



April 2018

APRIL MEETING: Non-Computer Genealogy-*George Nettleton* will be suggesting ways to find information which is not, or not yet, available on the Internet. Even more helpful: for people who are computer illiterate, computer shy, or just don't own a computer, this presentation is for you! Books, sources and tools will be suggested to help you find material which will augment your family tree without the use of a computer. For you who may be skeptical thinking that the computer is "the only way," come and be surprised.

MARCH MEETING: Don't Forget the Ladies-*Nancy Nelson & Carol Sheaffer, of the Pennsylvania Genealogical Society* was postponed due to the snow. But we had a wonderful YouTube [video](#) on Ancestry: tips & tricks. It was well done and gave us a lot of choices for searching. If you missed the meeting our would like to see it again, just click on the link above. After the video, we had a Q&A with lots of good information shared. Remember, Ancestry, as well as other websites is updated almost daily, so if you didn't find something last week or last month, don't forget to try again, maybe the record/answer you're looking for was added.

[Our Club Webpage](#) Check here to keep up to date with our 2017-2018 schedule. While there, check out some of the other tabs (to keep "tabs on us," so to speak). And share the site with a friend who is interested in genealogy.

Dues Every September, we request your dues (\$10/WV residents, \$15 for County residents). See Bob McRobbie to pay (by check to Willow Valley Genealogy Club,

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please) or to check to see if you already paid. Or mail it to him (Manor B-208). The application is on the website or ask Bob for a copy at the meeting..

Family History Library: The digitizing of their records continues with a target date around 2020. To find their digitized records, go to [Finding Digital Images on Family Search](#) tab. If you are searching the catalog, and find a source you'd like which is not yet digitized, let Familysearch know and they may move it up in the queue of their digitizing schedule.

Sharing Genealogy:

If you have any genealogy items (family tree, photos, letters. etc.) to share- please let Al Fulvio know and bring them to a meeting to display on one of the tables in the back.

We encourage any of you with questions or brick walls or just interest in various websites to see George Nettleton or Wayne Barner the half hour before the meeting (1:30-2:00), or after the meeting, during refreshments, as they will have GenealogyBank, Ancestry, Legacy & New England Historical & Genealogy websites available for perusal and searching.

Genealogy Software Programs and Websites Workshop Wayne Barner gave an enlightening program covering a number of genealogy programs and demonstrated up a few so we could see what they look like and how they work. He also discussed some websites which have cloud family tree capabilities. And reminded us to check whether our tree would be stored on the cloud or not, and to decide how we feel about that. He answered questions which came up and is willing to answer questions you may have now, or in the future. He and George Nettleton are often in the Orr Auditorium a half hour before and after the meeting to answer your questions, as well as do searches or demonstrate some of the genealogy subscription sites.

SOME ITEMS OF INTEREST:

39th Lancaster Family History Conference-April 19-21 at the Farm & Home Center, 1383 Arcadia Road, Lancaster (southeast corner of Manheim Pike & Rte 30) "How Newspapers Enhance Family History." Thursday & Friday seminars are \$25 or \$35 each.

Thursday sessions: *Lancaster County Archives* (John Bennawit, jr), *DNA Roundtable discussion* (Darvin Martin), *Underground Railroad of Lancaster County* (Randolph Harris)

Friday sessions: *Learn German Script* (James Beidler), *Special Project Assistance* (Steven Ness), *Yes, the Amish Still use Newspapers* (Milo Miller)

Some Saturday sessions: “How Newspapers Enhance Family History” (Jim Beidler), Looking into DNA ? (Darvin Martin), Military Records at PA State Archives (Aaron McWilliams), Colonial Church Records (Gerald Smith) and many others 17 in all on Saturday.

Cost: full conference \$105 for Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society members, \$125 for non members. Brochures are available at our meeting or contact george@nettletons.net to send one to you.

LIBRARY OF INTEREST:

The . [Birmingham Public Library](#) has a great genealogy collection. It’s one I’ve not been aware of before. Check out their Genealogy link and see what they might have. This gives you an idea of a libraries that would be one to zero in on when on vacation or just visiting family.

SMALL TOWN NEWSPAPERS

Ever wish you could find information on yourself, your parents or grandparents from your old local weekly newspaper? Well try [Advantage preservation](#), a site which my Nebraska Genealogy Society mentioned to me. Maybe you’ll find articles reminding your family’s “good old days.” 238 small town newspapers from various states, It’s based in Iowa, so there are lots of Iowas newspapers, but I’m searching Westchester County, NY and finding articles about my parents. Give it a whirl.

If you find a website or tidbit of information which is of interest to you, maybe others in the club would be interested. Send me a website or other link to pass on to the members.

If you have suggestions for organizing, storing, searching, preserving, passing on our genealogy, share that with the group at a meeting, or send the idea to me to include in an upcoming issue of *Notes*.

*comments, suggestions, complaints? Contact: George Nettleton
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