



NORTH HILLS GENEALOGISTS

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NHG NEWS

Register for January Meeting

In ongoing efforts to plan for upcoming meetings of the North Hills Genealogists, you have three options from our website for the regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, 15 January 2019:

Option 1 – If you plan to **attend in person** at Northland Library, you will need to REGISTER using the Northland Library events page: www.eventkeeper.com/mars/xpages/xp_newpoevent.cfm?zeeOrg=NORTHLAND&EventID=5307297&sw=2048. Start by clicking on the green rectangle, bottom left, labeled *Register*. Note that a waiting list will be kept. If you need to cancel, do so by noon on January 15 so that waiting list members (if any) may attend. Call **(412)366-8100** to cancel. If a spot opens, individuals on the waiting list will be notified.

Option 2 – Attend the January NHG meeting **virtually** from the warmth of your home. There is a link on the web page of the North Hills Genealogists for registration for the live broadcast. There are hundreds of slots open for registering for the live broadcast. Here is a direct hyperlink to the webinar registration: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/6055611263161857037>.

Option 3 – Shaler North Hills Library, located at 1822 Mt. Royal Blvd., Glenshaw, 15116, will live-stream the program in its Large Print Program Room, downstairs, as it is presented at Northland. If the Shaler North Hills Library is a more convenient place for you to attend, please use this link on the library's web page to register for the free event: www.eventkeeper.com/code/ekform.cfm?curOrg=SHALER&curID=360524.

The goal of NHG is to provide monthly programming to as many members as possible.

Thank you, in advance, for your patience and for trying these options.

Questions may be sent to Info@NorthHillsGenealogists.org.

DNA SIG Special Event

NHG's DNA Special Interest Group (SIG) will host a talk about genetic genealogy for beginners on Saturday, 9 February 2019 starting at 2:00 P.M. at the Christ Episcopal Church, 5910 Babcock Blvd., Pittsburgh, 15237. Ray Jones will present "Beginning Genetic Genealogy: How and Why DNA Tests Match Our Family Trees." Any NHG member is welcome to attend this free program.

Dr. Jones provided this description of his presentation:

There is a critical distinction between a person's genealogical family tree (from family stories and paper records, etc.) and a person's genetic family tree (only from ancestors who contributed to a person's DNA). Constructing

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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

NHG has started offering Novice Workshops to members. The next two workshops are scheduled for March 30th and June 8th from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. at Northland Library. During the March session, Carole Ashbridge will give a short presentation about organization. The topic for the June session will be a review of the previous sessions. Registration for these workshops is open. To reserve your spot, please email your name and phone number to Education@NorthHillsGenealogists.org.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Locating a grave site is getting progressively easier with the growth of online resources. However, it can still be a challenge! I have been involved in two such searches: one has recently reached fruition, while the other is still in progress. This column will deal with the successful one. A later column will cover the unfinished one.

A few months back, the community of Brookville, Pennsylvania, was featured in an installment of the "Our Towns" series in the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*. Founded in the 1800s as a lumber and mining community, it has moved on to become a mix of service and light industry. It also relies on its ready access to outdoor recreational activities to provide livelihoods. Located in the rolling hills of west-central Pennsylvania, Brookville is the county seat of Jefferson County. Getting there involves a relatively short and scenic drive north on Route 28 or Route 79 to the junction of Interstate 80.

Touted in the article as "*A great place to raise a family,*" it also happens to be the home of many of my wife Peggie's ancestors.

Although Peggie now has no known living relatives in Brookville, the family knew that many of her relatives were buried there. Family lore said that they were buried in Old Brookville Cemetery (also known as the Northside Cemetery), but visits there by various relatives over the years failed to locate their grave sites. Finally, *Find-A-Grave* was consulted, and Peggie's great-grandmother Martha Jane

Emmings Schick was found. Contrary to family lore, she was not buried in the Old Brookville Cemetery. She was buried in the Brookville Cemetery (also known as the New Brookville Cemetery). No wonder there was confusion in the family!

The *Find-A-Grave* site (found at www.findagrave.com) for the Brookville Cemetery is extremely well-populated. There were family trees for Martha's extended family and for her mother—Mary McElravy—and her grandmother—Katie Hite. Armed with this information, we planned a trip to Brookville.

