

**DuPage County (IL) Genealogical Society
22th Annual Conference**

Saturday March 1, 1997

National-Louis University in Wheaton, IL.

National-Louis University is located at 200 S. Naperville Road, Wheaton, IL

Program

Roots in the Old Country

Time	Title	Presentation
9:00AM	From Small Town to Large City - Sources in Germany and U.S. (1A)	Gazetteers, German zip code book, towns & cities; sources Patricia Reaves
10:30AM	Upgrading Your German Research Strategies (2A)	German Addresses, Internet sources, translations; Max Kade Institute Patricia Reaves
10:30AM	Tracing Czech/Slovak Roots (2B)	Brief history of the nations and differences in research approaches Paul Valasek
1:30PM	Basic Polish Research (3A)	History; multilingual considerations; how to research here & abroad Paul Valasek

Computer Routes to Roots

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9:00AM	Why in the World Wide Web? (1C)	What is WWW? Why do you need it? How can you use it for research? Jeff Bockman
1:30PM	Tricks & Tips for the Internet (3C)	Using the Internet more efficiently to save time, money and effort in genealogy research David Beckwith

Routes From the Old Country

Time	Title	Presentation
1:30PM	Emigration Patterns as Clues to Irish Ancestral Research (3B)	Using Irish history and migrations to develop individual search strategies Edward O'Day
2:45PM	Tracking Pre-Famine Irish Immigrants (4A)	Finding Irish immigrants in the 1783-1845 period Edward O'Day

2:45PM	Immigrant Steamships (4B)	Slide show of ships and ports 1890-1950; finding the records Paul Valasek
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Chicago/Midwest Roots & Routes

Time	Title	Presentation
9:00AM	Chicago Sources (1B)	Where to conduct genealogical research close to home Lou Szucs
10:30AM	Migration to Illinois (2C)	Roads, railroads, and water routes to the Midwest Edward O'Day
2:45PM	Chicago Ancestors (4C)	Finding ancestors who lived in Cook County Lou Szucs

Speakers

David L. Beckwith is co-owner of a software company that books golf reservations through the Internet. David is currently involved with several Internet projects including the DCGS and Smoky Mountain Historical Society home pages as well as the Smoky Mountain Ancestral Quest, which contains his personal genealogy database of more than 65,000 names.

Jeff Bockman is President of the DCGS and active as a teacher in our beginning genealogy classes. He is currently designing the Gen-Web site for DuPage County. For 16 years, Jeff has developed hardware and software support for country-wide insurance systems.

Associate Professor of History at Southern IL, University, **Edward J. O'Day** is a specialist in German, Irish and immigration genealogy. His published works include Irish Laborers on the Western Railroad and Reconstructing Immigrant Family from United States Records.

Patricia Reaves learned old German script at the knee of her grandfather in her native country. As a genealogy consultant, professional teacher and language instructor, Patricia brings superior credentials to her sessions, which will expand upon last year's German research topics.

A professional genealogist and author specializing in Chicago research, **Loretto Dennis Szucs** is well-known to our genealogical community. Her Chicago and Cook County Sources is **the** handbook for Chicago research. Lou is Managing Editor of Ancestry Publishing Company.

Paul Valasek, DDS has visited Eastern Europe six times in successful pursuits of family history. Paul is the Treasurer and Editor for Czech & Slovak Genealogy Society of Illinois and has twice served as the Conference Chairman for the Polish Genealogical

Society of America.'s Genealogy Books, CD-ROMS, Maps and Supplies, has been a familiar face as a vendor at DCGS conferences for many years. She has spent 25 years researching her family lines. Mary and her husband, Bob Storbeck, previously sold computer hardware and software to small businesses.