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Recently Published

Southern California Naturalization Records

The Southern California Genealogical Society announced publication of 4 volumes of immigration and naturalization records. The records are Declarations of Intentions filed in the United States District Court for the Southern District of California, Central Division in Los Angeles. The 4 volumes include: Volume 1: October 4, 1906 through April 3, 1911
Volume 2: April 4, 1911 through January 6, 1914
Volume 3: January 6, 1914 through July 28, 1915
Volume 4: July 28, 1915 through February 3, 1916
The records usually contain name, age, current address, birth date and location, physical description, means of transportation to U.S., and port of entry. The *Immigration and Naturalization Series* is now available for purchase as softbound books or on CD-ROM at: <http://tinyurl.com/c7544u>

Of Interest

New DNA Kit Available

Pathway Genomics announced a new DNA kit for those wanting to test their DNA to find information about their ancestors. Pathway Genomics has hired professional genealogists to correlate the test results with ancestral backgrounds. The company can analyze and classify DNA into more than 1200 maternal and almost 250 paternal haplogroups. Both male and female subjects can have their mtDNA tested to determine the ancestral origin of their maternal line. No male

ancestor can influence this DNA because it is passed unchanged from mother to daughter. Men receive this DNA, but it is never passed on to their offspring. Males can be tested for their Y-DNA markers which they pass on to their male offspring in the Y chromosome. By checking the Y-DNA markers, the origin of the male to male ancestral line can be classified. Comparing it to the markers of known ancestral groups with the same markers, the racial origin of the male ancestral line can be identified. If an exact match is found for either line, the two individuals are almost certain to descend from a common ancestor. There is no way of telling how many generations back the common ancestor would be. The information could be helpful in tracing back to a common ancestor in cases where the records needed are available for research. Matches that are almost the same may also have a common ancestor, but the possibility of proof is remote. However, the company has identified racial groups based on similarity of the DNA markers. The company claims that their DNA testing is ten times more accurate than other DNA tests for genealogy. This means that the origin of an ancestral line identified to be from a racial group by an inferior test can be classified into a subgroup of that group with the Pathways Genomics test. With this information, the company can specify the ethnic group from which the DNA originated and the migration path of that DNA to the subject. The company can also list other individuals who have the same DNA markers and who are related to the subject.

Genealogy Events

The events listed here are some of the major events that may be of interest to our members who may be traveling, vacationing, live nearby, or who may want to attend a special event.

Connecticut Event

Judy Johnson & Elizabeth Abbe will discuss all the resources (both old and new) at the Connecticut Historical Society on April 18 at Hartford, Connecticut. For more information, e-mail: csginc@ctfamilyhistory.com

Massachusetts Lecture

The Essex Society of Genealogists will host a lecture on April 18 at Lynnfield, Massachusetts. David Dearborn, FASG, Genealogist, NEHGS, will discuss *Using Torrey's N. E. Marriage Index*. For more information, e-mail: pfurbush@rcn.com

Virginia Conference

The Virginia Genealogical Society is holding its Spring Conference on April 18 at Richmond, Virginia. Barbara Vines Little is the featured speaker and she will give four lectures on Virginia research. For more information, go to: www.vgs.org

Oregon Seminar

Genealogical Forum of Oregon will host a seminar on April 18 at Milwaukie, Oregon. Larry Jensen is the featured speaker and he will talk about German research. For more information, go to: www.gfo.org

Pennsylvania Seminar

The Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society will hold a seminar on April 18 at Greentree, Pennsylvania. George K. Schweitzer, PhD, will be the featured speaker. Professor Schweitzer uses historical reenactment to teach genealogy and has traced many of his ancestral lines back to the early 1500s. For more information, go to: www.wpgs.org

Texas Workshop

An all-day preservation workshop sponsored by Genealogy Friends of Plano Libraries, Inc. will be held on April 18 at Plano, Texas. Naomi Taplin and Alan Lefever from the Texas Baptist Historical Collection will discuss preserving our heirlooms. For more information, go to: www.genealogyfriends.org

New York Event

The Jewish Genealogical Society, Inc. will host the IAJGS international conference on Jewish Genealogy on April 19 at New York City, New York. For more information, go to: www.jgsny.org

