



April 2019

April 16, 2019 Scrapbooking *Pat Tracz* Pat, owner of the Photography Center in Malvern, PA, will discuss Scrapbooking as a way to preserve and share Vital family memorabilia and documents. This will include using archival products for preservation, as well as using the Photoshop app to restore and preserve damaged antique pictures. She will present basic techniques for layout of images, as well as incorporating physical items like scraps of grandma’s wedding veil, or political buttons kept by your family.



March 2019 Lancasterhistory.org & Your Research; Nathan Pease (head librarian) and Kevin Shue (25 year genealogy librarian) gave a wonderful talk, beginning with cautions in researching: official records (Government & church) are best for impartiality & fact; knowing naming conventions may help find/verifying the parental

line; spelling of surnames is not consistent; senior & junior on early records does not necessarily mean relationship, it could be a way of identifying who’s older & younger with the same name; PA started keeping official state records in 1906, before that go to township an county offices; where a fact cannot be verified, use the genealogy proof-standard. They then discussed sources and helps their library has to aid with the finding of of materials to support the aforementioned areas (original records, spelling, etc.) and took questions. Nathan’s notes and suggested websites can be downloaded [here](#).

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Nominations Committee

George Nettleton and Lesley Franconi have been

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appointed as the Nominations Committee for our elections to the board of directors this year. They will nominate people for the positions of **President**, **Secretary**, and **Director of Programs**. They will announce their nominees at the April club meeting. They will call for additional nominees at the May club meeting. The election will be held in the May club meeting.

If you would like to volunteer for one of these positions, please contact George or Lesley.

We are also looking for volunteers for a Programs Committee to support the Chairperson by suggesting presentations, presenters, meeting format, and helping contact the presenters. Again, if you're interested or willing, contact Lesley or George.

Meeting Displays:

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

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Our WVGC library catalog As mentioned in our February talk, this catalog is on our website. Click on RESOURCES, then in the 3rd paragraph, click "Please see Genealogy Club Resources part 2 for the list of available books." CHECK IT OUT! (or at least some of the materials).

If you decide to borrow one of the books, there is a green folder on one end the book cart for signing it out (and in) when you borrow/return books.

Speaking of the Website: You can also click on ***SURNAMES*** to see if any of your fellow members have included ancestors who might be in your tree. You can also add family names you have by contacting our web mistress, Carolyn Bausinger (carolyn.bausinger@gmail.com), and asking how to do that.

A second tab, ***RESOURCES*** lists some books some of your fellow members have. If one might be relevant to your genealogy searching, contact the member to see if you might borrow it, the member would be willing to look up what you want, or the member might bring it to the next meeting and let you browse it. A nice resource, including some items not in our library, which may be just what you were looking for.

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Genealogy magazines: Do you know that the Genealogy Club orders Genealogy Magazines for each of the four buildings? They are in the building library and anyone can read them. They are "Family Tree Maker," "Internet Genealogy" and "Your Genealogy Today." You may not remove them from the library area, but old issues are on our book cart and you may borrow these.

The Board would like to hear any comments you may have on the magazines or the articles, positive or negative. If you find one you would like to share at a

meeting, speak to the program chairman who will give you time at one of the meetings.. We hope that many of you are reading the magazines and finding them helpful in your Genealogy research.

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Gene Sites: There is no such thing as “complete” in anything, much less genealogy. Ancestry is the go-to site for much of what we are looking for, but there are other sites which are helpful, and one is [ArchiveGrid](#). It is a catalog of archival collections from around the world that allows you to find one-of-a-kind items that could help with your historical and genealogical research: letters, business records, journals and such. In my Nettleton search, I found sites with A. E. Nettleton Shoe Company records, Nettleton family letters, a postcard collection by an early Nettleton, and other items. To actually access the material, you would need to contact the repository, but the items just might be helpful in giving insight into the life of one of your ancestors.

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Notes Help: I’m looking for short pieces about some of your positive genealogy experiences.

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What’s Your Genealogy Problem? We’re considering a “What’s Your Problem?” presentation. The idea is to have a hands-on session (or series of sessions) to help answer questions you may have about your genealogy, such as:

How do I start?

How do I store photos?

What’s a good source to find

Are there free websites with records?

Where are there genealogy libraries in the area?

How do I make a family scrapbook?

Do you have some problems/questions with your genealogy? Or which has been a real conundrum for you?

Let us know your thoughts about hands-on session to help answer your individual questions..

Al Fulvio, George Nettleton

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LDS Family History Library: The digitizing of their records continues with a target date around 2020. 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. To find their digitized records, go to [Finding Digital Images on Family Search](#) tab. New records are being added constantly, so check often.

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2020 Census: The US Census is recruiting people to help with the upcoming census. These are temporary jobs, including census takers, recruiting assistants, office staff, and supervisory staff. To be eligible, you must be at least 18 years old, have a valid Social Security number, and be a U.S. citizen. Check their site: <https://2020census.gov/jobs>

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Memoirs: At our December meeting, Don Helin gave a great presentation on writing memoirs. For those of us interested, mark Friday July 26th on your calendar, as Lori Meyers will be here in WV to discuss writing memoirs-check the next Renaissance for further details..

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*Find a good website? Send us the link to pass on to other1 members.
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