pittsburgh can be found as early as 1870.

Happy researching! See you at this month's round table program.

~ Rich  
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### *Share a Website*

Thank you to Cecelia Schreiber who shared the American Library Association's website on preserving your stuff. It highlights caring for textiles, LP records, photographs, artifacts, books, and paper. To access the site, go to: [www.ala.org/alcts/preservationweek/howto](http://www.ala.org/alcts/preservationweek/howto).

You can view all the member-shared websites in the **Links** section of the North Hills Genealogists' website at [www.northhillsgenealogists.org/links.php?sid=1](http://www.northhillsgenealogists.org/links.php?sid=1).

We would love to share your favorite sites through the newsletter so that all NHG members can benefit. Cards are available at the sign-in table at each monthly meeting for you to list your go-to site, in addition to all those popular ones that we already have in our toolboxes. If you have any questions or would like to submit this information electronically, please contact Carole Ashbridge ([caroleashbridge@gmail.com](mailto:caroleashbridge@gmail.com)).

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## CORRECTIONS

The editors have learned that some of the website links in last month's "President's Column" did not work correctly. Here are the correct links:

- Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, District Court Naturalization Declarations of Intention and Petitions 1798–1910  
[www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/558482](http://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/558482)
- Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, Court of Common Pleas Naturalization Docket 1799–1906 and Declarations of Intention 1883–1906  
[www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/594893](http://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/594893)
- United States District Court for Western Pennsylvania Naturalization Records 1820–1930  
[www.fold3.com/title/119/naturalizations-pa-western](http://www.fold3.com/title/119/naturalizations-pa-western)
- United States District Court for Western Pennsylvania Naturalization Records 1820–1935  
[www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/558485](http://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/558485)
- United States District Court for Western Pennsylvania Naturalization Card File Index 1906–1990  
[www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/575534](http://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/575534)

We apologize for any confusion.

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## NECROLOGY

Jessie Schlemmer, wife of long-time member former NHG president, and current NHG Publicity Chair Gary Schlemmer, passed away 5 April 2018. Our sympathy goes to Gary, their son, their grandson, and Jessie's sister.

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## UPDATED RESOURCE OFFERED ONLINE BY PENN STATE

During the past year, some of the historic collections from the Pennsylvania State University's Libraries have been digitized to better preserve the records and for increased accessibility for interested individuals. Housed through Penn State's online libraries, there are two collections of significance. The first, *Penn State Digital Collections*, was created by digitizing a large portion of the Special Collections holdings. Items about Pennsylvania's history, geography, geology, agriculture, labor, and Civil War can be found online, fully indexed, at: <https://libraries.psu.edu/collections/browse-az/all>. The second database, *Pennsylvania Newspaper Archive*, is part of the nation's digital newspaper project and has indexed and preserved newspapers from across the Commonwealth. This collection is found online at: <http://panewsarchive.psu.edu>. These new, digital resources may be used to help genealogists with researching their family history.

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## ACCESS TO NEW YORK CITY VITAL RECORDS RESTRICTED

New York City's Department of Health and Mental Hygiene recently passed a rule restricting public access to birth and death records. Birth records are now restricted for 125 years. Death records are now restricted for 75 years.

The New York Genealogical & Biographical Society is coordinating efforts to amend this rule to allow some descendants and relatives to access the records before they are released to the public. For more information, please visit [www.newyorkfamilyhistory.org/nyc-vital-records-access](http://www.newyorkfamilyhistory.org/nyc-vital-records-access).

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## DETRE LIBRARY & ARCHIVES ACQUIRES ALLEGHENY COUNTY RECORDS

The Heinz History Center's Detre Library & Archives recently acquired two sets of records from Allegheny County.

The first record set is the Veterans and Widows Burial and Death Records. The finding aid for these records states that these "document burial applications and arrangements for honorably discharged military veterans and their widows who resided in Allegheny County, PA. The

records consist of 114 bound volumes ranging from 1885–1995 and detail veteran's burial allowances, funeral costs, soldier and widow information, military service and family information.” These records are in MSS 1159.

The second record set is Election Dockets 1860–1940. These list local elections, including the names of the candidates and the number of votes they received. This collection has not been processed yet. If you would like to use these records, ask the staff at the desk.

The Detre Library & Archives is open Wednesday through Saturday from 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Researchers visiting the library do not have to pay the entrance fee for the Heinz History Center. Additional information about visiting the Detre Library & Archives is available at [www.heinzhistorycenter.org/detre-library-archives](http://www.heinzhistorycenter.org/detre-library-archives).

