



NHG CONFERENCE DETAILS ANNOUNCED

The North Hills Genealogists of Pittsburgh, PA, will host their Fall Conference “Discover Your Roots, Discover Yourself” on Saturday, 25 October 2008. The NHG Fall Conference will be held from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. at Christ Episcopal Church, 5910 Babcock Boulevard, Pittsburgh, PA, 15237. The church is located behind the Northway Mall between McKnight Road and Perry Highway – Route 19. Check-in begins at 8:00 A.M., and parking is free.

The featured conference speakers, Pamela K. Boyer, CG, CGL, and J. Mark Lowe, CG, are knowledgeable, experienced genealogists. This one-day genealogy conference features both a large group lecture and a small group discussion during each of the four one-hour sessions. At the end of the day, plan to participate in a panel discussion with both speakers, moderated by Elissa Scalise Powell, CG.

The unique schedule for the NHG Fall Conference will offer attendees a chance to interact with the speakers in formal and informal sessions. Consider the session options that are listed in this article, and plan ahead for your fall conference experience.

Registration is \$30 for members by September 16th, \$35 after that date, or \$50 at the door. The fees for non-members are \$40 by September 16th, \$45 after that date, or \$50 at the door. A continental breakfast and hot lunch are included in the conference fee. Register by mail, in person at a NHG meeting, or online at www.NorthHillsGenealogists.org/conference to reserve your spot for October 25th!

NHG FALL CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

TIME	MAIN ROOM	SMALL ROOM
8:00	Registration opens	
9:00	Welcome Session	
9:15	<i>Make Those Early Census Records Talk to You</i> J. Mark Lowe, CG	<i>Technology for Genealogists</i> Pamela K. Boyer, CG, CGL
10:15	Break	
10:30	<i>Our National Treasure: The Library of Congress</i> Pamela K. Boyer, CG, CGL	<i>Researching Rural Ancestors</i> J. Mark Lowe, CG
11:30	Lunch	
1:00	<i>Out on a Limb, Trapped by Bad Research</i> J. Mark Lowe, CG	<i>Seeing Your Ancestors in Historical Context</i> Pamela K. Boyer, CG, CGL
2:00	Break	
2:15	<i>Dos and Don'ts for Your Research</i> Pamela K. Boyer, CG, CGL	<i>Developing a Research Plan</i> J. Mark Lowe, CG
3:30	<i>Panel Discussion</i> Pamela K. Boyer, CG, CGL and J. Mark Lowe, CG	Elissa Scalise Powell, CG, Moderator

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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

Madagascar has been referred to as the Eighth Continent of the world. It is the fourth largest island on the planet, measuring about one thousand miles long and two hundred miles wide. Located off the eastern coast of Africa in the Indian Ocean, it has a population of twenty million people. It is a beautiful, diverse country with thousands of species of plants and animals found nowhere else, including the lovable lemur and the carnivorous fossa.

I recently returned from a visit there, and during the visit took the time to run the Giant Jumping Rat Marathon, which I'll talk more about later. As many of you know, long distance running is one of my other major hobbies. Good luck has allowed me to run a marathon in some unusual places, including one on each of the "other" seven continents.

For those not familiar with the running world, a marathon is twenty-six miles and three hundred and eighty-five yards long. While there are a number of theories concerning the establishment of that distance, no single one has been verified as fact. One story relates that the Queen of England established that length during the Olympics so that the race ended under her balcony!

So you are probably asking yourself by now, "What does all of this have to do with genealogy, and why am I reading about running in a genealogical newsletter?"

Actually, both endeavors – genealogy and marathoning - seem to have a lot in common. "Success is a journey, not a destination. The doing is usually more important than the outcome," is a quote generally attributed to Arthur Ashe. That concept, with perhaps some argument, could certainly apply to each pastime. They are each long haul projects, which require a good deal of mental and physical stamina. In general, both the head and the feet are used in

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their pursuit. And while each has a huge group aspect to it, at their core they are both solitary quests.

Since there seems to me that there is a similarity in the two activities, I am going to spend the next few columns talking about various places I have visited to participate in marathons and draw some comparisons. Hopefully in the end you can decide for yourself if genealogy and marathoning are indeed “cousins”.

