



# NORTH HILLS GENEALOGISTS

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## NHG BRITISH GENEALOGY WORKSHOP OFFERED IN JULY

For the second summer, the North Hills Genealogists have organized a one-day genealogy workshop for our members and guests. On Saturday, 20 July 2019, NHG will welcome Melissa A. Johnson, CG, who will present four programs in one day about British genealogy. Registration is required in advance for the *NHG British Genealogy Workshop*; it will be held from 10:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. at the Shaler North Hills Library, 1822 Mt. Royal Boulevard, Glenshaw, 15116.

The cost for this one-day event is \$20.00 for NHG members and \$30.00 for non-members. There is an option to pre-order lunch from Panera Bread for \$13.00. All fees and details for online or mail-in registration for the British workshop are available at: [www.NorthHillsGenealogists.org/cpage.php?pt=87](http://www.NorthHillsGenealogists.org/cpage.php?pt=87).

Johnson will present "Introduction to British Genealogy," "Beyond the Basics: British Genealogy Research," "Case Studies in British Genealogy," and "Using DNA to Solve Genealogical Problems" throughout the day. A New Jersey-based professional genealogist, Johnson brings experience and knowledge to share. She owns and operates the NJ Family History Institute, offering virtual and in-person classes on many topics; details are found at [www.NewJerseyFamilyHistory.com](http://www.NewJerseyFamilyHistory.com).

Learning and reviewing methods and resources impacts all of our genealogical research in a positive manner. Even if you don't have British roots, you will learn methods to help you with your research. By offering this *British Genealogy Workshop*, NHG hopes to infuse new ideas into your own family history research. Register now to reserve your spot for July!

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## NHG TO CHANGE MEETING VENUES

As previously discussed in the newsletter and at meetings, NHG has outgrown the meeting space at Northland Public Library. After touring numerous venues, holding lengthy discussions, and surveying the membership, the board decided to move our regular meetings to the Kearns Spirituality Center, 9000 Babcock Boulevard, Allison Park, 15101. The center is part of the campus of the Sisters of Divine Providence, adjacent to LaRoche University, and about one mile from Northland Library.

This change also means that NHG will switch the day of the month for the regular meetings, due to availability at Kearns. Starting in August, our regular meetings will be held on the third Monday of the month. Tip Time will still start at 6:45 P.M. with the program starting at 7:00 P.M.

As reminders of this change, NHG will include this in the August newsletter and will send out email notices closer to the August meeting.

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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

Our Special Interest Groups (SIGs) are limited to members only. These small groups focus on specific areas or topics—British Isles, DNA, Eastern European, German, Pennsylvania, Writing—and meet outside our regular programs. More information on each SIG is available on our website under [www.NorthHillsGenealogists.org/cpage.php?pt=43](http://www.NorthHillsGenealogists.org/cpage.php?pt=43).

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

On 25 July 1863, Elder Richard L. Jones declared his intention to become a citizen of the United States at the 6th Judicial District Court in Blue Earth City, Faribault County, Minnesota. Richard was the husband of my third great-aunt, Jane L. Jones, and sorting through the various twists-and-turns of his life has been a very interesting and on-going project.

According to his naturalization papers, Richard emigrated from Wales to the United States in 1841 at the age of twenty-one. His paper trail starts with a deed conveying property in Erie County, Pennsylvania, on 20 March 1845. The deed names Jane Jones as his wife. She and Richard conveyed the property to Jane's younger brothers—William and Bennett Jones. Yes, her maiden name was Jones! This is the first mention of Richard that I have uncovered, and his trail goes dry at that point until the above-mentioned declaration of intent in Minnesota.

Jane appears in the 1870 federal census, living in Erie County with a niece and the niece's husband. But no Richard. In the 1880 census, Richard reappears living with Jane in a dwelling adjacent to the niece. Although I haven't found his obituary, his grave marker indicates that he died on 4 December 1881.

So the paper trail indicates that he arrived in the United States in 1841, married Jane L. Jones by 1845, declared his intent to become a citizen in Minnesota in 1863, lived in Erie County in 1880, and died and was buried in an Erie County cemetery in 1881.