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## NEW HISTORICAL RECORDS ON FAMILYSEARCH

*Press Release (partial) 4 April 2018*

Salt Lake City—Discover your ancestors in nearly 8 million new historical records from **France** this week on FamilySearch and more from **Sweden, Austria, Montana, Pennsylvania, Luxembourg, and the Czech Republic**. Search these new free records by clicking on the collection links below, or go to [FamilySearch](http://FamilySearch) to search over 8 billion free names and record images.

Collection:

[Pennsylvania, Eastern District Petitions for Naturalization, 1795-1931](#)

[Ohio, County Naturalization Records, 1800-1977](#)

[Georgia, Houston County, Marriage Records, 1832-2015](#)

[Montana, Flathead County Records, 1871-2007](#)

[Czech Republic, Church Books, 1552-1981](#)

[Austria, Upper Austria, Catholic Church](#)

[www.NorthHillsGenealogists.org](http://www.NorthHillsGenealogists.org)

[Records, 1581-1919](#)

[France, Haute-Garonne, Toulouse, Civil Registration, 1792-1893](#)

[France, Dordogne, Church and Civil Registration, 1540-1896](#)

[Luxembourg, Civil Registration, 1796-1941](#)

[Denmark, Copenhagen City, Civil Marriages, 1739-1964, Index 1877-1964](#)

[Sweden, Örebro Church Records, 1613-1918; index 1635-1860](#)

[BillionGraves Index](#)

[Find A Grave Index](#)

Searchable historic records are made available on [FamilySearch.org](http://FamilySearch.org) through the help of thousands of volunteers from around the world. These volunteers transcribe (index) information from digital copies of handwritten records to make them easily searchable online. More volunteers are needed (particularly those who can read foreign languages) to keep pace with the large number of digital images being published online at FamilySearch.org. Learn more about volunteering to help provide free access to the world's historic genealogical records online at [FamilySearch.org/indexing](http://FamilySearch.org/indexing).

[*Editors' Note: Genealogists can refer to the Family Search Blog each week for updates about the release of new records. The blog can be accessed via [www.familysearch.org/blog/en/](http://www.familysearch.org/blog/en/).*]

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## SPOTLIGHT ON LOCAL REPOSITORIES: BEAVER COUNTY GENEALOGY & HISTORY CENTER

*By Sue Ennis, NHG Newsletter Co-Editor*

The Beaver County Genealogy and History Center is a local repository that offers a wealth of records with support from friendly, knowledgeable volunteers. If you have ancestors who lived in Beaver County or adjacent areas, this is a place you must visit for your genealogical research.

Housed in a former 911 call center, the facility was obtained by the Beaver County Historical Society who partnered with the local genealogy group to create an archive of local records and to offer classes. The many record groups available for researchers include complete sets of yearbooks for many Beaver County high schools, along with partial yearbook collections for the other schools. There is also an extensive collection of obituaries obtained from local funeral homes and local newspapers such as *The Beaver County Times*.

The center's collection also includes Beaver County documents about births and marriages, but some years are not available, and some sets are incomplete. The cemeteries of Beaver County have been cataloged, and data and records include a variety of resources, especially the actual records of cemetery caretakers.

Two other valuable record groups that may be accessed at the center are Beaver County property tax records and land deeds to 1860. Tax records from the nineteenth century often include a listing of items owned by the family and sometimes include basic information about the family members. Deeds may delineate actual property boundaries, list adjoining properties and owners, and include names of grantor and grantee. All of this information might add a detail to your genealogical research to distinguish one family from another.

Books relating directly to Beaver County people, families, history, and places are available for sale in the Beaver County Genealogy and History Center. The same books are included in the center's library of historical and genealogical books that may be accessed while visiting the center. (This is not a lending library.)

Of the available public and private records in this repository, there are a significant number of family histories that have been donated and indexed. The quickest way to access these items is by enlisting the aid of one of the center's volunteers. There are always multiple volunteers around to offer support and to explain what resources are within their collection and how to access those records.

Volunteers at the Beaver County Genealogy and

History Center offer professional research services for individuals or families. You can email an inquiry to [research@beavercountyhistory.org](mailto:research@beavercountyhistory.org) to ask for a quote based upon your query. If you are a member of BCG&HC, then the research fees are waived. Please refer to the website for the most up-to-date information.

