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NHG NEWS

Annual Conference Early Bird Registration

The early bird registration deadline for NHG's annual conference is **Tuesday, February 20**. We are delighted to be hosting John Philip Colletta, PhD, and Aaron McWilliams as our featured speakers. Colletta specializes in federal records held at the National Archives, immigration and naturalization, and putting our ancestors into historical context. McWilliams is an archivist at the Pennsylvania State Archives. Friday's lectures will focus on records at archives —both the national and state levels. Saturday's lectures will include "Passenger Arrival Records, Colonial Times to Mid-20th Century;" "Naturalization Records, Colonial Times to Mid-20th Century;" "*Only a Few Bones: Case Studies in Assembling Sources to Reconstruct Real-Life Events;*" and "Discovering Your Ancestors' World through Maps and Gazetteers."

The conference will be held Friday, March 23, and Saturday, March 24, at the Columbian Room in Wexford. Registration forms are available at all NHG meetings. If you prefer to pay with a credit card, please visit www.northhillsgenealogists.org/cpage.php?pt=71.

Maia's Books will have genealogical books and related materials for sale. Come join in the fun and network with fellow genealogical enthusiasts during our annual conference!

NHG Nominations Committee

This year's NHG Nominations Committee consists of Dave Williams, Dave Egelston, and Al Hartman. They are looking for potential candidates for president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer. If you are interested in serving in one of these positions, please see Dave, Dave, or Al at a meeting. Alternatively, you can email Dave Williams at peggie

@consolidated.net. The committee has to finalize the slate for the annual election by Tuesday, April 3rd, at which time it will be presented to the board.

NHG Donates E-Books to Northland

As mentioned in the November newsletter, for the first time NHG donated several e-books to Northland Public Library. Due to how Northland and the Allegheny County Library Association handle e-books, we had to figure out some logistics for this part of the donation. This meant that we could not announce which e-books we purchased during our book presentation during our November meeting. We finally have confirmation that the e-books are available through the library catalog.

Anyone with an Allegheny County library card can now check out the following e-books:

- *The Family Tree Guide to DNA Testing and Genetic Genealogy* by Blaine Bettinger
- *Unofficial Ancestry.com Workbook* by Nancy Hendrickson
- *How to Use Evernote for Genealogy* by Kerry Scott
- *Tracing Your Ancestors through Family Photographs* by Jayne Shrimpton

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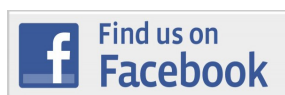
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WHO WE ARE—NHG

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



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Happy February, genealogists of the North Hills! It's Valentine's Day month, so that means love is in the air . . . or so they say!

This month, I'm thinking about the records our ancestors left behind when professing their love for each other and making it official through matrimony. This can also perhaps refer to the records our ancestors left behind in many places (until recently) when fulfilling their family's wishes and entering into an arranged marriage. Those records were more common than you think!

Many of us tend just to think about the marriage record itself, the vital record known as a certificate of marriage, usually obtained from the county or the state department of vital statistics. It has the bride and groom's information, the date and place of the marriage, and the parents' names (if you're lucky). However, there could be more than just the marriage record that was created. The additional documentation, if extant, often provides much more information than just the record itself.

Take Italy, for instance. Once civil registration was introduced in the early 1800s, each spouse needed to provide several documents in order to be married. These documents were packaged together and saved in what's known as *processetti* or *allegati* (roughly translated as marriage supplements or marriage attachments). If *allegati* exist for an ancestor's marriage, inside the file will usually be the birth or baptism of both bride and groom, as well as copies of their marriage banns. If they had previously been married, a copy of their first spouse's death record would be included. In addition, if a parent of either spouse was deceased, their death record would be included, and if the father and his father were both deceased, this paternal grandfather's death record would be included, too. (Parents were supposed to consent to the marriage; if they couldn't, the grandparents could.) Marriage supplements like this also sometimes exist in Germany, and probably in other countries, too. Finding a file such as these could help to jump-start or fast-track your research in ways many genealogists could only imagine!

