

Program and Registration Information

# FRONT COVER

## A LETTER FROM THE FGS PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Genealogist:

Our excitement continues to grow as we plan the FGS Conference in Philadelphia in September 2008. We look forward to you joining us and other researchers from across the United States and beyond at one of our nation's most historic cities. During the conference you will hear knowledgeable presenters discussing their latest research insights and resources. The popular Exhibit Hall always showcases a wide variety of state-of-the-art and traditional products and services. Conference functions provide many opportunities to meet, talk, and share research with others who share your passion for family history.

This sixteen-page program and registration brochure contains many details about the conference; the FGS conference Web site [www.fgsconference.org](http://www.fgsconference.org) also provides newsworthy items along with additional information about the conference. You can help make your conference experience smoother and more enjoyable by carefully reviewing conference updates at the Web site. Volunteers provide a blog with updates posted regularly as conference planning develops. Knowing about changes in advance usually benefits your conference experience. These also post notices and reminders of attendance basics. If this is your first national conference, these updates help you prepare for a truly enjoyable and educational experience.

We want your conference experience to be as comfortable and as enjoyable as possible. Attendees typically bring a sweater and comfortable walking shoes. Well-planned luncheons make noontime meals an important part of the conference experience. Other venues nearby also provide places to dine. Contact the Philadelphia Visitors Bureau for assistance in planning your stay. If you have questions about airline travel, contact our airline agent Nancy Mettes at 800-999-6101 or [Nancy.Mettes@damartravel.com](mailto:Nancy.Mettes@damartravel.com). She is happy to help you locate the best flight fare. Tell her that you want to make your reservation for the FGS Conference in Philadelphia and let her know if you are a senior citizen (65).

Philadelphia offers a multitude of things to do. Libraries, national archives, historic sites, sporting events, museums, other archives, shopping centers, and much more—located within a short distance from the Conference location—provide genealogists with a treasure trove of activities. The Conference Hospitality Booth provides information about these local attractions.

The Federation of Genealogical Societies and numerous organizations in the Mid-Atlantic states look forward to seeing you in September.

Sincerely,  
*Wendy Bebout Elliott, Ph.D.*, President, FGS

FGS Member Societies: Strut Your Stuff! Publicize Your Society!  
Market Your Seminar!

"Societies on Parade" tables are where you may put out your society brochures, advertisements for your publications, your seminar registration forms, and your society meeting information and membership forms. Some societies display new books, feature bright and attractive brochures; you may place anything you'd like out on the tables (which are unattended, so you wouldn't want to leave anything of value) for viewing by the conference public and hopefully, picked up by interested persons.

Take advantage of this conference opportunity to strut your society!  
Contact [Rking24600@comcast.net](mailto:Rking24600@comcast.net).

## Philadelphia Welcomes FGS 2008 Conference

The Federation of Genealogical Societies and several genealogical and historical groups in and around Philadelphia invite you to join them in Philadelphia in September 2008, for the "**Footprints of Family History**" conference. They are proud of their Mid-Atlantic heritage and just as proud of their part in promoting the future of family history in the nation and throughout the world. Their facilities for research seem innumerable and range from local to regional, state, and national. It seems that we may locate those "footprints" of our ancestors in numerous facilities in the greater Philadelphia area.

The conference hotel will be the downtown Marriott Hotel, connected to the Pennsylvania Convention Center where the exhibition hall and seminar rooms will be located. Several convenient hotels are within walking distance from the Convention Center, as is the Reading Terminal Market, a unique shopping and eating area. The public bus system and SEPTA trains are available to meet your local transportation needs.

The September 2008 FGS conference has as its theme "Footprints of Family History" recognizing our host city Philadelphia as the place where the ancestors of millions of Americans first set foot on the continent. It was Philadelphia, indeed, that was the largest North American city in colonial times – as well as being the No. 1 port of entry during the 18<sup>th</sup> and early 19<sup>th</sup> centuries.

Our conference committee is fashioning a program that pays homage to this region's rich history as well as topics at the very cutting-edge of family history, including:

- Research in the Mid-Atlantic states: Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware
- DNA's ever large impact on genealogy
- The area's major ethnic groups such as the English, Irish, Swedish and Germans
- Topics helpful to African-American research
- How "material culture" can enrich family history
- Society management presentations
- Military records relating to a variety of conflicts

We hope that our conference will be a focal point for all that the Philadelphia region has to offer in terms of history, research, sightseeing and education.

*James Beidler*, National Conference Co-Chairman

### EXHIBIT HALL

Please plan time to walk through the exhibit hall and view the wide variety of the newest and best genealogical publications, supplies, and computer products available. A new feature this year is the **WEDNESDAY GRAND OPENING**. Browse through books and purchase those that will help your research. Vendors from near and far will be displaying their products; they are there to demonstrate their latest offerings and to answer your questions.

# Featured Speakers

## OPENING SESSION:

Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 AM

### WELCOME TO PHILADELPHIA!

At the official Opening Session of the conference on Thursday, participants to the conference will be welcomed by one of the most prominent citizens from Philadelphia's four centuries of history. His or her identity is being kept under wraps for now, but you can be pretty sure the person is someone with whom everyone will be familiar.

### Opening Keynote Speaker - Robert A. Selig

#### AMERICA'S OFFICIAL BIRTHDAY



Americans rightly date our nation's birth to the Declaration of Independence signed in our host city on the Fourth of July in 1776, but to the rest of the world 3 September 1783 might well be the date they use since that was when the Peace of Paris was signed and America gained official British recognition for United States independence.

Historian Robert A. Selig's talk will come the day after the 225<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the Peace of Paris, which at the time motivated Spain's ambassador to France to remark that the United States was "born a pygmy but a day will come when it will be a giant, a colossus." The presentation by Selig will show how well the ambassador's prediction has come true.

Selig, a German native, is a historical consultant who has taught at several colleges and universities in the Midwest. He is a specialist on the role of French forces under the Comte de Rochambeau during the American Revolutionary War and

currently serves as project historian to the National Park Service for the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail Project.

Article 1 of the Peace of Paris declared that "His Britannic Majesty acknowledges the said United States, Viz. New Hampshire, Massachusetts Bay, Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia, to be free Sovereign and independent States; That he treats with them as such; And for himself, his Heirs and Successors, relinquishes all Claims to the Government, Propriety, and territorial Rights of the same, and every part thereof."

That same day, Britain also signed separate agreements with France, Spain and the Netherlands, thereby ending what had truly become a world-wide war.

#### JAMES DENT WALKER MEMORIAL LECTURE

Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, 5:00

#### Marian Smith

#### Mrs. Kaney and the Philadelphia Immigration Business, ca. 1882-1909

Marian Smith will discuss the U.S. immigration process and procedure at the port of Philadelphia from the early 1880s to the years before World War I.

The James Dent Walker Memorial Lecture, presented annually at the FGS conference since 1994, honors the late Jimmie Walker, who was one of the most popular and respected lecturers in genealogy. His thirty year career at the National Archives in Washington, DC included Directorship of the annual Institute of Genealogical Research (now known as the National Institute on Genealogical Research) and supervision of the Military Service Records Section. He did pioneering research on minorities in the American Revolution and helped thousands of genealogists during his career.

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## ANNUAL BANQUET OF THE FEDERATION OF GENEALOGICAL SOCIETIES

Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM

### Banquet Speaker – Chris Haley

#### TAKING BIGGER STEPS

There are always plenty of recognitions given out at the annual FGS Banquet, including the prestigious Ruth Bishop Award for genealogical volunteers, and a highlight of this year's event will be the keynote speaker: Chris Haley, the nephew of the *Roots* author, whose short time onstage at last year's conference in Fort Wayne left everyone who saw him wanting much, much more.

Haley's presentation will be titled "Taking Bigger Steps," in which he will emphasize going stronger, bolder and deeper into your search for uncovering and building your family. Haley promises that his talk will "share a bit of motivation, encouragement, sage sayings from others who have preceded us, insight as to my own genealogical experiences, the legacy of my uncle's work and the Haley name." He also says that "You can also be relatively certain there may be a touch of the 'Day-O' feeling somewhere mixed in!"



