



NORTH HILLS GENEALOGISTS

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NHG NEWS

Membership Renewal Time

Don't forget that NHG's membership year ended 31 July. If you haven't already done so, please renew your membership. There was a form in the June newsletter. Membership forms are also available at every NHG meeting. Drop off your completed form and payment at the August meeting or mail it to NHG, PO Box 169, Wexford, PA 15090. If you prefer to pay by credit card, visit www.NorthHillsGenealogists.org.

You can check your membership status any time on our website. Log in using the Members Only/LOGIN menu option on the left side of the page. After you log in, the first page you see has instructions on how to check your status and personal information. Alternatively, you can email Membership Chair Ken Berner at Membership@NorthHillsGenealogists.org to check your status.

Reminder—if you have not renewed, this will be the last monthly newsletter you'll receive.

NHG Booth at the FGS Conference

We need your help at the Federation of Genealogical Societies' Annual Conference at Pittsburgh's David L. Lawrence Convention Center in this month. NHG has reserved a booth, and we need to have volunteers lined up to staff the booth during all exhibit hall hours. The exhibit hall is open Thursday, 31 August through Saturday, 2 September 2017.

You do **not** need to be registered for the FGS Conference to volunteer to help with the NHG booth. Volunteering at the NHG booth is a wonderful way to network, not only with your fellow NHG members who are bound to stop by, **(continued on page 3)**

FGS CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN PITTSBURGH

There is still time to register for the Federation of Genealogical Societies Annual Conference! The deadline for registration by mail has already passed, but the deadline for online registration is not until August 21st. After that date attendees must register on-site.

The conference will be held at Pittsburgh's David L. Lawrence Convention Center from 30 August to 2 September. Each day there are five or six hour-long lecture slots with seven or eight topical tracks, meaning there are at least thirty-five lectures to choose from each day. The tracks include DNA, Military, Religion, and more.

The conference exhibit hall will be open Thursday, 31 August 9:30 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.; Friday, 1 September 9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.; and Saturday, 2 September 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. More than eighty vendors will have booths—including book sellers, genealogical societies, libraries, and more. You do not have to be registered for the conference to visit the exhibit hall.

Take advantage of this opportunity to attend a national genealogical conference in our backyard! Visit www.fgsconference.org for more information and to register.

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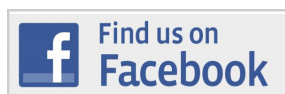
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WHO WE ARE—NHG

The North Hills Genealogists is a group of genealogy enthusiasts who meet to learn, network, and assist one another in establishing our family histories. NHG meets on the third Tuesday of every month except December at Northland Public Library, 300 Cumberland Road, McCandless Township, in the North Hills of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Tip Time begins at 6:45 P.M. and our general meeting starts at 7:00 P.M. Meetings are free and open to the public. Membership runs from August to July for \$15.00 annually.

Benefits of NHG membership include monthly newsletters (not published July or December), field trips, and Special Interest Groups (SIGs). The SIGs are organized so that members can collaborate informally. Current groups are British Isles, Eastern Europe, German Roots, Pennsylvania, and Writing. Find current meeting information on our website.

The NHG Board meets at 7:00 P.M. on the first Tuesday of each month in the Conference Room of the Northland Public Library. All members are welcome. NHG is a member of the Federation of Genealogical Societies.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I hope summer is treating you well, genealogists of the North Hills! Any good research finds? Is the ever-expanding set of records available on *FamilySearch* leading to the breaking down of brick walls?

As many of you know, Pittsburgh is preparing for the Federation of Genealogical Societies' (FGS) conference in just a few weeks' time. To be held at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center 30 August – 2 September, it's a great opportunity for those from afar to come and learn in the beautiful environs, and for locals to show off our city while learning something new! North Hills Genealogists will have a presence at a vendor booth in the Exhibit Hall—please feel free to stop by. We have been spending our last several board meetings discussing the fine points of our table, and we'll even be having a book signing during the conference. It's not too late to spread the good word about NHG by volunteering at our booth. If that's of interest to you, please email Sue O'Connor at Conference@NorthHillsGenealogists.org.

