



## WPGS ANNOUNCES DETAILS ABOUT SPEAKER FOR SPRING SEMINAR

**Pittsburgh, PA** - Don't miss the WPGS Spring Seminar at the Holiday Inn, Greentree from 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. on Saturday, April 12, 2008. This one-day event features speaker Megan Smolenyak discussing four topics: "Trace Your Roots with DNA," "Find That Obituary! Online Newspaper Research," "Building a Village-Based Community," and "Cases That Make My Brain Hurt."

Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak (yes, that's her real name), author of *Honoring Our Ancestors: Inspiring Stories of the Quest for Our Roots*, *In Search of Our Ancestors: 101 Inspiring Stories of Serendipity and Connection in Rediscovering Our Family History*, and *They Came to America: Finding Your Immigrant Ancestors*, has been an avid genealogist since the 6th grade and is skilled in many aspects of family history research.

Megan is honored to serve as Chief Family Historian and North American spokesperson for *Ancestry.com*, the largest genealogical company in the world. She is also co-founder of "Roots Television," a pioneering and popular online channel of genealogy and history-oriented programming. Among the many shows available for viewing is the New York City press conference about Annie Moore, where Megan corrected history by revealing the true story of the first immigrant through Ellis Island. This story was featured on the front page of *The New York Times* and in a variety of other publications, such as the *Irish Echo*, *Time for*

*Kids*, and *The Wall Street Journal*. The story was also covered by NPR's *Morning Edition*, PBS's *Out of Ireland*, and numerous other TV and radio shows. More recently, she made another interesting Irish connection when she traced a branch of Barack Obama's family to Moneygall in County Offaly.

Megan also made news when she discovered a startling connection when requested by Austin Fenner of the *New York Daily News* to research the roots of Reverend Al Sharpton. Much to her astonishment, she learned that Rev. Sharpton's great-grandfather had been owned by relatives of Strom Thurmond. After she walked him through his family tree, she traveled with him to Edgefield, South Carolina, to see first-hand the plantation and slave quarters (still standing) where his family had lived and the slave  
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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!*

www.NorthHillsGenealogists.org

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

If this column were to have a name, it would be called *"The Search for My Great-Great-Grandfather's Grave and What I Have Learned from It....So Far."* It is being written in the hope that the lessons learned from the search can help you if you would have a similar quest. At a minimum, I hope that it will help you to avoid some of the blunders that were made along the way.

My great-great grandfather's name was Richard Williams, and he was born in Carnarvonshire, North Wales in 1808. He emigrated to the United States in 1832, settling on a farm in what is now Greene Township, Erie County, Pennsylvania. In addition to farming, it appears that he worked aboard ships that plied the Great Lakes, perhaps to make up for lean harvest years. In May, 1849, he was working as a boiler tender aboard the steamship *Louisiana* on Lake Erie when an explosion killed him and three other men – Martin Appleman, Louis Keefer, and Fritz Kopp.

I have written in a previous column that I can walk in a very small circle in the Wales Cemetery in Greene Township and cover all of my ancestors, from Richard's wife Catherine down to my own father. But Richard's grave is not there. For years, my brother, who partners with me on this project, and I have tried to find out what happened to him. We contacted many museums, including the Great Lakes Coast Guard Museum. Maritime historians were approached, history books were scoured, and websites were visited. Many suggestions came back that Richard was probably buried at sea, apparently a relatively common practice at that time. We had almost concluded that this was the case.

We also researched accounts of the accident that appeared in old newspapers in Detroit, Cleveland, Erie, and Buffalo. Most of these accounts mentioned that the *Louisiana* was  
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## **PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

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towed to the port of Conneaut, Ohio for repairs. But incredibly enough, we never visited Conneaut to see what we could find!!

By chance, my brother – in what he describes as a day of sheer boredom – decided to visit Conneaut and look around. He found that old copies of the town's newspaper – *The Reporter* – were archived at the Library. The May 10, 1849 edition carried an account of the accident which included this statement: "*The Louisiana was towed into this port on Sunday...and the four deceased were deposited in our village burying ground.*" So Richard had been buried on land! Why did we wait so many years to visit Conneaut and find that out? I don't know – but we did. So here is the first lesson: if at all possible, physically visit every single place associated with your search. You'll never know what you will find.