Our first stop upon arrival was the Jefferson County History Center. (As a side note, the history center is located a few steps from the Jefferson County Court House—which would have been very convenient, if needed.) There, an extremely helpful staffer gave us directions to the cemetery and also pulled out an index to the grave sites. Although there was no map to correspond to the index, we were assured that there was an office at the cemetery and that someone there would be able to assist. So now knowing Martha's section and row number, we headed to the cemetery.

Once we traveled to the cemetery, we went to the above mentioned office. Naturally, it was closed for the day, but there was a phone number posted. A call to that number reached a “no longer a working number” message, and since there were no section or number markings to be found, it was back to the history center.

At the center, another volunteer quickly phoned a local mortician to see if they could be of assistance. That led to a phone number for the cemetery director, who was able to give us general directions to the grave sites for which we were searching. In the end, we found the graves of Martha and her husband Charles. We also found her daughter Rhoda Elsin's marker along with that of her husband Philip Corran. Rhoda Elsin is my wife's grandmother. Mission accomplished!

It was the combination of a number of resources that led to this successful search, including *Find-A-Grave*, the local history center, a helpful mortician, and the director of the cemetery. It

was a great learning experience for future searches.

If you ever happen to get to Brookville, you really should stop for a bite to eat at the Opera House Café. Located across the street from the history center on the first floor of an 1800s opera building, it has a wonderful décor and some great food. The soup of the day on my visit was butternut squash, one of my all-time favorites!

Wishing you all the very best for a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year!

~ Dave

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genealogical and genetic family trees are essential steps in using genetic information in genealogy. There are several different types of genetic genealogy tests that can be used in genealogy research (Y-DNA, mt-DNA, autosomal DNA). We will consider the basics of each and how they can be applied in our research between our genealogical family trees and our genetic family trees.

More information can be found at www.northhillsgenealogists.org/eventListings.php?nm=47.

Social Media Chair

On behalf of all members of the North Hills Genealogists, the board would like to gratefully thank Carole Ashbridge for initiating all social media accounts and for serving as the first-ever, and long-time, NHG Social Media Chair! Her countless volunteer hours to maintain *Facebook*, *Pinterest*, and *Twitter* have yielded increased, positive publicity, timely genealogical news, and pertinent information about resources, regional programs, and member benefits. Thank you, Carole, for the gift of your time, effort, and insight while serving as NHG's Social Media Chair.

NHG welcomes member Ami Wessel as the next Social Media Chair. She will take her place as a new volunteer on the NHG Board this month, and with Carole's guidance, Ami made a quick transition for maintaining the social media accounts.

Annual Conference

Registration is open for our annual conference! Blaine Bettinger and NHG's own Ray Jones, PhD, will help us learn about using DNA in genealogical research. The Friday sessions will focus on the basics of using DNA and have a case study about how the DNA test results can be used. The Saturday sessions will feature more advanced topics, including what to do with test results, how tools produced by organizations that do not offer testing can be helpful, and how to use test results in your research.

The conference will be held Friday and Saturday, March 22nd and 23rd, at the Columbian Room in Wexford. On Friday we will have an optional dinner for those attending the afternoon and evening sessions. Saturday will include a hot buffet lunch and door prizes. The early bird registration deadline is February 19th. For more details, please visit www.NorthHillsGenealogists.org, or pick up a brochure at a meeting.

FREE DIY PHOTO AND MEDIA RESTORATION AT CARNEGIE LIBRARY LAB

For almost a year, the REcollection Studio at the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh's Main Branch in Oakland has provided the opportunity for patrons to reserve lab time and convert older media into digital copies for free.

The REcollection Studio was devised as a Do-It-Yourself (DIY) lab. It houses equipment that can take a VHS tape of a family wedding from 1985 and upgrade it to a digital movie. Family slides can be scanned and saved as digital images. Media formats that can be digitized at the REcollection Studio are VHS tapes, 4" x 5" negatives, 35mm negatives, audio cassettes, and photos or documents size up to 11" x 17" in size.