The FGS conference is a great way to network, learn from many experts, and browse through dozens of exhibitors and vendors with all sorts of things related to our favorite hobby. If you haven't signed up to come yet, or are still on the fence—don't worry! Day-of, on-site registrations are available—\$109 for one-day registrations, or \$270 for all four days. You can also still register online until 21 August. See www.fgsconference.org/registration.

Wednesday's sessions will cater toward those who run and/or are involved in societies—our very own Reed Powell and Elissa Scalise Powell will be delivering lectures that day. Thursday through Saturday have general genealogical sessions with nearly any topic you can imagine. Elissa will be delivering more presentations, as will yours truly, past monthly meeting speakers including Tammy Hepps, and past conference speakers including Thomas W. Jones, J. Mark Lowe, D. Joshua Taylor, Judy G. Russell, Deborah Abbott, and others! NHG members Kimberly T. Powell and Mary Jane Kuffner Hirt will also be presenting at this year's conference. Additionally, NHG has sponsored Sierra Green of

the Heinz History Center to present “Spanning Generations: Using Archival Records to Bridge Ancestral Gaps” on Saturday at 5:00 P.M.

There are daily luncheons, workshops, a special Gateway Clipper Dinner Cruise, and a society showcase to learn about other societies that may interest you. There really is something for everyone, and for all levels. The program, which can be viewed at www.fgsconference.org/program/2017-schedule, handily tells you whether a session is geared toward B (Beginner), I (Intermediate), or A (Advanced) researchers, so you can choose accordingly. You can also plan in advance by searching for your favorite speakers or selecting a track to follow.

I’ve thoroughly enjoyed my previous FGS conferences, and I am sure 2017 will be no different. What a treat that it’s in our own backyard! It’s a wonderful opportunity for Pittsburgh and for Pittsburghers.

See yinz downtown!

~ Rich

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but also to help to educate the public about events and programs. Sue O’Connor is coordinating the volunteers for the NHG booth.

One or two people are needed for each time slot during the hours that the Exhibit Hall is open. To volunteer for the NHG booth during the FGS Conference in Pittsburgh, please e-mail your name, e-mail address, and phone number to: **Conference@NorthHillsGenealogists.org**. Please type **NHG Booth at FGS** in the subject line.

Once Sue compiles a list of interested volunteers, she will send out a schedule of time slots for each day. Volunteers can sign up for convenient times when they can help. A final schedule will be created and shared with all of the NHG volunteers in advance of the FGS Conference. Thank you for your continuing support of NHG!

If you have any questions, contact Sue O’Connor at Conference@NorthHillsGenealogists.org.

HOW I PUT MOM INTO THE UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES

By Ken Berner, NHG Membership Chair

Well, actually, I didn’t put Mom into the archives, but I did donate a record of much of the community work that Mom (Josephine “Jo” Morigi) and Dad (Richard Berner) performed in our neighborhood. This occurred as we were growing up in the Scott Township community of Bower Hill in Pittsburgh’s South Hills during the mid-1950s through the early 1970s. And if my siblings and I happen to infrequently show up in that record, well, so much the better.

We were the very first occupants of the neighborhood that became known as Birdland for the bird names assigned to all of the streets by the developer. Our Berner family lived on North Wren Drive.

This part of the story actually begins about four years ago when a group from North Hills Genealogists visited the University of Pittsburgh Library System’s Archives Service Center in Point Breeze. That day we had a “behind-the-scenes” tour of what and how they do what they do. At the end of the tour, our guide, David Grinnell, Reference and Access Archivist, mentioned that the Archives Service Center also looks for donations of neighborhood newspapers that historical or genealogical researchers might not otherwise have access to or even know exist.

