

**DuPage County (IL) Genealogical Society
30th Annual Conference**

Saturday February 26, 2005

**Hilton Garden Inn
St. Charles, Illinois**

The Hilton Garden Inn, 4070 East Main Street, St. Charles, IL is located on the north side of North Avenue (Rte. 64) across the street from the Pheasant Run Resort, two miles west of IL Rt. 59 and just east of the DuPage/Kane county line.

Program

Time	Title/Speaker	Presentation
8:00 AM	<i>Registration & Browsing</i>	Browsing in the Vendor Area. Beverages and snacks will be available for purchase during the day.
9:00 AM (1A)	<i>From Blushing Bride to Reluctant Relict: Marital Property Law and Its Effect on Genealogical Research</i> Helen F.M. Leary	We recognize, in the abstract, that half our ancestors were female. Property laws of the areas where they lived may have masked their identities but if we understand those laws, we can direct our research to the records and analyses that help us identify the ladies from whom we descend.
9:00 AM (1B)	<i>Determining Places of Origin of Immigrant Ancestors</i> Larry Jensen	Presents beginning and advanced U.S. and German sources and procedures used to determine the place of birth of German immigrants.
9:00 AM (1C)	<i>Jumpstart Your Swedish Family History Research</i> Gary Shea	Swedish family history research can be extremely rewarding because of the rich set of records that were kept, survive and are readily available. In this presentation the basic concepts and a research strategy are covered using several solid examples.
10:30 AM (2A)	<i>Time-Lines and Real Lives: Using Ancestors' Life Patterns to Find Their Parents</i> Helen F.M. Leary	Each event in an ancestor's life occurred at a specific place on the time line between his or her birth and death. Those occurrences form a pattern. Mrs. Leary describes how to chart the timeline, identify the patterns, and use them to find the ancestor's parents.
10:30 AM (2B)	<i>Identifying and Locating Records and Sources by Understanding German Jurisdictions</i> Larry Jensen	Introduces German reference tools to identify nobility, government and other record jurisdictions. Also discusses German cultural areas with their records and resources found in library catalogs and printed sources.

10:30 AM (2C)	<i>10 Things to Look For and 10 to Watch Out For in Swedish Records</i> Gary Shea	Swedish Church parish records dating from the 1600s to the present are loaded with genealogical information and can provide more than sufficient data for finding ancestors. Gary will provide tips based upon his experience in using these records.
11:45 AM	<i>Luncheon and Browsing</i>	Luncheon and time to visit the vendors.
1:30 PM (3A)	<i>Introduction to Cross-Border Research: Virginia Suburbs in North Carolina</i> Helen F.M. Leary	This lecture introduces well-tested methods for identifying ancestors' origins and tracing their children to the "next" likely migration destinations. Because the majority of early colonial North Carolinians originated in Virginia, they provide excellent examples for illustration.
1:30 PM (3B)	<i>Sources Used in Resolving Basic German Research Problems</i> Larry Jensen	Learn the basic principles used to identify and verify ancestor's event date and place (birth, marriage etc.). Find out how calendars, feast dates and other special aspects of the German culture aid in doing family research. The effects of historical events on German records and their use in tracing ancestors is discussed.
1:30 PM (3C)	<i>No Birth Certificate? No Problem!</i> Jeffrey Bockman	Takes a look at the wide variety of primary and secondary sources to determine birth facts if a birth certificate is not available or cannot be found.
3:00 PM (4A)	<i>Chatting with Our Ancestor's Neighbors: What they Can Tell Us and How to Ask</i> Helen F.M. Leary	Interviewing our ancestor's friends, neighbors, associates, and leaders can give us information we cannot find anywhere else. Mrs. Leary describes why "whole neighborhood" research is important, and how to go about doing it.
3:00 PM (4B)	<i>Sources Used in Resolving Intermediate to Advanced German Research Problems</i> Larry Jensen	Learn the process of pedigree analysis to extend pedigree lines. Case studies will explain intermediate to advanced German research procedures.
3:00 PM (4C)	<i>What's New at the National Archives</i> Glenn Longacre	Learn about all of the changes at the regional archives; a new physical layout and new records.

Speakers

Jeffrey Bockman is a former three-term president of the DuPage County (IL) Genealogical Society, genealogical lecturer, instructor, and writer. He spoke at the 2003, 2001 and 1998 FGS Conferences. He has had numerous articles published in FGS Forum, Heritage Quest, Family Tree Magazine (UK), and Missing Links. Jeff's website: www.JeffBockman.com

Larry Jensen is an Accredited Genealogist in German research with over 30 years of research experience. Currently employed by the Family History Department as a Senior Reference Consultant in the International Reference Unit. He received his Bachelors of Science degree from Brigham Young University and also completed graduate studies in history at BYU and the University of Utah. He is President of Jensen Publication and has authored *A Genealogical Handbook of German Research*, volumes I and II, and *Maps of the German Empire of 1871*.

Helen F.M. Leary CG, CGL, FASG, FNGS, award-winning genealogist, writer, and lecturer. past BCG (Board for Certification of Genealogists) president; IGHR course coordinator; articles in the *NGS Quarterly*, *The Americal Genealogist*, *Professional Genealogist*, and *North Carolina Research*.

Glenn Longacre has been an archivist with the National Archives and Records Administration-Great Lakes Region, Chicago, for eleven years. Prior to working for the National Archives, he was a reference archivist with the Ohio Historical Society in Columbus. Glenn is a member of the Midwest Archives Conference, Chicago Area Archivists, World War Two Studies Association, and the Association for Documentary Editing. He received a BA in history and a MA in Public History from West Virginia University. Glenn's most recent publication is *To Battle for God and the Right: The Civil War Letterbooks of Emerson Opdycke* (University of Illinois Press, 2003). Currently, he is researching a company of paratroopers who served with the 82nd Airborne Division in World War II.

Gary Shea's interest in genealogy began in 1974 when he interviewed his grandparents about their grandparents. Although he earned a degree in history in 1978, he did not delve into genealogical research until the mid-1990s. Since then he has found many ancestors and written and published articles on family history. He is an officer and director of the Irish Genealogical Society of Wisconsin. His family tree database called **garytshea** can be accessed at worldconnect.genealogy.rootsweb.com.

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