

**DuPage County (IL) Genealogical Society
37th Annual Conference**



**Tracking Your
Ancestors'
Footsteps**



was held on **Saturday February 25, 2012**

Thank you to the 337 Attendees, the Speakers, the Vendors,
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**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

Time	Title/Speaker	Presentation
8:00 AM	Registration Browsing in the Vendor Area Beverages and snacks will be available for purchase in the morning.	
9:00 AM (1A)	<i>Finding Your English Ancestors: The Big Four</i> Paul Milner	We will examine available indexes, how to access and interpret the four primary records groups for English research: civil registration, census, church records and probate. These are the primary records you need when searching for anyone from the fifteenth to the twentieth century.
9:00 AM (1B)	<i>Advanced Search Tips for Ancestry.com</i> Juliana Smith	Ancestry.com is home to more than 6 billion records in more than 30,000 collections. But what's the best way find what you're looking for in all that information? This class will teach you how to make the powerful search tools at Ancestry.com work for you so to help you locate your ancestor, discover their stories, and so much more.
9:00 AM (1C)	<i>Don't Get Burned: Getting Around the Great Chicago Fire of 1871</i> Tony Burroughs	The entire city burned in 1871, but many records survived to aid your search for Chicago ancestors. Learn which records survived, and methods of getting around the fire.
Break (10:00 AM - 10:30 AM)		
10:30 AM (2A)	<i>Effective Use of England's National Archives Website</i> Paul Milner	Learn how to effectively use the research tools, indexes and catalogs on this large website to find your ancestors and to put them into their correct historical context.
10:30 AM (2B)	<i>A Dozen Ways to Jumpstart Your Family History Project</i> Lou Szucs & Juliana Smith	With so many new sources and methods popping up, it's hard to keep with it all. This lecture is designed to point to ways to stay on top of it all, and to provide the ideas you need to get going!
10:30 AM (2C)	<i>Creating Order Out of Chaos</i> Tony Burroughs	Have you searched in every courthouse, every library, and every archives and still haven't solved your riddle? One of the keys to success in genealogy is doing more with what you have. Sometimes the pieces are there, we just need to look at them in different ways. Reorganizing and analyzing may solve your riddle.
11:45 AM	Luncheon served upstairs If not specified or registered after Feb 12, the Grilled Chicken dinner will be ordered.	

		<p>Your choice of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beef Stroganoff • Grilled Chicken with Rice Pilaf - Option to make the chicken entree and dessert gluten-free • Grilled vegetables with tofu (vegan and vegetarian) <p>Served with a Fruit Cup and desert along with Coffee, Ice Tea, or Milk</p> <p>then please Take time to visit the Vendors</p>
1:30 PM (3A)	<p><i>Buried Treasures: What's in the English Parish Chest?</i> Paul Milner</p>	<p>The English parish was both an ecclesiastical and a civil jurisdiction. Both jurisdictions created informative records and kept them in the Parish Chest. This presentation will examine the breadth and wealth of information that can be found, going well beyond the baptism, marriage and burial registers.</p>
1:30 PM (3B)	<p><i>Discovering Midwestern Repositories</i> Lou Szucs</p>	<p>In terms of research opportunities, the Midwest is the land of opportunity! This presentation will be a mini tour of some of the best places to find your family records. Not only will you learn what some of the greatest libraries, archives and other institutions have to offer online, but you'll better understand the benefits of a personal visit.</p>
1:30 PM (3C)	<p><i>Navigating the National Archives</i> Tony Burroughs</p>	<p>The National Archives has 33 facilities, which hold approximately 21.5 million cubic feet of original textual materials, in addition to microfilm and electronic records. It's the largest archives in the United States and most of the 4 billion pieces of paper in its collection are not on the Internet. It can be very intimidating, unless you understand how it operates, and can master the finding aids.</p>
<p>Break (2:30 PM - 3:00 PM)</p>		
3:00 PM (4A)	<p><i>Branching Out: Connecting with others using Social Networking and Online Family Trees</i> Jennifer Holik</p>	<p>Learn how to use social networking and online family trees to branch out and expand your family research.</p>
3:00 PM (4B)	<p><i>The "New" FamilySearch Website</i> Maureen Brady</p>	<p>The FamilySearch website was completely redesigned in December, 2010, with a new look and much more content, including indexes linked to the images of original documents and a library of instructional videos.</p>

