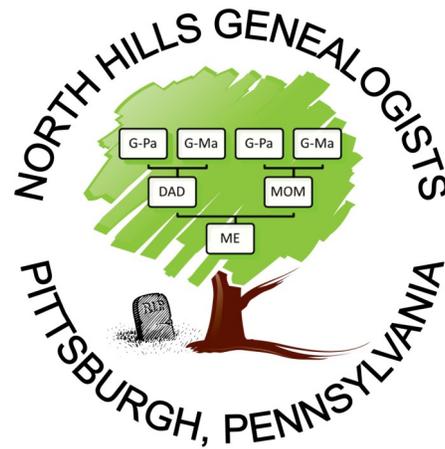


North Hills Genealogists

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania



Fall Conference

Friday, October 21, 2016
Saturday, October 22, 2016

Featuring

J. Mark Lowe, CG
Deborah A. Abbott, PhD

Thank you for your interest in attending North Hills Genealogists' 9th Annual Fall Conference.

This two-day family history event, which offers a choice to two tracks on Saturday morning, will be held at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church located in the North Hills of Pittsburgh, PA.

The venue is connected to McCandless Crossing, which provides many opportunities for shopping and dining, so if you're looking for somewhere to eat between lectures on Friday, breakfast on Saturday, or after Saturday's day-long conference, there are many choices very close by. For a list of shops and restaurants in the area, please visit: www.mccandlesscrossing.com/directory.html. A list of restaurants will also be provided when you check-in at the conference.

If you are traveling from out of town and require overnight accommodations, area hotels include:

- Home2 Suites by Hilton Pittsburgh/McCandless, PA
- La Quinta Inn & Suites Pittsburgh North
- Econolodge (Near Rt. 910 & I-79 in Wexford, PA)
- Quality Inn & Suites North (Rt. 8 in Gibsonia, PA)

This is just a sampling of nearby hotels. We encourage you to find what works best for your needs.

Again, thank you for your interest in our Fall Conference, and we hope to see you in October!

Online registration and additional information:

WEBSITE: www.NorthHillsGenealogists.org

EMAIL: conference@NorthHillsGenealogists.org



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21

FRIDAY AFTERNOON WORKSHOP

1:30 PM to 4:30 PM - \$30

Check-in begins at 1 PM

Developing a Strategic Research Plan and Compiling Complete Results

Presented by J. Mark Lowe, CG

Learn a simple technique for breaking down difficult research problems into manageable segments. Learn to get more research done while remaining focused. This will include the movement from basic data collection, evaluation and analysis to the development of a direction, specific actions and reporting.

FRIDAY EVENING WORKSHOP

6:30 PM to 8:30 PM - \$20

Check-in begins at 6 PM

Talking Details: Oral History & Genealogy

Presented by Deborah A. Abbott, PhD, and J. Mark Lowe, CG

Talking with family members will help you gain additional information. Learn how to conduct an effective interview, follow up, and document the information. Participate in a hands-on learning interview.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

8:00 AM - Registration and networking

Coffee, tea, and water will be available.

9:00 AM - Opening Remarks

Genealogy 101: How Do I Start?

Presented by Deborah A. Abbott, PhD

You Only Have a Death Announcement - Now What?

This presentation will ask attendees to put on their "CSI" hat and utilize their "detective" skills to solve a genealogical research problem when very little information is known. Starting with a death announcement, we will look at the methodology of creating a series of questions that need answers in order to bring the subject of the death announcement to life. Using the clues found in the death announcement along with a small amount of oral history, we will identify and determine the records needed to solve the unknown. The importance of carefully analyzing documents, determining where to find them and understanding how one record can lead to another will be emphasized.

Genealogy 201: Beyond the Basics

Presented by J. Mark Lowe, CG

Write that Source Down

Did you ever wonder where you found that date for Great Aunt Sally's birth? Learn the basics of documentation and discover why it can become your most important family research tool.