Getting back to the Giant Jumping Rat Marathon for a moment, its name is rivaled only by the Flying Pig Marathon held annually in Cincinnati. The Giant Jumping Rat is one of those species mentioned earlier that are found only in Madagascar. It is not a rat, but a rodent (*Hypogeomys antimena*) about the size of a rabbit. It gets its name from its unique ability to jump about three feet in the air from a standing start to get away from predators.

There was no definitive explanation as to why the Giant Jumping Rat was picked as the marathon mascot. However it probably doesn't matter – it seemed appropriate. It was a tough run, so we won't talk about my race time. Let's just leave by saying that I crossed the start and finish lines in the same day!

~ Dave

NORTH HILLS GENEALOGISTS' CEMETERY PROJECT NEWS

Written by Amy Prager

While it's been difficult to coordinate any cemetery readings this summer due to busy schedules and bad weather, it doesn't mean we haven't been hard at work on our next book: *Pioneer Cemeteries of Indiana Township and Fox Chapel Borough*. I was lucky enough to be contacted by two women this summer who had

information about two of the cemeteries to be included in our next book.

First Patty Todd contacted me. Her son, Andrew, completed his Eagle Scout project on the Strohm Cemetery. She told me about the book her son put together documenting the tombstones and the history of some of the families buried in there. He also cleaned up the old cemetery. I am so grateful we have members of the community like Andrew who work hard to preserve local history for future generations. I was able to view a copy of the book; I think it will be a great asset to us when we document that cemetery.

Next, Betty Parker contacted me. She lives in Delaware and is one of the heirs to the McCorkle Cemetery. Betty and her husband, Richard, even made a trip to Pittsburgh in August to attend the NHG general meeting, where they presented me with a binder documenting the history of the cemetery and the McCorkle family. I can't thank them enough for their generosity.

So, what can you do to help? Now that summer is winding down, hopefully everyone's schedule will free up, and the weather will cooperate, too. If you would like to help us read and document the tombstones, please e-mail Amy Prager at cemetery@NorthHillsGenealogists.org. I'll add you to our e-mail list, and notify you of upcoming readings. Even if you're only available to come out for one day, we'd appreciate your help. Not only will you be helping our organization, but you may also be surprised at how much you'll learn about reading tombstones. I was surprised at how much I learned, and I can't wait to revisit some of the cemeteries where my ancestors are buried to see what I overlooked.

The North Hills Genealogists are proud of the efforts to preserve families' records around the Northern Allegheny County cemeteries. It is important to document the cemetery records for future generations.

NHG UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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. The interviewing aspect of family history research can serve as a means of obtaining new information for your genealogy or as a way to personalize the stories behind each ancestors' life.

Tuesday, 21 October 2008 BUTLER COUNTY COURTHOUSE RECORDS

Maxine Jackson, a long-time employee at the Butler County Courthouse, will present research guidelines and techniques involving the use of records in the Recorder of Deeds, Register of Wills, and Prothonotary's Offices. While focused on Butler County, this information is applicable to most courthouse research. Information presented in this program will review what records are available in courthouses, which office to visit for different records, and how and when to research in a courthouse setting. This program will present ideas for beginners and experienced family researchers.

Saturday, 25 October 2008 NHG FALL CONFERENCE "Discover Your Roots, Discover Yourself"

See details on pages 1 of this issue, and online at <http://www.NorthHillsGenealogists.org>; click on the *Conference* link. Registration is required for the NHG Fall Conference. Finalize your conference plans today!

Tuesday, 18 November 2008 ANNUAL NHG ROUND TABLE

The Annual NHG Round Table Discussion is your chance to ask questions, exchange ideas, and share experiences, roadblocks and discoveries with your fellow genealogists. It's also a great opportunity to meet others from the North Hills area who share a common interest in genealogy and family history research. This is one of the most popular meetings of the year when a variety of genealogical topics are discussed.

Saturday, 6 December 2008 NHG ANNUAL SOCIAL

Tour the Pennsylvania Room at the Carnegie Library in Oakland with Marilyn Holt followed by lunch at a nearby restaurant. This event 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 NHG group.

SHARE YOUR IDEAS FOR 2009 NHG PROGRAMS

Do you have an idea or suggestion for an upcoming program topic? Programs Chair Mary Dzurichko is now planning topics and speakers for NHG meetings throughout 2009. If any member has an idea to share, please speak to Mary at our monthly meeting, or e-mail your suggestion for a speaker or topic to INFO@NorthHillsGenealogists.org.

