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DISCOVER PATHS TO YOUR PAST

Join thousands of family historians and genealogists in Grand Rapids, Michigan, 2–5 May 2018, for the National Genealogical Society’s 40th Annual Family History Conference. Choose from more than 175 lectures and special programs. Topics range from local, state, regional, and general genealogy to broader topics on genetic genealogy, technology, records and repositories, ethnic, religious, military research, and much more. The conference program also offers you the chance to enhance your research techniques, and fine-tune your analysis and problem-solving skills.

Participate in the Consummate Genealogical Networking and Learning Environment. The conference provides a great opportunity to share your success stories and discuss roadblocks with fellow family history researchers. Sign-up for social and pre-conference events. Explore the latest products, online resources, books, and courses at exhibitors’ booths. Learn about NGS online courses and publications. Access all information about the conference at conference.ngsgenealogy.org. Spread the news about the conference to friends, family, and colleagues.

PRE-REGISTER AND SAVE

Discounted, early-bird conference registration runs from 1 December 2017 through 20 March 2018. Fill out the registration form on page fifteen or register online at conference.ngsgenealogy.org/register. Attendees may also register for tours, meals, and special events until 20 April 2018 (or until events are fully booked). Space is limited for all social events, so register early.

Online registration ends on 20 April 2018. Registration sent by USPS must be postmarked by 20 April 2018. On-site conference registration opens Tuesday, 1 May 2018, noon to 7:00 p.m.

NGS offers a refund, minus a $50 service fee, until 20 April 2018. No refunds after 20 April 2018.

CONFEREE Check-In Hours
Tuesday 12:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m.
Thursday 7:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
Friday 7:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
Saturday 7:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

CONFERENCE VENUE

DeVos Place, located at 303 Monroe Avenue NW, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503, will host most conference events that are conveniently located around the Grand Gallery.

Parking: Public parking at DeVos Place is currently $12 per day.

Wi-Fi: The convention center has numerous Wi-Fi hot spots. All conference hotels offer free Wi-Fi in each guest room.

CONFERENCE HOTELS

The historical Amway Grand Plaza, 187 Monroe Avenue NW, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503, is adjacent to DeVos Place and connected by an enclosed walkway.

The Courtyard Marriott, 11 Monroe Avenue NW, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503, is connected to DeVos Place by an enclosed walkway through three city blocks.

Both conference hotels have the daily room rate of $144 plus all applicable fees and taxes for single, double, triple, or quad occupancy. For details about hotel amenities, parking, and cancellation policies, see conference.ngsgenealogy.org/accommodations/. The back of this registration brochure shows the location of all the conference venues.

GETTING THERE

By Air: Grand Rapids International Airport (GRR) has six airlines (American, Delta, United, Southwest, Allegiant, and Frontier) making 120 non-stop flights daily to twenty-four cities. See grr.org/nonstop-routes.php.

For information about parking, tax and car service, and access to Grand Rapids by train, see conference.ngsgenealogy.org/getting-there/.

CONFERENCE BLOG

Subscribe to the NGS conference blog and receive updates at conference.ngsgenealogy.org/blog. The conference blog will provide the latest information about conference events, speakers, exhibitors, research facilities in Michigan, and things to do in and around Grand Rapids.

CONFERENCE EVENTS, WEDNESDAY–SATURDAY, 2–5 MAY 2018

OPENING SESSION

HOW THE ERIE CANAL TRANSFORMED THE MIDWEST

Wednesday, 8:00 a.m. W101

Be sure to attend the conference’s opening session and hear its keynote address, “Coming Along the Towpath: The Erie Canal and the Peopling of the Great Lakes States.” Well-known speaker, John Philip Colletta, PhD, FUGA, will explore the building of the Erie Canal—an “impossible” engineering feat (1817–1825)—and the myriad ways our ancestors may have worked for, on, or along the “Artificial River.” Learn how the canal delivered Yankee ancestors from New England, New York settlers, and emigrants arriving from overseas to populate the Midwest and change the economy of the United States.

SOCIETY NIGHT

Wednesday, 5:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m. W170 Center Concourse, Amway Grand Plaza Hotel

Society Night is a great opportunity to meet representatives of state and local genealogical and historical societies from Michigan and nearby states and discover new research resources and publications. Volunteers will be delighted to answer questions about their membership opportunities. This event is free and open to the public.

WESTERN MICHIGAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY HOST EVENT

Thursday, 6:00 p.m.–8:30 p.m. T270, $25

Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum

Visit the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum, 303 Pearl Street NW, by using the pedestrian bridge between the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel and DeVos Place to cross the Grand River. View the galleries and enjoy dessert and coffee with fellow genealogists while listening to the Schubert Male Chorus. For more details see fordlibrarymuseum.gov.

