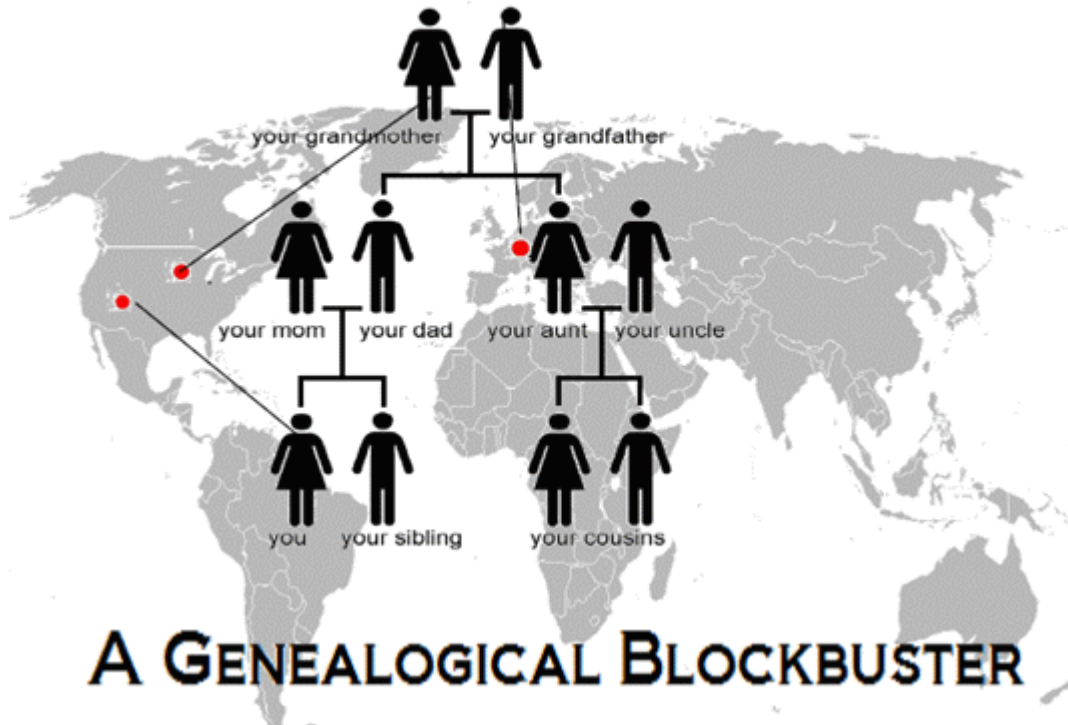


DuPage County (IL) Genealogical Society
36th Annual Conference

CONNECTING THE DOTS



A GENEALOGICAL BLOCKBUSTER

was held on **Saturday February 26, 2011**

Thank you to the 370 Attendees, the Speakers, the Vendors,
and all of the volunteers that helped to make it happen.

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

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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

**George Schweitzer & John Colletta are two of the best lecturers in the country.
It is strongly recommended that you attend at least one of each of their programs!**

Time	Title/Speaker	Presentation
8:00 AM	Registration Browsing in the two Vendor Areas	
8:45 AM (1A)	<i>German Emigration, Immigration, and Migration Patterns</i> George Schweitzer	The coming to the colonies and the U.S. of Germanic peoples, their places of origin, their ports of departure, the ports of arrival, migrations after arrival, and records of all of these. {Beginner-Advanced}
8:45 AM (1B)	<i>Military Service Records, 1776-1916</i> John Philip Colletta	After distinguishing military service records from pension and bounty land records, this lecture explains how the service records are housed in the National Archives and how to locate and retrieve a specific record. It suggests what information you need to initiate a search and where you might find that information. A variety of finding aids are discussed, including internet web sites and state archives, as well as National Archives indexes. {Beginner-Intermediate}
8:45 AM (1C)	<i>Searching For French Canadians</i> Michelle Wilson	The French-Canadian record is genealogically unique. Largely intact since the founding in 1621, most persons of French-Canadian descent will discover hundreds, if not thousands, of ancestors in the extensive Canadian record. Learn the methods for tracing your own French-Canadian ancestry. The program will also feature a short history of the French in Canada, Acadia, and the Great Lakes regions. {Beginner-Intermediate}
Break (10:00 AM - 10:30 AM)		
10:30 AM (2A)	<i>Irish Genealogical Research</i> George Schweitzer	Genealogically relevant history, records that are available, record repositories, bridging the Atlantic, and internet resources. {Beginner-Advanced}
10:30 AM (2B)	<i>Breaking Through Brick Walls: Use Your HEAD!</i> John Philip Colletta	The path of genealogical investigation is strewn with many stumbling blocks, and every so often we even hit a brick wall. When that happens, it's time to use your head! This lecture offers some guidelines and points of