The Beaver County Genealogy and History Center is located at 250 East End Avenue, Beaver, PA 15009 in a former bunker that was renovated to accommodate researchers. It is adjacent to the Beaver Train Station, but the entrance to the genealogy and history center is to the left of the train station. There is a detailed map showing how to enter the center found on their website at the bottom of the page: [www.beavercountyhistory.org](http://www.beavercountyhistory.org).

Current hours were recently extended; from April 1 to November 30, the Beaver County Genealogy and History Center is open and manned by volunteers on Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Parking is free.

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## **BOOK REVIEW: THE LOST GERMAN SLAVE GIRL: THE EXTRAORDINARY TRUE STORY OF SALLY MILLER AND HER FIGHT FOR FREEDOM IN OLD NEW ORLEANS**

*By Bobby Egelston, NHG Member*

John Bailey's book details the true story of a young slave woman believed to be an orphaned German immigrant who goes to court in 1844 to be recognized as a free white woman. In the spring of 1817, seven families (forty people) went on a harrowing journey from Langensoultzbach, Alsace, to America. During their trip, they endured bad weather, thieving ships' agents, too many refugees in Amsterdam, and an unscrupulous ship owner who forced people to "repay" their passage by working as servants to once they arrived in America.

Additional information on Redemptioners, the court system, and the prevailing attitudes towards slaves and the rights of slave owners in New Orleans during the early part of the nineteenth century is fascinating. An unexpected twist in the story keeps the reader engaged until

the end. The book is available in the Allegheny County public library system.

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## WHERE GENEALOGISTS MEET

### **Tuesday, 17 April 2018 7:00 P.M. WESTMORELAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Dr. Tim Crain will present "The Irish Experience in America." The event is free for WCHS members and \$7.00 for non-members. Registrations are strongly recommended. To register, call 724-532-1935, ext. 210. The program will be held in the McCullough Room of Caritas Christi, which is part of Seton Hill University.

### **Tuesday, 17 April 2018 7:00 P.M. BEAVER COUNTY GENEALOGY & HISTORY CENTER**

A guest speaker from the Little Beaver Historical Society will give a presentation about local activity on the Underground Railroad. This free event is open to the public. The program will be held at the BCG&HC facility at 250 East End Avenue, Beaver, 15009.

### **Thursday, 19 April 2018 7:00 P.M. UPPER ST. CLAIR TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Jim Stuber will present "FamilySearch and the Family History Center." It will be held in the library's multi-purpose room, 1820 McLaughlin Run Road, Upper St. Clair. The program is free and open to the public, however registration is required. More information about the program and how to register is available at [www.twpusc.org/library/library-home](http://www.twpusc.org/library/library-home).

### **Saturday, 21 April 2018 10:00 A.M. FORT PITT MUSEUM**

The museum will host a seminar on Dunmore's War. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and Heinz History Center members. Registration is required. See [www.heinzhistorycenter.org/events/dunmores-war-seminar-2018](http://www.heinzhistorycenter.org/events/dunmores-war-seminar-2018) for more details and a link to register.

### **Saturday, 21 April 2018 2:00 P.M. GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA**

NHG's Elissa Scalise Powell, CG, CGL, will present "Deeper Analysis: Techniques for Successful Problem Solving." The program will be held at Citizens Library, 55 South College Street, Washington. For more information, please visit [www.genealogicalsocietyswpa.com](http://www.genealogicalsocietyswpa.com).

### **Monday, 23 April 2018 10:30 A.M. ZELIENOPE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

NHG Newsletter Co-Editor Susan Ennis will lead a workshop about learning tips and tricks to grow your family tree using Ancestry.com Library Edition and other databases. Please bring a laptop or tablet if you have one available. This workshop is free and open to all levels of genealogy enthusiasts. Use the time to brainstorm solutions to brick walls and to move ahead with your genealogical research! The library's address is 227 South High Street, Zelienople, 16063.

### **Wednesday, 25 April 2018 6:00 P.M. CRANBERRY GENEALOGY CLUB**

A representative from Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall will present "Life Behind the Scenes for a World War I Soldier." The program will be held in the Cranberry Public Library's Franklin Station meeting room. Registration is required for this event. Please visit [www.cranberrygenealogy.org](http://www.cranberrygenealogy.org) for more information.