NGS RECEPTION AND BANQUET

FAMOUS STORMS AND SHIPWRECKS OF THE GREAT LAKES

Friday, 6:00 p.m. Reception (Cash Bar); 7:00 p.m. Banquet F370, $45

Ambassador Ballroom, Amway Grand Plaza Hotel

Ric Mixter will entertain us with stories and videos of his shipwreck discovery experiences in “The Great Storms of the Great Lakes.” Mixter—a shipwreck researcher, diver, and photographer—has explored more than 100 shipwrecks including the Edmund Fitzgerald. He has produced many programs for PBS and the Outdoor Channel and appeared as a shipwreck expert on the History and Discovery channels.

NGS ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, 5:15 p.m., $470

Meet the NGS officers and board of directors and hear updates on courses, publications, and more from NGS president, Ben Spratling, JD.
BCG SKILLBUILDING TRACK
Board for Certification of Genealogists® (BCG) will sponsor a four-day skillbuilding track designed for intermediate to advanced researchers. Presentations include analyzing sources, information, and evidence and case studies for problem-solving. Lectures are open to all who are registered for the conference.

DINING WITH GUEST SPEAKERS
Participating societies and organizations sponsor luncheon speakers. See the conference schedule for details. Friday features a ticketed barbecue luncheon buffet in the Exhibit Hall with two seating times to minimize time in line and maximize time visiting the exhibits.

Purchase meal tickets by using the registration form on page fifteen or go online to conference.ngsgenealogy.org/register. Meal reservations close 20 April 2018.

Salads and sandwiches may be purchased at the concession stand in the Exhibit Hall during lunch hours, and a coffee cart will be open in the morning outside the Exhibit Hall. Your registration bag will include dining information.

EXPLORE THE FAMILY HISTORY EXPO
Free and open to the public Wednesday through Saturday, the Exhibit Hall features a family history expo that typically hosts more than eighty exhibitors. Browse the latest software for genealogists, books and periodicals, products and accessories of interest to family historians, demonstrations, book signings, daily drawings, and giveaways.

ENHANCEMENTS FOR 2018
This year the conference will include a two-day African American Track and many other lectures exploring ethnic backgrounds and research related records. The popular genetic genealogy DNA track will again run four days. Also new will be several special, interactive programs in smaller classrooms. Program topics will include Research Trips and Learning—NGS Style; DNA programs; the Records Preservation and Access Committee (RPAC); and Reclaim the Records. Details about these programs can be found in the far-right column of the daily conference schedule.

Based upon attendee feedback, each lecture in the program schedule includes the audience experience level to aid in the selection of lectures.

Discover hidden paths to your past at the 2018 NGS Family History Conference!
Wednesday Schedule—2 May 2018

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Lunches

Association of Professional Genealogists Luncheon
The Family Reunion...
David McDonald, DMin, CG
A consideration of the various folks encountered at a typical family reunion and the genealogist’s skills needed to survive the picnic weekend.

Federation of Genealogical Societies Luncheon
No Place Called Home: Confessions of a Rolling Stone
Korey Carthcart
The concept of “Home” is a powerful driving force in the search for our family history, second only to “Family.” It’s also an evolving one.

New York Genealogical and Biographical Society Luncheon
Genealogical Mis-adventures from New York
D. Joshua Taylor, MLS
Not every New York ancestor quest turns out as expected—it can lead to triumph or tears, laughs or laments, and maybe even some hair-pulling.

Luncheon Menu
Garden salad with dried cherries, grape tomato and cucumber
Herb vinaigrette
Penne pasta with tomato sauce and beef meatball
Garlic bread
Assorted freshly baked cookies
Coffee, hot tea, and iced tea

Cost: $30
### Wednesday Schedule—2 May 2018

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What Do I Really Have Here?  
Analyzing Sources Effectively  
Ruth Annabel Hager, CG, CGL  
When using a source, do you understand it sufficiently to evaluate and analyze it? Help may be hidden in plain sight.  
W141  
ALL |
| 4:00 p.m. | **B G**  
Analyze This! Scrutinizing Evidence for Problem Solving  
Vic Dunn, CG  
Learn the methodology astute genealogists use to break down brick walls.  
W151  
IA |
| Evening  | **B I**  
They Came to Canada  
Kathryn Lake Hogan  
Maybe your ancestor came to Canada before heading to the USA. Discover reasons why and where to find passenger lists, immigration records, and border crossing records.  
W142  
B1 |
|         | **W1**  
Dutch Genealogy 101: Finding Your Ancestors from the Netherlands  
Yvette Hoitink, CG  
Mary Dutch vital records are available online and indexed. Learn how to use these records to find your ancestors from the Netherlands.  
W143  
B1 |
|         | **B I**  
Third Coast: How the Great Lakes Shaped America  
Cari A. Tapikin, CG  
Learn about the rich history of the Great Lakes region. We will examine geography, transportation, economic growth, defense, and the applicable genealogical record sets.  
W144  
B1 |
|         | **I**  
Finding Treasurers in the Hoosier Courthouse  
Michael D. Lacopp, JDM  
There is far more than meets the eye in the Indiana courthouse! Go beyond the vital records and the deeds and dig deeper to find your ancestor in the "Crossroads of America."  
W145  
ALL |
|         | **B I**  
Discovering Minister Isaac Steele and His Family  
Using Land Records and Manuscripts  
J. Mark Love, CG, FUGA  
Discover the wonderful letters, diaries, memorials, deeds, and documents that paint the story of families on the frontier. Learn how to broaden your research.  
W146  
IA |
|         | **B I**  
The Nature of Genealogy through a War of 1812 Ancestor  
Tony Burnoughs, FUGA  
Developing and executing a successful strategy by understanding history, research, repositories, records, and analysis using a War of 1812 ancestor.  
W147  
ALL |
|         | **B I**  
Whole Not Holes: Complete Census Research Not Swiss Cheese  
C. Ann Staley, CG, CGL  
Discover how to search available state and federal censuses which names everyone living in the household and shows the benefits of analyzing the neighbors.  
W156  
B1 |
|         | **B I**  
Locating British Miners and Their Records  
Digging for Gold:  
Paul Miller  
Learn about your British hard rock and coal miners, the records they created, where to locate them, and how to put them into social context.  
W158  
ALL |
|         | **B I**  
Finding Family with DNA Testing  
Richard Hill  
A pioneer in the use of DNA testing for adoptees. Hill will tell an educational and heartwarming story using test results and family photos.  
W159  
ALL |

