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**FAMILY HISTORY FANS FLOCK TO NATIONAL CONFERENCE  
IN SPRINGFIELD, IL, SEPT. 7-10, 2011**

**Federation of Genealogical Societies 2011 Conference**

**June 24, 2011 – Austin, TX.** The Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS), along with local host Illinois State Genealogical Society (ISGS), announce the FGS 2011 Conference – *Pathways to the Heartland* – to be held in Springfield, Illinois, September 7-10, 2011.

This year, FGS returns to the Prairie State as it did back in 1981 in Decatur and 2001 in the Quad Cities. For 2011, Springfield - the state capital and the historical home of Abraham Lincoln – will play host to thousands of genealogists and genealogical society members at this national event. Complete conference information can be found on the conference website at <http://www.fgs.org/2011conference/>.

This year's conference offers an exciting opportunity for everyone interested in researching their family history. Over 165 educational sessions and 13 luncheons are designed to balance the needs of genealogists at all levels, exploring a variety of records, strategies, and other tools available to those interested in researching their family history.

Special events include a keynote address by David S. Ferriero, Archivist of the United States, and the FGS 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration with *The Lincoln Family Album* presented by special guest, noted Lincoln scholar Harold Holzer.

Set at the Prairie Capital Convention Center in downtown Springfield, the FGS 2011 Conference will also include a large exhibit hall with exhibitors and vendors. In addition, Springfield offers a wide variety of historic sites, libraries, and more for conference attendees as well as family and friends. We look forward to seeing you in Springfield in September!

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## **About the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS)**

The Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) was founded in 1976 and represents the members of hundreds of genealogical societies. FGS links the genealogical community by helping genealogical societies strengthen and grow through resources available online, *FGS Forum* magazine (filled with articles pertaining to society management and genealogical news), and Society Strategy Series papers, covering topics about effectively operating a genealogical society. FGS also links the genealogical community through its annual conference -- four days of excellent lectures, including one full day devoted to society management topics. To learn more visit <http://www.fgs.org>.

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