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NHG NEWS

Election Results

Thanks to all who voted in this year's election—the results are in. Our officers will be President Rich Venezia, Vice President Susan O'Connor, Treasurer Reed Powell, and Secretary Kim Paulson. Congratulations to all!

Thanks for Volunteering

NHG had a booth in the exhibit hall during the recent Federation of Genealogical Societies' (FGS) Annual Conference at Pittsburgh's David L. Lawrence Convention Center. Many thanks to those who volunteered to work a shift at the booth: Amy Arner, Barbara Baum, Kate Bayer, Ken Berner, Mary Lou Craig, Patricia Damian, Dave Egelston, Lyn Fink, Al Hartman, Claudia Hickly, Carol Johnson, Lois Lang, Linda Loewer, Sylvia Lynn, Reed Powell, Amy Prager, Betty Schendel, and Judy Tutino. Many thanks also go to Sue O'Connor for coordinating the booth volunteers. We could not have done it without your help!

Volunteers Needed

NHG plans to have a table at this year's Hydref Festival, which is held at the Depreciation Lands Museum in Allison Park. The event will be held Saturday, October 7, from 11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. We need a few people who can stand at the booth and talk to people about NHG. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Dave Williams at peggie@consolidated.net.

Contest Winners

Congratulations to the winners of our contest to be reimbursed for their FGS conference fees.

Jeffery Johnson won the single-day reimbursement, and Michelle Witsch won the full-conference reimbursement. We hope Jefferey and Michelle enjoyed the conference!

We also congratulate Sue Anthony of Olean, New York, who won our drawing for a gift certificate to Maia's Books during the FGS conference.

Save the Date, Part I

NHG is partnering with Northland Public Library for another Library Lock-in. It will be held Friday, November 17 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Registration will open October 15. Check the Event Calendar on Northland's website (www.northlandlibrary.org) for more information.

Save the Date, Part II

NHG will hold its Holiday Social on Saturday, December 2. We will visit the Heinz History Center's Detre Library and Archives for a tour with librarian Mary Jones and archivist Sierra Green. The tour will begin at 10:00 A.M. After an optional group lunch, members are welcome to return to the Heinz History Center to do your own research or pay to tour the museum. Admission is

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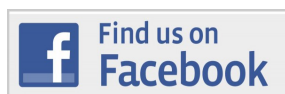
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WHO WE ARE—NHG

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

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

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



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Happy Autumn, fellow genealogists of the North Hills! While the calendar may tell us it's still summer, the weather certainly disagrees.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting after my summer away, as well as to sharing stories and bits of wisdom from my time abroad in these columns over the next few months. For this month, though, I'd like to reflect on my experience at the Federation of Genealogical Societies' 2017 conference held this month in Pittsburgh.

Set against the backdrop of the stunning Allegheny River, the David L. Lawrence Convention Center is a truly beautiful place to learn from and mingle with genealogists for a few days. The first day of the conference was dedicated to society management, and myself and several board members attended numerous sessions to find ideas about how you to serve you, our members, better. I learned strategies about how to more efficiently run board meetings, as well as some tips about how to plan trips for societies. Over the following days, I attended several lectures, learning about railroad records, the most effective ways to use the National Archives' (somewhat confusing) website, and the seemingly endless resources of the Heinz History Center, which were presented in a lecture sponsored by the North Hills Genealogists. It seems that every time I turned my head, I learned about something new that is available in the Detre Library and Archives at the Heinz. If you've never been yet, I encourage you to spend some time on their website at www.heinzhistorycenter.org/detre-library-archives.

NHG will hold its annual holiday social at the Detre Library and Archives. Plan to join us!

The exhibit hall was also abuzz and filled with great resources. NHG had our very own booth, of which our esteemed vice president, Sue O'Connor, did a fantastic job managing. As well, we had several members who volunteered time at the booth to spread the good word of NHG. I thank them profusely for their time and talents. The rest of the hall had many vendors of interest to the local genealogical community, including folks from the Fayette County Genealogical Society and Uniontown Public Library, the

Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society, Forever (a file/photo storage service based right here in western Pennsylvania), and many others. I think I learned nearly as much in the exhibit hall by talking to people and discovering new products as I did in the lecture sessions!

