



**Family History and Genealogy Conference**  
**October 20-22, 2017**  
**Carlisle, Pennsylvania**

**FRIDAY NIGHT, OCTOBER 20**

**6:00 – 7:30 RECEPTION AT CCHS:** Exhibits and Museum open.

Reception catered by *1794 the Whiskey Rebellion* restaurant

- Unveiling of photo exhibit: *Faces of Cumberland Valley*
- CCHS Museum special exhibit: *Trends & Thread: Women, Family, and Society in 19<sup>th</sup> Century Samplers*
- View the Gardner Digital Library oral history collection (computer monitors)
- Bradley Photo Collection Silent Auction
- Guides on using artifacts and photos to understand your family experience
- Experts (identified by badges) circulating among conference participants

**SATURDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 21**

**PLENARY SESSION: Dickinson College**

**8:30 – 9:00 Coffee/Tea** (Getting Settled)

**9:00 – 9:10 Welcome:** Steve Bloom, State Representative, 199<sup>th</sup> District

**9:10 – 9:35 Opening Address:** Michele Ridge, Former First Lady of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

**9:35 – 9:50 Presentation:** *The Genealogy Treasure Trove in Central PA*  
Deborah Sweaney, Conference Coordinator

**9:50 – 10:00 Conference program and Logistics**

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## **PRESENTATIONS AND PANEL DISCUSSIONS**

**Presentations will be delivered as a lecture in an auditorium.**

**Panel discussions will include several subject matter experts and a moderator.**

### **Dickinson College**

**10:15 – 10:35 Presentation: Finding Your Ancestors through Archival Resources**

Jonathan Stayer, Supervisor of Reference Services, Pennsylvania State Archives

**10:45 – 12:00 Panel Discussion: Genealogy Treasures in Archival Resources**

Moderator: Jonathan Stayer

Father Robert Cannon, Chancellor, Archdiocese for the Military Services

Jim Gerencser, Archivist, Dickinson College

David Haugaard, Director of Research Services, Historical Society of Pennsylvania

Allen Knechtmann, Archivist, US Army Heritage and Education Center

Heather Tennes, Director of Archival Services, LancasterHistory.org

### **USAHEC**

**2:00 – 2:50 Presentation: Using Military Records to Trace Your Family**

Martin Andresen, LTC, USA (retired)

**3:00 – 4:00 Panel Discussion: The Importance of Oral History**

Moderator: Mike Perry, Executive Director, Army Heritage Center Foundation

David Caruso, President, Oral History in the Mid-Atlantic Region

Jeff Hawks, Veterans Oral History Project, Army Heritage Center Foundation

Dr. Susan Rose, Director of the Community Studies Center, Dickinson College

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**FOCUS AREAS**

Focus Areas will be staffed by experts who will answer questions and offer guidance. Each area will display books, samples of records, and interesting artifacts. During the afternoon, staff at the Dickinson College Archives will be available for consultations and the archives will be open for tours.

<b>FAMILY HISTORY FOCUS AREAS CCHS</b>	<b>MILITARY GENEALOGY FOCUS AREAS USAHEC</b>	<b>GENEALOGY FOR CHILDREN CCHS</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Genealogy Tips and Tricks</li> <li>• Searching for Colonial Ancestors</li> <li>• Discovering Your African American Story</li> <li>• Tracing the Journey of 19<sup>th</sup> Century Americans</li> <li>• Finding immigrants in the Great Migration, late 19<sup>th</sup> to early 20<sup>th</sup> Century (e.g., Ellis Island)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are Military Personnel Records and how do they work?</li> <li>• Useful Reference Materials for Military Genealogical Research</li> <li>• Military Burial, Cemetery, and Ceremonial Records and their Uses</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kids Workshop in the <i>G.B. Stuart History Workshop</i>  (led by CCHS staff, AHEC educators, and volunteers)</li> </ul>

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**DINNER AND KEYNOTE PRESENTATION: USAHEC**

**5:30 – 6:00 Tour of USAHEC “behind-the-scenes”**

**6:00 – 6:45 Social Hour with Cash Bar**

**6:45 – end Dinner**

**Welcome:** Mike Perry, Executive Director,  
Army Heritage Center Foundation

**Speaker Introduction:** Jason Illari, Executive Director,  
Cumberland County Historical Society

**Keynote Speaker:** CeCe Moore

**“The Power of DNA to Unravel Family Mysteries”**

CeCe Moore is a professional genetic genealogist best known for her appearances as the DNA expert on the PBS television series "Finding Your Roots with Henry Louis Gates, Jr." as well as appearances on many other television shows for her work on high profile genetic genealogy cases. For more information, see CeCe’s website at <http://www.thednadetectives.com/> and her blog at <http://www.yourgeneticgenealogist.com/>.

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**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22**

**11:45**                    **Sunday Brunch at Comfort Suites Hotel** (*Additional Charge*)  
*Chance to Connect One Last Time with New Friends*

**PRESENTATION AND PANEL DISCUSSION: Comfort Suites**

**“TRACING YOUR FAMILY IN CHURCH RECORDS”**

**12:30 – 1:00**            **Presentation: Gems from local church records**  
Jeff Wood, local historian and Professor of  
American Studies, Dickinson College

**1:00 – 1:55**            **Panel: Representatives from various denominations**  
  
David Koch and Charlene Peacock, Archivists,  
Presbyterian Historical Society, Philadelphia  
  
Milton Loyer, Archivist, Susquehanna Conference of  
the United Methodist Church  
  
Reverend Marilyn Hubbard, Pastor, Bethel African Methodist  
Episcopal Church, Carlisle

**1:55 – 2:00**            **Good-bye and Safe Travels**

**2:00 – 4:00**            **Facilities Open For Research**