Florida Event

The Jewish Genealogical Society of Palm Beach County will host a lecture on April 22 at Delray Beach, Florida. Diane Freilich, a licensed Michigan attorney and an expert in researching legal documents, will discuss legal records as a valuable source of family history. The purpose of her talk is threefold: 1) to eliminate intimidation of the legal system 2) to discuss availability of public documents in the courthouse and 3) to motivate the researcher. For more information, go to: www.jgspalmbeachcounty.org

New England Regional Conference

The New England Regional Genealogical Conference will be held on April 22-26 in Manchester, New Hampshire. Featured speakers will include Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak, Tom Jones and Jim Hansen. For more information, go to: www.nergc.org/

**Indiana Conference**

The Indiana Genealogical Society will hold a conference on April 25 at Indianapolis, Indiana. The conference theme will be "Honoring Our Warriors: Military Genealogy." Pamela K. Boyer, C.G., C.G.L. will be the featured speaker. She is Educations and Publications Director at the National Genealogical Society and has been a lecturer at National Genealogical Society conferences since 1997 and at Federation of Genealogical Societies conferences since 1999. Other speakers will be: Dr. Jack Early, Curt B. Witcher, Bennie J. McRae, Dr. Alan January, Kevin Flanagan, Dona Stokes-Lucas and Ronald L. Darrah. Topics will include military records, African American research, and Internet sources. The Society of Civil War Families of Indiana will also hold an induction ceremony for its newest members. For more

information, go to: www.indgensoc.org/conference.html

California Event

Christine Rose will be the featured lecturer, speaking on: Using Little Known or Neglected Records: A Potpourri on April 25 at Santa Clara, California. For more information, e-mail: ferman@sbcglobal.net

California Seminar

The Sonoma County Genealogical Society will host a seminar on April 25 at Santa Rosa, California. Lloyd de Witt Bockstruck will be the seminar speaker. For more information, go to: www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~casgs/bockstruck.htm

Maryland Conference

The Washington DC Family History Center will host their 3rd annual Family History Conference on April 25 at Kensington, Maryland. For more information, go to: www.wdcfhc.org

Ohio Seminar

The Western Reserve Historical Society will host a seminar on April 25 at Cleveland, Ohio. Several speakers will discuss methods you can use to share your family history such as publishing books, web pages, cook books, memory books, photo albums, newsletters etc. For more information, go to: <http://wrhs.org/index.php/library/genealogy>

England Event

A one-day course, *The Poor, the Parish and the Land*, will be given April 25 at Chatham, Kent, England. Many people are familiar with parish registers and realize that before 1837 they are

vital in order to trace a family history. However, many are unaware of the great wealth of other records created by the local parish authorities often known as "Parish Chest Records" because they were originally housed in the parish chest. It is these which often reveal the real lives of our ancestors - both rich and poor. For more information, go to:

www.heritagefamilyhistory.co.uk/events#The%20Parish%20The%20Poor%20and%20the%20Land

Florida Fair

The Jacksonville Public Library will hold a free seminar and Genealogy Fair on April 25 at Jacksonville, Florida. The featured speaker is Jana Sloan Broglin will offer presentations on "Hookers, Crooks and Kooks: or Aunt Merle Didn't Run a Boarding House; "Hot Off the Press"; "When Johnny Comes Marching Home"; The Key to the Courthouse. For more information, go to: www.jaxpubliclibrary.org

Kansas Conference

The Topeka Genealogical Society Annual Conference will be held April 25 at Topeka, Kansas. The featured speaker will be John Philip Colletta. For more information, go to: www.tgstopeka.org

Indiana Event

The Allen County Public Library will have Cynthia Theusch who will offer a WeRelate.org overview on April 25 at Fort Wayne, Indiana. WeRelate.org is the world's largest genealogy wiki where researchers can interact with other researchers online. For more information, go to: www.acpl.lib.in.us/genealogy/programs.html

Scotland Genealogy Conference

The Aberdeen & North-East Scotland Family History Society will hold a conference on April 25 at Aberdeen, Scotland. For more information, go to: www.anefhs.org.uk/safhs2009.htm