It was wonderful to see so many of you there. I hope your experiences were as positive as mine were. Hopefully, this isn't the last national conference that Pittsburgh sees for a while!

One thing that FGS got me thinking about was how NHG can collaborate with other local societies. We are fortunate to live in an area that is full of genealogical societies, many of whom offer different programming or resources than we do.

We decided at our last board meeting to create a Collaboration Committee, so we can best reach out to other societies and see how we might be able to work together. Are you a member of any other local societies? Does this sound like something that may interest your society? Please feel free to email me at President@NorthHillsGenealogists.org with your ideas or even just the name of your society so we can make sure to include it on our list.

See you at the next meeting! Stay warm!

~ Rich

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free to the library. Sign ups for the social will start at our October meeting.

Beginners Packet on Website

NHG created a Genealogy Beginner's Packet to help people get started on their family history research. The packet is now available in the Members Only section of our website. After you log in, there will be six options in non-bold type under the Members Only label of the menu on the left side of the page. Select the Downloads option under Members Only, which will take you to a page that lists the Genealogy Beginner's Packet. You can download the packet as a PDF.

Did You Know?

All NHG members are welcome to attend our board meetings. The meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 P.M. in Northland Public Library's Board Room.

NHG Annual Conference

Registration is open for NHG's annual conference, which will be held Friday, March 23, and Saturday March 24 at the Columbian Room in Wexford. We are delighted to have John Philip Colletta, PhD, and Aaron McWilliams as the featured speakers. Colletta specializes in federal records held at the National Archives. 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 focus on immigration, naturalization, how to put your ancestors into historical context, and maps and gazetteers. 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.

NECROLOGY

NHG was saddened to learn that long-time member Alice Tymas died 10 November 2016. Our sympathy goes out to her husband, children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and siblings.

CELEBRATE YOUR ROOTS DURING NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

By Sue Ennis, NHG Newsletter Co-Editor

Annually in the United States, September 15 – October 15 is the time to celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month. During this month, “Americans . . . celebrate the histories, cultures, and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America.” Who in your family has Hispanic roots?

Starting National Hispanic Heritage Month on September 15 is purposeful. According to the US Hispanic Heritage site, www

hispanicheritagemonth.gov, this date is the day Nicaragua, El Salvador, Guatemala, Costa Rica, and Honduras gained independence. Additionally, Mexico marks independence on September 16 and Chile on September 18 each year. As of 2017, six to seven generations of Hispanic-Americans have “positively influenced and enriched our nation and society.” This alone is worth celebrating!

There are some great links and resources on the official site to get started researching your Hispanic family members. Here are the top three recommendations for finding information and record collections related to your Hispanic ancestors:

- Start with the FamilySearch.org Wiki, “Hispanic Genealogy Resources Online”, which was updated on September 1st and is found by clicking: www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Hispanic_Genealogy_Resources_Online.
- Another great site is the *Hispanic Genealogical Society*, based in Houston, Texas, which has a links page for genealogists with Hispanic family members. This page is found at www.hispanicgs.com/blank.html.
- *Family Tree Magazine* has a section of their website dedicated to the “Top Hispanic Genealogy Websites”, found at www.familytreemagazine.com.
- The *Hispanic Genealogical Society of New York* provides a dynamic and interactive website for researchers. The website is located at www.hispanicgenealogy.com. The “Resources” tab allows the user to first pick a country of origin and then click on various record groups. There are also links to “Publications” and “Events”. When you contact this society, there is a message board for queries and networking.
- *The Puerto Rican Hispanic Genealogical Society* has a website at www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~prhgs/archives.htm#Archives and it features a long list of links to online records and websites for researchers. There is also a link to surnames and their history along with ways to connect to others researching the same family.
- There is a guide to “Hispanic Genealogical Research” on the website of the San Antonio (Texas) Public Library, found at <http://guides.mysapl.org/hispanicresearch>. The links connect to informational pages as well as

resources. The library notes that this guide will be updated several times each year.

By learning about our unique ethnic heritage(s), we preserve our family’s customs and traditions and celebrate our cultural roots with pride and understanding.

