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NHG NEWS

Register for April Meeting

Remember that you need to register to attend the April meeting. There will not be a virtual attendance option—you must attend in person. The link to register is listed at <http://register.NorthHillsGenealogists.org>. This will be one of our semi-annual round table discussions.

Photos Needed for May Meeting

The Program Committee is still seeking some photos for our May meeting. They are looking for photos from a variety of time periods and locations so our speaker, Maureen Taylor, can demonstrate the techniques she uses to date photographs. Taylor is known as The Photo Detective. She'll educate and entertain us with a "Photo Detective Roadshow" via webinar, in which she'll provide new clues about photos which you might be having trouble identifying. If you are interested in having clues about your photo unveiled in front of the audience, please submit no more than two photos per member to programs@northhillsgenealogists.org. The committee will select the photos at random and inform you in advance of the event if your photos were selected. We request that you be present for the May meeting if your submission is selected.

Spring Library Lock-in

There is a waiting list to registration for NHG's Spring Library Lock-in at Northland Public Library, which will be held Friday, April 26th. A few people usually cancel their registrations for the lock-in, so we should be able to accommodate several people from the waiting list. If you have registered for the lock-in and find that you cannot attend, please call Northland at 412-366-8100 ext. 113 and let them know. This popular event allows attendees to

have the opportunity to work on their own research while volunteers are available to answer questions.

Doors open at 6:30 P.M. Attendees must be in the library by 7:00 P.M. The lock-in will end at 10:00 P.M. Attendees will be able to search the library's subscription databases, including *American Ancestors*, *Ancestry.com Library Edition*, and *HeritageQuest Online*. Attendees are also encouraged to use free websites like *FamilySearch* (www.familysearch.org) and *Find A Grave* (www.findagrave.com).

Fourth Research Workshop Scheduled for June

The fourth NHG members-only workshop, "Genealogical Research for Novices", is scheduled for Saturday, 8 June at Northland Library from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. Each workshop is designed with a mini-lesson about genealogy research, followed by hands-on research practice with support and consultation from NHG volunteers.

The workshop is free, but registration is suggested by emailing your name and phone number to **(continued on page 73)**

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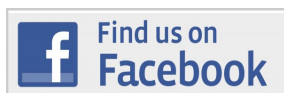
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WHO WE ARE—NHG

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, Pennsylvania, and Writing. Meeting information is 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.



NHG MEMBER BENEFITS

The NHG partnership with Northland Public Library offers some great benefits for our members. Northland maintains several genealogical databases for free access: *Ancestry Library Edition*, *HeritageQuest Online*, *American Ancestors*, and *FamilySearch*. In addition, Northland is a FamilySearch affiliate library; this means that on dedicated library computers, we can search all of the databases previously offered only at a Family History Library. Northland is open seven days a week, including most evenings. The large and varied collection of Northland's print and digital books about genealogy are worth exploring.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

There is nothing more important than the safety, security, and well-being of our members and guests!

The above statement summed up the theme of my 2018 October newsletter column. In that column, I committed to a number of action items designed to advance that theme for our organization. This month's column is a six-month's report on the progress—or lack thereof—for each of the action item goals.

As a reminder, following are the five steps to which I committed:

- Cap the number of attendees at the meetings at a maximum of seventy, with advance registration required.
- Find a new venue that would allow 100 to 150 attendees.
- Live stream to a second location where the cap overflow could gather.
- Use the webinar system employed in the September meeting. At that meeting, almost 100 individuals viewed the presentation, with fewer than fifty attending in person.
- Split the monthly program into two nights at Northland Library.

The first item dealt with the fairly severe overcrowding at general meetings as a result of growth of our membership. We regularly exceeded the maximum of seventy attendees

suggested by the fire code. While there are still some problems to be worked out, the institution of advance registration has moved us in the right direction. There were seventy-seven people in the room at our March meeting. This area will continue to receive emphasis until we reach zero exceptions to the goal of seventy attendees!

In line with the second step, the NHG board has investigated a number of new venues in the past six months. This step has turned out to be much more complicated than I had originally anticipated. Some of you may recall that I stated (glad I did not do so in writing!!) that we would be meeting in a new venue by January 2019. Meeting all of the requirements—which include safety, ease of access, WiFi availability, long-term commitment from all parties, and parking among other things—has not been easy. There are a few prime candidates at this point. Remaining at Northland is one of them.

Live streaming to a second location is on hold for right now, possibly to be considered if other options do not prove to be feasible.