## 2008 Conference – Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>

<b>Breakfast Session</b>	<b>Association of Professional Genealogists Professional Management Conference</b>	<b>W-2 Making Your Career Soar</b> Advanced APG Professional Management Conference registration required! <b>7:00-8:00 AM – Breakfast – Networking</b> <b>8:00 AM – Welcome</b> <b>8:45 AM Morning Session The ‘Art’ of Source Citation: A Hands-On Workshop</b> <i>Elizabeth Shown Mills, CG, CGL, FASG</i> Source citation is an art, not a science; but “artistic license” must be knowledgeably applied if our documentation is to stand the test of time. As in art, where students who master the principles of color, form, shape, and texture will then improvise to capture the uniqueness of each subject, genealogists who are well-grounded in the principles of citation can confidently capture all essential details for the uniquely different records and artifacts they use. In this two-hour, hands-on workshop, Mills guides us through basic and not-so-basic principles that underpin the art of source citation.		
	<b>9:00-10:00 AM</b>	<b>TRACKS</b>	<b>10:15-11:15 AM</b>	<b>11:30 AM – 12:30 PM</b>
<b>Plenary Session &amp; Volunteer Recognition</b>	<b>Beginners/ Society Management</b>	<b>W-3 How do I start? What I wish I had known 35 years ago!</b> <i>Fred Moss</i> What we all wish we had done while laying the foundation beginning a lifetime endeavor.	<b>W-13 Tips for Improving your Genealogical Lecturing Skills</b> <i>Paul Milner</i> Learn tips and procedures for improving your genealogical lecturing skills.	
	<b>Society Management</b>	<b>W-4 Educating the Public Through Society Classes</b> <i>Patricia Walls Stamm, CG, CGL</i> Genealogy is a popular hobby. By establishing an educational program, a society can entice newbies into growing their society.	<b>W-14 Society Publications: Why, What, and How?</b> <i>Kay Haviland Freilich, CG, CGL</i> Why a society should have publications, what types to have, what to include in publications, how to produce, and how to market those publications.	
	<b>Society Management</b>	<b>W-5 Basics of Designing and Publishing Your Society’s Newsletter</b> <i>Sharon Tate Moody, CG</i> This lecture will give basic rules of design and layout, compare publishing software, and give tips on working with printers.	<b>W-15 Voting: When Yes Means No, and No Means Yes</b> <i>Roberta “Bobbi” King</i> A primer on the vagaries of voting, whether in society officer elections or within a meeting deciding on a motion.	
	<b>Society Management</b>	<b>W-6 Bookkeeping 101 For Genealogical Societies</b> <i>Cath Madden Trindle, CG</i> Setting up an accounting system that meets the needs of your society need not be overwhelming. Learn the basic forms you need to prepare and the best organization for an audit.	<b>W-16 Preserving Genealogical Society Records</b> <i>Diane V. Gagel, MA</i> Preservation of genealogical society records is an important aspect of society management to preserve valuable information for succeeding officers and members.	
	<b>Board for Certification of Genealogists</b>	<b>W-7 BCG Education Fund Helen F.M. Leary Lecture</b> <i>Donn Devine, CG, CGL</i> <b>DNA Tests Using Genetic Data as Genealogical Evidence</b> Several case studies illustrate current applications of DNA testing to family history research, noting how existing standards for data collection and evidence evaluation apply to this new resource.	<b>W-17 BCG Skill Building Lecture There Must Be Something in Print—And How to Find It</b> <i>Henry B. Hoff, CG, FASG</i> What you are looking for determines how you should approach research in printed sources. This lecture suggests methods and sources for finding material on individuals, families, geographic areas, and specific groups.	
	<b>ICAPGen</b>	<b>W-8 Become Accredited: Preparing Your Application</b> <i>Karen A. Clifford and Ruth E. Maness</i>	<b>W-18 Internet Solution for Challenging Research Problems</b> <i>Karen A. Clifford</i>	
	<b>Family Search Support</b>	<b>W-9 Consultant Training Part 1 – Helping Family History Happen</b> <i>D. Merrill White, Steve Young</i> Understanding your calling and role as a family history consultant.	<b>W-19 Consultant Training Part 2 – Helping Members in Their Homes</b> <i>D. Merrill White, Steve Young</i> Determining members’ needs and how you can assist them in their homes.	
	<b>Librarians’ Day</b>	<b>W-10 Past Perfect: The Best of Times for Serving Genealogists</b> <i>Curt B. Witcher, MLS, FUGA</i> This talk is about helping the 21 <sup>st</sup> century genealogy customer with technology and customer service.	<b>W-20 FamilySearch Support: Everyone Can Get Help</b> <i>Fred Graham</i> With FamilySearch Support, everyone can receive help with their family history responsibilities.	
			<b>12:45-2:15 PM Luncheons</b> <b>MENU: Pan Seared Salmon with Smoked Horseradish on a Bed of Field Greens and Roasted Potatoes, Lemon Pound Cake with Seasonal Fresh Berries and Crème Anglaise</b>	
	<b>W-11</b>	<b>W-12</b>		
Federation of Genealogical Societies Networking Luncheon		Federation of Genealogical Societies Delegates Luncheon		

# 2008 Conference – Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>

Track 1 – Under the Umbrella			
<b>11:30 AM-1:15 PM</b>  <b>APG-PMC Lunch &amp; Networking</b>  Grilled Chicken Florentine Tomato and Basil Bisque Baby Hearts of Romaine Crème Brûlée Marquis	<b>1:30 (W-22) Branch Out: Expand Your Business Beyond Client Research.</b> <i>Paula Stuart-Warren, CG</i> This session covers a variety of ways for you to make your own change.	<b>2:45 (W-23) What's in a Name?</b> <i>Patricia Walls Stamm, CG, CGL</i> Learn how to expand your genealogical repertoire by adding education to your résumé.	<b>4:00 (W-24) Attic Treasures: Clients and Their Collections</b> <i>Maureen A. Taylor</i> Learn to use non-traditional sources—manuscripts, pictures and artifacts—to solve genealogical problems.
Track 2 – Business Issues			
<b>1:30 (W-25) Identify, Adapt and Move Ahead</b> <i>Beverly Rice, CG</i> This will focus on the use of the Balance Sheet as a tool for the projection of income and expense (budgeting), and comparing the anticipated to the actual.	<b>2:45 (W-26) Marketing and Advertising Strategies for the Professional Genealogist</b> <i>Kory L. Meyerink, AG</i> To be a successful professional genealogist, it is necessary to design a market strategy, implement appropriate advertising and understanding various marketing strategies.	<b>4:00 (W-27) QuickBooks for Professional Genealogists</b> <i>Cat Nielsen</i> This session will present highlights of <b>QuickBooks®</b> that will aid Professional Genealogists in getting the most from this software program.	
TRACKS	2:30-3:30 PM	4:00-5:00 PM	6:30-9:30 PM
<b>Society Management</b>	<b>W-28 Book Review Columns for Society Newsletters</b> <i>Paul Milner</i> Go beyond book announcements to write book and media reviews that your readers will want to read. Learn how to create templates, and gain access to resources to review.	<b>W-36 Creating the Operating Handbook Your Genealogical Society Needs</b> <i>Paula Stuart-Warren, CG</i> Details how a society is run by officers, board members, and committees. Sticky situations and problem people can be solved with pre-set guidelines. In this session, your handbook begins in a few easy steps with the help of others.	Exhibit Hall Grand Opening
<b>Society Management</b>	<b>W-29 What Your Board Needs to Know</b> <i>Fred Moss</i> Give your officers & directors the tools they need in order to be most effective.	<b>W-37 Projects: Planning ~ Participants ~ Production ~ Publication</b> <i>Cath Madden Trindle, CG</i> This session covers selecting a project, defining jobs and project parameters and final publication with a few notes on avoiding indexing pitfalls.	
<b>Society Management</b>	<b>W-30 Staying on Track: Managing Your Society's Projects</b> <i>Amy Johnson Crow, CG</i> Learn tips and techniques for organizing and completing your society's projects effectively.	<b>W-38 Collection Development: What's your plan?</b> <i>Susan D. Kaufman, MLS</i> Having a plan for genealogical research collection development guides purchases, creating your library collection. Issues and ideas will be discussed.	
<b>Society Management</b>	<b>W-31 "Program, Program, Git yer Program!"</b> <i>Jana Sloan Broglin, CG</i> Programs are the "in the park home runs" for a society. Learn how to hit singles, doubles, and triples, when planning your next society event.	<b>W-39 Educating the Members of Your Society</b> <i>Deborah A. Abbott, PhD</i> Learn how we incorporate travel, speakers, quilting, story boards, genealogy classes and community service to enhance the skill level of our members.	
<b>Board for Certification of Genealogists</b>	<b>W-32 BCG Certification Seminar 2:30-5:00 PM</b> <i>Thomas W. Jones, PhD, CG, CGL, FASG; Elissa Scalise Powell, CG; Kay Haviland Freilich, CG, CGL</i> Join genealogists of varying backgrounds as they explain the nature and purpose of certification, the application process, requirements for board certification, and how to prepare for certification.		
<b>ICAPGen</b>	<b>W-33 Become Accredited: Preparing For Your Test</b> <i>Karen A. Clifford and Ruth E. Maness</i>	<b>W-40 Write a Grant Application For Your Society</b> <i>Anne Leptich</i>	
<b>Family Search Support</b>	<b>W-34 Consultant Training Part 3 – Training and Resources</b> <i>D. Merrill White, Steve Young</i> This presentation will discuss the training and resources available to consultants to help them fulfill their calling.	<b>W-41 Family History Centers: An Important Resource for Family History Help</b> <i>Fred Graham, Donna Miller</i> Family history centers are an important component of the family history support organization for members in stakes and wards. This presentation will discuss current family history center issues and review key policies and procedures.	
<b>Librarians' Day</b> 1:00-2:30 PM ProQuest Sponsored Luncheon	<b>2:30-5:00PM</b>  <b>W-35 Tours of: NARA-Mid-Atlantic Region; Historical Society of Pennsylvania and Free Library of Philadelphia</b>		
<b>5:30-6:30 PM</b>	<b>FGS Open Forum/Annual Meeting</b> <b>Exhibit Hall – Live Events Center</b>		

## 2008 Conference – Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup>

**8:30-10:00 AM**

**10:30 – 11:30 AM**

**11:00 AM –12 noon**

### T-42 Opening Session

*Robert A. Selig*

#### America's Official Birthday

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**T-43 Genealogy and Local History Resources at the State Library of Pennsylvania**  
*Richard L. Lindberg, BA, ThM, MSL*  
Learn about the Pennsylvania resources available at the State Library of Pennsylvania including its collection of Pennsylvania newspapers, city directories, local records and digitization projects.

**T-44 How to Find the Truth about a Family Story**  
*Elizabeth Shown Mills, CG, CGL, FASG*  
Most traditions have a core truth. Unfortunately, most are also wrapped in layers of confusion, embellishment, pride, and prejudice. How do we find the documents that turn a family tale into real history?

**T-45 Welsh Emigration to North America**  
*Paul Milner*  
Learn about why your Welsh ancestors left Wales, and where they went to. See how understanding the time and place of migration can help in locating a place of origin in Wales.

**T-46 German Emigration, Immigration and Migration**  
*George K. Schweitzer, PhD, SCD*  
This talk will focus on the Germanic peoples, their places of origin, their ports of departure and arrival, their migrations after arrivals in the US, and the records of all of these.

**T-47 "Exodusters": The First Black Migration**  
*Damani K. Davis*  
The lecture is based on an 1880 Senate investigation into the migration as well as supporting Federal records.

**T-48 English Apprenticeship Records**  
*Dr. Christopher T. Watts, BS, PhD, FSG*  
In this talk records arising where government was the employer or guardian, from taxation by central government, guilds and livery companies and those related to freedom of the larger cities, will be considered as sources for discovering more about one's ancestors.