However, it's not just across the pond where helpful additional marriage records exist. Some states or counties keep marriage licenses separate from marriage records/certificates, and the marriage licenses contain a great deal of additional information. In New York City, many are familiar with the one-page, front and back, marriage certificate. It specifies information about the spouses, their ages, their birthplace, their parents, etc. It seems like all of the necessary information is included and recorded there. But, starting in 1906, a separate marriage license affidavit was also filled out. On this affidavit, the birthplace of both parents was requested, as well as the name of former spouses. Additionally, immigrants may have specified their exact place of origin, as opposed to just listing a country for the certificate. On my great-great-grandmother's second marriage certificate, several key pieces of information were incorrect, including her father's name and the number of her marriage. This information, though, was correctly listed on the affidavit. Many states do keep their licenses and certificates together, but it's worth checking to see if an ancestor's state or country of interest organizes marriage forms differently. Note that Pennsylvania counties generally retain the licenses and the returns together in one file.

Another example of great records are Non-Resident Marriage License Applications. I have only seen these for about a dozen counties in New Jersey, but they are bound to exist in other places. These records were to be filled out when both parties were not residents in the county in which the marriage was to take place. (Gretna Greens, anyone?) On the New Jersey records, among the questions asked of the spouses were: "How long have you known him (or her) [your intended spouse], and has your knowledge been intimate or is it that of a casual acquaintance?" and "How long has he (or she) contemplated marriage with you?" and, my personal favorite, "Has that fact been known to his (or her) parents (or guardian, if any)?" What a treasure trove of information to add context to your ancestor's love story!

Of course, additional records might not exist for your area or time frame of interest. However, it's worth a second look to ascertain that there are no unnoticed licenses or applications. Who

knows? You might find out that the family legend that Granny and Grampa married after having known each other for two weeks was true, after all!

Happy researching, friends! See you at the meeting.

~ Rich

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- *How to Write and Publish Your Family History* by Noeline Kyle

Already these e-books have proved to be popular. As of this writing, all of them were checked out, but library card holders can request that a hold be put on the title.

NECROLOGY

The North Hills Genealogists sadly announces the passing of our member Clifton O. Highman on 31 January 2018 after a brief illness. Our sincere and heartfelt condolences are extended to NHG's Rose Mary Highman and the entire family during this difficult time.

Clif and his wife Rose Mary moved to the North Hills from Boulder, Colorado, in 2011, and soon after became active members of NHG. When they lived in Boulder, Clif and Rose Mary were also active in the Boulder Genealogical Society; they worked enthusiastically on projects and publications for the group for many years. If you knew Clif, you were told great stories of his genealogical pursuits and funny moments of life! Clif is also survived by his three children and two stepchildren, and five grandchildren.

SCRANTON DIOCESE PARISH RECORDS DIGITIZED

Press Release

February 2018

Shavertown, PA - After an intensive 20-month effort led by the Records Preservation Team at NEPGS [Northeast Pennsylvania Genealogical Society], the Scranton [Catholic] Diocese Parish Records Preservation Project is complete!

Formally launched in May 2016 with completion targeted for the March 2018 150th Anniversary of the Scranton Diocese, all primary goals have been achieved. Digitally preserving the irreplaceable parish records was of utmost importance considering the age and fragile condition of the older sacramental register books. Office staff at the parishes now can conveniently access their register books on their computers via external hard drives provided by NEPGS. This will help to arrest further deterioration of the register books since they will be handled less frequently. The project also creates a unique digital collection for genealogical research containing a wealth of information.

This digitized collection of parish records is one of the most important historical collections available for our region and contains a treasure trove of information for genealogists. In total, Roman Catholic records from 352 unique parishes/churches/missions and chapels spanning the period from the 1830s to present day have been digitally preserved.

All Sacramental Records from the parishes in the eleven northeastern Pennsylvania counties of the Scranton Diocese have been digitized and are available for research at NEPGS. Research access to the collection is limited to the in-house network at the NEPGS facility and is governed by the privacy guidelines established with the Diocese at the project outset.

Future editions of *The Heritage* will detail more about this important digital collection.

The project by the numbers . . .

- Digitized records from 120 parishes/185 churches/42 missions/5 chapels
- Over 3,600 Sacramental Register Books imaged
- Over 347,000 digital files created, each containing multiple record entries
- Over 18,000 volunteer hours invested
- Over 23,000 volunteer miles driven to/from parish offices

NEPGS is located at the caretaker's house in the historic Hanover Green cemetery, 689 Main Road, Hanover Township (Luzerne County, PA). Hours are Thursdays 10 am to 7 pm and the second Saturday of each month 10 am to 2 pm.