I will continue this saga in next month's column. There were still many lessons to be learned!

~ Dave

## **NORTHLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY CELEBRATES 40th ANNIVERSARY**

**(source - Northland Library's web site at <http://www.northlandlibrary.org/>)**

Test your Northland Library IQ by answering the following questions to test your memory about Northland Library's history as the 40th Anniversary celebration continues.

1. Who was the first director of Northland Public Library?
2. Where was the library's first location, even before they had books?
3. When were the first computer lessons offered at the library?
4. In the fall of 1986, Northland Library began offering what items for the first time?

5. What was the minimum wage when the library first opened its doors?

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Where are they now? Over the years, hundreds of people have been employed at Northland. The current staff would like to get in touch with as many former employees as possible for a reunion on Sunday, August 10, 2008. If you or someone you know used to work at Northland Library, please take a minute to send the following contact information to Northland Public Library, 300 Cumberland Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15237, or e-mail the information with "Staff Reunion" in the subject line to [northland@einetnetwork.net](mailto:northland@einetnetwork.net).

Name of Employee

Address

Telephone Number

E-mail address

Position(s) held at Northland

Approximate years of employment

## **NHG UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

**Tuesday, April 15, 2008**

### **RESEARCHING MILITARY PENSION RECORDS: YOU STOPPED TOO SOON!**

Craig R. Scott, CG, and president and CEO of Heritage Books, Incorporated, has been lecturing at local, state, and national levels since 1990. A specialist in military records research, Craig will demonstrate how to glean information about your ancestor from military pension records and explain what other resources are available for this type of research.

Most everyone is familiar with military pension research. You look up the person in the index, get the numbers, order the pension, read it, and file it away in a drawer. There is much more to do and very few actually know the of the other possibilities. What laws made it possible for your ancestor to get a pension, or not? How did the pension payment process work, and how can I use that information to my advantage in my research? Payment vouchers provide interesting **(continued on page 64)**

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### **RESEARCHING MILITARY PENSION RECORDS: YOU STOPPED TOO SOON!**

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insight into the life of an ancestor after a conflict. Last and final payments sometimes mention children not mentioned in the pension application files. One should never stop researching a military pension record too soon.

**Tuesday, May 20, 2008**

### **DATING OLD PHOTOGRAPHS**

A staff member of Photo Antiquities in Pittsburgh will discuss the fun and fascinating history of photography. Learn about the beginning of photography in 1839 through the development of color photography at the turn of the twentieth century. Hints for dating old photographs from your family and how to extract other historical data from the subjects and their surroundings will be the focus of this program.

**Tuesday, June 17, 2008**

### **WHERE DID GRANDPA WORK? WHAT DID HE DO?**

Brent Morgan's presentation takes a look at industries that may have employed our ancestors. We may not find Grandpa's specific employment record, but we may find information regarding where he worked and what he did to garner a better understanding of his work life, skills, and income level.

## **WHERE GENEALOGISTS MEET**

**Wednesday, March 19 6:00 P.M.**

The Beaver County Genealogical Society will hold its monthly meeting at the Mormon Family History Center, 114 Church Drive, Monaca, PA. Debbie Kapp will discuss Ancestry.com at this meeting. In case of inclement weather, call (724)847-9253.

**Wednesday, March 26 7:00 P.M.**

The Cranberry Genealogy Club will meet in the

Cranberry Public Library Conference Room, Cranberry Twp. Municipal Building on Rochester Road in Cranberry Township, PA. The guest speaker will be Rhonda Maloney presenting a program about how to "Archive Your Family History Quickly with StoryBooks." For more information, go to their site at <http://www.cranberrygenealogy.org/>

**Saturday, April 5 8:00 A.M.**

The Butler County Genealogical Society Expo will feature four sessions with four workshop offerings in each time slot. There is a dynamic line-up of national and local genealogical speakers including John Philip Colletta, Lisa Alzo, Sheila Brown and other local genealogists. The sessions cover a variety of topics for all levels of genealogists, including naturalization records, tips for beginners, publishing ideas, citing sources, European research, ideas for organizing your family history, Butler County topics, military records, the Civil War, courthouse records, DNA testing and genealogy, and photo preservation.

