



NORTH HILLS GENEALOGISTS

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NHG NEWS

Special Event – German Genealogy

On July 21st, NHG will hold a special event focused on German genealogical research. Michael Lacopo, DVM, will present two lectures “How to Overcome Brick Walls in Pennsylvania German Research” and “How to Overcome Brick Walls in German-American Research.” The event will be held in La Roche College's Palumbo Science Center in room PSC 101 from 9:00 A.M. to noon. Check in starts at 8:30 A.M. Attendees should use the La Roche entrance on Babcock Boulevard.

Registration is open for this event. The cost is \$5 for members. The cost for non-members is \$20 and includes a membership for 2018–2019. Registration forms will be available at the June and July meetings. For those who prefer to pay with a credit card, there is a registration link on our website www.NorthHillsGenealogists.org. Space is limited for this special event, so register soon!

Bonus Meetings

NHG will have two bonus meetings this summer in conjunction with the Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh. On Tuesday, 26 June, Blaine Bettinger will present “The Stories Behind the Segments.” On Tuesday, 24 July, Marian Smith will present “Fact, Fiction, and Immigration Passenger Lists.” Both lectures, which are free and open to the public, will start at 7:00 P.M. The meetings will be held at La Roche College. Follow the signs from the college's driveway at 9000 Babcock Boulevard.

Field Trip to Pennsylvania State Archives Planned for October

NHG has finalized details for its research field

trip to the PA State Archives in Harrisburg for exactly 10 members from Wednesday through Friday, 24–26 October 2018. As an NHG member benefit you may take advantage of the opportunity to travel with a small group of fellow genealogists from the North Hills area to our state capital and conduct genealogical research at the PA State Archives. This idea emerged during the planning of our recent spring conference program, featuring Aaron McWilliams of the state archives.

The state archives staff will be available to present an orientation at the repository once the NHG group arrives on Wednesday, 24 October. Those who plan to attend are expected to do some pre-planning to save research time. As a courtesy to the NHG group, the archives' staff will pull requested records in advance of the group's arrival. The archives staff members will interact with our research group each day to assist with and support individual research goals.

Due to the restriction on the number of members who may attend this field trip, NHG has created an e-mail address and time frame for reserving your spot and committing to attending the trip to **(continued on page 93)**

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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 Board Room. All members are welcome. NHG is a member of the Federation of Genealogical Societies.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Happy June, fellow genealogists of the North Hills! I hope your research is going well, and that you are utilizing some of the information you have learned over the course of our meetings this year and at our annual conference.

It's hard to believe this will be my last President's Corner! My, how two years flew by. It's been such a pleasure to serve as your president, and I am going to miss acting in that capacity. You can't get rid of me that easily, though—I am now co-chairing the Program Committee, along with outgoing Vice President Sue O'Connor and new board member, Lauren Scott Mallory. I look forward to continuing to serve NHG in that role.

Over the past couple of years, we have grown as an organization. We are now 200+ members strong, we added a *Members-Only* section to the website, and our annual conference is consistently a two-day educational event. We're voting on updated by-laws this summer, we've created both a DNA Special Interest Group (SIG) and a Writing SIG, and we streamlined announcements at the beginning of monthly meetings. We have implemented new policies and procedures, and we've created a Public Relations Committee to more accurately reflect our current endeavors and future goals.

Several members of the board also helped to implement an area consortium of genealogical societies, now known as TRAGG (Three Rivers Alliance of Genealogical Groups), to best share resources and knowledge with other local organizations. We actively participated in the Federation of Genealogical Societies' annual conference held in Pittsburgh in August 2017, and many of our members took the initiative to volunteer to ensure the conference's success. We've instituted a second round table meeting every year for our members to share their knowledge and have consistently educated both members and non-members alike at our bi-annual library lock-ins. We are now appearing every other month on KDKA's *Pittsburgh Today Live* to spread the good word of genealogy to the greater Pittsburgh area. Members of the board have been discussing how we can best benefit you—our members—and those discussions are ongoing and fruitful.

Looking forward, there is a lot to be excited about! NHG is sponsoring two, separate evening lectures during GRIP at nearby La Roche College this year with some top experts—Blaine Bettinger, a DNA authority, and Marian L. Smith, USCIS historian and immigration connoisseur. In July we will have a special event focused on German genealogical research—see the front page of this newsletter for details. We also plan to announce soon a new member benefit that will be found in our website's *Members-Only* section. We have planned a field trip to research in Harrisburg this fall and hope to make that a recurring event. We are actively pursuing other member benefits and opportunities; you can expect updates from us in the coming months.