NORTHLAND LIBRARY NEWS

Submitted by Amy Steele

Adult Services Librarian, Northland Public Library

Northland Library has recently purchased some books from Mechling Bookbindery that may be of interest to those doing local genealogical research. *Our Honored Dead: Allegheny County, PA, in the American Civil War*, by Arthur B. Fox, has a lot of information about Pennsylvania Regiments, Allegheny County Medal of Honor recipients, local Catholic Nuns who served in the field, the Allegheny Arsenal payroll and much more. It is an indexed volume. *The Genealogical and Personal History of the Allegheny Valley, 1913*, by John W. Jordan, is 3-volume set with biographical history of early Western Pennsylvania families and its Surname Index, which is an all-inclusive extension of the original biographical index. *The Marriage Returns, City of Pittsburgh, Allegheny Co., PA: 1870-1875* was compiled by WPGS. This 3-volume set includes over 14,000 names from marriage returns performed in Pittsburgh from 1870-1875. It includes grooms' surnames, index to brides, age, residence, place of birth, and occupation. Please note that some of these books will be reference books, which must be used in the library. They will be available soon.

The Library also announces that the week of 6 October 2008, Northland will be celebrating its 40th Anniversary. Special events are planned during that week, some of which focus on local history. On Monday October 6 at 7:00 P.M., Rick Sebak of WQED, a producer of Pittsburgh videos, will be at Northland to present "How I Do What I Do."

On both Monday, October 6 and Tuesday, October 7 from 6:30 P.M. to 9:00 P.M., Joe Bullick from North Allegheny School District and Sandy Brown from the Ross Historical Society will be at Northland Library with many historic artifacts including old photos, school yearbooks, and much more. The public is invited to these anniversary events.

WHERE GENEALOGISTS MEET

17 September 2008

7:00 P.M.

The Beaver County Genealogical Society will hold its monthly meeting at the Mormon Family History Center, 114 Church Drive, Monaca, PA. Carol Fiorucci, the Register of Wills for Beaver County, will present "Using Beaver County Marriage Records." This is a free program given by the Beaver County Genealogy and History Center. Call (724) 847-9253 for further information.

20 September 2008

9:00 A.M.

The State Library of Pennsylvania announces its Second Annual Genealogy Day, 20 September 2008 in Harrisburg, PA. This event will bring together genealogists from throughout Pennsylvania for a day of learning and independent research.

Sessions will address topics such as: *Genealogy on the Web*, *Genealogy Resources at the Pennsylvania State Archives*, *African-American Genealogy Research*, *Cemetery Records*, and *Eastern European/Polish Genealogy Research*. Historical societies will also be on-hand to share their information in an exhibit area. The event is free and open to everyone and will conclude by 3:45 P.M. For detailed information about the programs at PA's Genealogy Day, go to: <http://www.statelibrary.state.pa.us/libraries/cwp/view.asp?a=248&Q=146205>.

20 September 2008

1:00 – 3:00 P.M.

The Summit County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society announces their monthly meeting for September. Rebecca Easton-Wehr, a certified graphoanalyst, will present "Graphoanalysis: What Your Handwriting Says About You and Your Ancestors." This presentation will explain everything that you ever wanted to know about handwriting. Bring your ancestors' signatures to learn more about them! The meeting will be held at the Akron-Summit County Public Library, 60 S. High Street, Akron, OH.

WHERE GENEALOGISTS MEET

24 September 2008 7:00 P.M.

The meeting of the Cranberry Genealogy Club will be held on Wednesday, 24 September. Local author Violet Covert will discuss her novel containing the journal of a grass widow from the early 1800s. The Cranberry Genealogy Club meets in the Public Library Conference Room at the Cranberry Township Municipal Building, 2525 Rochester Road, Cranberry Township, PA 16066. For more detailed information, visit their website at <http://www.cranberrygenealogy.org>.

30 September 2008 6:30 – 8:30 P.M.

Each month the Special Collections Division of the Akron-Summit County Public Library offers Genealogy Programs. On Tuesday, 30 September, they will offer a new program, "Finding Your Immigrant Ancestors." Finding records about immigrant ancestors can be challenging. Join us for a discussion about identifying immigrant ancestors, locating passenger lists, and finding naturalization records. Basic computer skills are recommended. The class will meet in Computer Lab #2 on the First Floor of the Main Library. The same program will be repeated on Saturday, 18 October from 10 A.M. – 12 P.M. and on Tuesday, 18 November from 6:30 – 8:30 P.M. To sign up, call the Special Collections staff at (330) 643-9030.

