



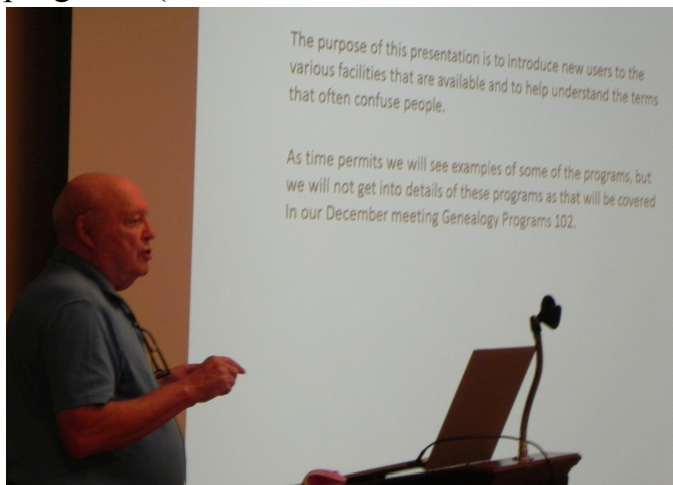
October 2019

October 15: Beginning Your Genealogy Journey-Are you wanting to begin your family history, but don't know how? Or have you started and let it slide? George Nettleton will give some guidelines and a process for beginning your genealogy. If you're a more experienced genealogists, you're to come for reinforcing some of the points, or maybe to be reminded of steps you may have become lax with.

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September: Spotlight: Pat Burkhart gave us a review of a new magazine in our library: **DNA & Your Genealogy** by Dr. Maurice Gleeson, which describes almost everything you need to know for using DNA as a tool in your family tree research. Entire chapters are devoted to: the basic science of DNA, types of DNA, DNA, and adoption. It also includes many helpful charts, a list of the companies offering testing, which types of DNA are tested, the cost, and the size of their databases. It's a great prep read for our January & February DNA programs.

Genealogy Programs: Intro-Wayne Barner gave a great informative and straightforward talk about various terms: Data Sources (newspapers, Ancestry, Familysearch, etc.), programs (on



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device, pseudo programs, build it yourself web programs, backup vs. sync, and GEDCOM. Some programs were touched on but in December he'll go into depth about them.

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Genealogy Club Membership: We work on a September through June year. If you haven't paid your 2019-2020 dues (or not sure if you have), please see Jim Robinson at our October meeting.. Dues are \$10 for WV residents; \$15 for Lancaster County Residents. Please use a check made out to *Willow Valley Genealogy Club*.

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Programs for 2019-2020-mark your calendar: REMINDER

September 17-Genealogy Programs-101 w/Wayne Barner

October 15-Beginning your Genealogy Journey w/George Nettleton

November 19-Newspapers w/Kristin Wenger

December 17-Genealogy Programs-102 w/Wayne Barner

January 21-DNA 101 w/Darvin Martin

February 18-DNA results share time

March 17-Verifying records w/George Nettleton

April 21-Passing it on: Organizing your records w/Clay Kilgore

May 19-Passing it on: Archiving w/Lesley Franconi

For a summary of what will be presented, check our [website](#) under: Calendar-

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New Meeting Format:

Club business-5 min

Spotlight*-5-10 min

Presentation-45 min

Q&A

**Spotlight:*an article of interest, a helpful book, a useful website or app, or a breakthrough in your genealogy, etc. We're looking for any of these or something else you might like to bring to our attention in this short segment of the meeting.

We plan to have tables at each meeting so you may have your refreshments during the meeting, as well as a surface for your laptop, tablet or note pad of paper and pencil, to take notes, record websites, or jot down questions.

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Genealogy EXPO 2020: September 2020 will be 8 years since our last EXPO.

It's time for another. Tuesday September 22 in the Cultural Center has been scheduled. Now, we are open or volunteers to help: develop a list of possible vendors/exhibitors, write requests to them, organize needs (number of tables,

electrical outlets, internet access, chairs, etc.) and so on. We will set up a preliminary informational meeting for volunteers at which time, you may decide to help plan or not. This should be an exciting event, and if advertised well, should interests number of residents, and possibly increase: our membership and our awareness of what services are available locally for genealogists. If you are interested, please contact George Nettleton before or after our October meeting (or email: george@nettletons.net).

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Website Our webmaster, Carolyn Bausinger, developed and has kept the site current, but she will be retiring this summer. Carolyn, thank you so much for your interest, expertise and upkeep.

Now we'll need a few volunteers to be guided by Carolyn, to continue updating the website. Please consider this. She indicates it's very easy: just move text to the site. Let one of the Board members know if you might be interested.

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23&Me & Ancestry DNA Tax break

The government has agreed to give a tax break for a portion of your cost for a DNA test. Read the article [here](#).

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DNA sites: The September 9 Eastman's Genealogy NL had a piece about MyHeritage purchasing two DNA Sites, which may help to find various possible conditions your DNA may indicate you have or are susceptible to. Check [this](#) news article about the purchase and descriptions of SNPedia and Promethease, the two services MyHeritage purchased. You might like to use them to find out what your DNA may say about your health.

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GRAMPS 5.1.1 is a free genealogy program for setting up your family tree. This is a recent update release and can be downloaded [here](#). It is Windows, Mac & Linux compatible, GEDCOM compatible, has various reports, and helps to keep track of your family genealogy. You might want to download and play with it. As a free program, you have nothing to lose but the time to learn it.

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MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION: We are interested in planning programs which will help you with your genealogy. But, we don't really know you all well, yet, so the **next page** is designed to help us find out about you and what would best suit you for our meetings: what countries/states do you search for ancestor information? What, if any, genealogy program do you use? Do you subscribe to websites like Ancestry, Find My Past, etc. which are not free? Do you belong to any genealogy or historical societies like DAR, Mayflower, New England Historical & Genealogy Society? Please fill out the sheet and return it to George@nettletons.net. We will also have some of these forms at our meetings.

Willow Valley Club Member Profile 2020

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