I immediately thought about our neighborhood publication, the *Bower Hill Bi-Line*, that I had watched my mother work on for years at our kitchen table. The publication was a communications arm of the Bower Hill Civic League, for which my father served as president for a couple of terms. The small collection of sixty-eight issues left behind in Mom’s estate had been sitting in my file cabinet for decades.

I feared that this snapshot of neighborhood history would eventually be lost to everyone. David said to email him information about the collection, and they would consider it. I later scanned a copy of one issue for him and forwarded it by email. I didn’t receive an immediate reply, and I soon forgot about it as life went on.

Then, David spoke at our May meeting about updates to the *Historic Pittsburgh* website. Prior to the meeting, I contacted David again about the *Bi-Line* and was able to arrange a meeting at the Service Center with him and Edward Galloway, Interim Assistant University Librarian for Archives and Special Collections.

I had already organized the papers, discovered and documented a number of discrepancies in the volume/issue numbering system, and included copies of issues that had sections scissored out of them to later paste into the layout of the next issue. Those were the days of non-digital cut and paste!

Along with the papers were some copies of communications with advertisers, letters from radio stations that had carried information about the neighborhood happenings (usually the flu-shot clinics Mom was involved in), the style-book they used (probably written by Mom), and a list of the names, addresses and phone numbers of all the Bower Hill Civic League members for 1960–61. That list was a trip down memory lane all by itself. These peripheral materials will probably not be digitized and put online, but at least will be preserved.

David and Ed asked me about the history of the newspaper and about Bower Hill itself. David already had some familiarity with the neighborhood. All of that information, fortunately, was already there, in the issues and dates that I cited for them.

They asked, also, when I expected that they would have this done and available for online researchers. I was surprised by the question, but said that was entirely up to them. Ed checked online to see if the organization still existed (I had checked that earlier), and it still does. He also wondered out loud if they might be able to acquire additional issues from the organization.

They asked if I wanted to donate the issues and other paperwork, or if I wanted it back after digitization. I said I wanted to donate, and they had me sign a contract transferring ownership to them. If our family ever wants to access the original materials for some reason, the Archive Service Center will “loan” them to us when and for as long as we wish.

The archivists are interested in getting this material online as soon as practical (simple job, they said, just so many jobs in front of it), because when others can finally view it, there may be people like me who also have material to add to the collection to make it more comprehensive.

The materials were filed in an archival-quality container at that meeting and will be placed permanently in climate-controlled storage.

They will keep me up-to-date on their progress and even give me a chance to review the finding aid (their written instruction to researchers about the purpose, scope, and idiosyncrasies of this collection) before it goes live.

And, as if I wasn’t already pleased and grateful with this effort to preserve family and local history, two days later I encountered a moment of genealogical serendipity.

I was researching some World War II “young men’s” Selective Service Registration cards, and I found a long string of Berner cards I had not seen before, including two of significance to me: my father’s and his cousin Ray’s, who had lived across the street from each other. Reviewing “Uncle” Ray’s occupation on this October 1940 record, I found that he worked for an electrical products manufacturer, located at 7500 Thompson Boulevard, Pittsburgh, which, today, is the exact location of the Archives Service Center!

How can we *not* believe that our ancestors *do* want their legacies preserved?

SPOTLIGHT ON LOCAL REPOSITORIES: NORTHLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

By Sue Ennis, NHG Newsletter Co-Editor

Accessing great content and resources for genealogical research does not mean you have to travel far from home! Northland Public Library is the featured local repository for this month. We begin with Northland because of our long-time association with the library, located in McCandless Township, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, at 300 Cumberland Road.

Since the '90s, the North Hills Genealogists have annually purchased reference books for Northland, focusing upon items that present general genealogy methods, researching various ethnic groups, maps, historic photos and information, and trending topics such as DNA. Over time, NHG has donated more than \$5,000 of books. To find out what books are available, access Northland's card catalog: <https://librarycatalog.einetwork.net>.