SPOTLIGHT ON LOCAL REPOSITORIES: WEIR GENEALOGY ROOM

By Sue Ennis, NHG Newsletter Co-Editor

The Weir Genealogy Room at the Butler Area Public Library contains one of the best collections of records and resources in the Western Pennsylvania region. Located in downtown Butler, this public library has a designated facility for the genealogy collection.

First of all, the Weir Genealogy Room has a sizable collection of print books, both reference and special topics. Prior to visiting the library, you can browse the online card catalog, which is linked from the Genealogy page. Make note of any books that contain information for your genealogical research.

There are two prominent genealogical databases available through the Butler Area Public Library: *Ancestry Library Edition* and *Heritage Quest*. In fact, *Heritage Quest* is available from your home by inputting any Butler County Federated Library System’s library card number! This is indeed convenient for researchers.

Volunteers have worked to create a third database, called the Obituary and Newspaper Index. This collection is “an index to over 390,200 newspaper articles published in Butler County newspapers from 1818–today.” You will mostly find obituaries and death notices. You can search this database from home. Some other citations for Butler County residents are included in this unique collection. Access all databases from this web page titled “Genealogy Services” and found at www.butlerlibrary.info/genealogy.

Here is a summary listing other resources available for genealogists in the Weir Room of the library:

- National indexes and research aids (passenger lists, nationalities and ethnicities, and military)
- Pennsylvania records, organized by county
- Butler County records (cemetery index, county histories, family histories, vertical files, topical binders and books, maps, church programs and records, and city directories)
- Microfilm records (Butler County newspapers, probate files, census, county poor farm, Sanborn maps, and miscellaneous nineteenth century county documents)

Special genealogical classes are offered by the Butler Area Public Library monthly during most of the year; classes are free, but participants must register with the library by signing up at the circulation desk or by emailing Margaret Hewitt at mhewitt@bcfls.org. Hewitt is the Special Collections Librarian at Butler Public Library. You can find out the details about the classes on their web page, www.butlerlibrary.org or under “Where Genealogists Meet” in this newsletter.

Remember to access and peruse the web pages for the Weir Genealogy Room of the Butler Area Public Library prior to visiting this repository. This library is located at 218 North McKean Street, Butler, PA 16001. The phone number is 724-287-1715. Hours of operation are Monday through Thursday from 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M., Friday from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. and Saturday from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. The library is closed on Sundays and some holidays. Genealogy questions can be sent to baplgenealogy@bcfls.org.

THE VALUE OF ATTENDING GENEALOGY CONFERENCES: NHG MEMBERS REVIEW FGS 2017

The North Hills Genealogists were well-represented at the recent national conference of the Federation of Genealogical Societies in Pittsburgh as speakers, volunteers, and attendees.

NHG’s spring conference and workshops on 23–24 March 2018 offer another local educational event for all levels of genealogical researchers, and registration is open now. This conference is

close to home and will feature renowned speaker John Philip Colletta, PhD, with Aaron McWilliams from the Pennsylvania State Archives.

There are many reasons to participate in genealogical conferences. The value of conferences and workshops is directly related to what you gain to enhance your family history research! Plan now to attend the NHG 2018 Annual Conference. In the words of your fellow NHG members who attended FGS:

Ken Berner, Membership Chair: “Besides spending some excellent time in a variety of classes and meeting new people from around the country while manning the NHG booth, I really appreciated the downloadable conference app. The app made available every handout from every lecture at FGS (and a sponsored, self-serve tech center allowed you to print them out, for free). The app also showed the locations of everything on all floors of the massive convention center, enabled you to arrange your class or exhibitor's booth schedules, set up a To Do list of things you didn't want to forget, and even sent you reminders, if you wished, that it was time to move on to the next "can't miss" item on your list. And that was just a sampling of the app's capabilities.

“I took advantage of the signage outside each classroom in the hallway showing the time and presenter of each lecture that was to be delivered in that room that day,” Ken added. “It was very easy to just walk down the hallway and pop into a lecture of interest where my schedule was open, or when I decided to just alter my schedule on the spot.”

Sue O’Connor, Vice President: “I had heard people talk about attending national conferences but never thought I would be one of them. I am so glad I made the decision to attend the recent FGS Conference! The speakers and vendors provided me with so much valuable information, and meeting fellow genealogists of all levels from all over the country was amazing.”

