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NHG NEWS

NHG on TV

NHG's Rich Venezia and Linda Loewer will appear on *Pittsburgh Today Live* on 14 May between 9:00 A.M. and 10:00 A.M. They will discuss DNA and genealogy in Pittsburgh. They also appeared on the program in January and March. Recordings of their appearances are available at <http://pittsburgh.cbslocal.com/video/3791615-north-hills-genealogists-helps-you-find-your-roots/> and <http://pittsburgh.cbslocal.com/video/3830796-north-hills-genealogy-conference-being-held-march-23-24/>. More appearances are planned for later this year.

Elections

NHG is holding its annual election for officers, which are president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer. The ballot is on page 89 of this newsletter. Copies of the ballot will also be available during the May and 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. A few paper copies of both documents will be available to review during the May and June meetings. During the July 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.

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 Harrisburg

We're in the initial planning stages for a field trip to visit the Pennsylvania State Archives and the Pennsylvania State Library in Harrisburg. We are waiting on confirmation about dates for this fall, however we know that participants will leave on a Wednesday morning and return the following Friday. Members will carpool to Harrisburg and stay two nights in a hotel in the area. Meals will be on your own. More details will be published in the June newsletter.

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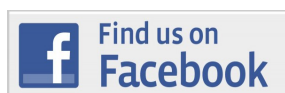
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WHO WE ARE—NHG

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

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

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



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Happy May, fellow NHG members!

I took a trip to Somerset County, Pennsylvania, earlier this month, and the success of the research trip reminded me about the importance of newspapers in deepening our research. Prior to my visit, I had come across an article about my person of interest in a local newspaper—a weekly issue, not even the main county paper, published far from my person's residence. Frankly, it was a newspaper I wouldn't have thought to look in had the result not popped up in a *Newspapers.com* search.

This article, from summer 1922, specified my person of interest had sued his former employers, claiming half interest in a "valuable invention". Not only was I unaware of the details regarding his former employment, but I also had no hints or family lore that this individual would show up in any civil or equity case file.

When I obtained this case file at the Prothonotary's Office, I was treated to 176 (!) pages of case proceedings, court opinions, etc. Included in that were 99 (!) pages of testimony, including quite a few pages of firsthand testimony, given by my person of interest.

While in Somerset, I searched in three other newspapers (two were the main county papers, and one was more localized to where my person of interest lived) for any mention of this court case, whether it be about the proceedings or the outcome. I found no additional coverage—meaning the only coverage of this case (at least that I could find) was via *The Meyersdale Republican* on *Newspapers.com*—a newspaper published twenty-five miles from my person of interest's residence. (As a point of interest, the other newspapers were published seven miles and eight miles away.)

Now, I likely would have looked into the civil court case indexes while in Somerset, even if I didn't have this newspaper article to point me there. However, I already had quite a full day planned—visits to the library, county historical society, a local cemetery, Recorder of Deeds, Register of Wills, and Tax Assessor's office. I may have placed those court case indexes on the bot-

tom of the list and perhaps not even gotten to them on that day. As it turns out, the most valuable information I obtained on my trip was in those 99 pages of testimony.

Always be sure to look into newspapers as a source, especially those that are digitally available and OCR-searchable. You never know what you will find and where those clues may lead you. (Also, don't forget to look in the court indexes—both civil and criminal. It may not be that your ancestors were getting into trouble, but in fact trying to claim something that was rightfully theirs.) Some good newspaper websites are *Newspapers.com*, *GenealogyBank*, and *NewspaperARCHIVE.com*. Don't forget that *Ancestry.com* and *FindMyPast* also have newspaper collections, and it may be that your newspaper of interest has its own digital archives.

Best of luck with your research, friends. I look forward to seeing you at this month's meeting, where we will be introducing our slate of officers for the 2018–19 program year, announcing our proposed bylaw changes, and learning about *FamilySearch* and Family History Centers from Ryan Henrie, Director of the Family History Center in Cranberry Township.

~ Rich

OAKMONT GENEALOGICAL STUDY GROUP DISBANDS

By Bobby and Dave Egelston, NHG Members

The Oakmont Genealogical Study Group (OGSG) has formally disbanded. The group, organized in 1987, met monthly at the Oakmont Public Library, put out a monthly newsletter, and published *The Verona Cemetery in Oakmont, Pennsylvania* in 1996 in conjunction with the Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society (WPGS).

