



The Journey of Our Ancestors: Tracing Our Western Pennsylvania Roots

1974

50th Anniversary Conference

2024

June 21 and 22, 2024

The University Club
123 University Place
Pittsburgh, PA 15213

8:00 am-5:00pm daily

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

March 1-April 30



Non
Member

In-person

1 Day

\$75

\$100

2 Days

\$150

\$175

Virtual only - 2 days

\$75

\$100

After April 30

In-person

1 Day

\$100

\$125

2 Days

\$200

\$225

Virtual only - 2 days

\$100

\$125

Brick Wall
Project

Connect with other
researchers!

For a \$50 donation,
we will include the name
of your "brick wall"
ancestor and your email
to our conference brick
wall.

Saturday Celebration Dinner \$50

50th Anniversary Dinner and Celebration

Wyndham (Courtyard Marriott), 100 Lytton Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15213
Recognition of First Families and Legacy Members | Networking and Festivities
Buffet Dinner and Cash Bar

Celebrate With Us

Registration Starts March 1, 2024



Information

wpgs.org/50th-anniversary-conference/



Registration

whova.com/portal/registration/wpgsa_202406/



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SESSION SCHEDULE

Recordings of sessions will be available to all attendees

Friday, June 21

How Did My Pennsylvania Ancestor Get There? Migration Trails Through and Out of the Keystone State, Elissa Scalise Powell

Moving Targets: Tangled Misfortune, Historical Events, Personality Traits, FAN Club Reveal Family Migrations, Sharon Cook MacInnes

The Mount Washington Transit Tunnel Disaster, a Book Drivin by a Family Mystery, Mary Jane Kuffner Hirt (*lunch presentation*)

A Guide to Western Pennsylvania Court Records Research, Kate Townsend

The Case of Pithole: Geography of a Boom Migration, James Beidler

Saturday, June 22

The Bryans Brothers and the United States Colored Troops, Leslie Anderson

Collateral Research + DNA: Using Nine (9) Children to Develop the Story, Emily Coffman Richardson

Stories Cemetery Records Do -- and Don't -- Tell, Jennie Benford (*lunch presentation*)

Finding Female Ancestors, Laura Cubbage-Draper

Men of Steel: Researching Your Steel-working Ancestor, Elissa Scalise Powell

Virtual Speakers

Melissa Barker | James M. Beidler | Kelli Jo Bergheimer | Eleanor O. Brinsko
Laura Cubbage-Draper | Debra M. Dudek | Sierra Green | Sharon Cook MacInnes
Elissa Scalise Powell | Kaitlyn Pauley | Emily Coffman Richardson | Grażyna Rychlik
Kris W. Rzepczynski | Kate Townsend | Pam Vestal | Megan Clark Young

See website for virtual presentation titles

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