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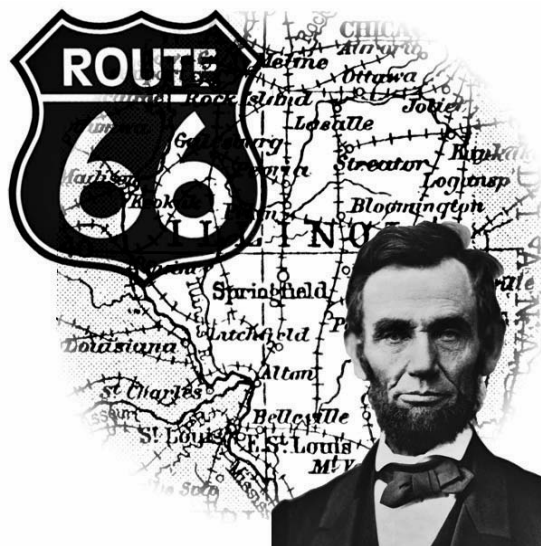
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Join genealogists and family historians from across the country and abroad for the 2011 Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference, with our local host the Illinois State Genealogical Society, September 7-10, 2011, at the Prairie Capital Convention Center in beautiful Springfield, Illinois. Here is a sampling of what awaits you in Springfield:

Learn: With more than 160 educational lectures and other events, FGS 2011 is an ideal destination for every genealogist and family historian – whether you are just getting started or an experienced genealogist.

Connect: Network with other genealogists, visit with societies, and explore the latest innovations from a wide variety of vendors in the exhibit hall.

Discover: Experience four days of genealogical learning, networking, and discovery as we celebrate the 35th anniversary of the Federation of Genealogical Societies during the conference.

Looking for more information? Visit www.fgs.org or e-mail 2011conference@fgs.org to sign-up for e-Updates.

See you in Springfield!

Pat Oxley

President

Federation of Genealogical Societies

Located in the historic downtown area of Springfield, Illinois, the newly remodeled Hilton Springfield is a 30-story hotel featuring 360 beautifully appointed guest rooms, each with a spectacular, panoramic city view, and is the closest hotel to most of the Abraham Lincoln historic sites. The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum and the Lincoln Home National Historic Site are both two blocks away. The Old State Capitol, the Frank Lloyd Wright-designed Dana-Thomas House, the Illinois Executive Mansion, the Lincoln Tomb, as well as many other sites, are less than five minutes away.

The Hilton Springfield offers guests three outstanding food and beverage options: the Highland Room, featuring a large breakfast buffet served hot and fast; Bennigan's Grill & Tavern, famous for its Irish hospitality, serves great burgers, salads, and desserts; and if you're in the mood for a quick, hot beverage and tasty baked goods, the hotel has the only Starbucks® in downtown Springfield. Conference attendees

can also rejuvenate with a visit to the hotel's fitness room or take a dip in a heated indoor pool.

Located across the street from the Prairie Capital Convention Center, which will host the conference's workshops, lectures, special events, and exhibit hall, the Hilton Springfield is the ideal hotel for your stay for the FGS 2011 Conference.

We have arranged for a very affordable rate of \$119 per night, plus tax. Since our conference hotel fills quickly, reserve your room early by telephone (800) 445-8667 or online at www.hilton.com. Remember to use our conference code, **FGS**, to receive this special rate.

Visitors will enjoy the many quaint shops, cozy bistros, and the vibrant nightlife that downtown Springfield, Illinois, offers. Find out why downtown Springfield is referred to as "the jewel of the city."

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TRANSPORTATION

Located in central Illinois, Springfield is easily accessible by ground and air transportation.

Getting to Springfield is easy. By car, Springfield sits in the heart of Illinois' U.S. Route 66 (now Interstate 55) and boasts some of America's favorite Route 66 icons: Shea's Gas Station Museum and the Cozy Dog Drive In.

Springfield is less than 300 miles from Chicago, Indianapolis, Cincinnati, Louisville, and Des Moines, and less than 100 miles from St. Louis and Hannibal.

By plane, Springfield's Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport serves American Eagle, Continental, and United Express, and is linked with multiple daily flights from Chicago O'Hare and Dallas/Ft. Worth International Airport. Transportation from the Abraham Lincoln Capital

Airport is provided by the Hilton Springfield Hotel for its guests. Taxi service is also available. There are surrounding airports to also consider: Bloomington/Normal and Peoria.

By train, Amtrak offers daily stops in Springfield between Chicago and St. Louis. Watch the official conference news blog for detailed information about Amtrak service into Springfield. Many of the Lincoln sites are within walking distance from the Amtrak station.

Greyhound Lines provides bus service to the Springfield area.

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REGISTRATION

Details on when and where to register along with other pertinent conference information.

Register for the conference online and reserve your tickets to special events at www.fgs.org. Onsite registration for the conference, for both pre-paid and walk-in attendees, will be held at the Prairie Capital Convention Center.

Tuesday	3:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Wednesday	7:30 AM – 3:00 PM
Thursday	7:30 AM – 2:00 PM
Friday	7:30 AM – 2:00 PM
Saturday	7:30 AM – 10:00 AM

Special Requirements

Registrants with special needs requirements as outlined in the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) must notify FGS in writing of their special needs by August 1, 2011.

Cancellation Policy

Cancellations will be accepted through August 1, 2011, and must be received in the FGS office by fax or e-mail by that date or postmarked by that date.

For cancellations received or postmarked by August 1, 2011, registrants will receive a full refund on all meal functions and their registration fee, less a \$50 non-refundable administration charge.

While refunds cannot be given for cancellations after August 1, 2011, registrants will still receive a program syllabus on a USB flash drive.



CONFERENCE PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Sessions at this year's conference include a wide array of offerings from many of the nation's leading family history experts and genealogical organizations. With topics ranging from *Family History Essentials*, to *Strategies and Techniques*, the FGS/ISGS 2011 Conference includes something for anyone interested in exploring their family history.

Tracks include *In the Heartland*, detailing the localities and records of the Midwestern United States; *They Came From*, featuring topics relating to research outside of the United States; and *Beginnings and Beliefs*, including talks relating to religious and ethnic groups from across the world.

This year's conference features tracks and sessions sponsored by FamilySearch, Ancestry.com, New England Historic Genealogical Society, Genealogical Speakers Guild, and other organizations, including sessions from the Association of Professional Genealogists – Professional Management Conference, open to all conference attendees.

See www.fgs.org/2011conference/ for additional information regarding abbreviations and postnominals.

LIBRARIANS DAY

The Federation of Genealogical Societies invites librarians to attend the annual conference's Librarians Day, Tuesday, September 6, 2011. This annual event, sponsored by ProQuest, is designed for librarians, archivists, and other information professionals serving family history researchers.

Featured speakers include:

- **Audrey Collins,**
The National Archives of the United Kingdom
- **Curt Witcher,**
Digital Lincoln: The Abraham Lincoln Collection at the Allen County (IN) Public Library
- **Tim Pinnick,**
Using the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library's Newspaper Collection to Assist Your African American Clientele.

Join a panel discussion of representatives from the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Historical Collection, the Newspaper Microfilm Collection, the Illinois State Archives, and the Illinois State Historical Society presenting the best information about their specific collections.

Registration for Librarians Day is \$10. To register, visit www.fgs.org/2011conference/. Click on "Librarians Day" then select "Register for Librarians Day." E-mail any questions about Librarians Day to FGS2011LibrariansDay@fgs.org.

Of course, all librarians are invited to register for the entire conference.



FOCUS ON SOCIETIES

Discover new ways to help your society grow through specialized sessions.

FGS is always striving to provide excellent services and support to its Member Societies to help them grow and prosper. Attendance at our redesigned **Focus on Societies** program at the 2010 conference was the strongest in years and the excitement over the session content was palpable. As a result, we concentrated on developing another great selection of excellent lectures and focus groups. We have something for everyone in your society — officers, members, delegates, and volunteers — to help them support *and* develop their societies.

This year's **Focus on Societies** program begins with a plenary session presented by David Rencher, Chief Genealogical Officer for FamilySearch. The day continues with the popular Delegate 101 panel discussion with FGS officers and board members, followed with twenty-seven sessions that address: society organization; recruiting and working with volunteers; developing educational programs; organizing and managing projects; financial considerations and fundraising; outreach to the

community and the world; using technology; publishing in both print and electronic formats; and preservation. There are also brainstorming sessions and focus group discussions planned.