Use of a webinar system, the fourth item, has been shelved after a majority vote of the NHG Board. As with all technical advances, there were difficulties which prevented us from the optimum use of such a process. I do feel that it would have helped further our mission of education, and it may be investigated again at some point.

The last item—holding the program on two nights each month—is on hold for right now. As with live streaming to a second location, this is something we may have to consider at some point in the future.

I thank you for your patience as we work through this challenge! As always, I would appreciate any comments you might have on this topic and can be reached at daimaenan@gmail.com or 724-544-1777.

~ Dave

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facilitator Sue Ennis at Education@NorthHillsGenealogists.org by Thursday, 6

June 2019. The June workshop will be a review of methods, skills, and resources from earlier workshops and about 1.5 hours of dedicated research time. Participants should bring their own technology for accessing the library's genealogy databases.

Major Phase of the NHG Surname Project Completed

During the first decade of NHG, members were encouraged at meetings to submit index cards that listed surnames they were researching. Included on the note cards was the name of the member and contact information. A goal of the surname card file was to allow NHG members to peruse the cards and find other members with whom they could network and collaborate on researching common surnames.

Over the years, the surname card files were maintained, but not in a useful way. A major phase of updating the surname project was just completed this winter, thanks to the volunteer efforts of NHG members Dave and Diane George. Now, the several hundred surname cards have been indexed and digitized for the benefit of NHG members. Watch for the surnames to be added onto the NHG website in the coming months so that members can access the wealth of information. NHG appreciates the help of the Georges to undertake this project; thank you for completing this so quickly and accurately!

NHG's Twelfth Annual Conference Lauded

On 22–23 March, our twelfth annual genealogy conference was held with a full house of interested participants. The topic of genetic genealogy was explained over two days by using case studies and outlining methods for incorporating DNA results into research. Thanks to the expertise of presenters Blaine Bettinger and Ray Jones, attendees gained insight into many aspects of genetic genealogy at the conference while considering the ethics and impact of DNA testing.

The annual conference could not have happened without great leadership and a team of dedicated volunteers. NHG would first like to offer an enthusiastic thank you to this year's conference co-chairs, Sharon Thornber and Amy Arner.

Their leadership in coordinating tasks with the hardworking committee of volunteers resulted in a positive conference experience. Those who volunteered at the registration tables were especially efficient, friendly, and helpful, and the parking was organized. Another highlight was the variety of interesting door prizes for attendees. A sincere, heartfelt thank you is offered to each NHG member who served on the conference committee this year! Each sub-committee was organized by a different volunteer to ensure the smooth overall completion of all tasks needed to present such an outstanding conference. These efforts are greatly appreciated!

Thinking ahead to 2020, any member of NHG is welcome to join the conference committee and add your volunteering efforts to planning and producing the event. Longtime member Sue O'Connor has offered to chair the next annual conference for NHG. She is looking for a conference co-chair and welcomes new volunteers, too; if interested, contact Sue O'Connor in person or email your interest to Info@NorthHillsGenealogists.org.

Publicity Table Chair Needed

We are looking for a volunteer or two to coordinate our presence at local events. The duties include working with other organizations to obtain space, recruiting volunteers to help at the tables, maintaining a box of supplies for these efforts, and attending NHG's monthly board meetings. If you want more information or are interested in serving in this role, see Dave Williams at a meeting or email him at daimaenan@gmail.com.

Program Committee Has New Email Address

Our program committee now has an email address! To contact them, send a message to Programs@NorthHillsGenealogists.org. They welcome comments and suggestions about programs.

NGS OFFERS LIVESTREAMING FOR CONFERENCE

From 8 to 11 May 2019, the National Genealogical Society (NGS) is holding the annual

conference, "Journey of Discovery", in historic St. Charles, Missouri. Details about registration and the complete program are listed at <https://conference.ngsgenealogy.org>.

For interested genealogists unable to attend the conference in person, NGS is offering the option to register for livestreaming of some of the lectures on Thursday, 9 May and Friday, 10 May. There are two tracks for the livestreaming; you may choose a one-day pass for either date or a two-day pass for all ten presentations. Thursday's five lectures will be about DNA and ethics, while Friday's five lectures will focus on research, analysis and problem solving by the Board for Certification of Genealogists (BCG).

The cost is \$95.00 for either of the one-day passes or \$149.00 for the two-day pass. On the day of the event, participants will receive a link to view the conference session as it happens live. For all details or to register for the virtual conference option, go online at: <https://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/live-streaming-information>.

