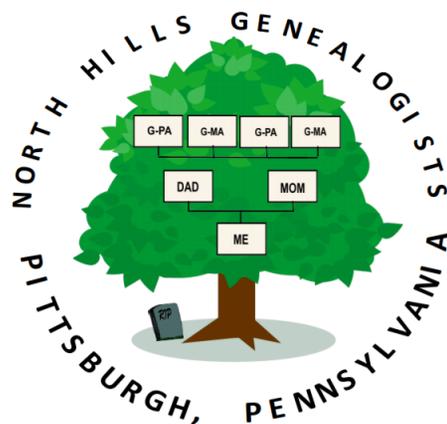


# North Hills Genealogists

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania



## Family History Conference

Friday, March 22, 2019

Saturday, March 23, 2019

Featuring

**Blaine Bettinger, PhD, JD**

**Ray Jones, PhD**

Thank you for your interest in attending North Hills Genealogists' 12th Annual Family History Conference.

This two-day family history event will be held at The Columbian Room in Wexford, PA.

A Saturday conference registration includes a full day of lectures presented by Blaine Bettinger, PhD, JD, a hot buffet lunch, and door prizes. There are additional opportunities for learning on Friday afternoon and evening. Register by February 19, 2019, and save \$10 by taking advantage of the early-bird pricing.

For those in attendance on Friday, we're offering the opportunity to stay and network while having dinner at the facility. Friday dinner will be a hot buffet, with Lenten friendly options, for \$20. Dinner on Friday is optional and not included in the full two-day registration fee. There are also many restaurants in the area for those wishing to venture out.

If you require overnight accommodations, area hotels include:

- Hampton Inn, Pittsburgh/Wexford-Sewickley
- Fairfield Inn & Suites, McCandless Crossing
- DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, Pittsburgh-Cranberry
- Comfort Inn, Cranberry Township
- Hyatt Place, Pittsburgh/Cranberry

This is just a sampling of nearby hotels. We encourage you to find what works best for your needs. Please refer to the hotel websites for additional information.

Again, thank you for your interest in our Family History Conference, and we hope to see you in March!

Online registration and additional information:



## FRIDAY, MARCH 22

### FRIDAY AFTERNOON - 1:30 PM to 4:30 PM

#### **Fundamentals of Genetic Genealogy**

*Presented by Ray Jones, PhD*

We will explore the difference between a genealogical family tree and a genetic family tree, and have a brief overview of the three main types of tests used in genetic genealogy (Y-DNA, mt-DNA and autosomal DNA). We will then take a deeper dive into how we can apply autosomal DNA results to our family history research by focusing on the inheritance pattern going back five to seven generations. Blaine Bettinger's Shared cM project chart is a powerful tool that we can use to apply our results to our family trees.

#### **Using Y-DNA and mtDNA to Explore Your Ancestry**

*Presented by Blaine Bettinger, PhD, JD*

Y-DNA and mtDNA testing are the workhorses of genetic genealogy, and have helped genealogists break through thousands of stubborn brick walls. Learn about the unique inheritance of Y-DNA and mtDNA in your family, how these tests can be used to explore your ancient ancestry, and how the results can identify your relatives both close and distant.

### FRIDAY DINNER - 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM

If you would prefer to stay at the venue rather than venture out for dinner, we are providing an in-house option. For \$20, you can stay and network with fellow genealogists while enjoying a hot dinner buffet with a Lenten friendly option.

### FRIDAY EVENING - 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

#### **The Helen Marley Story**

*Presented by Blaine Bettinger, PhD, JD*

A case study identifying the mother of my adopted great-grandmother, born Helen Marley Johnson. Although no single record identifies her mother, indirect evidence and DNA testing makes the case. Together we will discuss the many tools utilized to solve this mystery, including traditional genealogical research, autosomal DNA testing of multiple descendants at several testing companies, Shared Matching tools, chromosome mapping, visual phasing, and more!

## SATURDAY, MARCH 23

*Presented by Blaine Bettinger, PhD, JD*

### 8:00 AM - Registration and Networking

### 8:45 AM - Opening Remarks

#### **Working with Testing Company Results**

Do you understand what you're looking at when you receive your test results? This session provides a guided tour through test results and interpretive tools at each of the major testing companies (23andMe, AncestryDNA, Family Tree DNA, MyHeritage, and LivingDNA), including the most powerful tool the companies offer: "Shared Matches" and "In Common With" matching.

