

Our speaker this month was Marilyn Holt, Head of the Pennsylvania Department of the Carnegie Library who presented “Resources Available at the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh”.

Here is a description, by category, of the holdings of the Pennsylvania Department:

<https://www.carnegielibrary.org/special-collections/pennsylvania-department-collections/>

Here's a more detailed description of the genealogy records held by the Pennsylvania Department, with the associated form to request their services to search those records if you are unable to visit them. You can fill out the form and email it, or print it out and mail it to them:

<https://www.carnegielibrary.org/research-overview/genealogy/research-requests/>

The Western Pennsylvania Genealogy Society is co-located with the Pennsylvania Department. They will research their files as described on this page:

<https://wpgs.org/store.php?sid=3>

The Pennsylvania Department also has free access to the online archives of the important Pittsburgh newspapers held at Newspapers.com. Those newspapers and the dates held are:

<https://archives.post-gazette.com/papers/>

Because the Pennsylvania Department is an affiliate Family History Center, you can access certain online records from their databases that are only accessible (for contractual reasons) at Family History Centers or their affiliates. Like all libraries in Allegheny county, they have access to Ancestry.com. They also (unique to them among libraries) have access to Fold3, with its collection of military, naturalization, and some additional newspapers.

You can call the Pennsylvania Department at 412-622-3154 or email them at padept@carnegielibrary.org with an attached form or with general questions or requests.

The Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh is once again holding two weeks of genealogy classes in the North Hills. Here's their web page with information about the classes, including when registration begins.

<https://www.gripitt.org/>