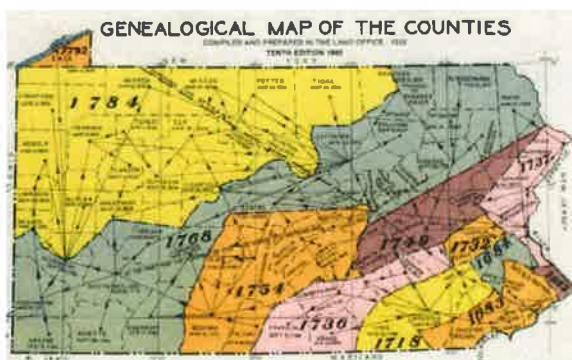


Family History Day November 5, 2011 Exton, PA

A joint event of Ancestry.com and
the Genealogical Society of
Pennsylvania



Schedule

7:30 – 8:30	Registration, Vendor Browsing and Continental Breakfast		
8:30 – 9:30	Welcome – GSP and Curt B. Witcher		
Tracks	Ancestry	Methodology	Pennsylvania
9:30 – 10:30	Getting Started with Ancestry.com Juliana Smith	Immigrant Cluster Communities Lisa A. Alzo This lecture will cover how to identify chain migrations/cluster communities using key records; ways to share and collaborate with other researchers, including the benefits, pitfalls, and obstacles associated with a shift to "virtual" cluster communities; and how to use online tools such as social networking sites, Wikis, etc. to build online genealogical communities.	Researching Pennsylvania Ancestors John T. Humphrey If your ancestors were from the Keystone State, then you need to know something about Pennsylvania's deeds, warrants, and patents, probate, and vital records. Attend this lecture to learn more.
10:30 – 11:00	Break and Vendor Time		
11:00 – noon	Dead Men Do Tell Tales Lou Szucs	What Constitutes a Reasonably Exhaustive Search? Michael Hait The first step of the Genealogical Proof Standard is to "complete a reasonably exhaustive search for all relevant records" related to your research objective. This presentation discusses what a "reasonably exhaustive search" constitutes, why this is necessary, and how to conduct a search.	Formation of the Pennsylvania Counties Susan Koelble Because it is possible for someone to be born, marry and die in three different Pennsylvania counties without ever leaving the family farm, knowing how and when the 67 counties were formed is essential to anyone researching Pennsylvania ancestors. The history of the formation of Pennsylvania's counties, boundary disputes,

			reasons for forming additional counties and migration patterns will be covered in this lecture.
Noon – 1:45	Vendor browsing, lunch with DearMYRTLE: “Let Them Eat Jam”		
1:45 – 2:45	Finding Your US Military Heroes on Ancestry.com Juliana Smith	Visualizing the Past: Maps and Genealogy Shamele Jordon Maps and related records are great genealogical resources. Maps can help you visualize your ancestors in a particular time and place, as well as solve resource problems. Learn how to locate and make use of a variety of maps.	Pennsylvania’s Land Records John T. Humphrey Land records are an indispensable resource for genealogists because they often provide the only available evidence of family relationships. Learn more about Pennsylvania’s land records here.
3:00 – 4:00	Hidden Treasures at Ancestry.com Lou Szucs	Mining the Mother Lode: Using Periodical Literature for Genealogical Research Curt B. Witcher Extremely significant quantities of family and local history data are published in the newsletters, journals, quarterlies, and magazines of the world’s historical and genealogical societies. Yet, so many genealogists leave periodical literature untouched when conducting their research and investigating secondary sources of data. This lecture identifies the major types of periodical literature, what indices are available and how they can be most effectively used, and where one can find specific publications. Special attention is given to the <i>Periodical Source Index</i> as the largest and most comprehensive subject index in the genealogical field.	Using the Pennsylvania State Archives and Library Aaron McWilliams and Kathleen Hale Representatives from the Archives and Library will discuss the genealogical resources and collections at their repositories.

Presenter bios:

The Staff of Ancestry.com –

Loretto "Lou" Szucs, CGL, FUGA - Lou is currently the Vice President of Community Relations for The Generations Network and has been involved in the genealogical community for more than 30 years as a researcher, lecturer and writer. Lou was the founding Secretary of the Federation of Genealogical Societies and has published numerous works over the years including *They Became Americans: Finding Naturalization Records and Ethnic Origins*.

Juliana Smith - Juliana is currently the Senior Communications and Education Marketing Associate at Ancestry.com and editor of *Ancestry Weekly Discovery*. Juliana has written articles for *Ancestry* magazine, teaches online classes and has authored the chapter "Computers and Technology" for *The Source: A Guidebook to American Genealogy*, rev. 3rd edition.

Additional Presentations By:

Lisa A. Alzo - A native of western Pennsylvania, Lisa graduated from the University of Pittsburgh in 1997 with an MFA degree in nonfiction writing. Since then she has published articles in *Ancestry Magazine* and *Family Tree Magazine* and several others. An avid genealogist for 21 years Lisa also teaches online courses for the National Institute for Genealogical Studies in Canada, and is the author of nine books including *Finding Your Slovak Ancestors* and *Pittsburgh Immigrants*.

Michael Hait, CG - Author of several magazine articles. Michael is a column contributor to the *African American Genealogy Examiner* and author of *The Family History Research Toolkit* (Genealogical Publishing Company, 2008). Michael specializes in Maryland research, African American genealogy and Civil War records.

Kathleen Hale - Supervisor for Public Services and the Depository Library Advisor to the State Library of Pennsylvania, Kathy has worked for the State Library for twelve years. She is the Digital Imaging Project Manager for the State Library, which is digitizing much of the Library's rare material. Kathy is also involved with the Central Pennsylvania Chapter of the Special Libraries Association.

John T. Humphrey, CG - Genealogical researcher, writer and national lecturer, John Humphrey's publications include the fourteen-volume set of *Pennsylvania Births* that list more than 170,000 recorded births in fifteen Pennsylvania counties: the two-volume set *Early Families of Northampton County, Pennsylvania*; *Pennsylvania Gravestones, Northampton County*; *Pennsylvania Research: County and Township Records*; and *Understanding and Using Baptismal Records*.

Shamele Jordan - Nationally known lecturer, writer and podcaster, Shamele is a faculty member of Samford University Institute of Genealogy & Historical Research and a board member of the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania. Shamele is an accomplished researcher who worked on the PBS series *Oprah's Roots: An African American Lives Special*, and she is also former president and founding member of the African American Genealogy Group.

Susan Koelble - Pennsylvania researcher for 30 years, Susan has researched 10 generations of her ancestors in the state. She also lectures for regional societies and organizations, and is a longtime volunteer and board member of the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania. Susan has also served as Summer Camp counselor for GSP's hugely popular Summer Camp programs.

Aaron McWilliams - Archivist at the Pennsylvania State Archives, Aaron has worked with *Who Do You Think You Are?* producers to help actor Steve Buscemi find his Pennsylvania connections. The Pennsylvania State Archives has been called "the State's Attic," because it houses thousands of unique Pennsylvania collections.

Pat Richley - Any genealogist with a computer and online access in the past 15 years will recognize Pat Richley as her *nom de plume* DearMYRTLE; author of hundreds of enlightening and often witty blogs, columns and magazine articles. Pat resides in Salt Lake City and currently serves as Vice President to the Utah Genealogical Association.

Curt B. Witcher, MLS, FUGA - Manager of the Genealogy Center at the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana, Curt is also the Vice President of Development on the board of the Federation of Genealogical Societies and coeditor of the Periodical Source Index [PERSI] 1987 through 2000 editions. He is also a member of the Genealogy Committee for the American Library Association.