I can't think of a better way to close out my NHG presidency than by sharing some of my Pittsburgh knowledge with you! I hope you'll join us at our general meeting on June 19th, where I'll be presenting "Pittsburgh Preview: Researching in the Steel City." We'll be discussing the various record sets and repositories that will be helpful in finding your ancestors who lived in Allegheny County (and some tips for the surrounding areas). I hope to see you there!

Be well, and happy hunting!

~ Rich

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the PA State Archives. There is no deposit required to attend the field trip. Your NHG membership must be current or renewed for 2018–19 in order to participate in this research event.

Reservations for the field trip to the PA State Archives will open at noon on Wednesday, 27 June. To register, e-mail your name, phone number, and e-mail address to: FieldTrips@NorthHillsGenealogists.org; in the subject line, please type PA Archives. Once the 10 spots are filled, a waiting list will be started. This way, we can be sure to fill all 10 spots, and the staff of the archives can plan accordingly. You will receive a confirmation e-mail once you sign up for the field trip, and then you can plan other trip and research details.

The hotel for this field trip is the Holiday Inn Express and Suites, Harrisburg South, a brand new hotel located 4.3 miles from the state archives. Attendees will be responsible for making hotel reservations on their own. A reservation at this hotel includes a hot breakfast daily, free WiFi, free parking, and a microwave and refrigerator in each room. The Holiday Inn Express and Suites, Harrisburg South is located at 190 Beacon Hill Blvd., New Cumberland, PA 17070, conveniently near the Pennsylvania Turnpike and off Interstate 83. The phone number for reservations is (717) 774-6400 or (800) 345- 8082 or by e-mailing them at HIEXNEWCUMB@gmail.com. Check out this hotel on the website, www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/us/en/new-cumberland/mdtcu/hoteldetail.

Research hours for NHG at the PA State Archives will be Wednesday, 1:00–4:00 P.M., and Thursday and Friday from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. The adjacent Pennsylvania State Library will be open Wednesday and Thursday only from 9:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Find out what records are available there by exploring www.phmc.pa.gov/Archives/Pages/default.aspx.

In addition to two nights at the hotel, participants can anticipate paying for three lunches, two or three dinners, parking fees, turnpike tolls, and gas. There will be a "Trip Talk" meeting in August to coordinate arrangements, including carpooling options and what to expect if a new researcher at the archives. Sue Ennis, NHG board member and newsletter co-editor, is the coordinator for the 24–26 October 2018 field trip to the PA State Archives. Set a reminder now to register for this field trip on Wednesday, 27 June starting at noon.

New Membership Year

Don't forget that NHG's membership year ends 31 July. If you haven't already done so, please renew your membership. There is a form on page 99 of this newsletter. Membership forms are also available at every NHG meeting. Drop off your completed form and payment at the June meeting or mail it to NHG, PO Box 169, Wexford, PA 15090. If you prefer to pay by credit card, visit www.NorthHillsGenealogists.org.

Elections

NHG is holding its annual election for officers, which are president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer. The ballot was in the May newsletter. Copies of the ballot will also be available during the June regular meetings. Members may give their completed ballots to any board member at a meeting or mail their ballots to NHG, PO Box 169, Wexford, PA 15090. Please submit your ballot by 30 June 2018. If mailing your ballot, please mark the outside of the envelope with "BALLOT".

Bylaws and Policies and Procedures Manual

The board has significantly revised our bylaws and our policies and procedures manual. The revised documents were sent to all members via email on May 10th and May 24th. A few paper copies of both documents will be available to review during the June and July meetings. During the August meeting, we will vote on whether to approve the changes. If you have any questions about the changes, please talk to President Rich Venezia or Vice President Susan O'Connor during a meeting or send an email to [Info @NorthHillsGenealogists.org](mailto:Info@NorthHillsGenealogists.org).

Updated Book Donation List

NHG has updated the list of books we've donated to Northland Public Library. The revised list is available on our website. To see the list, go to our website, www.NorthHillsGenealogists.org, and scroll to the bottom of the page. Look for the header "Northland Public Library Genealogy Books." The link to the list, which is in PDF format, is below the header.

How to Login to the NHG Website Members-Only Section

An ongoing goal of the North Hills Genealogists' board is to provide valuable options for personal learning through our NHG website. In order to access the members-only content, individuals must log onto the NHG website, found at www.NorthHillsGenealogists.org.