### Lecture Levels

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<td>BCG Certification Seminar by Joanne Larzalere Bloom, CG; Stefani Evans, CG; and Nancy Peters, CG</td>
<td>How Did My Pennsylvania Ancestors Get Here? Migration Trails West by Elissa Scalise Powell, CG, CGL</td>
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<td>Immigration and Migration</td>
<td>German Trails—Leaving European Homes and Locating Across America by Carrie Eldridge</td>
<td>For Fortune and Faith: Emigration from the Netherlands in the 1800s by Yvette Hoitink, CG</td>
<td>Considering the trails and reasons why your ancestor left Pennsylvania will give you some clues as to where you might search for his origins there.</td>
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<td>The Discriminating Genealogist: Telling Good Evidence from Bad by Judy G. Russell, JD, CG, CGL</td>
<td>Reasonably Exhaustive Research: The First Criteria for Genealogical Proof by Elizabeth Shown Mills, CG, CGL</td>
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<td>French–Canadian Migrations Out of Quebec by Judy Nimer Muhn</td>
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<td>Researching the Poor: Tips for Researching the Less than Successful by Darryn Lickliter</td>
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<td>Researching American Military Service in the Revolution by Christine Crawford-Oppenheimer, MLS</td>
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<td>Reconstructing the Lives of Your Farming Ancestors by Annette Burke Little</td>
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<td>Getting Your Results is Just the Beginning by Jim Breaster</td>
<td>Advancing Your Genealogy Research with DNA by Ancestry DNA Staff</td>
<td>The Y-DNA Test Should Be Your Favorite by Diahan Southard</td>
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THURSDAY SCHEDULE—3 MAY 2018

Records

State and Migration

Findmypast with family trees can be tricky including voluntary service. Records and resources help Welsh, and Scottish ancestors.

Navigating the Records of the RESEARCH AND HISTORY COLLECTIONS. The 19th century, the lecture will concentrate on online New England ancestors from the 17th–20th century.

Researching Your New England Ancestors

Come by Passenger Rail Car?

ancestors.

relevant to enslaved African-American explained in the context sources and strategies The universal application of the “reasonably eventual reveal her parents and siblings. when she migrated to Ohio. Painstaking on-site Pennsylvanian Margaret Powell left few records Rick Sayre, JD, LLM, CG Build a Proof Argument

Lunches

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Luncheons

Board for Certification of Genealogists Luncheon

And Then There’s My Museum Job... Elizabeth Kelley Kersens, CG Glimpse how this museum director uses her CG and historian credentials to add legitimacy to wildly popular living history events and museum exhibits. T231

Western Michigan Genealogical Society

My Infamous Ancestors Tony Burroughs, FUGA Many of my ancestors have been an inspiration to our family. Then I uncovered others I'm not sure I should admit are related to me. T232

Gen-Fed Alumni Luncheon

Manerva Barbee: A Most Determined Woman Liz Ross Manerva Barbee applies for a Civil War widow’s pension. What the record reveals about her, her family, and community is a tribute to her tenacity. T233

Luncheon Menu

Michigan salad of romaine, spinach and radicchio with sliced strawberries, walnuts, dried cherries, blue cheese crumbles, sliced grilled chicken and raspberry vinaigrette (GF) Freshly baked rolls Chocolate banana and raspberry chicken and raspberry