We'll break for a great luncheon at which people can network with one another. We'll also hold a short FGS Annual Business Meeting and enjoy a presentation by Ransom Love, Senior Vice President of FamilySearch, titled "Community Connection: Why Record Custodians Need to Be Working on a Global Basis." There will also be time for attendees to share news and brag about their societies in a "Shout Out!"

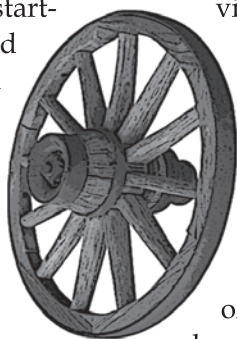
We believe that the **Focus on Societies** program will be filled with invaluable information and will provide opportunities for multi-directional communications between FGS, its Member Societies, and one another. However, it doesn't end there! Watch for other society-centric events throughout the conference. We'll see you there!

OLD FASHIONED PRAIRIE SOCIAL

Sponsored by FamilySearch and presented by the Illinois State Genealogical Society.

Come and immerse yourself in the past and present of Illinois, at this Focus on Societies event on Wednesday, September 7, starting at 6:00 PM. President and Mrs. Lincoln will visit with you during the evening as you enjoy period music and indulge in sumptuous desserts and other delectable delights.

Fast forward into the twenty-first century and take a tour of local society displays to learn what the Illinois



genealogical community has to offer. Match wits in a genealogy quiz game, competing as an individual or a society group.

Perhaps President Lincoln will even answer a question or two. Before the evening ends, be sure to spin the prize wheel to win something fantastic.

The entire concourse level of the Hilton Springfield has been reserved for this special event. Tickets are only \$8.

FGS 35th ANNIVERSARY GALA

Celebrate with us during the FGS/ISGS 2011 Conference.

Join the Federation of Genealogical Societies for a fun-filled evening of entertainment, learning, and celebration as we recognize the past, present, and future of FGS at the 35th Anniversary Celebration Gala on Friday, September 9, starting at 6:30 PM.

Gather with former FGS board members, presidents, and officers as they look back on the proud history of the society during an anniversary reception and celebration dinner. Join conference speakers, friends of FGS, and conference attendees for a humorous look at some familiar traits of genealogists, and take a chance at winning a "Genealogist's Dream Vacation," by entering our grand prize drawing, sponsored by FamilySearch, for a week-long research trip for two to Salt Lake City, including round-trip airfare, accommodations, and other items.

Our special guest for the evening will be noted Lincoln scholar, Harold Holzer, as he presents "The Lincoln Family Album."

Harold Holzer is one of the country's leading authorities on Abraham Lincoln and the political culture of the Civil War era. A prolific writer and lecturer, and frequent guest on television, he was appointed co-chair of the United States Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission by



President Clinton and in 2008 received the National Humanities Medal from President Bush.

Tickets for this special night are \$39, which includes the reception, dinner, presentation, and five door prize tickets that are good towards the drawing for the week in Salt Lake City.

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WEDNESDAY

PLENARY SESSION



8:30 AM-9:15 AM

W-100 How Will Our Society Survive? Do We Alter, Mutate, Modify, Shift or Switch?

David Rencher

We finally get it! Changes in social behavior and the Information Age have pushed us to re-examine how we operate our society – but what should we do to keep our society meaningful and part of a vibrant genealogical community? (B/I/A)

David E. Rencher, AG, CG, FIGRS, FUGA, is employed by the Family History Department in Salt Lake City as the Chief Genealogical Officer for FamilySearch. A professional genealogist since 1977, he is the Irish course coordinator and instructor for the Samford University Institute of Genealogical and Historical Research in Birmingham, Alabama. He has a BA in Family and Local History from Brigham Young University. Rencher is a past president of the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS), past president of the Utah Genealogical Association, and a Fellow of that organization. He is a Fellow of the Irish Genealogical Research Society and is vice president of the Genealogical Society of Utah. He currently serves as the chair of the joint FGS and National Genealogical Society committee for Records Preservation and Access and serves as the Secretary for FGS, the National Institute of Genealogical Research Alumni Association, and a trustee for several family organizations.

Session Levels

B = Beginner
I = Intermediate
A = Advanced

Tracks	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
Focus on Societies: Organization	W-101 Delegate 101 Join FGS Officers as they discuss FGS and how it supports and works with Member Societies. Delegates' communication and interaction with FGS and exciting plans for 2012 will be discussed.	W-108 How to Develop and Implement Affordable Membership Benefits <i>George G. Morgan</i> Membership benefits draw and retain members. Benefits must be tangible and useful, but they also must be affordable for the society to offer. Successful societies' benefits packages will be shown and discussed. Learn to develop appealing benefits for your society. (B/I/A)
Focus on Societies: Projects		W-109 Organizing and Carrying Out a Society Project <i>C. Ann Staley, CG, CGL</i> Whether big or small, a society project can be a daunting task. This presentation is designed to help the society officers and volunteers manage a society-wide project from start to completion. (B/I/A)
Focus on Societies: Reaching Out	W-103 The Dollars and Cents of Fundraising <i>Curt B. Witcher, MLS, FUGA, FIGS</i> Revenue streams are crucial for genealogical societies yet fundraising can be intimidating. This presentation focuses on a range of activities from "friend raising" to meaningful donor recognition, characteristics of a successful ask, donors profiles, and a board's role in fundraising. (B/I/A)	W-110 21st Century Marketing Techniques for Genealogists/ Genealogical Societies <i>Thomas MacEntee</i> It used to be you could send an e-mail blast about your genealogy research business and you were on the cutting edge of marketing. Not so in today's times – genealogists and genealogical societies must explore all the options that blogs, Facebook, Twitter, social media, and other online programs offer. (B)
Focus on Societies: Technology & Publishing	W-104 But It's My Family: Copyright Issues for Genealogists <i>Cath Madden Trindle, CG</i> Whether writing or collecting a family history, this session offers a discussion of current US copyright law, International copyright, pending legislation, fair use, court actions and ethical issues of copying and sharing genealogical information electronically or in print. (B/I/A)	W-111 Building an Effective Society Website <i>Amy Johnson Crow, CG</i> Your society's website is the most visible marketing tool your society has. Learn effective and painless ways to make your site more usable, accessible, and enticing. (B/I/A)
Focus on Societies: Program	W-105 Tour Guide and Travel Agent: Planning Your Society's Next Research Trip <i>D. Joshua Taylor, MA, MLS</i> Ready to plan your society's next trip? Explore the ins and outs of hotel contracts, working with repositories, developing schedules, and preparing a tour budget. (B/I/A)	W-112 Reaping the Rewards of Your Annual Seminar <i>Donna M. Moughty</i> Planning is key to making your society's annual seminar financially rewarding. Discover ways to help your society reap the rewards from its efforts. (B/I/A)
Focus on Societies: Organization	W-106 Bylaws & Standing Rules: A New Direction for AAGS <i>Deborah Abbott, Ph.D.</i> Share in the pitfalls and successes of the Cleveland (Ohio) African American Genealogical Society during their bylaws and standing rules revisions guided by the FGS Bylaws Workbook. (B/I/A)	W-113 Internet Collaborative Tools for Genealogical Societies <i>Jane G. Haldeman</i> Online conferencing and collaboration tools can make your society more efficient. Online shared workspaces allow your members to work together at a distance. See what your society needs in its "tool bag." (B/I/A)
Focus on Societies: FamilySearch Sponsorship	W-107 Editing the Society Newsletter <i>David Ouimette, CG</i> Your newsletter reflects the mission and objectives of your society. Learn how to edit your society newsletter to make the content shine. We review editing standards, design and layout ideas, file formats, and fonts for print and web publication. (B/I/A)	W-114 Reports and Charts for Your Society's Board and Membership <i>Jake Gehring</i> Information is only as helpful as the report that shows it. Good reports and charts can keep your board informed, help officers and volunteers, and keep members engaged. Learn how to create reports that drive results and keep the organization aligned and focused. (B/I/A)

