

Our presenter this month was Elissa Scalise Powell and her topic was "Problems and Pitfalls in a Reasonably Shallow Search." She was kind enough to send us a two page hand-out for the session, so no notes by us this month on the presentation.

Several items worth mentioning:

The North Hills Genealogists are having a day and a half workshop and conference with national speakers at the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in the North Hills. Details are here: <http://northhillsgenealogists.org/cpage.php?pt=55>

The Heinz History Center is having an Italian Heritage day on October 2nd, with a local expert to help you find your Italian roots: <http://www.heinzhistorycenter.org/events/italian-heritage-day>

Ireland, one of the most difficult countries to research, has put a wealth of new records online in the last year. First were Catholic Parrish records. The down side to them is that you have to know the Parrish and then scroll through the images one at a time. Like all Irish records, they're are incomplete. There's no index or transcription, but lots of old records in English script so you don't need a translator: <http://registers.nli.ie/>

In the last two weeks civil and more church records were put online. They are indexed and transcriptions and images are available: <https://www.irishgenealogy.ie/en/>

Then this blog announces the availability of more new records. Rather than try to describe them I'll just link to the blog entry. He first mentions the previous item, then goes on to describe the contents of the six new ones: <http://www.johngrenham.com/blog/2016/09/18/punch-drunk/>

The Federation of Genealogical Societies will be holding their national convention in Pittsburgh **next year**, August 30th - September 2nd. This will bring national speakers and vendors to our city so it's a great chance to connect with and learn from the best in the broader genealogy community: <http://fgs.org/cpage.php?pt=43>

If you're of Czech or Slovak heritage you might also be interested in the Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International's annual Genealogical and Cultural Conference that's also happening in Pittsburgh **next year**, October 17th - 21st: <https://www.cgsi.org/Conference2017>

We hope to see you at our October 17th meeting when we will be showing a video by Crista Cowen on immigration records, followed by a discussion of additional sources since her talks are so Ancestry.com focused. There will be plenty of time to answer your questions and for you to share your knowledge with the group. We hope to see you then.