

Our speaker this month was Sierra Green, an archivist with the Heinz History Center, who presented "An Archivist's Guide to Genealogical Research at the Heinz History Center".

Sierra passed out an excellent handout for the talk which describes the material available in the archives and the library and which has links to the web pages she discussed. That handout is available to view at our web page:

<http://www.mtlebanonlibrary.org/306/Genealogy-Society>

Rather than try to describe everything she talked about, follow the link above and you can view it and use the links for further detail.

This page has an overview of the library and archives:

<https://www.heinzhistorycenter.org/detre-library-archives>

And this page has a link to the search page for material they have, plus a finding aid to help you find what you're looking for:

<https://www.heinzhistorycenter.org/detre-library-archives/search-collection>

When you search, I suggest you put the full name in quotes to reduce the number of search results to those most relevant to you. You will usually search for the name of an organization your ancestor was associated with, not their name. You can visit the library and archives at no cost, and you can contact them via email or phone and they'll help you determine what records might be of interest.

If your ancestors were Catholic, the Pittsburgh Diocese Archive is the place to get their records. They operate only by mail or email and charge a reasonable fee. Here's their information: <https://diopitt.org/genealogy>

Newspapers.com is now available as the free newspaper site at the Family History Center. Also, if you type in newspapers.com at any library in Allegheny County, you will have access to local Pittsburgh newspapers hosted on that same site.