

**DuPage County (IL) Genealogical Society
26th Annual Conference**

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**Hilton Lisle/Naperville Conference Center
Lisle, Illinois**

The Hilton Lisle/Naperville Conference Center is located at 3003 Corporate West Drive, Lisle, IL 60532

Program

Time	Title	Presentation
9:00AM	<i>An Overview of Scandinavian Research (1A)</i>	Explores U.S. sources and strategies for tracing Scandinavian ancestors and their places of origin; locating and accessing major European genealogical records. Maralyn A. Wellauer
9:00AM	<i>Preparing for Your Genealogical Research Trip Using Your Computer (1B)</i>	Using Internet sources; creating various charts and reports to facilitate on-site research and encourage documentation. Michael John Neill
9:00AM	<i>Leaving a Legacy: Writing Your Family History (1C)</i>	Most of us would rather research our family history than spend time writing it. The excuses are many, but unfortunately, wonderful family information disappears because it is buried in an unorganized pile of research notes. What kind of genealogical legacy do you want to leave for your descendants and other researchers? Will others be able to access and use your research? Will your personal knowledge of family members be lost? This lecture presents ideas and techniques to produce a well-written and documented family history. Nancy J. Emmert
10:30PM	<i>19th Century Emigration From Europe: The Records They Left Behind (2A)</i>	Reasons for emigration and how to use the paper trail the departure created. Maralyn A. Wellauer
10:30PM	<i>Digital Images For Genealogy (2B)</i>	Accessing, creating, storing, and sharing digital images. Michael John Neill
10:30PM	<i>On Location: Researching In Your Ancestor's Community (2C)</i>	A successful research trip is the result of careful preparation and organization of your family data, research objectives and utilization of your precious time. Actually going to the location of your ancestral home can provide a clearer picture of your ancestor and may provide unexpected rewards. This lecture

		provides helpful travel tips. Nancy J. Emmert
11:45PM	<i>Luncheon and browsing</i>	
1:15PM	<i>Sources and Strategies for Successful German and Swiss Research (3A)</i>	Sources for research in Germany and the German-speaking areas of Switzerland. Maralyn A. Wellauer
1:15PM	<i>Notetaking, Abstracting, and Extracting (3B)</i>	Gleaning information from original sources, and including adequate, accurate documentation. Michael John Neill
1:15PM	<i>From Piles to Files: Organizing Your Research (3C)</i>	Genealogists are gatherers of family information and documents. It is far more interesting to search for data than to organize it. With the use of copy machines and computers, it is very easy to collect vast piles of paper. At some point, something must be done with all those piles of papers. This presentation discusses some ideas and techniques to help you turn your genealogical mess into organized and accessible information. Nancy J. Emmert
2:45PM	<i>Evaluating Online Genealogical Information (4A)</i>	Finding current and historical information; evaluating the authenticity of the source. Michael John Neill
2:45PM	<i>Living With Brick Walls (4B)</i>	Problem solving and record keeping techniques for various types of brick wall research. Jeffrey A. Bockman
2:45PM	<i>Using Maps & Gazetteers to Locate Ancestral Towns (4C)</i>	Solid techniques for finding current and historical information on geographical locations. Maralyn A. Wellauer

Speakers

Jeffrey A. Bockman is the First Vice President of Illinois State Genealogical Society, regional speaker on genealogical topics, and has had articles published in *FGS Forum* and *Heritage Quest*.

Nancy J. Emmert is a nationally known speaker on various topics. She is treasurer of FGS, and is a past-president of the Wisconsin State Genealogical Society.

Michael John Neill is an instructor at Carl Sandburg College in Galesburg, Illinois and is on the staff of the Genealogical Institute of Mid America. He writes a weekly article in

Ancestry Daily News and has written for such publications as *Journal of Online Genealogy*, *Heritage Quest*, and *Genealogical Helper*.

Maralyn A. Wellauer is an internationally known author and professional genealogist who has lectured extensively throughout the United States and Canada since 1968. A third generation American, she traces her Swiss ancestry back to cantons Thurgau, Schaffhausen, Zuerich, Vaud and Jura.

The author/compiler of a number of books including *A Guide to Foreign Genealogical Research*, *Tracing Your Swiss Roots*, and *German Immigration to America in the 19th Century*, she currently edits the award-winning quarterly publication, "*The Swiss Connection: A Genealogical and Cultural Newsletter*." Recipient of the Swiss American Historical Society's Paroz Award (1998) citing the newsletter as "one of the most useful publications of its kind to be found anywhere;" and First Place (Ethnic Societies) in the 1997 and 1996 Ellen Payne Odom Genealogy Library International "Family Tree Newsletter Contest."

Special projects include documenting the lives and journey of a group of Swiss, who in 1821, settled in Lord Selkirk's colony at the Red River of the North, near present-day Winnipeg. Many later made their way to the American Midwest and were pioneers in the lead mining region of Wisconsin and Illinois. In addition, since 1980, Miss Wellauer has been engaged in an intensive and comprehensive study of Swiss immigration to Wisconsin during the 19th century. The goal of this project is to produce brief biographical and genealogical studies of all persons of Swiss birth who came to reside in Wisconsin prior to 1900.

Formerly a secondary teacher of History and Geography, she is the owner of *Family History Education Associates*, <http://www.execpc.com/~fhea>, a firm specializing in methods and materials for the teaching of family history at all grade levels.