As my next step, I decided to focus on why he was in Blue Earth City, Faribault County, Minnesota,

in 1845. I still have no clue, but the investigation was fascinating! You might not think you know anything about Blue Earth City, but you do—because Blue Earth City is the home of the Jolly Green Giant! The Green Giant vegetable company started there in 1903, and there is a 55-foot statue of the giant at the gateway to the town. And who can forget (if you're at least as old as me) the #4 hit song in 1964—*The Jolly Green Giant* by the Kingsmen.

The opportunity to visit Blue Earth came a few years later when the North American Festival of Wales was held in Minneapolis. Going out a day early, it was a relatively easy drive to get there. Ninety miles south on I-35 and forty miles west on I-90, the roads are all straight as an arrow and flat as a pancake. It is a neat and tidy mid-western city of a little over three thousand citizens and a delight to visit. As a side note, Blue Earth is the Promontory Point of I-90, the place where the east and west construction teams met in 1978.

My first stop was at the local library, and it gave me a good flavor of the area, but nothing specific relating to Richard. The next stop was the Faribault County Courthouse where they could not have been more accommodating. In spite of giving them no advance warning, various registry books were produced and a couple of staffers spent a good deal of time reviewing them with me. One item of interest was noted—a recording of a tract transfer to R. L. Jones from D. Pratt on 22 August 1864. However, there was no mention of a wife in the deed and no later sale of the land was found.

From there, I wandered over to the Faribault County Historical Society. They were closed the day I was there, but as I drove by, a person was exiting their building. I stopped and introduced myself, and he turned out to be a volunteer that just happened to be there that day tidying some things up. His first words were, “I heard there was a guy in town looking for an ancestor.” Guess that’s the advantage for researching in a small town. He opened the building, and we reviewed a number of files, but, again, nothing relating to Richard. He did relate an interesting bit of history—in the period being investigated, Blue Earth was trying to secure a railroad. In fact, the first train entered town in October

1879. Was Richard part of the team bringing the railroad to town?

The next and final stop was the Jolly Green Giant Museum. It was a fun place to visit and contained just about everything you would want to know about the Green Giant company and the Jolly Green Giant. It was well worth the time.

There is one final note regarding Richard before I finish. Elder Richard L. Jones was born in 1820. His wife, Jane L. Jones was born in 1796. So Jane married a man twenty-four years younger—and outlived him by eight years! In the 1875 Minnesota Territorial Census, there was a Richard L. Jones, also born in 1820. He was married to an Elinor that was eleven years older than him. Hmmm!

~ Dave

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## **NEW VENUE (continued from page 91)**

The NHG board appreciates your patience and support while we worked through this issue.

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## **NHG NEWS**

### *Membership Renewal Time*

It's time to renew your membership in NHG! Dues remain at \$15 per year, which includes two people in a household. A renewal form is included on page 99 of this newsletter. Drop it and your payment off at a meeting or mail them to NHG, PO Box 169, Wexford, PA 15090. If you prefer to pay by credit card, you can do so on our website, [www.NorthHillsGenealogists.org](http://www.NorthHillsGenealogists.org).

### *Survey Thanks*

Thank you to all who completed the recent NHG survey! One hundred fifty-one members completed the survey, the results of which the board used to make a decision about changing our meeting venue.

### *Extra Program*

NHG is sponsoring an evening lecture during the Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh (GRIP). Kelvin Myers will present “Draper and

Shane: Historians or Hoarders" on Tuesday, 25 June at 7:00 P.M. The lecture will be held in a space to be determined on the LaRoche University campus. Use the LaRoche entrance on Babcock Boulevard and follow the "Family History" signs. Registration will not be required for this meeting.

### *Elections*

NHG is holding its annual election for officers, which are president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer. The ballot was sent with the May newsletter. Copies of the ballot will also be available during the June regular meeting. Members may give their completed ballots to any board member at a meeting or mail their ballots to NHG, PO Box 169, Wexford, PA 15090. Please submit your ballot by 30 June 2019. If mailing your ballot, please mark the outside of the envelope with "BALLOT".

### *July Meeting Location*

NHG's July meeting (16 July, featuring Angela McGhie presenting "Using Identity Characteristics to Locate Your Ancestors") will be held in conjunction with GRIP. We will meet on the LaRoche University campus at 7:00 P.M. Use the LaRoche entrance on Babcock Boulevard and follow the "Family History" signs. Registration is not required for this meeting.