Registration until March 31, 2008 is \$45.00 for members of BCGS and \$55.00 for non-members. The registration fee includes breakfast, lunch, four workshops, and materials. For more information, refer to the BCGS website at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~pabutle2>. Registrations are still being accepted!

**Saturday, April 12 8:30 A.M.**

Don't miss the WPGS Spring Seminar at the Holiday Inn, Greentree! This one-day event features speaker Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak discussing four topics. Complete seminar information is on pages 61 and 65.

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### **ANSWERS TO THE NORTHLAND LIBRARY "TEST" ON PAGE 63**

1. Dale Craig
2. Northway Mall on the mezzanine
3. 1985
4. Video tapes
5. \$1.60 per hour

## WPGS ANNUAL SPRING SEMINAR DETAILS

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cemetery where some of his family is likely buried. As lead researcher for the PBS *Ancestors* series, she delved into over 5,000 genealogical stories and developed much of the content for the companion website. She has subsequently consulted for other television programs, including *They Came to America* and *African American Lives* for PBS, and BBC's *Timewatch* (regarding the identification of sailors' remains recovered from the *USS Monitor*).

Since 2000, Megan has also been a consultant with the U.S. Army's Repatriation project to trace families of servicemen killed or MIA in Korea, WWII and Vietnam. The intent is to develop a DNA database from relatives' blood samples so that remains that are now being repatriated can be identified and interred. She has supported this and more than 75 other genealogical initiatives through her Honoring Our Ancestors Grants Program. Find out more at: <http://www.honoringourancestors.com/>.

Details about the four program topics to be presented by Megan can be found along with the complete registration form for the WPGS Spring Seminar at <http://www.wpgs.org/events.htm> or call (412) 687-6811 or (412) 622-3154. The fee is \$40 for WPGS and WQED members or \$45 for non-members and includes a hot buffet lunch at the Holiday Inn. Mail your completed registration to WPGS no later than April 7th.

## SPRING CLASSES FROM WPGS

Learn how to research your ancestors with the WPGS beginning genealogy series. Classes will be held on Saturdays in May at the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, Oakland, 3rd Floor Conference Room at 10:00 A.M. and 1:00 P.M. Registration is \$10 with a deadline of April 25th. For the registration form and details, go to <http://www.wpgs.org/>.

## LIBRARY OF CONGRESS NEWS Digital Preservation Program Launches Newsletter - First Issue To Be Available in March

### Press Release

March 3, 2008

**Washington, DC** - A monthly online newsletter highlighting the important work that the Library of Congress's digital preservation program is performing to collect and preserve the nation's heritage in digital form will launch in March.

The Newsletter of the National Digital Information Infrastructure and Preservation Program (NDIIPP) will be produced by the Library's Office of Strategic Initiatives, which is leading NDIIPP, and will offer a digest of recent news related to the program's activities. The newsletter will contain short descriptions of each news item, with links provided to the full story on the NDIIPP Web site <http://http://www.digitalpreservation.gov/>.

NDIIPP is the Library's program to build a national network of partners dedicated to the collection and preservation of important digital materials that are at risk of loss if they are not now preserved. The program focuses on born-digital content; that is, materials that are created digitally and exist in no other form, such as electronic journals and Web sites as well as films, television programs, sound recordings, maps and other media that are digitally produced.

To subscribe to the newsletter, go to: [http://service.govdelivery.com/service/subscribe.html?code=USLOC\\_13](http://service.govdelivery.com/service/subscribe.html?code=USLOC_13). Here you will type in your e-mail address and press "Enter." Then you will see a list of all available e-mail updates from the Library of Congress; you can subscribe to any of these services. To receive the NDIIPP newsletter, scroll down and click on "Digital Preservation."

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## **Digital Preservation Program Launches Newsletter First Issue To Be Available in March (continued from page 65)**

The aim of this new publication is to provide easy access to the latest news from NDIIPP and its more than 100 partners, which include government agencies, educational institutions, research laboratories and commercial and nonprofit entities. News items of interest will include key milestones from the many digital preservation projects, partnership news, events and other new material added to the NDIIPP Web site.