Further details are available from NEPGS at www.NEPGS.com or by contacting them at 570-829-1765.

[*Editors' Note: Written permission to reprint article obtained from Kenneth Stoddard, NEPGS Vice President.*]

USING MAPS AND GAZETTEERS TO VISUALIZE ANCESTRAL SETTINGS

By Sue Ennis, NHG Newsletter Co-Editor

Within the past year of researching my family's genealogy, I have had many instances when consulting a map or gazetteer has been helpful for visualizing the setting or for solving ancestral mysteries. Using print or digital maps, gazetteers, or atlases to evaluate genealogical facts is actually as sound of a practice as considering your ancestors within the historic context of the times in which they lived. Maps and gazetteers are often overlooked as great resources for genealogists!

An obvious, common use of maps is to locate a specific location and visualize the place where your ancestors resided. Two very quick resources to use when you are curious about a location would be www.mapquest.com or www.google.com/maps. Type a place name into the map's search bar and within seconds the place appears on an area map. Typically, you can zoom in or zoom out to provide more information. You can print a map from these commonly used sites or take a screenshot and save in your photos. In fact, most cellular phones have a built in map feature.

Historic maps are becoming more commonly available online, much like current maps are. Sometimes these older maps offer more than just geographic features and place names—boundaries with surrounding communities are included. Property owners or names of ancestral homes are listed. Neighbors are noted. Topography is examined. It is amazing how much information can be gleaned from maps.

The NHG Family History Conference will offer an in-depth lecture about maps on Saturday, 24 March 2018, presented by a nationally known, interesting speaker, John Philip Colletta, PhD. The session is titled, "Discovering Your Ancestors' World Through Maps and Gazetteers"

and will explain how these resources offer “essential tools” for genealogical research. There will also be a resource handout in the program packet that you can refer to as you progress through your own family history.

The lecture about maps and gazetteers is right before the question and answer session at NHG’s conference this spring. What a great opportunity to ask an expert! Add maps to your genealogical research tool box as your research continues. Seeing where our ancestors lived often aids in understanding their circumstances.

CHANGES FOR ENGLAND'S VITAL RECORDS

Two recent changes regarding vital records affect genealogists with English and Welsh ancestors. As background, England and Wales have required the civil registration of births, marriages, and deaths since 1837. These records are held by the General Register Office (GRO) and available to genealogical researchers.

The first change is that the GRO has announced an extension of their pilot program to provide PDF copies of birth and death records. The pilot has been extended through June 2018. In this pilot program, researchers can request PDF copies of birth records for 1837–1917 and death records for 1837–1957. The cost for the PDF copies is £6. The cost for paper copies is £9.25. More information about the pilot project is available at www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/certificates/PDF_most_customers_want_to_know.asp#PDF27.

The second change has to do with information included on marriage records. The BBC News announced this month that a bill has been introduced to update the type of information recorded on marriage certificates in England and Wales. The proposal asks to add the full name of both parents of each member of the couple on the official registration. If the bill passes, then this would be the first time since 1837 that any change has been made to English and Welsh marriage records. This announcement can be found at www.bbc.com/news/uk-politics-42919441.

SPOTLIGHT ON LOCAL REPOSITORIES: CRANBERRY FAMILY HISTORY CENTER

By Susan Ennis, NHG Newsletter Co-Editor

Not far from home is a place where anyone can search for genealogical records while receiving knowledgeable assistance. Have you been there yet? This month, NHG is highlighting another local repository with fantastic resources: the Cranberry Family History Center (FHC), 2771 Rochester Road, Cranberry Township, 16066.

The collections and databases available at the Cranberry FHC include numerous records on microfilm for Allegheny and Butler Counties. Additional microfilms cover some record groups for others areas of Pennsylvania plus New York, Eastern Europe, Wales, and Italy. There is a book collection of genealogical references, local family histories, cemetery listings, and Butler County obituaries.

The digital collection that researchers can access when visiting the Cranberry FHC is organized through the *Family History Center Portal*; researchers can only access the portal from within the FHC. Many of the options in this collection are databases that only offer paid subscriptions for individuals; however, these resources are all accessible free to visitors of the Cranberry FHC.