You are required to schedule an appointment online through the Carnegie Library. Each appointment is two and a half hours, with varying times each day. If you plan to use the REcollection Studio to update your multimedia, you must bring one of the recommended storage devices for your newly digitized versions.

The best thing to do is to read the bulleted lists on the library's web page about the REcollection Studio, found at www.carnegielibrary.org/recollectionstudio. There are links to a Participant Release Form and also to copyright and computer use policies.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS ADDS TO NEWSPAPER COLLECTION

In early December 2018, the Library of Congress (www.loc.gov) completed the last phase of digitizing a collection of newspaper articles from the World War I era. With newspaper articles providing facts, images, opinion/commentary, social history, and quotes from newsmakers, this collection offers a comprehensive snapshot of the World War I era and its aftermath. This is also an important collection, as newspapers were the most prominent media form available to the general public during the 1910s and 1920s.

The collection, titled "World War History: Newspaper Clippings, 1914 to 1926", was digitized from "a 400-volume, 80,000-page set, *World War History: Daily Records and Comments as Appeared in American and Foreign Newspapers, 1914-1926.*" The available clippings are searchable online at www.loc.gov/collections/world-war-history-newspaper-clippings or can be browsed chronologically or by specific date.

The LOC conservationists took great care in first preserving the newspapers and then digitizing all of the clippings. This collection was moved over the years to different repositories until it ended up at the LOC in 2003. It is a unique collection to use in coordination with your genealogical research, as it reflects the viewpoints and history of those years. Citation information for each clipping includes the headline or caption title, name of newspaper, location of newspaper, date of publication, and volume and clipping numbers.

Some interesting newspaper clippings are highlighted in the LOC's press release from December, found at this link: <https://blogs.loc.gov/headlinesandheroes/2018/12/world-war-i-a-wartime-clipping-service-update-all-400-volumes/?loclr=eaneu>.

ACCESSING NORTHLAND'S E-BOOKS FROM HOME

Electronic books, known as **e-books**, offer library patrons the convenience of borrowing books from the comfort of home. Some advantages of borrowing e-books include no overdue fines, the option to renew from home, and no worry about the book being lost or damaged. Also, some e-books have a read-aloud feature that patrons may access, similar to audio books.

This year when NHG purchased books to donate to Northland Library, some of the titles were bought as e-books. Adding e-books to our annual donation increases our outreach when they are added to the Allegheny County Library Association system in which Northland participates. What follows here is a brief overview of how to access e-books through Northland. There are a few steps and some options for how to access e-books; please note that each step on the linked handouts must be followed to successfully access the e-books!

To borrow any e-book, you must have your public library card number handy prior to checking out the book. If you do not have a Northland or Allegheny County Library card, you may apply for a free library card online (e-Card) or in person at Northland. If you have a library card from another county, present that card in order to obtain an Allegheny County card. Remember to check the electronic resources offered at your local area public library, which includes e-books (Overdrive), POWER Library, and/or other databases.

Here are the key steps to locate and check out e-books about genealogy from Northland:

- First, navigate to the home page for Northland Library at www.northlandlibrary.org.
- On the menu, click on *eLibrary*.
- Click next on *eBooks*, the first link in the list.
- This web page about e-books is linked directly here: <http://eresources.einetwork.net/ebooks>.
- The first section, labeled *Download e-Books Overdrive* is where to find genealogy books from Northland and other libraries.
- Click on *Find e-Books* and then enter a key

- word(s) such as **genealogy** into the search bar.
- Hit the Enter/Return key; your results should appear in a list, much like Google search results.

To check out the e-book, click on the word *Borrow* along the bottom of the book's image.

- Carefully type your library card number into the field labeled *Card Number*.
- Then click *Sign In*. (If you need to get a library card, use this link: www.carnegielibrary.org/services/get-a-library-card).
- Once your chosen book appears, check out the book. You will see the return date and other information about that e-book.

There are other options for accessing e-books including:

- Setting up an Overdrive account from the library site.
- Using an app such as Overdrive or Libby.
- Signing in with Facebook.

Each of these options is outlined on the Northland Library website, found at <https://acla.auth.overdrive.com/account/login?signin=eab515f796c8bc3dc95e90362dfc29c3>.