Over the years the OGSG bought and loaned many works of genealogical and historical significance to the Oakmont Library for its genealogy room. The Oakmont Library, because the group is no longer meeting there and due to lack of space, decided to remove all the of the OGSG materials from their catalog database and

return them to the group. The OGSG then searched for a repository for the collection. The Oakmont Historical Society had no room to accept new materials. The OGSG donated many records of historical value, including local town and church histories, some yearbooks, and some unpublished family histories and cemetery transcriptions, to the Heinz History Center's Detre Library and Archives in Pittsburgh. The remainder of the collection, including many regional books and pamphlets, was donated to the Armstrong County Historical Museum and Genealogical Society Library in Kittanning. We thank these repositories for making these materials available to the public for research.

STEVE MORSE ADDS EVEN MORE FUNCTIONALITY TO HIS ONE-STEP SITE

By Dick Eastman

Steve Morse is well-known within the genealogy community for creating all sorts of software tools that (in most cases) extract information from the Web and display it in understandable terms. His easy-to-use routines have become sort of a Swiss Army Knife for genealogists and others. To see some of the earlier articles about Steve's great collection of tools, look at the list at <http://bit.ly/2JUqoqz>.

Here is the latest announcement from Steve concerning still **another addition** to his toolbox: "Since 2016 I have had a tool on my One-Step website for doing searches in the New York State Voter records. I just added a companion tool to search the New Jersey Voter records. Both tools are in the VITAL records section of my One-Step website."

The direct links to these tools are:

New Jersey: www.stevemorse.org/njvoters/njvoters.html

New York: www.stevemorse.org/nysvoters/nysvoters.html

Besides containing juicy information on your neighbors, like their party affiliation and whether they voted in the most recent election, the voter records also contain useful genealogical information such as dates of birth. And they

contain addresses, making it useful as a people-locator tool.”

Editors’ Note: This article was published by Eastman’s Online Genealogy Newsletter (EOGN) on 4 May 2018. The newsletter and a full archive of posts can be found at www.eogn.com. Thank you to Dick Eastman for allowing this article to be reprinted.

TLC’S WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE? RETURNS MAY 21

The television series *Who Do You Think You Are?* returns to The Learning Channel (TLC) on Monday evening, 21 May at 9:00 P.M. This is the tenth anniversary of the United States’ version of *WDYTYA?*; it is co-sponsored by Ancestry.com, which also provides research assistance.

The genealogy of six new celebrities will be revealed in this year’s episodes. Records from Scotland, colonial Massachusetts, Alabama, Ireland, and New England along with record groups related to women family members, emancipation, and early immigration will be utilized to discover if family legends are true and how each family overcame life’s obstacles. Famous guests to be featured this year are: Jean Smart, Hilary Duff, Jon Cryer, Laverne Cox, Molly Shannon, and Megan Mullally.

All past episodes of *WDYTYA?* can be viewed on the free TLC GO app or online at www.tlc.com. Check your local listings for reruns leading up to the premiere of the new season, if interested in catching up on past seasons. There is also a Facebook page for *WDYTYA?* that features clips of past shows and previews for episodes in the upcoming season.

NORTHLAND BECOMES AFFILIATE LIBRARY OF FAMILYSEARCH

Once microfilm distribution to Family History Centers (FHC) was discontinued last September, FamilySearch began efforts to offer local access to more digitized records than the casual user may access from home, especially if there is not a local FHC nearby. This series of events resulted in an increased opportunity for public

libraries to be named as FamilySearch Affiliate Libraries, which means that they can provide enhanced access to the contents of FamilySearch.org.

As FamilySearch explains, “Affiliate public libraries can request access to digital content on FamilySearch.org that is restricted . . . for the individual.”

For example, as rolls of microfilm are being updated through digitization, certain record groups, due to agreements with the repositories holding the records, are not available for research, except at a Family History Center. Some of this additional content is now also available at FamilySearch affiliate libraries, which is vital if living a significant distance from an FHC.

Northland Library decided to participate in the FamilySearch affiliate program and was approved on 27 April to do so. Therefore, library patrons can now access about 25% more of the digital record images when researching at Northland than from home.

