

# DuPage County Genealogical Society's 40th Annual Conference

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*A tradition of excellence in education for genealogists.*



Saturday, March 14, 2015  
NIU Conference Center, Naperville, IL

## **Exhibitors**

**ArkivDigital - Swedish Historical Records Online**

**Chicago Genealogical Society (CGS)**

**Computer Assisted Genealogical Group of Northern Illinois (CAGGNI)**

**Czech & Slovak American Genealogy Society of Illinois (CSAGSI)**

**Family Tree Tours**

**Fountaindale Public Library District**

**Fox Valley Chapter – Sons of the American Revolution**

**Fox Valley Genealogical Society**

**Fun Stuff for Genealogists**

**Genlighten**

**Illinois Society Dames of Court of Honor & John Kinzie Chapter USD1812**

**Maia's Books**

**Newberry Library**

**Perrin-Wheaton Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR)**

**Polish Genealogical Society of America (PGSA)**

**Scottish Genealogy Group of the Illinois St. Andrew Society**

**Steve Szabados**

## Founders Memorial Award

In 2012, the Board of Directors of the DuPage County Genealogical Society created the Founders Memorial Award, in the name of Sandra Hargreaves Luebking, to honor members who give extraordinary service to the Society. In addition to a framed Certificate of Appreciation, the Award provides a lifetime membership to DCGS.



Today, the Founders Memorial Award goes to

### **Carole Carr Magnuson**

For her steadfast commitment to the Society over many years in the positions of Recording Secretary, Conference Committee Chairman, Publications Committee, Genealogy Class Presenter, General Meeting Speaker, Website Implementation, and her assistance in the many aspects of the Society.

## 2015 Conference Committee



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Ginny Christensen & Rose Lehne, Co-Chairs

Maureen Fawkes

Jerry Gieraltowski

Dorothy Hansen

Bill Hendron

Rhea Hunter

Don Mack

Carole Magnuson

Luanne Newman

Nancy Ristau

Rita Schneider

Nancy Thomas

### DCGS 2015 Annual Conference Evaluation Survey

As we did last year, we will email an evaluation survey for your feedback on your conference experience. The email is sent from SurveyMonkey, a resource that helps us analyze the results to determine what we have done right and where we need improvement. We make changes based on your feedback; your response is greatly appreciated.

# Speakers



**Stephen P. Morse** is the creator of the "**One Step**" website for which he has received both the Lifetime Achievement Award and the Outstanding Contribution Award from the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies, the Award of Merit from the National Genealogical Society, first-ever Excellence Award from the Association of Professional Genealogists, and two that he cannot pronounce from Polish genealogical societies. In his other life, Morse is a computer professional with a doctorate degree in electrical engineering. He has held various research, development and teaching positions, authored numerous technical papers, written four textbooks, and holds four patents.



**Thomas MacEntee** is a genealogy professional who is also a blogger, educator, author, social media connector, online community builder and more. Thomas was laid off after a 25-year career in the information technology field, so he started his own genealogy-related business called **High Definition Genealogy**. He also created an online community of over 3,000 family history bloggers known as **GeneaBloggers**. His most recent endeavor, **Hack Genealogy**, is an attempt to "re-purpose today's technology for tomorrow's genealogy."



**Marsha Peterson-Maass** received her start in genealogy during her junior year of high school when a history class required a paper on family history. As a senior in high school, Marsha entered a family history project in the annual State of Illinois High School History competition and tied with one other person for State Champion. Marsha's first formal training in genealogy at the Newberry Library-Chicago, in the beginner's class that she now teaches called "**Fundamentals of Genealogy: Basics for Everyone**" (with accompanying textbook she wrote). This is a 13-hour class that Newberry offers for three consecutive Saturdays every March, schedules at Newberry Adult Education Seminars. Today, along with teaching and lecturing on a wide range of genealogy topics, Marsha has a thriving forensic genealogy practice. See her Facebook page for more information.



**Katherine R. Willson** of Ann Arbor, MI is a highly acclaimed and professionally trained national public speaker. Her passion for genealogy combined with practical and creative strategies keeps her audience fully engaged and actively participating in these energetic, entertaining presentations. Her recent successes with using Facebook to break down genealogical brick walls (both personally and in her classroom) inspired her to compile a list of **4,300+ Facebook genealogy links**.