11 October 2008 10 AM – 12 Noon

WPGS welcomes 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, Pittsburgh, PA 15213, in Oakland. For more information, visit <http://www.wpgs.org>, or call 412-687-6811. There is parking nearby at the Carnegie Library for a fee of \$5.00.

18 October 2008 9 A.M. – 4 P.M.

The Genealogical Society of Southwestern Pennsylvania is hosting the Fall Family History Conference on 18 October 2008 at the Citizens Library, 55 South College Street, Washington, PA 15301. Registration will begin at 9:00 A.M. in the lower level meeting room. The pre-registration fee for members is \$25 and \$30 for non-members. Walk-in registration on the conference date is \$35.

This event will feature three well-known speakers: William "Bill" Poellet, Jr., Frank J. Kurtik, and Elissa Scalise Powell, CG. Poellet will speak at 10:00 A.M. about "Echoes of Washington County: The Railroad and The Oil Well." At 11:00 A.M., Kurtik will present "Monongahela Rye Whiskey-Its Impact on the Culture and Economy of Nineteenth Century America," followed at 1:00 P.M. by a talk about "Vesta Coal: An Overview of the Bituminous Coal Mining Operations of Jones and Laughlin Steel." The day will conclude with two sessions presented by Powell, starting with "Windows to the Past: Newspaper Research" at 2:00 P.M. and "Hiding Behind Their Skirts: Finding Women in Records" at 3:00 P.M.

More information may be obtained about the Fall Family History Conference by e-mailing gsswpa@gmail.com, or by browsing online at <http://www.genealogicalsocietyswpa.com>. A continental breakfast and box lunch are included in the conference registration fee.

18 October 2008 1:00 – 3:00 P.M.

Confused about when and how to write citations for your genealogical documents? Attend the Summit County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society program "Citations are Easy," presented by Donna Redhead Gruber, CG, at the Akron-Summit County Public Library, 60 S. High Street, Akron, OH, on Saturday, 18 October. You will learn when to use citations and the basics of how to write them. Practice with various citation formats will be included during this program. It is free and open to the public.

PAJAMA GENEALOGY

By Elissa Scalise Powell, CG

When I caught the genealogy bug, there were no personal computers, and the “Internet” was certainly not what it was today. We had to write postal letters or visit repositories in sometimes faraway places. Vacations always seemed to incorporate a side trip to a courthouse. The opportunities for these visits slowed research progress, but it was the only speed we had!

With the advent of recent technology and the companies and organizations that are bringing original documents to the public at the touch of a button, it is possible to do genealogy in the comfort of your pajamas at home with a cup of your favorite beverage at hand. So much can be found now that it can be overwhelming. Keeping track of what you have and what you need to look for can be a challenge in itself. One solution is to write about your research as you go. It is not only a way to keep yourself organized but allows you to share the story (so far) with others. Remember to always state where you found each piece of information, and then have fun telling the story that the records reveal to you.

Holly Timm has narrated one such arm-chair adventure, and I would urge you to read it at: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~hft/dad/ulmer>. Notice the methodology she employed as well as how she incorporated snippets of documents throughout her story. Some of her source citations are at the bottom of the page, along with research comments. She said that she posted this page so that her sisters could read about her research. What a gift to them and other interested parties!

Although “pajama genealogy” is fun and can be very time consuming, don’t forget about the 99.9% of records that have not been digitized and have to be ferreted out the old fashioned way - or not. In this digital age, some librarians will do small lookups in their collection, and e-mail you a scanned image of the obit or book

page. Some counties are digitizing their records, particularly deeds. The latter most often are not free and sometimes not open to the public, however Westmoreland County has digitized their deeds from 1943 to current, which can be found at <http://www.wcdeeds.us/dts>. More and more federal records are being placed online through <http://www Footnote.com> and other services. (Don’t miss the free databases such as the Published Pennsylvania Archives on Footnote.com.)

