



April 2021

April 20 Maps for Genealogists-Clay Kilgore, Executive Director,
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Maps and related cartographic records are often useful for genealogical research. They can:

- provide important information on place names and localities at the time the maps were created
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- show changing political boundaries, counties and minor civil subdivisions
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- sometimes include names of individual land owners or residents.
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This program will look at which maps are useful to genealogists, how they can be used, and where

they can be found.

March 16-Genealogy Help Session- Al Fulvio & George Nettleton lead an open mike session seeking topics for next year, as well as areas where members needed help or guidance. Some questions were: accessing emigration of a 1600s ancestor, organizing photos, what's metes and bounds, finding 1900 Polish ancestors, finding a Chester County relative.

ZOOM Note: You don't need a computer, smartphone or tablet to access a Zoom meeting. You can use your land-line phone! When you get the notice from Al, call the phone number and type in the password # when prompted. Hope to "see" you Tuesday the 20th at 2:00!

2021 Program

May: *Diseases of our Ancestors*-Rebecca Reinhard, Family History Center

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Seeking indexers: There are tax records on the Lancasterhistory.org website which are handwritten, and therefore not indexed, Would you be interested in helping index them so they are searchable?

The Lancasterhistory.org tax records are the tip of an iceberg, as other materials, both at Lancasterhistory.org and the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society, and maybe other local repositories are waiting to be indexed. Many require physically going to their library. These tax records, however, can be done virtually from home.

You can work on the indexing at your leisure, once a week, once a month, or, if ambitious, daily

Would you be willing to join Pat Burkhart and me? If so, contact George Nettleton (george@nettletons.net or 717-397-0439) and we can begin organizing the process and sharing the tools so we don't duplicate our work and so the product will be usable on their website.

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Possible programs for the 2021-2022 year

- Sept** My COVID Genealogy-George moderator
- Oct**-City Directories-Deb Oesch
- Nov**-DAR Heritage, Lineage, Occupational societies-Barbara Park & Cheri Weakley
- Archiving-Heather Tennies
- Caring and labeling Heirlooms for our descendants
- Preparing for 1950 census-hands on
- Backing up, using a VPN, sharing, etc. for security
- Restore-ing your photos-hands on (Restore is an app)
- Beginning or reactivating my Genealogy
- Scrapbooking
- Writing one page Memoirs-hands on
- Networking-social media, blogs, email, etc.
- Searching for German (or other nationality) ancestors-hands on

Any other areas you'd like to hear or learn about? The Hands On sessions may recommend you bring paper & pencil, tablet, laptop or smart phone or information to work on. We'll be sure give you information in advance so you can be prepared.

Are there specific nationalities you'd like us to cover-German, English and Russia are only suggestions-any choice on your part?

Are any of the above an area you'd like us to be sure to present

Let me know your thoughts george@nettletons.net or mention them at our Zoom meeting.