Massachusetts Seminar

The Massachusetts Genealogical Council will host a seminar on April 26 at Waltham, Massachusetts. Speakers are sponsored by the New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS) in Boston and include: Michael LeClerc, speaking on *Online Resources for New England Research* Josh Taylor will give two presentations on Essential Tools for Genealogists: *What to buy and How to buy it!* and *Genealogical Networking in Today's World*

Ann S. Lainhart will give two lectures on State Census Records and Massachusetts Institutional Records at the State Archives. The program includes specialized topics such as *Researching Parish Records in Portugal* and *Recovering the Lost History of Annie Londonderry: An Idiosyncratic Search for the World's First Female Sports Star*. There are two lectures from New England History Festival founder John Horrigan including *Great American Fires of the 19th Century* and *Winters of the Revolution*. For more information, go to: mbrophy@brophygen.com

New Jersey Event

The Genealogy Society of Bergen County, New Jersey will meet on April 27 at Ridgewood, New Jersey. Steven Perkins, a member of the International Society of Genetic Genealogy (ISOGG) and the New England

Historic Genealogy Society, and a former academic lawyer, Law Library Director, and Professor of Law will speak on "Genes, Genetics, Genealogy and DNA." For more information, go to: www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~njgsbc/

Texas Seminar

The Austin Genealogical Society will host a day-long seminar on May 2 at Austin, Texas. The featured speakers are Pam Boyer Sayre and Richard G Sayre, Certified Genealogists. They will be speaking on Military Service Records, Territorial Papers of the United States, "Getting to Know You, Getting to Know More About You," and Google Earth for Genealogists. For more information, go to: www.austintxgensoc.org/seminar.php

Florida Fair

The Alvin Sherman Library will host a genealogy fair on May 2 at Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Featured speakers are John Colletta, Ph.D., author of "They Came in Ships;" Roberta Estes, director the Lost Colony DNA Project; Matt Kaplan, Ph.D., geneticist for DNA Shoah Project; Rick Kittles, Ph.D., geneticist for PBS' African-American Lives; and Lynn Turner, AG, director Hispanic Records Division of the Family Search Indexing. For more information, go to: www.nova.edu/library/genealogyfair

England Fair

Family History Societies and related groups will hold a non profit event on May 3 at the Barbican Exhibition Center in London, England. For more information, go to: www.fairpromtions.net

Michigan Workshop

The Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) is now hosting a preservation workshop on May 3-8 at Ann Arbor, Michigan. The workshop curriculum was originally developed at Cornell by Anne R. Kenney and Nancy Y. McGovern. The intended audience for the workshop series is managers at organizations who are or will be responsible for digital preservation. For more information, go to: www.icpsr.umich.edu/dpm/worksops/fiveday.html

Idaho Conference

The Idaho Genealogy Society and the Idaho State Historical Society and FamilyTreeDNA will host a conference on May 10 at Boise, Idaho. This all-day DNA Conference addresses the subject, "Solving Mysteries through DNA", and will examine three types of DNA testing: tracing one's ancestors when a paper trail runs dry, genetic testing for health issues, and forensic DNA to solve crimes and help locate missing persons. Keynote Speaker is Emily Aulicino, a retired teacher from Portland, Oregon and family genealogist for over 35 years. Ms. Aulicino currently serves as the Northwest Regional Coordinator and Speaker of the International Society of Genetic Genealogists (ISOGG) for the states of Washington, Oregon, and Idaho. She manages eleven DNA projects through FamilyTreeDNA (FTDNA) including six surname projects, two genealogical society projects (financially benefiting the society) and three geographical projects, including the entire country of Ireland. For more information, e-mail: Juvanne@earthlink.net

Washington Seminar

The Seattle Genealogical Society will host a seminar on May 16 at Seattle, Washington. The featured speaker is John Philip Colletta, PhD, who will discuss four topics: Breaking through brick walls, Lesser used federal records, (Homestead Files, Passport Applications, Civil War Income Tax, Appointments of Postmasters, to name a few); How to assemble a reliable family history; and How to write a readable family history. For more information, go to: www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~seags/

NGS 2009 Conference

The National Genealogical Society Conference will be held on May 13-16 at Raleigh, North Carolina in cooperation with the North Carolina Genealogical Society. The conference includes accommodations at the North Carolina Fairgrounds for those with campers or recreational vehicles. This is a national conference with many prominent speakers. For more information, go to: www.ngsgenealogy.org.

