Recent Past Programs

  • Author and Historian James Higgins examines resources in HSP's collection relating to the story of public health in Pennsylvania. Watch Video

2/11/21: Last Seen: Finding Family After Slavery
  • Join us for an exploration of a unique digital resource available for those tracing their African American ancestry.

  • Join us for a discussion of the first full length biography of William Still, A Conductor on the Underground Railroad.

1/13/21: Examining Philadelphia’s Built Environment: Pictorial Collections at HSP
  • Join us for a virtual tour of some unique resources for researching the history of Philadelphia's architecture and urban spaces.

12/16/20: Locating Church Records in Pennsylvania
  • Examines which religious repositories are available to search, where they are located, what information may be available to you, and how to go about locating the vital information you seek.

  • A discussion with Alice George, author of The Last American Hero: The Remarkable Life of John Glenn. Watch Video

11/3/20: Researching Your Irish Ancestors
  • Five week genealogy course on navigating the challenges of researching Irish ancestors

10/28/20: In Her Own Right: Women Asserting Their Civil Rights
  • A discussion of the In Her Own Right Digital Project which highlights collections on women’s suffrage from Philadelphia area repositories. Watch Video

9/23/20: Women’s Suffrage at 100: A Visit with Dora Kelly Lewis
  • A virtual visit from Philadelphia Suffragist Dora Kelly Lewis from the National Woman’s Party.