"We hope this newsletter will serve as a valuable resource for the interested public as well as information professionals by providing timely highlights of the varied activities of the NDIIPP community," said NDIIPP's Director of Program Management, Martha Anderson.

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 staff 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 at [www.loc.gov](http://www.loc.gov).

### **DAR NEWS-RESEARCHER ALERT**

The DAR Library has begun a project to scan the contents of the 20,000 volumes of the Genealogical Records Committee (GRC)

*Reports* in their collections. These books are being scanned by state and in stages. Therefore, portions of this collection will be temporarily unavailable to researchers during this process. The DAR Library cannot guarantee that a specific book will be on the shelf at any given time. Efforts are being made to minimize the time that these volumes will be out of the building. Once the scanning and importing of the scanned images of each book are complete, the paper copies of the books will be retired and placed in an off-site storage. Researchers will be able to view the contents of these compilations only in the DAR Library and not on the Internet. This project will result in some enhancements to the constantly growing every-name GRC National Index posted on the DAR website. The scanning work may take about a year to complete. All paper volumes will be available for member use during the annual DAR Continental Congress in July 2008. During this project, most of the reports that were produced before 1972 will be available on microfilm in the DAR Library's Seimes Technology Center.

If you have a question about the availability of a specific GRC Report, please contact the DAR Library at [library@dar.org](mailto:library@dar.org).

### **2008 NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH**

The National Institute on Genealogical Research (NIGR) is now accepting applications for the 2008 Program from 13-19 July 2008. NIGR is held at the National Archives in Washington, DC and College Park, MD with optional evening sessions at the Library of Congress and the DAR Library. This is an intensive program offering on-site examination of federal records and is designed for experienced researchers. Enrollment is limited with the class filling very quickly. Tuition is \$350 for an application postmarked on or before 15 May 2008, or \$400 thereafter. Scholarships are available. For information or to receive an application, go to: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~natgenin/> or email NIGR at [NatInsGen@juno.com](mailto:NatInsGen@juno.com).

## INTRODUCING *THE PRACTICAL ARCHIVIST* FOR FAMILY HISTORIANS & GENEALOGISTS

Starting with this issue of the NHG Newsletter, we are reprinting a booklet that specifically instructs genealogists and family historians about how to safely and effectively scan and store photographs. Written by Sally J. Jacobs, *8 Blunders Genealogists Make When They Scan Photographs . . . And How to Avoid Them* is a concise and practical guide for beginners or advanced genealogists.

NHG thanks Sally J. Jacobs for her written permission to reprint this valuable information during 2008 in issues of the NHG newsletter. As part of her mission to "deputize" genealogists as family archivists, Sally provides accurate, reliable archiving information at no charge. Get to know how Sally's expertise in archival preservation can assist you in your genealogical research by reading her best tips on her website *The Practical Archivist*, found at <http://www.practicalarchivist.com/>. There are numerous free archiving tips on her site and also a link to her informative blog: <http://practicalarchivists.blogspot.com/>. You can sign up for her monthly "Ask the Archivist" e-zine, a free subscription, by visiting her website at <http://www.jacobsarchival.com/>. Sally will deliver articles to your email account once a month.

Sally J. Jacobs has a Master's Degree in Library Science with a Specialization in Archives Management. She has been an archivist since 1998 and has had the pleasure of working on collections housed at the Library of Congress and the Wisconsin Historical Society, among others. Prior to starting her own archival consulting business in 2004, she worked as Assistant Corporate Archivist and Historical Image Researcher for American Girl.

Following are excerpts from Sally J. Jacobs' publication, *8 Blunders Genealogists Make When They Scan Photographs . . . And How to*

*Avoid Them.*

### Do any of these statements sound familiar?

1. **I am the keeper of my family history.** Somehow, photographs and mementos tend to gravitate toward your house, and you take your role as caretaker very seriously. *The thought of future generations enjoying these treasures makes your heart smile.*

2. **I can't bear the possibility of losing my treasures, and I want to protect them from disaster.** Hurricanes, tornados, flooding, and fire. Lately we've all been reminded that our photographs and cherished mementos are just one event away from total destruction. ***Is there any way to prevent total loss?*** Of course there is, and it's forehead-slappingly simple: Extra copies. Read more about digital solutions on our website: <http://www.practicalarchivist.com/>.

