



## 2009 RESOLUTIONS FOR GENEALOGISTS

*Written by Sue Ennis, Editor*

Happy New Year! During January's cold, winter days indoors, take some time to formulate some genealogical resolutions for yourself in 2009.

The tradition of writing or proclaiming New Year's resolutions relates to the time when we begin a new year while reflecting on the past year. Resolutions are promises to oneself for improving, changing, growing, or planning for the upcoming year. Why not create a list of **genealogical** resolutions this year?

Some suggestions for writing your own genealogical New Year's resolutions can include the following topics that all family researchers can certainly understand. It is vital to find a way to interview older relatives in your family while you still can do so. The interview can be in person, over the telephone, or by correspondence. Not only should you take advantage of the memories of living relatives, but also interview them now while they are available and healthy.

Another great resolution for genealogists in 2009 is to compile, preserve, and organize family photographs. Collect and organize family photos first. Storage boxes from a local craft store are helpful. Then, separate them chronologically or by family or event. Scanners are also very affordable; then burn your archived photos onto DVDs or CDs for preservation. This resolution is an ongoing project of course; however, what a great time of

year to begin the process of photo preservation for your family.

Other forms of organizing your family history research are also helpful resolutions for 2009. Reduce the paper load by taking the time to read your research notes and type them. This also helps a genealogist to avoid redundant research. Back up computer files and update your electronic storage devices. File archival documents securely and safely. Take the time to separate your completed research facts into branches of your family, and include a way to cross-reference relatives.

Resolutions for genealogists in 2009 can include taking a class, connecting with fellow genealogists, sharing your results with others, attending a conference, or concentrating on overcoming the brick walls that are hindering your research. Setting specific genealogical research resolutions for you and your family in 2009 is the first step to achieving your goals!

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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. 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

This is a story about a barn – not just any barn, but one that is tied to my family history. And finding that barn brought to my attention a genealogical resource that may be of interest to you.

As background, I have previously written that my great-great-grandparents emigrated from Wales in the 1830s and settled in what is now Greene Township; it was Beaverdam Township back then, in Erie County, Pennsylvania. My great-great-grandmother's two brothers – Thomas and William Jones – also emigrated to that area in the same time period. They all acquired land in a rural neighborhood of Greene Township known then and now as Wales – an area that I will write about in more detail in a future newsletter.

I have also mentioned my brother Tim in previous columns. He and I are partners in our family history quest, and he has solved quite a few puzzles in that arena over the years. He has a number of interests besides genealogy; among those are archaeology and geology. Those two interests have led him to becoming involved with the French Creek Archaeology Society, a chapter of the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology (SPA). The Society was organized to promote, along with other objectives, the study of historic archaeological and historical resources of Pennsylvania and neighboring states.

In line with that involvement, my brother decided to attend the annual meeting of the SPA in Clarion, PA in 2008. This is where we get to the genealogical resource mentioned above. There was a vendor at the annual meeting from the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission showcasing something called the Cultural Resources Geographic Information System (CRGIS). According to its website, "CRGIS is a map-based inventory of the historic and archaeological sites and surveys stored in (continued on page 43)

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*the files of the Bureau for Historic Preservation (BHP). Currently there are 20,708 archaeological sites and 125,205 historic properties in these files. Access to these paper records is free and open to the public by appointment at the BHP office in Harrisburg.”* Access to the historic properties data is also available to the public on the web at: <https://www.dot7.state.pa.us/ce/default.asp>.

This is certainly a great and useful database, but what about a barn? Isn't this supposed to be a story about a barn? Well, there were files on hand at the CRGIS vendor's table that covered some of the historic properties in that 125,205 item data base. And it just so happened that one of the files was about a barn built in 1845 in Greene Township, Erie County by my great-great-grandmother's brother, Thomas Jones!

My brother and I knew the approximate location of the parcel where Thomas settled, but we had never investigated it closely. Now we had an obvious reason to take a further look. As luck would have it, the younger brother of a boyhood acquaintance had purchased the barn and has almost completed the process of converting it into a dwelling. A quick call to him re-established our connection and resulted in an invitation to tour the property. It was a fascinating walk through family history.