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<td>Angela Packer McGhie, CG</td>
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<td>Learning about the places where our ancestors lived helps us put them in social and historical context, as well as locate relevant records.</td>
<td>Samuel Witter, miller, Pennsylvania-born soldier, died in Illinois. Samuel Witter, miller, Pennsylvania-born soldier, died in Illinois. Two men. Same age. How do we separate them?</td>
<td>Information hidden below the surface or totally absent helps researchers reconstruct events, identities, and relationships for which no record exists.</td>
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| **Immigration and Migration** | The Great Migration: Tracking American and African Americans to Northern Industrial Cities | Migration Patterns of Germans within America | Michigan, Iowa, and Wisconsin: Dutch colonies in the Mid-1800s |
| | Ari Wilkins | Shara Cook, Machines, PhD, CG | Mary Rissman |
| | Between 1940 and 1940, droves of African Americans left the South for new opportunities in the North. Learn how to track your migrating ancestor using genealogical sources. | Knowing where your ancestors settled in the mid-1800s can often lead you backwards toward their original settlements in America. | Learn about the establishment of three major Dutch colonies in the 1800s and what shaped and sustained them. |

| | Jill K. Morelli, CG | Paul Minner | Terry Koch-Rosic |
| | Accessing church records can be daunting. Learn how to find the records of the CRC, a skill applicable to other religions as well. | Use records created by the Church of England in its civil capacity to solve dead-end research problems created by population movement, illegitimacy, and occupation. | Protestant penal laws suppressed Catholicism in NY until the Revolution and influx of Irish and German Catholics. An overview of dioceses, parishes, and records available. |

| **Ethnicity** | New Strategies in German Research with an Emphasis on Jewish Research | Irish Research—Using Online Resources | Researching Italian Americans in the Midwest |
| | Karen S. Fronholz, PhD | Rick Sayer, CG, CGL, FUGA | Mary M. Tedesco |
| | Discover a network of researchers in Germany, German Jewish DNA group, DigiBaech and other online archival resources, and the new GERSIG website on JewishGen. | Describes major online and subscription resources such as FindMyPast, Rootsireland, Proni, Irish Genealogy Toolkit and IrishGenealogy. Demonstrates use of resources through case study. | Hundreds of thousands of Italians immigrated to the Midwest in the 1800s and early 1900s. This presentation covers records and strategies for documenting their stories. |

| **Michigan** | Michigan Roots: Genealogy Research in the Wolverine State | “New Ireland”: Northfield Township, Michigan’s Irish Pioneer, and Early Settler Burials | Early Land Records in Michigan and the Old Northwest Territory |
| | Michigan Historical Society | Abigail R. Lynn, John Dendler Blount | Angela McGhee, CG |
| | This state overview session will explore Michigan’s migration patterns and the abundant genealogical resources available in print and online. | Using cemetery stones as resources for drafting genealogies of Michigan’s Irish immigrant pioneers and early settlers. | Federal land records provide details on early settlers in Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin, including private land claims, cash purchases, Indian allotments, and homesteads. |

| **Records** | Probate Laws and Records in Scandinavian Countries | Pushing Up Daisies: Cemetery Research | U.S. Passport Applications |
| | Geoffry Froberg Morris, AG | Jeanne Larzalore Bloom, CG | Debra S. Miresza, CG |
| | Probate records were not based on wealth or land ownership in Scandinavian countries. Come learn about probate laws in Denmark, Norway, Sweden, and Finland. | Find information about burials through online resources, books, property records, lot ownership cards, and visits to graveyards. | U.S. passport applications contain a wealth of information. Who, why, and when people applied for passports will be covered. Examples are shown. |

| **Military** | Company K of the Michigan First Sharpshooters (The “Indian” Company) | Anatomy of a Civil War Pension File | Best Approaches for Reseaching World War II Ancestors |
| | James W. Jackson | Julie Miller, CG, CGL, FNGS | Debbie Ann Abbott, PhD |
| | This entire company was composed of men from Ojibwa (Chippewa), Ottawa, and Potawatomi tribes of Michigan. They saw action at Spotsylvania, Cold Harbor, and Petersburg. | Civil War pension files are filled with information but can be large and intimidating. Use organizing and analyzing techniques to make them more manageable. | Using local, state, and federal resources to research your American veteran who served in World War II. |

| **African American** | Slave Tags: A Southern Legal System That Mandated Tagging Slaves and Free People of Color | Gleaning Genealogical Information About Enslaved Ancestors from the Probate Files of Slaveholding Families | Free Negro Registers: A Northern Resource |
| | Janis Minor Forte | LaBrenda Garrett-Nelson, JD, LLM, CG | Deborah Ann Abbott, PhD |
| | Explore the slave tagging system. Learn to identify the icons on tags, their manufacturers and weavers, and research techniques to identify a slave. | An overview of the probate process in the anteellum South, and information about enslaved ancestors found in related records. | Learn another resource helpful in identifying African Americans who were free in the various states that formerly were part of the Northwest Territory. |

| **Tips and Techniques** | Help Wanted? Learning to Use Newspapers.com | Reading Immigrant Clues in Family Photos | Best Practices for Research in Scandinavian Countries |
| | Peter Drinkwater | Maureen Teems | Geoffry Froberg Morris, AG |
| | Learn to use Newspapers.com to find key facts and interesting stories about your ancestors. | Using case studies and examples, this special presentation illustrates how to read immigration clues in pictures taken in the United States and abroad. | Evidence and conclusions in Scandinavian countries have unique challenges. We will focus on the best practices for research in Denmark, Norway, Sweden, and Finland. |

| **DNA** | Discovering Your Family History with MyHeritage’s Unique Technologies and DNA | Tracing the Tribe with DNA | Slice of the Pie |
| | Daniel Horowitz | Schelly Talacko Dardak | Diakon Southard |
| | Technology has opened new frontiers for research while maintaining the thrill of the detective hunt. MyHeritage’s technologies are precisely the intersection of technology and genealogy. | The lecture will view the challenges of endogenous DNA and the fascinating and surprising discoveries gleaned from Autosomal, Y-DNA, and mtDNA projects. | Have questions about your ethnic origins? Want to know what the maps and percentages mean? We will cover the major testing companies and AncestryDNA Genetic Communities. |

