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NHG NEWS

May Features Two Talks about Photos and Genealogy

The NHG meeting on Tuesday, 21 May 2019 is an interactive webinar with genealogist Maureen Taylor, the Photo Detective, who is an author, a lecturer, and an internationally recognized expert on identifying historic photos. Taylor will present a “Photo Detective Roadshow” where she will highlight clues within photos to aid in accurate identification of the time and place of the pictured event.

There will be two locations to view this webinar, and registration is required to attend. To attend “Photo Detective Roadshow” at Northland Library, please register using this link: www.eventkeeper.com/mars/xpages/xp_newpopevent.cfm?zeeOrg=NORTHLAND&EventID=5966532&sw=1920 from the NHG website. Due to limited seating at Northland, a second location for the “Photo Detective Roadshow” has been arranged by the Cranberry Genealogy Club at Dutilh Church’s sanctuary, 1270 Dutilh Road, Cranberry Township, 16066 by emailing your name and phone number to Info@CranberryGenealogy.org. The meeting broadcast will begin at 6:45 P.M. with Maureen Taylor’s presentation shortly after 7:00 P.M.

On Wednesday, 22 May, the Cranberry Genealogy Club, partnering with the Cranberry Township Historical Society and the Cranberry Public Library will offer a second, related webinar by Maureen Taylor, titled “Genealogical Clues in Family Photos”. This live webinar will be held at the Cranberry Township Municipal Building in the Council Chamber Meeting Room across from the library’s entrance, 2525 Rochester Road, Cranberry Township, 16066. The meeting will begin at 6:45 P.M. with Taylor’s presentation to follow. Please reserve your spot

for this second webinar by the Photo Detective by emailing your name and phone number to Info@CranberryGenealogy.org. Indicate which meeting or meetings you plan to attend at the Cranberry locations.

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.

NHG Hosts British Genealogy Event

NHG is pleased to offer a one-day event this summer, *Researching British Ancestors*, presented by Melissa A. Johnson, CG, on Saturday, 20 July 2019 from 10:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. at the Shaler North Hills Library, 1800 Mt. Royal Boulevard, Glenshaw, 15116. Johnson is a
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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

All members have the opportunity to help steer the organization. This could be by serving on a committee, serving on the board, or volunteering at one of our events. Take advantage of this opportunity to share your ideas and knowledge!

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Kathleen (Kay) Gretchen Williams was born in Erie County, Pennsylvania, in 1916. A lot of people in that County with the surname of Williams want to claim her as a relative. And why would that be?

It is because Kay's full name was Kathleen Gretchen Williams Capps deAlzaga Spreckels Gable. She was a successful model, once heralded as the most beautiful model of the year. She tried to make a career in Hollywood but decided that was not her life. And—probably most important to answering the above question “Why”—she was the fifth wife of Clark Gable. They married in 1955, and she gave birth to his only son, John Clark Gable in 1961. Unfortunately, Clark never got to see his son as John was born four months after Clark's death.

My Williams family has much the same thoughts of many of the other Erie County Williams families; I grew up with the family lore that Kay Williams Gable was a relative. Her birthplace is in the immediate area of where my ancestors settled in Erie County and where many of my current relatives live. Older relatives have stated that their parents went to school with her and that they played with her as a child. As the family genealogist I was frequently asked to provide the “proof” that she was a relative. Finally, curiosity won out, and eight years ago I decided to tackle the project, mainly as a diversion from my other family history research.

But there was another good reason for delving into this. As many of you know, I have never—in seventeen years of searching—been able to find the home village in Wales of my great-great-grandfather Richard Williams. I felt that if, in fact, Kay was a relative, it would give me another line back to Wales to assist in the search. So I

moved forward with the objective of proving or disproving the family lore.

As you might guess, there is an enormous amount of material about her on the Internet. Procuring a birth and death certificate for her was relatively easy. As stated above, she was born in Erie in 1916. She died in Houston, Texas, in 1983 after a lengthy illness. Other sources helped flesh out her family. She had an older brother Vince and a younger sister Elizabeth. Her paternal grandfather was born in Maine and her paternal grandmother in New Brunswick, Canada. But at that point, the trail becomes somewhat obscure, and my interest waned. I set aside the materials I gathered.