HEINZ HISTORY CENTER RECEIVES DIGITIZATION GRANT

The Detre Library and Archives of the Heinz History Center in Pittsburgh has received a grant award of \$87,598 from the National Endowment for the Humanities. This news was announced on Thursday, 28 March by Matt Strauss, chief archivist. The grant will be used to digitize and preserve "a collection of 2,000 images, 12 videos, and hundreds of pages" about Kennywood Amusement Park, according to a *Post-Gazette* article written by Marylyne Pitz.

The earliest pictures date from 1898, when Kennywood was a trolley park. The items that will be digitized were donated to the Heinz History Center three years ago. The project is expected to last for eighteen months. The Kennywood items are unique in that they cover the entire history of one of the oldest surviving amusement parks in the United States.

The Detre Library and Archives will coordinate the Kennywood digitization project with the University of Pittsburgh so that a sub-collection of images and videos can be made available

online through the “Historic Pittsburgh” website. To read the complete news story, go to: www.post-gazette.com/life/lifestyle/2019/03/29/Kennywood-archive-photos-digitize-National-Endowment-Humanities-grant/stories/201903280122.

BCGHC TO HOLD CLASS

The Beaver County Genealogy & History Center (BCGHC) will hold a series of three classes about beginning genealogy on May 28th, June 4th, and June 11th. The cost is \$35.00. Registration is required due to limited class size. The classes will be held at the BCGHC facility at 250 East End Avenue, Beaver, 15009. For more information, please call 724-775-1775.

RECORDS SPOTLIGHT: NEWSPAPERS

By Sue Ennis, Co-Editor

Using newspapers to supplement your genealogical research is a benefit that adds social history, expands vital records into stories, and provides insight into the time and place where our ancestors lived. Throughout history, newspapers have always announced births, marriages, and deaths; however, there is much more information to be extracted from historic newspaper articles. There are free and subscription newspaper sites online as well as access through local libraries and archives for newspaper collections that are not online.

Within newspapers, especially throughout the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, there are stories in addition to announcements, which can aid in verifying genealogical research findings or in enhancing a story with specific details. One type of article that offers names and events are those that reported items of social history. Types of articles include anniversary or birthday parties, social events, church news, service organizations and projects, local history news, and school news. I was able to collect names and verify relationships for grandparents through newspapers that listed social events for children, teens, and adults, including who attended and performed. For seven years my grandmother and her sister's birthday parties were reported upon in a small town between 1905 and 1912.

Each report listed the host of the party, the theme, and all who attended. Sometimes a family was listed along with the name of a hometown. I started to research each name, knowing the individual's general age and residence; then I connected the parents, checked for cousins vs. friends, and verified new branches of families. Another time, I found an article about my great-great-grandfather; in it, I learned about his talent for making sleighs for his Pocono Mountains neighbors in 1875.

Births, marriages, and deaths are announced in newspapers. Birth announcements can appear under a hospital name with the parents, date of birth, and child's gender. Some newspapers offer a short paragraph about each birth, sometimes adding a location of residence or listing others related to the infant, such as grandparents or siblings. Marriages usually begin with an engagement announcement; later the couple will be listed by name and residence when they apply for a marriage license, and finally a report of the wedding will be published. If you are fortunate to find a wedding article, note all names and possible relationship to the bride and groom; you might even discover the details of music and soloists, church and clergy, flowers and clothing. Deaths are announced briefly, usually followed by an obituary that includes family names, details of the individual's life, and possibly church and cemetery affiliations. In news articles about vital records, examine names included in the article for relationships.

Most historic newspaper editions included local, national, and international news. The local news items add insight into the demographics of our ancestors in the time and place they lived. Growth is revealed with new schools, stores, or housing developments. Local companies looking to hire will advertise. Churches report on events beyond weekly services. Civic awards and many other types of events are reported. I found an article outlining a trip that a great-grandfather took to the 1893 Chicago World's Fair. John G. Williams led a group of men from the Edwardsville, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, Welsh Men's Choir to the fair. The group traveled by train from northeast Pennsylvania to Chicago, performed three shows, took a few photos, and traveled back home. All of this along with the venue and songs performed was reported in a series of four articles

in the Wilkes-Barre newspapers. What a trip this must have been for the singing coal miners; without newspaper articles, the stories might have been lost. The national and international news items can coordinate with the stories in your family. Rather than extracting facts from a history book, read articles that headline an issue and consider the validity of learning about historic events as they unfolded.