While the inside is becoming a beautiful family residence, the exterior and basic structure remains untouched. The surrounding acreage also helps to give a feel of how our ancestor lived in the 1800s. A branch of Six Mile Creek, which flows into Lake Erie a few miles north, passes through the rear of the property. There is a large pond between it and the barn. The surrounding view is of verdant flatlands, woods, and rolling hills – perfect for farming. Perhaps that is what attracted the early Welsh settlers to this area. It is easy to see how the area reminded them of home!

Hopefully there will be a point in the future when you will have the need to visit the CRGIS system. May it yield the same results to you that it did to my brother and me!

~ Dave

## **AMY ARNER ELECTED TO APG NATIONAL BOARD**

NHG member Amy Arner of Cranberry Township was recently nominated for a two-year term on the national governing board for the Association of Professional Genealogists (APG). Congratulations to Amy for this honor! An excerpt of the announcement from Eastman's Genealogical Blog is included here with a link to access more detailed information.

“WESTMINSTER, Colo., November 21 – The Association of Professional Genealogists (APG), the world's leading professional organization of family history and related professionals, announced the results of its 2008 election. Ten board members were elected to two-year terms for 2009-2010. Two nominating committee members were elected to one-year terms.

Region 4: Northeast: **Amy E.K. Arner** (Pennsylvania) is a researcher specializing in Western Pennsylvania, the president of the Great Lakes Chapter, and a proofreader for the APG Quarterly.”

For the complete text of the press release, go to: <http://www.apgen.org/publicrelations/press/election2008.htm>.

## **HISTORIC PA MAPS FOR SALE**

50 x 28 inch copies of original 1770 and 1797 maps of PENNSYLVANIA. The price is \$12.95 plus \$5.00 shipping. Payment is accepted by personal checks or PAYPAL. If interested, contact Dan Tassey at [dtassey@comcast.net](mailto:dtassey@comcast.net).

## **NHG UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

**Tuesday, 20 January 2009**

### **PLANNING A REMOTE RESEARCH TRIP**

Susan L. Ennis, NHG newsletter editor, will deliver a presentation tonight about preparing for a research trip. Suggestions for pre-arranging part or all of a research trip will be discussed along with ideas for remote research around Pennsylvania and states beyond. An educator and librarian for over 25 years, Sue Ennis will also offer hints for getting quickly acclimated to each repository you visit in order to make the most of your research time.

**Tuesday, 17 February 2009**

### **DATING PHOTOGRAPHS**

Mary Dzurichko, NHG programs chair, will present a program about dating photographs, providing guidance and resources to assist you in your efforts. If you have a photo that has you stumped, please bring it to the February NHG Meeting, and we will try to help with as many as time permits. If possible, bring the photo in an electronic format, CD or thumb drive, so that it is easily viewed by all who attend the meeting. Mary is a member of NHG, WPGS, and the Mercer County Genealogical Society and has been involved with family research for eight years. Her father was a photographer, so she is archiving the thousands of photos and negatives found in his darkroom.

**Tuesday, 17 March 2009**

### **HOW TO USE THE FAMILY SEARCH WEB SITE**

The March meeting of the NHG will feature Elissa Scalise Powell, CG, offering an overview of the tools and methods for most effectively using the Family Search web site. This site is a family history web site of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, which provides its resources free of charge to the public. Come and learn what genealogical treasures can be discovered for your family research.

## **WHERE GENEALOGISTS MEET**

**21 JANUARY 2009**

**7:00 P.M.**

### **BEAVER COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

The monthly meeting of the Beaver County Genealogical Society is Wednesday, 21 January 2009 at the Mormon Family History Center, 114 Church Drive, Monaca, PA. For more information about the Beaver County Genealogical Society, go to their web site at: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~pabecgs/> or call (724) 847-9253.