**T-49 Ohio or Bust: Migration to the Buckeye State**  
*Diane V. Gagel, MA*  
This lecture covers the Native American and Euro-American migration and settlement patterns in the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries ending in settlement in Ohio.

**T-50 You Don't Have to go to Washington, but it Might Help**  
*Constance Potter with Patrick Connelly*  
Constance Potter will describe federal records of interest to genealogists held at the National Archives in Washington, DC. Patrick Connelly will describe federal records of interest to genealogists held at the National Archives in Philadelphia.

**T-51 What Is Different about Jewish Genealogy?**  
*Gary Mokotoff*  
This lecture will cover aspects of Jewish-American genealogical research that make it different from American genealogy.

**T-52 William Richards: Colonial Pottery Manufacture in Trenton, NJ**  
*Rebecca White*  
This presentation explores how the archaeological evidence combined with primary source documents and genealogical research to provide a more complete sense of this remarkable individual.

**T-53 The Maryland State Archives in the 21st Century**  
*Dr. Edward C. Papenfuse*  
This talk will focus upon the records housed at the Maryland State Archives.

EXHIBIT HALL  
REOPENS

### 12:15-1:45 PM Luncheons

**MENU: Lancaster Garden Salad served with House Vinaigrette, Grilled Lemon Chicken in a Tarragon Cream Sauce, Roasted Potatoes, Julienne Carrots and Green Beans, Chocolate Mousse with Chantilly Sauce**


**T-54 Arkansas Genealogical Society**  
**Arkansas: Believe it or Not**  
*Carolyn Earle Billingsley, PhD*  
A lighthearted humorous talk about the weird and wonderful state of Arkansas and its citizens.

**T-55 Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania**  
**The Yorkshireman's Wedding Toast...Humourous Tales of English Dialect**  
*George Redmonds, BA, PhD*

**T-56 Board for Certification for Genealogist Luncheon**  
**Adventures in the Courthouse**  
*Christine Rose, CG, CGL, FASG*  
Experience the fun of courthouse search through the eyes of a courthouse addict!

**T-57 New York Biographical and Genealogical Society**  
**Does This Train Go From Nobody's Switch To East X? A Look At The Place Names Of New York**  
*Mel Wolfgang*

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TRACKS	2:00-3:00 PM	3:30-4:30 PM	5:00-5:30 PM
<b>Pennsylvania</b>	<b>T-58 Resources at The Historical Society of Pennsylvania</b> <i>Lee Arnold</i> A look at records housed at the society available to genealogists and historians.	<b>T-69 The Pennsylvania Civil War Muster Rolls Project: A Potential Treasure House for Genealogists</b> <i>Linda Ries, Archivist and Director, PA Civil War Muster Rolls Project</i>	 <b>Half-Hour Presentations!</b>
<b>Delaware/ Maryland</b>	<b>T-59 The Antient Sweedes of the Delaware, 1638-1664</b> <i>Dr. Peter S. Craig, FASG</i> Their success, aided by the Swedish Church's "American Mission," in building seven "Old Swedes" churches and perpetuating a Swedish identity for another century.	<b>T-70 Little Known Resources at the Delaware State Archives</b> <i>Thomas M. Summers</i> This presentation will examine overlooked resources at the Delaware Public Archives.	<b>T-80 NYC 1890 Census</b> <i>Debra Braverman</i> The 1890 Police Census for New York City is a wonderful census substitute. Finding aids and how to access the census will be shown.
<b>Immigration/ Emigration</b>	<b>T-60 Germany to Pennsylvania: 18<sup>th</sup> Century Odyssey</b> <i>James M. Beidler</i> This lecture uses the personal memoirs of the immigrants themselves to dispel the myths about why they came, what the voyage was like, and how they liked America.	<b>T-71 Convicts to the North American Colonies</b> <i>Susan D. Kaufman, MLS</i> Prior to 1776 the colonies accepted transported criminals to populate the land—but not all were for heinous crimes. Survey of the records will be offered.	<b>T-81 Be Sure You Get It All</b> <i>Virginia Banerjee</i> Beside the obvious and the source citation, don't skip footnotes, margins and the back of the record. There may be gems you don't want to miss!
<b>German</b>	<b>T-61 Mennonite Research: The Forgotten Swiss and Germans</b> <i>Dr. Michael D. Lacopo</i> Learn how research techniques and repositories in America and in Europe can help you locate your Anabaptist ancestor!	<b>T-72 Researching Eighteenth-Century Germans</b> <i>John T. Humphrey</i> In the 18 <sup>th</sup> century Germans were the largest non-English speaking group who immigrated and settled in the Mid-Atlantic region.	<b>T-82 Forty (40) Overlooked Sources</b> <i>Cassandra Brown</i> Find the forty most overlooked genealogical sources and learn different types, strategies, and resources that will help you through your brick walls.
<b>African American</b>	<b>T-62 Virginians on the Move: African American Migration Within and Out of Virginia, 1861-1890</b> <i>Tim Pinnick</i> The key cause and effect events which set people of color in "motion."	<b>T-73 Slave Research: It's a Needle in a Haystack</b> <i>Deborah A. Abbott, PhD</i> The importance of analyzing census records, county and state histories, etc., to identify both the slave and slaveholders.	<b>T-83 A Treasure Trove of Genealogy Gems Craft Projects</b> <i>Lisa L. Cooke</i> In this 30 minute presentation examples of 6 projects will be shown, and highlight some of the techniques.
<b>Great Britain/ Ireland</b>	<b>T-63 Introduction to Irish Genealogy: Where Do I Start?</b> <i>Eileen O'Duill, CG</i> A discussion of the "paper trail" created by the immigrant ancestor in the United States will focus on learning the county of origin in Ireland of the ancestor.	<b>T-74 British Intelligence: Smart Strategies for Tracking Down British, Scottish, and Welsh Ancestors</b> <i>Rick Crume</i> How to access the most important records, including church, census and probate records, stateside.	<b>T-84 Crossing the Ocean with the Internet</b> <i>Leslie Albrecht Huber, MPA</i> Familiarize yourself with some important websites for making your cross-continent connection.
<b>Quaker</b>	<b>T-64 Were Your Ancestors Friends? Finding and Using Their Quaker Records</b> <i>Kay Haviland Freilich, CG, CGL</i> The lecture will cover the history, major beliefs, and special terms; including types of records and resources.	<b>T-75 Surnames of Quaker Families in Yorkshire Sources -Some Difficult and Disputed Origins</b> <i>George Redmonds, BA, PhD</i> Learn the ways that dialect and education affected the development of names.	<b>T-85 German Names and Naming Patterns</b> <i>James M. Beidler</i> Why you need to look for "first" names in the middle as well as how surname variants in your genealogical searches.
<b>Women</b>	<b>T-65 Women of Color Before and After the Civil War</b> <i>Virginia Banerjee</i> Lecture focuses on researching the heritage of two free mulatto women.	<b>T-76 Finding a Woman's Maiden Name</b> <i>Lisa Kerr Ilowite, MBA</i> Learn proven methods for correctly identifying elusive female ancestors.	<b>T-86 Clear Toy Confections and Family Connections: Sweet Footprints from Scotland to Utah</b> <i>Christine and Fred Graham</i> Thomas Mills & V. Clad produced clear toy candy molds, now a Christmas tradition.
<b>Jewish</b>	<b>T-66 The Development of Eastern European Jewish Last Name</b> <i>Debra Braverman</i> This lecture will examine the hows and whys of Eastern European Jewish family names.	<b>T-77 How To Read A Hebrew Tombstone Anywhere In The World</b> <i>Judith Shulamith Langer-Surnamer Caplan</i> Don't know Hebrew? This presentation will help you decode Jewish gravestones globe-wide.	<b>T-87 Grandma's Shoebox: All Her Treasures</b> <i>Joan Kitchen Murray</i> Learn how to safely clean, preserve and store the letters, documents and photographs you have collected.
<b>Cultural/ Occupational</b>	<b>T-67 Iron Rails Across America</b> <i>Patricia Walls Stamm, CG, CGL</i> Learn about the various railroads, their records, and where to locate them.	<b>T-78 Using 19<sup>th</sup> Century Silver to Trace Family History</b> <i>D. Albert Soeffing</i> Using the family silver you can gather genealogical information and insight.	<b>T-88 PowerPoint-Take The Plunge Synopsis</b> <i>Carrie Cook</i> Basic overview geared for brand new users and as review for infrequent ones.
<b>Workshop</b>	<b>T-68 Using Oral History to Enhance Your Genealogy (2 hours)</b> <i>Wendy Bebout Elliott, PhD, FUGA</i> Hands-on instruction in Oral History Techniques. Includes an actual practice session to learn about and help develop oral history skills and techniques.	<b>T-79 (4:30-6:00 PM) One-Step Webpages: A Potpourri of Genealogical Search Tools (90 minutes)</b> <i>Steve Morse</i> This talk gives an overview of many of the tools and describes how they can be used for genealogical research.	

**7:00 PM T-89 Irish Quiz – (no charge)** On dark winter nights in Ireland, people often gather in their local pub to attend a "Table Quiz". These events are usually organized as fund raising events for local schools, societies and sports clubs and provide a very enjoyable social evening. Come and challenge your friends and others on your knowledge of US Irish immigration and Irish history.

**5:00-8:00 PM T-90 NARA Reception Chestnut St. (between 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>)** Hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be served. All FGS conference attendees are invited to a reception at the National Archives, Mid-Atlantic branch. Visitors will have the opportunity to tour this facility, view their unique exhibits that include an examination of ethnic suspicions during World War I, and some lesser known, intriguing sources of genealogical information. Please join NARA for an exciting evening of exploration and camaraderie.