The librarians at Northland Library have created a variety of comprehensive guides for accessing e-books, online databases, and more including separate directions from a computer in the library and from home. These guides are individualized for different brands of computers, tablets, and phones; you only need the guide that matches your device or computer. General instructions for borrowing an e-book and specific instructions for your device are also available on Northland's website, found at www.northlandlibrary.org/instructions-for-digital-media. In addition, extra copies of these guides are printed and available in Northland's Computer Center.

At the bottom of Northland's e-book web page are links to other websites that offer free e-books. Borrowing e-books from a library is a convenience for anyone with a computer, tablet, laptop, or phone. You might want to visit the library in person the first time you check out an e-book so that a librarian can assist you, or ask a friend to assist you in completing the e-book checkout process.

UNITED KINGDOM NATIONAL ARCHIVES CHANGES FEES

The National Archives of the United Kingdom will change some of their fees as of February 1st. The cost of a digital copy up to the size of A3 paper will increase to £1.20. The fee for a copy of a naturalization certificate will decrease to £27.15. The fee for their research service will increase to £24.35 per fifteen minutes. A complete list of the new fees is online at www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/documents/record-copying-prices-february-2019.pdf.

PENNSYLVANIA STATE ARCHIVES OBTAINS BIRTH, DEATH RECORDS

The Pennsylvania State Archives collection now includes the state birth certificates from 1906-1913 and the death certificates from 1906 - 1968. As part of the acquisition, the archives has made the indexes to these birth and death certificates publicly accessible for the first time. The indexes and information about how to order copies of the records are available at www.phmc.pa.gov/Archives/Research-Online/Pages/Vital-Statistics.aspx.

RECORDS SPOTLIGHT: CITY DIRECTORIES

By Sue Ennis, NHG Newsletter Co-Editor

City directories are a commonly available resource offering more than just basic information when researching ancestors living in the United States. Some regions have county directories as well. If a directory was updated and published annually, then in theory, one could trace the year-by-year residence, name of person and spouse, and occupation of ancestors. If an ancestor was a renter who did not own property, then a directory is helpful between census years in place of the lack of land records for that person. Some directories were published as early as 1810, usually initiated with the formation of a city or town.

A comprehensive overview about city directories is available on the FamilySearch Wiki under *United States, Directories*; use this link to access it: www.familysearch.org/wiki/en

[/United States Directories](#). This detailed article describes why directories were created, lists categories of content, and offers finding aids for easy online access. Collections of city directories might be found in local public libraries as well as in college and university libraries. For many years, the Family History Library has been filming, and now digitizing, complete collections of city and county directories. *Fold3*, *Ancestry.com*, and *FamilySearch.org* all have indexed city directories.

The best source for accessing directories and for learning about using this record is the *Online Historical Directories* website, found at <https://sites.google.com/site/onlinedirectorysite/Home>. The site's menu is along the bottom. Click on "United States", then on a specific state, to see what is available for your research. Also on the menu is a listing of resources, FAQs, and articles about the importance of city directories.

Even if ancestors lived outside of a city or town, they might still be recorded in the nearby city's directory. Mill City, Pennsylvania, in Wyoming County is 28 miles from downtown Wilkes-Barre in Luzerne County; however, prior to 1898, residents from Mill City were listed each year in the Wilkes-Barre city directory. Using another example, a family in Florida asked recently if I could determine when their grandparents moved from Madison in Madison County to Venice in Sarasota County. After exploring a variety of record groups, the best information came from tracing the family's place of residence using the Florida city directories each year from 1940 through 1955. Even though the grandparents were renting from relatives in 1947 while still owning property in Madison, there they were, residing in Venice, where they stayed the rest of their lives.

The New York Public Library published a helpful article about the history of city directories in the United States: www.nypl.org/blog/2012/06/08/direct-me-1786-history-city-directories-US-NYC. In addition to accessing directories in subscription databases, there is a free website that offers digitized options. Go to the Internet Archive at www.archives.org and use the search phrase *city directory* to see what locations are available. Click on a specific directory to access its pages.

Don't overlook the use of city directories for genealogical research. When findings from directories are cross-referenced with the US Federal Census, tax records, and newspaper articles, your research is more complete.