There are paid and free online resources for discovering newspaper articles. Some of the paid databases are Newspapers.com with eleven thousand publications starting in the early 1700s; Newspaper Archive which searches by name and presents the feature "This Day in History"; and GenealogyBank with newspapers from 1690 to today. It is a good idea to sign up for a free trial of any subscription database to test the contents. Note that you can access Newspaper Archive free from the Family History Center or through the FamilySearch affiliate libraries such as Northland.

The best and largest newspaper collection with free access is the Library of Congress's *Chronicling America* database, which can be searched by name, location, or key words. On the home page for *Chronicling America*, found online at <https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov>, researchers can see what newspapers are available to search and from what location. This includes lists of all American newspapers published; click on "US Newspaper Directory, 1690-Present". If a historic newspaper exists but is not in the database, then you can find out who holds the archives for that newspaper.

Here are a variety of websites that offer insight and links to historic newspapers from the United States and around the world. In the FamilySearch Wiki, enter the search term "Newspapers" to discover what is available and where to access. You can also search for a specific ancestral location, and then scroll the menu for newspapers and other publications. Note that you might only learn where the newspapers are preserved; not all publications have been digitized. A list of online newspapers and archives for the world can be found at [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:List of online newspaper archives](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:List_of_online_newspaper_archives). *Cyndi's List* for all topics related to genealogy has a

website section about newspaper research at www.cyndislist.com/newspapers. The Hathi Trust Digital Library continues to add digital newspapers along with a wealth of other free resources and is found at www.hathitrust.org. Finally, closer to home, remember to search the holdings of the Pennsylvania State Archives to find information about newspaper publications around our state; you can search for newspapers at the state archives from this link: www.phmc.pa.gov/Archives/Pages/default.aspx.

Newspapers are a unique resource for genealogy, offering information reported in a certain place at the time of occurrence. Through reading articles or finding photos with captions about social history, vital record reports, and local news, researchers can find details to enhance family stories.

WHERE GENEALOGISTS MEET

Thursday, 18 April 2019 11:00 A.M. WEST PITTSBURGH HISTORY CLUB

During the next club meeting, Amy Welch will discuss records you can use to start your family history research. She is a lead librarian at the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh's (CLP) Pennsylvania Department. The club meets at CLP's West End branch. For more information, please visit www.carnegielibrary.org/event/west-pittsburgh-history-club-genealogy-101.

Wednesday, 24 April 2019 6:30 P.M. CRANBERRY GENEALOGY CLUB

Cranberry will welcome Mary Jane Kuffner-Hirt. She will present "Crossing the Pond from Northern Ireland to America." The meeting will be held in the Cranberry Public Library's Franklin Station Meeting Room. The meeting is free and open to the public. More information is available at www.cranberrygenealogy.org.

Saturday, 27 April 2019 9:00 A.M. MID-ATLANTIC GERMANIC SOCIETY CONFERENCE

Teresa Steinkamp McMillin, CG, will be the featured speaker at this year's MAGS conference.

Topics will include German farm names, Hanoverian military records, understanding historical jurisdictions, and a case study. The conference will be held at the Double Tree by Hilton in Laurel, Maryland. Please visit www.magsgen.com for more information and to register.

Saturday, 27 April 2019 10:00 A.M.
HEINZ HISTORY CENTER

The History Center and the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society are co-sponsoring an African American Genealogy Workshop. Shannon Christmas, Michael Williams, and Alona Carter will present lectures on basic genealogical research and how DNA can be used in research. For more information and to register, please visit www.heinzhistorycenter.org/events/african-american-genealogy-workshop-2019.

Monday, 29 April 2019 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. The library's address is 227 South High Street, Zelenople, 16063. For more information, please visit www.zelienoplelibrary.org.

1-4 May 2019
OHIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
CONFERENCE

Featured speakers will include David Rencher, Michael Lacopo, and Lisa Louise Cook. The event will be held at the Great Wolf Lodge in Mason, Ohio. Please visit www.ogsconference.org for more information.

2-4 May 2019
PERSONAL DIGITAL ARCHIVING

Registration is still open for this conference, which will be held at the University of Pittsburgh's Hillman Library. The focus of the event is "the exploration of issues related to

individual and community records in all digital forms." There is a fee to attend the Thursday and Friday sessions, but the Saturday sessions are free. More information and a link to register are available at <https://library.pitt.edu/pda19>.