**28 JANUARY 2009**

**7:00 P.M.**

### **CRANBERRY GENEALOGY CLUB**

This month's meeting of the Cranberry Genealogy Club will be held on Wednesday, 28 January 2009. The Cranberry Genealogy Club meets throughout the year in the Public Library Conference Room at the Cranberry Township Municipal Building, 2525 Rochester Road. For detailed information, visit their website at <http://www.cranberrygenealogy.org>.

**14 FEBRUARY 2009**

**10:00 A.M.**

### **WPGS**

The next meeting of the Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society is Saturday, 14 February 2009 at the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh Lecture Hall, 4400 Forbes Avenue in the Oakland Area of Pittsburgh. IUP Professor Charles McColleston, Ph.D. will speak about *The Point of Pittsburgh: Production and Struggle at the Forks of the Ohio*. Pittsburgh industry made it one of the most productive places in the world, impressive in diversity and amount of goods. In his new book, McColleston explores the role of labor in the region's development over the past 250 years. Dr. McColleston is a professor of industrial and labor relations at Indiana University of PA and a former president of the PA Labor History Society. This meeting is free and open to the public. For more information about WPGS, go to their web site at: <http://www.wpgs.org> or call (412) 687-6811.

## **WHERE GENEALOGISTS MEET**

**1-7 MARCH 2009**

### **MARCH MADNESS GENEALOGY STYLE**

During 1-7 March 2009, the Genealogy Center of the Allen County Public Library in Ft. Wayne, IN is hosting a week of events to "rev up your genealogical research!" The week's events include:

Sunday, 1 March at 1:00 P.M.

*Southern Lore* with Melissa Shimkus.

Monday, 2 March at 2:00 P.M.

*Family Search Labs* with Don Litzer.

Tuesday, 3 March at 10:00 A.M.

*Civilian Conservation Corps, 1933-42* with Cynthia Theusch.

Wednesday, 4 March from 10 A.M. – 4 P.M.

*Daughters of the American Revolution: Assistance for Membership* with DAR members.

Thursday, 5 March at 2:00 P.M.

*Evaluating Published Family Histories* with John Beatty.

Friday, 6 March at 10:00 A.M.

*Tech Time* with Delia Cothrun Bourne.

Saturday, 7 March at 10:00 A.M.

*Using Flickr to Document Your Genealogy* with Sara Paralita.

For more detailed information or to register for any or all of these programs, contact the Genealogy Center at (260) 421-1225 or go to <http://www.ACPL.Info/Genealogy>.

**13-14 MARCH, 2009**

### **TWO-DAY MINI-COURSE OFFERED**

The Genealogy Center of the Allen County Public Library, Ft. Wayne, IN, announces a two-day mini course, *Irish and Scots-Irish Genealogy, Part 1*, conducted by Steven W. Myers, M.L.S. The fee of \$50 is payable to "ACPL Foundation" and will reserve your place for the mini-conference. Six one-hour sessions will be presented during the mini-conference with assisted research and consultations on both days. For more information, go to their web site at: <http://www.ACPL.Info/Genealogy>.

## **2009 NATIONAL CONFERENCES**

**13-16 May 2009 Raleigh, North Carolina**

National Genealogical Society Conference in the States—"The Building of a Nation: From Roanoke to the West." Registration is now open. For more information, visit <http://www.ngsgenalogy.org>.

**2-5 September 2009 Little Rock, Arkansas**

Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference; for more information, visit the site at <http://www.fgs.org/conferences/index.php>.

## **OHIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY REACHES \$2.5-MILLION FUNDING FOR NEW BUILDING**

*Press Release*

December 1, 2008

Mansfield, Ohio--"We have achieved 'full funding' for our new building project," reports E. Paul Morehouse, president, Ohio Genealogical Society. "We thank our members and other contributors for their support." The amount raised to date is \$2,564,889.

The Society plans to begin construction early in 2009 of an 18,000-square-foot facility to better accommodate the Society's expanding membership and its growing library collection. Society officials believe that the new building will be the finest state genealogical library in the country.

The new home for the Ohio Genealogical Society, to be located in Bellville in Richland County near Mansfield, will serve professional and hobbyist genealogists with climate-controlled space for archives, a reading room, a preservation and digitization lab, meeting space and classrooms, and office space.