### *No July Newsletter*

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

### *Save the Dates*

NHG's *Genealogical Research for Novices* will return in the fall with a new name—*Genealogical Research Skills Workshop*. The dates are Saturday, September 14th, and Saturday, November 2nd.

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### **NECROLOGY**

The unofficial archivist of the North Hills, **Joseph Bullick** passed away on 25 May 2019 at age 87, leaving behind his wife of sixty-six years, Emma (Hall) and their children, Stephen (Diana) Bullick and Elizabeth (Bill) Bender

along with their grandchildren. Bullick was an avid historian, working for the North Allegheny School District for forty-six years and founding the North Allegheny History Museum. That museum later led to the McCandless/Northern Allegheny Heritage Center. Bullick also wrote and published two local history books.

**Lynette (Cox) Fink** passed away at age 67 on 2 June 2019, leaving behind her father Stuart Cox, son Steven (Brittany) Fink, and granddaughter Annalise and many members of her extended family. A longtime genealogist, she dedicated her free time to volunteering with two organizations on their genealogy projects: the Diocese of Pittsburgh and the Emmaus Historical Society.

Sincere condolences on behalf of NHG to the families of members Lynette and Joe.

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### **NEW BOOK ABOUT IDENTIFYING PHOTOS RELEASED**

Maureen Taylor, the speaker from our May meeting, has a new book. *Identifying Family Photographs: The Handbook* has step-by-step lessons to help readers identify people in their photographs. The book is available through Taylor's website at [www.maureentaylor.com/store/identifying-family-photographs-the-handbook](http://www.maureentaylor.com/store/identifying-family-photographs-the-handbook). Taylor has written several other books about identifying people in photographs. NHG has donated several of those, including *Fashionable Folks: Hairstyles 1840–1900* and *More Dating Old Photographs: 1840–1929*, to Northland Public Library.

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### **LEARNING TO DETECT CLUES IN MILITARY PHOTOS**

When Maureen Taylor, the Photo Detective, shared her expertise with NHG in May, perhaps you started to look at family photographs with a new perspective. In addition to her site, another website that could be a genealogical resource for learning about photos is one with a military focus: *Civil War Photo Sleuth* found at [www.civilwarphotosleuth.com](http://www.civilwarphotosleuth.com). This site is free to use; by signing up for a free account, you get to add photos and information, if available, to the web pages for all to access.

Affiliated with the Crown Intelligence Lab at Virginia Tech, the *Civil War Photo Sleuth* site offers a menu of resource links to archives, photo collections, military records, photographers, and research guides. This ever-evolving website, dedicated to military and other images from the American Civil War, adds content throughout the year. Interested researchers may choose to have news about the *Civil War Photo Sleuth* website emailed to you when new collections are added.

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## RECORDS SPOTLIGHT: GENETIC GENEALOGY BASICS USING AUTOSOMAL DNA

By Ray Jones, PhD, NHG DNA SIG Leader

For those of us who are interested in using DNA in genealogy, it is important to consider the specific uses of genetic information. Given that autosomal DNA testing is the most popular form of genetic genealogy testing (e.g., the tests sold by *Ancestry DNA*, *23andMe*, *Family Tree DNA Family Finder*, *Living DNA*, *My Heritage*, etc. are each autosomal DNA tests), I will focus on autosomal DNA results, specifically the amounts of DNA shared between testers (shared centiMorgans). I will make reference to an online chart that Blaine Bettinger created (titled *August 2017 Update to the Shared cM Project*, found at [www.thegeneticgenealogist.com/2017/08/26/august-2017-update-to-the-shared-cm-project](http://www.thegeneticgenealogist.com/2017/08/26/august-2017-update-to-the-shared-cm-project)), as the ranges of shared centiMorgans (cM) on Blaine's chart provide a reference point for applying our genetic genealogy results to specific areas of genealogy. Based on the specific amounts for various family relationships shown in Blaine's chart, there are three general uses for genetic information in our research: definitive, DNA confirmation, and exploratory.

### *Definitive*

Genetic information has a specific use for our closest family relationships. The amounts shared among our closest family members (parent-child and among siblings) provide definitive evidence; this evidence supports the existence of a relationship between two testers.

