

REGISTER FOR THE NHG FALL CONFERENCE BY SEPTEMBER 16th

You are invited to attend the North Hills Genealogists' first-ever Fall Conference "Discover Your Roots, Discover Yourself" on Saturday, 25 October 2008! Reserve your spot now for this conference. Sign up by September 16th to benefit from the early bird registration fee of \$30 for NHG members. Refer to the complete fall conference brochure on pages 7 and 8 of this newsletter for times and details.

This conference will provide a great program for all levels of interest in family history, featuring nationally known speakers Pamela K. Boyer, CG, CGL, of Springfield, Virginia, and J. Mark Lowe, CG, of Springfield, Tennessee.

In addition to four formal lectures, the conference will give attendees a unique opportunity to interact with the knowledgeable and personable speakers in small group discussions. This will provide a forum for attendees to get their questions answered and to gather ideas for further research.

The location for the conference is Christ Episcopal Church, 5910 Babcock Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15237, near Northway Mall. Parking is free. A continental breakfast and hot lunch are included in the modest price. Use the flyer for the conference to mail in your registration, or register online at http://www.NorthHillsGenealogists.org.

Conference chairperson Amy Arner welcomes all NHG volunteers to assist with the various

committees for the NHG Fall Conference on Saturday, October 25th. Please contact her at amy@arnerresearch.com with your availability and interest.

In addition, all NHG members are asked to donate baked goods for dessert at lunch and snacks during the conference. Donated baked goods can be brought to the conference on Saturday, October 25th in the morning. See you there!

1850 PA AGRICULTURAL CENSUS

The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission has made available the 1850 PA Agricultural Census online at the website http://www.phmc.state.pa.us; click on "Calendar of Events," then on "Recent Web Updates," and finally on "Manuscript Data" to access the information. It is expected that the 1880 PA Agricultural Census will also be available online in the near future.

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WHO WE ARE NORTH HILLS GENEALOGISTS

We are a group of genealogy enthusiasts who meet on a regular basis to assist one another in establishing our family histories. We meet on the third Tuesday of every month, except December, at the Northland Public Library, 300 Cumberland Road, McCandless Township in the North Hills of Pittsburgh, PA. Tip Time begins at 6:45 P.M., and our general meeting commences at 7:00 P.M. Our meetings are free and open to the public.

We publish a newsletter ten times a year for a nominal membership fee of \$15.00 annually. The subscription year runs from August to June, but anyone wishing to join the North Hills Genealogists mid-year will receive back issues of the newsletter for that membership year. Previous years' newsletters are also available for purchase, each containing helpful hints for beginners and for experienced genealogists.

The North Hills Genealogists Board meets at 7:00 P.M. on the first Tuesday of each month in the Conference Room of the Northland Public Library. The Board meeting is open to all members of the North Hills Genealogists organization. Consider joining us this year!

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The new program year for the North Hills Genealogists starts on August 1st. The newly elected officers for that year also begin their term in August. While their names are listed elsewhere in this newsletter, I felt that a few comments regarding the makeup of your Board and its officers would be appropriate.

With a few notable exceptions, the officers and committee chairs will carry over from the previous year. While this gives the organization stability, the exceptions bring talent and a new perspective to help to ensure the long-term strength of the group. One of the new board members is Al Hartman, who is moving into the post of Vice President. This is Al's first time as an officer of NHG, and he brings a background of involvement in various other organizations to Also, recent Vice President Amy the post. Arner is moving to the position of Membership Chair and brings her set of unique talents to this very important spot. Steph Valentine, who has held numerous NHG offices, is leaving the Membership Chair position for a well-deserved sabbatical. He has temporarily moved on to become a world traveler, visiting such exotic locales as Iceland, Spitsbergen, and Antarctica as part of his itinerary.

It has been my privilege and pleasure serving as your president for the past year, and I will be continuing for another term. I am looking forward to a very exciting next twelve months. As I have stated before, we have a very strong and talented Board that is eager to tackle new ideas and directions. While not detracting from any of our current programs, following are three areas that will be pursued in the upcoming year. Our Fall Conference, a first for NHG and chaired by Amy Arner, will be held on Saturday, 25 October 2008. This event is well documented in other parts of this newsletter, but I would like to take this opportunity to urge everyone to register now, using the enclosed registration form.