By using the search term "genealogy," thousands of items are revealed! Note that some of the print sources are available for use only at the library in the reference section. Many of the books are available to be checked out. With your library e-card number, the options grow as you can access digital books through Overdrive, the library's e-book system.

Using Northland's online catalog, patrons can narrow the list of search results by relevance to topic, by newest/oldest acquisitions, or by keyword(s). This allows for fine-tuning the search results to reveal specific titles. Of course, if you know an exact title of a book that you are interested in using for genealogical research, then you can type in the actual title instead of performing a more general search.

Northland has a newly updated computer center where patrons can access a variety of databases for digital research. Digital holdings for genealogists at Northland are found on the main menu under the heading "E-Resources" and then click on *Databases A-Z*. The best options for genealogists include: *Ancestry Library*, *EBSCO eBooks*, *MasterFILE Premiere*, *Newspaper Source Plus*, and *U.S. History in Context*.

Back on the library's main page and under the "E-Resources" tab, don't miss these two collections for genealogists: *HeritageQuest Online* and *Local History*!

Note that some of the E-Resources may only be accessed within Northland Library, but many can be accessed remotely (from home or your favorite Wi-Fi location) by using a free, e-card number. You can actually sign up for your library e-library card online as you access the digital resources.

Northland Library is open for a generous amount of time each week: Monday-Thursday, 9:00 A.M. – 9:00 P.M., Friday, 9:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M., and Saturday, 9:00 A.M.– 5:00 P.M. These are the summer hours and are subject to change, so be sure to check the their website prior to visiting: www.northlandlibrary.org. There is an ample amount of free parking around the perimeter of Northland Library.

Browse the shelves in the 929s as well as use the catalog. Often when you peruse the shelves, especially with a specific topic in mind, you find a title that did not catch your attention in the catalog results!

It is considerate to use pencil when researching from library books—those stray marks are more easily removed if they occur. If the library is busy, as Northland often is, try to avoid emptying the genealogy shelves and surrounding yourself with towers of books. Be considerate of other patrons in this way. Start with the index of the book to scan the topics and sub-topics; a table of contents is usually too general. This is a great way to narrow your search. If you get stuck, or if you are not finding what you want, don't hesitate to ask for assistance; librarians will always "look" busy, but they are glad to assist and support their patrons.

NHG is proud to support Northland Library with our annual donation of new genealogical resources!

[Editors' Note: During this membership year, we will highlight a local research repository each month and focus upon its holdings, access, and tips for visiting genealogists.]

PROJECT BEGINS AT PENNSYLVANIA SOLDIERS AND SAILORS HOME IN ERIE

The Pennsylvania Soldiers and Sailors Home (PSSH) in Erie has initiated a project to memorialize the 131 years of history of this retirement home for veterans and spouses of veterans. The goals of the project are to preserve PSSH's impact on the Erie community and to provide information about the center.

According to Ken Vybiral, Volunteer Coordinator for the home, “The goal of this project is to research, gather, and collect photographs, written history, and articles referencing PSSH, as well as any personal histories of those who lived, visited, or grew up around the home.” A student from Mercyhurst University, Sydney Van Leeuwen, will assist and serve as a videographer for this project.

At this time, PSSH is asking for anyone who has stories, artifacts, or information about the home to contact Ken or Sydney. They are committed to creating an “accurate and cohesive history” of PSSH, but help is needed from the public. Donations of memories or photos are greatly appreciated. The project will be completed in April 2018, so time is of the essence.

If you have information to offer or questions about the project, please contact Ken Vybiral at kvybiral@pa.gov or Sydney at svanle41@lakers.mercyhurst.edu.

The Pennsylvania Soldiers and Sailors Home is located at 500 East Third Street, Erie, PA 16507-6239. For more information about PSSH, go to: www.dmva.pa.gov.