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**NGS Banquet Menu**
- Slow-smoked pulled pork with strawberry sauce
- Vanilla cheesecake with redskin potatoes, and steamed Parmesan cheese

**Cost:** $25
### Friday Schedule—4 May 2018

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<td>Angie Bush</td>
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<td>How the Michigan State Archives Made Digitized Death Records Available to Genealogists</td>
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### NGS Barbecue

#### Exhibit Hall C
- Socialize with Genealogists
- Browse the Exhibits
- F332

#### Barbecue Menu
- Sweet and sour coleslaw
- Bone-in fried chicken
- Slow-smoked pulled pork with BBQ sauce (GF)
- Chocolate chip cookies
- Water and iced tea

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<td>BCG</td>
<td>The Five-Story Fall: Correlating Indirect and Direct Evidence to Extend the Pedigree Debra S. Mieszala, CG $401</td>
<td>Transcribing Documents: There is More Than Meets the Eye! LaBrenda Garrett-Nelson, JD, LLM, CG $411</td>
<td>Evidence Correlation: Making the Most of Your Research Nancy A. Peters, CG $421</td>
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<td>BCG</td>
<td>Johanna Mahoney plunged to her death taking her parents’ and siblings’ identities along. Extensive associate analysis and a sixteen-year post-mortem summons led to her family. I</td>
<td>The interpretation of handwritten records is an essential skill for genealogists. This ability can be improved by analyzing a variety of pre-twentieth century documents. I</td>
<td>Evidence correlation—an element of the GPS—lets you see patterns, connections, and inconsistencies in your research. Learn correlation strategies for reaching sound genealogical conclusions. I</td>
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<td>NYG&amp;B</td>
<td>Early colonization of what is now New York State resulted in challenges which can be overcome through understanding the available records. I</td>
<td>Records say “Born in NY” but where? Using migration routes from 1750 to 1850, travel backwards and records that uncover your NY ancestor’s origins. ALL</td>
<td>Learn to uncover the secrets of New York state censuses, the breadth of NYPL’s nationwide holdings, and NYGB&amp;G’s extensive research guides and databases. I</td>
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<td>NEHGS</td>
<td>Learn how to locate sources and uncover the stories of Catholic immigrants who relocated from eastern cities to ECCA settlements in the late 19th Century BI</td>
<td>The Catholic church is one of the largest and most important sources available. Your research, and the GPS in the creation of a DNA Gedcom has a suite of these common pitfalls!</td>
<td>Denomination, ethnic, and specialized newspapers give a unique glimpse into the daily lives of our ancestors. Learn how these newspapers can fill a research gap. ALL</td>
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<td>Ethnicity</td>
<td>An Introduction to Researching Your Mexican Ancestors Colleen E. Greene $404</td>
<td>Discovering Your Czech and Slovak Roots Lisa A. Alzo $414</td>
<td>Jumping Over Hurdles in Eastern European Research Lisa A. Alzo $424</td>
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<td>BCG</td>
<td>This overview explains key U.S. records for identifying immigrant origins, major Mexican record collections, naming conventions and name search strategies, and reference tools. ALL</td>
<td>Learn how to investigate your Czech and Slovak ancestry using both traditional and online sources. BI</td>
<td>Eastern European research is a marathon, not a sprint. Learn skills to overcome the most common hurdles with names, geography, languages, and records access. BI</td>
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<td>The history of the Library of Michigan’s development as a top ten national collection, decline because of budget challenges, and rebirth will be detailed. BI</td>
<td>Learn of the many miscellaneous manuscript collections found in various repositories across the state of Michigan relating to persons, places, and organizations. I</td>
<td>The Library of Michigan offers access to many Michigan focused research collections to help you discover your family history. ALL</td>
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<td>Churches, synagogues, businesses, social and fraternal organizations, and educational institutions all create records about their members. How do you find the ones you need? I</td>
<td>A summary of FamilySearch’s efforts in Eastern Europe over the last five years to preserve records and provide access for family connections. ALL</td>
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<td>Library of Michigan</td>
<td>There’s a one in three chance your blue-collar ancestor belonged to a labor union. Union documents can be a rich source of genealogical information. I</td>
<td>The battlefield experience of the Civil War forged memories that would last a lifetime and led to the creation of veteran organizations and support groups. ALL</td>
<td>Fraternal organizations created a variety of records. While some are obviously useful for the genealogist, others take a bit more work. This presentation will examine the usefulness, worth, and accessibility of these records. ALL</td>
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<td>American</td>
<td>Slaves often attended their owners’ churches. Learn to use records of those churches for details about a slave’s parents, owner, attendance, dismissal, sale, and more. I</td>
<td>What life was like for Free Blacks in US prior to Emancipation? Lecture discusses their work and lives along with records for their researcher. BI</td>
<td>This problem solving lecture presents research pathways and trails to resolve the dilemma of slave and owner identification and reconstructing slave era families. BI</td>
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<td>Tips and Techniques</td>
<td>Creating Your Personal Continuing Education Plan Elissa Scalise Powell, CG, CGL $409</td>
<td>“Inebriety Regarded as Potomania” and Other Death-related Data Amy Lerner Giroux, PhD, CG, CGL $419</td>
<td>Trousers, Beds, Tacks, and Housekeeping Bills: Problem-Solving with ‘Trivial Details’ Elizabeth Shown Mills, CG, CGL $429</td>
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<td>GRIP</td>
<td>Learn what genealogical education opportunities are available and how to best decide which services your needs and budget, saving you time and money. ALL</td>
<td>Some individuals only appear in the records after death. How to find and analyze information found in coffin sales, funeral, burial, and sexton records. ALL</td>
<td>Most records don’t give explicit answer to our burning questions—but many offer silent clues the skilled genealogist can use to construct ladders over their brick walls. ALL</td>
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<td>DNA</td>
<td>Understanding Y-DNA and DNA Projects Janice Blackerby Cloud $410</td>
<td>Weaving DNA Results into a Proof Argument Karen Stainbary, CG $420</td>
<td>GEDmatch—Tools to Interpret DNA Matches and Find More Matches Mary Eberle, JD $430</td>
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<td>Family Tree DNA</td>
<td>Should who test Y-DNA, how do you join a surname project, and how do you benefit your family research. ALL</td>
<td>Learn how a case of unknown paternity is solved using autosomal DNA, documentary research, and the GPS in the creation of a written proof argument. ALL</td>
<td>Learn how to use GEDMatch’s most useful tools for genealogy: Both free tools and paid tools will be covered. ALL</td>
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Luncheons