		This presentation will provide an overview of the new content, as well as search techniques and navigational tips and tricks
3:00 PM (4C)	<i>The Six Phases of African American Genealogy</i> Tony Burroughs	This is an overview of the methods and sources in the six distinct phases that are the building blocks of African American genealogy. It progresses from beginning to more advanced research, highlighting some of the problems and complexities of African American genealogy along the way.

Speakers

Maureen Brady has over 25 years experience with family history research and is a professional genealogist and owner of Bare Roots Genealogical Services. She has made many presentations to IL and WI genealogical societies, conferences and workshops, as well as at the 2002 NGS Conference. Maureen is co-director of the Crystal Lake (IL) Family History Center and a member of many genealogical and family history societies.

Tony Burroughs is an internationally known genealogist who taught genealogy at Chicago State University for fifteen years. He was a guest expert in Roots Remembered (BBC 2007), Oprah Winfrey's genealogy in Oprah's Roots (PBS 2007), African American Lives with Henry Louis Gates (PBS 2006) and was the genealogist in search of the family of Jesus on three continents in The Real Family of Jesus documentary. His book, Black Roots: A Beginners Guide to Tracing the African American Family Tree is now in its fourth printing.

Jennifer Holik is a professional genealogical researcher, educator and author and the owner of Generations (genealogical research). She has been researching her family history for 15 years, uncovering the life stories of her ancestors. She authors several blogs including, Chicago Family History, Genealogy for Kids and Family History Research. Her book To Soar with Tigers, about Flying Tiger Robert Brouk, was published in early 2011.

Paul Milner is a native of England and co-author of Genealogist's Guide to Discovering Your Scottish Ancestors and Genealogist's Guide to Discovering Your English Ancestors. He is the product review editor for the FGS FORUM and the BIGWILL newsletter. He is also past president of BIGWILL, plus past board member of FGS, GSG and APG.

Julianne Smith has been an editor of Ancestry newsletters for more than thirteen years and is author of The Ancestry Family Historian's Address Book. She wrote the "Computers and Technology" chapter in The Source: A Guidebook to American Genealogy, rev. 3rd edition.

Lou Szucs has worked for Ancestry.com for nineteen years. She served on several national and state advisory boards and boards of five genealogical societies. She a board member of FGS; previously worked for NARA Chicago; is author or editor of more than a dozen books including The Source: A Guidebook to American Genealogy, They Became Americans and Chicago and Cook County Sources.

Vendors & Exhibitors

Commercial Vendors

Maia's Books & Misc. - www.maiasbooks.com/
Roots 2 Leaves - www.roots2leaves.com/
Fun Stuff for Genealogists - www.funstuffforgenealogists.com
Family Tree Tours - www.familytreetours.com
Photo Grafix University- photografix.pro
Stitched For You - Diane Ryan
Rosemary Documentaries & Life Stories

Societies & Associations

Computer Assisted Genealogy Group- Northern IL (CAGG-NI) - www.caggni.org
Czechoslovak American Genealogical Society of Illinois (CSAGSI)- www.csagsi.org/
DuPage County History Museum - www.dupagemuseum.org/
Fountaindale Public Library
Fox Valley Genealogical Society - www.ilfvgs.org
Illinois Saint Andrews Society Genealogy Group
Illinois State Genealogy Society - <http://www.ilgensoc.org/>
Newberry Library - www.newberry.org/
Polish Genealogy Society of America - www.pgsa.org
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