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NHG NEWS

Meeting Room Capacity Experiment

As discussed in last month's newsletter, NHG is trying to find a solution to address the overcrowding during our monthly meetings. This month we are experimenting with technology. Members will have the option to attend the meeting at Northland Public Library as usual, or to watch a live broadcast of the meeting from home using GoToWebinar. GoToWebinar is an online platform for broadcastings meetings. If you have attended a webinar hosted by Legacy Family Tree, American Ancestors, the Southern California Genealogical Society, or another genealogical organization, you've already used GoToWebinar.

If you want to watch the meeting from home, you will need to register using this link: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/3952026714222730499>. After you register, you will received a confirmation email with a link to use to watch the meeting. The handout for the meeting will be made available through the GoToWebinar software at the beginning of the meeting. 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.

Hands-On Workshop Held for Members

The first *NHG Beginners'* workshop was held Saturday, 8 September; it was initiated to add a member benefit. Twenty members and six volunteers participated in this successful event, divided into thirty minutes of learning and nintey minutes of research. While participants researched, volunteers circulated to offer consultations and answer questions.

The instructional mini-lesson covered a general overview of beginner workshops and insight

about using census records. A goal was to include demonstration about the content presented. Participants utilized Northland's databases (*Ancestry Library*, *Heritage Quest*, and *American Ancestors*) or their own to practice using the records and add to their research. Many thanks to volunteers Heike Mershon, Sue O'Connor, Elissa Scalise Powell, Sharon Thornber, and Michelle Witsch for their efforts.

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.

Volunteers Needed

NHG will have a booth at the Depreciation Lands Museum's Hydref festival on October 6th. We are looking for one or two people who can help at the booth during the event. Helping involves talking to people about NHG and genealogy in general. If

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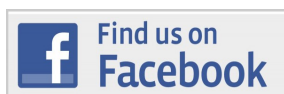
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WHO WE ARE—NHG

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

When the speaker grants permission, NHG has started posting the handouts from our monthly meetings in the members-only section of our website.

To access the handouts, log in to the members-only section of our website. After you log in, there will be a "Downloads" link included in the menu on the left side of the page. Click on that Downloads link. On the page that appears, click on the "Handouts" option. The handout from the August 2018 meeting is currently available.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The study of family history can encompass many activities. One such activity might well be attendance at ethnic society gatherings!

The North American Festival of Wales is one such gathering. It is held annually at a different city in North America, always over the Labor Day weekend. It attracts attendees from across the United States and Canada and generally has a fairly large contingent from Wales. Started in 1929, it has been held in various locations including Los Angeles, California; Vancouver, British Columbia; Montreal, Quebec and Orlando, Florida. I have just returned from the latest event held in Washington, DC.

It was, as always, a very busy and exciting time! Song and recitation competition, cinema, concerts and banquets are a big part of the weekend. But perhaps the most rewarding for the genealogist is the non-stop seminars held on Friday and Saturday. Many of the seminars focus on Welsh history and geography and help round out knowledge of that country. Genealogy is naturally interwoven into all of the discussions. Combined with the availability to converse live with residents of Wales, it is a great learning experience.

Next year's festival will be held in Milwaukee. The following year, 2020, it will be held in Philadelphia. That is only fitting since it has not been held there since 1976. Philadelphia is the home of the oldest ethnic society in the United States—the Welsh Society of Pennsylvania, which

held its first meeting in 1798! According to the Census Bureau, Pennsylvania has the largest number of Welsh descendants of any of the states.

The Welsh are scattered throughout the state, including a small pocket close to Erie. That is where my ancestors settled after emigrating from Wales to the United States in 1832. I am still searching for the village where my great-great-grandfather lived before emigrating, but that issue will be saved for a future column.

Anyway, there is intense lobbying to bring the festival to Pittsburgh a few years after Philadelphia. As you might suspect, I will keep you posted!

~ Dave

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you're interested in helping, contact Dave Williams at daimaenan@gmail.com.