The final funding element came from the State of Ohio. In mid-November, the Ohio Cultural  
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Facilities Commission approved a grant of \$350,000 from the State to the Society for the new building. While the funding goal was achieved, the Society is encouraging its members to continue to contribute to the building fund. Ted Minier, past president and building fund chairperson, points out that the Society needs to pay down a \$600,000 loan from the U. S. Department of Agriculture. In addition, the Society aims to build an endowment fund to maintain the new facility. According to Minier, several naming rights remain available in the new library in return for large donations.

Established in 1959, the Ohio Genealogical Society is the largest state genealogical society in the country, with over 6,000 members, 95 chapters, nearly 35,000 books and a lending library with more than 2,000 titles and publications. It publishes the *OGS Quarterly*, *OGS Genealogy News* (both included with OGS membership), *Ohio Records & Pioneer Families*, and *Ohio Civil War Genealogy Journal*. For more information on OGS, visit [www.ogs.org](http://www.ogs.org).

The Ohio Cultural Facilities Commission is a state agency that helps enhance the quality of life for Ohioans by improving the state's cultural facilities. Since 1988, the Commission has disbursed more than \$400 million of capital funds appropriated by the Legislature and Governor for facility improvement projects at nonprofit theaters, museums, historical sites and publicly owned professional sports venues. The Commission partners with nonprofit groups and local governments on more than 300 projects in 72 of Ohio's 88 counties. For more information on the Commission, visit [www.culture.ohio.gov](http://www.culture.ohio.gov).

NOTE: One advantage to belonging to the Ohio

Genealogical Society is that members have access to [NewspaperArchives.com](http://NewspaperArchives.com) through the OGS website. This is a value of \$72 per year! [NewspaperARCHIVE.com](http://NewspaperARCHIVE.com) is the world's largest archive of online newspapers. It contains tens of millions of searchable newspaper pages, dating as far back as the 1700s in over 3,000 titles.

[Thanks to Elissa Scalise Powell for this information.]

## NHG ADDED TO FACEBOOK!

*Written by Amy E. K. Arner*

NHG is now a group on Facebook. We have posted general information about the society, and will be posting information about meetings and events. On Facebook, there is also a discussion board and a way to share photos. Facebook can be found on the Internet at <http://www.Facebook.com>, and is a social networking site you can use to find new or old friends. To find NHG after logging in, use the search box in the upper right hand corner of the screen to search for "North Hills Genealogists." Come and join us on Facebook!

## SUCCESSFUL NHG SOCIAL

The December 2008 Holiday Social for the North Hills Genealogists was attended by 18 members and guests at the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh. The spacious new facilities for the Pennsylvania Room and Genealogy Collection provided a comfortable backdrop for Marilyn Holt's informative presentation.

After the 45-minute review of resources available at the Carnegie, members had some time to work on individual research. This was followed by lunch in a private room at the Carnegie Museum.

Close to home for most of us, the Carnegie Library is a good research location for the winter months as you work on your family history. For hours and more information, go to <http://www.clpgh.org/research/genealogy/>.

# LIBRARY OF CONGRESS LEADS NATIONWIDE DIGITIZATION EFFORT

*Press Release*

January 14, 2009

Washington, DC - The Library of Congress will digitally scan "The Heroic Life of Abraham Lincoln: The Great Emancipator" as the 25,000th book in its "Digitizing American Imprints" program, which scans aging "brittle" books, often too fragile to serve to researchers. The program is sponsored by a \$2 million grant from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation. The Library, which has contracted with the Internet Archive for digitization services, is combining its efforts with other libraries as part of the open content movement. The movement, which includes over 100 libraries, universities and cultural institutions, aims to digitize and make freely available public-domain books in a wide variety of subject areas.

Books scanned in this pilot project come primarily from the Library's local history and genealogy sections of the General Collections. For many of these titles, only a few copies exist anywhere in the world, and a reader would need to travel to Washington to view the Library's copy. Now, the works can be accessed freely online or downloaded for closer inspection or printing. Readers can search the text for individual words, making the digital copy an even more valuable research tool than the original.