From the home page, scroll down to click on the "Members Only/LOGIN" menu link on the left

side of the page.

Login using the user name and password that was sent to you previously, either in an email that went out to all members in 2017 or in automated the email that you received if you joined NHG more recently. If you cannot locate your information, there are instructions on the login page for resetting your password by entering your email address and then following the directions in the message that will be sent to you. If you continue to have difficulties please send an email to info@NorthHillsGenealogists.org and we'll work with you to fix the problem.

Once you've logged in, you will see additional menu items under the "Members Only / LOGIN" option, including a "Profile" item for changing your personal information and password, "Newsletters" for downloading recent NHG newsletters, "Downloads" for downloading various documents, and "Logoff" for exiting the website.

July Newsletter

Remember—NHG does not publish a newsletter in July. The next newsletter will be published in August.

Save the Dates

NHG has scheduled another Library Lock-in at Northland Public Library. It will be held Friday, November 16th from 6:30 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. Registration for this event will open Monday, October 15th at 8:00 A.M.

Registration is open for NHG's 2019 conference, which will be held March 22th and 23rd at the Columbian Room in Wexford. It will focus on using DNA in genealogical research. Blaine Bettinger, PhD, JD, will be the featured speaker. NHG's own Ray Jones will also present a lecture.

PA STATE LIBRARY CHANGES HOURS OF OPERATION

The State Library of Pennsylvania has changed its days and hours of operation. Starting this month, the State Library will be open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. and on the second Saturday of each

month from 9:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. As with any repository where you plan to research, verify hours of operation and policies prior to arriving. Check for other research facilities in the same area to expand opportunities for regional or remote research.

DIGITAL PUBLIC LIBRARY OF AMERICA ADDS RESEARCH GUIDES AND CONTENT

The Digital Public Library of America (DPLA) recently added Guides for Research and more content as it celebrated its fifth anniversary. The DPLA, found at www.dp.la, offers digital content from more than three thousand cultural heritage institutions across the nation. The vision for the DPLA includes preserving records, primary source documents, and more but also to share and publish the items, providing convenient, remote access for interested genealogists and family historians for free.

Now, the DPLA hosts numerous sets of primary source documents, a browse by topic feature, and even full exhibitions. DPLA Pro is a service for networking and collaborating among historians and genealogists.

For example, if you are researching or writing about ancestors who participated in the California Gold Rush, then accessing the primary source set about that era can enhance your stories through news reports, images, recruiting posters, and mercantile ads. Some other primary source sets of note for your genealogical research are: The Victorian Era, The Battle of Gettysburg, The Eastern European Front during World War II, Immigration Through Angel Island, The English and the Jamestown Settlement, The Under-ground Railroad and Its People, or The Equal Rights Amendment.

Additional content is offered for every primary source set to include access to videos, photos, articles, news clips, or interviews. Teaching guides are part of the sources sets; they can be useful for genealogists as the guide links a sub-topic or event directly to the image, letter, or other items. Some carefully selected web sites are highlighted for their academic and historic content within each guide. The guides list

questions for discussion and for further research.

Content throughout the DPLA can be found through a general search or by topic, historic event, era, or time frame. Along the top portion of each search page, there is also a tab for sorting content chronologically (from newest to oldest OR from oldest to newest) or by date added.

Four of the most recent additions to the content of DPLA include records from Colorado, Ohio, Wyoming, and Washington, DC. The Colorado content includes histories of prominent families (with genealogical data), yearbooks of schools, college and universities, and corporations, and images spanning one hundred years of Colorado's history and settlement. The Ohio content added more than ninety thousand items including oral histories, town histories, propaganda media from both world wars, and unique history about Ohio and its residents. The Wyoming content presents books and booklets from the archives of the University of Wyoming, agricultural records, town histories, and thousands of images with captions of items from Wyoming families. The Washington, DC, content includes materials from the DC Public Library, Gallaudet University, the University of the District of Columbia, and the Washington Research Library Consortium. Highlights are photographs from the Civil Rights Movement, including the March on Washington; photographs of deaf children at schools across the country; and photographs, documents, and ephemera relating to the jazz scene in the city.

The inclusion of primary sources within your genealogy research enhances the lives of your ancestors, offers social context and commentary, and personalizes the times and locations that our families experienced. As with most databases, check back often for new content within the Digital Public Library of America.

NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY ANNOUNCES NEW COURSES

The National Genealogical Society (NGS) has announced two new courses in their Continuing Genealogical Studies program. The new courses are African American Roots: A Historical Perspective and Federal Land Records.