PHILADELPHIA CITY ARCHIVES REOPENS

The Philadelphia City Archives has reopened after a move to new facilities. They are now located at 548 Spring Garden Street, Philadelphia. Their holdings include birth, marriage, and death records for Philadelphia; naturalization records from local courts; city directories; deeds dating as far back as the 1600s; tax records; and more. Information about the archives and their collections are online at www.phila.gov/phils/carchive.htm.

FREE LIVE STREAMING OF ROOTSTECH 2019

The schedule for live streaming some sessions of RootsTech 2019 has been announced. The Salt Lake City 2019 RootsTech Conference is from 27 February through 2 March 2019. Each day during RootsTech, five or six of the workshop sessions will be presented live via their website: www.rootstech.org/salt-lake/live-stream-schedule. Some of the topics will include cemeteries, DNA, family stories, German church records, methodology, and using research plans.

There is no registration required for the sessions designated to be live-streamed. After each day of the RootsTech conference, those session recordings will be archived and can be accessed throughout the year. One note: keep in mind that the listed times are Mountain Time, so for example, if a session is listed to begin at 9:30 A.M. on the RootsTech site, it will begin at 11:30 A.M. Eastern Time.

WHERE GENEALOGISTS MEET

Saturday, 19 January 2018 12:00 P.M. AMERICAN ANCESTORS

American Ancestors will hold an online conference focused on organizing your family history. *Organize Your Family History: Expert*

www.NorthHillsGenealogists.org

Strategies from Start to Finish will feature five classes, each covering a different aspect of organization. More information and a link to register are available on the website: www.americanancestors.org/education/online-classes.

Wednesday, 23 January 2019 6:30 P.M. CRANBERRY GENEALOGY CLUB

Cranberry will hold a multi-topic round table during its next meeting. Some topics will be organizing, brick wall solutions, databases, and a separate track for beginners. Note that the January meeting will be held in a different room, the Council Chambers, located in the Cranberry Township Municipal Center. This room is directly across the hall from the library's entrance. The Cranberry Genealogy meeting is free and open to the public.

More information is available at www.CranberryGenealogy.org.

Saturday, 26 January 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.

Registration is recommended if you plan to attend by calling or emailing the library at 724-538-8695 or evanscity@bcfls.org.

Monday, 28 January 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. 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, Zelenople, 16063. For more information, please visit www.zelienoplelibrary.org.

Saturday, 9 February 2019 10:30 A.M.
WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Richard Haverlack, author of *Paths of the Heart: Writing Stories Told at Life's End*, will present "Writing the Story of Another." The program will focus on helping genealogists write the stories of their families. The program is free and open to the public. It will be held in the South Wing Reading Room of the Main Branch of the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh. For more information, please visit www.wpgs.org.

Tuesday, 12 February 2019 7:00 P.M.
CORNERSTONE GENEALOGICAL
SOCIETY

Cornerstone's next meeting will feature Clay Kilgore of the Washington County Historical Society as the guest speaker. Kilgore will present "The Underground Railroad in Southwestern Pennsylvania." 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.

Monday, 18 February 2019 1:00 P.M.
MT. LEBANON GENEALOGY
SOCIETY

NHG's Elissa Scalise Powell will return to present: "To Use Online Trees or Not: Organizing Your Data for Your Purposes." The meeting will be held in one of the Mt. Lebanon Public Library's conference rooms, which are located on the lower level of the building. 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.

Wednesday, 27 February 2019 6:30 P.M.
CRANBERRY GENEALOGY CLUB

Cranberry will welcome back Ryan Henrie, the director of the Cranberry Family History Center (FHC). He will present "Find Answers with the FamilySearch Affiliate Library," explaining how

to access databases at the Cranberry Public Library as well as at the FHC. 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.

27 February–2 March 2019
ROOTSTECH 2019

Registration is open for RootsTech, an annual genealogy and technology conference held in Salt Lake City. Lectures about DNA, methodology, organization, records, social media, and technology are scheduled. The early-bird registration deadline is 25 January 2019. For more information and to register, please visit www.rootstech.org.