Elissa Scalise Powell, Book Publicity Chair: “Although I have attended many conferences, each one is different and has its own 'flavor.' The most recent FGS conference in Pittsburgh had many sessions about regional topics, which I am

eager to hear from the purchased recordings. Since I already have the syllabus of all the over one hundred handouts, it is almost like being there. I look forward to the National Genealogical Society conference in May in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and the FGS conference in August in Fort Wayne, Indiana.”

Reed Powell, Treasurer: “Spending a few days totally immersed in an environment where everybody around you is interested in genealogy, sharing their research stories and yours, listening to lectures from the experts on the topics that you've wanted to have a better understanding of— all of this is guaranteed to take your research and your enthusiasm to a new level and to kick-start some of those dead-ends that you've been avoiding.”

Sue Ennis, Newsletter Co-Editor: “I was looking forward to attending FGS 2017 in Pittsburgh from the moment it was announced. The convenience of driving to the conference to and from home allowed me the think-time needed to digest the incredible, detailed information I absorbed in every session. So many new resources to explore! I also volunteered with FGS to assist with monitoring rooms and at registration. Volunteering allowed me to network with many new people from around the nation about genealogy and to welcome them to our area. I encourage all members of NHG to find a local, regional, or national conference to attend so that your knowledge of records, methods, and projects continues to grow.”

Amy Arner, Newsletter Co-Editor: “There are many reasons to attend a national genealogical conference held in an area where your ancestors lived. One is to hear presentations that you might not find anywhere else. That's what I did during this year's FGS conference. I was able to attend sessions on a variety of esoteric topics relating to research in Pennsylvania. I learned about the black laws of Pennsylvania, Scottish Covenanters who immigrated to Pennsylvania and New Jersey, the Draper Manuscript Collection, federal records relating to rivers and canals, and so much more. The opportunity to learn about varied records specific to Pennsylvania was invaluable.”

SUSTAINING PITTSBURGH'S JEWISH GENEALOGY SOCIETY

With the popularity of using DNA results to advance and focus one's family research, many genealogists are learning about their Jewish roots for the first time. The International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies (IAJGS) is dedicated to supporting and maintaining local Jewish Genealogical Societies with the goal “to assist and promote the research of Jewish family history” with seventy local societies around the world.

Unfortunately, as of 2010, the Jewish Genealogical Society of Pittsburgh (JGSP) had ceased to hold regular meetings. However, they have maintained a web presence. The website for JGSP is found at www.jewishgen.org/jgs-pittsburgh. JGSP also maintains a Facebook page @pghjgs, *Jewish Genealogy Society of Pittsburgh*. For genealogists with Jewish roots who live in the Pittsburgh area, the JGSP web site offers many links for getting started in researching your Jewish ancestors. The best link might be the “Pittsburgh Resources” link, which lists five local “Libraries and Archives” holding record collections of interest and a “Cemetery” link, with information about a Western Pennsylvania Jewish cemetery project.

Recently, and with the support of IAJGS, two individuals have volunteered to re-organize the Jewish Genealogy Society for the Pittsburgh area. IAJGS is collaborating with JewishGen, Inc. to “identify researchers that are not currently members of a local Jewish genealogical society” in order to bolster and sustain local groups. Local groups provide networking to share resources and successful research, to locate and preserve regional records, and to offer its members opportunities to learn.

Nolan Altman, JewishGen's vice president and an IAJGS Board Member, attended the FGS conference in Pittsburgh and is seeking additional people from the Pittsburgh area who might be interested in getting involved in the Jewish Genealogical Society of Pittsburgh. Any individual interested in becoming a member or in helping to organize the local group, please contact him at NAltman@JewishGen.org.

Additional resources for genealogy and Jewish history may be found by browsing the website and blog of IAJGS: www.iajgs.org/blog. Note the following links from the IAJGS main web page: “Conferences”, “Resources”, and “About”. These links lead to excellent information to support Jewish genealogical research.