8-11 May 2019
NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL
SOCIETY CONFERENCE

The annual NGS conference will be held in St. Charles, Missouri. The theme is *Journey of Discovery*. Lecture tracks will focus on DNA, methodology, migration, records, and more. Registration for the conference is open. More information is online at <https://conference.ngsgenealogy.org>.

Thursday, 9 May 2019 5:30 P.M.
WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

NHG's Ray Jones, PhD, will hold a series of five classes about using DNA in genealogical research. The classes will be held on Thursday evenings from May 9th through June 6th in the Third Floor Conference Room at the Main Branch of the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh. Registration is required to attend these classes. To register, please call 412-622-3154. The cost is \$35 for WPGS members and \$50 for non-members. More information is available at www.wpgs.org.

Saturday, 11 May 2019 10:30 A.M.
WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

NHG's Ray Jones, PhD, will present "Applying the New Tools on Ancestry DNA to our Family History Research" at the next WPGS monthly meeting. This free program will be held in the South Wing Reading Room on the second floor of the Main Branch of the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh. For more information, please visit www.wpgs.org.

Tuesday, 14 May 2019 6:30 P.M.
ERIE SOCIETY FOR
GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH

The next regular meeting will feature Bobby Sulecki, who will present "Communities and

Churches of Erie's Polonia." The meeting, which is free and open to the public, will be held at the Hagen History Center, 356 West 6th Street, Erie. For more information, please visit www.genealogyerie.org.

Tuesday, 14 May 2019 7:00 P.M.
CORNERSTONE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Kent Fonner will present "Greene County Voices from the Civil War" during Cornerstone's next meeting. The program will be held at Cornerstone's facility in the First Greene County Courthouse Annex, 144 East Greene Street, Waynesburg, 15370. Please visit www.cornerstonegenealogy.com for more information.

Saturday, 18 May 2019 9:00 A.M.
HEINZ HISTORY CENTER

Registration is open for an Italian Genealogy Workshop. NHG's own past president Rich Venezia will present two lectures focused on Italian genealogy. More information is available at www.heinzhistorycenter.org/events/italian-genealogy-workshop-2019.

Monday, 20 May 2019 1:00 P.M.
MT. LEBANON GENEALOGY SOCIETY

NHG's Rich Venezia will present "Discovering Your Immigrant's Origins: Exhausting Every Resource." The meeting will be held in one of the Mt. Lebanon Public Library's lower level conference rooms. The library's address is 16 Castle Shannon Boulevard, 15228. The meeting is free and open to the public. More information is available at www.mtlebanonlibrary.org/306/Genealogy-Society.

Saturday, 25 May 2019 10:00 A.M.
EVANS CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Ancestry Library Edition is now available at the Evans City Public Library, 204 S. Jackson Street, Evans City. NHG Newsletter Co-Editor Susan Ennis will host a workshop that is set up to present a demonstration about genealogy research followed by hands-on practice using the library's Ancestry database. Please bring

your own laptop or tablet computer to use. Registration is recommended if you plan to attend. Call or email the library at 724-538-8695 or evanscity@bcfls.org to register.

31 May–2 June 2019
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY JAMBOREE

Registration is open for the fiftieth annual Genealogy Jamboree. The event will feature more than 120 classes over the three days. It will be held at the Los Angeles Marriott in Burbank, California. For more information, please visit www.genealogyjamboree.com/jamboree-2019.

Tuesday, 11 June 2019 6:00 P.M.
CRANBERRY TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY

NHG Newsletter Co-Editor Susan Ennis will host a workshop focused on improving genealogical research skills. There will be a demonstration followed by hands-on practice using the library's resources. Please bring your own laptop or tablet computer to use. The program is free, but registration is required. Please visit www.cranberrytownship.org/830/Library to register.

15–17 June 2019
INTERNATIONAL GERMAN GENEALOGICAL CONFERENCE

The theme for this year's conference is *Strike it Rich with Connections 2 Discoveries*. A preliminary schedule for the event is available, with tracks covering research, regions, DNA and technology, and history and culture. The conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Sacramento, California. Please visit www.iggpartner.org for more information.

Saturday, 22 June 2019 10:00 A.M.
WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Rick Sayre, CG, CGL, FUGA, will present three lectures: "The Poor and the Landless," "Allegheny City," and "Cool Tools for the Cemetery." This free event will be held in the Carnegie Museum of Art Auditorium. For more information, please visit www.wpgs.org.