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12:15 PM	2:00 PM	3:30 PM	5:00 PM	6:00 PM
<p>W-115 Focus on Societies Luncheon Community Connection: Why Record Custodians Need to Be Working on a Global Basis <i>Ransom Love (FamilySearch)</i></p> <p>FGS Business Meeting Member Society Shout Out!</p> <p>Menu: Springfield Cobb Salad with Crisp Greens, Grilled BBQ Chicken, Bacon, Red Onion, Tomatoes, Avocado, Egg, Olive, and Maytag Bleu Cheese served with Southwestern Ranch Dressing and Traditional House Ranch Dressing; Fresh Fruit Tart</p> <p>Vegetarian Option Crisp Greens, Red Onion, Tomatoes, Avocado, Egg, Olive, Sliced Egg, and Maytag Bleu Cheese served with Southwestern Ranch Dressing and Traditional House Ranch Dressing; Fresh Fruit Tart</p>	<p>W-116 Fiscal Considerations for Your Non-Profit Society Board <i>Cath Madden Trindle, CG</i> Society finance goes beyond bookkeeping. Programming, publications, websites, and libraries all involve fiscal decisions. Be an enlightened board member devoted to sound governance of your society. Business plans, budgets, financial and tax reporting, financial software and more will be covered. (B/I/A)</p> <p>W-117 How to Manage a Large Genealogy Database Project <i>Laura Prescott</i> The speaker uses her genealogy project experience to review stumbling blocks and successes of managing large database projects, including data standards, communication tools, time management, and an overview of software programs to tie a project together. (B/I)</p> <p>W-118 Engaging a New Generation of Genealogists <i>D. Joshua Taylor, MA, MLS</i> With genealogy on prime time TV, your society has the opportunity to engage and interact with a new generation of genealogists, including new members, society volunteers, and others. (B/I/A)</p> <p>Chuck Knuthson Memorial Lecture</p>	<p>W-123 Brainstorming Session: Social Media Join fellow society leaders for a brainstorming session led by representatives from FGS and other organizations on the use of social media for your society. (B/I/A)</p> <p>W-124 Starting and Maintaining a Pioneer Descendants Program <i>C. Ann Staley, CG, CGL</i> Has your society thought about starting a First Family, Pioneer Family or Pioneer Descendants Program and didn't know where to start? Then this presentation is for you. A pioneer program can be fun and beneficial to the society and community. (B/I/A)</p> <p>W-125 Strategy for Records Preservation and Access <i>Records Preservation and Access Committee (RPAC)</i> How does the genealogical community organize to address threats to the records we need? Critical roles and resources for state liaisons. Recent successes and setbacks. This session is open to all those interested in records preservation and access. State liaisons are particularly urged to attend.</p>	<p>W-130 Operational Manual or Handbook: Guidelines at Your Volunteers' Fingertips <i>Paula Stuart-Warren, CG, FMGS, FUGA</i> If I volunteer, what are the duties? What is the term of office? The society has a proofreading policy? How do I get reimbursed for expenses? An easily compiled handbook of society rules and guidelines can answer these questions. (B/I/A)</p> <p>W-131 Brainstorming Session: Society Projects for the 21st Century Join fellow society leaders for a brainstorming session led by representatives from FGS and other organizations for a discussion on developing society projects within the 21st century model. (B/I/A)</p> <p>W-132 Brainstorming Session: Long-Range Planning Join fellow society leaders for a brainstorming session led by representatives from FGS and other organizations as we explore the elements of long-range planning for genealogical societies. (B/I/A)</p> <p>W-133 Designing a Publication <i>Pamela Boyer Sayre, CG, CGL</i> Learn design strategies for creating a new publication or improving an existing one. Design elements and production considerations will be discussed and demonstrated. (B/I/A)</p>	<p>W-137 An Old Fashioned Prairie Social <i>with the Illinois State Genealogical Society</i> See the exciting details on previous page.</p>
	<p>W-119 Effective Editing and Writing <i>Pamela Boyer Sayre, CG, CGL</i> If you think "that" or "which" are interchangeable or if you use the baptismal method of punctuation (sprinkling commas), your editing/writing skills may need help. (B/I/A)</p>	<p>W-126 Printed vs. Online Publishing for Societies <i>Donna M. Moughty</i> Traditionally, the cost of publishing for many societies has been out of reach. Today, print-on-demand, as well as services, such as Lulu.com and others, make it a worthwhile time to look again at publishing local records (B/I/A)</p>		
	<p>W-120 Publicity for Society Events: Simply Supercharged <i>Paula Stuart-Warren, CG, FMGS, FUGA</i> If you don't tell them they won't come. If you don't tell them soon enough, repeatedly, or without enough details, they won't come. Attract decent registration numbers by following some simple rules that we will apply in the session. (B/I/A)</p>	<p>W-127 Brainstorming Session: Mentoring Society Leaders Join fellow society leaders for a brainstorming session led by representatives from FGS and other organizations as we discuss mentoring future leaders of your society. (B/I/A)</p>	<p>W-134 Building a Society Education Program for Genealogists and Family Historians <i>J. H. Fonkert, CG</i> Led by a former genealogy society president, a panel of society volunteers will share tips for developing a society education program. (B/I/A)</p>	
	<p>W-121 Becoming the Outstanding Leader Your Society Needs <i>Curt B. Witcher, MLS, FUGA, FIGS</i> Learn the key elements of strategic planning, building teams, welcoming diverse options and outlooks, handling dissension, and motivating individuals toward a common goal. (B/I/A)</p>	<p>W-128 Finding and Keeping Volunteers <i>Amy Johnson Crow, CG</i> Volunteers are the lifeblood of genealogical societies. Learn how to find these valuable people and how to keep them happy and active! (B/I/A)</p>	<p>W-135 Brainstorming Session: Marketing Your Society Join fellow society leaders for a brainstorming session led by representatives from FGS and other organizations to discuss ideas for marketing your organization. (B/I/A)</p>	
	<p>W-122 Finally, a Society Website Anyone Can Manage <i>Robert Raymond</i> Blogs may sound scary, but they provide a free and easy way to publish narrative genealogies, log research, and establish contacts with society members. At the end of this class you will be able to create a blog for your society. We will walk through the steps in detail. (B/I/A)</p> <p>Sponsored by FamilySearch</p>	<p>W-129 Energize Your Society with an Indexing Project <i>Jake Gehring</i> Starting a indexing project is a great way to create helpful research tools for genealogists as well as provide a fun and rewarding experience for those involved. Resulting indexes and finding aids can generate revenue for the society or provide exclusive value for its members. (B/I/A)</p> <p>Sponsored by FamilySearch</p>	<p>W-136 Somebody Is Taking Care of Our Society's Documents... Right? <i>M. Scott Simkins</i> In any organization, it is easy to fall into the "It's not my job," scenario. This lecture will present preservation methods and simple tips to alter the thoughts and habits of everyone in your society toward becoming preservation minded. (B/I/A)</p> <p>Sponsored by FamilySearch</p>	

THURSDAY

KEYNOTE SESSION



8:30 AM–9:30 AM

T-200 Archivist of the United States

David S. Ferriero

You won't want to miss the FGS/ISGS 2011 opening session, featuring the Archivist of the United States, David S. Ferriero. Mr. Ferriero will discuss developments from the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) as they impact those researching their family history.

A visionary in the field of information science, David S. Ferriero was confirmed as tenth Archivist of the United States on November 6, 2009. Previously, Mr. Ferriero served as the Andrew W. Mellon Director of the New York Public Libraries (NYPL). Before joining NYPL in 2004, Mr. Ferriero served in top positions at two of the nation's major academic libraries, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and Duke University in Durham, North Carolina.

BLOG

Check the *FGS Conference News Blog* at www.FGSConferenceBlog.org frequently for breaking news, more on the speakers, topics, and Exhibit Hall, lists of door prizes, transportation, lodging, places to research, special events, contests, syllabus release, and vital updates about the Springfield Conference. You may also add comments and your own knowledge about the Springfield area and attending FGS Conferences.