### **Saturday, 28 April 2018 9:00 A.M. PALATINES TO AMERICA OHIO CHAPTER SEMINAR**

This year's seminar will feature Roger Minert, PhD, AG, as the speaker. He will present four lectures: "A Genealogist's Outline of German History since 1517," "Residential Registration in Germany," "German Census Records," and "Communicating with Agencies and Individuals in Europe." The seminar will be held at the Der Dutchman Restaurant in Plain City, Ohio. For more information, please visit [www.oh-palam.org](http://www.oh-palam.org).

**Saturday, 28 April 2018 1:00 P.M.**  
**AFRO-AMERICAN HISTORICAL &  
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF  
PITTSBURGH**

The program for the group's next meeting is to be determined. The meeting will be held at the Carnegie Library in Homewood, 7101 Hamilton Avenue, Pittsburgh, 15208. Please visit [www.aahgspgh.org](http://www.aahgspgh.org) for more information.

**Tuesday, 1 May 2018 6:00 P.M.**  
**BUTLER AREA LIBRARY**

The library will host "Searching with Ancestry." Come learn the basics of navigating online genealogy search via Ancestry, and discover new ways to make the most of your search results. Registration is required. To register, email Margaret at [mhewitt@bcfls.org](mailto:mhewitt@bcfls.org).

**2-5 May 2018**  
**NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL  
SOCIETY CONFERENCE**

The theme for this year's conference is *Paths to Your Past*. The event will be held in Grand Rapids, Michigan. It will feature more than 175 lectures by more than seventy-five lecturers, several of whom have spoken at NHG's annual conference. For more information and to register, please visit <http://conference.ngsgenealogy.org>.

**Sunday, 13 May 2018 11:00 A.M.**  
**HEINZ HISTORY CENTER**

The Jewish Genealogy Society of Pittsburgh and the Rauh Jewish History Programs & Archives are co-sponsoring a lecture by Lara Diamond. She will discuss the difficulties of genetic genealogy in endogamous populations. The program is free (does not include museum admission). For more information and to register, please visit [www.heinzhistorycenter.org/events/jewish-genealogy-with-lara-diamond](http://www.heinzhistorycenter.org/events/jewish-genealogy-with-lara-diamond).

**Saturday, 19 May 2018 9:30 A.M.**  
**CENTRE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY CONFERENCE**

This year's seminar will feature Judy G. Russell, JD, CG, CGL, also known as the Legal Genealogist. She will present four lectures: "Courting Pennsylvania: The Courts of the Keystone State," "When Worlds Collide: Resolving Conflicts in Genealogical Records," "Don't Forget the Ladies: A Genealogist's Guide to Women and the Law," and "No Person Shall . . . Gallop Horses in the Streets: Using Court Records to Tell the Story of Our Ancestors' Lives." The event will be held at the Foxdale Village Auditorium in State College. More information is available at [www.centrecountygenealogy.org](http://www.centrecountygenealogy.org).

**Sunday, 20 May 2018 2:00 P.M.**  
**BALTZER MEYER HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY**

Russell Love will present "The South Pennsylvania Railroad." This will be a discussion about a railroad that was never completed. Today the Pennsylvania Turnpike follows the proposed route. The event will be held at Baltzer Meyer's facility at 642 Baltzer Meyer Pike, Greensburg. For more information, please visit [www.baltzermeyer.pa-roots.com/Pages/index.html](http://www.baltzermeyer.pa-roots.com/Pages/index.html).

**Tuesday, 22 May 2018 7:00 P.M.**  
**WESTMORELAND COUNTY  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Dr. Susan Sommers will present "Arthur St. Clair on the Frontier." The event is free for WCHS members and \$7.00 for non-members. Registrations are required. To register, call 724-532-1935, ext. 210. For more information, please visit [www.westmorelandhistory.org](http://www.westmorelandhistory.org).

**9-10 June 2018**  
**FORT PITT MUSEUM**

Join the museum for "Artillery and Artificers." Learn about eighteenth century artillery and the trades that made it possible. See [www.heinzhistorycenter.org/events](http://www.heinzhistorycenter.org/events) for more details.

**13-16 June 2018**  
**PALATINES TO AMERICA ANNUAL  
CONFERENCE**

This year's conference will feature John Philip Colletta, PhD, and Baerbel Johnson as the main



lecturers, with six other people also presenting lectures. The event will be held at the Adams Mark Hotel in Buffalo, New York. On 13 and 14 June there will be optional field trips to repositories and museums in Buffalo. For more information, including a registration form, please visit [www.palam.org](http://www.palam.org).