FHL MICROFILM DISTRIBUTION TO BE DISCONTINUED ON AUGUST 31, 2017

Press release (partial) 30 May 2017

[FamilySearch](#) has made significant progress in the digitization of its vast collection of microfilm, making access to records easier than ever. This progress, coupled with changes in the microfilm industry, have made it possible and necessary to discontinue microfilm distribution services. These services discontinue on September 1, 2017. The last day for ordering microfilm will be August 31, 2017.

FamilySearch has now digitally reproduced the bulk of its microfilm collection, with over 1.5 billion images available online. The digitization of remaining microfilms is expected to be completed by 2020. The most requested collections are already available digitally, and all new records are being preserved using digital

camera equipment. This growing access to digital images of records allows FamilySearch to reach many more people faster and more efficiently.

Digital images of historical records can be accessed in three places under the Search tab on FamilySearch.org.

- [Records](#)—Historical records indexed by name or organized with an image browse.
- [Books](#)—Digital copies of books from the Family History Library and other libraries.
- [Catalog](#)—Descriptions of genealogical materials (books, online materials, microfilm, microfiche, and so on) in the FamilySearch collection, including millions of online images not yet available in Records or Books.

For additional help, see [Finding Digital Images on FamilySearch.org](#).

Family history centers around the world will continue to provide access to relevant technology, premium subscription services, and digital records. This access includes content not available in the home that can assist temple and family history consultants in their efforts to prepare and deliver personalized one-on-one experiences and help for members and other patrons in their efforts to find their ancestors. For more information, see lds.org/microfilm.

DIY DIGITIZATION LAB OPENS AT CARNEGIE LIBRARY

By Mary Dzurichko, NHG Member

The Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh is once again leaping forward with new resources for the public, as well as for the library’s use. Their latest initiative is the REcollection Studio, www.carnegielibrary.org/reollectionstudio, a do-it-yourself digitization lab, which opened in early August at the main branch in Oakland.

I recently attended an informative program given by Brooke Sansosti, the Digitization and Special Projects Lead at CLP-Main, demonstrating the lab’s capabilities. The lab is located on the third floor in the back corner of the Pennsylvania Department and is part of the Carnegie’s commitment to preserving the histories of this area and its people. One of only four North American libraries providing on-site digitization,

the Carnegie is the only one with a DIY lab. The others, Vancouver, British Columbia, Washington, DC, and Kalamazoo, Michigan, all offer a digitization service performed by one of their staff, rather than allowing patrons access to the equipment.

This studio is dual-purpose by allowing public access to the lab as well as by providing CLP an on-site studio to digitize their own historical materials and post them on-line via the Historic Pittsburgh website, www.historicpittsburgh.org. The first project the library will undertake is the digitization of approximately 11,000 negatives in their collection.

Digitization equipment includes 27" iMac computers; Epson flatbed scanners, one 8.5" x 11.7" and the other 12.2" x 17.2"; a Panasonic VHS deck; Sony headphones; and a Tascam cassette deck, which allow digitization of VHS and audio cassette tapes, 35mm and larger format negatives, slides, and photographs and documents up to 11" x 17". The software scans negatives and simultaneously converts them to a positive image! Patrons must bring their own storage device to take the digital files home, such as a DVD, USB drive, hard drive, or cloud storage. There are step-by-step guides available in the lab and on the website to guide patrons through the use of the equipment, and a lab supervisor will be available to assist if needed. Of course users must adhere to copyright laws, as the intended use is for preserving your own histories, not that of commercial movies!

Currently, the lab is open for limited access Tuesdays from 10:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M., and Thursdays from noon to 2:30 P.M., as they assess the operations and feedback from patrons. Reservations are required and can be made online through the website for a two and a half hour session. The grand opening will be held in November, and at that time the hours of availability will be expanded. The Carnegie Library will also be recruiting volunteers to assist patrons, as demand increases.

Take advantage of this new resource available at the Carnegie Library to preserve another segment of your family history before your old tapes and negatives disintegrate!