Surname Card File Project

Early in the NHG's history—before the Internet was widely used—we maintained a card file of surnames. Members (and the public) could submit cards containing information about the ancestors and families they were researching along with the member's contact information. The hope was that people could collaborate and share information. The cards were kept at Northland Public Library until space limitations developed.

NHG recently found these cards again. The cards are 3"x5". Some have text on both sides. The cards are arranged alphabetically by the primary surname. Not all of the ancestors and families lived in the Pittsburgh area. We estimate there are about 350 cards. We're looking for several volunteers to scan the cards and create an index. If you are interested in volunteering for this project, see Amy Arner at a meeting or send her an email at Amy@ArnerResearch.com.

Save the Dates

NHG has scheduled another Library Lock-in at

Northland Public Library. It will be held Friday, November 16th from 6:30 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. Registration for this event will open Monday, October 15th at 8:00 A.M.

For this year's Holiday Social, we will tour the Nationality Rooms at the University of Pittsburgh's Cathedral of Learning. Our social is scheduled for Saturday, December 1st. Additional details will be announced later.

BEAVER COUNTY HISTORY CENTER RECEIVES COLLECTION OF FUNERAL HOME RECORDS

The funeral home and undertaking business in Beaver County began in the 1800s. Prior to the funeral homes as we know them, coffins and caskets were built by cabinet makers and carpenters who would nail together boards and line the finished coffin/casket with black muslin. Family and friends would then conduct the funeral services. In the 1870s Henry Hahn and Joseph Reno began a furniture store and undertaking business on Pennsylvania Avenue in Monaca. Alonzo Batchelor was hired as store manager and in 1896 he and his brother Frank took over ownership of the businesses. In 1904 the brothers moved the business to another building located on Pennsylvania Avenue in Monaca. By 1952 Batchelor Brothers moved the funeral home business to Atlantic Avenue where it remained until its closure. The first known funeral conducted by Batchelor Brothers was in January 1899 for a total cost of \$135.00.

When the Batchelor Brothers Funeral Home closed recently, the building sold and the Beaver County Genealogy & History Center acquired the funeral home's records. Anyone interested in searching these records can visit the center at 250 East End Avenue, Beaver, or contact them at 724-775-1775 for more information.

OHIO'S COUNTY NATURALIZATION IMAGES NOW INDEXED ONLINE

Over one million images of Ohio county naturalization records have been digitized, indexed, and added to FamilySearch.org in late August. The naturalization records span the years

of 1800–1877, but some counties have gaps in their records. According to FamilySearch, “most content falls between 1818 and 1954”.

This is an expansive collection of statewide records that have been digitized for the first time. To explore this specific collection, begin your search within the record group by following this link: www.familysearch.org/collection/1987615. The complete listing of all record groups that were added to FamilySearch in August can be found in their blog post at www.familysearch.org/blog/en/archives-familysearch-august-2018/.

USING RECORDS AT HEINZ HISTORY CENTER

As Sierra Green will discuss at this month's NHG meeting, the Heinz History Center has a variety of records useful for genealogical research. There is a collection of links on the center's main menu that provides an overview to the extensive records of the Detre Library and Archives in the Heinz History Center. A great place to begin your preparation is by going to the main page, found at: www.heinzhistorycenter.org/detre-library-archives, and then use the menu box to the right and click on “Digital Collection Highlights.” It is important to plan ahead prior to going and researching at a repository such as the Detre Library and Archives.

Another avenue to prepare for research at the Heinz History Center is to click on “Search Collection”. Using this link, you discover that you can search the “Finding Aids”, “Photographs”, or the “Catalog”. Remember to verify the hours that the library and archives are open; in fact, sending an email to the staff of any repository in advance of your research visit is helpful for them to prepare what you need and saves you time as records can be waiting for your use.