In addition to the new courses, NGS has these existing courses in their Continuing Genealogical Studies program:

- Effective Use of Deeds
- Researching 17th and 18th Century German Ancestors
- Introduction to Genetic Genealogy
- Genetic Genealogy: autosomal DNA
- Researching Your Revolutionary War Ancestors
- Introduction to Civil War Research
- Researching Your World War I Ancestors.

NGS also offers courses in their American Genealogical Studies (AGS) series. Courses in this series include

- AGS: The Basics
- AGS: Guide to Documentation and Source Citation
- AGS: Beyond the Basics
- AGS: Branching Out.

All of the courses are cloud-based and self-paced. Cloud-based means that participants are required to have a computer or tablet with a Internet connection to take the course. Participants have six months to complete a course, with a one-time three month extension.

More information about all of the courses is available at www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/educational_courses.

SPOTLIGHT ON LOCAL REPOSITORIES: WESTMORELAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

By Amy Arner, NHG Newsletter Co-Editor

The Westmoreland County Historical Society (WCHS) in Greensburg, Pennsylvania, has an extensive collection useful for genealogical researchers. The collection focuses on Westmoreland County and the adjacent area. A brief description of their collection is available on their website, www.westmorelandhistory.org.

The collection is divided into three sections. The first is held by the Calvin E. Pollins Memorial Library. The second part is the Edward H. Hahn Archives. The third part is an archaeological collection from Hanna's Town, which was the

first county seat. This portion of the collection includes more than one million articles excavated from the site.

The library has more than five thousand books, records, and documents. Some highlights of the library portion of the collection include

- Abstracts of early Westmoreland County wills and partitions
- Church histories
- Church records
- Community histories
- Early county atlases for Westmoreland and surrounding counties
- Family correspondence files covering approximately 3,500 surnames
- Genealogical how-to books
- High school yearbooks from the county
- Older area newspapers on microfilm
- Photocopies of some early Westmoreland County tax records (up to the 1840s)
- Published county histories from most counties in Western Pennsylvania and some in Central Pennsylvania
- Published family histories (more than six hundred)
- Published *Colonial Records* and *Pennsylvania Archives*
- Tombstone transcriptions from more than a thousand cemeteries

Note that the WCHS collection does not circulate. Also note that the library does not use Dewey Decimal nor Library of Congress call numbers. Books are arranged by category instead. Examples include agriculture, coal and coke, ethnic groups, forts and blockhouses, Native Americans, photography, rivers and streams, and transportation.

One of the unique resources is their cemetery surname database. When researching at WCHS, you can ask the staff to search their cemetery database for a particular surname. If the surname is in the database, the staff will provide you with a list of cemeteries in the county where people of that surname are buried. The list is keyed to the library's collection of cemetery transcriptions.

The archives portion of the collection includes photographs, manuscript materials, organizational records, and more relating to Westmoreland County residents and organizations. Access

to the archives portion is by appointment only. Please call 724-532-1935 ext. 210 to make an appointment.

WCHS is open Tuesday through Friday from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Their address is 362 Sand Hill Road, Suite 1, Greensburg, PA 15601. Their telephone number is 724-532-1935.

WHERE GENEALOGISTS MEET

Wednesday, 20 June 2018 5:00 P.M. CRANBERRY GENEALOGY CLUB

Cranberry will go on a cemetery walk at the Zion Lutheran Church in Harmony. After a picnic dinner, participants will take pictures of tombstones to fill requests on Find a Grave and BillionGraves. Participants are to bring their own food for the picnic. The cemetery's address is 557 Perry Highway, Harmony, PA. The event is free and open to the public. The rain date 27 June. Please visit www.cranberrygenealogy.org for more information.

Saturday, 23 June 2018 9:00 A.M. MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

The museum will host "From Pilgrims to Patriots: Researching Early American Ancestors." This all-day event includes five lectures, lunch, and an evening reception. For more information and to register, please visit www.amrevmuseum.org/events/pilgrims-patriots-researching-early-american-ancestors.

23-24 June 2018 WESTMORELAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

WCHS will hold its annual Frontier Court Reenactments at its Hanna's Town facility. The event focuses on the late 1700s, when Hanna's Town was the county seat. This event features court case re-enactments, military encampments, musket fire demonstrations, and more. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. Children age 5 and under get in free. More information and a complete schedule are available at www.westmorelandhistory.org.