If a parent and a child each take an autosomal DNA test, the amount of shared cM between the

two testers will show a 50% match—an average of 3487 cM with a range between 3330 cM to 3720 cM. (See [www.thegeneticgenealogist.com/2017/08/26/august-2017-update-to-the-shared-cm-project](http://www.thegeneticgenealogist.com/2017/08/26/august-2017-update-to-the-shared-cm-project).) Seeing a shared cM result in this range is strong evidence that the two testers are parent-child, as we expect a child to inherit 50% of their autosomal DNA from their parent, and 3487 cM is nearly 50% of the DNA measured in a person's test.

Keeping this amount in mind, we also need to consider the implications when a parent tests and a child tests, and they do not share 50% of their DNA. If a parent and child test, and they do not show a nearly 50% match, then we need to look further into why they do not match at a 50% level. The explanations for this spans from testing errors (i.e. one person's sample was never sent in) to the possibility that they actually share a different family relationship (i.e. for example, a 1750 cM shared result would suggest that it is actually aunt/uncle to nephew/niece). If the parent and child show no match at all (e.g., 0 cM between a father and a child), then we should consider the possibility of a non-paternal event.

Another definitive DNA result is full-sibling versus half-siblings. If two full-siblings each test, we expect that they will share nearly 40% of their DNA—an average of 2629 cM with a range between 2209 cM to 3304 cM. (See [www.thegeneticgenealogist.com/2017/08/26/august-2017-update-to-the-shared-cm-project](http://www.thegeneticgenealogist.com/2017/08/26/august-2017-update-to-the-shared-cm-project).) If a person and their half-sibling each test, we expect an average of 1783 cM with a range between 1317 cM to 2312 cM.

When there are questions about parentage among siblings, two siblings need to test. If the results from the siblings show a match of 2600 cM, this would be strong evidence that the two are full-siblings who share the same set of parents. If the two siblings each test and show a match of 1700 cM, this would be strong evidence that the two are only half-siblings sharing only one parent. If the two siblings show no match at all (e.g., 0 cM between a brother and sister), then we should consider possible explanations such as a testing error, an adoption, or a non-paternal event.

### *DNA Confirmation*

While shared DNA can provide definitive

evidence of the family relationship among close family members such as parent-child and full siblings, the amount of DNA shared is also a strong piece of evidence for more distant relationships, such as aunt/uncle to nephew/niece, grandparents to grandchildren, and first cousins and second cousins. In these instances, the amount of DNA shared among two testers can **confirm** an expected family relationship.

For example, a 1750 cM match between two people would be an interesting match; refer to Blaine's chart while reviewing these examples. Aunt/uncle to niece/nephew share an average of 1750 cM with a range between 1349 cM to 2175 cM. Grandparents and grandchildren share an average of 1766 cM with a range between 1156 cM to 2311 cM. In this case, even though the two testers share a large amount of DNA (1750 cM), the amount of DNA shared alone does not give us enough information to determine the family relationship between testers. We need to look at our genealogy about the two testers to determine if they are aunt/uncle to niece/nephew or grandparent to grandchild. In a similar vein, if an aunt and her niece each test, and they show a match of 1750 cM, this amount of DNA shared is strong evidence confirming their expected relationship.

The notion of DNA confirmation becomes particularly useful when examining first cousins and second cousins. First cousins share an average of 874 cM, while first cousins, once removed, share an average of 439 cM. Second cousins share an average of 233 cM, while second cousins, once removed, share an average of 123 cM. These ranges of shared cM results can be used to confirm a basic finding, such as two first cousins testing and seeing a 850 cM match, an amount which provides evidence to confirm that they are first cousins.

When looking at a more complex situation, such as finding a tester with an unknown identity who shares 300 cM, we would then have to look into the possibility that the two people could be first cousins, once removed, second cousins, or even second cousins, once removed. When we have strong DNA evidence that the two people share a close match, we need to look into each tester's family tree to figure out the exact family relationship between the two people.

### *Exploratory*

Exploratory research, the third general use of DNA information, examines more distant matches and features such as shared matched and "in common with" matches. Testing companies each have various features, such as *Ancestry DNA* listing "shared matches" among two testers, and *Family Tree DNA* displaying testers who appear "in-common-with" two different testers of interest.