National Genealogical Society Luncheon

Good Migrations in the Midwest
Mary M. Tréfois
A light-hearted look at good (and bad) migrations in America’s heartland. Where were our ancestors heading and why did they move around so much?

FamilySearch Luncheon

Bringing the Records of the World to You
Stephen J. Valentine
FamilySearch is the world leader in providing access to genealogical records. Learn about plans to make more records available, including a sneak peak at groundbreaking new technology.

Genealogical Speakers Guild and International Society for Family History Writers and Editors Luncheon

Paths to Your Past: Storytelling to Bring Us Together
Judy G. Russell, JD, CG, CGL
Storytelling is both art and science: Science to help us understand why stories are memorable; art to tell the stories that bring us together.

Luncheon Menu

Mixed field greens with tomato, cucumber, and carrot Ranch dressing
Beef pot roast with vegetable ragout and garlic mashed potatoes
Pan dell’olives
Blueberry pie
Coffee, tea, and iced tea

Cost: $30

12:15 p.m.  2:30 p.m.  4:00 p.m.  Day

Mrs. Jane Harvey and Dr. Lippincott:
Triangulation and Indirect Evidence
Reassemble a Pennsylvania Family
Stefani Evans, CG

Finding Their Routes:
Travelers and Boatsmen on the North American Canals
Pamela J. Vittorio

Squeezing Every Drop Out of Polish Parish Registers
David Quinette, CG, CGL

Researching Records of the Former Soviet Republics
Greg Nelson

Nothing is Life is Free...
Unless You are Talking about NDNP...
Chronicling America 1890–1963
Kimberly Hagerty

Bringing Your Female Ancestors to Life with Archival Resources
Julie Tabberer, MLS, and Jo Elynn Clery

Eat, Drink, and Be Merry, for Tomorrow
We’re Dry. Prohibition and Its Records
Kristin Harris

Studying Free People of Color in Apprentice Records
Ari Wilkins

Inferrential Genealogy: Deducing Ancestor’s Identities and Relationships
Thomas Wright Jones, PhD, CG, CGL, FASG, FASGS

The Emotional Side of DNA
Bernice Bennett

Dear Me: Writing Research Reports to Yourself
Yvette Hotink, CG

The Other Side of Jewish Genealogy: Sephardic Research
Schelly Talalay Dardashti

Methodology for Researching Your Scots-Irish Ancestors
David Rencher, AG, CG, FCRS, FUGA

Using PERSI Like a Pro
Cari Taplin, CG

Lineage Society Papers:
Guidelines for a Successful Application
C. Ann Staley, CG, CGL

The (Underground) Railroad Runs through Here—Ohio and Michigan
Janice C. Lovelace, PhD

Cluster Research, or Discovering
You’re Related to the Whole Block
Jessica Trotter

Evaluating Genealogical Conclusions Using DNA
Blaine Bettinger, PhD, JD

Special Programs

The Professional Toolkit:
Making the Most of DNA Gedcom
Angie Bush

9:30 a.m.