Connecticut Event

The CSG Annual Meeting will be held on May 16 at Berlin, Connecticut. The speaker is Irene Lambert, BS from Ryder University, Certified Graphoanalysis in 1985, Master Graphoanalysis certification in 1992 from International Graphoanalysis Society and recipient of the Graphoanalyst of the Year Award in 2005. She will discuss *Discovering the Personality Traits of Your Ancestors Through the Process of Graphoanalysis*. For more information, e-mail: csginc@ctfamilyhistory.com

Pennsylvania Seminar

The Erie Society for Genealogical Research will host a seminar on May 16 at Erie, Pennsylvania. Hank Jones will present an all day program featuring the following subjects:

- When the Sources are Wrong!
- Tracing the Origins of Early 18th Century Palatine Emigrants
- Family Tradition: How to Separate Fact from Fiction in Genealogical Research
- How Psychic Roots became an "Unsolved Mystery!"

For more information, go to: <http://erie.pa-roots.com/2009GeneConf.html>

Washington Seminar

The Seattle Genealogical Society will host a seminar on May 16 at Seattle, Washington. The seminar will feature John Philip Colletta, PhD. Dr. Colletta is a national lecturer on genealogy from Washington, DC. The topics are: Breaking through brick walls, Lesser used federal records, (Homestead Files, Passport Applications, Civil War Income Tax, Appointments of Postmasters, to name a few); How to assemble a reliable family history; and How to write a readable family history. For more information, go to: www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waseags/

London Family History Tour

NEHGS will host The English Family History Tour to London on May 17-24 to London, England. The tour will be based at the Society of Genealogists (SoG), where researchers will be offered daily classes providing historical context and research methodology tips for working with the extensive record collection of the SoG. The library's holdings include more than 120,000 books and

microforms featuring census indexes; family histories; biographies; service, professional, and trade directories; an apprenticeship index (1710-1774), school and university lists, will and marriage license indexes; runs of Burke's Peerage and Landed Gentry; a large number of manuscripts arranged by surname; and a miscellaneous card index of 3 million references. For more information, go to:

www.newenglandancestors.org

Indiana Seminar

The Genealogy Center of the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, IN, and the Allen County Genealogical Society of Indiana will host a seminar on May 23 at Fort Wayne, Indiana. The seminar is about the use of DNA testing in genealogical research problem solving. The featured speaker is Roberta Estes. This program consists of six sessions, including DNA and Genealogy-Introduction, Getting in Touch with Your Feminine Side-mtDNA, Twists and Turns in the Rocky Road-Case Studies, My Results are Back-Now What?, Autosomal DNA Testing and You-What is It, What Does It Mean and How to Use It, and Making DNA Loveable - How to Take Your DNA Results and Turn Them Into an Heirloom Gift for Your Family. For more information, go to:

www.acpl.lib.in.us/genealogy/DNAWeb.pdf

Ontario, Canada Conference

The Halton-Peel Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society will host the Provincial Conference on May 29-31 at Oakville, Ontario, Canada. There will be ten workshops plus the Houston Memorial Lecture on Friday, a plenary session and 20 lectures on Saturday, and 15 lectures on Sunday. The Houston Lecture will feature Mr. Kory L. Meyerink,

BS, MLS, AG®, FUGA, Founding Director of the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy. For more information, go to:

www.ogs.on.ca/conference/index.htm

Indiana Workshop

The Marion Public Library in partnership with Ivy Tech Community College, Kokomo-Howard County Public Library, Howard County Genealogical Society, Indiana Genealogy Society and many others will present a one day workshop on May 30 at Marion, Indiana.

Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak will present 5 sessions on Using DNA in Genealogy Research.