		methodology for how to proceed when you hit a brick wall. The theory, however, is presented briefly, giving way to five or six solid, practical examples. {Beginner-Advanced}
10:30 AM (2C)	<i>Cemetery Research Search High & Low, Above & Below</i> Jeffrey A. Bockman	Be sure to check the cemetery records because there may be more below ground than there appears to be. What you can find at a cemetery and clues to help you find and document them. Includes photographs of unique tombstones and monuments showing what you can find along with samples of various cemetery records, funeral home records, and obituaries along with tips on finding cemeteries. {Beginner-Intermediate}
11:45 AM	<p style="text-align: center;">Luncheon served upstairs</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Your choice of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roasted Salmon Victoria served on vegetable noodles with roasted red pepper coulis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beef Wellington: Seared Filet of Beef topped with Wild Mushroom Duxelle & Wrapped in a Delicate Puff Pastry • Roast Tuscan Pork Loin, Balsamic Herb Marinated Pork Loin sauced with Tomato Basil Chutney, accompanied with Calvados Reduction <p style="text-align: center;">Served with a Garden Salad and Flourless Chocolate Cake with Chocolate Mousse along with Coffee, Ice Tea, or Milk</p> <p style="text-align: center;">then please Take time to visit the Vendors</p>	
1:30 PM (3A)	<i>Scots-Irish Genealogy Research</i> George Schweitzer	History and genealogical records of the Scots-Irish, in Northern Ireland, in the American colonies, and in the early US. {Beginner-Advanced}
1:30 PM (3B)	<i>Naturalization Records - Advanced Problem Solving</i> John Philip Colletta	After summarizing rapidly the basics of finding an immigrant ancestor's naturalization record, this lecture focuses on more difficult cases when the basic methodology does not yield results. It discusses the various possible reasons why a record may not be found and offers alternative sources and strategies. Specific examples are examined using finding aids such as web sites and indexes. {Intermediate-Advanced}
1:30 PM (3C)	<i>The WWI Draft Card: Don't Do Research Without It!</i> Tim Pinnick	Provides an introduction to the WWI registration records. Reveals to the attendees a number of valuable pieces of information that are imbedded in a registration card that

		<p>can become leads in solving some of their genealogical roadblocks. Shows how to use the WWI registration cards to help identify an ancestor with a common name and to identify relatives and their potential friends and long term relationships using the employer and residence information.</p> <p>{Beginner-Intermediate}</p>
1:30 PM (3D)	<p><i>Passage Express Workshop</i> Carole Magnuson</p>	<p>Passage Express users and other interested persons are invited to learn more about Passage Express multimedia presentation software. Many advanced techniques will be demonstrated. Bring your questions and your laptop computers so you can follow along. Those interested in purchasing Passage Express software can do so either during the break before the workshop, or at the end of the session.</p> <p>{Beginner-Advanced}</p>
<p>Break (2:30 PM - 3:00 PM)</p>		
3:00 PM (4A)	<p><i>Q&A with George George Schweitzer</i></p>	<p>An informal Question & Answer session with George. Note this will only last 30 minutes.</p>
3:00 PM (4B)	<p><i>French Ancestry: Researching in the United States and France</i> John Philip Colletta</p>	<p>This lecture reviews the colonial and federal records of value for researching French ancestors in North America, then explains the records of France. Using digitized and microfilmed examples, it demonstrates the peculiar challenges of tracing French ancestors and offers a variety of resources and techniques for meeting those challenges.</p> <p>{Beginner-Advanced}</p>
3:00 PM (4C)	<p><i>No Birth Certificate? No Problem!</i> Jeffrey A. Bockman</p>	<p>Takes a look at the wide variety of primary and secondary sources to determine when a person was born and who were their parents if a birth certificate is not available or can't be found. Reviews a variety of records to help determine the parents, the birth date, and the birth location. Several case studies are included.</p> <p>Based upon his article Birth Records and Alternatives in Heritage Quest Magazine, Issue #112 - Winter 2004/2005. See Genealogy According to Jeff - Birth Records and Alternatives</p>

