



NORTH HILLS GENEALOGISTS

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NHG NEWS

Social Hour before the November Meeting

We will have a social before this month's meeting. Starting at 6:15 P.M., there will be snacks and an opportunity to network with your fellow genealogists. We've done this several times before and are doing it again due to popular demand. **Note that the social will replace Tip Time this month.**

NHG Donates Books to Northland Public Library

NHG will make its annual book donation to Northland Public Library at our November meeting. We are donating both print books and e-books.

The print books we are donating this year are:

- *The Best of Reclaiming Kin: Helpful Tips on Researching Your Roots* by Robyn N. Smith
- *German Residential Records for Genealogists: Tracing Your Ancestor from Place to Place in Germany* by Roger Minert, PhD
- *Helping Patrons Find Their Roots: A Genealogy Handbook for Librarians* by Janice Lindgren Schultz
- *Paths to Your Past* by Pamela Boyer Sayre
- *Polish Immigration to America* by Stephen Szabados
- *The Portable Genealogist: Writing*
- *Professional Genealogy: Preparation, Practice & Standards* edited by Elizabeth Shown Mills
- *Thirty-One English Emigrants Who Came to New England by 1662* by Dorothy C. and Gerald E. Knoff
- *Understanding Revolutionary War and Invalid Pension Ledgers 1818-1872 and the Pension Payment Vouchers they Represent* by Craig Roberts Scott

- *Virginia Court Records in Southwestern Pennsylvania* by Boyd Crumrine
- *White Pennsylvania Runaways 1720-1749* by Joseph Lee Boyle
- *White Pennsylvania Runaways 1750-1762* by Joseph Lee Boyle

The e-books we are donating this year are

- *The Adoptee's Guide to DNA Testing* by Tamar Weinberg
- *The Family Tree Historical Newspapers Guide* by Jim Beidler
- *Help Me to Find My People* by Heather Andrea Williams
- *How to Write Your Personal or Family History* by Katie Funk Wiebe
- *The Unofficial Guide to Ancestry.com: How to Find Your Family History on the #1 Genealogy Website* by Nancy Hendrickson

A portion of the NHG member dues go toward the purchase of the books. We would not be able to **(continued on page 33)**

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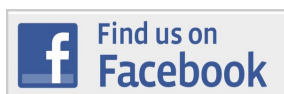
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WHO WE ARE—NHG

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

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

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



NHG MEMBER BENEFITS

Did you know that NHG has programs and field trips specifically for members? These members-only events include our new research workshop series, our holiday social, and our field trips (most recently to the Allegheny County record offices and the Pennsylvania State Archives). Watch the newsletter for announcements of more members-only events.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

For starters, let me apologize to those who registered for the live-streaming of our October program featuring Debbie Abbott. Debbie was her usual very informative and entertaining self, but unfortunately technical difficulties did not allow the live-streaming to take place. As happens many times in the introduction of new technology, the merging of three different systems appears to have been too much. I still feel that this method needs continued investigation as one of the best ways of overcoming our venue problems and reaching all interested parties regardless of obstacles—such as weather. Again, I apologize. We feel the problems are resolved and will be again offering live-streaming with our January 2019 program featuring Dave Grinnell.

Our Holiday Social on Saturday, December 1st, will feature a tour of the University of Pittsburgh Nationality Rooms. Located on the first and third floors of the university's Cathedral of Learning, these thirty rooms are one of the most unique collections of mini-museums in existence. From Africa to Yugoslavia, the story that emerges from each room can provide more information about your family's history and heritage.

That can happen because one of the requirements in the construction of the rooms is that their design must pre-date the founding of the university in 1787. This can tell you much about the architecture and customs of the 1700s and earlier. Interestingly enough, there is one exception to the above requirement—which can be found in the English Room. Items from the House of Commons that survived World War II bombings were donated by the British government and incorporated into the room.

Another room that has always been of interest to me because of its design is the Armenian Room. The design dates to the tenth century; twenty-two tons of limestone went into its construction. The heaviest of the Nationality Rooms, the understructure of the cathedral needed to be reinforced in order to carry its weight. As a side note, Armenia was the first country to adopt Christianity as a state religion—a happening which occurred around the third century.

So if your ethnicity is from any one of the more than two dozen represented by Pitt's Nationality Rooms, you do not want to miss this opportunity to explore!