Tracks	11:00 AM	12:15 PM
In the Heartland	T-201 Illinois Migration & Settlement Patterns <i>Rev. Dr. David McDonald, CG</i> Throughout the nineteenth century Illinois was both a destination and a way station. An examination of migration routes to and through Illinois, as well as settlement patterns mixing Yankees, Southerners and foreign nationals throughout. (B/I/A)	T-210 Board for Certification of Genealogists (BCG) Luncheon: Veterans I Have Known—Billy Yank <i>Craig R. Scott, CG</i> T-211 New York Genealogical and Biographical Society (NYGBS) Luncheon: My Worst Day in Genealogy <i>Lauren Maehrlein, MA</i>
Places to Discover	T-202 Genealogy Treasure: The Missouri History Museum Library and Research Center <i>Dennis Northcott</i> Discover the resources of the Missouri History Museum Library and Research Center and their holdings for genealogists. (B/I/A) <i>Sponsored by Missouri History Museum Library and Research Center</i>	T-212 Illinois State Genealogical Society (ISGS) Luncheon: Strange, But True, Stories of the Civil War <i>Dr. Michael Lockett</i> T-213 International Society of Family History Writers and Editors (ISFHWE) Luncheon: Get Off That Fence and Start Writing! <i>Pat Richley-Erickson (DearMYRTLE)</i>
Strategies & Techniques	T-203 Saving a Life: Your Family's Health History <i>Donna M. Moughty</i> The more you know about your family health history, the more you can do to reduce the risk of serious illness for yourself and family. (I)	Menu: Roast Turkey and Aged Brie Croissant, Topped with Fresh Sprouts, Butter Lettuce and Cranberry Aioli; Mediterranean Cous Cous Salad; Vanilla Cheesecake with a Raspberry Sauce Vegetarian Option Fluffy Egg Salad on a Croissant, Topped with Fresh Sprouts and Butter Lettuce; Mediterranean Cous Cous Salad; Vanilla Cheesecake with a Raspberry Sauce
Technology	T-204 Restoring Documents with Your Computer <i>Eric Curtis Basir</i> Learn efficient techniques for scanning various types of paper documents with a flatbed scanner. Filters, software, and other related issues will be covered. (I/A)	
Our Military Ancestors	T-205 Overlooked War of 1812 Records in the National Archives <i>Marie Varrelman Melchiori, CG, CGL</i> For researchers who have done the basics in War of 1812 research and found few on the Internet. Will focus on underused records at NARA. (B/I/A)	
Strategies & Techniques	T-206 The Jones Jinx: Tracing Common Surnames <i>Thomas W. Jones, Ph.D., CG, CGL, FASG, FUGA, FNGS</i> This case study will explain how missing, erroneous, and altered records were overcome to identify the parents of an orphan named Jones. Attendees will learn research strategies that they can use to solve their own common-surname problems. (I)	
FamilySearch Immigration & Migration Track	T-207 Religious Migration History and Genealogy <i>David Dilts, AG</i> Covers religious events in Europe that affected our ancestors, the role of geography, various religious groups' settlements, characteristics of religious immigrants, research principles, and sources. (B/I/A) <i>Sponsored by FamilySearch</i>	
ICAPGen	T-208 Getting to Know ICAPGen <i>Kelly R. Summers, AG</i> ICAPGen is a professional credentialing organization dedicated to testing an individual's geographic competence in professional genealogical research. (B/I/A) <i>Sponsored by the International Commission for the Accreditation of Professional Genealogists</i>	

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WORKSHOPS

Part 1: 11:00 AM–Noon • Part 2: 2:00–3:00 PM

T-209 Social History and Genealogy: Writing a Family Narrative

Diane VanSkiver Gagel, MA

Participants will practice combining social history with family information to create a family history narrative that is more than just names, dates, and places. (B/I) (\$15 fee. Pre-registration is required.)

3:30 PM–5:30 PM

T-230 Writing Your Family History with Microsoft Word

Michael J. Leclerc

Learn how to take advantage of powerful tools to create your own books, articles, etc. (I/A) (\$15 fee. Pre-registration is required.)



EXHIBIT HALL

One of the special areas at a national conference is the large exhibit hall, featuring the latest software, books, maps, and gadgets on the market for family genealogists and historians. The hall will open Thursday morning after the opening session and be open until 8 PM in order to offer you additional shopping time.

Join FGS member societies and conference attendees in the exhibit hall for a Thursday evening of extended hours, door prizes, and networking. Don't miss this opportunity to visit with genealogical and historical societies from across the Midwest and the United States and discover how they can assist you with your research.

Interested in having your society participate? E-mail 2011conference@fgs.org for additional information.

Exhibit Hall Hours

Thursday: 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM

Friday: 10:30 AM – 5:00 PM

Saturday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

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T-214 Missouri: The Show Me State <i>Ann Carter Fleming, CG, CGL, FNGS</i> Many pioneers traveled to Missouri; some stayed, others moved on. All left their footprints in the records. Learn how and where to discover those footprints. (B/I) Sponsored by the Missouri State Archives	T-222 Iowa History and Resources <i>Rev. Dr. David McDonald, CG</i> Iowa has been a crossroads for transcontinental migration. Explore early settlement history, vital and other civil records, religious impulses, and online resources. (B/I/A)	T-231 Pioneer Women on the Midwest Frontier <i>Laura Prescott</i> Many remarkable women had unique experiences in the early days of westward migration. We'll follow a few families, using the stories and letters of the women to understand how they and their families coped with settling America's early frontier. (B/I)
T-215 The Illinois State Archives <i>Gregg Cox</i> Discover the genealogical resources found in the Illinois State Archives, ranging from widely known to lesser-known records. (B/I/A) Sponsored by the Illinois State Archives	T-223 Genealogical Resources at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library <i>Dennis Suttles</i> An introduction to the electronic, printed, manuscript, newspaper, and audio-visual materials available to genealogists at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library. (B/I/A) Sponsored by the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library	T-232 The Primitive Baptist Library: Preserving Our Pioneer Heritage <i>Elder Robert Webb</i> Established in 1988, The Primitive Baptist Library in Carthage, Hancock County, Illinois, has become a major Baptist collection of pioneer church records, minutes, and periodicals. This presentation focuses on our holdings and tools designed to assist genealogists and researchers. (B/I/A)
T-216 Building a House History <i>Cath Madden Trindle, CG</i> Every occupant leaves a mark on a house and every house leaves a mark on its residents. Who lived in your house? (I/A)	T-224 Where Did They Go? Americans in Britain <i>Audrey Collins</i> Records of your American ancestors in British records, including many that are now online. (I)	T-233 Locating and Using Oral History Collections <i>Timothy Pinnick</i> Oral history collections are valuable resources for genealogists. Why use them? How important are they? Are they worth the effort to locate? Learn the answers to these questions and more! (B/I/A)
T-217 Searching Your African American Roots on Ancestry.com <i>Ancestry.com</i> The African-American Collection at Ancestry.com is expanding at a rapid pace. This lecture will cover the most popular pillars of this collection, used by African American researchers nationwide. (B/I/A) Sponsored by Ancestry.com	T-225 Online Member Trees: Ancestry's Powerful Tool Keeps Getting Better! <i>Ancestry.com</i> Get an inside look at Ancestry.com trees and tips on how to use them. (B/I/A) Sponsored by Ancestry.com	T-234 Family Tree Maker for the Intermediate and Advanced User <i>Ancestry.com</i> For the Family Tree Maker enthusiast who has used the software and wants to know more. (B/I/A) Sponsored by Ancestry.com
T-218 Reasons for Not Serving in the Civil War <i>Craig R. Scott, CG</i> How to research provost marshal records, recruits, draft records, substitutes, and medical records. (I)	T-226 Working the National Archives Pension Indexes <i>Marie Varrelman Melchiori, CG, CGL</i> Looks at the pension index cards at NARA and what they mean. Unindexed Bounty Land records not appearing on microfilm or in published sources will also be discussed. (B/I/A)	T-235 Researching Your World War I Ancestor <i>Craig R. Scott, CG</i> Not one American soldier of World War I is left. The last died this year. After the 1973 St. Louis fire, personnel records may or may not exist. This lecture will provide a research methodology for overcoming the shortcomings of the records about these soldiers. (I)
T-219 Immigrant Cluster Communities: Past, Present, and Future <i>Lisa A. Alzo</i> A discussion of using cluster research to enhance your own genealogy, and how to use technology and the Internet to build "virtual cluster communities." (I)	T-227 The Curious Case of the Disappearing Dude <i>Debra Mieszala, CG</i> James McBride seemingly vanished after coming of age. This case study presents how multiple versions of obituaries and other records helped uncover a name change, discover a famous James, and identify his kin. (B/I/A)	T-236 Going Beyond the Bare Bones: Reconstructing Your Ancestors' Lives <i>Thomas W. Jones, Ph.D., CG, CGL, FASG, FUGA, FNGS</i> Attendees will learn how to extract information from frequently used genealogical sources to create biographies that bring ancestors to life. (I)
T-220 Travelers from the North: Canadian Border Crossings <i>Linda Turner, AG</i> Not every immigrant came to America on a boat through New York City! Consider this often overlooked record source for early immigration into this country. (B/I/A) Sponsored by Family Search	T-228 Discovering Old World Origins with U.S. Records <i>David Ouimette, CG</i> Franklin Delano Roosevelt once said "Remember always that all of us, and you and I especially, are descended from immigrants and revolutionaries." This presentation explores the best records and methodologies to help you trace immigrant ancestors to their Old World origins. (B/I/A) Sponsored by FamilySearch	T-237 Migration Through Canals and Waterways <i>Carol Smith, AG</i> Although the Erie Canal is probably the most well known canal in the United States, there were many other canals and waterways that connected rural areas and created avenues to transport people. This class will address migration through canals, rivers, and lakes used to transport people westward. (B/I/A) Sponsored by FamilySearch
T-221 Citing Your Sources <i>Russell Lynch, AG</i> Reviews source documentation guidelines, giving examples for personal record managers, proof summaries, and research reports. (I) Sponsored by the International Commission for the Accreditation of Professional Genealogists	T-229 ICAPGen Application Forms <i>Kelly R. Summers, AG</i> A detailed discussion on ICAPGen's application process and genealogical research project requirements. (I) Sponsored by the International Commission for the Accreditation of Professional Genealogists	T-238 Writing a Quality Client Report <i>Linda Turner, AG</i> A well-written research report communicates your research results effectively and clearly to clients. Discover basic components in writing a quality report and important time-saving techniques as a professional. (A) Sponsored by the International Commission for the Accreditation of Professional Genealogists