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TRACKS	8:00-9:00 AM	9:30-10:30 AM	11:00 AM – 12 noon
<b>Pennsylvania</b> <i>Sponsored by Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania</i>	<b>F-91 Understanding and Interpreting 19<sup>th</sup> century Philadelphia Naturalizations</b> <i>Jefferson M. Moak</i> A guide to researching and interpreting naturalization papers of the 19 <sup>th</sup> century.	<b>F-102 Understanding the State Land Records of Pennsylvania: Warrants, Surveys &amp; Patents</b> <i>Jonathan R. Stayer</i> A description of five documents that transferred land from the Penns and later the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to private ownership.	<b>F-112 Pennsylvania's Early Church Registers</b> <i>John T. Humphrey</i> More denominations can be found in early Pennsylvania than any other colony because of William Penn's grant of religious freedom.
<b>New Jersey/ Delaware</b>	<b>F-92 Genealogical Resources at the Delaware Historical Society</b> <i>Dr. Constance J. Cooper</i> An introduction to some of the issues in Delaware genealogy and the Delaware Historical Society's rich resources.	<b>F-103 Using Proprietary Records for East and West Jersey</b> <i>Catherine Medich</i> An overview of the Proprietors and their records, and will present East and West Jersey case studies from Klett's own research.	<b>F-113 Using the Orphans Court Records at the Delaware Public Archives</b> <i>Thomas M. Summers</i> This program will examine the treasures that can be found in the Orphans Court Records at the Delaware Public Archives.
<b>DNA</b> <i>Sponsored by DNA Ancestry</i>	<b>F-93 Trace Your Roots with DNA</b> <i>Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak</i> This talk will discuss launching and managing a DNA project.	<b>F-104 Large Scale DNA and Genealogical Study: The Mennonites</b> <i>Ugo Perego, MSc</i> A large scale case study involving surnames, genealogies and Y chromosome data for the Mennonites.	<b>F-114 DNA - In Search of Sundance</b> <i>Susan S. Koelble, CG</i> Follow the research process to find a living person who would carry the same mitochondrial DNA as the Sundance Kid.
<b>Military</b>	<b>F-94 Anatomy of A Pension File</b> <i>Tony Burroughs, FUGA</i> Understanding the pension process, pension documents, and processing the file to get the most out of a military pension file.	<b>F-105 Americans: A Migratory Species</b> <i>William B. Saxbe Jr, CG, FAGS</i> The Bowen project: why I undertook it, and what I learned/am learning.	<b>F-115 Revolutionary War Records at NJSA</b> <i>Catherine Medich</i> An overview of records available for researching a Revolutionary War soldier in New Jersey.
<b>Methodology</b>	<b>F-95 Inferential Genealogy: Deducing Ancestors' Identities Indirectly</b> <i>Dr. Thomas Jones, CG, CGL, FAGS</i> This session will show and explain how family historians can accurately deduce their ancestors' identities in genealogical records.	<b>F-106 Where Do I Go from Here?</b> <i>Pamela K. Boyer, CG, CGL</i> Learn how to find biographical and historical information using online and traditional sources.	<b>F-116 Tracing your Polish American Roots using National, Regional and Local archives both in America and Europe</b> <i>Paul Valasek, DDS</i> Emphasis is placed on alternative sources of information and how to use materials even if not fluent in another language.
<b>Great Britain/ Ireland</b>	<b>F-96 Matchmaking and Marriage Customs in 19<sup>th</sup> Century Ireland</b> <i>Sean O'Duill</i> Extracts in children's own voices describing matchmaking, marriage customs and dowry arrangements in 19 <sup>th</sup> century Ireland.	<b>F-107 An Overview of Genealogical Sources at the National Archives of Ireland</b> <i>Gregory O'Connor</i> In order to research Irish ancestry it is vital to acquire some knowledge of the genealogical holdings at the Irish National Archives.	<b>F-117 First Names in Family History - Forgotten Naming Practices</b> <i>George Redmonds, BA, PhD</i> Find out more about the genealogical implications of your ancestors' first names.
<b>Federal</b>	<b>F-97 The INS in Philadelphia</b> <i>Patrick Connelly, MA</i> The discussion will focus on the activities of the Immigration and Naturalization Service's Philadelphia regional office using records from the holdings of the National Archives.	<b>F-108 Women in Revolutionary War Era Records</b> <i>Constance Potter</i> How to find Federal records women in pension files, Papers of the Continental Congress, American State Papers, 1840 census of pensioners, and compiled military service records.	<b>F-118 Carriers of News and Knowledge: Post Office Records</b> <i>Julie Miller, CG</i> This lecture will discuss what records are available, what they contain, and how to access these underutilized records.
<b>Court</b>	<b>F-98 Unusual Ohio Courthouse Records</b> <i>Jana Sloan Broglin, CG</i> From "non-consent" notes to auctioneer licenses, learn some of the more unusual records in the state of Ohio.	<b>F-109 Wills &amp; Probate Will Be the Death of Me</b> <i>Angela McComas</i> Learn how to find indexes of courthouse records, microfilmed records and how to read a will.	<b>F-119 The Courthouse Burned!: Alternate Approaches &amp; Treasures</b> <i>Wendy Bebout Elliott, PhD, FUGA</i> This talk discusses a variety of sources to document family history when courthouse records are no longer available for research.
<b>Technology</b>	<b>F-99 Kicking the Tires of Popular Genealogy Software: Which to Get?</b> <i>Drew Smith, MLS</i> Whether you're deciding on your first genealogy software, or thinking of switching, you'll want to hear the pluses and minuses.	<b>F-110 Plot Your Ancestors Using Google Earth</b> <i>Connie Reik, MSL, MA</i> Learn how to search, view and plot your ancestors' lives, settlements, and migrations; superimpose historic maps over current places.	<b>F-120 Using the National Archives (UK) Online and Onsite</b> <i>Roger Kershaw</i> The National Archives, which covers England, Wales and the United Kingdom, spans an unbroken period from the 11 <sup>th</sup> century.
<b>People and Places</b>	<b>F-100 Compare and Contrast: Researching Mid-Atlantic, Mid-Western, and New England Families and Connections</b> <i>D. Joshua Taylor &amp; Paula Stuart-Warren</i> Two professional genealogists examine methods, sources, for researching.	<b>F-111 Dutch Families in New York</b> <i>Henry Hoff, CG, FAGS</i> Learn how to research the Dutch families of New Jersey and New York, and how to benefit from their genealogically-helpful customs and good recordkeeping.	<b>F-121 Biographies of Pennsylvania Legislators</b> <i>Dr. Craig Horle, Temple University</i> This talk will focus on the methods and techniques of researching the lives of 1,100 17 <sup>th</sup> and 18 <sup>th</sup> century Pennsylvania legislators.
<b>Workshop</b>	<b>F-101 Hands-On Land-Platting Workshop (3 hours)</b> \$35 supply fee. <b>Limited enrollment.</b> Advanced Registration required! <i>Patricia Law Hatcher, FAGS</i> Learn the basics of platting your ancestor's land, building a neighborhood, and placing it on a map.		
<b>12:15-1:45 PM Luncheons</b>			
<b>MENU: Flank Steak with Avocado, Jicama and California Greens Cilantro Lime Vinaigrette, Fresh Berry Torte</b>			
<b>F-122</b> Genealogical Society of New Jersey <b>Domestic Life Was Too Wearisome for Her: A Podcaster's Search for His New Jersey Ancestors</b> <i>Drew Smith</i>	<b>F-123</b> Family History Library <b>FamilySearch - Present and Future</b> <i>Craig H. Miller</i> <b>Current features and future direction of FamilySearch products including new research models and tools in genealogy</b>	<b>F-124</b> Mid-Atlantic Germanic Society <b>Exploring the German "Character"</b> <i>John T. Humphrey</i>	<b>F-125</b> Association of Professional Genealogists <b>Mentoring for Genealogists: Who would benefit and how would it work?</b> <i>Eileen O'Duill</i>