The premium content from multiple databases will continue to be accessible to the public only at Family History Centers through their portal. Researching at an FHC is still the place to access the most FamilySearch genealogical content, but now that Northland has enhanced content as an affiliate library, you can research closer to home. Remember that FamilySearch adds a significant amount of new content weekly, so check back often for new record groups.

WEDDINGS: CAPTURING GENEALOGICAL MOMENTS

By Sue Ennis, NHG Newsletter Co-Editor

The official royal wedding watch for May 2018 is growing each day. Whether or not you are following this current event, genealogists can draw inspiration from weddings by reviewing what records are created for marriage and planning to gather family history from wedding guests, especially relatives.

Required records for marriages differ from one location to the next and have evolved.

Applications, licenses, and returns are typical in twentieth century research, but a larger county might request distinctive paperwork from what is needed in a more rural county. Despite what a state requires, local practices can be diverse. Simply put, when researching marriages, save time by first discovering what was required during that time period.

When unable to find a marriage record, using substitute records can help. These substitutes include church or parish registers, newspaper articles, photos, family lore, interviews, or even a printed program. I once asked my grandmother about unfamiliar names in the guest book from her 1928 wedding. As she explained the significance of each person, I wrote the name and the relationship in a notebook. That type of information could have been lost without the signatures to spark a memory or the time to discuss the guest list.

Circulate at a reception to talk with attendees and gather surnames, middle names, or even first names. Inquire about who's who and how each person is related to the hosts. For example, do all relatives called Sis have the given name of Margaret? What is Bud's actual name? Why was the Kirby family at every Metcalf family event? (The Kirby men were half-brothers to Mr. Metcalf.). Visiting with the oldest relatives at the wedding can lead to interesting conversations about family history. In fact, the current use of photo booths with costume pieces could be stretched to include audio interviews. Videotaping a group of relatives as they reminisce might unearth genealogical clues.

Cultural aspects of weddings can be traced to religious, ethnic, or family traditions. Cookie tables at a reception are not universal! Often an array of photos is displayed today to show the genealogy of the bride and groom and their families; in the '90s, slide show collages about the bride and groom were often shown. Be sure to notice these personal touches and inquire about the featured individuals. It is inexpensive to have a copy made for your family history records.

Take photos of family groups in attendance and be sure to note all names. Share those photos by sending copies or publishing them via social

media, adding brief captions. Asking questions of small groups of relatives can lead to more than one perspective about a family tale and a chance to synthesize the gathered details for a richer family history. Weddings provide an incredible opportunity to learn about the families of the bride and groom!

SPOTLIGHT ON LOCAL REPOSITORIES: CITIZENS LIBRARY

By Amy Arner, NHG Newsletter Co-Editor

Citizens Library in Washington, Pennsylvania, has a genealogy and local history collection focused mainly on Washington County and the surrounding area. The collection is kept in the Dorothea & Henry H. Hood Local History Center within the library. This is a separate room which is accessible by researchers during all hours the library is open.

The library's catalog, available at <http://catalog.waggin.org/polaris/>, lists almost 1,400 items relating to genealogy. The collection includes atlases, church histories, county and township histories, cemetery transcriptions, family histories, record abstracts, town histories, and more. Indexes for some of the books are available only at the library.

Also in the collection are some Washington County governmental records on microfilm. These include early tax records for all townships, some deeds, the earliest will books, and the early Orphans Court docket books. Note that when Washington County was formed it had thirteen townships, but now it has over fifty. Researchers need to pay attention to the township and borough formation dates, particularly when using tax records. There is a poster on the wall in the local history room with these dates.

The library's holdings include long runs of local newspapers, specifically the *Washington Reporter* (1808–1967), the *Washington Observer* (1872–1969), the *Observer-Reporter* (1970–present), the *Claysville Recorder* (1894–1973), and the *McDonald Record Outlook* (1892–1983). The newspapers are available on microfilm. There is no index for the newspapers, and they have not been digitized. To use them effectively, you will need the date of the event

you're researching. The library has some digital microfilm readers, so researchers can save information to a flash drive rather than having to pay for paper copies.

One unique resource at the library is the *Keyhole* collection. *Keyhole* is the quarterly published by the Genealogical Society of Southwestern Pennsylvania (GSSWPA). The library holds over thirty years of back issues along with an index to them.