FRIDAY

Tracks	8:00 AM	9:30 AM	11:00 AM	12:15 PM
In the Heartland	F-300 Records & Repositories at the Crossroads of America–Indiana Research <i>Curt B. Witcher, MLS, FUGA, FIGS</i> Identifies Indiana resources and repositories and explores strategies for accessing and successfully using those records. (B/I/A)	F-309 Pioneer Genealogy: Tracing Your Ancestors on the Midwestern Frontier <i>James L. Hansen, FASG</i> Discover special research techniques and different sources necessary to trace particular “problem ancestors” in the Midwest. (B/I/A) Sponsored by the American Society of Genealogists	F-316 Wisconsin: History & Resources for Genealogists <i>Rev. Dr. David McDonald, CG</i> Examine repositories, records, and their locations to locate the large influx of Norwegians, Germans, Belgians, and Poles who called Wisconsin home. (B/I)	F-324 National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) Luncheon: From the American Revolution to the 1940 Census: Weather and Family History (with a Nod to Natural Disasters) <i>Constance Potter</i> F-325 New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS) Luncheon: From the 19th Century to Today and Beyond: Genealogy of Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow <i>Michael J. Leclerc</i> F-326 Association of Professional Genealogists (APG) Luncheon: Discovering a Genealogical Treasure Trove <i>Kenyatta D. Berry & A. B. Caldwell</i> F-327 International Commission for the Accreditation of Professional Genealogists (ICAPGen) Luncheon: President Lincoln’s Answer to the Genealogist <i>J. Mark Lowe, CG, FUGA</i> Menu: Rancher’s Steak with Sliced Sirloin, Boursin Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato on French Baguette; Red Skinned Potato Salad; Chocolate Decadence Vegetarian Option Deluxe Dill Havarti Sandwich with Sliced Red Onion, Tomato, Cucumber on Light Rye Bread with a Creamy House Dressing; Red Skinned Potato Salad; Chocolate Decadence
They Came From	F-301 Irish Emigration to North America: Before, During, and After the Famine <i>Paul Milner</i> Examine migration patterns from Ireland to the U.S. and Canada, including the Scots-Irish. Learn how settlement patterns can be used to find place of origin. (B/I/A)	F-310 Demystifying Eastern European Research <i>Lisa A. Alzo</i> Anyone who has attempted to trace their ancestors back to Eastern Europe understands how border changes, language differences, and exotic-sounding surnames often complicate the research process. This session covers the most common myths/misconceptions and how to work around them. (B)	F-317 Immigration and Emigration Records on Ancestry.com <i>Ancestry.com</i> Understand how the vast collection of immigration and emigration records on Ancestry.com can help you track the movements of your ancestors as they relocated to different parts of the world. (B/I/A) Sponsored by Ancestry.com	
Records, Records, Records	F-302 U.S. Territorial Papers, 1789–1873: Records of the Frontiersmen <i>Linda Woodward Geiger, CG, CGL</i> Tips for finding and using this set of government documents which are chock-full of names and activities of the first settlers of U.S. Territories. (I)	F-311 Navigating the 1890 Gap: Research with State Census Records <i>Kris W. Rzepczynski, MLS, MA</i> Given the near-total loss of the 1890 U.S. Census, state census records frequently serve as an effective substitute. Explore these underutilized resources, focusing primarily on available schedules from that time period. (B/I/A)	F-318 Using Records in the National Archives: A Researcher’s View <i>Marie Varrelman Melchiori, CG, CGL</i> Covers how to locate NARA’s records from a researcher’s view. NARA’s ARC and AAD will also be discussed, as well as locating digitized records. (B/I/A)	
Technology	F-303 Digital Preservation Techniques for Genealogists <i>D. Joshua Taylor, MA, MLS</i> Learn how to properly preserve e-mails, photographs, documents, and other digital objects. (I/A)	F-312 From Land Records to Google Earth: Mapping Your Family’s Place <i>Jane G. Haldeman</i> There are numerous sources that give our ancestor’s legal land description; where are they and what do they mean? Learn where to look and how to convert section and range into Google Earth to see how that property looks today. (B/I)	F-319 Finding the World with WorldCat <i>Curt B. Witcher, MLS, FUGA, FIGS</i> WorldCat represents one of the most powerful online tools genealogists can access in attempting to identify and locate published and manuscript materials of consequence to their research. This presentation is an up-close look at this free online tool. (B/I/A)	
Our Military Ancestors	F-304 After Mustering Out: Researching Civil War Veterans <i>Amy Johnson Crow, CG</i> From veteran groups to soldiers home records, the post-war period has countless resources for us to explore. Will examine many types of sources created by and about Civil War veterans. (I)	F-313 Somewhere in France: Researching World War II <i>Tony Burroughs, FUGA</i> Researching World War II is very different than researching the Civil War, but just as important as time and relatives pass on. Learn the different records and strategies for researching your fathers, uncles and grandfathers in that war. (I/A)	F-320 Researching Your Indian Wars Ancestor Before the Civil War <i>Craig R. Scott, CG</i> Compiled military service records are not the only source of information on Indian Wars soldiers prior to the Civil War. (I)	
Strategies & Techniques	F-305 BCG Certification Two Hour Seminar <i>Thomas W. Jones, Ph.D., CG, CGL, FASG, FUGA, FNGS, Rev. Dr. David McDonald, CG, and Elissa Scalise Powell, CG</i> Join BCG associates as they explain the nature and purpose of certification, as well as the application process, requirements, and how to prepare. (B/I/A) Sponsored by the Board for Certification of Genealogists		F-321 Maximizing Your Reach: Research in University Libraries <i>Tim Pinnick</i> Rarely will a researcher find such diversity of resources as found at a university library. Rich microfilm collections, remarkable databases, and extended research hours are just a few reasons you’ll soon be hooked! (B/I/A)	
FamilySearch Technology Track	F-306 Welcome to FamilySearch Indexing <i>Devin Ashby</i> Be part of an international initiative to index the world’s largest collection of genealogical records. Will provide the background and basics to help you understand where to begin, how to help, and what can be achieved. (B/I/A) Sponsored by FamilySearch	F-314 FamilySearch Community: Together We Can Find Our Ancestors <i>Anne Roach, AG, CG</i> Learn how to make the FamilySearch community work for you. Whether gleaning from the knowledge of others, leaving your own legacy of knowledge or expertise, or building your reputation as a genealogical researcher, FamilySearch can help. (B/I/A) Sponsored by FamilySearch	F-322 Effective Search Techniques and Sound Research Practices on FamilySearch <i>David Ouimette, CG</i> Learn effective search techniques and sound research practices for finding ancestors and their families on FamilySearch. (B/I/A) Sponsored by FamilySearch	
GSG Track	F-307 On the Way to the Podium <i>Nancy Lee Walters Lauer</i> Learn presentation strategies and skills exemplified by professional presenters, whether for a one-on-one presentation, a talk to a small genealogical society, or a speech to a national audience of a thousand or more. (B/I/A) Sponsored by the Genealogical Speakers Guild	F-315 Making PowerPoint Unique by Not Distracting <i>Carrie Cook</i> Don’t make a presentation hard to use, or hard to understand. Tips to use features sparingly: be known for your quality, smooth, and uncluttered presentation. (B/I/A) Sponsored by the Genealogical Speakers Guild	F-323 The Value-Added Professional <i>Fredrea Gregath Cook</i> Build better contracts and/or proposals to businesses, societies, and individuals through value-added services. (I/A) Sponsored by the Genealogical Speakers Guild	