DISPLAYING COUNTY LINES ON GOOGLE MAPS

Google Maps doesn't show county boundaries, so Randy Majors created a tool to display them. The tool is simple to use. Simply enter a place

name and then click “GO.” The normal Google Map commands of Plus (+) and MINUS (-) can be used to zoom in and out on the displayed map. Simple, easy, and very effective. That's the kind of tool that I appreciate. You can access **County Lines on Google Maps** at www.randymajors.com/p/countygmap.html.

Detailed instructions may be found at: www.randymajors.com/2018/08/you-cant-see-us-county-boundaries-in.html.

Also, are you looking for **HISTORICAL** county boundaries on Google Maps? If so, take a look at Randy Majors' **OTHER** project: Historical U.S. County Boundary Maps at www.randymajors.com/p/maps.html.

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RECORDS SPOTLIGHT: DEATH RECORDS

By Amy Arner, NHG Newsletter Co-Editor

All genealogists use three basic records: birth, marriage, and death records, often abbreviated BMD. Over the next three issues, we will discuss all three, focusing this month on death records.

A variety of records may be created when a person dies—a civil death record, a church death record, a burial record, a death notice, an obituary, a funeral home record, and a cemetery record. Civil death records, which are created by governmental entities, can take the form of affidavits of death, death certificates, or death registrations. Some information is standard on these three varieties of records, including the name of the deceased, the date of death, and the name of the person who notified the authorities about the death (usually called the informant).

The civil death records created vary by country, within some countries, and over time. England, Ireland, and Scotland have national systems for recording deaths; however, Canada and the

United States have provincial or state systems for recording deaths. When searching for civil death records, first determine who has jurisdiction to register deaths. In the United States, you want to start with the relevant state's department of health or state archives. Those entities often have information about historical death records and how to find them such as the Pennsylvania State Archives at www.phmc.pa.gov/Archives/Research-Online/Pages/Vital-Statistics.aspx. Note that some countries and states do not allow most people to access more recent death records. Pennsylvania follows this practice and limits who can request copies of records that are less than fifty years old.

The second thing to determine is when the records start, which varies significantly from place to place. England started the civil registration of deaths in 1837, Ireland in 1845, and Scotland in 1855. In the United States, towns in New England often recorded deaths from the town founding. In the South, many states didn't begin recording deaths until after 1900.

What do the varieties of death records look like, and what information do they contain?

- Death registrations are usually recorded in large ledger books, with one entry per line. In addition to the common information, these often contain the place of death, age at death, cause of death, place of burial, and date the death was recorded. If the deceased is a child, parents' names are often recorded.
- Affidavits of death can be recorded in books or on loose pieces of paper. These generally don't have a lot of information in addition to the common facts. Sometimes these include the time of death and residence of the informant.
- Death certificates usually have the most information of the three varieties, including the place of death, cause of death, usual residence of the deceased, birth date or age, birth place, marital status, name of spouse, names of parents, birth places of parents, address of the informant, name of the attending physician, name of the funeral home or undertaker, and date and place of burial.

Several resources have more information about death records. The FamilySearch Wiki (www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Main_Page) has

information about death records in articles about countries, provinces, and states. Val Greenwood discusses vital records in his book *The Researcher's Guide to American Genealogy*, available at Northland Public Library. Ancestry.com has digitized the content from the book *The Source: A Guidebook to American Genealogy*, edited by Sandra Luebking and Loretto Dennis Szucs. The information about death records is available at wiki.rootsweb.com/wiki/index.php/Births_and_Deaths_in_Public_Records.

RESTART RESEARCH BY GOING BACK TO THE BASICS

By Sue Ennis, NHG Newsletter Co-Editor

Remember the basics of genealogy when you bump into any roadblocks. Taking the proverbial step back to gain a fresh perspective about what you have discovered can help you re-focus your research efforts. There is commonly known advice for genealogists such as “start with the known and work back in time to the unknown” or “stick with one record set until you find all relatives in that collection”, but there are also many suggestions about effective techniques to recharge your genealogical research.