Another unique resource is the GSSWPA pedigree chart collection. When someone joins the society, they are invited to fill out pedigree charts for their family. The library holds the charts. There is a index to the charts in a card file.

Ms. Hatfield is the genealogy librarian on staff. She generally works Monday through Friday and is available to answer questions and help researchers during that time. The library's address is 55 South College Street, Washington, 15301. Their website is www.washlibs.org/citizens. The library is open Monday through Thursday from 10:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. and Friday and Saturday from 10:00 A.M. to 5:30 P.M.

If you are not able to visit the library, the staff will conduct basic research for a small fee. More information about this service is available at www.washlibs.org/citizens/genealogy. The library does lend some family histories through inter-library loan. Their microfilm collection is not available through that service.

If you have ancestors who lived in Washington County, this is a wonderful place to research!

WHERE GENEALOGISTS MEET

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

This year's seminar will feature Judy G. Russell, JD, CG, CGL, also known as the Legal Genealogist. She will present four lectures: "Courting Pennsylvania: The Courts of the Keystone State," "When Worlds Collide:

Resolving Conflicts in Genealogical Records," "Don't Forget the Ladies: A Genealogist's Guide to Women and the Law," and "No Person Shall . . . Gallop Horses in the Streets: Using Court Records to Tell the Story of Our Ancestors' Lives." The event will be held at the Foxdale Village Auditorium in State College. More information is available at www.centrecountygenealogy.org.

Saturday, 19 May 2018 10:00 A.M. MEADOWCROFT ROCKSHELTER

Meadowcroft will host a special event "Life with a Shawnee Family." The Shawnee once lived in Western Pennsylvania. A Shawnee family will demonstrate the skills needed for daily life during the eighteenth century. For more information, please visit www.heinzhistorycenter.org/events/life-with-a-shawnee-family.

Saturday, 19 May 2018 1:00 P.M. AFRO-AMERICAN HISTORICAL & GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF PITTSBURGH

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

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

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

Wednesday, 23 May 2018 6:30 P.M. CRANBERRY GENEALOGY CLUB

NHG's Elissa Scalise Powell, CG, CGL, will present "How Researchers Find Hidden Treasures in Newspapers." The program will be held in the Cranberry Public Library's Franklin Station

meeting room. The meeting is free and open to the public. Please visit www.cranberrygenealogy.org for more information.

Thursday, 24 May 2018 7:00 P.M.
**UPPER ST. CLAIR TOWNSHIP
PUBLIC LIBRARY**

James R. (Bob) Hagerty will talk about how to write life stories for yourself and your relatives. The meeting will be held in the library's multi-purpose room, 1820 McLaughlin Run Road, Upper St. Clair. The program is free and open to the public, however registration is required. More information about the program and how to register is available at www.twpusc.org/library/library-home.

Tuesday, 29 May 2018 10:30 A.M.
ZELIENOPE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

9–10 June 2018
FORT PITT MUSEUM

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

Tuesday, 12 June 2018 6:15 P.M.
**BUTLER COUNTY GENEALOGY
SOCIETY**

NHG member Debbie Billeter will present "What I Did at Genealogy Summer Camp." She will share some of what she learned during the Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh's *Practical DNA* course. She will also discuss what it's like to attend an institute. The meeting

is free and open to the public. It will be held in the Butler Area Library's Basement Meeting Room.

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

This year's conference will feature John Philip Colletta, PhD, and Baerbel Johnson as the main lecturers, with six other people also presenting lectures. The event will be held at the Adams Mark Hotel in Buffalo, New York. On 13 and 14 June there will be optional field trips to repositories and museums in Buffalo. For more information, including a registration form, please visit www.palam.org.

Saturday, 16 June 2018 1:00 P.M.
FORT PITT MUSEUM

Join the museum for the "Fort Pitt Garrison Drill." The Fort Pitt Garrison will demonstrate eighteenth century military drills. Weather permitting, they will also fire a replica six-pound cannon. See www.heinzhistorycenter.org/events/living-history-fort-pitt-garrison-drill-june-16 for more details.

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

WCHS is planning its annual Frontier Court for June 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 it free. Watch www.westmorelandhistory.org for more details.

