Handout – Session #3 – October 19

# Repositories in the ‘Real World’ – showing up in person

## Syllabus contents:

1. Courthouses and other government offices (Prothonotary’s Office, Orphans Court, Real Estate)
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3. Historical Societies
4. Family History Centers, Family History Library in Utah
5. Libraries – Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh main branch in Oakland: Pennsylvania Room

**Where are records held?**

Most records are held at the county level. Find a history of the counties in the state in which you are researching.

<http://www.raogk.org/pennsylvania-genealogy/pa-counties/>

<http://homepages.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~george/countyformations/pennsylvaniaformationmaps.html>

<http://www.genealogytoday.com/genealogy/states/>

Example of VA counties: <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mobjackbaycolemans/v07maps.htm>

**Allegheny County Government offices:**

Real estate: <http://www.county.allegheny.pa.us/real-estate/index.aspx> Select online record search

Select Property Assessment Records link: <http://www2.alleghenycounty.us/RealEstate/Default.aspx>

Agree and then enter the address to find current owner and previous owner, date of

Plat maps: <http://digital.library.pitt.edu/maps/>

Orphans’ Court <http://www.county.allegheny.pa.us/court-records/wills/index.aspx> (click Genealogical Research box -- <http://www.county.allegheny.pa.us/court-records/wills/genealogical-research.aspx> )

**Other States and Counties:**

Recorder of Deeds by State informational site: <https://www.deeds.com/recorder/>

Butler County Real Estate search page: <http://www2.co.butler.pa.us/recorder/Navigate.asp?SimpleSearch.x=45&SimpleSearch.y=8>

**Diocese of Pittsburgh Genealogy and Archives:**

<http://diopitt.org/department-chancellor/office-archives-and-record-center>

Records of closed parishes: <http://diopitt.org/parishes/supressed-parishes>

Diocese of Greensburg (contact parishes regarding old records) - list of former churches:

<http://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/parish-life/Pages/former.aspx>

Finding other dioceses in US: <http://www.usccb.org/about/bishops-and-dioceses/diocesan-locator.cfm>

**Libraries:**

Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh Main: <http://www.carnegielibrary.org/clp_location/main-oakland/>

Pennsylvania Department: <http://www.carnegielibrary.org/research-overview/genealogy/>

**Other:**

Surname research: <https://www.geni.com/surnames>

**Books:**

Courthouse research for family historians: your guide to genealogical treasures by Christine Rose – found at Carnegie Library main in Oakland

**Blogs**

The Legal Genealogist – Judy Russell: <http://www.legalgenealogist.com/> - this site can help you with what laws affected where your records might be kept.

Russell Index article: <http://www.staatsofohio.com/?p=2768>

Russel Soundex: <https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Soundex>