Here are the paid database titles offered for your free use when you visit the FHC:

- 19th Century British Library Newspapers
- Access Newspaper Archives
- *Alexander Street Press* – American Civil War
- *Ancestry*, World Edition
- ArkivDigital
- FindMyPast
- Fold 3
- The Genealogist
- *Historic Map Works* – Library Edition
- *Kinpoint* Premium
- *MyHeritage*, Library Edition
- Paper Trail
- *ProQuest* Obituary Listings
- *Puzilla*, Premium Services
- World Vital Records

In addition to full access to these databases, the FHC Portal links the user to about twenty more commonly used free sites, such as *FamilySearch* (main site, Learning Center, UTube, and Wiki), *Genuki*, *USGenWeb*, and more. Keep in mind, if you are researching and get stuck or do not locate what you need, the volunteers are right there to offer suggestions, aid in choosing search terms, or assist with computers.

The director of the Cranberry FHC is Ryan Henrie, a local resident, a member of the Cranberry Genealogy Club, and also NHG's May 2018 speaker. Ryan has updated many aspects of the FHC in the past year and a half and has assembled a group of volunteers to assist visiting researchers. He has also created helpful handouts and signs with suggestions for what to use first and how to access the Cranberry FHC's collections. This is helpful for first-time visitors and all researchers.

The Cranberry Family History Center is open to the public every Wednesday during the day from 9:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. and at night from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. There is plentiful free parking on the south side of the building; enter at the door labeled Family History Center. If the door is locked, simply ring the doorbell for entrance. The center currently has ten computers, four microfilm readers, a printer, copier, flatbed scanner, and microfiche reader. This spring, free classes will be offered for interested genealogists. Classes will be listed on the [Cranberry FHC page](#).

Special appointments are available by sending an e-mail request to Ryan Henrie at CranberryFHC@gmail.com. In the case of inclement weather, you should call the FHC before visiting to verify hours by calling 724-742-0922. The most up to date information is available at www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Cranberry_Township_Pennsylvania_Family_History_Center. If you want to make a full day of researching at the Cranberry FHC, there are several affordable restaurants conveniently located within two miles.

To find the FHCs around the world, use the location finder found at: www.familysearch.org/locations.

Although there are other research facilities with some of the databases that are offered free at this repository, the bonus feature of using the Cranberry FHC is the generous, personal assistance from the genealogy volunteers.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATED AROUND PITTSBURGH

During February each year there is a national focus upon black history and the contributions of African Americans through the history of the United States. Events during Black History Month include lectures, music, cultural programs, and exhibits in order to feature how "American citizens of African descent have shaped our nation's life and culture."

The Association for the Study of African American Life and History has an extensive website at www.asalh.org with national and regional events, publications, and historic resources. The 2018 theme for Black History Month is *African Americans in Times of War*; it was chosen this year to coincide with the remembrance of the end of World War I, one hundred years ago in 1918. This theme allows for a broader exploration of African Americans in all American wars throughout US history.

Genealogists who research and explore information about their African American ancestry can benefit from connecting with others who are searching for their family members and stories. Locally in Pittsburgh there is the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society (AAHGS), which meets throughout the year at the Carnegie Library, Homewood, 7101 Hamilton Avenue, Pittsburgh, 15208. The website for AAHGS is www.aahgspgh.org and provides links about membership, meetings, surnames, events, and Pittsburgh research resources. They can also be found on Facebook at *AAHGS Pittsburgh*.

Membership in the local chapter includes membership in the national organization AAHGS; the national organization maintains a separate website at www.aahgs.org which also provides links for genealogists.

If looking for celebrations close to home, there are published lists of cultural offerings. On the website for the Pittsburgh diversity network,

PUMP, there is a comprehensive list of Black History Month events and programs, which can be found at www.pump.org/black-history-month-2018-pittsburgh. Each listed event includes a direct link to detailed information about time, date, location, and program. Note that some of the events listed are focusing upon activities for children.

There is an interesting, interactive resource on the *Visit Pittsburgh* website related to Black History Month; this resource is a clickable map of Pittsburgh and the region, created for showcasing significant African American historic sites. The locations are categorized by the themes of settlement, sports, arts, famous Pittsburghers, religious properties, the Underground Railroad, and more. To access this digital map of historic sites, go to the *Visit Pittsburgh* site's blog at www.visitpittsburgh.com/blog/pittsburgh-celebrates-black-history-month, and click on the phrase "interactive listing" which is printed in blue. Once looking at the map view, each click brings up a location name, address, and a paragraph about the significance of each item. Remember that you can zoom out on the map to expand beyond Pittsburgh's boundaries and explore additional sites.