But my interest was just recently rekindled when I received a reply to a Facebook posting from eight years. The replier was from the immediate branch of one of Kay's siblings. The lesson here is that it's never too late. Eight years had passed since the posting! My correspondence with the replier is ongoing, but there are a number of family details that have been clarified at this point. So I have gone back to work on the puzzle.

One of the tools I used was the *Quick & Dirty Family Tree* as learned from Blaine Bettinger at the NHG Spring Conference. It is a great tool—the response has been overwhelming, and hints are still coming in almost daily. It's going to take a while to sort through all of them, but a wealth of new knowledge has been gained.

At this point, there is no proof one way or the other that Kay Williams Gable is a relative. Further, the deeper I dig, the dimmer it seems that she is a relative. But the project is interesting and will be continued!

Incidentally, I found some interesting facts about Clark Gable as a result of this search. His parent's home was just up I-79 from Pittsburgh in the Meadville, Pennsylvania, area. His father moved to eastern Ohio to work in the coal mines. Clark was born in Cadiz, Ohio, in 1901. His mother died when he was seven months old, and his father sent him back to Pennsylvania to live with relatives until he was two years old. So both Cadiz and Meadville claim him as a hometown boy.

There is an interesting museum in Cadiz devoted to Clark. It is an easy day trip from Pittsburgh, about seventy-five miles west on Route 22. If you ever get there, make sure to step around back to the garage where his iconic baby-blue 1954 Cadillac Coupe de Ville is kept on display!

~ Dave

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New Jersey-based genealogist who specializes in research related to New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and the British Isles as well as writing, editing, and publishing, DNA, forensic genealogy, and records from colonial times to the present. In July, she will present: "Intro to British Genealogy Research," "Beyond the Basics: British Genealogy Research," "Case Studies in British Genealogy," and "Using DNA to Solve Genealogical Problems."

Registration is required for *Researching British Ancestors*; the cost for NHG members is \$20.00 and for non-members, \$30.00 (which includes NHG membership for one year). Space is limited to 70 participants for this event. To register, you may get a form at a meeting or online; it may be mailed or submitted at a meeting. Include a check to North Hills Genealogists, or register via our website, using a credit card. There is an optional, convenient choice of four different box lunches from Panera for an additional \$13.00.

Novices Workshop Returns in June

Genealogical Research Workshops for Novices, a "members only" event, will be held on Saturday, 8 June 2019 from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. at Northland Library. Members are invited to sign-up for this free workshop to review use of census records, software, and organization; to get answers to your questions by consulting with volunteers about your own genealogy; and to share favorite websites used for research. Please bring your own technology, notes you might need, and a website you use and would recommend to others. To reserve your spot in the *Genealogical Research Workshops for Novices*, email your name and phone number to Sue Ennis at Education@NorthHillsGenealogists.org by June 6th.

Elections

NHG is holding its annual election for officers, which are president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer. The ballot is attached as a separate page. Copies of the ballot will also be available during the May and June regular meetings. Members may give their completed ballots to any board member at a meeting or mail their ballots to NHG, PO Box 169, Wexford, PA 15090. Please submit your ballot by 30 June 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 be required for this meeting.

New Facebook Group

We're expanding our social media presence to include a Facebook Group. We envision the group as a place for comments, discussions, and questions. If you are on Facebook and would like to join, go to www.facebook.com/groups/2041517066148864 and click on the Join button.

UPDATED PAPERS OF THE WAR DEPARTMENT WEBSITE BACK ONLINE

In the past month, the entire website, *Papers of the War Department*, found at www.wardepartmentpapers.org, was changed and updated, thanks to a grant from the American Council of Learned Societies. Included in the transfer and upgrade was the addition of transcription software, *Scripto*, which should ease the process for volunteers who offer to transcribe papers from the War Department's collection.