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F-328 Midwest Research on Ancestry.com <i>Ancestry.com</i> From state censuses to vital records to city directories and beyond, discover the resources on Ancestry.com to help you dig into your Midwestern roots. (B/I/A) Sponsored by Ancestry.com	F-337 Gateway to the West: Researching in Ohio <i>Diane VanSkiver Gagel, MA</i> Learn guidelines for researching in the Gateway to the West—Ohio. Township, county, and state levels will be discussed, as well as major repositories. (B/I)	F-345 St. Louis: The Gateway to the West <i>Ann Carter Fleming, CG, CGL, FNGS</i> St. Louis played a key role in the development of the west. Learn more about St. Louis records dating from 1765 to the current day, as well as their access and availability. (B/I) Sponsored by the St. Louis Genealogical Society
F-329 Beginning Swiss Research <i>Michael D. Lacopo, DVM</i> Over 400,000 Swiss immigrants have come to North America. With over 80 percent German-speaking, they often get lumped into "Germans to America," but the records found in Switzerland can be vastly different. (B/I/A)	F-338 Tracing Scots-Irish Ancestors <i>Dean J. Hunter, AG, CG, FUGA</i> Uncover the background needed to understand Scots-Irish research, placing it in its historical context. Will also discuss records in the U.S. used to locate place of origin in Ireland. (B/I/A)	F-346 Finding Your Irish Ancestors on Ancestry.com <i>Ancestry.com</i> There are more Irish records on Ancestry.com than ever before. Learn which records are most useful to your quest to discover your ancestors from the Emerald Isle. (B/I/A) Sponsored by Ancestry.com
F-330 The Draper Papers: Research in This (In)famous Manuscript Collection <i>James L. Hansen, FASG</i> How to find and research this noted manuscript collection. Will explain its background and organization, and describe the research strategies necessary to exploit its riches. (I/A)	F-339 Open Forum with NARA <i>NARA Staff</i> Have questions about the National Archives and Record Administration (NARA), its holdings, or future plans? Get them answered during this open forum. Sponsored by National Archives and Record Administration	F-347 Using City Directories: Following a Family's Migration from Ohio to Illinois <i>Deborah Abbott, Ph.D.</i> City directories are valuable sources that help pinpoint our ancestor's existence. Learn how city directories helped solve a family mystery of migration, death, and relationships. (B/I)
F-331 Digital Research of African Americans <i>Tony Burroughs, FUGA</i> New databases and websites for researching African Americans spring up every day. Maximize your research by finding hidden gems off the beaten path. (B/I/A)	F-340 Family History in Your Cells: Using DNA for Genealogical Research <i>Drew Smith, MLS</i> Afraid to try DNA as a research tool because the science seems intimidating? Will explain how DNA relates to genealogy, what kinds of DNA tests are available, and how researchers can share test results with each other. (I)	F-348 Fixing Faded Color Photos with Adobe Photoshop <i>Eric Curtis Basir</i> Learn useful techniques for restoring lost color, including the colorization of black and white photos. One attendee's photo will be chosen to demonstrate techniques. (I/A)
F-332 The Small Business Administration and the Transitional Genealogist <i>Mary Clement Douglass</i> Genealogists tend to forget they are also entrepreneurs. Examine the Small Business Planner and how it can help you manage your business. (B/I/A)	F-341 Developing Genealogical Skills: Mentoring from Novice to Expert <i>Melinde Lutz Sanborn, CG, FASG</i> Mentoring genealogists takes many forms, from teaching by example to full-time employment of apprentices. Covers the full spectrum, including examples from several well-known genealogists' careers. (B/I/A)	F-349 Apps Galore for the Professional Genealogist <i>Pamela Boyer Sayre, CG, CGL & Rick G. Sayre, CG</i> Discuss and demonstrate applications for the iPhone and iPad to help a professional genealogist run his or her business. (B/I/A)
F-333 Using 'Correlation' to Reveal Facts That No Record States <i>Thomas W. Jones, Ph.D., CG, CGL, FASG, FUGA, FNGS</i> Learn how to compare and contrast information from related sources to reveal information, relationships, and identities that no single source specifies.	F-342 Avoiding Pitfalls in New England Research <i>Rhonda R. McClure</i> A look at various major record types for New England, pointing out some of the idiosyncrasies that create pitfalls researchers don't expect. (B/I/A) Sponsored by the New England Historic Genealogical Society	F-350 Lessons from a Snoop: Collaterals and Associates <i>Debra Mieszala, CG</i> Crucial information on direct ancestors is often found by exploring collateral relatives, associates, and neighbors. Case studies present examples of invaluable finds. (B/I/A)
F-334 What's New with the Family Tree at FamilySearch Come and learn how to get the most out of Family Tree at FamilySearch.org. Provides an overview of its features, highlights useful tips and tricks, and get a sneak peek of upcoming new features. (B/I/A) Sponsored by FamilySearch	F-343 FamilySearch and Its Affiliate Community <i>Tim Cross</i> FamilySearch's information, products, and services go beyond its website. Discover how a community of affiliates identifies ancestors in source documents, pictures, gravesites, etc. (B/I/A) Sponsored by FamilySearch	F-351 Dealing with Digital Artifacts Billions of digital artifacts have been made available online with more on the way. See how to use FamilySearch.org to take advantage of the world of digital artifacts to make it easier to find, organize and share the evidence of your ancestors. (B/I/A) Sponsored by FamilySearch
F-335 How Do You Do That? Practical Suggestions for Prospective Genealogical Lecturers <i>Jean Wilcox Hibben, Ph.D., MA, CG</i> Public speaking tips, including managing stage fright; pros/cons of various presentation styles (e.g., PowerPoint vs. overheads); and publicity, fees, contracts, etc. will be covered. (B/I/A) Sponsored by the Genealogical Speakers Guild	F-344 Something For Everyone! Or Not? Establishing the Right Presentation Mix <i>Diana Crisman Smith</i> Not all lectures are everything to everyone. Some topics are inherently geared toward a specific audience. State your title clearly and tailor your presentation accordingly. (B/I/A) Sponsored by the Genealogical Speakers Guild	F-352 Lecturer, Speaker, Teacher: What's The Difference? <i>Gary M. Smith</i> When preparing a presentation, it's important to recognize that the approach for a lecture is vastly different from a class which is not at all like a speech. Knowing which is appropriate for your intended audience is key. (B/I/A) Sponsored by the Genealogical Speakers Guild

WORKSHOPS

8:00 AM–10:00 AM

F-308 Swedish Research

Geoffrey Fröberg Morris, AG
 Want to improve your Swedish research skills? Here is an opportunity to walk through the research process from a case study approach. We'll discuss how to locate where the family was from in Sweden. The majority of the presentation will be focused on Swedish research strategies, and end with digital resources for Swedish research. Come discover Swedish records, where to find them, and how to use them effectively. (\$15 fee. Pre-registration is required.)

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F-336 German Research

Tamra L. Stansfield, AG
 Researching German ancestors? Come learn common language terms, how to read German handwriting, and a variety of sources for finding your German ancestor's home in Germany. Will include a look at historical events which impact German research and an overview of the common records available for researching in Germany. (\$15 fee. Pre-registration is required.)

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APG Professional Management Conference Track

SPECIAL EVENT

6:30 PM–9:00 PM

F-353 FGS 35th Anniversary Celebration

Join the Federation of Genealogical Societies for a fun-filled evening of entertainment, learning, and celebration as we recognize the past, present, and future of FGS at the 35th Anniversary Celebration Gala. Guest speaker for the evening will be noted Lincoln scholar, Harold Holzer, as he presents "The Lincoln Family Album."