- Review your collection of family artifacts to re-discover details about individuals.
- Discuss your findings, as well as brick walls, with a family member or fellow genealogist. What method, source, or record group is someone else using that you have not explored?
- Transcribe a series of records you have found; writing and analyzing can lead to a fresh find.
- Write down a new research question or goal; make a plan to resolve it. Get started.
- Create a time line of known events for an ancestor or family group. Make note of gaps in the time line. Then, review what records are available to fill the gaps.
- Check databases for the newest digital collections or additional content.
- Manipulate the keywords in your search to re-order the results.
- Review information found in family trees created by others. Family trees often get ignored due to the large number of trees that contain errors. However, there are kernels of fact found

in family trees that you can cross-reference and verify.

- Take a second look at census records for your relatives. Search for common neighbors, boarders or other listed members of the household or for surnames that recur.
- Instead of researching, write up a detailed report for one ancestor, based upon known sources and data.
- Take a break from your current branch of the family to research siblings, in-laws, or another branch.
- Read an article or book (print or digital) about genealogical research. Doing so could lead to a realization that you have overlooked a certain method or resource.
- Talk with a librarian (at a public library or archive) or research volunteer (at a local family history center or genealogy group); ask for their guidance about how to proceed.
- Fill out a five-generation chart and/or family group sheets; this academic exercise can spark ideas for whom or from where to conduct additional research.
- Organize your genealogical stuff: magazines, papers, photos, found records, or work area with the goal of finding some fact you have overlooked.
- Find a free online webinar, local genealogy meeting, or conference to attend. Watch a video from Ancestry or another reputable company.

If genealogical researchers get stuck, spin in a circle, or continue to bounce off a brick wall, then they need to change their process. No matter how experienced or knowledgeable you are about genealogy, research, or specific family history record groups or topics, you can still learn new concepts! Be encouraged to network, to ask questions, to read, or to educate yourself about current genealogical best practices. By doing so, you will return to your own research with renewed enthusiasm and helpful insight.

Here are a few links to recent articles that discuss genealogical researching:

- Blog post from Amy Johnson Crow plus ideas in the comment section from her readers: www.amyjohnsoncrow.com/jumpstart-genealogy/.
- Article by Kimberly Powell, "How to Begin Tracing Your Family Tree": www.thoughtco

[.com/how-to-trace-your-family-tree-1420458](http://www.familytree.com/learn/.com/how-to-trace-your-family-tree-1420458).

- Read and review archived information from *Dear Myrtle* www.dearmyrtle.com/lessons.htm, or browse specific topic links on *Cyndi's List* www.cyndislist.com. These two experienced genealogists share a large amount of their practical advice online.
- Explore RootsWeb's new menu and website for surname or location research: <https://home.rootsweb.com>.
- Review the holdings of the National Archives on their *Genealogy Research* page: www.archives.gov/research/genealogy/start-research.
- List of instructional articles from FamilyTree.com: www.familytree.com/learn/.

THE CYNICAL FAMILY HISTORIAN

By David Egelston, NHG Member

A review of the book *Where We Lived: Essays on Places* by Henry Allen (2017).

Henry Allen is a Pulitzer-Prize winning writer and art critic for the *Washington Post* who has published works of social history, fiction, and poetry.

Allen is not a genealogist. He is more of a family historian and a cynical one at that. He actually dislikes the study of genealogy. The only "genealogical research" he does is to pull down from his bookshelf a history of his family privately published in 1930, "...the sort that New England families began to write in the 19th century when they saw their money and hegemony dwindling."

He says in his introduction that he is writing a family history, "... but it is not the sort of history that is milled to the fineness of fourth cousins, or a dusty heap of collateral celebrities in which there are some in my family. ... If your family arrived in New England long ago, you're related to enough notable names to stock an academic index." Actually, what he has written is more of a memoir.

Allen focuses on places that he experienced his family living, specifically the houses he remembers from his childhood: the homes of his grandparents, the summer cottages, the various

homes his parents had when he was growing up, and stories of his great grandparents' abodes.