Autosomal DNA testing has a high level of validity and reliability in relationships among testers going back five generations to second cousins. For third cousin matches and beyond, the smaller amounts of DNA shared only provide us with the basis to look further into a possible distant relationship. This relationship can be explored by analyzing groups of matches for shared surnames, shared geographic locations, or other interesting clues such as shared occupations. While exploratory research can be frustrating and time consuming, it is often quite interesting to find several shared matches who each have a relevant surname or who have ancestors who lived in the same small village.

### *Final Words*

In closing, genetic information has a range of interesting uses in our genealogical research. We can use the amount of DNA shared among parent-child and among siblings as **definitive** evidence of the relationship. DNA can also be used to **confirm** close family relationships and exact relationships among first to second cousins. For third cousins and beyond, having a DNA match with a person should be examined in conjunction with tools such as shared matches and in-common-with matches to **explore** possibilities in our research.

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## **NEW IRISH RECORDS AVAILABLE ONLINE**

The Ireland Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht has completed a digitization project with the Civil Registration Service to preserve new Irish birth, marriage, and death records. These records are free and now available online at [www.irishgenealogy.ie](http://www.irishgenealogy.ie). The following records have been added:

- Birth records 1917–1918
- Marriage records 1864–1869, 1942–1943, and

- Death records from 1967–1968.

With this latest update, the full range of Irish records now online are:

- Birth records 1864–1918
- Marriage records 1864–1943, and
- Death records 1878–1968.

According to the article in *The Journal.ie*, Minister Doherty of the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht said, “The growth in interest in family histories—helped by programmes such as *Who Do You Think You Are* and the possibility of digital archiving—has been facilitated by greater and easier online access and today represents another positive development for all genealogical detectives.”

The first Irish records on [www.irishgenealogy.ie](http://www.irishgenealogy.ie) were launched three years ago; since then, the website has been visited more than one million times. There are plans to add additional records of marriages and deaths dating back earlier in time; those records are now indexed online but the individual record images are not yet completed.

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## **WHERE GENEALOGISTS MEET**

**Wednesday, 19 June 2019 7:00 P.M.  
BEAVER COUNTY GENEALOGY &  
HISTORY CENTER**

Ryan Henrie, Director of Regional Family History Centers, will present “Using LDS Sources for Genealogical Research.” The program is free and open to the public. The program will be held at the BCG&HC facility at 250 East End Avenue, Beaver, 15009. Note that the facility is in a former 911 call center that is underground.

**Wednesday, 26 June 2019 6:00 P.M.  
CRANBERRY GENEALOGY CLUB**

The group will take a field trip to the Zelienople Combined Cemeteries on South Oliver Avenue in Zelienople. Meet at the cemetery. The group will fulfill requests from BillionGraves and Find a Grave. Afterward, the group will go out for a snack and socializing. For more information, please visit [www.cranberrygenealogy.org](http://www.cranberrygenealogy.org).

## **Saturday, 22 June 2019 10:00 A.M. EVANS CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY**

A free genealogy workshop is scheduled at the Evans City Public Library, 204 S. Jackson Street, Evans City. NHG Newsletter Co-Editor Susan Ennis will host a workshop with a lesson about researching, followed by hands-on practice using the library’s digital and print resources. Please bring your own laptop or tablet computer to use. Registration is recommended if you plan to attend. Call the library at 724-538-8695 or email [evanscity@bccls.org](mailto:evanscity@bccls.org) to register.

## **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. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, please visit [www.wpgs.org](http://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](http://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. For more information, please visit [www.gripitt.org](http://www.gripitt.org). GRIP will also host free evening lectures during both weeks. All events will be held on the LaRoche University campus, 9000 Babcock Blvd, McCandless Township. The free evening talks are open to the public and begin at 7:00 P.M. Details

- are found at [www.gripitt.org/evening-program](http://www.gripitt.org/evening-program).
- Monday, 24 June – Aaron McWilliams “What Records Do You Have? A Casual Look at the PA State Archives and Its Collections”
  - Tuesday, 25 June – Kelvin Meyers “Draper and Shane: Historians or Hoarders”
  - Thursday, 27 June – LaBrenda Garrett-Nelson, JD, CG “A Critical Step in Evaluating Old Documents: Accuracy of Transcriptions”
  - Monday, 15 July – Judy G. Russell, JD, CG, CGL “Share and Share Alike: The Rules of Genealogical Privacy”
  - Tuesday, 16 July – Angela Packer McGhie, CG “Using Identity Characteristics to Locate Your Ancestors”
  - Thursday, 18 July – Thomas W. Jones, PhD, CG, CGL “Overcoming Research Barriers: A Case Study”