3. **I inherited valuable family treasures, and I'm not sure how to take proper care of them.** If you are serious about your role as caretaker, I strongly encourage you to visit the Free Information page from *The Practical Archivist*. This page has links to reliable information that will help you take the best possible care of your collection.

If any of these situations relates to you, be sure to check out the information on *The Practical Archivist*.

### PRACTICAL TIPS ON CD CARE FROM *PRACTICAL ARCHIVIST*

1. Make multiple copies.
2. Protect the top and bottom from scratches.
3. Never write on the top of a CD with a regular pen.
4. Never touch the surface of a CD.
5. Store your CDs away from light, heat, and dust.
6. Leave unused CDs shrink-wrapped until you are ready to record one.

## 8 BLUNDERS GENEALOGISTS MAKE WHEN THEY SCAN PHOTOGRAPHS . . . AND HOW TO AVOID THEM

Written by Sally J. Jacobs, *The Practical Archivist*

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### Blunder #1: Scanning photos more than once.

Most of us are unaware of the damaging effects of ultra violet (UV) light, especially fading. Here are two very important things you need to know about light damage:

(1) It is cumulative. Each exposure to light reduces the time left before the item becomes faded.

(2) It is irreversible.

The light used by a scanner is very bright. Practically speaking, it has to be bright in order to get a clear scan. Common sense says that putting a photograph centimeters away from an intense burst of light (even if the length of exposure time is brief) has the potential to cause damage. Photographs should be exposed to the light from scanners and photocopiers as little as possible.

The great thing about scans is that you can generate new digital copies and new prints from a single digital master. In other words, if you've got a halfway decent file retrieval plan you will never have to scan that photograph again. And even better, the original can be placed in a dark box in a dark closet while the new copy is displayed on the wall.

### Blunder #2: Damaging photos while scanning.

Remember the rules of safe handling of photos:

(1) Absolutely no food or drinks on the work surface.

(2) Cover your work-in-progress. You can place a piece of cardboard or opened file folder over the photos.

(3) Wear gloves. It is the simplest way to keep oils from your hand away from photos. If gloves are not available, wash and dry hands, avoiding lotion. Support fragile and larger prints very carefully, using two hands.

**Next month:** More scanning blunders to avoid.

## GENEALOGICAL INSTITUTE 2008: A SERIES OF CLASSES

The Genealogical Committee, an auxiliary of the Western Reserve Historical Society in Cleveland, OH, is sponsoring a series of seven classes for genealogists. Classes are located in the Hassler Room of the Western Reserve Historical Society Library, 10825 East Boulevard, Cleveland, OH 44106.

The 2008 class dates and topics are:

March 22 - *Exploring Family History*;

April 26 - *Records of Death: More Than Meets the Eye*;

May 3 - *Exploring Family History*;

June 7 - *Ailing Family Trees: Tips for Spotting and Resolving Research Problems*;

September 27 - *Exploring Family History*;

October 4 - *Overlooked Sources*;

November 1 - *Elusive Female Ancestors*.

Classes will meet from 12 noon - 3:00 P.M. with check-in beginning at 11:30 A.M. Attendees should bring information about own family history since some time will be spent researching. The fee for each class is \$15.00. No refunds will be issued. Handouts will be mailed to persons who have paid for the class but who are not able to attend.

Space is limited, and reservations are required. For more information, go to the Western Reserve Historical Society web site at: <http://www.wrhs.org/>. Directions and parking information are available on the site. If you have specific questions, contact Roger Ellsworth, Clerk, at (216) 229-7887. Potential walk-ins are encouraged to call several days before each class to see if space is available.



## CALL FOR OFFICERS

The Nominating Committee of the North Hills Genealogists is seeking members interested in serving as officers of NHG. This committee consists of Mary Dzurichko as chair, Elissa Powell, and Sue Ennis. The officer positions include president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer. If you are interested in any of these positions or would like to nominate a member, contact Mary Dzurichko at (412) 341-3556 or email her at [mdzurichko385@dollarbank.com](mailto:mdzurichko385@dollarbank.com). The deadline for nominations is April 1, 2008, and elections will occur in May/June.