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TRACKS	2:00-3:00 PM	3:30-4:30 PM	5:00-6:00 PM
<b>Pennsylvania</b> <i>Sponsored by Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania</i>	<b>F-126 Mov'n &amp; Work'n: African American Migration Patterns and Employment Opportunities in Pennsylvania, 1900-30</b> <i>Tim Pinnick</i> Take a journey through the Special Reports conducted by the Bureau of the Census.	<b>F-136 Case Study: Tracing Welsh Immigrants in Pennsylvania</b> <i>Rick Crume</i> This case study will show you how to use newspapers, local histories, naturalization records and online databases to identify your immigrant ancestor's hometown in Wales.	<b>F-145 Pennsylvania Miners</b> <i>Mary Louise Fitzpatrick</i> Learn about using federal, state, and local records from the mid-19 <sup>th</sup> to early-20 <sup>th</sup> centuries to discover your Pennsylvania miner ancestor.
<b>New Jersey/ Delaware</b>	<b>F-127 Pre-Penn Settlements on the Delaware</b> <i>Dr. Peter S. Craig, FASG</i> This talk focuses on the Swedish, Dutch and English settlers of the "South" (Delaware) River, 1638-1682.	<b>F-137 Using the NJ Room at the Alexander Library- Rutgers University</b> <i>Michelle Chubenko</i> An overview of the genealogical resources held within Special Collections and University Archives.	<b>F-146 PARIS: NJ Archives Special Collection- Changing Public Access to Historical and Genealogical Records</b> <i>Sean Curry</i> This talk will focus on the PARIS database.
<b>DNA</b> <i>Sponsored by DNA Ancestry</i>	<b>F-128 I Had My DNA Tested-Now What?</b> <i>Ugo Perego, MSC</i> A detailed overview of online and printed resources available to those that wish to get the most out of their DNA results.	<b>F-138 Beyond Y-DNA: Your Genetic Genealogy Options</b> <i>Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak</i> Surname studies using Y-DNA tests are a popular and obvious application of genetic testing for genealogical purposes.	<b>F-147 Using DNA to Supplement Your Family History Research</b> <i>Janet A. Alpert</i> How DNA is used along with traditional genealogical research and some surprises revealed in the DNA.
<b>Military</b>	<b>F-129 Researching Naval Service in the War of 1812</b> <i>John Deeben</i> Service of Naval and Marine Corps personnel in the War of 1812, pertinent published resources and finding aids.	<b>F-139 Overlooked Revolutionary War Records at the National Archives</b> <i>Marie Varrelman Melchiori, CG, CGL</i> It's time to look at some of the lesser used Special Numbered records and the Papers of the Continental Congress at NARA.	<b>F-148 Tracing the Irish in the American Civil War</b> <i>Dennis J. Ahern</i> Archival and published sources at the National Archives, Library of Congress and elsewhere may hold vital clues to identify Irish locations.
<b>Methodology</b>	<b>F-130 Mid-Continent Public Library Genealogy Center--New and Improved!</b> <i>Angela McComas</i> This session will take the participant on a virtual tour of the building, highlighting the many resources available.	<b>F-140 Women and the Law: Researching Our Female Ancestors</b> <i>Diane V. Gagel, MA</i> Tracing our foremothers can be difficult—knowing the laws can provide information and clues about our female ancestors.	<b>F-149 Playing Hide and Seek in the US Census</b> <i>Steve Morse</i> This talk describes the One-Step tools developed for simplifying census searches, shows how the tools can be used in with each other.
<b>Great Britain/Ireland</b>	<b>F-131 Emigration Schemes from the UK to North America</b> <i>Roger Kershaw</i> The bulk of migration across the Atlantic related to free emigrants. With the discovery of the Americas many people seized the opportunity to seek wealth. <b>Sponsored by findmypast.com</b>	<b>F-141 Researching in Ireland: Planning is the Key to Success</b> <i>Eileen O' Duill, CG</i> This "insider's guide" to repositories and resources in Ireland will map out an effective research strategy and avoid the most commonly made mistakes.	<b>F-150 Sources for Family History at the National Archives UK</b> <i>Dr. Christopher Watts, BS, PhD, FSG</i> In this talk a brief survey will be made of the some of the material of significance to the family historian. <b>Sponsored by findmypast.com</b>
<b>Federal</b>	<b>F-132 Overlooked Census Data: Reading Those Orphan Columns</b> <i>Carolyn Earle Billingsley, PhD</i> Genealogists tend to read census returns for names, relationships, etc. There are many columns of information that are overlooked, and which can be useful.	<b>F-142 All that Other Stuff! Enumerations Beyond the Federal Census Records</b> <i>Curt B. Witcher, MLS, FUGA</i> This presentation will identify and discuss numerous other enumerations that can be most beneficial to genealogists.	<b>F-151 Mrs. Kaney and the Philadelphia Immigration Business, ca. 1882-1909</b> <i>Marian Smith</i> The U.S. immigration process and procedure at the port of Philadelphia from the early 1880s to the years before World War I. <b>James Dent Walker Memorial Lecture</b>
<b>Special Situations</b>	<b>F-133 Finding the Dragon's Gold: Archives and Other Sources in Wales</b> <i>Andy Boyt</i> This lecture will focus on the genealogical resources available in Wales.	<b>F-143 Grandpa Did What?! Dealing with Family Skeletons and Stories</b> <i>Christine Crawford-Oppenheimer, MLS</i> Learn about the types of unpleasant information researchers may find, how it can be useful, and how to deal with such finds.	<b>F-152 Leaping to Erroneous Conclusions</b> <i>Christine Rose</i> How many times have we looked at a record and instantly judged what it said and wondered why it doesn't mesh? We'll examine a number of ways how we can go wrong.
<b>People and Places</b>	<b>F-134 Hidden Treasures: The Pennsylvania Folklife Society Collection at Ursinus College</b> <i>Diane Skorina</i> Lecture will focus on the materials found in the PA Folklife Society Collection.	<b>F-144 Margaret's Baby's Father and the Lessons He Taught Me</b> <i>Elizabeth Shown Mills, CG, CGL, FASG</i> In eight lessons, Mills shows us how to overcome illegitimacy, name changes, record destruction and others.	<b>F-153 Using Southern Manuscripts to Find Pennsylvania Ancestors</b> <i>J. Mark Lowe</i> Thousands of wonderful stories and records are preserved in the Southern states of Pennsylvania people who went there.
<b>Workshop</b>	<b>F-135 Photography Workshop (2 hours)</b> \$15 supply fee. <b>Limited enrollment.</b> Advanced Registration required! <i>Maureen Taylor</i> Got a question about a family photograph? This workshop covers both identification and preservation of family pictures.		

### 6:30-7:00 PM Cash Bar & Reception

MENU: Mixed Greens with Sun Dried Cherries, Toasted Sunflower Seeds, Crumbled Blue Cheese Balsamic Dijon Vinaigrette, Chicken Breast Stuffed with Boursin and Spinach, Roasted Fingerling Potatoes, Chef's Choice Seasonal Vegetable Medley, Tiramisu

### 7:00-9:00 PM F-155 Taking Bigger Steps *Chris Haley* -

Haley promises that his talk will "share a bit of motivation, encouragement, sage sayings from others who have preceded us, insight as to my own genealogical experiences, the legacy of my uncle's work and the Haley name." You will leave wanting to go stronger, bolder and deeper into your search for uncovering and building your family.

# 2008 Conference – Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup>

TRACKS	8:00-9:00 AM	9:30-10:30 AM	11:00 AM – 12 noon
<b>Philadelphia Specific</b>	<b>S-156 Property Research in Philadelphia</b> <i>Jefferson M. Moak</i> An explanation and guide to researching deeds and other original records relating to property in Philadelphia.	<b>S-167 GAR Civil War Museum in Philadelphia, PA</b> <i>Dr. Andy Waskie</i> The Grand Army of the Republic played a considerable role in post-war America; special emphasis on Philadelphia's role in the GAR.	<b>S-177 Philadelphia City Directories: A Substitute for Missing Tax Records</b> <i>Susan Koelble, CG</i> Directories can be used to solve research problems such as location, family relationships, occupation and approximate year of death.
<b>African American</b>	<b>S-157 Cluster Genealogy Research: Finding Your Lost Ancestor</b> <i>Deborah A. Abbott, PhD</i> How to identify clues, develop techniques and strategies that help increase the chances of locating that long lost ancestor.	<b>S-168 Internet Sources for Black Research</b> <i>Tony Burroughs, FUGA</i> The web changes everyday, creating many new sources and hidden gems for African American genealogy and history.	<b>S-178 The WWI Draft Card: Don't Do African American Research Without It!</b> <i>Tim Pinnick</i> WWI registration records are a valuable source of information for researchers, including African Americans.
<b>New York</b>	<b>S-158 Vital Records at the New York City Municipal Archives</b> <i>Debra Braverman, CG</i> This lecture gives a brief history of the growth of NYC and describes how to use records and information.	<b>S-169 New York Vital Record Substitutes</b> <i>Henry Hoff, CG, FASG</i> Statewide vital records in New York do not begin until 1880. However, there are various sources, some unique to New York, that can be used in place of vital records.	<b>S-179 Navigating the New York Census with Fewer Tears</b> <i>Steve Morse</i> This talk shows how difficult it is to search through the NY censuses, and presents some One-Step tools to simplify the searches.
<b>Great Britain/Ireland</b>	<b>S-159 The Language Your Ancestors Spoke: Appreciating Irish Gaelic</b> <i>Sean O'Duill</i> Many Irish emigrants corresponded with the family at home in their native tongue.	<b>S-170 Child Migrants to North America</b> <i>Roger Kershaw</i> British child emigration schemes operated from 1618 to 1967. Child emigration peaked from the 1870s until 1914.	<b>S-180 Lesser-known Genealogical Sources at the National Archives of Ireland</b> <i>Gregory O'Connor</i> Describes the contents of these "hidden treasures" and suggest how such records can enhance the information available.
<b>Technology</b>	<b>S-160 Google's Not The Only Game In Town</b> <i>Julie Miller, CG</i> Learn about the different types of search engines available and how to select the right search engine for your needs.	<b>S-171 FamilySearch.com - Leading Publisher of Free Genealogical Information</b> <i>Bill Mangum</i> Learn how the largest free genealogy website is making records available to the public.	<b>S-181 Revolutionary War Records Online: Tracing Patriot and Loyalist Roots</b> <i>Rick Crume</i> Here you'll learn the best resources for researching Patriot and Loyalist ancestors.
<b>German</b>	<b>S-161 Hessian Soldiers</b> <i>Bruce Burgoyne</i> This lecture will focus on Hessian contribution to the British effort to put down the rebellion.	<b>S-172 Using German Church Records</b> <i>Dr. Michael D. Lacopo</i> Your lecturer will show examples of German church records, how to decipher them and how to overcome the fear of German script.	<b>S-182 Contrasting German Migrations: 18<sup>th</sup> vs. 19<sup>th</sup> Century Waves</b> <i>James M. Beidler</i> Differences in geography, economic class, religion, and aspirations of the two great waves of German immigration, plus sources.
<b>Methodology</b>	<b>S-162 Butcher, Baker, Candlestick Maker: Using Occupational Records</b> <i>Amy Johnson Crow, CG</i> No matter what line of work they followed our ancestors' occupational records can be goldmines of information.	<b>S-173 NUCMC &amp; Its Cousins: Keys to Lost Ancestral Records</b> <i>Paula Stuart-Warren, CG</i> The National Union Catalog of Manuscripts collection is a cooperative catalog program operated by the Library of Congress.	<b>S-183 Along Party Lines: Tracing Your Ancestors' Political Affiliation</b> <i>D. Joshua Taylor</i> From initial settlement to the early twentieth century, political parties have a major impact in our ancestors' lives.
<b>Land</b>	<b>S-163 Location, Location, Location--Using Land Records to Trace Family History</b> <i>Angela McComas</i> This lecture will explore how to locate records through courthouses, state archives, online records and microform.	<b>S-174 Survey First, Settle Later: A Discussion of the Public Lands Survey System From Its Origins in New England</b> <i>Roberta "Bobbi" King</i> At Pennsylvania's western boundary, the seminal Point of Beginning marked the origin of a great public lands survey: the Rectangular Survey Sys.	<b>S-184 Looking at Land Through Different Records</b> <i>Janet A. Alpert</i> This session will use several examples and show the additional information that is obtained by looking at each of these records about the land from several different views.
<b>People and Places</b>	<b>S-164 Is There a Black Sheep in Your Family? Records Relating to Federal Pardons</b> <i>Marie Varrelman Melchiori, CG, CGL</i> The Office of the Pardon Attorney files (RG 204) and also the State Department (RG 59). These files cover a time frame 1789 to 1946.	<b>S-175 Road Crews and Jury Selection: Finding an Ancestor Without a Census</b> <i>J. Mark Lowe, CG, FUGA</i> Our ancestors were expected to be good citizens. Court Minutes can identify where and when our ancestors participated in the community.	<b>S-185 Beyond Population Schedules</b> <i>Julie Miller, CG</i> Learn about the different types of US census records and to use the records to advance and enhance your research.
<b>Genealogical Speakers Guild</b>	<b>S-165 Why is My Calendar Empty?</b> <i>Nancy Waters Lauer</i> Experience how Six Sigma methodologies can improve your genealogical-focus business to improve customer satisfaction, reduce error, and improve your profit.	<b>S-176 Dress for Success and Your Audience</b> <i>Carrie Ann Cook</i> Set the stage for a successful lecture. In addition to a spectacular presentation, make your audience comfortable by adapting your image to your audience.	<b>S-186 Meeting + Speaker = Success</b> <i>Jana Sloan Broglin, CG</i> Having a speaker is more than just "asking." Learn the proper procedure for attracting, hiring, meeting, and "housing" a speaker for a society's event.
<b>Workshop</b>	<b>S-166 Hands-On Land-Platting Workshop (3 hours)</b> \$35 supply fee. <b>Limited enrollment.</b> Advanced Registration required! <i>Patricia Law Hatcher, FASG</i> Learn the basics of platting your ancestor's land, building a neighborhood, and placing it on a map.		

## 12:15-1:45 PM Luncheons

MENU: Leaf Lettuce with Garden Vegetables with a Red Wine Vinaigrette and Roasted Boneless Chicken Breast with an Apple Demi Glaze, Corn Bread Stuffing, Seasonal Vegetables, Swirled Cheesecake with a Rich Chocolate Sauce

<b>S-187 National Genealogical Society Building a Nation: Trails South and West</b> <i>Barbara Vines Little, CG</i>	<b>S-188 The American Society of Genealogists</b>	<b>S-189 International Commission for the Accreditation of Professional Genealogists A New Way to Test Your Research Savvy</b> <i>Karen Clifford and Anne Leptich</i>	<b>S-190 International Society for British Genealogy and Family History Lest We Forget: Remembering the Stories of Britains Soldiers</b> <i>Paul Milner</i>
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TRACKS	2:00-3:00 PM	3:30-4:30 PM	5:00-6:00 PM
<b>Pennsylvania</b>	<b>S-191 Wanted: More Published Resources</b> <i>Richard L. Lindberg, BA, ThM, MSL</i> This session will address the need to undertake more projects to index, abstract and publish local records.	<b>S-201 Researching Pennsylvania's Civil War Conscientious Objectors</b> <i>Jonathan Stayer</i> Learn how to identify conscientious objectors during the conflict and how to locate records relating to them.	<b>S-211 Emigration out of Pennsylvania</b> <i>George K. Schweitzer, PhD, ScD</i> This lecture will focus on the major areas of the U.S. which were settled out of Pennsylvania.
<b>Seafaring</b>	<b>S-192 Protecting American Mariners Abroad: Seamen's Protection Certificates, 1792-1869</b> <i>John P. Deeben</i> The use of seamen's protection certificates, the historical and legislative background, and how they provide information for modern researchers.	<b>S-202 Tracing Births and Deaths at Sea on British and Colonial-Registered Merchant Ships</b> <i>Dr. Christopher T. Watts, BS, FSG</i> The procedures, required by British law, for recording births and deaths at sea and the resulting records.	<b>S-212 Finding Buried Treasure in the Published Pennsylvania Archives</b> <i>Elissa Powell, CG</i> Understanding how to access this ten-series most valuable research tool for pre-1850 records is key to success in finding your early Pennsylvania ancestor.  <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Sponsored by Footnote.com</b></p>
<b>Cultural</b>	<b>S-193 Life in a Mine Patch</b> <i>Mary Louise Fitzpatrick</i> A look at everyday life in 19th century northeastern Pennsylvania mining villages.	<b>S-203 Melungeons and Other Mixed Race Groups</b> <i>Carolyn Earle Billingsley, PhD</i> This lecture sheds light on groups of people like Melungeons, who illustrate the complexity of researching based on an assumption of race.	<b>S-213 Plague in Arlington, MA: Influenza 1918</b> <i>Dennis Ahern</i> This lecture will discuss the influenza outbreak in one Massachusetts town and the records generated by it.
<b>Military</b>	<b>S-194 But Grandma Never Carried a Gun: Locating Women Using Records Created by the Military</b> <i>Marie Varrelman Melchiori, CG, CGL</i> There were many different ways women could have interacted with the military organization of the United States.	<b>S-204 Looking for the "Whites of Their Eyes": Online Sites for Revolutionary War Data and Research</b> <i>Curt B. Witcher, MLS, FUGA</i> This presentation will provide an overview of some key websites.	<b>S-214 I Was a Veteran Between the Big Wars</b> <i>Christine Rose</i> The time period between the Revolutionary War and Civil War generated the most useful military records. Once understood they'll help solve many genealogical problems.
<b>Technology</b>	<b>S-195 More than Basic PowerPoint®</b> <i>Pamela K. Boyer, CG, CGL</i> Learn how to wow audiences at your next family reunion or professional presentation with some of the "gee-whiz" features of Microsoft PowerPoint®.	<b>S-205 Using Palm OS PDAs for Genealogy</b> <i>Drew Smith, MLS</i> Whatever you call them, they allow you to carry your genealogy around without the size, weight, and cost of a laptop computer. Learn what they can do for your genealogical research.	<b>S-215 Digging Your Ancestors Out of American State Papers &amp; The U.S. Serial Set: How to Use the Online &amp; Print Indexes</b> <i>Connie Reik, MSL, MA</i> What is the <i>Serial Set</i> and what will you find there? Learn how to search these resources efficiently for maximum results.
<b>European</b>	<b>S-196 Czech and Slovak Research</b> <i>Paul Valasek, DDS</i> Discussion on how to research one's ancestors who originated from what became Czechoslovakia and are today, the Czech and Slovak Republics.	<b>S-206 5 Proven Techniques to Find Your Ancestor's European Roots</b> <i>Dr. Thomas Jones, CG, CGL, FASG</i> This session explains three major challenges in learning European ancestral origins.	<b>S-216 The Changing Face of Central &amp; Eastern Europe</b> <i>Gary Mokotoff</i> Town name and boundary changes of Central and Eastern Europe that have created the challenge to genealogists to locate towns of ancestry.
<b>People and Places</b>	<b>S-197 Homestead Records: A Day in the Life of Your Ancestor</b> <i>Roberta "Bobbi" King</i> "Sod house 12 x 12 feet, frame roof." Where will you find such rich detail about the daily life of your ancestor? In the homestead records.	<b>S-207 Scottish Emigration to North America: Before, During and After</b> <i>Paul Milner</i> Learn where the emigrants settled, what records they created and what tools are available for tracing your Scottish ancestors.	<b>S-217 Scotland Research, Hither &amp; Yon (Here &amp; There)</b> <i>Lisa Ilowite</i> Learn the basics of researching Scotland's records, both online and onsite.
<b>Court</b>	<b>S-198 The Role of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Genealogist in International Legal and Probate Research</b> <i>Eileen O'Duill, CG</i> The role of a genealogist in legal research particularly in probate cases will be explored in this lecture.	<b>S-208 Being of Sound Mind: Understanding the Probate Process</b> <i>Sharon Tate Moody, CG</i> Discussion of various aspects of the probate process—from probate of the will to support of the widow and guardianship of children to inventories, appraisals and legal challenges.	<b>S-218 But the Courthouse Is 400 Miles Away! Accessing County Records from Afar</b> <i>Christine Crawford-Oppeneheimer</i> Learn why county records are useful, how to get copies of vital, probate, and land records from home, and alternate sources for accessing the information in them.
<b>Children</b>	<b>S-199 "Is My Pet Frog Part of My Family?" Children and Genealogy in the Classroom</b> <i>Maureen Taylor</i> Grab the attention of kids and keep it with a series of multi-cultural genealogical activities developed for use in and out of the classroom.	<b>S-209 Using the Census in the Classroom</b> <i>Patrick Connelly</i> The US Census can be a great teaching tool. Learn how to use census records as a teaching tool.	<b>S-219 Share the Wealth: Teaching Genealogical Standards to Youth</b> <i>D. Joshua Taylor</i> Learn how to share standards such as citing sources, library etiquette, and other resource methods with the younger generation.
<b>Genealogical Speakers Guild</b>	<b>S-200 Keep the Message Consistent—Deliver from Proposal to Syllabus to Presentation</b> <i>Diana Crisman Smith</i> Your proposal needs to catch the eye of the program committee. Learn tips to capture the essence without giving away the farm.	<b>S-210 Expand Your Revenue: Produce and Sell Your Lectures in Video Format</b> <i>Donna M. Moughly</i> Most speakers have embraced technology and now present using their computer and digital projector. This lecture will show you how to expand your revenue.	<b>S-220 Making Graphics Count In Your Presentation</b> <i>Debby Horton</i> Graphics can make or break a presentation. Deciding what, where, when, why and how to include graphics as important as words in both visual presentations and handouts.

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## Conference Speakers

**Abbott, Deborah A.**, PhD, president of the African-American Genealogical Society, Cleveland, Ohio.

**Ahern, Dennis**, began researching genealogy and local history in 1991 and has lectured on a variety of subjects in Ireland, Canada and New England.

**Alpert, Janet A.**, president of the National Genealogical Society. She has been doing family history research for more than twenty-five years with an emphasis on New England, New York and the Midwest.

**Arnold, Lee A.**, librarian with the Historical Society of Pennsylvania.

**Baker, Richard L.**, MA, has a life-long interest in military history. He is currently a research historian with the US Army Military History Institute.