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*. GRIP will also host free evening lectures on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday of the week. Please visit 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.

Wednesday, 27 June 2018 5:30 P.M. ZELIENOPLE 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. For more information, please visit www.zelienoplelibrary.org.

Saturday, 30 June 2018 11:00 A.M. FORT PITT MUSEUM

Author Fred Anderson will present "The Fall of Fort Duquesne, 1758: A Hidden History." He will discuss the role of the Native Americans in the area of the fort. For more information and to register, please visit www.heinzhistorycenter

[.org/events/fall-fort-duquesne-a-hidden-history](http://www.nhg.org/events/fall-fort-duquesne-a-hidden-history).

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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*. GRIP will also host free evening lectures on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday of the week. Please visit www.gripitt.org for more information.

Wednesday, 25 July 2018 5:30 P.M.
ZELIENOPE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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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. The event will be held at the main library, 60 South High Street, Akron, Ohio.

Saturday, 28 July 2018 10:00 A.M.
FORT PITT MUSEUM

The museum will hold their fourth annual Women's History Seminar. This discussion of eighteenth century history will feature two lectures, “History Myths and Women in Early America” by Mary Miley Theobald and “The Role of Seneca Women in Language Revitalization Efforts” by Ja:no's (Janine) Bowen. For more information and to register, please visit www.heinzhistorycenter.org/events/womens-history-seminar-2018.

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.

4–5 August 2018
FORT PITT MUSEUM

Join the museum for “Artillery and Artificers.” Learn about eighteenth century artillery and the trades that made it possible. Weather permitting, a replica six-pound cannon will be fired. See www.heinzhistorycenter.org/events for more details.

**13–16 August 2018
HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF
PENNSYLVANIA**

HSP is offering a four-day course on British genealogical research. Each of the four days will have a different theme: 13 August – DNA, 14 August – research in Scotland, 15 August – research in Ireland, and 16 August – research in England. Participants can register for the entire course or single days. For more information and to register, please visit www.hsp.org/calendar/researching-family-british-isles.

**Tuesday, 14 August 2018 6:15 P.M.
BUTLER COUNTY
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

Ruth Scott will present “Evan Evans from Riverboatman to the Oil Fields of Butler.” BCGS meetings are held in the basement meeting room of the Butler Area Public Library. For more information, please visit www.bcgs.us.

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

Registration is open for this year's conference in Fort Wayne, Indiana. A sneak peek of the program is available. The theme is *On the Three Rivers: Past, Present, & Future*. More than one hundred lectures and workshops will be presented during the conference. The early bird registration deadline is 1 July 2018. Please visit www.fgs.org for more information and a link to register.

**Saturday, 25 August 2018 11:00 A.M.
FORT PITT MUSEUM**

Dr. Timothy Shannon will present “Indian Captive, Indian King: Peter Williamson's American Odyssey.” The lecture is based on his new book *Indian Captive, Indian King: Peter Williamson in America and Britain*. In June 1758, Williamson claimed that he was captured by the Delaware Indians and then repatriated to England as a prisoner of war. The fee is \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and Heinz History Center members. See www.heinzhistorycenter

[.org/events](http://www.nhg.org/events) for more details.

NHG MEMBERSHIP FORM

The annual fee for membership in NHG remains \$15.00 for two people in a household. The new membership year starts 1 August. To ensure you don't miss an issue of the newsletter, please send in your renewal form by 31 August. To pay by cash or check, fill out the form below and mail it to North Hills Genealogists, PO Box 169, Wexford, PA 15090 or bring it to a meeting. To pay with a credit card, please visit our website www.NorthHillsGenealogists.org.

Current members can check their membership status any time on the NHG website.

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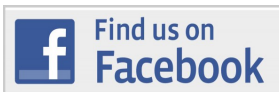
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UPCOMING NHG PROGRAMS

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.

Tuesday, 17 July 2018
Write, Edit, and Publish Family Stories

Susan Ennis, NHG Newsletter Co-Editor

Taking time to write your genealogical stories is important! Preserve memories before the details are lost, and use words to illustrate traits of family members. An editor and

writer since age 10, Sue Ennis will discuss methods for writing stories to build your family history. This presentation for both beginners and advanced writers will offer writing aids, tips about editing, current resources, and motivation for creating the narrative. Ideas for self-publishing will be reviewed. Feel free to bring a writing sample of your own to share!

Tuesday, 21 August 2018
Researching Your Jewish Ancestors in Pennsylvania

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