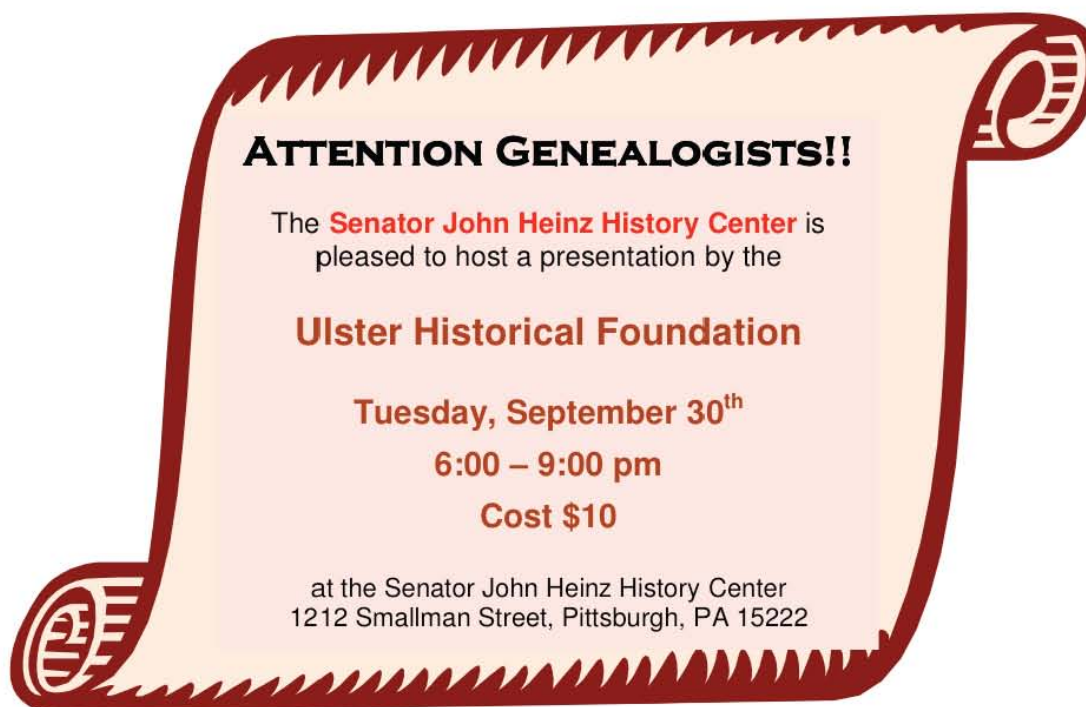
Have fun with your computer, and remember to write up your research so that those who follow you won’t have to do the same sifting that you are doing. Include where you found each piece of information as a track of where your footsteps have been. And don’t forget to go to bed eventually!

[Editor’s Note: NHG will print research stories like this one as room allows in future newsletters.]

INDIANA COUNTY, PA FALL COVERED BRIDGE FESTIVAL

Plan to spend the day on Saturday, 27 September 2008 in Indiana County, PA, to celebrate the Covered Bridge Festival at Blue Spruce Park from 10:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. Admission to the festival and parking are both free. This fall festival is presented by the Indiana County Covered Bridge Preservation Committee, which was established in 2007. The Committee’s goal is to promote the restoration and preservation of Indiana County’s four historic covered bridges.

Events that are planned for the 2008 Covered Bridge Festival include artisan demonstrations, covered bridge tours, craftsmen, an antique car show, entertainment, special historic exhibits, children’s activities, and food booths. The Indiana County Historical Society invites everyone to take part in this celebration of the rich heritage of Indiana County, Pennsylvania.



ATTENTION GENEALOGISTS!!

The **Senator John Heinz History Center** is
pleased to host a presentation by the

Ulster Historical Foundation

Tuesday, September 30th

6:00 – 9:00 pm

Cost \$10

at the Senator John Heinz History Center
1212 Smallman Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15222

The Ulster Historical Foundation, representing nine counties of Ulster, Londonderry, Antrim, Down, Tyrone, Armagh, Fermanagh, Cavan, Monahan and Donegal, is a long-established and highly reputable research and publishing agency offering extensive knowledge on the sources available for tracing Irish and Scots-Irish ancestors.

The program is a genealogical workshop designed to help participants discover their Irish roots. The lectures combine information on sources with historical background to better understand the context in which their ancestors lived.

