History Center to Host Two Virtual Genealogy Workshops in May
- The museum's online programs will explore the family histories of African and Native American peoples on May 16, and will feature its first-ever workshop on Scottish genealogy on May 31-

PITTSBURGH, May 4, 2020 – While its doors remain temporarily closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Smithsonian-affiliated Senator John Heinz History Center and its Detre Library & Archives will host two virtual genealogy workshops during the month of May.

Benefitting beginners and seasoned genealogists alike, these in-depth virtual workshops will feature live presentations from renowned genealogists and examine a multitude of historic records and electronic resources.

**May 16: African American Genealogy Workshop**

On Saturday, May 16, from 10 a.m. to noon, the museum will host an African American Genealogy Workshop that will explore the family histories of African and Native American peoples with genealogical expert Angela Walton-Raji and Alaina Roberts, Ph.D., assistant professor of history at the University of Pittsburgh.

Walton-Raji will discuss methods of searching for your joint ancestry while Roberts will address her work focusing on Native land in Indian Territory in which Indian freedpeople (the former enslaved people of members of the Chickasaw, Cherokee, Creek, Seminole, and Choctaw Nations) and Black Americans were able to obtain land, build communities, and enjoy certain rights and freedoms.

Registration for this program is $10 per person and $5 for members of the Afro-American Historical & Genealogy Society. Registration is free to University of Pittsburgh-affiliated students, faculty, and staff. The program will be conducted virtually via Zoom.

Please register online at [www.heinzhistorycenter.org/events](http://www.heinzhistorycenter.org/events).

**May 31: Scottish Genealogy Workshop**

On Sunday, May 31, from 1-5 p.m., the museum will host its first-ever Scottish Genealogy Workshop with internationally renowned genealogist Paul Milner.

Presented in partnership with St. Andrew’s Society of Pittsburgh, the program will feature live presentations to help advance your Scottish genealogy research, Q&A sessions, and interactive networking opportunities.
Archivists Jenny Barr and Sonia Prescott from the Presbyterian Historical Society in Philadelphia, Pa. will provide an overview of church records in its holdings that document Scottish Americans in Western Pennsylvania.

Representatives from the History Center’s Detre Library & Archives and St. Andrew’s Society of Pittsburgh will also share insights with workshop attendees.

Registration for this program is $20 per person and $15 for History Center and St. Andrew’s Society of Pittsburgh members. It will be conducted virtually via Zoom.

Please register online at www.heinzhistorycenter.org/events.

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 History Center and Sports Museum are located at 1212 Smallman Street in the city’s Strip District. 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.

The Heinz History Center will host a virtual African American Genealogy Workshop on Saturday, May 16. The program will explore the history and genealogy of African and Native American peoples. (Pictured: Comanche family, early 1900s. Courtesy of Sam DeVenney)
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