**Monday, 24 June 2019 10:30 A.M.  
ZELIENOPLE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

NHG Newsletter Co-Editor Susan Ennis will lead a workshop about learning tips and tricks to grow your family tree using *Ancestry.com Library Edition* and other databases. Please bring a laptop or tablet if you have one available. This workshop is free and open to all levels of genealogy enthusiasts. The library's address is 227 South High Street, Zelienople, 16063. For more information, please visit [www.zelienoplelibrary.org](http://www.zelienoplelibrary.org).

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

The center will host a German Genealogy Workshop featuring Michael Lacopo, DVM. He will present four lectures: “Methods for Identifying the German Origins of American Immigrants,” “Finding and Using German Church Records,” “German Genealogy on the Internet: Beyond the Basics,” and “Pennsylvania German Social History: Furthering Research by Understanding Your Ancestors.” Registration is open for this event. Details can be found at [www.heinzhistorycenter.org/events/german-genealogy-workshop-2019](http://www.heinzhistorycenter.org/events/german-genealogy-workshop-2019).

**Tuesday, 8 July 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](http://www.cranberrytownship.org/830/Library) to register.

**Tuesday, 9 July 2019 7:00 P.M.  
CORNERSTONE GENEALOGICAL  
SOCIETY**

Brian Charlton, of the Donora Smog Museum, will present “Stan Musial and Local Baseball” during the next Cornerstone meeting. The program will be held in their facility at 144 East Green Street, Waynesburg, 15370. It is free and open to the public. For more information, please visit [www.cornerstonegenealogy.com](http://www.cornerstonegenealogy.com).

**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](http://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](http://www.indianahistory.org/research/family-history/midwestern-roots).

**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](http://www.westmorelandhistory.org) for more information.

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

Details are being finalized for IAGJS's thirty-ninth annual conference, which will be held at the Hilton Cleveland Downtown in Cleveland, Ohio. Watch [www.ijags2019.org/index.cfm](http://www.ijags2019.org/index.cfm) for more information.

**29 July–2 August 2019  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF  
PENNSYLVANIA**

HSP is holding a week-long course about genealogical research in Pennsylvania. Held at their facility in Philadelphia, the course will include time to research in HSP's collections. Please visit [www.hsp.org/calendar/researching-family-pennsylvania](http://www.hsp.org/calendar/researching-family-pennsylvania) for more information.

**Saturday, 17 August 2019 9:30 A.M.  
AKRON-SUMMIT COUNTY  
PUBLIC LIBRARY**

The library and the Summit County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society are co-sponsoring *Ethics in Genealogy* featuring Judy Russell, JD, CG, CGL. Russell will present four lectures about ethics and the law for genealogical research. More information and a link to register are available at <https://services.akronlibrary.org/event/1673129>.

**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, and more. More information is available at [www.fgs.org/annual-conference](http://www.fgs.org/annual-conference). The conference hotel will extend the discounted room rate before and after the event.

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**NHG MEMBERSHIP FORM**

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

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## UPCOMING NHG PROGRAMS Registration Required for Some Programs

**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. Registration is required.

**BONUS MEETING – Tuesday, 25 June 2019**  
**Draper and Shane: Historians or Hoarders**

*Kelvin Myers*

Two mid-nineteenth century historians never published but created two very important collections for the genealogist. Both men conducted oral interviews, and collected original material pertaining

to the Trans-Appalachian west. This lecture will discuss both collections, their finding aids and how to use them. **This program will be held at LaRoche University** as part of the Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh.

**Tuesday, 16 July 2019**  
**Using Identity Characteristics to Locate Your Ancestors**

*Angela Packer McGhie, CG*

Whether you are having trouble locating an individual in a particular census or need to separate records for two men of the same name, using identity characteristics will help you locate your ancestors. This presentation features two case studies demonstrating the technique—using age, occupation, religion, residence, birthplace, and names of family members to locate records and to analyze whether they apply to the person of interest. **This program will be held at LaRoche University** as part of the Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh.