



NORTH HILLS GENEALOGISTS

P O Box 169 * Wexford, PA, 15090 * www.NorthHillsGenealogists.org

NHG NEWS

Meeting Room Capacity Experiment

We will continue our technological experiment for the October meeting, which will be broadcast live. Members will have two options: to attend the meeting in person at Northland Public Library as usual or to watch a live broadcast of the meeting from home using *GoToWebinar*.

If you want to watch the meeting from home, you will need to register. The registration link is: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4876345458266784523>. After you register, you will receive a confirmation email with a separate link to use for accessing the meeting. The handout for the meeting will be made available through *GoToWebinar* at the beginning of the meeting. NHG has started a page with Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) of details about the live broadcast of the meeting; it is found at: www.NorthHillsGenealogists.org/cpage.php?pt=81.

After the meeting, there will be a short survey about your experience with watching a meeting this way. Please take a minute to complete the survey to help the NHG Board's evaluation.

NHG on PTL

NHG's Rich Venezia and genealogical author Kenyatta D. Berry are scheduled to appear on *Pittsburgh Today Live* on October 19th. Tune in to KDKA-TV at 9:00 A.M. to watch!

Fall Library Lock-in

Registration is open for NHG's Fall Library Lock-in at Northland Public Library, which will be held Friday, November 16th. Join fellow genealogists for an evening of research and fun! Attendees will have the opportunity to work on their own research while volunteers are available to answer questions.

Doors open at 6:30 P.M. Attendees must be inside the library by 7:00 P.M. The lock-in will end at 10:00 P.M. Registration is required due to limited space. Registration is open through the library's website, www.northlandlibrary.org, or by calling 412-366-8100 ext. 113.

Attendees will be able to search the library's subscription databases, including *American Ancestors*, *Ancestry.com Library Edition*, and *HeritageQuest Online*. Attendees are also encouraged to use free websites like *FamilySearch* (www.familysearch.org) and *Find A Grave* (www.findagrave.com). Bring a flash drive to save copies of the documents you find.

Second Hands-On Workshop Scheduled

The next NHG *Genealogy Research for Beginners and Novices* workshop will be held on Saturday, November 10th from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. at Northland Library. To reserve your spot, please email your name and phone number to Education@NorthHillsGenealogists.org.

(continued on page 23)

What's Inside

NHG News	21
NHG Member Benefits	22
President's Corner	22
New York Land Project	23
Members Share Websites	24
Local School Oral History Project	24
Records Spotlight : Marriage Records	24
New Resources on FamilySearch	26
Websites with All-Search Features	26
Digitizing Family Treasures	27
New DNA Resource	27
Where Genealogists Meet	27
Upcoming NHG Programs	30

The newsletter is an NHG member benefit. As such, the newsletter and its contents may not be copied, forwarded, or extracted without written permission from the editors.

NHG BOARD MEMBERS 2018–2019

President:	Dave Williams
Vice President:	Faith Jack
Treasurer:	Reed B. Powell
Secretary:	Kim Paulson
Past President:	Rich Venezia
Membership:	Ken Berner
Publicity Emails:	Gary Schlemmer
Publicity Tables:	Dave Williams
Book Marketing:	Elissa Powell, CG, CGL
Program Chairs:	Lauren Mallory Susan O'Connor
Newsletter Editors:	Amy E. K. Arner Sue Ennis
Corresponding Sec'y:	Al Hartman
Social Media Chair:	Carole Ashbridge
Conference Chairs:	Amy E. K. Arner Sharon Thornber

For more information:

Info@NorthHillsGenealogists.org

Newsletter ideas and feedback:

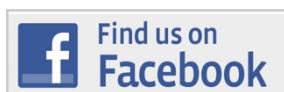
Editor@NorthHillsGenealogists.org

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 members receive a discount on the registration fee for our annual conference? Simply by being a member, you can save \$10 on the registration fee for the full conference or the Friday or Saturday sessions.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Our organization is suffering growing pains—which is a great problem to have! While no decisions regarding a solution to those growing pains have been finalized at this point, this month's column is going to outline the problem and communicate some of the ideas that have been put forth to resolve it.

Since the time when we had a dip in our membership numbers in the early 2000s—to a low of a little over 100 in 2009—we have experienced steady growth. During 2018, we had slightly over 250 members. With the growth in membership numbers, of course, comes an increase in the number of people attending our monthly meetings. This has led to some fairly severe overcrowding at some of our meetings, which is something that we must address.

While a number of solutions are being considered, there are two principles that will not be violated:

- The safety of our members and guests will not be compromised.
- Our mission of instruction and education will remain the top priority.

Northland Public Library's fire code suggests that the number of attendees at our meetings should be capped at a maximum of 70 attendees. With that number in mind—and considering the above guiding principles—following are some of the options being considered:

- Cap the number of attendees at the meetings, with advance registration required. Some type of waiting list and notification system would be required.
- Find a new venue that would allow 100 to 150 attendees.
- Live stream to a second location where the overflow membership could gather.

- Use the webinar concept employed during the September meeting with Sierra Green's presentation. This allowed almost 100 individuals to view the presentation, with less than 50 attending in person.
- Split the monthly program into two nights at the library.

As a side note, the webinar mentioned in the fourth point above was free due to the generosity of member Bill Spohn donating his webinar software. Thank you, Bill!

All options are still under consideration. The September webinar did receive a number of favorable comments and that concept will be employed again at the October meeting featuring Dr. Deborah A. Abbott. This will give us a second trial to fold into our thinking.

Please feel free to email me with any thoughts or suggestions regarding this issue. I can be reached at daimaenan@gmail.com and would appreciate your comments. Thanks!

~ Dave

NHG NEWS **(continued from page 21)**

These hands-on sessions feature a short lesson on a genealogical topic and then time for attendees to use the information they learned. Volunteers are available to answer questions. Attendees need to bring a laptop or tablet computer to use during the workshop.

Social Media Chair Needed

Carole Ashbridge, NHG's long-time and first-ever Social Media Chair, is stepping down at the end of 2018. 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.

Holiday Social

This year NHG will visit the Nationality Rooms

at the University of Pittsburgh's Cathedral of Learning for our holiday social. We will tour the rooms on Saturday, December 1st, from 10:00 A.M. until 11:30 A.M. After the tour we will go to The Porch (across the street in Schenley Plaza) for lunch. The cost for the tour is \$4.00 per person. A sign-up sheet will be available at the October and November meetings, or you can send an e-mail to Info@NorthHillsGenealogists.org.

Annual Conference

Registration is open for the NHG annual conference! Blaine Bettinger and NHG's own Ray Jones will help us learn about using DNA in genealogical research. The Friday sessions will focus on the basics of using DNA with 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 within 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.

NYG&B ANNOUNCES PROJECT TO CREATE INDEX FOR NEW YORK LAND RECORDS

The New York Genealogical and Biographical Society (NYG&B) is using crowd-sourcing over the next few years to complete a major indexing project for the New York Land Records. Although date ranges vary county by county for this record group, most counties have records from the late 1800s to the early 1900s. The New York Land Records collection could potentially be used by genealogists as a substitute for the unavailable 1890 US Federal Census.

FamilySearch previously digitized all of the

original land records pages from most New York counties; the millions of digitized items include land transactions that were recorded in the deed books and mortgage books for each county. At this time, the counties of Franklin, Nassau, and Queens are not included in the collection of New York Land Records. As each available county is indexed, the specific state range of available land records will be listed with each county index.

Volunteers are needed to index the New York Land Records collection of images. NYG&B is partnering with FamilySearch to index the records to identify names, dates, volumes and pages. If interested, you need to have registered for a free account with FamilySearch in advance, if you don't already have a log-in. Indexers may choose to index in certain regions of New York where they are familiar with surnames and places.

You can register as a volunteer indexer now by submitting your email address under the *How You Can Help* link on the NYG&B website: www.newyorkfamilyhistory.org/new-york-land-records-indexing. Consider helping to index this very important New York State record group.

MEMBERS SHARE WEBSITES

This month we offer two websites suggested by NHG members with content of local interest for genealogists.

Thank you to NHG member Louise Stanzione who shared the link to the website for the *Local History Resources* of the Community Library of Allegheny Valley in Tarentum. The page is found at <http://alleghenyvalleylibrary.org/research-local-history/>. The Local History Room specializes in the Upper Allegheny Valley (Tarentum, East Deer, Harrison, Freeport, and New Kensington). This collection has a number of items that are unique to those places.

Another great website of local historical interest is *Old Industry of Southwestern Pennsylvania* by Michael Mance, aka "Coke Oven Mike" of Delmont, Pennsylvania. It is found at <http://coalandcoke.blogspot.com>. A posting of interest talks about the Coal and Coke Heritage Center at Penn State's Fayette Campus. Thanks

to NHG member Jeffrey J. Leech for suggesting this site.

NHG would love to share your favorite websites in the newsletter. Cards are available at the sign-in table at monthly meetings for you to list your go-to site, in addition to all those popular ones that we already have in our research toolboxes. If you have any questions or would like to submit this information electronically, please contact Carole Ashbridge at caroleashbridge@gmail.com.

LOCAL ORAL HISTORY PROJECT AVAILABLE FOR FREE

Last year students at the North Hills Middle School in Ross Township compiled four volumes of oral histories as a class project. The students recorded oral histories and researched using print and digital sources to write the narratives published in the books.

These volumes are available for free through iTunes at <https://itunes.apple.com/us/book/building-bridges-connecting-communities-generations/id1224973543?mt=11>. Readers must have an iPhone, iPad, or Macintosh computer running recent software to view these books.

RECORDS SPOTLIGHT: MARRIAGE RECORDS

By Sue Ennis, NHG Newsletter Co-Editor

Among commonly used record collections for genealogists are the vital records known as BMD or birth, marriage, and death records. In this month's spotlight of record groups is information about using marriage records. Paperwork associated with the marriages of our ancestors will vary among states, counties, and countries; be sure to collect all available records that were generated at the time of the marriage, because each record has slightly different information! Knowing what records were generated and where they were filed allows a researcher to gather more details about the married couple. For example, if your ancestor was married during the nineteenth century in Pittsburgh, there might be some records related to the marriage filed with the county and some with the city. The Pittsburgh City marriage returns from 1875 to 1909 are in a

separate location from the county marriage licenses from 1885 to present day. By reviewing both of these marriage records, you will notice additional information from one record to the other!

Universally, marriage records fall under two categories: those related to the intention to marry and those generated as documentation that the marriage happened. Sometimes these related items are combined onto one form but can also be found individually. A *marriage application* was sometimes required to be filled out to obtain a *marriage license*. Both of these can include birth dates and place of birth of both parties; also, the names of all parents, maiden name of mothers, birthplace of parents, and whether a parent is alive or deceased could be listed on the application or license. I recently examined a marriage record from Pennsylvania which indicated the second marriage for both parties. In this marriage, both the bride and groom had been divorced, indicated with the date of the final divorces, name of the former spouses, place the divorces occurred, and a docket number of the divorce decrees. In this instance, the indication of the bride's divorce is the only record found so far to document that my second cousin's biological parents were actually married! Along with the application, a *consent form* might also be included for any individual under the lawful age. Note that the lawful age for marriage could be twenty-one, eighteen, or sixteen; check the requirements for each state's age restriction.

Marriage banns were public notices noting the intention of marriage between two people. Originally, banns came from the local church and were for the purpose of making sure each person was available for marriage without objection. Another occasional marriage record was a *marriage bond*. This was a record generated by a groom and his witness and often required a monetary fee.

Offered as proof that a marriage had occurred legally are additional records. The most common are the *marriage certificate* and the *marriage return*. A certificate is signed by the official who performed the marriage, whether a minister or priest or a civil official. Often the name and location of the church or the location

and title of the official are included along with names of witnesses to the marriage. The original marriage certificate was usually given to the wedded couple; some church-issued certificates are ornate or colorful. A *marriage return* is a form that is generated by the officiant and serves as a receipt and proof of the marriage, listing the date, location, and all involved individuals. This is often filed with a government agency.

Two other items that can confirm that a marriage took place are a *marriage register* and *newspaper announcements*. A marriage register is a written record by a clerk, priest, minister, or other officiant which verifies that the marriage was legally performed. The interesting fact about a marriage register is that information from the other marriage documents might be added to the register. I recently looked at the marriage register of my maternal grandfather who was the pastor of both the Nanticoke, Pennsylvania, and Parsons (Wilkes-Barre, PA) Primitive Methodists Churches for fifty-one years. Rev. T. W. Jones not only kept meticulous records of every marriage he performed, but he also included the maiden names of all females involved, even the witnesses! I viewed these marriage registers in a historical society and found out they are also digitized on Ancestry.com.

Newspaper articles that announce both an engagement and a marriage are becoming more easily accessible through digitization projects. A great website to use when starting your research the Library of Congress's *Chronicling America* database of newspapers, found at <https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov>.

British and North American newspapers can be accessed from any Family History Center using their databases. Local public, genealogical, and historical society libraries offer microfilmed or digital access to newspapers. Knowing a date, even if just the year, can narrow the search. Depending upon the decade, there might be a newspaper photo of the bride and groom or even of just the bride. Helpful data is often found in newspaper articles: the names of members of the bridal party, possibly their relationship to the bride or groom, location of the marriage, and perhaps details about the attire and decorations. These social history details add to your ancestors' stories; the facts included provided evidence of

the marriage.

There are several places where researchers can access information about marriage records. Begin with the state archives where the marriage occurred to find out what date ranges are available and what records were created. Pennsylvania's State Archives has general information online with date ranges and specific details for finding marriage records: www.phmc.pa.gov/Archives/Research-Online/Pages/Vital-Statistics.aspx. In Pennsylvania starting on 30 September 1885, the County Clerk of Orphans Court registered and issued marriage licenses. This link provides a list of what county records are held at the State Archives: www.phmc.state.pa.us/bah/dam/rg/rg47m.htm.

To find the county records in Pennsylvania and all other states, go to the *FamilySearch Research Wiki*. Click on the specific state where the marriage occurred to find out what forms are available, where they are located, and how to search and access copies. Each state has different date ranges for marriage records, so examining the facts for each state is important. Examples of direct links to location pages within the *FamilySearch Research Wiki* include: www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/How_to_Find_New_York_Marriage_Records and www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/How_to_Find_Pennsylvania_Marriage_Records.

An article about US marriage records, written by Johni Cerny, FUGA, is published in *The Source: A Guidebook to American Genealogy*; this book is fully digitized and available free and online through *RootsWeb* on *Ancestry.com*: https://wiki.rootsweb.com/wiki/index.php/Marriage_Records. *Cyndi's List* has information about general and unique resources for examining marriages and divorces at www.cyndislist.com/marriages/.

The *USGenWeb Archives* website has information about marriages from each county of Pennsylvania; you can search this site here: <http://usgwarchives.net/marriages/pennsylvania/pennsylvania.htm>.

Perhaps you are fortunate enough to have an original marriage certificate for your ancestors. If so, take a photo of both sides to aid in

preservation. Then carefully unfold the certificate; store it inside an archival page protector or archival folder. Archival storage items provide for safer handling of original records or photographs. Using marriage records in genealogical research will provide a snapshot of that moment in time for the bride and groom.

FAMILYSEARCH ADDS NEW CONTENT

During September, FamilySearch.org added more than twelve million digitized, indexed records to its database collection. Regional content of interest includes Revolutionary War Muster Index Cards added to a previous collection, additions to two Ohio collections—the county naturalization records and the probate records, and the City Births collection of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania from 1860–1906.

The monthly blog post with a detailed listing of newly digitized, indexed records is found at: www.familysearch.org/blog/en/records-familysearch-september-2018. Remember to check back periodically on FamilySearch, and redo previous searches so that you catch new content.

WEBSITES OFFER SEARCHING HELP

By Sue Ennis, NHG Newsletter Co-Editor

A knowledgeable and helpful librarian who worked with me this month at the Midwest Genealogy Center at the Mid-Continent Public Library in Independence, Missouri offered helpful insight into using two free websites. Each site is worth exploring because of the available searching functionality. We are reminded to check back to each site often as new content and suggestions for accessing archival information is added every month.

The first site is *Digital State Archives* found at www.digitalstatearchives.com. This resource was developed to advertise how many records and collections have been digitized for preservation and for access throughout the United States from state and regional archives. This site allows researchers the options to conduct an “all-search” or to search each state or territory separately. For example, if an ancestral family resided in three states within five years, then the all-search should

bring up results from each of the states where the family had a residence.

You may also search one state; the resulting page has a menu of hyperlinks to the content. For example, first click on Pennsylvania in the alphabetical menu on the left side of the web page. Then you receive a brief overview of the PA State Archives and its holdings, including hyperlinks to the finding aids for that collection or category of records.

The other website is a similar one with content about censuses; the site is located at: www.censusfinder.com. This main page is extensive, and in order to review all options, you must scroll down a long page. There are drop-down menus featured prominently in the middle of the home page: one each for the *United States Federal Censuses*, *United Kingdom Censuses*, *Canadian Censuses*, and *Native American Censuses*. Below these choices and in smaller print is information about Scandinavian censuses, US county maps, questions asked on each census year, and a *What's New* section about recently added content. This site offers a centralized place to access a variety of census records.

Free websites with helpful tools are great to try when researching your genealogy; keep in mind that these two websites are updated and improved each month.

RESOURCES FOR DIGITIZING YOUR FAMILY TREASURES

There is an informative website about something most of us face: how to compile ALL the family's photos, slides, negatives, and videos into one collection. Although the services offered by Curtis Bisel and his company Scan Your Entire Life must be paid for, the website provides free resources to support those of us who prefer the DIY (do-it-yourself) methods.

Once you access the website at www.scanyourentirelife.com, scroll to the section titled *Topics Covered Here* and click on tutorial articles and images. *Scan Your Entire Life* also has a blog that offers posts about topics such as recommended equipment, naming scanned files, adding captions and descriptions to

photos, and the occasional writing how-to.

Depending upon your time and resources, you can refer to the *Scan Your Entire Life* website weekly to read about new ideas and innovations, consider the online video course membership, or pay to have others digitize your collection. Remember to ask for the files of the scans and for editable media copies.

NEW RESOURCE AVAILABLE FOR USING DNA IN GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH

DNA expert Blaine Bettinger has launched *DNA Central*, an online resource for how to use DNA in genealogical research. This subscription website has self-guided courses, a bi-weekly newsletter, a webinar library, and more for those who want to stay updated about genetic genealogy. Monthly and yearly subscriptions are available. Please visit <https://dna-central.com> for more information or to subscribe.

Bettinger will be the featured speaker at NHG's annual conference in March 2019.

WHERE GENEALOGISTS MEET

**Saturday, 20 October 2018 10:00 A.M.
FORT PITT MUSEUM**

The museum will host the seminar "Powder Horns in Early America". The event will include three presentations: "Bone Tipped & Banded Horns: A Fifty Year Journey" by Dr. Jay Hopkins, "Brass Tacks & Curious Figures: 18th Century American Indian Powder Horns" by Alan Gutches, and "Made in Philadelphia & Sent from thence: Powder Horns of the Forbes Road and Fort Pitt" by Mike Burke. For more information, please visit www.heinzhistorycenter.org/events/powder-horns-in-early-america-seminar.

**Saturday, 20 October 2018 11:00 A.M.
WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

WPGS and the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh are co-sponsoring an author event featuring Kenyatta D. Berry, a co-host of the PBS series *Genealogy Roadshow*. Berry will discuss her new book, *The*

Family Tree Toolkit: A Comprehensive Guide to Uncovering Your Ancestry and Researching Genealogy. The event will be held in the Carnegie Library Lecture Hall in Oakland. You can pre-order a book. For more information, please visit www.carnegielibrary.org/event/family-history-month-kenyatta-d-berry/.

Saturday, 20 October 2018 12:00 P.M.
NEW ENGLAND HISTORIC GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The staff genealogists at NEHGS will present "Researching Upstate New York". This online conference will cover the settlement of New York and early migrations, vital records and substitutes, land and probate records, the state census, and more. Registrants will have access to the recorded lectures for several months after the event. For more information and to register, please visit www.americanancestors.org/education/online-classes.

Sunday, 21 October 2018 10:30 A.M.
WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Steven Jaron and Evan Wolfson of the Jewish Genealogy Society of Pittsburgh will discuss getting started with Jewish genealogical research. The event will be held in the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh's Pennsylvania Department Conference Room. It is free and open to the public. For more information, please visit www.wpgs.org.

Monday, 22 October 2018 10:30 A.M.
ZELIENOPE PUBLIC LIBRARY

NHG Newsletter Co-Editor Susan Ennis will lead a workshop to learn tips and tricks for growing 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! An additional session will be held November 26th. The library's address is 227 South High Street, Zelienople, 16063. For more information, please visit www.zelienoplelibrary.org.

Tuesday, 23 October 2018 6:30 P.M.
CRANBERRY GENEALOGY CLUB

NHG Vice President Faith Jack will present "Voices through Time: What I Learned from My Mother's Roller Skate Case". Note that this meeting is being held on a different night than is usual due to meeting space issues. The event is free and open to the public. It will be held in the Franklin Station Meeting Room of the Cranberry Public Library, 2525 Rochester Road, Cranberry Township, PA 16066. More information is found at: www.cranberrygenealogy.org.

Wednesday, 24 October 2018 10:00 A.M.
NATIONAL ARCHIVES VIRTUAL GENEALOGY FAIR

NARA's sixth annual Virtual Genealogy Fair will be webcast live on YouTube. The scheduled lectures include "Calling all Citizen Archivists! Getting the Most Out of the National Archives Catalog", "Federal Records that Help Identify Former Slaves and Slave Owners", "All's Fair in Love and War: The Civil War Widows' Pension Files", "How to Search for Photographs that Document Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) Camps and Activities", "Tennessee Valley Authority Records: To St. Louis and Beyond!", and "America's Military Made the Call: Hello Nurses!" More information is available at www.archives.gov/calendar/genealogy-fair.

Sunday, 28 October 2018 10:30 A.M.
JEWISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF PITTSBURGH

Tammy Hepps will present "Top 10 Things I Learned about My Family from My Couch". This free program will be held at the Heinz History Center. For more information, please visit www.heinzhistorycenter.org/events/genealogy-research-tips-tammy-hepps.

Saturday, 3 November 2018 3:00 P.M.
HEINZ HISTORY CENTER

The history center's Detre Library and Archives will host "Italian Prisoners of War in Pennsylvania, 1944-1945". During World War II, more than a thousand Italian soldiers were held at Letterkenny Army Ordnance Depot near Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. This program will

use oral histories, memoirs, and photographs to tell the stories of the soldiers and Pennsylvania's Italian American community. For event details, please visit www.heinzhistorycenter.org/events/italian-prisoners-war-pennsylvania-1944-1945.

**3-4 November 2018
NASHI PREDKY FALL
CONFERENCE**

Registration is open for the annual Nashi Predky conference on Ukrainian genealogy. Session topics will include Cyrillic alphabets, DNA, law, self-publishing, Ukrainian Catholics, and more. The event will be held in Somerset, New Jersey. For more information and to register, please visit www.ukrhec.org/nashi-predky-conference-2018.

**Friday, 9 November 2018 5:30 P.M.
CRANBERRY GENEALOGY CLUB**

The Cranberry Genealogy Club and the Cranberry Public Library are co-sponsoring a library lock-in. This event will be held at the Cranberry Public Library, 2525 Rochester Road, Cranberry Twp., PA. The event is free and open to the public, but advance registration is required. For more details and the registration link, go to: www.cranberrygenealogy.org.

**Saturday, 10 November 2018 10:30 A.M.
WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

WPGS and the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh are co-sponsoring an author event featuring Dr. W. Thomas Mainwaring, the chair of the history department at Washington and Jefferson College. He will discuss his book *Abandoned Tracks: The Underground Railroad in Washington County*.

The free event will be held at the Main Branch of Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh. For more information, please visit www.wpgs.org.

**Tuesday, 13 November 2018 6:15 P.M.
BUTLER COUNTY
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

The group will hold its annual elections and its

annual Christmas party. The theme for the party is *Christmastime in Italy*. The meeting, which is free and open to the public, will be held in the Butler Area Public Library's basement meeting room. Please visit www.facebook.com/ButlerCountyGenealogicalSociety for more information.

**Saturday, 17 November 2018 8:30 A.M.
BUCKS COUNTY ANCESTRY FAIR**

CeCe Moore, a genetic genealogy expert, will be the featured speaker at this year's fair. The event will be held at Delaware Valley University's Life Sciences Building. For more information, please visit www.ancestryfair.org.

**Saturday, 17 November 2018 10:30 A.M.
HEINZ HISTORY CENTER**

The history center's Detre Library and Archives will host their fifth annual "Treasures in the Archives". The staff of the library and archives will share their perspectives on some of the collections available for researchers. For more information, please visit their website at: www.heinzhistorycenter.org/events/treasures-in-the-archives-2018.

**Sunday, 18 November 2018 2:00 P.M.
BALTZER MEYER HISTORICAL
SOCIETY**

Tom Harrold will present "Greensburg Then and Now". The meeting will be held at Baltzer Meyer's facility at 642 Baltzer Meyer Pike in Greensburg.

**Monday, 19 November 2018 1:00 P.M.
MT. LEBANON GENEALOGY
SOCIETY**

As a follow-up to their September meeting, the group will watch "Finding Elusive Records on FamilySearch". This recorded presentation will cover how to find records that are not available through FamilySearch's search functionality. The group meets in one of the basement conference rooms at the Mt. Lebanon Public Library, 16 Castle Shannon Boulevard, Pittsburgh, 15228. The meetings are free and open to the public. More information is available at www.mtlebanonlibrary.org/306/Genealogy-Society.



P.O. Box 169
Wexford, PA 15090

FIRST CLASS MAIL

Dated Material



UPCOMING NHG PROGRAMS

Tuesday, 16 October 2018 **Strategies & Techniques of Slave Research**

Deborah A. Abbott, PhD

The most difficult part of genealogical research for African Americans is finding and correctly identifying slave ancestors and their owners. Researching this era requires time, patience, determination, and perseverance. Learn how to analyze documents for clues and resources needed to recreate the journey. The importance of using census records, cluster research, and social history will be emphasized with case studies. Dr. Abbott's insight about genealogical research techniques and record groups is beneficial for all family historians.

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

NHG Members

The NHG round table meetings always provide a dynamic exchange of information and new ideas for research. Join us for an evening of sharing questions, answers, and helpful hints among all attendees. No question is too basic or obscure. These meetings offer moments of insight and great suggestions for research! Bring a notepad and pen to capture this terrific information exchange; be sure to join this fall's NHG round table meeting.

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

NHG Members

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 across the street to The Porch in Schenley Plaza for time to socialize.