To register for this presentation, contact Terri Blanchette, Community Program Director
(412) 454-6411 or tsblanchette@hswp.org

Don't miss this unique opportunity to meet and learn from:

William Roulston is Research Director of the Ulster Historical Foundation, specializing in genealogical research and heritage consultancy. He holds a Doctorate in Archaeology from Queen's University, Belfast. He has written and edited a number of books including, (with Eileen Murphy) *Fermanagh: History and Society* (Dublin, 2004) and *Researching Scots-Irish Ancestors* (Belfast, 2005). He has also worked with the BBC on radio and television programs relating to local and family history and has participated in numerous historical and genealogical conferences. He is a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland and a Member of Council of both the Presbyterian Historical Society of Ireland and the Belfast Natural History and Philosophical Society.

Brian Trainor former Research Director of the Ulster Historical Foundation (retired September 2006). He was educated at Queen's University, Belfast, and from there went for a time to the Institute of Historical Research in London. He returned to Belfast where he lectured for several years at Queen's before becoming in 1956 an archivist in the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland. He was Director of the Public Record Office from 1970 to 1987 when he became Director and then Research Director of the Ulster Historical Foundation. He holds an Honorary Doctorate of Law from the National University of Ireland. He has been on over thirty lecture tours to America and has spoken on Irish history and genealogy in over forty states.

UPCOMING REGIONAL AND NATIONAL CONFERENCES

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 Records at the National Archives: A 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 programs on the website.

27 SEPTEMBER 2008

WESTERN RESERVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, CLEVELAND, OH

The Genealogical Committee of the Western Reserve Historical Society will offer a class about "Exploring Family History" from 12 Noon – 3:00 P.M. in the Hassler Room. The WRHS is located at 10825 East Boulevard, Cleveland, OH, 44106.

The cost of the class is \$15, and time will be provided for individual research. This program is for those new to tracing their roots. Topics include organization, research process, charts and forms, the U.S. Federal Census, source citation, the WRHS Library, and selected websites. Space is limited, and reservations are required. For more information, contact Roger Ellsworth, WRHS Library Clerk, at arby69@sbcglobal.net or call him at (216) 229-7887.

4 OCTOBER 2008

WESTERN RESERVE HOISTORICAL SOCIETY, CLEVELAND, OH

As part of the Genealogical Institute 2008, the WRHS will offer a class on Saturday, 4 October about "Overlooked Sources." Topics for this program include histories, church records, city and county directories, maps and gazetteers, dictionaries, institutional records, school records, migration patterns, newspapers, court records, periodicals, items from the Recorder's Office, and more.

This class is scheduled from 12 Noon – 3:00 P.M. in the Hassler Room of the WRHS, located at 10825 East Boulevard, Cleveland, OH, 44106. Space is limited, and reservations are required. For more information, contact Roger Ellsworth, WRHS Library Clerk, at arby69@sbcglobal.net or call him at (216) 229-7887.

24-25 OCTOBER 2008

ALLEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY FORT WAYNE, IN

The Genealogy Center of Allen County Public Library, 900 Library Plaza, Fort Wayne, IN, 46802, announces a two day mini-course, "Family History: Beyond the Basics" on Friday and Saturday, 24-25 October. Instructors for this program are Margery Graham, CG, an experienced genealogist and ACPL volunteer, and Steven W. Myers, a reference librarian in the ACPL Genealogy Center.

Formal sessions include: *Problem Solving in Your Research*, *Probate Records*, *Land Records and Tax Lists*, *Military Records*, *Church Records*, and *Tracing Your Ancestors Across the Atlantic*. In addition, there will be time in the schedule each day for assisted research, individual research, consultations, and a tour of the Genealogy Center.

The registration fee is \$50 per person and space is limited. For more information, go to the library's website at <http://www.ACPL.Info/Genealogy/programs.html>.

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Tuesday, 21 October 2008

BUTLER COUNTY COURTHOUSE RECORDS

Speaker: Maxine Jackson

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Tuesday, 18 November 2008

ANNUAL ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

Speakers: NHG Members

Join the North Hills Genealogists for the annual Round Table Discussion meeting. This meeting is an opportunity for all members to exchange ideas for resolving problems in family history research. Everyone, whether a beginner or an experienced genealogist, can benefit from the round table!

THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM - Tuesday, 16 September 2008

LEGACY LIFE STORY PROGRAM – ORAL HISTORY

Speaker: Claire Schmieler

This presentation will offer a program about personal interviewing to gather the personal story and history of a person's life. Claire Schmieler, a volunteer with the Visiting Nurses' Association Hospice of Western Pennsylvania, will discuss ways for you to bring individual's stories to life.