These organizations, events, and links offer rich resources to utilize with your genealogical research.

SWEDISH NATIONAL ARCHIVES HOSTS FREE DIGITAL RECORDS

As of 1 February 2018, the national archives of Sweden has added free digital records to its online collection. All of the digital collections of the Swedish National Archives are now free to search and to view. The Digital Research Room found at <https://sok.riksarkivet.se/digitala-forskarsalen> has more than 100 million archival records available. Interested researchers may search by collection group, individual, or topic. Databases include the census records, inventories of estates, church records, court archives, property records, and births, marriages, and deaths from 1860 to 1947. The archives will continue to add collections as they are digitized.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME AT REGION'S SCANDINAVIAN SOCIETY

The Scandinavian Society of Western Pennsylvania was formed in 1983 in the Pittsburgh region for individuals and families with Scandinavian roots. The main goal is to learn about and preserve the heritage and culture of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden, and the Faroe Islands.

The Scandinavian Society is associated with the Nationality Rooms Program at the University of Pittsburgh and the Scandinavian Folk Dancers of Pittsburgh. The group's website is <http://pittsburghscandinavians.org>, and they can also be found on Facebook.

The Scandinavian Society meets throughout the year and at various locations, with meetings ranging from cultural festivals to family nights to guest speakers. Some events are held at the corresponding nationality room at the Cathedral of Learning on Pitt's campus.

At this time, the Scandinavian Society is promoting the addition of a Finnish Nationality Room at the Cathedral of Learning by raising funds; donors can even designate the manner in which their funds can be used in the room's design. Currently there are 30 Nationality Rooms in the Cathedral of Learning, including a Norwegian Room and a Swedish Room. More information about the proposed Finnish Room is available on the society's website. There is also a membership form attached on the website; currently a single membership is \$20 per year and a household membership is \$25 per year.

WHERE GENEALOGISTS MEET

Monday, 26 February 2018 10:00 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.

Monday, 26 February 2018 2:00 P.M.
BUTLER AREA LIBRARY

The library plans a "Genealogy 101" program for beginning family history researchers. This will cover basic tips and tricks for people to get started researching their family history. Registration is required. To register, email Margaret at mhewitt@bcfls.org.

Wednesday, 28 February 2018 6:30 P.M.
CRANBERRY GENEALOGY CLUB

NHG member Debbie Billeter will present "Using DNA to Solve Genealogical Brick Walls." This program is a case study about finding appropriate candidates to solve a genealogical problem. The program will be held in the Cranberry Public Library's Franklin Station meeting room. Please visit www.cranberrygenealogy.org for more information.

28 February–3 March 2018
ROOTSTECH

Registration is open for RootsTech. More than 200 sessions will cover DNA, tools, organization, methodology, and more. The conference will be held at the Salt Palace Convention Center in Salt Lake City. The conference will live stream three keynote and sixteen regular sessions, which are listed at www.rootstech.org/live-stream-schedule. Note that times are listed in MDT. Additional information and a link to register are available at www.rootstech.org.

Saturday, 3 March 2018 12:00 P.M.
NORTHLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

Northland is holding a Genealogy Day! NHG members Elissa Scalise Powell, CG, CGL, and Ray Jones, PhD, will present lectures. Powell will present "Your Own Detective Story: The How and Why of Genealogy." Jones will present "Pursuing Genetic Testing: Making an Informed Decision." NHG will be on hand to answer questions and provide information. Registration

is not required. More information is available on Northland's website at www.northlandlibrary.org.

Sunday, 4 March 2018 9:00 A.M.
HEINZ HISTORY CENTER

Once again the Heinz History Center is partnering with the Westmoreland County Historical Society to hold an Irish Genealogy Workshop. Fintan Mullan and Gillian Hunt from the Ulster Historical Foundation in Belfast will present six lectures and hold a Q and A session during the workshop. There will also be a curator-led tour of the center's Irish American collection. The event will be held at Heinz History Center. For detailed information and to register, please visit www.heinzhistorycenter.org/events.