He has a fine eye for detail. In describing his grandfather's house in Orange, New Jersey, for instance, he says it is, "An early Victorian, a big house on a street of big houses. It had high ceilings—airy and claustrophobic at the same time. It had a cured smell, the comfortable pungence of a can of pipe tobacco or mink coats in closets. There were huge oriental rugs, wingback chairs and stand-up ashtrays. On tables were crystal, bronze, and sterling silver with monograms—cigarette boxes, porringers, picture frames, and a tea set of architectural splendor."

He describes the various family members who lived there or who often visited, family rules and rituals, how they saw themselves in their neighborhood and within their social class, and how they entertained. Everyone in the Fifties smoked, it seems, and most adults drank excessively. He does not spare the warts: his grandfather had a mistress with a son in the city.

He talks about a visit to his old neighborhood that he had not seen in fifty years, how it had changed or not changed, how the people he met on the block were the same or different from the types he remembered, and in fact how memory plays tricks on you. Perceived history is not actual history.

Allen talks about his own life also, such as how his parents moved several times when he was growing up. How he dropped out of college to join the Marines, including a deployment to Vietnam. He returned to finish college and struggled for many years just beyond poverty until he finally reached a measure of success with his writing. The house he and his family have lived in for many years reflects those changes in his status.

For writers of family history, I have three takeaways from this book.

1. Telling family stories in the context of the houses or places in which those families lived is an interesting and useful organizing principle.
2. Writing detailed descriptions of persons, places, and things, as well as using vivid imagery

makes for a much better read.

3. Don't shy away from telling the whole family story, warts and all. Judy Russell, the Legal Genealogist, says that criminal records can provide fantastic details about our ancestors' lives. But use caution when discussing recent generations.

WHERE GENEALOGISTS MEET

Wednesday, 19 September 2018 7:00 P.M. COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY

CCAC's fall schedule includes "Eastern European History for Genealogy Enthusiasts", which will cover the fifteenth through twenty-first centuries. The class will be held at CCAC's North Campus and runs from September 19th through November 7th. Registration is required. More information and a link to register are available at <https://shopcommunityed.ccac.edu/Courses/GeneralInterest.aspx>.

21–23 September 2018 FAMILY TREE UNIVERSITY VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

Family Tree University's annual fall conference will feature four tracks covering genetic genealogy, websites and tools, tips and tricks, and people and places. For more information and to register, please visit www.familytreemagazine.com/university.

22–23 September 2018 MEADOWCROFT ROCK SHELTER AND HISTORIC VILLAGE

Meadowcroft will host a Frontier Heritage Weekend featuring eighteenth-century traders. The event will include costumed European traders with authentic goods, black powder firearms, pit sawing, and open-hearth cooking. For more information, please visit www.heinzhistorycenter.org/events.

22–23 September 2018 LIGONIER HIGHLAND GAMES

This annual event, held at Idlewild Park in Ligonier, features a variety of activities related to

Scottish culture and history, including a Genealogy Pavilion. For more information, please visit www.ligonierhighlandgames.org.

Monday, 24 September 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! Additional sessions will be held October 22nd and November 26th. The library's address is 227 South High Street, Zelienople, 16063. For more information, please visit www.zelienoplelibrary.org.

Wednesday, 26 September 2018 6:30 P.M.
CRANBERRY GENEALOGY CLUB

The group will be touring Preservation Technologies, which provides deacidification and digitization services. Registration is required. The group will meet at the Preservation Technologies office, 111 Thomson Park Drive, Cranberry. The event is free and open to the public. Please visit www.cranberrygenealogy.org for more information and to register.

Saturday, 29 September 2018 11:00 A.M.
FORT PITT MUSEUM

The museum will host a commemoration of the 240th anniversary of the Treaty of Fort Pitt. The commemoration will include historical re-enactments of the treaty negotiations, a lecture by Dr. David Preston, and traditional dances led by Delaware Indians. All activities except the lecture are free and open to the public. To register for the lecture, which includes entrance to the museum, and for more information, please visit www.heinzhistorycenter.org/events.