**Banerjee, Virginia**, professional genealogist with forty years research experience, teaches, lectures and has been published by several genealogical societies.

**Beidler, James M.**, FGS vice president of Development and writes the weekly newspaper column, "Roots & Branches."

**Billingsley, Carolyn Earle**, PhD, coordinator for Course 3 (Research in the South) at Samford's IGHR, lecturer, teacher, and writer; author of *Community of Kinship: Antebellum Families and the Settlement of the Cotton Frontier*.

**Boyer, Pamela K.**, CG, CGL, FGS FORUM Digitools columnist, co-author of *Online Roots and Research in Missouri*, and NGS board member, is an instructor at Samford University's IGHR and a frequent lecturer nationwide. She is a former FGS director and past editor of the *Association of Professional Genealogists Quarterly*.

**Boyt, Andy**, lives in Carmarthen, West Wales. He is responsible for coordinating their huge Parish Register and census transcription program.

**Braverman, Debra**, professional genealogist in New York City, specializing in estate work and New York City records.

**Broglin, Jana Sloan**, CG, NGS, OGS, APG, GSG and ISFHWE, vice president of Membership, FGS, Ohio Genealogical Society trustee.

**Brown, Casandra**, a frequent presenter for African-American Genealogical Society of Cleveland and a volunteer at the Westlake (Ohio) Family History Center and the Western Reserve Historical Society.

**Burgoyne, Bruce**, a world renowned expert on the German Auxiliary Troops-the Hessians.

**Burroughs, Tony**, FUGA Authored *Black Roots*, appeared in *Real Family of Jesus*; *African American Lives*, *Oprah's Roots*, & received *Distinguished Service Award* from NGS.

**Caplan, Judith Shulamith Langer-Surnamer**, a rabbi's daughter, writer, former teacher, and *Up,Roots!* research founder, is a NYC-LI area professional genealogist. Judi is also editor of the *LitvakSIG Online Journal*.

**Chubenko, Michelle**, trustee of the Genealogical Society of New Jersey.

**Clifford, Karen A.**, AG, FUGA, Testing Chair of ICAPGen, President of Genealogy Research Associates, Inc., author of *The Complete Beginner's Guide to Genealogy*, *The Internet and Your Genealogy Computer Program*, and *Becoming and Accredited Genealogist*.

**Connelly, Patrick**, BA, MA, archivist with the National Archives Northeast Region, New York City, where he specializes in 19<sup>th</sup> century Federal records.

**Cook, Carrie Ann**, vice president and webmaster of Gregath Publishing Company.

**Cooke, Lisa L.**, video producer and hostess of the Genealogy Gems Podcast *www.GenealogyGems.TV*, author of the book *Genealogy Gems: Ultimate Research Strategies*.

**Cooper, Dr. Constance, J.**, director of Library and Archives at the Delaware Historical Society in Wilmington and has been studying, writing, and speaking about Delaware history and genealogy for nearly thirty years.

**Craig, Dr. Peter Stebbins**, FASG, is the recognized authority on early settlers on the Delaware.

**Crawford-Oppenheimer, Christine**, librarian, archivist, author, speaker. Publications include a book, *Long-Distance Genealogy*, and articles in national and regional periodicals.

**Crow, Amy Johnson**, CG, author, editor, and lecturer. The creator of Deaf Biographies.com and co-author of *Online Roots*. She is president of ISFHWE and third vice president and webmaster of the Ohio Genealogical Society.

**Crume, Rick**, writes about computers and the Internet for *Family Tree Magazine*, *Family Chronicle* and *Internet Genealogy*.

**Curry, Sean A.**, South Jersey Records Management liaison within the Public Archives and Records Infrastructure Support (PARIS) grant program administered by NJDARM from Rutgers College, also past trustee of the GSNJ.

**Davis, Damani K.**, works at the National Archives and Records Administration.

**Deeben, John P.**, genealogy archives specialist with the Researchsupport Branch of the National Archives and Records Administration.

**Devine, Donn**, CG, CGL, JD, genealogical consultant, attorney, and part-time archivist, administers the Devine and Baldwin DNA surname projects. Past BCG trustee, an NGS director, and now chairs the NGS Standards Committee.

**Elliott, Wendy Bebout**, PhD, FUGA, FGS president, US History, university professor, authored five chapters in *Red Book*.

**Fitzpatrick, Mary Louise**, is a professional genealogist who lives in the Philadelphia area where she researches, writes, and lectures.

**Freilich, Kay Haviland**, CG, CGL, author of *Research in Pennsylvania*, trustee of the BCG Education Fund, and former BCG president.

**Gagel, Diane V.**, MA, college instructor, author of three books, and past president of the Ohio Genealogical Society.

**Graham, Christine**, teaches college English and writes children's books. She makes traditional clear toy candy every Christmas, just as her Scottish immigrant ancestor did.

**Graham, Fred**, has worked for the Family and Church History Department for twenty-eight years. He is currently an instructional designer in the Worldwide Support Division.

**Hatcher, Patricia Law**, FASG, author of *Locating Your Roots, Discover Your Ancestors Using Land Records* and is editor of the *Pennsylvania Genealogical Magazine*.

**Hoff, Henry B.**, CG, FASG, editor of *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register*. For fifteen years he was editor or consulting editor of *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*.

**Horle, Craig**, PhD., former associate editor of the *Papers of William Penn*, co-founder and chief editor of *The Biographical Dictionary of Pennsylvania Legislators*.

**Horton, Debby**, owns and operates Connect-Your-Dots (a genealogical services company).

**Huber, Leslie Albrecht**, genealogical freelance writer and speaker. Her articles have appeared in over twenty magazines and journals.

**Humphrey, John T.**, current president of the Mid-Atlantic Germanic Society; he has written numerous books and articles and lectures widely.

**Ilowite, Lisa**, MBA, research scientist and applies those skills to genealogy. Her research interests are Pennsylvania and social family history.

**Jones, Dr. Thomas**, CG, CGL, FASG, edits the *NGS Quarterly*. His lectures focus on research methods applying across geographic areas and time periods.

**Kaufman, Susan D.**, MLS, manager of the Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research, Houston Public Library, Houston, TX, genealogy librarian for twenty years and FGS director and member of the Conference Planning Committee.

**Kershaw, Roger**, joined The National Archives (TNA), formerly Public Record Office, in 1986 and is now the head of Records Knowledge for the Advice and Records Knowledge Department.

**King, Roberta "Bobbi"**, *APG Quarterly* columnist, published numerous articles in local publications, and *NGS Newsmagazine* and *FGS FORUM*.

**Klett, Joseph R.**, chief of the New Jersey State Archives in Trenton, NJ. In 2003, he launched the expansion of the Archives' website to include its catalog, imaged collections, searchable databases and documentary treasures.

**Koelble, Susan**, CG, professional researcher, author, and lecturer. She is co-owner of the Genealogical Publishing Company, Bare Roots Publishing.

**Lacopo, Dr. Michael D.**, small-animal veterinarian, takes a scientific approach to his research like he does to his trained profession. He has written or co-written several single name studies since 1985.

**Lauer, Nancy Waters**, researcher, lecturer, college instructor, and award-winning author.

**Leptich, Anne**, AG, Chair of ICAPGen, accredited in Midwestern States, Past Director and Board Member of FGS, Past officer of The Genealogical Forum of Oregon, frequent teacher, speaker and volunteer in the genealogical community.

**Lindberg, Richard L.**, MLS, a native Pennsylvanian. He is the Genealogy/Local History librarian at the State Library of Pennsylvania.

**Little, Barbara Vines**, CG, a professional genealogist whose primary interest is in colonial research and brick wall problems.

**Lowe, J. Mark**, CG, FUGA, professional researcher, IGHR instructor, and RIGSA director who researches original records and manuscripts.

**Maness, Ruth Ellen**, AG, Manager Scandinavian/Hispanic Reference Unit FHL; Co-author of *Passport to Paradise* series.

**Mangum, Bill**, with FamilySearch for over five years working with product management to provide tools for those doing their own family history work.

**McComas, Angela**, researcher and teacher at the Midwest Genealogy Center in Independence, MO. She is a published author. Her website is *kgenealogy.com*.

**Medich, Catherine Stearns**, reference archivist at the New Jersey State Archives and has been at the State Archives for ten years.

**Melchiori, Marie Varrelman**, CG, CGL, has lectured on military records in the National Archives since 1988. She was the assistant director of NIGR, 1987-2002 and a BCG trustee 2000-2006.

**Meyerink, Kory L.**, AG, full-time researcher, with twenty-five years experience. He is accredited in four areas, including Germany, and was the editor and primary author of *Ancestry's* major reference book, *Printed Sources*.

**Miller, Craig**, currently serves as Director of Member Needs for the Family History Department of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

**Miller, Donna**, has worked closely with the family history center program during her twenty-one years in the Family and Church History Department.

**Miller, Julie**, CG, professional researcher, lecturer, and columnist. She is a member of the NGS and APG board of directors.

## Conference Speakers

**Mills, Elizabeth Shown**, CG, CGL, FASG, known for her development of problem-solving methodology and her packed lectures at national conferences. Editor of *NGSQ* for sixteen years, she is a past president of BCG and ASG.

**Milner, Paul**, native of northern England, a regular speaker at national and regional conferences specializing in British Isles research and is the Book Review Editor of the FGS FORUM.

**Moak, Jefferson M.**, has been an archivist in Philadelphia for twenty years—thirteen with the Philadelphia City Archives and the last seven with NARA's Mid-Atlantic Region.

**Mokotoff, Gary**, author and lecturer in Jewish genealogy. He is the first person to receive the Lifetime Achievement Award of the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies.

**Moody, Sharon Tate**, CG, writes a column for the *Tampa Tribune*. She is past president of the Association of Professional Genealogists.

**Morse, Steve**, his One-Step website has attracted attention worldwide. He has received both the Outstanding Contribution Award and Lifetime Achievement Award from the IAJGS for his work.

**Moss, Fred**, LL.M., JD, advisor to the FGS board on legal and technological matters, member of the NGS Genealogical Standards Committee.