"The public can now access a growing digital collection of wonderful and fascinating works from the Library's vast general collections. Among these works are many American history books that are becoming too fragile to handle physically, as well as a large collection of genealogical materials that are among our most-often-requested items," said Deanna Marcum, Associate Librarian for Library Services.

"The Library of Congress is preserving knowledge by giving new life to these 'brittle

books.' The digital files will be accessible online, while the physical volumes will go into long-term special storage," she said. "This represents one of the many ways the Library of Congress is ensuring continuing and expanding access to its trove of knowledge."

The Library recognizes the value of digitizing as much of the general collections as funding permits, and it intends to make building this digital collection an integral part of the overall collection-development program. Through a FEDLINK master contract with the Internet Archive, the Library is providing similar scanning services to the federal library community.

"The Alfred P. Sloan Foundation is proud to support the Library of Congress in this first-ever mass digitization of books in its vast collection," said Doron Weber, Sloan Program Director.

"In the great tradition of publicly funded libraries, the Library of Congress is leading the way in quality scanning of books that will make the fruits of human knowledge and human culture available to people everywhere in an open, non-exclusive archive. We encourage governments at all levels to champion this cause and to help support the movement to create a universal digital library for the benefit of scholars, researchers, and the general public."

All scanning operations are housed in the Library's John Adams Building on Capitol Hill. Internet Archive staff work two shifts each day on 10 "Scribe" scanning stations. The operation can digitize up to 1,000 volumes each week. Shortly after scanning is complete, the books are available online at [www.archive.org](http://www.archive.org). Books can be read online or downloaded for more intensive study. The Library of Congress is actively working with the Internet Archive on the development of a full-featured, open-source page-turner. A beta version, called the Flip Book, is currently available on the Internet Archive site.

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The Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, founded in 1934, is a philanthropic non-profit that makes grants to support research and education in science, technology and economic performance. Sloan's program in Digital Information Technology and the Dissemination of Knowledge has supported the Library of Congress, the Internet Archive, Wikipedia, PALINET, the Boston Library Consortium, the Boston Public Library, the Getty, Johns Hopkins, the University of California, Berkeley, the New Orleans Public Library, the Open Content Alliance, and the Open Knowledge Commons.

The Internet Archive is a non-profit organization founded in 1996 to build an Internet library, with the purpose of offering permanent access for researchers, historians, and scholars to historical collections that exist in digital format. The Internet Archive includes texts, audio, moving images, and software as well as archived web pages.

FLICC, part of the Library of Congress, and FLICC's FEDLINK network have for more than 30 years helped federal library and information centers save effort, time and money when buying and using commercial information services.

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, which bring to bear the world's knowledge and America's private sector intellectual and cultural creativity in almost all formats. Many of the Library's rich resources and treasures may also be accessed through the Library's Web sites [www.loc.gov](http://www.loc.gov) and [myLOC.gov](http://myLOC.gov).

## **2009 PALATINES CONFERENCE**

Final plans for the 2009 National Palatines to America Conference have been completed. This year's conference, where you can "Research with the Experts," will be 18-20 June 2009 at the Allen County Public Library in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. Accommodations for this conference will be at the Clarion Hotel in downtown Ft. Wayne with the costs to be announced. To find out detailed information about the 2009 National Palatines to America Conference, go to the event's web site: <http://palamnationalconference.org/registration>.

## **REMEMBER TO SUPPORT THE EFFORT TO DIGITIZE PA DEATH CERTIFICATES**

Attention all avid genealogical researchers! Your assistance is needed in a grassroots effort to have Pennsylvania make its older state death certificates much more accessible and available online. The results will be similar to what other states have recently completed.

This preservation effort will only succeed with your help. Otherwise, Pennsylvania could be stuck with the existing, archaic system for accessing death certificates. To find out ways in which you can help this effort, go to the web at: <http://users.rcn.com/timarg/PaHR-Access.htm>.