Monday, 1 October 2018 7:00 P.M.
SLOVAK HERITAGE GROUP

The Slovak Heritage Group is sponsoring an

event featuring Lisa Alzo. It will be held in Meeting Room A of the Mt. Lebanon Public Library. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Joe Senko at 412-343-5031 or jsenko@msv-cpa.com.

Saturday, 6 October 2018 10:30 A.M.
WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Debra Christopher and Patricia Keller, along with NHG's Ray Jones, will present "Responding to a Surprise Finding from a DNA Result: Problem Solving and the Importance of 'Family Allies'" during the group's next meeting. 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.

Saturday, 6 October 2018 11:00 A.M.
DEPRECIATION LANDS MUSEUM

The Depreciation Lands Museum will hold Hydref, their annual fall festival, rain or shine at their facility in Hampton Township. Hydref features an eighteenth century market fair with crafts people and re-enactors. More information is available at www.depreciationlandsmuseum.org/upcoming/Hydrref.shtml.

Sunday, 7 October 2018 10:00 A.M.
HEINZ HISTORY CENTER

The history center's annual Italian Heritage Day will feature an Italian American bazaar, music, arts and crafts activities, and family history consultations. For more information, please visit www.heinzhistorycenter.org/events.

Tuesday, 9 October 2018 6:15 P.M.
BUTLER COUNTY GENEALOGICAL
SOCIETY

Carol Holochuk will present a program about an 1868 murder in Butler County during the group's next meeting. The meeting will be held in the Butler Area Public Library's basement meeting room. The meeting is free and open to the public. Please visit www.facebook.com/ButlerCountyGenealogicalSociety for more information.

Monday, 15 October 2018 1:00 P.M.
MT. LEBANON GENEALOGY SOCIETY

NHG's Elissa Scalise Powell will present "Deeper Analysis: Techniques for Successful Problem Solving" at the group's next meeting. The group meets in one of the basement conference rooms at the Mt. Lebanon Public Library, 16 Castle Shannon Boulevard, 15228. The meetings are free and open to the public. More information is available at www.mtlebanonlibrary.org/306/Genealogy-Society.

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. For more information, please visit www.carnegielibrary.org/event/family-history-month-kenyatta-d-berry/.

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.

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.

Friday, 2 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. The event will be held at the Cranberry Public Library, 2525 Rochester Road, Cranberry. The event is free and open to the public, but registration will be required. Watch www.cranberrygenealogy.org for more details and a link to register.

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 regional research for Galicia, Transcarpathia, and Ukraine. The event will be held in Somerset, New Jersey. For more information and to register, please visit www.ukrhec.org/nashi-predky-conference-2018.

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.

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

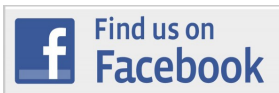
CeCe Moore, the genetic genealogy expert, will be the featured speaker at this year's fair. The event will be held at Delaware Valley University's Life Sciences Building. For more information, please visit www.ancestryfair.org.



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UPCOMING NHG PROGRAMS

Tuesday, 18 September 2018
An Archivist's Guide to Genealogical Research at the Heinz History Center

Sierra Green

The Senator John Heinz History Center's Detre Library & Archives provides free access to a rich cache of more than a thousand archival collections capturing the unique voices of Western Pennsylvania families, businesses, civic groups, organizations, and individuals. Green will share how to discover your ancestors in employment records, personal papers, local government records, funeral home records, and the records of churches and synagogues. She will also provide guidance on how to harness collections to recreate your ancestor's historical setting in Western Pennsylvania.

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. Learn how to analyze documents for clues and resources needed to recreate an African American's journey from freedom to slavery to identifying potential slave owner(s). The importance of using census records, cluster research, and social history will be emphasized. Case studies will illustrate how different methods and resources can connect former slaves to their slave owner.

Tuesday, 20 November 2018
Semi-Annual Round Table

NHG Members

Our round tables 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!