# 2015 Program

<b>7:30</b>	<b>Registration</b> Browsing – Door Prizes – Raffle Tickets	Atrium & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
<b>8:30</b>	<b>Welcome and Opening Comments</b>	<b>Room 101</b>
<b>9:00</b>	<b>Session 1</b>	<b>Room</b>
A	<b>A 60-Minute Crash Course: Beginning Genealogy Using Accredited Methods</b> Marsha Peterson-Maass	260
B	<b>When You Hit a Brick Wall, Hit the Genealogical Research</b> Katherine R Willson	266
C	<b>MSWord for Self-Publishing</b> Thomas MacEntee	166
D	<b>One-Step Webpages: A Potpourri of Genealogical Search Tools</b> Stephen P Morse	Auditorium
10:00	Break for browsing exhibitors and networking (30 minutes)	ALL
<b>10:30</b>	<b>Session 2</b>	<b>Room</b>
A	<b>7 Habits of Highly Frugal Genealogists</b> Thomas MacEntee	166
B	<b>Case Study: Genealogy of Renee Kaufman</b> Stephen P Morse	266
C	<b>Beyond Shaking Leaves: Taking Your Research to the Next Level</b> Marsha Peterson-Maass	Auditorium
D	<b>The Importance of a Genealogical Codicil to Your Will</b> Katherine R Willson	260
11:45	<b>LUNCH BUFFET</b> browsing the exhibitors and networking	Room 101 ABC
<b>1:30</b>	<b>Session 3</b>	<b>Room</b>
A	<b>How Will I Ever Organize My Piles Into Files?: Winning the Battle with Paper</b> Marsha Peterson-Maass	Auditorium
B	<b>Mind Mapping Your Research Plans and Results</b> Thomas MacEntee	166
C	<b>Breaking Brick Walls with Facebook's 3,900+ Genealogy Groups</b> Katherine R Willson	260
D	<b>Creating One-Step Search Tools</b> Stephen P Morse	266
2:30	Break for browsing exhibitors and networking (30 minutes)	ALL
<b>3:00</b>	<b>Session 4</b>	<b>Room</b>
A	<b>Google Books + Inter-Library Loan = Free Genealogical Resource</b> Katherine R Willson	260
B	<b>The Most Helpful Genealogy Tools You've Never Used</b> Marsha Peterson-Maass	Auditorium
C	<b>Self-Publishing for Genealogist and Genealogy Societies</b> Thomas MacEntee	166
D	<b>From DNA to Genetic Genealogy: Everything You Wanted to Know But Were Afraid to Ask</b> Stephen P Morse	266

Seating is on a first come first served basis.

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Don Mack and Rita Schneider  
at the door prize tables