Monday, 18 March 2019 9:00 A.M.
HEINZ HISTORY CENTER

Registration is open for the annual Irish Genealogy Workshop sponsored by the Heinz History Center and the Westmoreland County Historical Society. Fintan Mullan and Gillian Hunt from the Ulster Historical Foundation will return to present seven new lectures about Irish research. More information and a link to register are available at www.heinzhistorycenter.org/events/irish-genealogy-workshop-2019.

22–23 March 2019
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Registration is open for NHG's annual conference. The theme for the 2019 conference is "Using DNA in Genealogical Research". The early-bird registration deadline is February 19th. More details and a brochure are available at www.northhillsgenealogists.org/cpage.php?pt=77.

5–6 April 2019
FAIRFAX GENEALOGICAL
SOCIETY

Registration is open for the Fairfax Genealogical Society's annual conference. The featured speakers will be Diahan Southard and J. Mark Lowe, CG. The event will be held at the Reston Sheraton in Reston, Virginia. More information and a link to register are available at www.fxgs.org.

Saturday, 13 April 2019 11:00 A.M.
FORT PITT MUSEUM

Author and historian Patrick Spero will discuss his new book, *Frontier Rebels: The Fight for Independence in the American West, 1765–1776*. Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit www.heinzhistorycenter.org/events/frontier-rebellion-fight-independence-american-west.

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, historical 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.

1–4 May 2019
OHIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY CONFERENCE

Details are being finalized for the annual 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. Watch www.ogsconference.org for more information about registration.

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 with an early-bird deadline of 19 March. More information is online at <https://conference.ngsgenealogy.org>.

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

Save the date for an Italian Genealogy Workshop. NHG's past president Rich Venezia will present two lectures focused on Italian genealogy. Watch www.heinzhistorycenter.org/events/italian-genealogy-workshop-2019 for more details.

31 May–2 June 2019
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY JAMBOREE

Registration is open for the 50th Annual SCGS Genealogy Jamboree. The event will feature more than 120 classes over the three day event. The Jamboree will be held at the Los Angeles Marriott in Burbank, California. For more information, please visit www.genealogyjamboree.com/jamboree-2019.

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/aem.php?eid=4 for more information.

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

Registration for both sessions of GRIP will open on Wednesday, February 20th. This year's institute will offer seventeen courses at LaRoche College in McCandless Township. For more information, please visit www.gripitt.org.

29 July–2 August 2019
GENEALOGICAL INSTITUTE ON FEDERAL RECORDS

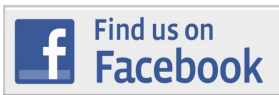
Registration for this year's Gen-Fed program will open Saturday, February 23rd. Program details are still being finalized. Watch www.gen-fed.org for more information.



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UPCOMING NHG PROGRAMS

Tuesday, 15 January 2019
Behind the Doors and into the Boxes

David Grinnell

David Grinnell, Coordinator of Archives and Manuscripts at the Archives & Special Collections Department at the University of Pittsburgh's Library System, will discuss the collections and resources of value in genealogical and family research. Since archival resources can seem hidden to the public, he will cover various tools that promote access and also discuss the collection strengths of Pitt's archives.

Tuesday, 19 February 2019
Understanding my Civil War Ancestor: The Search for Pieces to the Puzzle

Christopher D. George

George will explain the discovery of his Civil War ancestor and the quest to understand what his great-great-grandfather's life was

like before, during, and after the war. These twists and turns led to the publication of his book *Day-by-Day with the 123d Pennsylvania Volunteers*. George will discuss the resources and repositories that were helpful in understanding his relative and what life was like in 1860s Pittsburgh.

Tuesday, 19 March 2019
Organizing Family Trees: Reunion and RootsMagic Genealogy Software as Tools

Susan Ennis and Elissa Scalise Powell, CG, CGL

Ever wonder if there is a better way to organize and work with your family history information? Want to share information with your family but are concerned about privacy? Using genealogy software to preserve your research is a great way to keep notes, add media, include citations, and produce a variety of reports. Our presenters will show you the inner workings of their favorite tools, demonstrating *Reunion* and *RootsMagic*, and discuss the benefits of genealogy software.