

**1:00 PM – 2:00 PM**

**Session III – “Military Records at the National Archives”** – Patrick Connelly, M.A., Archives Director, National Archives at New York City

In this presentation, Mr. Connelly will speak about various military records that can be found in the National Archives, including service, pension and draft records from the Revolutionary War through Vietnam.

**2:00 PM – 2:15 PM**

**Break - Resource Tables Close at 2:15 PM.**

**2:15 PM – 3:30 PM**

**Session IV - “Find Your Ancestor(s) in the Naturalization Records of Luzerne County”** – Norman Douglas Nicol, PhD., Professional Genealogist

Luzerne County Naturalization Records begin in 1830 and are accessed through a series of indexes. The information found in those indexes can lead to the actual records themselves. Making the connection between the indexes and the correct documents is the goal of the researcher. This hour long presentation will demonstrate the steps necessary to conduct a successful search.

**“Where Do We Go from Here?”** –Helen T. O’Brien, MS., NEPGS Secretary

As part of this session, an overview of our updated “NEPGS Resource Guide for Finding Genealogical Records in NEPA” will be given. The mission and current services of the NEPGS will be described and area service providers will be recognized. Feedback will be sought to determine the interest in and topics for future local genealogical seminars and educational programs.

**3:30 PM**

**Adjournment/Submit Evaluation Forms**

## Directions

**Luzerne County Community College  
Educational Conference Center  
1333 South Prospect Street  
Nanticoke, PA 18634-3899  
1-800-377-5222 ext. 7602**

**Traveling from I-476N:** Take PA-115N exit 105 toward Wilkes-Barre. Take the first left onto Bear Creek Blvd. / PA-115N. PA-115N becomes PA-309N. Take the PA 315N exit 1, toward PA-209-BR S/I-81 S. Merge onto PA 315 S. Merge onto PA-309S via the ramp on the left toward I-81. Merge onto I-81-S. At exit 164 follow directions below:

**Traveling from Interstate 81 Exit 164:** Merge onto PA-29N toward US-11. Take exit 2 toward Alden. Turn left onto S. Main St... So. Main St. becomes Middle Rd. Turn right onto S. Prospect St. (Third entrance to LCCC from Middle Rd). Conference Center is on the right.

**Traveling from center city Wilkes-Barre:** Go south on So. Main St. It becomes Middle Rd. Turn right onto S. Prospect St. (Third entrance to LCCC from Middle Rd) Conference Center is on the right.

**From South Cross Valley Expressway:** Take exit 2 toward Alden. Turn right onto S. Main St... So. Main St. becomes Middle Rd. Go two miles and turn right onto S. Prospect St. (Third entrance to LCCC from Middle Rd). Conference Center is on the right.

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# Family History Seminar

*Providing Instruction & Assistance in Promoting Genealogy*



*Searching for Our Ancestors:  
Navigating Federal, State and  
Local Records*

**Saturday, April 21, 2012**

**Luzerne County Community College  
Educational Conference Center  
Nanticoke PA**

**8:00 AM- 3:30 PM**

*A program for experienced and novice  
research enthusiasts*

**Registration  
Deadline April 12, 2012**

Complete and return registration form and payment to:  
Family History Seminar  
The Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania  
2207 Chestnut Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Online registration at: [www.genpa.org](http://www.genpa.org)

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Check with Employer for preapproval for Act 48 CPE  
Hours. PPID # \_\_\_\_\_

I am \_\_\_ Professional Genealogist/ Service Provider  
\_\_\_ Experienced Genealogy Researcher  
\_\_\_ Novice Genealogy Researcher  
\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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**Registration Fee\***

\* Fee includes seminar, handouts, continental breakfast and deli buffet luncheon.

Early Bird – Postmarked by March 12<sup>th</sup> **\$35**

March 13<sup>th</sup> to April 12<sup>th</sup> **\$45**

Cancellation Policy: No refunds after April 2, 2012

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**Family History Seminar**

**Objectives**

- To understand core issues in searching federal, state and local records for genealogical data.
- To ensure researchers obtain basic knowledge of the availability and accessibility of genealogical data and to facilitate links between researchers and record providers.
- To support civic engagement efforts to promote genealogy and preserve family heritage.
- To provide individuals, families and community organizations the opportunity to be exposed to new ideas and develop new skills.

**Program**

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**8:00 AM- 3:30 PM**

**7:30 AM – 8:00 AM**

Vendor/Exhibitor Registration & Table Set-up

**8:00 AM – 8:45 AM**

Registration for Seminar Attendees  
Continental Breakfast

**Resource Tables Open**

Talk to service providers to obtain genealogical resources and help in searching for your ancestors.

**8:45AM – 9:00 AM**

Family History Seminar Welcome Message –  
NEPGS President, Alan Drust & GSP President,  
Carol Sheaffer

**9:00 AM – 10:00 AM**

Session I - “Exploring the 1940 Census” -  
Jefferson Moak, M.A., Archivist, National  
Archives at Philadelphia

This talk is an introduction to the newly released 1940 census, the information found within it, and the ways in which to search this census until indexes can be prepared.

**10:00 AM – 10:30 AM**

**Break - Resource Tables Open**

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**10:30 AM – 11:30 AM**

Session II – “Genealogical Resources at the Pennsylvania State Archives” - Aaron McWilliams, BS., BA., Reference Archivist, PA State Archives, Harrisburg

This session focuses on the types of records available to genealogists at the Pennsylvania State Archives. The presentation will cover the principle types of records, the information they may contain, and how to access them.

**11:30 AM – 1:00 PM**

**Deli Buffet Luncheon**

**Resource Tables Open**

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**Noon – 12:45 PM - Informal Talk**

“Why Local History Is Important to the Genealogist” – Thomas Mooney, M.A., Genealogy Columnist for the Times Leader

You can find out a lot about your ancestors by studying the world in which they lived. With Wyoming Valley as an example, learn how to get a handle on local history and use it to discover more about your ancestors and why they lived as they did.