Menu:

Classic Caesar Salad (Crisp Romaine Caesar with Herb Scented Croutons, Shredded Parmesan & House Caesar Dressing); Chicken Wellington (Stuffed boneless breast of chicken wrapped in French puff pastry baked to a golden brown presented with Coppola vineyards demi glaze); Piped Sweet Potatoes; Fresh vegetable medley; Mixed Fruit Trifle

Vegetarian Option:

Classic Caesar Salad (Crisp Romaine Caesar with Herb Scented Croutons, Shredded Parmesan & House Caesar Dressing); Grilled vegetables to include eggplant, mushrooms, & seasonal squash, all marinated in a balsamic vinaigrette; Piped Sweet Potatoes; Mixed Fruit Trifle

Tickets for this special night are \$39, which includes the reception, dinner, presentation, and five door prize tickets.

SATURDAY

Tracks	8:00 AM	9:30 AM	11:00 AM	12:15 PM
Technology	S-400 Photo Restoration from Start to Finish Demonstration <i>Eric Curtis Basir</i> Learn how to scan, restore, and print a photo like the pros from beginning to end. Includes scanning and restoration. One attendee's photo will be chosen to demonstrate techniques. (B)	S-409 Build A Genealogy Blog <i>Thomas MacEntee</i> Having a genealogy blog can take your genealogy research to another dimension. Learn how to get started in this easy-to-understand demo! (B)	S-417 Getting the Most from Your Mac <i>Michael J. Leclerc</i> Discover the powerful, yet easy-to-use, software tools for your Macintosh computer that won't break the bank. (I/A)	S-426 Genealogical Speakers Guild (GSG) Luncheon: After Teaching Middle School, I Can Do ANYTHING: Advice on Public Speaking <i>Timothy Pinnick</i> S-427 FamilySearch Luncheon: What FamilySearch Is Doing for Researchers in the Midwest <i>David Rencher, AG, CG, FIGRS, FUGA</i> S-428 National Genealogical Society (NGS) Luncheon: How My Illinois German Ancestors Have Made Me a Better Genealogist <i>Janet A. Alpert</i>
In the Heartland	S-401 Don't Get Burned: Getting Around the Great Chicago Fire of 1871 <i>Tony Burroughs, FUGA</i> Many records survived the Great Chicago Fire of 1871 that can aid your search for Chicago ancestors. Learn which records survived, and methods of getting around the fire. (B/I/A)	S-410 Porkopolis to Bonanza Farms: Midwest Historical Geography for Genealogists <i>J. H. Fonkert, CG</i> Natural resources, transportation, and technology shaped settlement in the Midwest. Learn Chicago's pivotal role as the Midwest developed, from Cincinnati on the Ohio to the Bonanza farms of Dakota. (B/I)	S-418 Michigan Roots: Genealogy Research in the Wolverine State <i>Kris W. Rzepczynski, MLS, MA</i> This presentation explores migration patterns into Michigan and provides an overview of the rich genealogical resources available in print and online. (B/I)	
Family History Essentials	S-402 Land, Tax, and Court Records: Used Together Enhance Genealogical Data <i>Wendy Bebout Elliott, Ph.D., FUGA</i> Provides an overview of land, tax, and court records with an emphasis on how these records intertwine and genealogical data and clues are included. (B/I/A)	S-411 Options in Post-Adoption Research <i>Debra Mieszala, CG</i> The laws governing the release of adoption information are unique to each jurisdiction. Learn about the various options and how to begin a search. (B/I/A)	S-419 Discovering the Goldmine of Knowledge in Court Records <i>Anne Roach, AG, CG</i> Learn how to locate court records that are often overlooked, but may be full of vital record information, biographical details, or information that isn't available anywhere else! (B) Sponsored by FamilySearch	S-429 International Society for British Genealogy and Family History (ISBGFH) Luncheon: The Secretive Preston <i>Ann Wells</i> Menu: Virginia Ham and Aged Cheddar Served on a Ciabatta Roll, with Lettuce, Tomato and Whole Grain Honey Mustard; Fresh Fruit Cup; Key Lime Tart Vegetarian Option Grilled Vegetable Sandwich, Balsamic Marinated Vegetables and Sprouts on a Ciabatta Roll; Fresh Fruit Cup; Key Lime Tart
Records, Records, Records	S-403 U.S. Naturalization Records <i>Carol Smith, AG</i> A comprehensive look at naturalization records from the Colonial era through the 1900s in the U.S., including where and how to locate naturalization records and Internet sources to help in your search. (B/I/A) Sponsored by FamilySearch	S-412 Successful Cemetery Stalking <i>George G. Morgan</i> Examine the many types of death-related documents and online resources you can use to locate cemeteries. You'll also learn some methodologies to prepare for a successful cemetery investigation. (B/I/A)	S-420 So You Can't Read a Foreign Language: Deciphering Vital Records—Tips and Techniques <i>C. Ann Staley, CG, CGA</i> This presentation will provide resources, tips, and techniques to make a foreign language "brick wall" a little smaller. (I/A)	
They Came From	S-404 The Parish <i>Audrey Collins</i> The basic unit of administration throughout most of the British Isles is the Parish. There is a lot more to it than just baptisms, marriages, and burials. (I)	S-413 Irish Maps and Tools for Finding the Right Place <i>Paul Milner</i> Learn what maps are available for use in Irish research and what finding aids are available to make sure you are searching in the correct place. (B/I/A)	S-421 Researching Your New York Ancestors Through NewYorkAncestors.org <i>Christopher C. Child</i> Don't let New York brick walls stymie your progress. Discover sources and strategies to find ancestors in the Empire State on NewYorkAncestors.org. (B/I/A) Sponsored by the New England Historic Genealogical Society	
Strategies & Techniques	S-405 Genealogy in Alphabetical Order: Using Indexes Effectively <i>James L. Hansen, FAGG</i> Genealogists use, and rely on, innumerable indexes to many sources, often carelessly and incompletely. Examine a variety of indexes: large and small, print and manuscript, microfilm and online, as well as strategies for index-using success. (I/A)	S-414 Developing Effective Research Strategies <i>Linda Turner, AG</i> Creating a good research strategy before you delve into a research project will likely save you time and wasted effort in your work. Review essential techniques and methods that can solve difficult research problems. (B/I/A) Sponsored by FamilySearch	S-422 Evidence: Guidelines for Evaluating Genealogical Sources <i>Linda Woodward Geiger, CG, CGA</i> Elements of evaluating the evidence found in sources and documents. (I)	
Beginnings & Beliefs	S-406 Mennonite Research: The Forgotten Swiss Germans <i>Michael D. Lacapo, DVM</i> Mennonites came to America in two "waves." Learn how research techniques and repositories in America and in Europe can help you locate your Anabaptist ancestor! (I/A)	S-415 Researching Midwestern and Plains States American Indians <i>Paula Stuart-Warren, CG, FMGS, FUGA</i> Since the mid-1800s, American Indians in Midwestern and Plains states are a well-documented ethnic group. Learn resources, repositories, and methodologies to determine the correct tribe and locate records housed in many locations. (I/A)	S-423 Slave Research: A Closer Look at Freedom <i>Deborah Abbott, Ph.D.</i> The most difficult part of genealogical research for African Americans is finding their slave ancestor and owner. Learn the importance of understanding slavery in the U.S. and how to identify and find resources that can help. (A) James Dent Walker Memorial Lecture	
Writing & Sharing	S-407 Digital Scrapbooking <i>Linda Woodward Geiger, CG, CGA</i> Techniques for organizing your family history using scanners, digital images, digital audio files, digital video clips, word processing, and genealogy database files will be discussed. (B/I/A)	S-416 Write Your Family History Step-by-Step <i>Lisa A. Alzo</i> Provides a step-by-step guide on writing a compelling family history. Sample writing exercises may also be included. (I)	S-424 A Dozen Ways to Jumpstart Your Family History Project <i>Loretto D. Szucs</i> With so many new sources and methods popping up, it's hard to keep up with it all. Discover ways to stay on top of it all, and to provide the ideas you need to get going! (B/I/A)	