For more information, go to:

www.marion.lib.in.us/departments/indianahistory/dna/dna_workshop.htm

Ontario, Canada, Workshop

The Toronto Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society is offering a one-day workshop on June 13 at Toronto, Ontario, Canada. The workshop will highlight vital records (civil and church), census records and probates (wills), showing how to extract and evaluate data. It will also touch on secondary sources, with examples of how to use online newspaper indexes as finding aids and newspaper accounts to flesh out other data. For more information, go to:

www.torontofamilyhistory.org/courses.html

Arizona Seminar

The Arizona State Genealogical Society will hold a one day seminar on June 18 at Tucson, Arizona focusing on locating your immigrant ancestors and their documentation. For more information, go to:

www.azsgs.org

Kansas Conference

The Kansas Council of Genealogical Societies, Inc. and The Wichita Genealogical Society will hold their 2009 Conference on June 20 at Wichita, Kansas. The featured speaker will be Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak.

Her topics include: Trace Your Roots with DNA, Welcome to Roots Television, Reverse Genealogy, Find That Obituary: Online Newspaper Research.

For more information, go to:

<http://skyways.lib.ks.us/genweb/kcgs/>

New Jersey Event

Genealogy Society of Bergen County, New Jersey will host a lecture on June 22 at Ridgewood, New Jersey.

Richard F. Veit, Associate Professor in the Department of History and Anthropology at Monmouth University is the speaker. A historical archaeologist by training, his research interests include colonial and modern grave markers, early American material culture, and vernacular architecture. He is the author of Digging New Jersey's Past: Historical Archaeology in the Garden State (Rutgers, 2002), and Mark Nonestied, Director of Exhibits=20 and Programs for East Jersey Old Town Village, a project of the Middlesex County Cultural & Heritage Commission. He will present, "Stranger Stop and Cast an Eye," an informative lecture on the last four hundred years of New Jersey Cemetery and Tombstone design.

Historians Richard Veit and Mark Nonestied discuss the evolution of burial sites and grave markers from the seventeenth century to the dawn of the twenty-first century. Such topics as colonial gravestones, stone carvers, Victorian cemeteries, monuments, mausoleums, and ethnic and cultural burial are

included. For more information, go to:

www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~njgsbc/

Newfoundland Research Tour

NEHGS is sponsoring a research tour of Newfoundland on July 12-17 at St. Johns, Newfoundland. Participants will join expert genealogists at St. John's premier facilities, including the Provincial Archives – "The Rooms," the Maritime History Archive at Memorial University, the Registry of Deeds, and A.C. Hunter Library. Together these repositories hold vital records, church records, all census records, voter lists, probate, and land grants the Keith Matthews collection (a list of all people who worked in fishery from 16th century to 1850), ship lists, crew lists, logbooks, Irish and English parish records. For more information, go to:

www.newenglandancestors.org

Texas Conference

Angelina College will host their 13th Annual Genealogy Conference on July 16-18 at Lufkin, Texas. The speakers include Melvin C. Johnson, Trevia Wooster Beverly, Philip Burnett Adderley, Kelvin Meyers, Marynell Anderson Bryant, Emily Croom, Charlie Gardes, Pat Gordon, Donald Raney, and John A. Sellers. For more information, go to:

www.angelina.edu/genealogy.htm

Massachusetts Seminar

The Massachusetts Genealogical Council will hold an annual seminar and meeting on July 18 at Waltham, Massachusetts.

The featured speaker will be Paula Stuart-Warren, a national known genealogy and historical researcher. Ms. Warren is a course coordinator for the Salt

Lake Institute of Genealogy and has lectured at the NGS and FGS conferences since 1993. Paula's topics for the day will include:

- Using the Resources of the Family History Library
- What Next? Developing Step-by-Step Research Plans
- Why Do I Descend from THESE Families?
- American Indian Research (Panel Discussion)
- Becoming a Professional Genealogist (Panel Discussion)

Highlights of the seminar will include updates on legislation affecting genealogists' access to records on a national and state level. Other topics will include DNA and genealogy, Irish Research, Internet research, and using the website of the New England Historic Genealogical Society. For more information, go to: mbrophy@brophygen.com

Ontario, Canada, Event

The Ottawa Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society and La Société de généalogie de l'Outaouais will host the first Semaine de généalogie Genealogy Week on July 19-24 at Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. Researchers will travel with the group to resource centers to participate in tutorials and lectures on specialized topics. The rest of the day will be devoted to your research. Evenings may be used for further research or allow you to enjoy the Ottawa/Gatineau sights. Registration is limited. For more information, go to:

<http://ogsottawa.on.ca/genealogyweek.php>

Pennsylvania Jewish Genealogy Conference

The 29th IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy will be held on August 2-7 at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. French priest, author, and humanitarian, Father

Patrick Desbois, will be the keynote speaker. For more information, go to:

www.philly2009.org

Virginia Seminar

Wholly Genes, Inc. is sponsoring a Genealogy Conference and Land Cruise on August 26-30, Prompted by economic conditions, the company has dropped its annual conference on a cruise ship and is hosting this year's event at an historic hotel in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. Its proximity to Washington D.C. offers the opportunity to follow up the preparatory lectures with an all-day research trip to research repositories of the nation's capital. This year's speaker list includes:

- John Philip Colletta, Ph.D. - a popular speaker, prolific author, and expert on research at the Library of Congress, among many other topics.
- Marie Varrelman Melchiori, CG, CGL - a full-time researcher for 30 years, an expert on the National Archives, military records, and other topics.
- Patricia O'Brien Shawker, CG - the Director of the National Institute on Genealogical Research, author, and an expert on research at the DAR Library and National Archives, among other topics.
- Craig Roberts Scott, CG - publisher, professional researcher for more than 23 years, and an expert on a wide variety of record types and resources, including colonial, Civil War, federal records, migration, military, Quaker, and government publications

For more information, go to: www.WhollyGenes.com/conference.htm

England Conference

A family history conference will be held on August 28 at the East Midlands Conference Center, Nottingham, England. Speakers will cover a broad spectrum of subjects of interest to family, local and social historians, the conference will include something for everyone, from the novice to the advanced: family historians, local historians, community history groups, one-name and one-place researchers. Speakers are representing The Galleries of Justice, King's College London, The Library & Museum of Freemasonry, The Media Archive for Central England, National Maritime Museum, The Royal Observatory, National Monuments Record, Parliamentary Archives, Royal Geographical Society, The National Archives, Society of Genealogists and The Women's Library. Other top speakers from the family history world include Paul Blake, Else Churchill, John Hanson, Sharon Hintze, Maggie Loughran, Derek Palgrave, Geoff Riggs, Mary Teviot and Alec Tritton. For more information, go to: www.openthedoor.org.uk

2009 FGS Conference

The Federation of Genealogical Societies will hold its annual conference on September 2-5 in Little Rock, Arkansas. There will be more than 160 lectures, workshops, and other learning opportunities presented by speakers from all over the U.S. For more information, go to: www.fgs.org/

Germans from Russia Heritage Society 39th International Convention

The 39th Annual Convention of the Germans from Russia Heritage Society (GRHS) will be held September 9-13 at Rapid

City, South Dakota. It will include workshops on genealogy, customs, history, cultural cooking and programs on using today's technology to bring your heritage to life. For more information, go to: www.grhs.org

Massachusetts Conference

The Friends of the National Archives and Records Administration, Northeast Region, Pittsfield, MA, will hold a full-day genealogy conference on September 19 at Williamstown, Massachusetts. For more information go to: www.narafriends-pittsfield.org

Scotland Research Tour

NEHGS will conduct a research tour to Edinburgh on September 20-27. This weeklong intensive research program will be based out of Scotland's two premier genealogical repositories, The National Archives of Scotland (NAS) and the General Register Office for Scotland (GROS). Together these neighboring repositories house the major collections of government and vital records for more than 700 years of Scottish ancestry. The main holdings of NAS include records created by the government of Scotland beginning in the twelfth century, including records of the crown, parliament, legal registers, courts documents, and records of the Church of Scotland. Vital records including birth, marriage, and death from 1855 and parish registers from 1553 to 1854 are maintained by the GROS. For more information, go to: www.newenglandancestors.org

Missouri Conference

The Ozarks Genealogical Society will host a conference on September 25 at Springfield, Missouri. The speaker for this year's conference is Thomas W. Jones, Ph.D., CG, CGL, FASG.