DIRECTORY OF PENNSYLVANIA GENEALOGICAL AND HISTORICAL SOCIETIES AVAILABLE ONLINE

Pennsylvania is a big state, with hundreds of genealogical and historical societies. One of those societies may be helpful for your genealogical research, but learning about it can be challenging. Fortunately, a resource exists to help us. Stephanie Hoover has created a list of genealogical and historical societies in the state and put it on her website for free at www.pennsylvaniaaresearch.com/directory-pennsylvania-genealogical-societies.html. The entries are arranged alphabetically by society name. All entries include the mailing address, and some include an email address and/or a link to the society's website. By using the Find feature in your browser, you can search for a town name to find societies that are relevant to your research. Check it out!

WHERE GENEALOGISTS MEET

Saturday, 23 September 2017 8:00 A.M. LIGONIER HIGHLAND GAMES

The games celebrate Scottish heritage and cultures. Events will include musical performances, musical competitions, dancing competitions, a traditional storytelling, a Shetland pony exhibit, a genealogy tent, and more. The games will be held at Idlewild Park. Please visit www.ligonierhighlandgames.org for more information.

Monday, 25 September 2017 6:30 P.M. ZELIENOPLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

NHG Newsletter Co-Editor Susan Ennis will lead a workshop in learning tips and tricks to grow your family tree using Ancestry.com Library Edition and other databases. Please bring a laptop or tablet if you have one available.

It 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!

Wednesday, 27 September 2017 6:30 P.M. CRANBERRY GENEALOGY CLUB

NHG Newsletter Co-Editor Susan Ennis will present “Productive Google Searches for Genealogists.” The program will be held in the Cranberry Public Library's Franklin Station meeting room. Please visit www.cranberrygenealogy.org for more information.

Thursday, 28 September 2017 3:00 P.M. NEW ENGLAND HISTORIC GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Nathan Lane Taylor, PhD, FASG, will present “Introduction to Heraldry in America.” Taylor will cover the history of heraldry in the United States from colonial times to the present day. This webinar is free and open to the public. More information is available at www.americanancestors.org/education/online-classes.

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

The Heinz Center will hold its annual Italian Heritage Day from 10:00 A.M. until 3:00 P.M. This family-friendly event features activities for all ages—including learning how to play bocce, making arts and crafts, live cooking demonstrations, musical performances, and exploring your family history. NHG will have volunteers on hand to help with the exploration of family history. Additional details are available at www.heinzhistorycenter.org/events.

Wednesday, 4 October 2017 5:30 P.M. ITALIAN SONS & DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA

NHG President Rich Venezia will present “Demystifying Dual Citizenship: The Purpose and Process.” The program will be held at the St. Jude Lodge in Verona. It is free, although registration is required. Contact Rich at richvenezia

[@gmail.com](#) for details.

6–7 October 2017
NASHI-PREDKY FALL CONFERENCE

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

Tuesday, 10 October 2017 6:00 P.M.
UPPER ST. CLAIR LIBRARY

NHG President Rich Venezia and Lisa Webster will be the featured experts at the library's Save Your Photos event. Attendees are encouraged to bring up to ten photographs to scan. Registration is required due to limited space—call 412-835-5540, ext. 283. More details are online in the library's event calendar at www.twpusc.org/library/programs.

Saturday, 14 October 2017 10:00 A.M.
WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

NHG President Rich Venezia will present “The Aliens Are Coming! USCIS Record Sets.” The program will be held in the Carnegie Library Lecture Hall in Oakland. The program is free and open to the public. More details are available at www.carnegielibrary.org/event/western-pennsylvania-genealogical-society-lecture-series-aliens-coming-uscis-record-sets.

Sunday, 15 October 2017 2:00 P.M.
BALTZER MEYER HISTORICAL
SOCIETY

Carl Webberking will present “Three Field Trips through Somerset and Bedford Counties,” which is a discussion of day trips that can help your understanding of history and geology. The event will be held at the Baltzer Meyer facility, 642 Baltzer Meyer Pike, Greensburg. It is free and open to the public. See www.baltzermeyer.pa-roots.com for more information.

16–23 October 2017
GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH SOCIETY
OF NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

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

17–21 October 2017
CZECHOSLOVAK GENEALOGICAL
SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL

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

Thursday, 19 October 2017 6:00 P.M.
BUTLER AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Barbara Baum will present “Understanding DNA and Your Family Tree.” The program will be held in the library's Basement Meeting Room. Register by emailing Margaret at mhewitt@bcfls.org or signing up on the sheet across from the circulation desk.