In the new home page menu, the links include *Guides*, *Teach*, *Transcribe*, *Collection*, and

Search. In the *Guides* section, there are resources about using the War Department's papers, historical context, and transcribing for the department. The newly added *Teach* section offers units for use in high school or undergraduate courses. Both the *Collection* and *Search* sections offer navigation for access to papers about specific topics; *Collection* adds descriptions for each collection, which can be searched or browsed.

In November 1800, the War Office was destroyed by a fire, and then Secretary of War Samuel Dexter wrote that all contents were destroyed. Actually, the copy or original of the records that were filed in the War Office were lost; however, duplicates were filed in other locations. In 1800, the War Office was a national archive of sorts, so the loss was horrible. Over time, more than 42,000 documents about early America's military history, trade, veteran and naval business, items about land acquisition, pension records and more were collected from more than 200 repositories and digitized under the title, *Papers of the War Department 1784-1800*. With the updated website, all of these documents are searchable and available to be viewed online.

NGS INTRODUCES NEW ONLINE COURSE: WAR OF 1812 RECORDS

Press Release (Partial)

8 May 2019

The National Genealogical Society (NGS) is pleased to introduce our new Continuing Genealogical Studies (CGS) course, [War of 1812 Records](#), which takes an in-depth look at the wealth of information family historians can access to trace ancestors in this time period. Records include compiled military service, pension, bounty land, Navy and Marine Corps, and prisoner of war records.

Students will develop an understanding of the cause of the war and the genealogical significance of various records associated with it. They will examine and learn how to use numerous records including muster rolls, ship's logs, diplomatic records, state militia records, and lineage society files. The course also covers African American and Native American participation in the war. This course was developed by the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) with David Rencher,

CG, Rebecca Koford, CG, Ken Nelson, and Michael Hall as contributing authors. It is divided into fourteen modules which include readings, web links, self-correcting quizzes, practical assignments, and a reading and reference list.

STATE LIBRARY RENOVATION PROJECT FORCES TEMPORARY MOVE

The State Library of Pennsylvania in Harrisburg will begin to move this month in anticipation of extensive renovations to the Forum Building, the historic, current location of the library and related offices. The internal renovations and restoration will begin in September, 2019 and will be completed in two years. Note that not all individual resources will be accessible for the public during the two-year project; in fact, the temporary location for the library will be split into multiple places. Despite the inconveniences during the transition, the plans will maintain the historic features of the State Library with added, modern conveniences for patrons.

For interested genealogists, a significant portion of the Genealogy Room's collection will be transferred to the Keystone Building, 400 North Street, Harrisburg, 17120. This includes "materials from each of Pennsylvania's counties, including cemetery listings, immigration indexes, baptismal, marriage or other listings, city directories microfilm, and Genealogy/Local History Microfiche" according to the website, www.statelibrary.pa.gov/Pages/moving.aspx. Other related resources to be housed in the Keystone Building are all in-house digital databases, Harrisburg newspapers on microfilm, and some general references. Detailed lists and locations are outlined clearly on the State Library's website; it is highly recommended that you contact the library staff prior to arriving to research by emailing the Reference Librarians at ra-reflib@pa.gov or calling them at 717-783-5950.

RECORDS SPOTLIGHT: PASSENGER ARRIVAL RECORDS

By Rich Venezia, NHG Past President

Passenger arrival records are some of the most widely used records to trace immigrant ancestors, but what records exist, and what *type* of information is found on those records, varies greatly by time frame. To fully dissect passenger manifests, well, it would require an article in the newsletter every month for the next . . . century or so. What follows is a general overview of arrival records.

Pre-1820 passenger arrival records are few and far-between. One generally must rely on printed sources to find earlier arrival records, and there is no guarantee a record is extant. An excellent place to start is the *Passenger and Immigration Lists Index*, a fifteen-volume series by P. William Filby and Mary Keysor Meyer. It indexes more than 4.5 million names found in more than 2,500 sources. It can be searched on *Ancestry.com* at www.ancestry.com/search/collections/pili354. Another excellent resource for very early Pilgrims (1602–1638) is Anne Stevens's list at www.packrat-pro.com/ships/shiplist.htm. There is also an (incomplete) database for those who arrived as indentured servants, found at: www.pricegen.com/immigrantservants/search/simple.php.