Dr. Jones is joint editor of the National Genealogical Society Quarterly, former trustee and a past president of the Board for Certification of Genealogists, board member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, and recipient of its 2004 Grahame T. Smallwood Jr. Award of Merit. Recently retired from a career in higher education, Dr. Jones works full time as a genealogical researcher, writer, editor, and educator. For more information, go to: <http://ozarks.org>

Maine Conference

The Maine Genealogical Society will hold an annual conference on September 26 at Bangor, Maine. Featured national speakers include Marcia Melnyk and Joe Anderson. Workshop topics include: Deed Research, Taking an Oral History, Franco-American Research with Quebec Records, Immigrant Experience - Sailing to America, Maine's Early Churches, New Trends in Internet Research, Immigrant Research Strategies, Forms, Forms and More Forms, Breaking Through Brick Walls, Native American Genealogy in the Northeast and The Great Irish Potato Famine. For more information, go to: www.maineroots.org

New Jersey Event

The Genealogy Society of Bergen County, New Jersey will host a lecture by Tom Riley, author of "Orphan Train Riders: A Brief History of the Orphan Train Era (1854-1929)" on September 28 at Ridgewood, New Jersey. His program will be Orphan Train Riders. From life in the ghettos of New York to the Children's Aid Society and the era of the Orphan Trains, Mr. Riley will take us on a journey through efforts to help children who were often found wandering the streets of New York. "The

Orphan Train Era" In America during a seventy five year period (1854-1929) over 400,000 homeless children were relocated by means of what were known as "orphan trains." Placing children to live with people other than their parents has gone on from the beginning of time. Known by various names, placing-out has come to be known as "foster care" today. For more information, go to: www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~njgsbc/

Ohio Conference

The Czechoslovak Genealogical Society will hold their International Genealogical/Cultural Conference on October 14-17 at Independence, Ohio. Thirty-eight presentations will be given during the 3 days by 21 speakers. The keynote address will be given by John J. Grabowski, PhD. from Case Western University and the Western Reserve Historical Society. Two of the speakers are from the Czech Republic and one is from Slovakia. For more information, go to: www.cgisi.org

Michigan Seminar

This event has been cancelled because of insufficient funds.

The Michigan Genealogical Council will host a seminar on October 15-17 at Midland Michigan. faeae@chartermi.net

Louisiana Seminar

The Southwest Louisiana Genealogical and Historical Library, (a branch of the

Calcasieu Parish Public Library), Libraries Southwest, the Southwest Louisiana Genealogical Society, Inc, and Friends of the Calcasieu Parish Public Library will host a seminar on October 16 at Lake Charles, Louisiana. The featured speaker will be Carolyn Earle Billingsley, Ph. D. Her topics for the seminar are Communities of Kinship: A New Theory for Genealogy; The Reality of Researching Your Indian Ancestors; Melungeons and Other Mixed Race Groups; and History Lost – History Found. For more information, e-mail: gen@calcasieu.lib.la.us

Michigan Seminar

The Western Michigan Genealogical Society will hold a seminar on November 7 at Grand Rapids, Michigan. The speakers will be The Genealogy Guys - George G Morgan and Drew Smith who will each teach 3 topics followed by a joint session with George and Drew where they will records one of their famous Podcasts. For more information, go to: gotancestors.com

New Jersey Event

The Genealogy Society of Bergen County, New Jersey will present a lecture by Dwight de Stefan on November 23 at Ridgewood, New Jersey. Dwight de Stefan, a practicing attorney and former mayor of River Vale, NJ, is the author, of "Emerson: From Basilicata to Etna," a history of the remote Italian province of Basilicata and cultural examinations of its people who settled in the tiny hamlet of Etna, now Emerson, in

the 1890s. His program, "Political and Cultural Events Causing Italian Immigration to USA from the Kingdom of Naples, 1790-1890," presents an overview of the modern history of the Kingdom of Naples from 1790 to 1890, focusing on the social conditions and political events that caused the massive emigration starting in 1890. For more information, go to: www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~njgsbc/

2010 Events

2010 NGS Family History Conference

The U.S. National Genealogical Society Conference will be held on April 29–May 1 in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Ohio Genealogical Society 2010 Conference

The Ohio Genealogical Society will hold their annual conference on April 22-24, 2010 at the Seagate Convention Center at Toledo, Ohio.

FGS 2010 Conference

The Federation of Genealogical Societies 2010 Annual Conference: *Rediscovering America's First Frontier* will be held on August 18-21, 2010, at the Knoxville Convention Center at Knoxville, Tennessee.

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