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With the publication of the book *Pioneer Cemeteries of Franklin Park Borough and Marshall Township*, Elissa Scalise Powell, CG and Amy Prager are now leading a project to preserve information regarding the cemeteries of Indiana Township and Fox Chapel, part of northern Allegheny County. Readings have started, and I am sure that this will be another in a series of successful publications.

Lastly, we have begun hosting tables at events to publicize the North Hills Genealogists. A table was manned at the Butler County Genealogical Society Expo and at the Federation of Eastern Europe FHS Conference. We will be actively seeking further venues for this endeavor in the future.

As always, please feel free to contact me with your ideas and input about activities for the coming year. This is your genealogical society, and you are encouraged to let us know your interests. See me at the regular meetings, or I can be reached at peggie@nauticom.net or 724-449-3359.

Following up on June's column, the Welsh Nationality Room at the University of Pittsburgh was dedicated on 1 June 2008. It was a beautiful ceremony before a packed house in Heinz Chapel. As an early reminder, the Nationality Rooms Open House will be held on Sunday, December 7th from Noon to 4:00 P.M. It is a "don't miss" event! The Steelers do have a home game versus the Cowboys that day, but it's at 4:15 PM so you have plenty of time to visit the Rooms and get to wherever you're going to watch it!!

~Dave

Queries are free of charge for NHG members. Take advantage of this service by submitting queries to INFO@NorthHillsGenealogists.org.

NORTHLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY CELEBRATES 40th ANNIVERSARY

(source - http://www.northlandlibrary.org/)

During the decade from 1998-2007, Northland Public Library focused upon continuing to innovate and renovate. Here are some key events from that decade.

June 1998 Sandra Collins appointed 3rd director

Summer 2001 First Three Rivers Storytelling Festival.

6 September 2002 Northland Public Library instituted Bookmobile service at the Marshall Township Middle School and the Ross Township community Center.

August 2003 Library relocated to Northway Mall during renovation project.

2 August 2004 Library re-opens after renovation project.

Fall 2004 RFID technology used for circulation.

Fall 2004 Wireless Internet use is made available to library patrons.

October 2005 Northland Library catalog is integrated with the Allegheny County EiNetwork catalog.

April 2007 Northland starts Best Seller Collection through a gift from the Northland Public Library Foundation.

Congratulations to Northland Library on 40 years of service to the community!

The board members of the North Hills Genealogists are currently collecting suggested titles of genealogical reference books to purchase and donate to Northland Library. This is an annual process for our organization and is coordinated with librarian Amy Steele.

OFFER FOR NHG MEMBER POLO SHIRT – ORDER BY AUGUST 28!

Orders are now being taken for this special polo shirt with an embroidered NHG logo. Be a part of the group, whether you are on a cemetery reading or at the fall conference! The shirt will be offered in royal blue, 4.7 ounce, 100% Pima Cotton in men's sizes M (38-40), Large (42-44), X-Large (46-48), 2XL (50-52). Order yours by August 28 and pay just \$10. Orders received after August 29 should send \$20. Please send a check, size, and your name, address, and email (or phone number) to NHG Shirt, P. O. Box 304, Ingomar, PA 15127. Shirts will not be mailed; pick yours up at a meeting or the fall conference!





These images show the style and sample logo for the NHG shirts.

NHG JULY PROGRAM BOOK INFO

On 15 July, those in attendance at the NHG meeting enjoyed an interesting book talk by author Violet M. Covert about Sally Hastings, a Pennsylvania grass widow from the early 1800s. She encouraged genealogists to use historical context to write about our ancestors to provide a readable version of one's family history. Covert's book, *Reflections From a Grass Widow*, is a novel based upon the journal of Sally Hastings. The entire journal appears in a parallel form to the novel in the book. If you are interested in learning more about the book or purchasing this limited edition, contact Violet M. Covert at shreflections@earthlink.net or phone her at (724) 477-0020.

NHG UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Tuesday, 19 August 2008 INTERNET GENEALOGY FORUM

Embarking on a new area of research? Hit a dead end? Unsuccessful in your searches? Queries left unanswered? Confused by Cyndi's List? We are continuing our series of presentations on how to find your family records - what is available, where it is, and how to use it to track down each generation. This includes the use of new technologies, such as the computer's access to the Internet, for doing family research.

At the NHG August meeting we will conduct an open forum addressing Internet genealogy difficulties, complete with on-line guidance. Bring your questions and problems and any details you have, and we will attempt to help with information, direction, and possibly, answers! We will also be able to address questions about specific documents if you bring them electronically on a CD or thumb drive. This is the first time for this type of program at NHG with helpful member interaction.