#### **Using Autosomal DNA for 18th and 19th Century Mysteries**

Even though our 18th and 19th century ancestors have been dead for decades, their DNA still survives in their descendants. Learn how to use autosomal DNA to attack and potentially solve genealogical mysteries and brick walls for ancestors who were born or lived in the 1800s, 1700s, and beyond. Together we'll also examine some of the ways that leaders in the field have attacked or solved their 18th and 19th century mysteries using autosomal DNA.

### ~~~~ Hot Buffet Lunch and Door Prizes ~~~~

#### **Using GEDmatch and DNAPainter to Analyze Your Autosomal DNA**

Although DNA testing companies provide their own analysis of test results, there are third-party tools that allow test-takers to learn even more about their genomic heritage—including admixture calculators, the identification of genetic cousins, and segment mapping. Together we'll explore some of these tools and learn how to wring every dollar out of your test results!

#### **Evaluating a Genealogical Conclusion Including DNA**

Someone tells you that they've proven their connection to a genealogical ancestor using DNA, but have they really proven it? Did they avoid the known pitfalls? Together we will discuss the most common pitfalls when using DNA evidence, and propose the minimum requirements for a genealogical proof comprising DNA.

**Blaine Bettinger, PhD, JD,**

is a professional genealogist specializing in DNA evidence. In 2007 he started *The Genetic Genealogist*, one of the earliest blogs on the topic. Blaine is the author of *The Family Tree Guide to DNA Testing and Genetic*



*Genealogy*, and co-author with Debbie Parker Wayne of the award-winning *Genetic Genealogy in Practice*, the world's first genetic genealogy workbook. He also co-authored "Genetics for Genealogy" with Judy Russell in 2018's *Professional Genealogy: Preparation, Practice & Standards* (ProGen PPS) (Elizabeth Shown Mills, editor).

Blaine is or has been an instructor for genetic genealogy courses at the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (IGHR), Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy (SLIG), Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh (GRIP), and Virtual Institute of Genealogical Research. Blaine is a graduate of ProGen Study Group 21, a trustee for the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society's Board of Trustees, and a board member for the Association of Professional Genealogists.



**Ray Jones, PhD,** is a management professor at the University of Pittsburgh's Katz School of Business. His

research and teaching focuses on ethics and leadership in organizations, with a strong emphasis on corporate social responsibility. This fits with his deep personal interest in family history research and the privacy and stewardship issues associated with genetic genealogy.

Ray teaches an introductory genetic genealogy course at various venues in Western Pennsylvania and is the leader of North Hills Genealogists' DNA Special Interest Group.

**DATE:**

Friday, March 22, 2019

1:30 PM to 4:30 PM - check-in begins at 1 PM

5:00 PM to 6:00 PM - hot dinner buffet

6:30 PM to 8:30 PM - check-in begins at 6 PM

Saturday, March 23, 2019, 8:45 AM to 4 PM

8:00 AM - check-in & networking begin

8:45 AM - opening remarks

*Coffee, tea, and water will be available and a hot buffet lunch is also included.*

**PLACE:**

The Columbian Room

250 Swinderman Road

Wexford, PA 15090

**DIRECTIONS:**

Located in Wexford, The Columbian Room is located just off Rt. 19, near Rt. 910, and is a short drive from both Cranberry Township



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	<b><u>NHG</u></b> <b><u>Member</u></b>	<b><u>Non-</u></b> <b><u>Member</u></b>
<b>Friday &amp; Saturday*</b>	\$95 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$105 <input type="checkbox"/>
(Does not include dinner on Friday.)		
<b>Saturday*</b>	\$55 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$65 <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Friday Afternoon</b>	\$30 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$30 <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Friday Evening</b>	\$20 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$20 <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Friday Dinner</b>	\$20 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$20 <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>*After Feb. 19 add</b>	\$10 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$10 <input type="checkbox"/>
(Applies to "Friday & Saturday" and "Saturday" registrations only.)		

**NHG Membership through July 2019** \$15   
(Includes up to two people at the same address.)

Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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