I wish you and your family the very happiest for the holiday season. I hope 2018 was a successful and prosperous year for you and that 2019 brings more of the same. Happy Hunting!

~ Dave

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purchase the books without the support of our members. Thank you!

Social Media Chair Needed

Carole Ashbridge, NHG's long-time Social Media Chair, is stepping down on December 31st. We are looking for an enthusiastic volunteer who is well-versed in using social media to fill the role. The primary responsibility is posting regularly to our accounts on Facebook, Pinterest, and Twitter. If you are interested in serving in this capacity, please see Dave Williams at a meeting or send an email to Info@NorthHillsGenealogists.org.

Preview Pitt's Nationality Rooms Online

The NHG Winter Social at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, 1 December 2018 is a tour of the Nationality Rooms at the University of Pittsburgh, located in the Cathedral of Learning. There are currently thirty heritage rooms in the Cathedral of Learning. For a video preview of the rooms, go to this web page, and click on the name of the room to watch a brief highlight video. The website for Pitt's Nationality Rooms is www.nationalityrooms.pitt.edu.

Remember that registration is required for planning purposes to attend this event; sign up no later than Tuesday, 20 November at the NHG meeting. There is a modest fee of \$4.00 for the tour; plan to stay after the tour for a group lunch (Dutch treat) at The Porch restaurant across from the cathedral. Payment can be made to a member of the NHG Program Committee right before the tour. Please bring exact change.

Members Visit PA State Archives

Inspired by information presented at last spring's NHG Annual Conference, nine NHG members headed to Harrisburg in October to conduct research at the State Archives. The research trip was a success; between the archives and the nearby state library, all participants added to their own family history by examining original documents, viewing microfilmed records, and analyzing online and print resources. Everyone enjoyed group dinners and collaborative exchanges afterward in the hotel's lobby. The group learned the best ways to prepare for researching in an archives as compared to a library; they focused upon accessing records and artifacts unique to the archives. NHG extends a special thanks to Jonathan Strayer, Aaron McWilliams, and the staff at the PA State Archives for taking the time to present an overview and to lend research support. The PA State Archives is open to researchers Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. and Saturdays from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. and 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. For details about the archives and finding aids, refer to www.phmc.pa.gov/archives.

NHG Announces Dates for Research Workshops

The dates for the third and fourth Genealogy Research Workshops for Novices have been confirmed for next spring. The third workshop will be held on Saturday, 30 March 2019 at Northland Library in the meeting room from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M., and the fourth workshop is scheduled for Saturday, 8 June 2019 at the same time and location. These workshops are designed to offer a mini-lesson about genealogical resources and methodology, followed by 90 minutes of dedicated research time. NHG volunteers participate by supporting individuals and answering questions in a collaborative

environment. This is a members-only event; to register for the free workshop, send your name, email address, and phone number to Education@NorthHillsGenealogists.org. Please indicate the date(s) that you plan to attend. You will receive a brief confirmation notice upon receipt of your emailed interest in the program.

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.

SHARE A WEBSITE

Thank you to Lois Lang for contributing our newest member-submitted website. Lois has used the *North Carolina Digital Collections* (<http://digital.ncdcr.gov/cdm/home/>) to find Confederate pension applications, colonial court records, family records, and land records. This link is now available on the North Hills Genealogists website under Links > Member Suggested Websites.

The Hungarian Genealogical Society of Greater Cleveland (Ohio) has added content for researchers to its website, which is found at: www.hungariangensocietycleveland.org. The society was formed in 1996 and meets six times each year to collaborate on researching ancestors from the Austro-Hungarian Empire. Included on the website are resources for

Hungary, Croatia, Austria, Ukraine, Romania, Serbia, Bosnia, Czech Republic, and Slovakia and links for tracing one's Eastern European roots. Thanks to Nancy, a guest at a recent NHG meeting, for this insight!

We would love to share your favorite sites. Cards are available for you to list your go-to site, in addition to all those popular ones that we already have in our toolboxes. Pick up a card at the sign-in table for our monthly meetings. If you have any questions or would like to submit a website electronically, please contact Carole Ashbridge at caroleashbridge@gmail.com.

NEW SEASON OF WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE? ANNOUNCED

Beginning on Monday, 3 December 2018, the eleventh season of *Who Do You Think You Are?* returns for the month with four new episodes, scheduled for 10:00 P.M. Eastern Time. The Emmy-Award winning series will air on TLC (The Learning Channel). Co-sponsored by Shed Media Group and Ancestry.com, this popular series helps celebrities to uncover their genealogy and explore their ancestral roots.

The Dec. 3rd episode features actress Mandy Moore and features Australian heritage. Actor Josh Duhamel's English heritage is explored on the December 10th episode. The final two new episodes will both air on Monday, December 17th; check your local listings for the starting times. The first episode on December 17th showcases the Colonial family history of actor Matthew Morrison. Regina King's episode on the same night will highlight resources for finding female ancestors and heritage in Alabama.

In past seasons, TLC has promoted the new episodes of *WDYTYA* by replaying several recent seasons of programs; therefore, there should be a chance for many hours of genealogical programming to inspire research!

WATCH FOR FREE DATABASE TRIALS

With the extended holiday season upon us, remember that many genealogical databases offer free access to record sets or an entire collection concurrently with certain holidays. Watching for

and then taking advantage of free trials is a convenient way to explore unique database content from home.

For example, the *American Ancestors* database (which is also available at Northland Library) just offered free access to all 1.4 billion of their records from 6–13 November in celebration of the fall season. *Fold3* has free access to Native American records to coordinate with Native American Heritage month, celebrated each November.

The best way to find out about free access is by reading database or genealogy blogs, signing up to receive email updates from a certain database company, or by checking the social media accounts of each database. For example, if you “Like” the Facebook page of a database such as *Ancestry.com* or *FindMyPast*, you can then view alerts about free content trials. At this time of year, you can also read about any special deals on subscription services or products. Check for free trial announcements that are shared on the social media platforms of the North Hills Genealogists!

GENEALOGICAL BLOGS AND SOCIAL MEDIA ADD VIDEO INSTRUCTION

While participating recently in a genealogy webinar, the instructional video content of a Facebook page and two blogs were featured. “Family History Ron” shares great insight about *FamilySearch.org* and its offerings on Facebook at www.facebook.com/familyhistoryron. He has worked at FamilySearch for a decade. Anyone may submit genealogical questions to Ron who uses them to share information about research, record groups, and search techniques on weekly live talks. All of his videos are then archived and are accessible from his public page.

A subscription to *FindMyPast* database is not needed to search or to access their instructional videos about current historical topics, record groups in their collection, or research insights. The *FindMyPast* blog can be found at <https://blog.findmypast.com>. The short videos provide hints about using the *FindMyPast* database.

The other blog that was mentioned is from *Fold3*; the website for this blog is <https://blog.fold3.com>. This is a particularly well-written blog that leads to other relevant content and provides historic perspective about specific military events. The articles also highlight *Fold3* collections.

Access to *FamilySearch* is free to all after registering with your email address and is also available at Family History Centers (FHC) and affiliate public libraries. Access to *FindMyPast* and *Fold3* are through paid subscriptions; however, the FHC offer free access to those databases and several others at all locations. The Cranberry Township Family History Center is located at the corner of Rochester and Powell Road; current hours are Wednesdays from 9:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. and 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

MyHERITAGE LIVE EVENT POSTS VIDEOS ONLINE

The first-ever conference for users of MyHeritage was held earlier this month in Oslo, Norway, and featured workshop tracks about DNA, genealogy, and research. These workshops were presented by prominent, interesting genealogical speakers. The recorded workshops about DNA and genealogy will be available soon to be viewed for free. The conference keynote session is available now at <https://blog.myheritage.com/2018/11/myheritage-live-keynote-address-by-ceo-gilad-japhet>. This is another opportunity to learn from home!

DEEDS FOR BEAVER COUNTY FOUND ONLINE

The Beaver County, Pennsylvania Recorder of Deeds Office recently announced that their deeds are now searchable online through the website *Search Online Records: Beaver County, PA*, which can be found at: www.searchiqs.com/pabea/Login.aspx and was created in partnership with Info Quick Solutions. The available deeds and related paperwork items are available from 1800 through mid-2018. The grantor, grantee, and mortgage indices are included in this collection.

First navigate to the web page; click on “Log In as Guest”. Fill in at least a surname in either the

“Party 1” or “Party 2” search bar. Then click on the “Search” button in the top right corner of the page.

The results will be displayed in a table of data that includes names of parties involved with the deed transaction, specific location of the property, dates, and reasons for the filing. In the far left column of the table is a “View” button; once you click on that you will see a digital image of each page of that particular deed. Searching the documents and viewing the images are free. If you want to save or print the images, the cost is \$0.50 per page.

Note: In September, the *Beaver County, Pennsylvania, Tax Records, 1832–1925* collection, organized by township or borough, was added to Ancestry.com. Results are also digital images of each page of the tax rolls for ninety-four years.

FAMILYSEARCH ADDS NOTABLE RECORD COLLECTIONS

One of the newest digital collections added to FamilySearch.org includes the *Philadelphia (PA) City Births, 1860–1915*. The dates range from 1 July 1860 through 30 June 1915. This is a great collection that mostly pre-dates the required filing of birth certificates that began in 1906. Another new record group recently added is the *West Virginia Will Books, 1756–1971* with almost seventy thousand images.

Thanks to a partnership between the Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation and FamilySearch, the entire collection of papers documenting more than a century of ancestral arrivals at New York City has been digitized and can be searched and viewed online at FamilySearch.org. This collection includes all of the arrival lists from 1820 to 1957! This is the first time that these arrival records have been available free to the public. Within FamilySearch, the collection has been divided into three categories based upon waves of immigration: *New York Passenger Lists (Castle Garden) 1820–1891*; *New York Passenger Arrival Lists (Ellis Island) 1892–1924*; and *New York New York Passenger and Crew Lists 1925–1957*. The entire project was started thirty years ago and completed in August. According

to the press release, the contents of these lists include “passenger names, age, last place of residence, who is sponsoring them in America, the port of departure, their date of arrival in New York Harbor, and sometimes other interesting information.”

To access these new and valuable collections for genealogical researchers, log into your FamilySearch.org account. Then click on “Search” and scroll down to “Catalog”; click on “Keywords” and enter some or all of the words of the collection’s title. From there you can do a concentrated search just within the specific collection. It is amazing how many new digitized records are added each month!

HISTORIC ANNIVERSARY NOTED FOR WORLD WAR I ARMISTICE DAY

The armistice to end World War I went into effect a century ago in Paris, France, “on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month” in 1918, after the pact was signed and sealed earlier that morning. This year on Veterans Day as Americans remember and honor all United States military veterans there is a focus upon preserving the stories of ancestors from the World War I era. In fact, it is proper when wearing a poppy, to display it on the right side at the 11 o’clock position.

With the 100th anniversary of the Armistice Day this year, it is a chance to discover and review information about the WWI veterans from our own family tree. To learn more about this significant anniversary, here are links to articles and websites that commemorate the contributions of those who served during World War I:

- *FamilySearch Blog*: www.familysearch.org/blog/en/ww1-armistice-day-centennial
- *Library of Congress*: www.loc.gov/topics/world-war-i
- *National Archives*: www.archives.gov/topics/wwi#event-/timeline/item/archduke-assassination
- *Associated Press News*: www.apnews.com/WorldWarI
- *British Broadcasting Corporation News*: www.bbc.com/news/uk-northern-ireland-46047464
- *EyeWitness to History*: www.eyewitnesstohistory.com/armistice.htm

RECORDS SPOTLIGHT: BIRTH RECORDS

By Amy Arner, NHG Newsletter Co-Editor

Among commonly used record collections for genealogists are the vital records or birth, marriage, and death (BMD) records. This month's spotlight focuses on birth records.

Birth records help tie one generation to another. Depending on the location and the time frame, the records will contain at a minimum the name of the child, the child's birth date, and the name of the father. More recent records will include additional information.

The civil registration of birth records come in two varieties—birth certificates and birth registrations. Birth certificates are a modern invention. Most US states began using them after 1900. In Pennsylvania, these records start at the state level in 1906. Birth certificates are individual pieces of paper documenting the birth of a child. Common bits of information include the name of the child, the gender of the child, the birth date, the place of birth, the names of the parents, the name of the midwife or doctor delivering the child, and the date the birth was registered with the appropriate civil authority. Sometimes additional information is recorded, which may include whether it was a multiple birth (twin, triplet, etc.), the residence of the parents, the mother's maiden name, the occupations of the parents, the birth places of the parents, the order of birth within the family, whether the mother has other children, and the residence of the doctor or midwife.

Birth registrations were used earlier than birth certificates. In Pennsylvania birth registrations were kept at the county level from 1893 to 1905. A few cities recorded births earlier than 1893. These registrations are recorded in large ledger books with multiple entries on each page. The information is similar to what is listed on birth certificates—the name of the child, the birth date, the gender of the child, the place of birth, the names of the parents, the residence of the parents, the father's occupation, the name of the doctor or midwife who delivered the child, and the date the birth was registered.

In the United States and Canada, the civil registration of births is regulated at the state and provincial level. Other countries often regulate it at the national level. The dates when the civil registration of births was required vary widely. For example, England started requiring the civil registration of births in 1837, while Ireland did so in 1864 and Scotland in 1855. France started requiring civil registration in 1792.

One thing to pay attention to when using birth records is what government agency or office is responsible for the creation of the records. In Pennsylvania it is the Division of Vital Records, which is part of the Department of Health. In the New England states, vital records were kept by town clerks in each town. It often wasn't until the twentieth century that the recording of births was centralized. In some states, older records have been transferred from the original office to the state archives or the state library. In Pennsylvania, the Division of Vital Records has transferred the records from 1906 through 1912 to the Pennsylvania State Archives.

If you want information about Pennsylvania birth certificates, a good place to start is www.phmc.pa.gov/Archives/Research-Online/Pages/Vital-Statistics.aspx. For other states and countries, start with the *FamilySearch Wiki* at www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Main_Page. Another good resource is the book *The Family Tree Toolkit*. Author Kenyatta Berry included a helpful chart showing when the civil registration of births starts in each US state and information about where to find the records online. This chart includes the same information for marriage and death records. She also included similar charts for a few European countries.

Numerous books discuss how to use birth records, as well as marriage and death records, in genealogical research. Two examples are *The Researcher's Guide to American Genealogy* by Val D. Greenwood and *The Source: A Guidebook of American Genealogy* edited by Loretto Dennis Szucs and Sandra Hargeaves Luebbing. Northland Public library has two editions of *The Researcher's Guide*, which can be checked out, and one edition of *The Source*, which cannot be checked out. Both of these books cover records in the United States. Guide books for other countries will discuss the civil registration of

births, marriages, and deaths. For instance, *Ancestral Trails: The Complete Guide to British Genealogy and Family History* by Mark Herber has a chapter on the topic, as does John Grenham's *Tracing Your Irish Ancestors: The Complete Guide*.

You can compare the information you find in birth records to the information you find in other records to develop a more complete picture of your family. As an example, let's look at Esther Morrow. In 1900 she was enumerated with her husband Ira Wood in Braddock, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. Esther is listed as being the mother of one child, who was living. Also in the household were Ira's children Herbert Wood, age 9, and Hazel Wood, age 7. Ira and Esther married in 1898, well after Herbert and Hazel were born. This means that Esther was not their biological mother. Where then is Esther's living child? We don't know.

Ira died in 1901. In 1906, Esther married Marcus Campbell. In 1910, Marcus and Esther are enumerated in Richland Township, Allegheny County. Also in the household were Marcus's son James Campbell, age 2, and his step-daughter Mary Wood, age 10. Mary seems like a good fit to be the missing child from Esther's family in 1910, but we can't be sure with the information we have. Mary was born too early to have a birth certificate. Thus far I haven't found a birth registration for her either. James, however, was born about 1908, which means he should have a birth certificate if he was born in Pennsylvania—and he does. He was born 10 August 1907 to Marcus Campbell and Esther Morrow. At that time, Pennsylvania birth certificates asked for the “Number of child of this mother” and the “Number of children, of this mother, now living”. On James's birth certificate, the response in both cases is 2, so James was Esther's second child and her first child was still living. This helps make a stronger case that Mary is the missing child from 1900.

Vital records such as birth certificates and registrations can be quite valuable in your research, especially for more recent generations. Using them may help you verify known data, discover information that is not listed elsewhere, and point you in a new direction.

LOCAL LIBRARY BECOMES FAMILYSEARCH AFFILIATE

A sixth public library in Western Pennsylvania has been granted status as a *FamilySearch Affiliate Library*. The Butler Area Public Library in Butler, Pennsylvania, recently joined the Main Branch of the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh and Northland, Cranberry Township, New Castle, and Erie Public Libraries as affiliates of FamilySearch. This status allows patrons to access additional databases of FamilySearch and provides additional opportunities to research beyond the days and hours available at Family History Centers. An individual login is required to access FamilySearch.org from home, at an affiliate library, or at any FHC. An account at FamilySearch is free. Check this issue's *Where Genealogists Meet* (page 39) for a workshop at Butler Library to learn more about using FamilySearch.

WESTMORELAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY LIBRARY CLOSING TEMPORARILY

The Westmoreland County Historical Society is preparing to move to their new, permanent home at the Westmoreland History Education Center at Historic Hanna's Town. As a result, WCHS's Calvin Pollins Research Library closed on November 2nd. It will reopen in the spring of 2019. Individuals will not be able to use the library collections during this time, but the WCHS staff will continue to fill mailed research requests. For more information, please visit www.westmorelandhistory.org/index.php/genealogy-research.

WHERE GENEALOGISTS MEET

Saturday, 1 December 2018 WESTMORELAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

WCHS will present “Three Centuries of Christmas in America” at Historic Hanna's Town. During the event, participants will tour three locations at Hanna's Town, each dedicated to holiday traditions of a century. Three tours are available: 10:30 A.M., 11:30 A.M., and 1 P.M. Additional tours

at the same times will be offered Saturday, December 8th. Registration is required. To register, call 724-532-1935, ext. 210. Please visit www.westmorelandhistory.org for more information.

**Monday, 26 November 2018 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.

**Tuesday, 27 November 2018 6:00 P.M.
BUTLER AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY**

The Butler Library is now a FamilySearch Affiliate Library. Ryan Henrie, director of the Cranberry Family History Center, will present a program about how to use the digitized collections available through the affiliate library program. The event will be held in the library's Basement Meeting Room. To register, email mhewitt@bcfls.org or sign up at the library's front desk. The library's address is 218 North McKean Street, Butler, 16001.

**Wednesday, 28 November 2018 1:00 P.M.
SHALER NORTH HILLS LIBRARY**

NHG and the Shaler North Hills Library are teaming up to present "Getting Started on Your Family Tree: The How & Why of Genealogy". NHG's Elissa Scalise Powell will present the program. The event is free and open to the public, however registration is required. For more information and to register, please visit www.shalerlibrary.org/getting-started-on-your-family-tree-the-how-why-of-genealogy-november-28-100pm.

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

Cranberry will hold a multi-topic round table during its next meeting. The event is free and open to the public. It will be held in the Council Chambers meeting room of the Cranberry Public Library, 2525 Rochester Road, Cranberry. More information is available at www.cranberrygenealogy.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.

**27 February-2 March 2019
ROOTSTECH**

Registration is open for RootsTech, an annual 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.

**22-23 March 2019
NORTH HILLS GENEALOGISTS**

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 are available at www.northhillsgenealogists.org/cpage.php?pt=77.

**1-4 May 2019
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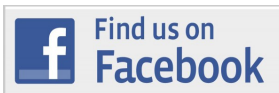
Details are being finalized for the annual Ohio Genealogical Society Conference. Featured speakers will include David Rencher, Michael Lacopo, and Lisa Louise Cook. The event will be held at the Great Wolf Lodge in Mason, Ohio. Watch www.ogsconference.org for more information.



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UPCOMING NHG PROGRAMS

Tuesday, 20 November 2018 **Semi-Annual Round Table**

NHG Members

Our round table meetings are always a great exchange of information and ideas! Attendees enjoy information, guidance, and cousin-finding. Join us for an evening of sharing questions, answers, and helpful hints among all attendees. You can pose your own questions or just sit back and listen. No question is too basic or obscure. Bring a notepad and pen to capture this terrific information exchange!

Saturday, 1 December 2018 **NHG Holiday Social**

For our annual social, we will tour the Nationality Rooms at the University of Pittsburgh's Cathedral of Learning. There will be a \$4.00 per person charge for

the tour, which will start at 10:00 A.M. After the tour we will go to a local restaurant for lunch, Dutch treat. Members must sign up by the end of the November meeting (November 20th).

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 that are of value in genealogical and family research in the archives at Pitt. Since archival resources can seem hidden to the public, he will cover various tools that promote access discovery in archives and also discuss the collection strengths of Pitt's archives.