## **MILITARY WEB SITE LAUNCHED**

*Submitted by Amy Arner*

A new web site of interest to genealogists and family historians has recently gone online. This site contains digitized images of papers from the United States War Department. *Papers of the War Department* is a project of the Center for History and New Media, George Mason University. This web site is searchable as well. Check out the site's resources at: <http://wardepartmentpapers.org/>.



## THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES CELEBRATES 75th ANNIVERSARY

**Press Release**                      January 8, 2009

Washington, DC - The National Archives announced the year-long celebration of its 75th anniversary. Signed into law by President Franklin D. Roosevelt on June 19, 1934, the legislation established a National Archives to preserve the permanently valuable papers of the Federal government. Today the institution has become a cornerstone of our democracy, making billions of documents created by Federal officials available for inspection, thereby holding public officials accountable for their actions.

To celebrate this milestone, the National Archives has planned a number of special activities and free public programs throughout the year. These events will highlight the history of the Archives and the breadth of the unique holdings.

The launch of the anniversary web site <http://www.archives.gov/75th> shines a spotlight on defining moments in the agency's history through the decades with photo galleries, notices of special events at the National Archives Building in Washington, DC, as well as at the 14 regional archives and 12 Presidential libraries located throughout the nation. The web site also features testimonials from researchers and visitors who describe their discoveries at the National Archives. These include personal stories of individuals who recognized photos of their ancestors that were featured in one of the exhibitions; as well as accounts of long complex research adventures to discover the proverbial golden needle in a haystack of documents. Researchers are encouraged to submit their own discovery stories for this page. A special commemorative poster and other anniversary items that will become keepsakes of this milestone anniversary are for sale on the web site.

Big records, big events, and big ideas are the focus of a new major exhibition entitled, "*Big! Celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the National Archives.*" Opening on March 13, 2009, in the Lawrence F. O'Brien Gallery of the National Archives Building in Washington, DC, treasures such as the 13-foot scroll of the Articles of Confederation which was the first constitution of the United States, and one of only 25 surviving copies of the first printing of the Declaration of Independence by John Dunlap will be included. All of the items in "*Big!*" are pieces of the American story.

In June of 2009, the National Archives, in cooperation with the Foundation for the National Archives, will publish a richly illustrated coffee-table book featuring the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and many of the one-of-a-kind documents, photographs, maps and three-dimensional objects that the National Archives holds in trust for the American people. To celebrate this milestone anniversary, *Prologue*, the National Archives' flagship quarterly publication, will feature a specially-themed issue tracing the emergence of the National Archives as the nation's record keeper and steward of the documents of its history.

Two national awards recognizing significant achievements in genealogy research based on records from the National Archives will be presented this year to winners of essay contests.

The National Archives remains committed to President Roosevelt's credo. It continues to preserve the records of the past, so that upcoming generations can make informed decisions about the future of our nation.

For more information about programs and activities for the 75th anniversary, contact the National Archives public affairs staff at 202-357-5300 or browse the links throughout the National Archives web site at <http://www.archives.gov/75th/>.

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## UPCOMING PROGRAMS FROM NHG

**Mark Your Calendars!**

**Tuesday, 17 February 2009**

### ***DATING OLD PHOTOGRAPHS***

*Speaker: Mary Dzurichko*

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### ***HOW TO EFFECTIVELY USE THE FAMILY SEARCH WEB SITE***

*Speaker: Elissa Scalise Powell, CG*

NHG member Elissa Scalise Powell, CG, will offer an overview of the tools and methods for most effectively using the Family Search web site. This site provides its resources free of charge to the public and is one of the most commonly used genealogical internet sites. Come and learn hints for successful searches on this site!

## **THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM - Tuesday, 20 January 2009**

### **PLANNING A RESEARCH TRIP**

*Speaker: Susan L. Ennis*

Participate in a discussion about preparing to research in remote parts of Pennsylvania or other states more than a day from home. Sue Ennis will present helpful hints for saving time and money while researching your family history on the road, and share methods for quickly adjusting to each repository you visit.