NEW SEASON OF *FINDING YOUR ROOTS* STARTS IN OCTOBER

The new season of *Finding Your Roots* will start on 3 October. This season's personalities will include Ana Navarro, Bernie Sanders, Garrison Keillor, Mary Steenburgen, Scarlett Johansson, Ted Danson, William H. Macy, and more. PBS will broadcast all ten episodes. Check your local listings for details.

WHERE GENEALOGISTS MEET

Saturday, 19 August 2017 2:00 P.M. GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

The group's program will be held at Citizen's Library, 55 South College Street, Washington. It will feature Kathy Pienkowski, Circulation Service Manager at Citizen's Library, as the speaker. This event is free and open to the public. See www.genealogicalsocietyswpa.com for more information.

19-20 AUGUST 2017 WESTMORELAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

WCHS will hold a Civil War reenactment at their Hanna's Town facilities. Several Union and Confederate units will participate. There will be artillery demonstrations, battle reenactments, and book discussions. The event will be held from 10:00 A.M. until 6:00 P.M. on Saturday and 10:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M. on Sunday. More details, including the complete schedule, are available at www.westmorelandhistory.org.

Wednesday, 23 August 2017 6:30 P.M. CRANBERRY GENEALOGY CLUB

Margaret Hewitt, Special Collections Librarian at the Butler Area Public Library, will provide an overview of the the library's Weir Genealogy Room. She will also discuss HeritageQuest, which is a subscription website available to Butler County library card holders. The program will be held in the Cranberry Public Library's Franklin Station meeting room. Please visit www.cranberrygenealogy.org for more information.

Saturday, 26 August 2017 11:00 A.M.
FORT PITT MUSEUM

The museum will host author Daniel Krebs, who will present a lecture about German prisoners of war during the American Revolutionary War. The lecture is based on his book *A Generous and Merciful Enemy*. Admission to the lecture is included with the general admission to the museum. For more information, please visit www.heinzhistorycenter.org/events/fort-pitt-speakers-series-captives-in-a-foreign-land.

Saturday, 26 August 2017 7:30 P.M.
ST. DAVID'S SOCIETY OF PITTSBURGH

The St. David's Society will host Jane Blank, an award-winning Welsh novelist, for a reading of her book *The Shadow of Nanteos*. Nanteos is a mansion in Cardiganshire. The novel is set in the 1750s during the area's lead wars. The event will be held in the Welsh Nationality Room at the Cathedral of Learning, 4200 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh. It is free and open to the public. For more information, please visit www.stdavidssociety.org.

Monday, 28 August 2017 6:30 P.M.
ZELIENOPE PUBLIC LIBRARY

NHG Newsletter Co-Editor Susan Ennis will lead a workshop in learning tips and tricks to grow your family tree using Ancestry.com Library Edition and other databases. Please bring a laptop or tablet if you have one available. Free and open to all levels of genealogy enthusiasts. Use the time to brainstorm solutions to brick walls and to move ahead with your genealogical research! The workshop will also be held on 25 September.

Saturday, 9 September 2017 10:00 A.M.
WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Dr. Miles S. Richards will present "The Life of Philander Knox." Knox was a lawyer, bank director, and politician who served as United States Attorney General, a Senator from Pennsylvania and Secretary of State. Born in Brownsville, Pennsylvania, he served in the Cabinet under three presidents. The meeting

will be held in the Third Floor Conference Room at the Main Branch of the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh in Oakland. More information is available at www.wpgs.org.

15–17 September 2017
FAMILY TREE UNIVERSITY FALL CONFERENCE

The FTU conference will be held online. It will include presentations, live chats, and discussions. Attendees can participate during the conference or watch the recorded sessions later. For more details, please visit www.familytreeuniversity.com/pages/virtual-conference.