		{ Beginner-Advanced }
3:00 PM (4D)	<i>Passage Express Workshop</i> Carole Magnuson	<p>This is a continuation of the 1:30 p.m. session and not necessarily a repeat of that session. Several different aspects of the Passage Express software program will be demonstrated, but most of the discussion will focus on questions and observations by the users of Passage Express. Attendees can attend one or both sessions.</p> <p>People attending the 4A Q&A session are welcome to join this workshop while in progress.</p> <p>The syllabus material will cover the points for those not attending both sessions.</p> <p>{ Beginner-Advanced }</p>

Speakers

Jeffrey A. Bockman, Genealogical Lecturer and Writer, was a contributing editor for the former Everton's Genealogical Helper and a feature writer for the former Heritage Quest Magazine. He is a past 5-term president of the Du Page County (IL) Genealogical Society. Presentations have been given at the 2010 and 2008 Ohio Genealogical Society Conference, the 2007 BYU Family History & Genealogy Conference, the 2006 NGS, and the 2003, 2001 and 1998 FGS Conferences.

He is the author of *Give Your Family A Gift That Money Can't Buy*, a book that encourages people to record and preserve their family's history.

See: www.JeffBockman.com.

John Philip Colletta, Ph.D., is a nationally known speaker with a well-deserved reputation for warmth, wit, and a great sense of humor. He taught at the National Archives and Smithsonian Institution for 21 years and now lectures nationally and at universities in the Washington, D.C., area. He was so popular at last year's conference that we invited him back again.

His publications include: *They Came in Ships*, *Finding Italian Roots* and *Only a Few Bones*. See: www.genealogyjohn.com.

Carole Magnuson, began her family history research in 1981. She published her maternal and paternal family histories in the late 1980's. After retiring she began working as a professional genealogy researcher. She is an active member of both the DuPage County (IL) Genealogical Society and South Suburban Genealogical and Historical Society, Hazel Crest, Illinois. Carole has lectured extensively in the Chicago area, and at Iowa, Virginia and Ohio genealogical society conferences. In 2005, The Jefferson Project, makers of Passage Express, asked Carole to represent them as a vendor at

genealogical conferences where she demonstrates and sells Passage Express Software.
See: www.passageexpress.com

Tim Pinnick, Lecturer and family historian with more than 25 years overall research experience including all the major U.S. repositories, author of “Finding and Using African American Newspapers” released May, 2008, Board member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, instructor in the African American track at the summer Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research, Samford University, public school teacher for 10 years (through the 2002-03 school year, after which I resigned to pursue researching and writing full time), recipient of a 2005-2006 Formby Research Fellowship to conduct research on African American coal miners at the Southwest Collection/Special Collections Library, Texas Tech University.
Author of: *Finding and Using African American Newspapers*. See:
www.blackcoalminerheritage.net.

George K. Schweitzer, Ph.D., is a well known genealogical speaker. His entertaining, humorous, and informative programs use historical reenactment and are presented in period costumes. He has lectured throughout the US, Canada, England, and Germany. DCGS is happy to have him return to the Chicago area for the first time in 10 years. He is the author of 19 genealogical guidebooks. See: www.gensources.com.

Michelle Bray Wilson, is the president of the Computer-Assisted Genealogy Group of Northern Illinois (CAGGNI) and an active member of the French-Canadian and Acadian Genealogists of Wisconsin (FCGW). She began her genealogical research in 2007 when a family history created in the 1930s came into her hands. She has since worked on-line and with other researchers to locate over 980 direct ancestors. Michelle traces her own French-Canadian ancestry to the Red Lake Falls area of Minnesota, and from there to the Montreal and Ile d’Orleans areas of Quebec, to Acadia, and beyond.

Vendors & Exhibitors

Two vendor areas: Ballroom C & Cardinal

Cardinal Room

Maia's Books & Misc. - www.maiasbooks.com/
Stitched For You - Diane Ryan
Family Tree Tours - www.familytreetours.com
Fox Valley Genealogical Society - www.ilfvgs.org
Illinois State Genealogy Society - <http://www.ilgensoc.org/>

Salon C

Fun Stuff for Genealogists - www.funstuffforgenealogists.com
Heritage Makers - Jill Konieczny
Photo Grafix University- photografix.pro

The Magikey Family Tree - <http://www.themagikey.com>
Computer Assisted Genealogy Group- Northern IL (CAGG-NI) - www.caggni.org
Czechoslovak American Genealogical Society of Illinois (CSAGSI)- www.csagsi.org/
Newberry Library - www.newberry.org/
Polish Genealogy Society of America - www.pgsa.org

Hallway

DuPage County History Museum - www.dupagemuseum.org/
Perrin-Wheaton DAR
DuPage County Genealogy Society - www.dcgss.org