Ancestry
Finding Answers Using Ancestry DNA
Anna Swayne

How do you manage all your matches, interpret your ethnicity results, and work with your Genetic Communities? For those who have tested with Ancestry DNA but don’t know how to work with your matches.

2:30 p.m.

National Genealogical Society Annual Meeting

Grand Gallery AB
NGS Members

Meet the NGS officers and board of directors and hear updates on courses, publications, and more from NGS president, Ben Spratling, JD.

5:15 p.m.
Deborah A. Abbott, PhD, specializes in African American, methodology, and manuscript collections research. She is an instructor at IGHR and trustee of the Ohio Genealogical Society.

Jan Meisels Allen is chair of the IAJGS PRACM, represents IAJGS on RPAC, and president of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Conejo Valley and Ventura County, California.

Jan Alpert, FNGS, is chair of RPAC, chair of NGS 2018 Family History Conference, and previous president and board member of NGS.

Lisa A. Alzo, freelance writer, instructor, and internationally recognized lecturer, specializing in Eastern European research and creative nonfiction writing.

Gordon Atkinson, senior director at Fold3 and Newspapers.com, enjoys making historical documents more accessible via the Internet.

Jen Baldwin lectures and writes on a variety of research topics including the western gold rush, fraternal societies, and the use of social media in genealogy.

James M. Beidler, author of three books, including a new guide to newspapers and two on German genealogy. Writes the weekly newspaper column “Roots & Branches.”

Bernice Bennett, author, family historian, guest lecturer, story teller, coordinator of DNA Track for Mid-West African Genealogy Institute, and host of her own Blogtalkradio show.

Kelli Jo Bergherine owns Mess on the Desk, a genealogical organization company with a blog, YouTube channel, and online store.

Blaine Bettinger, PhD, JD, is an intellectual property attorney and a DNA educator. He is the author of the long-running blog The Genetic Genealogist.

Jeanne Larzalere Bloom, CG, is a full-time professional researcher. She is a trustee and the president of BCG.

Derek J. Blount, professional genealogist, VP Oakland County (Michigan) Genealogical Society, operates Lost Branches, and has twenty-nine years of experience with Canadian and United Kingdom records.

Jim Brewster is the group projects assistant manager for Family Tree DNA.

Tony Burroughs, FUGA, is author of Black Roots and guest expert on PBS, BBC, the Discovery Channel, the History Channel, and Who Do You Think You Are?

Angie Bush, MLS, director for NGS and senior genetic genealogist with Ancestry ProGenealogists, whose specialty is solving decades old “brick-walls” using traditional records and genetic evidence.

Bruce B. Butgereit, researcher and writer about the Civil War, post-Civil War patriotic and fraternal organizations, Abraham Lincoln, and the Lincoln Highway; executive director, History Remembered, Inc.

Rorey Cathcart, president of FGS and a professional genealogist specializing in southern states, Irish heritage, and migration patterns. Researcher for two seasons of Genealogy Roadshow.

Janine Blackerby Cloud, Family Tree DNA's group projects manager, has spent six years dealing directly with customers, answering DNA testing FAQs in person, by phone, and email.

Jo Ellyn Clarey, award-winning women's historian for the Greater Grand Rapids Women's History Council.

John Philip Colletta, PhD, FUGA, faculty member of IGHR and SLIG; NGS and FCS conference lecturer; author of books, many articles, and a 15-lesson genealogy course on various media.

Christine Crawford-Oppenheimer, MLS, librarian, archivist, genealogical author, and speaker. Publications Long-Distance Genealogy and articles in national and regional genealogical periodicals, including NGSQ.

Rochelle E. Danquah is a genealogist, historian, lecturer, and researcher. She is vice president of the Michigan Freedom Trail Commission.

Schelly Talalay Dardash, genealogist and journalist, is US genealogy advisor for MyHeritage, has tracked her global Jewish families for thirty years with a strong fascination in DNA.

Peter Drinkwater is the director of product management for Newspapers.com and general manager of Findagrave.

Vic Dunn, CG, is IGHR’s Virginia track coordinator. A Mosher Award recipient, he is past board member of BCG, NGS, and VGS.

Mary Eberle, JD, has more than thirty years of DNA experience in research labs, as a patent attorney, and as a genetic genealogist. She founded DNA Hunters, LLC.

Carrie Eldridge, a retired educator specializing in historical biography, has abstracted numerous county records and created a series of migration atlases for genealogists.

Stefani Evans, CG, BCG vice president; former BCG Education Fund Trustee and NGS director, and NGS 2013 Family History Conference chair.

Abigail R. Eynon, JD, vice president Irish Genealogical Society of Michigan. Member of NGS and Genealogical Society of Washtenaw County. She completed BU's Genealogical Essentials Program.

George Findlen, PhD, CG, CGL, author, speaker, and NGS contributing author, and NGS contributor, specializes in the blended Acadian and French-Canadian families of Eastern Canada and New England.