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S-430 Beyond Database Programs: Technology Tools to Help Manage Your Research <i>Drew Smith, MLS</i> Learn about software tools that can give you research suggestions, keep your notes organized, synchronize your working files across multiple computers, or provide automatic backups for peace of mind. (B)	S-438 Hidden Delights: The Website of The National Archives (UK) <i>Audrey Collins</i> Learn about records held in The National Archives and elsewhere, to research your British ancestors—and even some American ones. (I)	S-447 Twitter— It's Not Just "What I Had For Breakfast" Anymore <i>Thomas MacEntee</i> Cut through all the hype about Twitter and learn the basics on how to best use this social media platform to enhance your genealogy research. (B)
S-431 The Lincolns: An Extraordinary Family's Typical Story <i>Rev. Dr. David. McDonald, CG</i> Abraham Lincoln was born in Kentucky, raised in Indiana, and spent his adult years in Illinois. Follow Abe's family from the East Coast to Springfield. (B/I/A) Sponsored by the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society	S-439 Midwestern Repositories <i>Loretto D. Szucs</i> Take a mini tour of what the Midwest's greatest libraries, archives, and other institutions have to offer online, but you'll also better understand the benefits of a personal visit. (B/I/A)	S-448 Examining African American Migrations <i>Timothy Pinnick</i> Puzzled by the inexplicable move your great-grandfather made from Hattiesburg to St. Louis in the 1880s? Explore African American migrations large and small, along with many of the factors that spurred movement. (B/I/A)
S-432 Online, On Microfilm, and In Print: Finding Ancestors in Newspapers <i>James L. Hansen, FASG</i> Newspapers are useful sources. Learn what can be found in newspapers, how to identify and track them down, and how to search them effectively and efficiently. (I)	S-440 The Circle of Life: Genealogy Research with Vital Records <i>Kris W. Rzepczynski, MLS, MA</i> Explore records of birth, marriage, divorce, and death, their genealogical content, research strategies to identify exact event dates, and give specific examples of online indexes and records from across the U.S. (B/I/A)	S-449 Where Do I Go From Here? <i>Pamela Boyer Sayre, CG, CGL</i> When you've looked in the usual starting places, where do you go next? Learn to find biographical or historical information using online and traditional sources. (B)
S-433 The Homestead Records at Footnote.com <i>Roberta "Bobbi" King</i> Homestead records are a rich source of what life was like for a claimant in a particular place and time. Will offer examples of Footnote.com digitized images of homestead records. (B/I/A) Sponsored by Footnote.com	S-441 U.S. Census Agricultural Schedules: Placing Your Farming Ancestor in Context <i>George G. Morgan</i> The 1840 through 1910 U.S. federal censuses included an Agricultural Schedule. Learn how to find and use these insightful documents. (B/I/A)	S-450 The 1940 U.S. Census <i>Constance Potter</i> Learn how to prepare for the 1940 census release and the new census questions. (B/I/A) Sponsored by National Archives and Records Administration
S-434 Locating American Scots-Irish Families in the Records of Ireland and Scotland <i>Dean J. Hunter, AG, CG, FUGA</i> Provides a background of Scots-Irish emigration from an Irish and Scottish point of reference. Records in Northern Ireland and Scotland will be considered, with how to access and search these records. (B/I/A)	S-442 Dutch Treat: Strategies for Finding Ancestors in the Netherlands <i>J. H. Fonkert, CG</i> Dutch research utilizes the same kinds of records used in American research. Follow clues from American records to find locales of Dutch origins, and link individuals in American records to ancestors in Dutch church and civil records. (B/I)	S-451 Scotland's Old Parish Registers: How to Access, Use, and Interpret <i>Paul Milner</i> Learn how to access, use, and correctly interpret information found in christening, marriage, and burial registers of the Established Church of Scotland. Case studies of problems and clues will be presented. (I/A)
S-435 Burned Counties Research <i>David Dilts, AG</i> Discusses attitude, finding substitutes for burned records, being thorough, innovative, and using good follow-up. (B/I/A) Sponsored by FamilySearch	S-443 The Genealogical Proof Standard: What It Is and What It Is Not <i>Thomas Jones, Ph.D., CG, CGL, FASG, FUGA, FNGS</i> Apply the Genealogical Proof Standard to simple and complex evidence cases, use it as a guide for planning and implementing research, and incorporate it into proof arguments. (I) Helen F. M. Leary Distinguished Lecture Sponsored by the BCG Education Fund	S-452 How Mature Are You Genealogically? <i>Robert Raymond</i> Learn an easy system to rate your own genealogical skill level and identify your strengths and weaknesses using Genealogical Maturity Levels. Gain the knowledge you need to become a better genealogist. (B/I/A) Sponsored by Family Search
S-436 Indian Princess or Native Heritage? Tradition or Fact? <i>Wendy Bebout Elliott, Ph.D., FUGA</i> Native ancestry? What records are available? How do we use those that are? This lecture will answer these and other related questions. (B/I/A)	S-444 Using German Church Records <i>Michael D. Lacapo, DVM</i> Many of us have German-speaking European ancestors but are afraid to tackle the next step across the Atlantic. Examples of German church records, how to decipher them, and how to overcome the fear of German script will be discussed. (B/I/A) Sponsored by Palatines to America	S-453 Circuit Riders and the Early Methodist Church <i>J. Mark Lowe, CG, FUGA</i> Ride along with the Western Cavaliers as they spread the gospel throughout the wilderness. Learn about the early church records and how to use them in your research. (I/A)
S-437 The Place of Place in Your Family History Narrative: Anchoring Your Family History in Its Setting <i>Dawn Thurston</i> The places where your ancestors lived explain the why and how of their lives. Learn how to write a more in-depth family narrative through well-developed settings. (B/I/A) Sponsored by the International Society of Family History Writers and Editors	S-445 "If it is to be, it's up to me!" Take Responsibility to Ensure Your Descendants Have Your Records <i>M. Scott Simkins</i> Don't assume your records will magically be around in the future with no effort on your part. Learn simple preservation tips to properly use and store materials at home, while illustrating the dangers of not applying them. (B/I/A) Sponsored by FamilySearch	S-454 Using Diaries and Journals to Add Personality to Your Research <i>Laura Prescott</i> Diaries and journals add unique personal perspectives to the lives of our ancestors. Learn where to locate diaries and how to use them in your research. (B/I)

WORKSHOPS

8:00 AM–10:00 AM

S-408 Think Like a Targeted Marketer: One Marketing Plan Does NOT Fit All

Natasha Crain, MBA

In this two-hour, highly interactive workshop, participants will gain a powerful understanding of HOW to tailor their marketing tactics for various types of genealogy consumers. (B/I/A)

(\$15 fee. Pre-registration is required.)

Association of Professional Genealogists Professional Management Conference Workshop Session

Part 1: 11:00 AM–Noon • Part 2: 2:00–3:00 PM

S-425 Developing a Basic Research Plan

J. Mark Lowe, CG, FUGA

Using real-life examples and patterns from busy professionals, learn how to make research plans that work for you. Acceptable standards, resources and examples will be emphasized. (I/A)

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3:30 PM–5:30 PM

S-446 Windows on the Past: Dating, Identifying, and Caring for Historic Photographs

Diane VanSkiver Gagel, MA

The first hour will cover dating photograph mediums and preservation. The second hour discussion will include dating fashions found in photographs and using technology in sharing. (I)

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SUNDAY EVENT

10:00 AM–Noon

Farewell Brunch

FGS hears "what can you do the day after the conference?" or "I had such a great time and I don't want it to end!" On Sunday, after the conference, join fellow genealogists for a buffet style Farewell Brunch at the Hilton Springfield. We have warned the Hilton about how long genealogists will stay and chat, especially since there will not be more than a few minutes of greeting. You might even win a door prize or two. The menu and other details will be posted on the Blog and FGS website. You may register your non-genealogist friends and family for this brunch. Tickets are \$16.

The special rate at the Hilton is good for Sunday night, too! Watch the blog for info about churches, tours, museums, historic sites, and libraries in the Springfield area for Sunday and also more for those who might want to venture a bit further on that day.



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F-308: Swedish Workshop \$15 \$ _____
F-336: German Workshop \$15 \$ _____
S-408: Think Like a Targeted Marketer (APG PMC) \$15 \$ _____
S-425: Developing a Basic Research Plan \$15 \$ _____
S-446: Windows on the Past: Dating . . . Photographs \$15 \$ _____

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F-353: 35th Anniversary Celebration, Fri. Sept. 9 \$39 \$ _____
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