**Moughty, Donna M.**, professional genealogist and former regional manager for a national technology company.

**Murray, Joan Kitchen**, active in genealogy for twenty-three years. She has served on the boards of three genealogical societies and has been a volunteer at the National Archives for sixteen years in addition to lecturing in the Midwest.

**Nielsen, Cat**, has over thirty years of experience in genealogical research in the US, Canada, Great Britain, and Denmark.

**O'Connor, Gregory**, has worked at the National Archives of Ireland since 1989. He has had responsibilities in the areas of accessioning, arranging and describing legal records taken in from Court Offices, Solicitor's (Attorney's) Offices and from private individuals.

**O'Duill, Eileen**, CG, APG in Ireland, past international trustee for Britain and Ireland of APG (USA), is a Dublin based genealogist.

**O'Duill, Sean**, teaches in St. Declan's College, Dublin, and has published several articles in Irish and English on Irish folklore.

**Papenfuse, Dr. Edward C.**, has held the positions of Maryland State Archivist and Commissioner of Land Patents since 1975.

**Perego, Ugo**, director of operations at the Sorenson Molecular Genealogy Foundation in Salt Lake City, Utah, and a PhD student in Human Genetics at the University of Pavia, Italy.

**Pinnick, Tim**, researcher, author, lecturer, and family historian with over twenty years research experience, including all major US repositories.

**Potter, Constance**, works at the National Archives and Records Administration.

**Powell, Elissa Scalise**, CG, a western Pennsylvania researcher, is the Professional Genealogy Course coordinator at IGHR. She is a trustee for BCG and their Exhibit Booth coordinator.

**Redmonds, George**, BA, PhD, specializes in names research. He is the author of numerous books and articles and has lectured worldwide on the subject.

**Reik, Connie**, MSL, MA, vice president of the Massachusetts Society of Genealogists, and works at the Tisch Library at Tufts University as Government Publications coordinator and reference librarian.

**Rice, Beverly**, CG, has owned and managed her own business for over twenty-five years. She is a lecturer and speaker on topics related to methodology, migration, women and the western experience.

**Ries, Linda A.**, currently Head of the History and Archival Programs Section of the Pennsylvania State Archives.

**Rose, Christine**, CG, CGL, FASG, full-time professional genealogist, author, lecturer, columnist, past vice president of the Association of Professional Genealogists, author of *Courthouse Research for Family Historians*, *Genealogical Proof Standard: Building a Solid Case*, and more.

**Saxbe, William B., Jr.**, CG, FASG, author of numerous publications and speaker at FGS, NGS, and NEHGS conferences. He studies the Bowen family of Rehoboth, MA, and its diaspora.

**Schweitzer, George K.**, holder of three doctorates (history, philosophy, chemistry), lecturer at over 200 conferences, author of 19 genealogical books.

**Skorina, Diane**, MLS, librarian at Ursinus College and is in charge of the portion of the Pennsylvania Folk life Society Archives housed there.

**Smith, Diana Crisman**, director of the Association of Professional Genealogists (APG), chapter representative and webmaster of the Great Lakes Chapter of APG.

**Smith, Drew**, MLS, APG, GSG, ISFHWE, and NGS, University of Southern Florida, Tampa Library librarian, FGS director, *Genealogical Computing* columnist, and technical editor for *How to Do Everything with Your Genealogy*.

**Smith, Marian**, Senior Historian at the US Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security.

**Smolenyak, Megan Smolenyak**, Chief Family historian for Ancestry.com, co-founder of RootsTelevision.com, and co-author of *Trace Your Roots with DNA*.

**Soeffing, D. Albert**, president emeritus of the New York Silver Society and has taught silver appraisal in the New York University Appraisal Studies Program for the past eighteen years.

**Stamm, Patricia Walls**, CG, CGL, researcher, lecturer, and popular St. Louis genealogical instructor. Writes for *Genealogical Computing*, *NGS News Magazine*, and *APG Quarterly*.

**Stayer, Jonathan R.**, head of reference at Pennsylvania State Archives where he has been employed for more than twenty years.

**Stuart-Warren, Paula**, CG, researcher and lecturer in US research, major repositories, course coordinator SLIG, writes for *Ancestry* and other periodicals.

**Summers, Thomas M.**, manager of Outreach Services at the Delaware Public Archives and has been with the Archives for fifteen years.

**Taylor, D. Joshua**, professional genealogical lecturer, and researcher. Research Services Coordinator, NEHGS; Conference Planning Bylaws, and 2009 Conference Committees, FGS Board Member.

**Taylor, Maureen A.**, the Photo Detective. A profile of her work appeared in the *Wall Street Journal* (October 2007).

**Trindle, Cath Madden**, CG, FGS treasurer, bookkeeping consultant for thirty years with San Mateo County, FGS Publication chair and editor for twelve years, and Northern California research specialist.

**Valasek, Paul S.**, three time graduate of Loyola University of Chicago, earning his Doctorate in Dentistry in 1984.

**Waskie, Dr. Anthony**, professor at Temple University and a Civil War historian, published author and extremely active in Civil War history, research and preservation. He is a specialist on the life and career of General George G. Meade, whom he portrays in a "first person" style Living-History performance.

**Watts, Dr. Christopher T.**, BS, FSG, genealogist with almost forty years experience. Works as a reader adviser at the U.K.'s National Archives (TNA).

**White, D. Merrill**, has worked in the Family and Church History Department for eight years and currently serves as a specialist for Family History Consultants in the Family History Library and Joseph Smith Memorial Building.

**White, Rebecca**, BA, senior archaeologist and laboratory supervisor, employed by Hunter Research Inc. in Trenton, NJ.

**Witcher, Curt B.**, MLS, FUGA, department manager for the Genealogy Center of the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, IN.

**Wolfgang, Mel**, owner of *Jonathan Sheppard Books*.

**Young, Steve**, currently Manager, Family History Consultant Services.

## Genealogical Abbreviations Used:

AG <sup>®</sup>	Accredited Genealogist <sup>®</sup>
APG	Association of Professional Genealogists
ASG	American Society of Genealogists
BCG	Board for Certification of Genealogists
BYU	Brigham Young University
CG <sup>SM</sup>	Certified Genealogist <sup>SM</sup>
CGL <sup>SM</sup>	Certified Genealogical Lecturer <sup>SM</sup>
FGS	Federation of Genealogical Societies
FHL	Family History Library
FASG	Fellow, American Society of Genealogists
FUGA	Fellow, Utah Genealogical Association
FSG	Fellow, Society of Genealogists
GSG	Genealogical Speakers Guild
GSNJ	Genealogical Society of New Jersey
IAJGS	International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies
ICAPGen	International Commission for the Accreditation of Professional Genealogists
IGHR	Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research
ISBGFH	International Society for British Genealogy and Family History
ISFHWE	International Society of Family History Writers and Editors
NARA	National Archives and Records Administration
NEHGS	New England Historic Genealogical Society
NGS	National Genealogical Society
NGSQ	National Genealogical Society Quarterly
NIGR	National Institute on Genealogical Research
NJDARM	New Jersey Division of Archives & Records Management
NYG&B	New York Genealogical and Biographical Society
OGS	Ohio Genealogical Society
RIGSA	Regional In-depth Genealogical Studies Alliance
SLIG	Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy

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# Accommodations, Travel, and Other Information

## CONFERENCE SITE AND ACCOMMODATIONS

The Marriott Philadelphia Downtown is the official conference hotel with connecting walkway to the Pennsylvania Convention Center (PCC). The Marriott and PCC are the sites of all the seminars, luncheons and banquets. A block of rooms is being held for FGS at the Marriott Downtown Philadelphia. Be sure to let the hotel know that you are registering for the rooms under the "Federation of Genealogical Societies" contract. Prices do not include room tax. *We suggest that you make your reservations early as the conference hotels frequently fill quickly.*

### Marriott Philadelphia Downtown

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<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/phldt-philadelphia-marriott-downtown/>

### Philadelphia Information:

For complete and up-to-date details to enhance your historic Philadelphia visit, including an official visitor's guide: [www.philadelphiausa.travel](http://www.philadelphiausa.travel)

## TRANSPORTATION

Travel to the Convention Center from the airport, either by taxi or train to the Market East station via Philadelphia's 30<sup>th</sup> Street Station. For driving directions and transportation options:

<http://marriott.com/hotels/maps/travel/phldt-philadelphia-marriott-downtown/>

## PARKING

Many parking facilities are available. The Marriott Hotel offers valet parking for a fee. For a map and list of nearby parking locations:

[www.paconvention.com](http://www.paconvention.com) > Click on **Visitors**

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Ask at Information Center near baggage claim.

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Amtrak offers full service to Philadelphia including their Acela trains. **Use special fair code X74R-931 for a 10% discount.**

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SEPTA offers train service to Philadelphia as well as suburban Delaware Valley locations, including Trenton, NJ, and Wilmington, DE and the airport.

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## QUESTIONS?

Ask away at the conference blog that can be found at [www.fgsconference.org](http://www.fgsconference.org).

## REGISTRATION & INFORMATION

All registrations for the conference (prepaid and walk-in) will be held at the Pennsylvania Convention Center.

Tuesday	3:00 PM - 7:30 PM
Wednesday	6:30 AM - 7:30 PM
Thursday	7:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Friday	7:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Saturday	7:00 AM - 10:00 AM

## CANCELLATION POLICY

All cancellations must be received in the FGS office by fax or e-mail by 3 August 2008 or postmarked by 3 August 2008. Registrants who send cancellations by 3 August 2008 will receive a full refund on all meal functions and their registration fee minus a \$40 nonrefundable administration charge. For cancellations postmarked after 3 August 2008 or for non-attendance, registrants will receive a program syllabus CD.

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## EXHIBIT HALL WILL BE OPEN

Wednesday	6:30 PM - 9:30 PM	(Grand Opening)
Thursday	11:30 AM - 6:30 PM	
Friday	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM	
Saturday	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM	

Click on the link below to get a map of the area including available parking.

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