22–23 June 2019
WESTMORELAND COUNTY
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The annual Frontier Court Reenactment will feature militia encampments, eighteenth century skill demonstrations, court case reenactments, and kitchen garden talks. More information, including a complete schedule, is available at www.westmorelandhistory.org/index.php/news-events/event-calendar/frontier-court-reenactments.

23–28 June 2019
14–19 July 2019
GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH
INSTITUTE OF PITTSBURGH

Registration is open for both sessions of GRIP. Spots are available in most classes. There will also be free presentations the evenings of Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday of both weeks. These presentations will start at 7:00 P.M. NHG will sponsor the Tuesday lectures during both weeks. For more information, please visit www.gripitt.org.

Sunday, 30 June 2019 9:00 A.M.
HEINZ HISTORY CENTER

The center will host a German Genealogy Workshop featuring Michael Lacopo, DVM. Details are being finalized. Watch www.heinzhistorycenter.org/events for updates.

9–11 July 2019
MIDWEST AFRICAN AMERICAN
GENEALOGY INSTITUTE

MAAGI will be held at the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Six lecture tracks will be offered: *Fundamental Methods and Strategies*, *Methods and Strategies for Slavery Era Research*, *DNA & Genealogy*, *Intermediate Genealogy – Pre & Post Slavery Era Research*, *Writing*, and *Freedmen of the Five Civilized Tribes*. Registration is open for the institute. For more information, please visit www.maagiinstitute.org.

19–20 July 2019
MIDWESTERN ROOTS

This year's conference will be held at the Indianapolis Marriott East in Indianapolis. Registration is open. For more information and a registration guide, please visit www.indianahistory.org/research/family-history/midwestern-roots.

21–26 July 2019
INSTITUTE OF GENEALOGY AND
HISTORICAL RESEARCH

Registration is open for this year's institute. Space is available in most of the courses. The institute will be held at the University of Georgia's Center for Continuing Education and Hotel in Athens. For more information, including a list of courses, please visit <https://ighr.gagensociety.org>.

27–28 July 2019
WESTMORELAND COUNTY
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

WCHS is planning a Civil War Encampment and Reenactment for the weekend of July 27th and 28th. Details for this event are still being finalized, so watch www.westmorelandhistory.org for more information.

28 July–2 August 2019
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION
OF JEWISH GENEALOGICAL
SOCIETIES CONFERENCE

IAGJS's thirty-ninth annual conference will be held at the Hilton Cleveland Downtown in Cleveland, Ohio. Details still being finalized. Watch www.iajgs2019.org/index.cfm for more information.

21–24 August 2019
FEDERATION OF GENEALOGICAL
SOCIETIES CONFERENCE

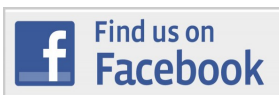
Registration is open for this year's conference, which will be held in Washington, DC. Lecture tracks will include DNA, methodology, Mid-Atlantic resources, military service, and more. More information and a link to register are available at www.fgs.org/annual-conference.



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UPCOMING NHG PROGRAMS

Tuesday, 16 April 2019 **Semi-Annual Round Table**

NHG Members

Join us for an evening of sharing questions, answers, and helpful hints among all attendees. This program is a combination of information, guidance, and cousin-finding for those attending. You can pose your own questions or just sit back and listen. Remember, no question is too basic or obscure. We look forward to seeing you during this terrific information exchange!

Tuesday, 21 May 2019 **Photo Detective Roadshow**

Maureen Taylor

Have you ever wished that a photo detective could help you learn more about your pictures full of unknown people, or in a time frame you can't determine? Well, wish no more! The May meeting

will be a live episode of "The Photo Detective." If you've watched *Antiques Roadshow*, then you know how this works—a virtual show and tell. This is a totally interactive event in which NHG members submit photos ahead of time and then meet virtually with Taylor, an internationally recognized expert on historic photograph identification, to learn about the specific clues she found.

Tuesday, 18 June 2019 **Resources in the Pennsylvania Department:** **Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh**

Marilyn Cocchiola Holt

Holt will provide an introduction to the materials available in the collection of the Pennsylvania Department in the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh's Main Library in Oakland, with emphasis on those resources that are most helpful to family historians. The collection includes books, maps, microfilm, photographs, and more. Holt is Library Services Manager of the Pennsylvania Department.