## 2008 NATIONAL CONFERENCES

### APRIL 17 - 19, 2008

#### **OHIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY'S ANNUAL CONFERENCE, CINCINNATI, OH - *NAVIGATING THE PAST***

The Ohio Genealogical Society invites researchers to the Sheraton Cincinnati North from April 17 - 19. The 47th Annual Conference is "Navigating the Past: Charting a Course for Your Family Tree." The registration deadline is April 1, 2008. For more detailed information go to <http://www.ogs.org/> and click on the conference link.

### MAY 14-17, 2008

#### **2008 NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY'S CONFERENCE IN THE STATES, KANSAS CITY, MO**

The 2008 NGS Conference's topic is "Show Me the Nation's Records," and will include workshops covering topics and record types from across the country as genealogists travel to the "Show Me" State. Registration details are on the National Genealogical Society's website: <http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/>. Click on the link for conferences, and download a registration booklet or register online. The early bird deadline for the NGS Conference in the States at a reduced fees is March 31.

### JUNE 21, 2008

#### **FAYETTE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY SEMINAR, UNIONTOWN, PA**

"Come and Dig Your Fayette Roots!" is the theme of this year's one-day seminar at the Uniontown Library, 24 Jefferson Street, Uniontown, PA, from 10A.M. to 4 P.M. The cost for this event is \$25 which includes lunch and two well-known guest lecturers, Lisa Alzo and Elissa Scalise Powell, CG. Lisa will present "365 Ways to Discover Your Family History" and "Silent Voices: Telling the Stories of Your Female Ancestors." Elissa will present "What's a Prothonotary? Your Guide to Pennsylvania Court House Records" and "Thinking Outside the Index -Advanced Search Techniques." The seminar is offered for all genealogists no matter what your level: beginner, intermediate, or advanced. For information and a registration form, go to: <http://fcgspa.org/Seminar.html>.

### AUGUST 1-3, 2008

#### **THE FEDERATION OF EAST EUROPEAN FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETIES ANNUAL CONFERENCE, PITTSBURGH, PA**

"Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania: The East European Magnet" is the theme of the 2008 FEEFHS Conference. This conference will be held at the Pittsburgh Airport Marriott August 1-3. For more information and registration materials, go to <http://www.feefhs.org/> and click on the conference link. The deadline for early bird registration is June 1, 2008.

### SEPTEMBER 3-6, 2008

#### **THE FEDERATION OF GENEALOGICAL SOCIETIES' 2008 CONFERENCE, PHILADELPHIA, PA**

After just a few hours drive on the PA Turnpike, you can attend the FGS Annual Conference, "Footprints of Family History" in Philadelphia at the Pennsylvania Convention Center September 3-6. The early bird registration deadline is May 31, 2008 for the Philadelphia FGS Conference. For more information and registration details, go to the web site at: <http://www.fgs.org/> or call for a conference brochure toll-free at (888) FGS-1500.

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## UPCOMING PROGRAMS FROM NHG

**Mark Your Calendars!**

**Tuesday, April 15, 2008**

### **RESEARCHING MILITARY PENSION RECORDS: YOU STOPPED TOO SOON**

*Speaker: Craig R. Scott, CG*

Craig R. Scott, a certified genealogist who specializes in military records, publishing, and problem solving, will present information about military pension research. He will outline how to use pension records and will take a look at the details often overlooked in these records.

**Tuesday, May 20, 2008**

### **PHOTO ANTIQUITIES PRESENTS "PHOTO DETECTIVE"**

*Speaker: Experts from Photo Antiquities*

This program will be presented by experts from the Pittsburgh-based business, Photo Antiquities. You will be taught how to date photographs from your genealogical collection and how to extract other useful historical data from the subjects in the photos and their surroundings.

## **THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM - Tuesday, March 18, 2008**

### ***FAMILY RESEARCH USING ANCESTRY.COM LIBRARY EDITION***

*Speaker: Amy Steele*

Amy Steele of Northland Public Library will present information about the library edition of Ancestry.com. Learn to use the free version of Ancestry.com available at Northland and other local libraries. All genealogists can benefit from this review.