Carole Magnuson receives the  
Founders Award



Luanne Newman, Mary Kay Dougherty, Dorothy Hansen







Don Mack & Ginny Christensen



Jean & Jerry Gieraltowski at the DCGS tables





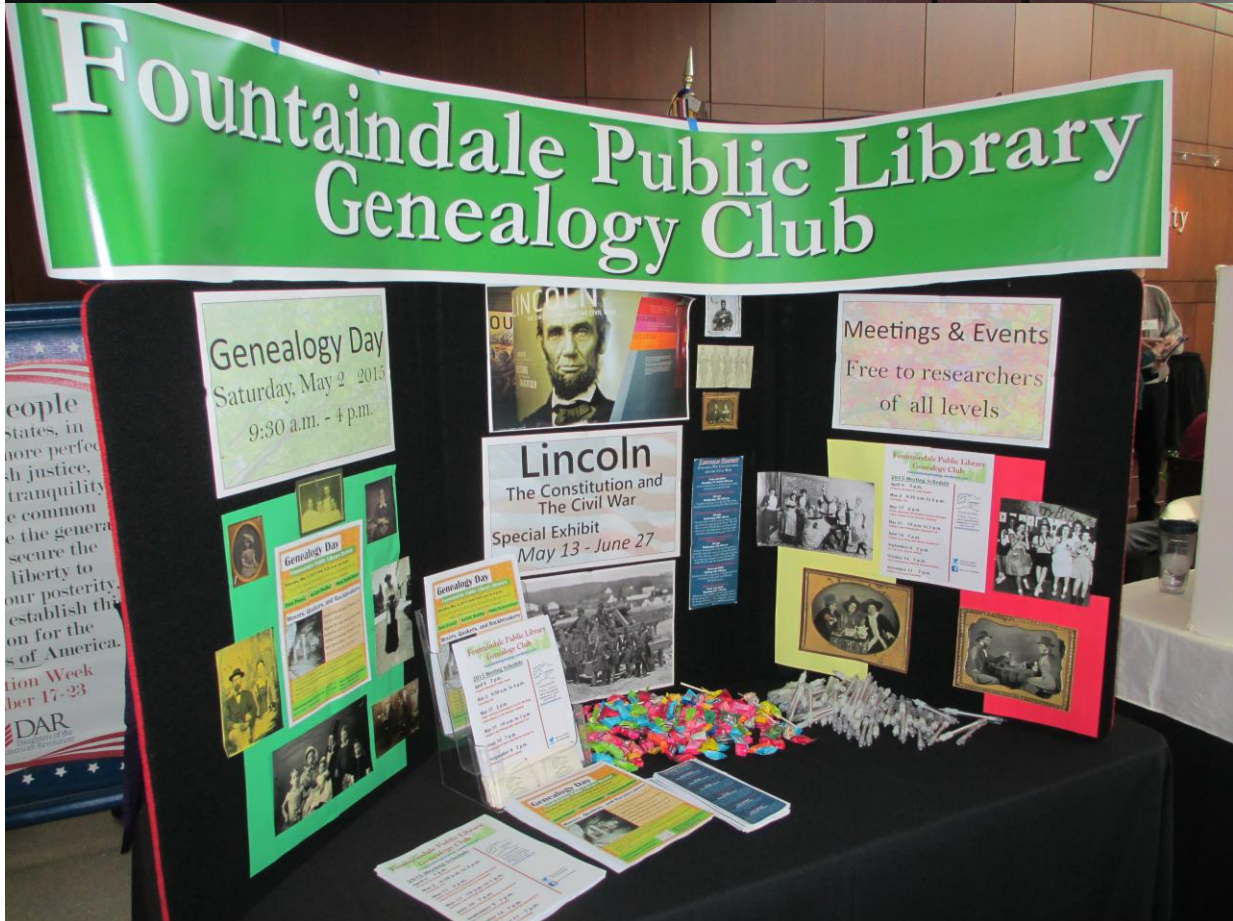


















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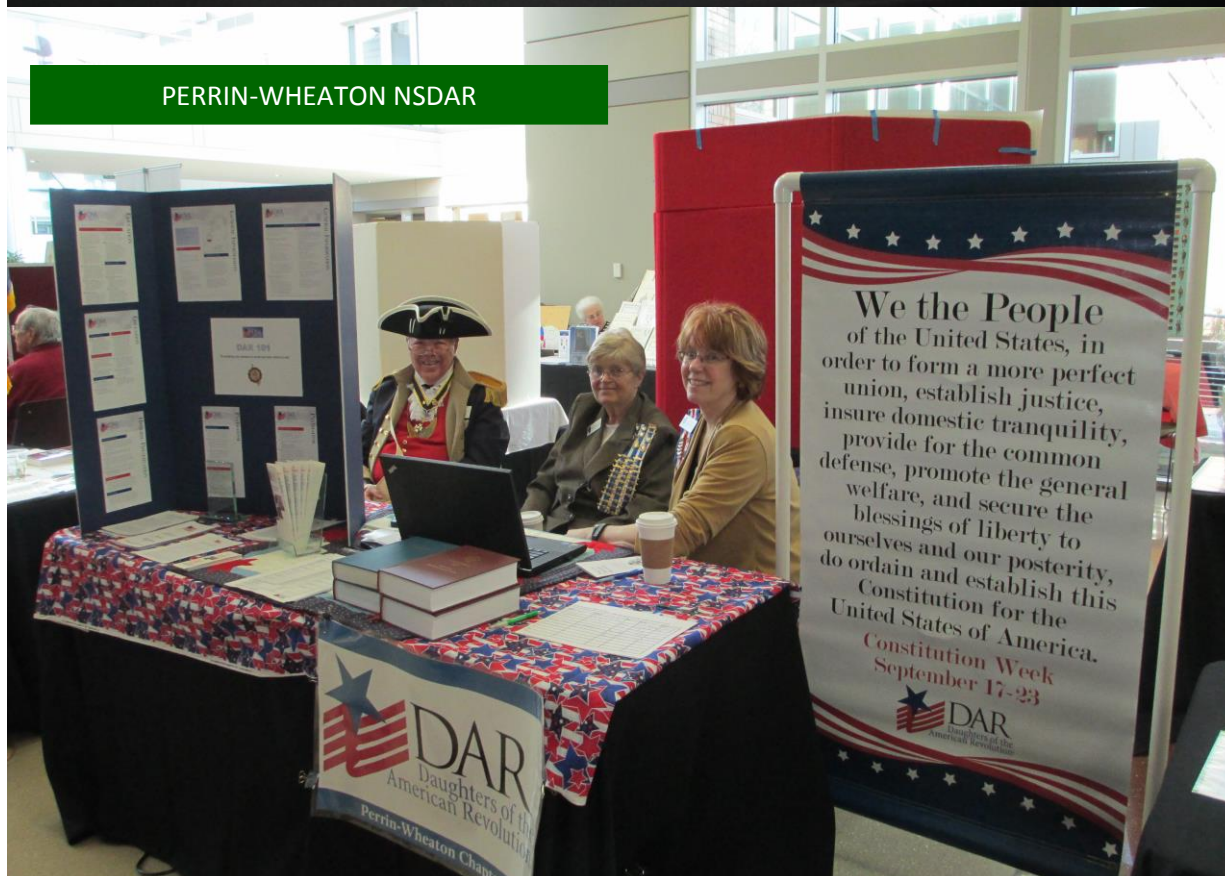