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

Registration for GRIP is open. The first week of GRIP will feature eight courses: *From Confusion to Conclusion: How to Write Proof Arguments*, *Mastering the Art of Genealogical Documentation*, *Thinking Genealogically:*

Advanced Methods, Irish Research, In-Depth Sources for US Military Research, Chromosome Mapping, Family Archiving: Heirlooms in the Digital Age, and Researching New York: Resources and Strategies. Please visit www.gripitt.org 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.

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.

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

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

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

The library will host an all-day seminar about

genetic genealogy. CeCe Moore will present “The Power of DNA: Genetic Genealogy Basics,” “Who Am I: Exploring Ethnicity Estimates,” “I Have My Results, Now What?,” and “Breaking through Genealogical Brick Walls with DNA.” The program is free and open to the public; however registration is required. To register, call 330-643-9030 or email speccollections@akronlibrary.org. 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 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.

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.

2018–19 CANDIDATES FOR OFFICERS OF THE NORTH HILLS GENEALOGISTS

NHG PRESIDENT

Dave Williams, a long-time NHG member, and his wife Peggie are residents of Pine Township. They have four children scattered across the United States and two grandchildren—one in the San Francisco area and one in Washington, DC. Dave is particularly interested in Welsh genealogy and has spent many years on a—so far—futile search for his great-great-grandfather’s home village in Wales. Dave is a former president of NHG, and his other interests include traveling, running, and volunteering with the Carnegie Mellon alumni association.

NHG TREASURER

Reed B. Powell is the current and longtime NHG treasurer. He works in the computer industry, currently for Merkle, an Internet marketing company in Green Tree, where he develops database applications. Reed is also the web master for NHG, and he lectures locally and nationally about the use of technology in genealogical research.

NHG VICE PRESIDENT

Faith Jack has been the self-appointed family historian since sixth grade when she began keeping attendance and minutes at her mother’s Hileman family reunion. The siblings and cousins who made fun of her then now clamor to get mentioned in the book and look over the history. Since then, her passion has developed into a genealogical hobby. As a school librarian, Faith loves research. Each family branch brings questions, secrets, and hopefully answers. It’s like solving little mysteries, her favorite genre. Over the past ten years, Faith discovered seven direct line patriots, one loyalist, and possible Mayflower ancestors. Joining North Hills Genealogists a few years ago really opened up the genealogy world for Faith. Through monthly meetings, annual NHG conferences, GRIP, and FGS, Faith has learned much and met many friendly and knowledgeable people. Serving as vice president will allow her to give back to the organization and community.

NHG SECRETARY

Kim Paulson is a native of the North Hills area. She grew up in Shaler Township and moved to McCandless Township twelve years ago. Kim earned her bachelor’s degree in business from LaRoche College and has worked at PNC Financial Services for thirty-one years where she is a human resources project manager.

Kim joined NHG in 2012 and has been a board member for five years. She enjoys researching her family history and is continually learning about genealogy through NHG members and resources. Her interest in genealogy started when she first watched the show *Who Do You Think You Are?* and since then, Kim has been tracing her ancestors in the Pittsburgh area and beyond. When she’s not researching her family history, Kim enjoys traveling, spending time outdoors gardening and doing various craft projects.

NHG VICE PRESIDENT

Rob Boston grew up in Hopewell and has been a resident of the east or west suburbs of Pittsburgh for over thirty years. Rob has been in IT his entire career in various positions and currently works as a software test analyst for Black Knight, a mortgage industry software company. A member of NHG for a year, Rob recalls an interest in genealogy and family history as far back as junior high. He recently discovered it was actually earlier; when sorting through his mother’s belongings, he found a collection of his old school papers. Written on old, yellow, wide-ruled tablet paper in #2 pencil, Rob had written about old family stories. He guesses you could say it was his first attempt at family history, even though he didn’t know that’s what it was called back then.

2018–2019 ELECTION BALLOT

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Note: Please vote for **one** person for vice president.

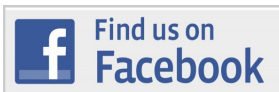
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Tuesday, 15 May 2018 **Using a Family History Center**

Ryan Henrie, Cranberry Family History Center Director

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

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

Rich Venezia, NHG President

Make the most of your Pittsburgh research by learning about the resources this city has to offer. This lecture—for researchers of all levels—will focus on archive and record repositories in the Pittsburgh area, providing an overview

of genealogically relevant material that family history seekers may find useful.

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!