Sunday, 17 September 2017 2:00 P.M.
BALTZER MEYER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Mary Jane Shaw will present "The Nitty Gritty Details of Researching a Historic Log Home." The event will be held at the Baltzer Meyer facility, 642 Baltzer Meyer Pike, Greensburg. It is free and open to the public. See www.baltzermeyer.pa-roots.com for more information

18–22 September 2017
BRITISH INSTITUTE

This year's British Institute will feature the following classes: *DNA as a Genealogical Tool*, *English Genealogical Research before 1837*, *Finding Irish Ancestors before the Great Famine*, and *Scottish Family History Research: Where and How to Find the Real Records*. The institute is sponsored by the International Society for British Genealogy and Family History (ISBGFH). It is held at the Salt Lake Plaza Hotel, which is next to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah. Registration is open now for ISBGFH members. Please visit www.isbgfh.org for more information.

Sunday, 1 October 2017 10:00 A.M.
HEINZ HISTORY CENTER

The Heinz Center will hold its annual Italian Heritage Day from 10:00 A.M. until 3:00 P.M. This family-friendly event features activities for all ages. Additional details will be announced via www.heinzhistorycenter.org/events.

6–7 October 2017
NASHI-PREDKY FALL CONFERENCE

The fourth annual conference will be held at the Ukrainian Cultural Center in Somerset, New Jersey. Conference sessions will cover using DNA in genealogical research, researching Ukrainian Catholics, records held by the Polish State Archives, using cadastral maps, Russian census records, and more. More information and a registration form are available at www.ukrhec.org/nashi-predky-conference-2017.

16–23 October 2017
GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH
SOCIETY OF NORTHEASTERN
PENNSYLVANIA

GRSNP will host a weeklong Genealogy Vacation. During the week of October 16th, their research center will be open extended hours for research. There will also be lectures and cemetery tours. The event is free, but registration is required. Visit www.grsnp.net/register-for-genealogy-vacation for more details and to register.

17–21 October 2017
CZECHOSLOVAK GENEALOGICAL
SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL

Registration for this year's CGSI conference is now open. The event will be held in Pittsburgh at the Pittsburgh International Airport Hyatt Regency Hotel. The first two days of the conference will feature bus tours of the area. The last three days feature lectures with four options offered during most time slots. The lectures will focus on history and culture as well as genealogical research. The speakers will include NHG's Rich Venezia and Rebecca Kichta Miller. More information can be found at <http://cgsievents.com>.

20–21 October 2017
CUMBERLAND PATHWAYS FAMILY
HISTORY AND GENEALOGY
CONFERENCE

The Cumberland County Historical Society, the

Army Heritage Center Foundation, the Cumberland Valley Visitors Bureau, Dickinson College, and the Historical Society of Pennsylvania are joining forces to host this conference. Topics will include using archival resources, military records, oral history, and church records for genealogical research. There will also be focus areas staffed with experts to provide information one-on-one. The event will be held at various venues in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. More information and a registration brochure are available at www.cumberlandpathways.org.

Saturday, 28 October 2017 1:00 P.M.
HEINZ HISTORY CENTER

Rabbi Barbara Aiello will present “I’m Italian, but Could I Be Jewish Too?” She will discuss the history of hidden Jews in Southern Italy. Details are still being finalized. Watch www.heinzhistorycenter.org/events for more information.

Sunday, 29 October 2017 1:00 P.M.
HEINZ HISTORY CENTER

Rabbi Barbara Aiello will present “Italian Jews and World War II.” She will discuss how Southern Italians saved four thousand Jews during the war. Details are still being finalized. Watch www.heinzhistorycenter.org/events for more information.

21–26 January 2018
SALT LAKE INSTITUTE OF
GENEALOGY

Registration is open for SLIG 2018. SLIG is offering fourteen courses—several have waiting lists, but the rest still have seats available. The courses are mostly for intermediate to advanced researchers, but several are appropriate for beginners. The institute will be held at the Hilton Salt Lake City Center in downtown Salt Lake City, Utah. Note that the Hilton is only a few blocks from the Family History Library, so attendees can research there after class is over for the day. For a list of courses and hotel and registration information, please visit www.ugagenealogy.org/aem.php?eid=24.
