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## **History Center to Host Italian Genealogy Workshop**

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PITTSBURGH, May 1, 2019 – The Detre Library & Archives and the Italian American Program at the Senator John Heinz History Center will present an **Italian Genealogy Workshop** on **Saturday, May 18 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

Genealogist Rich Venezia of Rich Roots Genealogy will host this workshop focused on delving into family history in both Italy and the United States.

Benefitting beginners and seasoned genealogists alike, this day-long workshop will include guidance on using the History Center's Italian American Collection to contextualize local family history in Western Pennsylvania.

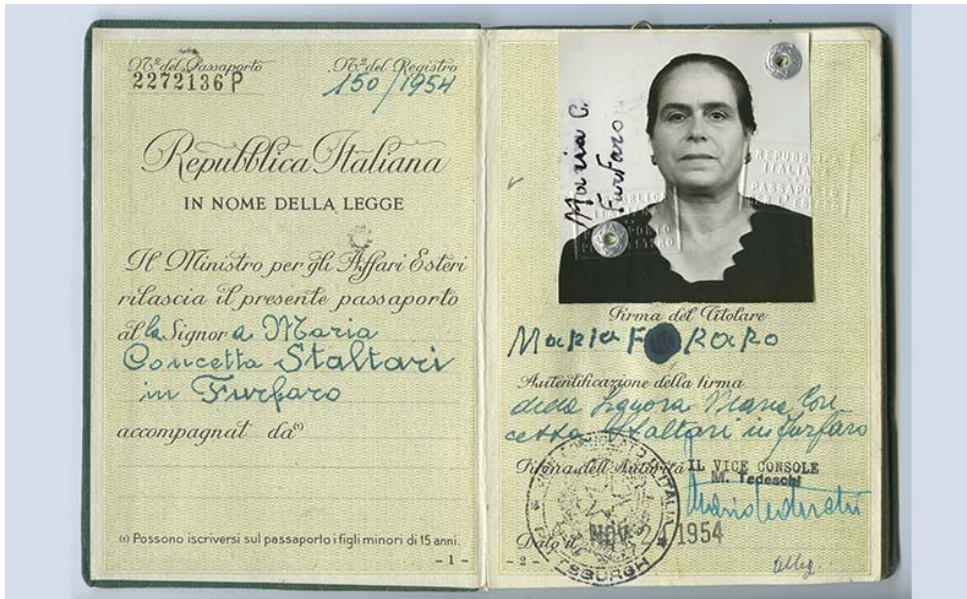
Representatives from the History Center, the Archives & Records Center of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, the Carnegie Library Pennsylvania Department, as well as other local genealogical and heritage organizations will be on hand to share insights and best practices.

Attendees will also have the opportunity to attend a special curator-led tour of artifacts from the museum's Italian American Collection on display within the museum's fourth-floor **Special Collections Gallery**.

Registration for this program is \$40 per person for the public and \$30 for History Center members. Register online at [www.heinzhistorycenter.org/events](http://www.heinzhistorycenter.org/events).

The History Center's **Italian American Program** is dedicated to preserving the history and culture of Italian Americans in Western Pennsylvania. Founded in 1990, the Italian American collection is one of the largest in the country and home to artifacts, archival materials, and oral histories that document the pivotal role Italian Americans play in shaping our region.

**The Senator John Heinz History Center**, an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution and the largest history museum in Pennsylvania, presents American history with a Western Pennsylvania connection. The Western Pennsylvania Sports Museum is a museum within a museum, comprehensively presenting the region's remarkable sports story through hundreds of artifacts and interactive experiences for visitors of all ages. The History Center and Sports Museum are located at 1212 Smallman Street in the city's Strip District, and are open every day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The History Center's museum system includes the Sports Museum; the Fort Pitt Museum in historic Point State Park; and Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Historic Village, a National Historic Landmark located in Avella, Pa. in Washington County. More information is available at [www.heinzhistorycenter.org](http://www.heinzhistorycenter.org).



On May 18 at 9 a.m., the Heinz History Center will host an Italian Genealogy Workshop focused on delving into family history in Italy and the United States. (Photo: Italian Passport of Maria Furfaro, 1954. Italian American Collection, Detre Library & Archives, Senator John Heinz History Center)

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