Wednesday, 14 March 2018 6:00 P.M.
WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

WPGS is sponsoring a series of sessions about using DNA in genealogical research. NHG member Ray Jones will be teaching the sessions. Participants should plan to attend all five sessions. Registration is required. To register, please call 412-622-3154. The cost is \$35 for WPGS members and \$50 for non-members. More information is available at www.wpgs.org.

Thursday, 15 March 2018 7:00 P.M.
COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF
ALLEGHENY COUNTY

CCAC is holding a series of classes about genetic genealogy. NHG member Ray Jones will be the instructor. The classes will be held at the CCAC North Campus. The cost is \$59. For more information, please visit www.ccac.edu/community-education and look at the Spring 2018 class schedule.

Saturday, 17 March 2018 9:00 A.M.
NASHI PREDKY ONLINE
WORKSHOP

This virtual event will feature four lectures: "Greek Catholics in Poland and Family Research," "Introduction to Ukrainian Genealogy," "Introduction to DNA and Genetic Genealogy," and "A Historical Overview of Ukraine." For more

information, please visit www.ukrhec.org/nashi-predky-online-workshop-2018.

23–24 March 2018 NHG ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Our annual conference will feature John Philip Colletta, PhD, and Aaron McWilliams as the speakers. Friday's sessions will focus on using archives. Saturday's sessions will cover immigration, naturalization, telling the stories of your ancestors, and maps and gazetteers. The event will be held at the Columbian Room in Wexford. The early bird registration deadline is February 20th. For more information, visit www.northhillsgenealogists.org, or pick up a brochure at a meeting.

Saturday, 7 April 2018 9:00 A.M. WESTERN RESERVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY LIBRARY

The WRHS Genealogical Committee is sponsoring an all-day seminar with the theme *Researching Your Ohio and Western Reserve Ancestors*. Peggy Clemens Lauritzen, AG, will present four lectures: "The Firelands, the Connecticut Western Reserve, and the Ohio Territory;" "Ohio: the Great Land Experiment;" "Migration Trails to the Ohio;" and "German Migration Into the Ohio." The seminar will be held at the WRHS facility in Cleveland, Ohio. For more information, please visit www.wrhs.org/research/library/genealogy/genealogical-committee.

7–8 April 2018 FAIRFAX GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY CONFERENCE

Both days of this conference will feature six tracks of four lectures each. This year's conference theme is *The Joy of Genealogy*. The conference will be held at the Westin Hotel in Falls Church, Virginia. The track topics will include church records, Jewish genealogy, Scottish research, African American research, using FamilySearch and its FamilyTree, and presenting genealogical information to non-genealogists on Friday. Saturday tracks will include Irish research, African American research using slave records, Quaker research,

recent immigrants to America, death and related records, and using religion and theology in your research. NHG President Rich Venezia will be one of the presenters. For more information, please visit www.fxgs.org.

11–14 April 2018 OHIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY CONFERENCE

This year's conference theme is *Blazing New Trails*. The conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency in Columbus, Ohio. Each day will feature five lecture tracts, focusing on topics like DNA, ethnic groups, technology, and Ohio and the surrounding states. For more information, including the schedule, please visit www.ogsconference.org.

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.

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

This year's seminar will feature Judy G. Russell, 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.



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UPCOMING NHG PROGRAMS

Tuesday, 20 February 2018
Bridging the Decades: Little-Used Clues from the Census

Elissa Scalise Powell, CG, CGL, NHG Book Marketing Chair

Learn how the US decennial censuses can give clues which, when used with other records, lead to more discoveries about an individual or a family. Each year enumerators asked new questions which need to be examined closely to discover new leads, wringing out every clue from this common source. Follow one family back in time as we examine these hidden clues in the census. Powell is a founding member of NHG and our first president.

Tuesday, 20 March 2018
Creating a Family Archive

Rebecca Kichta Miller, NHG Member

Miller will show us that there is a difference between

archiving your family history and scrap-booking the major life events of your family. However, preserving your family's original photos and mementos takes specific skills. Learn ways to take your prized possessions out of those old albums, storage boxes, and trunks and into this century. Miller served as the president of the Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society (2016–2017) and currently serves as editor of its newsletter.

Tuesday, 17 April 2018
Semi-Annual Roundtable

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!