**23–24 June 2018**  
**WESTMORELAND COUNTY**  
**HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

WCHS is planning its annual Frontier Court for June. This event features court case reenactments, military, encampments, musket fire demonstrations, and more. Watch [www.westmorelandhistory.org](http://www.westmorelandhistory.org) for more details.

**24–29 June 2018**  
**GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH**  
**INSTITUTE OF PITTSBURGH**

Registration for GRIP is open. The first week of GRIP will feature eight courses: *From Confusion to Conclusion: How to Write Proof Arguments, Mastering the Art of Genealogical Documentation, Thinking Genealogically: Advanced Methods, Irish Research, In-Depth Sources for US Military Research, Chromosome Mapping, Family Archiving: Heirlooms in the Digital Age, and Researching New York: Resources and Strategies*. Please visit [www.gripitt.org](http://www.gripitt.org) for more information.

**Tuesday, 26 June 2018 6:00 P.M.**  
**BUTLER AREA LIBRARY**

The library will host “Digging Deep with Wills and Estates.” Wills and estates can often hold vital clues to the names of family members, death dates, land transfers, and more. We will explore the different kinds of paperwork found in estates, learn to navigate through these records, and see examples of genealogical brick walls solved using these records. Registration is required. To register, email Margaret at [mhewitt@bcfls.org](mailto:mhewitt@bcfls.org).

**22–27 July 2018**  
**GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH**  
**INSTITUTE OF PITTSBURGH**

Registration for GRIP is open. The second week of GRIP will feature eight courses: *Intermediate Genealogy: Tools for Digging Deeper, Fundamentals of Forensic Genealogy, Women and Children First!: Research Methods for the Hidden Half of the Family, Walking in Penn's Woods: Pennsylvania Research, Practical Genetic Genealogy, Advanced Genetic Genealogy, You Be the Judge: Practicum Using Standards to Evaluate Genealogical Work, and Church Records: Denominations and Problem Solving*. Please visit [www.gripitt.org](http://www.gripitt.org) for more information.

**Saturday, 28 July 2018 9:30 A.M.**  
**AKRON-SUMMIT COUNTY PUBLIC**  
**LIBRARY**

The library will host an all-day seminar about genetic genealogy. CeCe Moore will present “The Power of DNA: Genetic Genealogy Basics,” “Who Am I: Exploring Ethnicity Estimates,” “I Have My Results, Now What?,” and “Breaking through Genealogical Brick Walls with DNA.” The program is free and open to the public; however registration is required. To register, call 330-643-9030 or email [speccollections@akronlibrary.org](mailto:speccollections@akronlibrary.org). The event will be held at the main library, 60 South High Street, Akron, Ohio.

**30 July–3 August 2018**  
**HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF**  
**PENNSYLVANIA**

HSP is offering a week-long course on Pennsylvania research at their facility in Philadelphia. The course is aimed at genealogists of all research levels. NHG President Rich Venezia will be one of the instructors. For more information, including a course schedule, please visit [www.hsp.org/calendar/researching-family-pennsylvania-2018](http://www.hsp.org/calendar/researching-family-pennsylvania-2018).

**22–25 August 2018**  
**FEDERATION OF GENEALOGICAL**  
**SOCIETIES ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

Details are being finalized for this year's conference, which will be held in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Watch [www.fgs.org](http://www.fgs.org) for updates.

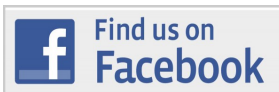
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## UPCOMING NHG PROGRAMS

### **Tuesday, 17 April 2018** **Semi-Annual Round Table**

Due to popular demand, we are adding another round table discussion this year. This program has proven to be a successful combination of information, guidance, and cousin-finding for those attending. 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. We look forward to seeing you during this terrific information exchange!

### **Tuesday, 15 May 2018** **Using a Family History Center**

*Ryan Henrie*

Henrie, Director of the Cranberry Family History Center (FHC), will present the top reasons to visit a FHC. He will

also discuss why you should research and have a tree on both Ancestry and FamilySearch, answer questions about this period of conversion from microfilm to digital images, and walk through some examples of how to use three tools to discover the surnames of women.

### **Tuesday, 19 June 2018** **Pittsburgh Preview: Researching in the Steel City**

*Rich Venezia, NHG President*

Make the most of your Pittsburgh research by learning about the resources this city has to offer. This lecture—for researchers of all levels—will focus on archive and record repositories in the Pittsburgh area, providing an overview of genealogically relevant material that family history seekers may find useful.