Pioneers of the Frontier: Using Online Newspapers (1750-1900) To Find Early Settlers

See how free and commercial newspaper databases may help you find early family members. Learn the techniques and tips that will bring you research success.

~~~~ LUNCH AND DOOR PRIZES ~~~~

Is It Really Online? Finding and Using Original Sources at Home or Library

Presented by J. Mark Lowe, CG

Take advantage of new online resources while developing your research skills. Learn about simple techniques that can improve your methodology and accomplishment.

Metes & Bounds: Finding Land Transactions and Landless Documents (1 1/2 hours)

Presented by J. Mark Lowe, CG

Since land is the key in many ancestral discoveries, following the land will often identify the ancestor and family. Learn how to trace an individual through property records and how to trace a specific property. Discover trust deed chattels and tax release books that illustrate other ways to resolve issue with these records.

Wrap-Up Session:

The Fall Conference will conclude with an opportunity to ask questions during a discussion moderated by Elissa Scalise Powell, CG, CGL.

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Friday, October 21, 2016

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

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

Saturday, October 22, 2016, 9 AM to 4:30 PM

Check-in & networking begin at 8 AM

Coffee, tea, and water will be available.

PLACE:

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church

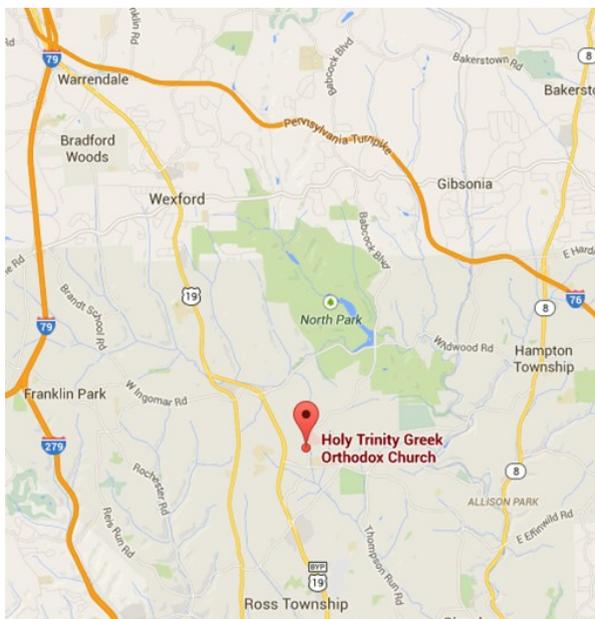
985 Providence Boulevard

Pittsburgh, PA 15237

www.holytrinitypgh.org

DIRECTIONS:

Located in the North Hills of Pittsburgh, Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church is less than a twenty minute drive from both Cranberry Township and Pittsburgh, and is convenient to I-76, I-79, and I-279.



J. Mark Lowe, CG

J. Mark Lowe describes himself as a lifelong genealogist. He is a full-time professional genealogist, author, and lecturer who specializes in original records and manuscripts throughout the South. Mark lives in Robertson County, Tennessee, just north of Nashville near the Kentucky border.



Mark enjoys opportunities to share what he has learned over the years. He co-coordinated *Researching African American Families* at the Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh (GRIP) at La Roche College, serves as the Course Coordinator for *Research in the South* at IGHR (Samford University), and also directs a Southern course for the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy (SLIG). Mark has worked on several genealogical television series including *African American Lives 2*, *Who Do You Think You Are?*, *Follow Your Past*, and *UnXplained Events*.

Deborah A. Abbott, PhD



Dr. Abbott is a genealogist specializing in African American research, methodology, and manuscript collections. She is an instructor at the Institute of Genealogy & Historical Research (IGHR) at Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama; the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy (SLIG) in Salt Lake City, Utah; and in 2014 co-coordinated *Researching African American Families* at the Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh (GRIP).

She currently serves as a trustee on the Board of the Ohio Genealogical Society and is an associate with the Kentucky-Tennessee Associates based in Springfield, Tennessee. Dr. Abbott is past president of the African American Genealogical Society of Cleveland, Ohio, and a retired Professor of Counseling from Cuyahoga Community College. She holds both the Bachelor of Science and Masters of Education degrees from Tuskegee University in Alabama and the PhD degree in Counseling and Human Development from Kent State University. A Cleveland native, Dr. Abbott has published in the *Ohio Genealogy News* and *Family Tree Magazines*, and has completed an educational video on African American Research entitled *Needles & Threads* for Ancestry Academy.

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