Tuesday, 16 September 2008 LEGACY LIFE STORY: ORAL HISTORY

Claire Schmieler, a volunteer with the Visiting Nurses Association Hospice of Western Pennsylvania, will offer the NHG program for September about personal interviewing. It is important to gather the personal history and stories of each person's life for the family. Ms. Schmieler came to this job after retiring from Slippery Rock University.

"If you can read history and know it was your great-grandfather that did that, I think it will have a whole lot more meaning than it does in your junior high textbook. It would for me anyway," she said. This presentation will offer ideas about personal interviewing to gather the personal story and history of an ancestor's life.

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Tuesday, 21 October 2008 BUTLER COUNTY COURTHOUSE RECORDS

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Saturday, 25 October 2008 NHG FALL CONFERENCE See details on pages 1, 7, and 8 of this issue!

Tuesday, 18 November 2008 ANNUAL NHG ROUND TABLE

This is your chance to exchange ideas, experiences, roadblocks and discoveries with your fellow genealogists. It's also a great opportunity to meet the others from the area who share a common interest.

Saturday, 6 December 2008 NHG ANNUAL SOCIAL

Tour the Pennsylvania Room at the Carnegie Library in Oakland with Marilyn Holt followed by lunch nearby after the tour. It is the perfect occasion to be introduced to a vast collection of research data close to home, as well as to socialize with others in our group.

WHERE GENEALOGISTS MEET

Wednesday, 20 August 2008 6:00 P.M.

The Beaver County Genealogical Society will hold its monthly meeting at the LDS Church and Family History Center, 114 Church Road, Monaca. Brenda Applegate from the Beaver County Historical Research and Landmarks Foundation will speak about "Captain William Vicary and Beaver County in the 1830's." This program is free and open to the public. Refer to http://www.rootsweb.com/~pabecgs/ for details.

Wednesday, 27 August 2008 7:00 P.M.

The Cranberry Genealogy Club will be touring the Sample Schoolhouse that is in front of the Cranberry Municipal Building. Note that they will meet by the schoolhouse, not in the library meeting room. The Cranberry Genealogy Club meets at the Cranberry Township Municipal Building, 2525 Rochester Road, Cranberry Township, PA. For more information, visit their website at http://www.cranberrygenealogy.org/.

At this meeting of the Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society, Professor Arthur B. Fox discusses his newest book on Allegheny County regiments in the Civil War, Our Honored Dead: Allegheny County, PA in the American Civil War. Copies of the book will also be available for sale. Arthur Fox is a professor of United States and Canadian Geography in addition to World Geography at CCAC. He also teaches a course on Civil War and Popular Culture at the University of Pittsburgh and is best known for his 2002/2004 book, Pittsburgh During the American Civil War: 1860-1865.

WPGS meets at the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh Lecture Hall, 4400 Forbes Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15213, in the Oakland Area. This meeting is free and open to the public. For more information, visit http://www.wpgs.org or call 412-687-6811. There is nearby parking at the Carnegie Library for a fee of \$5.00.

11 October 2008 10 AM – 12 Noon

WPGS is pleased to welcome Michael Dabrishus, Assistant University Librarian for Archives, Special Collections, and Preservation from the Archives Service Center of the University of Pittsburgh, to give an orientation to collections and the numerous resources held at the Archives. WPGS meets at the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh Lecture Hall, 4400 Forbes Avenue in the Oakland Area. This meeting is free and open to the public. For more information, visit http://www.wpgs.org or call 412-687-6811.

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REISS/RICE - My great grandfather's brothers, George and John, arrived in South Pittsburgh in the 1840's. Is there anyone who could suggest publications, libraries, cemeteries, etc. where I could start? Do you have a book that might help? I am a member but live far away in upstate N.Y. **Contact:** Charles Rice at dadrice@hotmail.com.

STAY INFORMED OF THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN GENEALOGY BY SUBSCRIBING TO FORUM

The Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) publishes FORUM, a quarterly magazine providing current information essential to the informed genealogist. Features include: news about discoveries, record access and record preservation; feature articles on many subjects; notices of important events taking place in the genealogical community; a detailed calendar of events. genealogical conferences, workshops; and indexing and publication projects in progress or completed. In addition, articles discuss: news from genealogical and historical societies worldwide; news briefs from family associations, ethnic organizations, and international groups; book reviews and notices covering a wide variety of publications; and articles and tips for more effective society management.