The Steerage Act of 1819, which went into effect 1 January 1820, was the legislation which mandated the continuous reporting of passenger lists. In fact, these lists of passengers on a ship were to be furnished to the Collector of Customs, who was to then send them quarterly to the Secretary of State. It's vital to understand that early passenger lists were created for customs reasons; the government was interested in regulating the ships, not the immigrants. As such, biographical information on these US customs lists was sparse at best.

The 1819 legislation specified the ship captain or ship master record information about a passenger's name, age, sex, occupation, country of origin, and country of intended residence, as well as if any of these passengers died on the voyage. This can make it very difficult to determine if one finds the right "John Smith". However, good genealogical research teaches us to FAN out, so note other names that are familiar on the same ship manifest. Perhaps careful examination uncovers passengers with the wife's maiden name, or passengers with uncommon

names that eventually end up as neighbors to the people of interest.

Starting in 1891, passenger arrival records began to be submitted to the newly created Office of Superintendent of Immigration (shortly thereafter known as the Bureau of Immigration). These records included the name, age, sex, last residence, destination, occupation, and nationality of individuals. In March 1893, information on amount of funds in an immigrant's possession, health condition, whether ever in the US, destination in the US, literacy, marital status, and name and address of a relative in the US was added. In March 1903, information on one's race or people was added, and in February 1907, information on previous arrests or deportations, complexion, and eye/hair color was added, as well as the address of the nearest friend or relative in the home country, and a birthplace. Around this time is when ship manifests (for aliens) began to cover two pages. (In fact, it was only one very large page, but appears to be two pages on the various online databases genealogists use, as it is often two images.) Later additions to ship manifests include height, identifying marks, whether arriving for temporary or permanent residence, and literacy (1917), and travel or visa document issuance date and number (1924).

One might also find annotations to passenger arrival records, especially for those after 1892. These notations were generally for verification of lawful arrival purposes. Beginning with the 1906 Basic Naturalization Act, an immigrant needed to prove his/her lawful entry to the United States in order to naturalize. Beginning in the mid-1920s, annotations were added to ship manifests to verify lawful arrivals of individuals who had begun the process to naturalize, and also so that an immigrant's lawful arrival record could only be used once for naturalization purposes. (These notations actually began as a response to a large amount of naturalization fraud perpetrated in the 1920s.) The best resource for learning more about notations is www.jewishgen.org/InfoFiles/Manifests.

Customs lists, which exist until the early 1890s, and immigration lists, thereafter, are widely available on places like *Ancestry.com*,

FamilySearch, and others. Customs lists were generally microfilmed by the National Archives, indexed as a WPA project, and have since been digitized. The immigration lists, which began in the early 1890s, were indexed by the INS (Immigration & Naturalization Service), and microfilmed by the INS in the 1940s. The microfilms themselves were transferred to the National Archives (NARA) beginning in the 1950s. All of the aforementioned records are often arranged (and best searched) by port. A few "one-stop shops" exist, namely Steve Morse (www.stevemorse.org) and *Ancestry.com* (www.ancestry.com/search/categories/40/).

Passenger arrival records for US citizens, especially in earlier years, may not always survive, for various reasons. One main reason is that some ports did not keep manifests of cabin passengers (or those records are no longer extant), and oftentimes, those passengers may have been US citizens. There were also periods of time in which only the manifesting of *alien* passengers was required; as such, US citizen passenger information may not have been captured, as it was not required by law.

As always, one should not always rely on digitized or transcribed indexes to find a person of interest! While the excellent indices available online may help locate a passenger most of the time, there are other ways to locate an arrival record—especially if the surname was misspelled *or* the arrival record wasn't actually created upon arrival. (More on that shortly.)