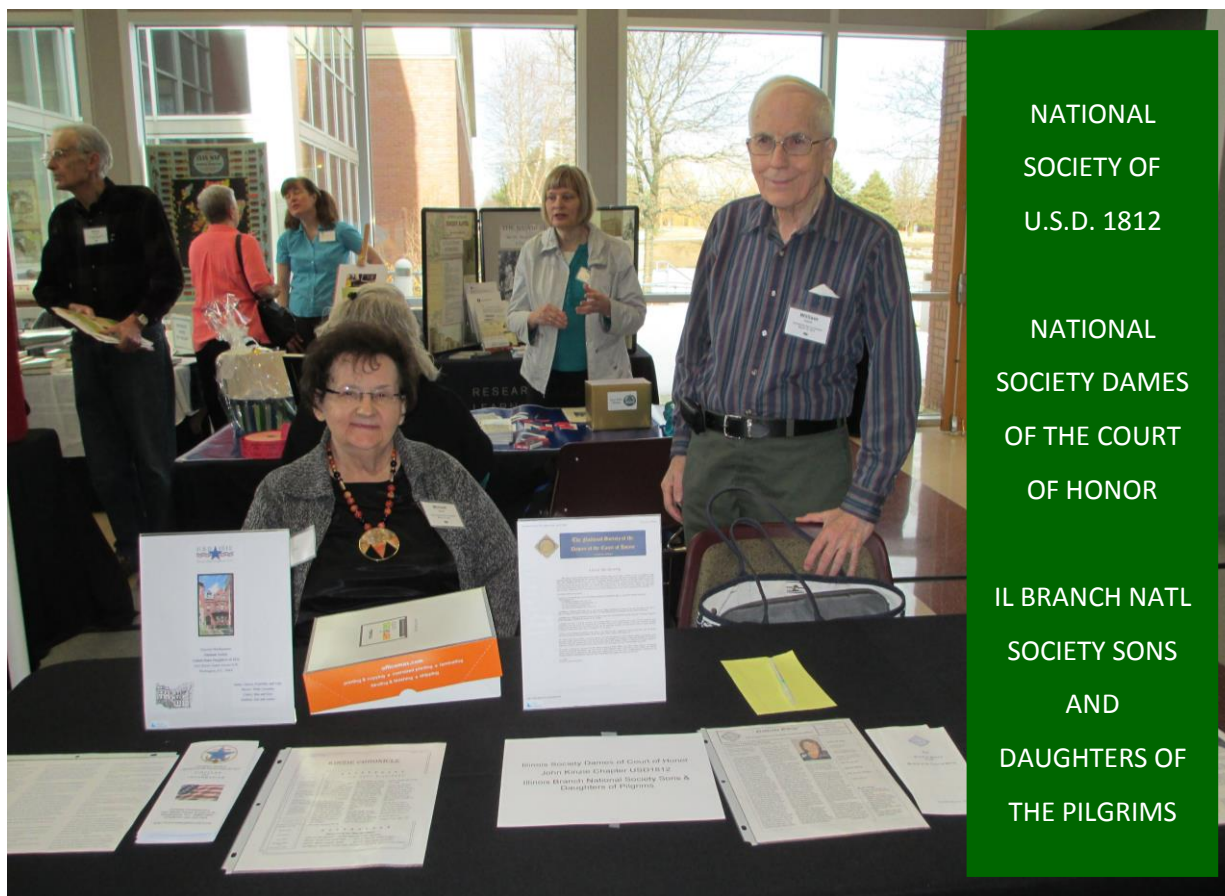


GENLIGHTEN



MAIA'S BOOKS













STEVE SZABADOS



THE NEWBERRY LIBRARY

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SPEAKER – KATHERINE R. WILLSON







SPEAKER – MARSHA PETERSON-MAASS



SPEAKER – THOMAS MACENTEE