Subscriptions are only \$15 for members of FGS Member Societies and NHG is a member of FGS! You can now order or renew your subscription online at http://www.fgs.org or you can print an order form and mail it.

In the Summer 2008 issue of *FORUM* on pages 38-39 is a favorable review written by Paul Milner about NHG's cemetery book *Pioneer Cemeteries of Franklin Park Borough and Marshall Township, Allegheny County, PA*. Our latest book is called "a well-produced and thorough compiled reading." An article index appears online at http://www.fgs.org.

UPCOMING REGIONAL AND NATIONAL CONFERENCES

23 AUGUST 2008 ALLEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY FORT WAYNE, IN

The Genealogy Center of ACPL presents a one-day workshop about "Vital Records and Their Substitutes" in Meeting Room A beginning at 10 A.M. This lecture will discuss the vital records that are seldom used by researchers. Call (260) 421-1225 or e-mail the Center at Genealogy@ACPL.info to register.

3-6 SEPTEMBER 2008 THE FEDERATION OF GENEALOGICAL SOCIETIES' 2008 CONFERENCE, PHILADELPHIA, PA

Plan to attend the FGS Annual Conference, "Footprints of Family History" in Philadelphia at the Pennsylvania Convention Center from September 3-6. For more information and registration details, go to the web site at: http://www.fgs.org/.

26-27 SEPTEMBER 2008 ALLEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY FORT WAYNE, IN

The Genealogy Center of Allen County Public Library presents "Military Symposium 2008" featuring Marie Varrelman Melchiori, CG, CGL. Melchiori is an experienced and knowledgeable speaker who specializes in NARA records and military research. Sessions include "Using National Archives: Records at the Researcher's View," "Our Military Heritage Website: Record, Recall, and Revere," "If Grandpa Wore Blue: Union Records in the National Archives," "If Grandpa Wore Gray: Confederate Records in the National Archives," and five hours of individual consultations from the speaker and staff members of the ACPL Genealogy Center. The registration fee is \$50 which includes the Friday dinner banquet. For a registration form and detailed information, go to http://www.acpl.lib.in.us/genealogy/index.html, or call (260) 421-1225. You can also find out about other upcoming programs on the website.

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Online registration and additional information:

WEBSITE: www.NorthHillsGenealogists.org/conference EMAIL: conference@NorthHillsGenealogists.org

Early Bird Registrations due by September 16th Small Group Discussions

with our expert speakers. During the time that a speaker will conduct a group discussion on a defined This conference will provide attendees with a unique opportunity to participate in a small group discussion speaker is presenting a formal lecture, the other topic. These interactions are intended to answer your questions in a friendly, comfortable atmosphere. Please indicate the topics that interest you the most on will have the opportunity to view the final Small Group the registration form. During conference check-in you topics schedule and sign up for one which matches your

Wrap-Up Session: Panel Discussion

We will conclude the Fall Conference with an opportunity to ask the speakers questions during a panel discussion moderated by Elissa Scalise Powell, CG.

Saturday, October 25, 2008, 9 AM to 4 PM DATE

Check-in begins at 8 AM

PLACE: Christ Episcopal Church,

5910 Babcock Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15237. (Behind Northway Mall between McKnight Road & Perry Highway/Rt. 19) POINTS SOUTH: Take McKnight Road north, past Ross Park Mall, turn left onto Babcock Blvd. at Northway Mall. Turn left at 2nd light onto Browns Lane, then right into parking lot. Enter via doors at parking lot level.

Road, bear right after BP Station onto Babcock Blvd. Turn WEXFORD & POINTS NORTH., Take Rt. 19 south to McKnight left at 2nd light onto Browns Lane, then right into parking lot. Enter via doors at parking lot level.



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Saturday, October 25, 2008

CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

Jamela K. Boyer, cs, cs.



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of the St. Louis Genealogical Society. She Genealogists, and an honorary life member is past editor of the Association of co-author of Online Roots (2003); Research in Missouri (2007); the Missouri chapter of She is an instructor for the Institute for Genealogy and Historical Research at sociation of Professional Ancestry's Red Book (3rd edition, 2004) University in the Advanced Quarterly, and the FGS Forum's Digitools columnist. Military and Techniques and Technology Genealogists Professional Samford courses.