Saturday, 21 October 2017 11:00 A.M.
FORT PITT MUSEUM

The museum will host its second annual Dunmore's War Seminar. Jeremy Turner will present “Living Legacies of Logan's Revenge and Lord Dunmore's War.” Registration is required. For more information, please visit www.heinzhistorycenter.org/events/dunmores-war-seminar-2017.

Saturday, 21 October 2017 2:00 P.M.
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF

SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

Ken Britten and Judy Baker will present “How to Use Ancestry and FamilySearch.” The program will be held at Citizen's Library, 55 South College Street, Washington. This event is free and open to the public. See www.genealogicalsocietyswpa.com for more information.

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

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

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

Rabbi Barbara Aiello will present “I'm Italian, but Could I Be Jewish Too?” She will discuss the history of hidden Jews in Southern Italy. Registration is required. Please visit www.heinzhistorycenter.org/events for more information.

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

Rabbi Barbara Aiello will present “Italian Jews and World War II.” She will discuss how Southern Italians saved four thousand Jews during the war. Registration is required. Please visit www.heinzhistorycenter.org/events for more information.

Tuesday, 7 November 2017 6:00 P.M. BUTLER AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY

The library will host “Intro to Pennsylvania Genealogy,” which is geared toward beginning and intermediate researchers. The program will be held in the library's Basement Meeting Room. Register by emailing Margaret at mhewitt@bcfls.org or signing up on the sheet across from the circulation desk.

Saturday, 11 November 2017 10:00 A.M. BUCKS COUNTY ANCESTRY FAIR

The Bucks County Genealogical Society is holding its annual Ancestry Fair at the Bucks County Community College in Perkasio, Pennsylvania. The fair will have lectures on Pennsylvania research, Irish research, using DNA, and more. Visit www.ancestryfair.org for more information.

Saturday, 11 November 2017 10:00 A.M. WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Elizabeth Williams will present “Pittsburgh and World War I.” Williams wrote *Pittsburgh in World War I: Arsenal of the Allies*. The program will be held in the Carnegie Library Lecture Hall in Oakland. The program is free and open to the public. More details are available at www.carnegielibrary.org/event/western-pennsylvania-genealogical-society-lecture-series-aliens-coming-uscis-record-sets.

21–26 January 2018 SALT LAKE INSTITUTE OF GENEALOGY

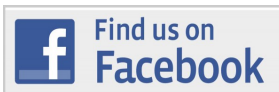
Registration is open for SLIG 2018. SLIG is offering fourteen courses—several have waiting lists, but the rest still have seats available. The courses are mostly for intermediate to advanced researchers, but several are appropriate for beginners. The institute will be held at the Hilton Salt Lake City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



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UPCOMING NHG PROGRAMS

Tuesday, 19 September 2017 **The North Hills through the Decades**

Joe Bullick

Bullick, a lifelong resident of the Wexford area, has collected pieces of North Hills history and other memorabilia for more than twenty years. The collection was recently turned over to McCandless Township and is now housed at the McCandless/Northern Allegheny Heritage Center. He will talk about his memories of the North Hills and how it has changed over the decades.

Tuesday, 17 October 2017 **Writing and Publishing Your Family History**

Sharon Castle, PhD

What do you do with boxes of research you did or inherited from a family member? Write the book of course! Sharon will share her process about how she gathered research,

photos, and hand-drawn maps to produce a legacy book which shares her mostly Quaker heritage. Sharon is a retired Associate Professor of Education from George Mason University. She wrote a research paper about her grandmother entitled, "The Apple Tree," which inspired her aunt Charlotte (Castle) Neal, the family genealogist, to identify Sharon as the eventual writer of the Castle genealogy book.

Tuesday, 21 November 2016 **Annual Round Table**

If you missed last year's, you missed a great exchange of information and ideas! Our annual Round Table has proved to be a successful meeting of information, guidance, and cousin-finding for those in attendance. 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. Bring a notepad and pen to capture this terrific information exchange!