Indexes, either alphabetical or Soundex, exist for many of the major ports as NARA microfilms. Many of these are available on *FamilySearch* as browsable images. See, for example, the indexes of the New Orleans port at www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/67527. Microfilm publication T527 indexes arrivals 1853–1899, and T618 indexes arrivals 1900–1952. Several manifests from the New Orleans port have been lost (it's unclear exactly how many, and the years of loss), so one may find an index card in this collection *to a record that no longer exists*. In other words, the only instance to be found of an ancestor's arrival record could be found within these indexes. If we rely solely on the passenger arrival records that have been indexed and are widely available online, the search for that immigrant

would never end—and be endlessly frustrating. Similarly, these index cards may indicate that someone underwent Registry—a process instituted in 1929, by which an immigrant for whom no lawful arrival record could be found could apply to have an arrival record retroactively created. This was quite a process—and as one can imagine, would involve many documents (most of which are currently held by the USCIS Genealogy Program). However, when an official arrival record was created *after the fact* for one of these Registry proceedings, an index card should have made its way into the indexes of the port at which the immigrant arrived. Again, the search for the actual arrival record could be fruitless, but a search of the indexes may reveal the information sought.

A few closing notes about passenger records—no, names were not changed at Ellis Island! These passenger records were generally created by the ship master or, later, the shipping agency *prior to the departure of the vessel*. If a name is “misspelled” on a manifest, it could be that the immigrant was illiterate—or, that the departure point was Le Havre (France), but the immigrant was Polish. One can understand a little misspelling when there was a big communication barrier. Additionally, women of some ethnicities traveled under their maiden names. If looking for an Italian or Chinese woman, look for the maiden name! If the husband had already immigrated and the wife was coming later on with the kids—the kids may be listed under her maiden name accidentally, too! Know there are always exceptions to every rule, and generalizations in this article are just that—generalizations. An excellent guide is John P. Colletta’s *They Came In Ships: A Guide to Finding Your Immigrant Ancestor’s Arrival Record*. It’s a perfect read for these rainy spring days in Pittsburgh.

WHERE GENEALOGISTS MEET

Wednesday, 22 May 2019 6:30 P.M. CRANBERRY GENEALOGY CLUB

Webinar by Maureen Taylor, The Photo Detective, titled *Genealogical Clues in Family Photos*, co-sponsored by the Cranberry Genealogy Club, Cranberry Public Library, and Cranberry Township Historical Society. The

meeting will be held in the Council Chamber Meeting Room (across from the library), Cranberry Township Municipal Building, 2525 Rochester Road, Cranberry Township, 16066. RSVP by emailing your name to: Info@CranberryGenealogy.org. Meetings are free and open to the public.

Saturday, 25 May 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 with additional sessions on Saturdays, June 22 and July 27. Call the library at 724-538-8695 or email 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.

Monday, 3 June 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.

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.

**15–16 June 2019 11:00 A.M.
FORT PITT MUSEUM**

The museum's living history events continue with *Dunmore's War Hunting Camp*. Learn about the lives of Pennsylvanians and Virginians in the Pittsburgh area in 1774. The event is free and open to the public. More information is available at www.heinzhistorycenter.org/events/living-history-dunmores-war-hunting-camp-june-15.

**15–17 June 2019
INTERNATIONAL GERMAN
GENEALOGICAL CONFERENCE**

The theme for this year's conference is *Strike it Rich with Connections & 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. For more information, please visit 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.

- 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.
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, Zelienople, 16063. For more information, please visit 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.

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.

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

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.iajgs2019.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 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. The conference hotel will extend the discounted room rate before and after the event.

Saturday, 31 August 2019 11:00 A.M.
FORT PITT MUSEUM

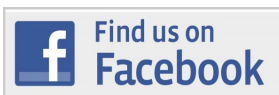
S. Max Edelson will discuss his book *The New Map of Empire: How Britain Imagined America before Independence*. He will use images of original maps of the colonies in his discussion. For more information, please visit www.heinzhistorycenter.org/events/fort-pitt-museum-new-map-of-empire.



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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? This 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.

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.

BONUS MEEETING – 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.