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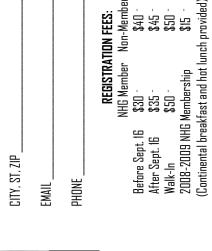
President of the of the Mark is a full-time researcher, who serves on the Federation of where he has formerly served as Vice President of Development and Secretary. He is a Past lecturer, author and instructor Genealogical Society's Board

Association of Professional Genealogists, and a Genealogical Society. As the Director of the Archives - Southeast Region in Atlanta. He is Past President of the Southern Kentucky Alliance (RIGS Alliance), Mark has developed and directed week-long interactive learning regional archives including the National sessions focusing on original documents at an instructor for the Institute for Genealogy and Historical Research at Samford University in the Advanced Military and other courses, and the Salt Lake Institute for Genealogy. Genealogical In-depth Regional

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Small Group Discussion Interests:

Seeing Your Ancestors In Historical Context **Technology for Genealogists**

Developing a Research Plan

Researching Rural Ancestors Other

Stop avoiding those pre-1850 census records. Turn their tidbits of data into research clues and lively

portrayals of your family's past.

Make Those Early Census Records Talk to You

MAIL REGISTRATION FORM AND PAYMENT

North Hills Genealogists P.O. Box 304

Ingomar, PA 15127

Early Bird Registration due by September 16

LECTURE TOPICS

Jos and Don'ts for Your Research

Review amily history research efforts are accurate and -earn clear-cut rules for ensuring that your techniques for jump-starting stalled projects. ollow accepted standards.

Our National Treasure: The Library of Congress should explore the holdings of the Library of Congress. We'll mine the online collection for its Even if you never visit Washington, DC, you books, maps, documents, ō

Bad, weak, or missing research all contribute to misleading research. Review your research findings, sharpen your techniques, evaluate your sources and Out on a Limb, Trapped by Bad Research

map a new course.

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NATIONAL ARCHIVES, LIBRARY OF CONGRESS FORM WORLD DIGITAL LIBRARY PARTNERSHIP

Press Release 16 July 2008

Washington, DC - Archivist of the United States Allen Weinstein and Librarian of Congress James H. Billington announced today that the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) has become a founding partner in the World Digital Library (WDL).

NARA will contribute digital versions of important documents from its collections to the WDL, which will be launched for the international public in early 2009. These documents include the Declaration Independence, the Constitution of the United States, the Bill of Rights, the Emancipation Civil Proclamation. War photographs, naturalization and immigration records of famous Americans, and photographs by Ansel Adams, Dorothea Lange and Lewis Hine. All of the images that NARA contributed to the World Digital Library are now available online.

Proposed in 2005 by the Library of Congress in cooperation with United the **Nations** Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the WDL will make available on the Internet significant primary materials from countries and cultures around the world. The project's goal is to promote international understanding and to provide a resource for use by students, teachers, and general audiences.

"We are pleased that our fellow Federal cultural institution, the National Archives, is joining the Library of Congress in the early stages of this project," said Billington. "NARA's participation not only will ensure that the World Digital Library contains a full record of the American experience, but it also will encourage archives around the world to join with their counterparts from the library world in this important initiative."

"The mission of the National Archives is to make U.S. Government records widely accessible," said Weinstein. "The World Digital Library will be a valuable conduit for us to share some of our nation's treasures with others around the world. We look forward to working with the Library of Congress on this important project."

In addition to NARA and the Library of Congress, the WDL project partners include cultural institutions from Brazil, China, Egypt, Israel, Russia, Saudi Arabia and many other countries. Information about the WDL can be found at http://www.worlddigitallibrary.org.

The Library of Congress, the nation's oldest Federal cultural institution, is the world's preeminent reservoir of knowledge, providing unparalleled integrated resources to Congress and the American people. Founded in 1800, the Library seeks to further human understanding and wisdom by providing access to knowledge through its magnificent collections. The Library seeks to spark the public's imagination and celebrate human achievement through its programs and exhibits. In doing so, the institution helps foster the informed and involved citizenry upon which American democracy depends.

The Library serves the public, scholars, members of Congress and their staffs through its 22 reading rooms on Capitol Hill. Many of the rich resources and treasures of the Library may also be accessed through its award-winning web site http://www.loc.gov.

Archives The National and Records Administration preserves, for the American people and their public servants, the records of our Federal Government. It ensures continuing access to the essential documentation of the rights of American citizens and the actions of their government. The National Archives at http://www.archives.gov also promotes democracy, civic education, and historical understanding of our national experience.



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UPCOMING PROGRAMS FROM NHG

Mark Your Calendars!

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