Janis Minor Forte is a researcher, writer, and lecturer who presents at the NGS, OGS, RootsTech, FGS and local conferences.

Karen S. Franklin, director of family research, Leo Baeck Institute, NYC; past-president International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies; past co-chair, board of governors, JewishGen.org.

Brooke Schreier Ganz is the founder of Reclaim the Records, and the first genealogist to successfully sue a government archive for access to billions of records.

LaBrenda Garrett-Nelson, JD, LLM, CG, is a trustee of BCG; she lectures and writes about African American families in the South, primarily the Carolinas.

Amy Lanner Giroux, PhD, CG, CGL, research interests include New York, New England, Florida, burial iconography, and ethnic studies. She is editor of The Florida Genealogist.

Colleen E. Greene, MLS, is a librarian, web developer, and college educator with twenty years of genealogy experience. She has expertise in Mexican and Hispanic research, and emerging technologies.

Ruth Ann Abeles Hager, CG, CGL, researcher, volunteer, and speaker at local, state, and national levels with emphasis on land records; author of Dred & Harriet Scott: Their Family Story.

Kim Hagerty, project manager of the Michigan National Digital Newspaper Program, physically and digitally preserves newspapers at the Clarke Historical Library, Central Michigan University.

Jessica Harden, MLS, is an archivist at the Archives of Michigan and speaks about archival research to genealogy societies around the state.

Kristin Harms is a professional genealogist near Atlanta, Georgia, and is the owner of Relative Proof, LLC.

Amy Harris, PhD, AG, is an associate professor of history at Brigham Young University where she serves as director of the family history bachelor’s program.

Richard Hill is author of the award-winning book Finding Family, and was the first adoptee known to have identified his birth family through genetic genealogy DNA tests.

Shirley Gage Hodges has been actively doing genealogical research since 1967 and has taught genealogy classes and seminars for novice to advanced genealogists since 1994.

Yvette Hoitink, CG, is a professional genealogist, writer, and lecturer from the Netherlands who helps people find their Dutch ancestors.

Daniel Horowitz, genealogy expert at MyHeritage, liaising with genealogy societies, bloggers and media, and lecturing around the world. He serves on the boards of IAJGS and IGRA.

James N. Jackson, past-president of several Michigan societies. Received the 2006 Lucy Mary Kellogg Award from the Michigan Genealogical Council for “Significant Contribution to Genealogy and History.”

Thomas Wright Jones, PhD, CG, CGL, FASG, FUGA, FNGS, award-winning genealogical author, educator, and researcher, wrote Mastering Genealogical Proof and Mastering Genealogical Documentation. He has coedited the NGSQ since 2002.

Elizabeth Kelley Kerstens, CG, certified in 1996, she has an MA in state and local history and she has been executive director of the Plymouth (Michigan) Historical Museum since 2007.

Terry Koch-Bostic, professional genealogist and vice president of NGS, APG-NY chapter representative, and contributing author and reviewer for NYSG&F’s New York Family History Research Guide and Gazetteer.

Michael D. Lacopo, PhD, is a retired small-animal veterinarian involved in genealogical research since 1980. An “all-American mutt,” his research focus includes Pennsylvania Germans, genetic genealogy, and social history.

Kathryn Lake Hogan is a professional genealogist, author, educator, and speaker specializing in finding your ancestors in Canada.


Connie Lenzen, CG, is past president of BCG, former NGS director, and current academic.
professional in Boston University’s online genealogy program.

Darryn Lickliter is the Library and Genealogy director for the Daughters of the American Revolution and has more than thirty-five years of genealogical research experience.

Janice Lovelace, PhD, has twenty-five years of experience researching family history and has presented a variety of topics including ethnic group and health research.

J. Mark Lowe, CG, FUGA, full-time professional researcher and educator. Coordinates IGHR Research in the South and other institutes.

Annette Burke Lyttle, professional genealogist, writer, and speaker. Member of NGS, APG, GSG, ISFHWE, and others. Specialties include online research and social history.

Sharon Cook MacInnes, PhD, CG, author of eight books on early Pennsylvania landowners, articles on land/military records; GRIP Course coordinator; alumna of Gen-Fed, IGHGR, GRIP; CEO of Ancestor Tracks.

David McDonald, DSM, CG, lectures on matters of migration, methodology, and religious history and records. His practice specializes in the states of the old Northwest Territory.

Angela Packer McGhie, CG, teaches at IGCHR, SLIG, GRIP, and Gen-Fed, with specialties in federal land records, research, and methodology.

Thomas McGill is vice president, director of global content and licensing for Findmypast.

Mark Steven Middleton, employed in IT industry more than twenty-five years, certified project manager, and retired US Army Major. Other interests include computers and digital technology preservation.

Debra S. Mieszala, CG, specializes in forensic genealogy, twentieth-century research, and the Midwest. She has taught at SLIG, IGHGR, and GRIP, and is a BCG trustee.

Julie Miller, CG, CGL, FNGS, professional researcher, speaker, and writer; NGS conference committee chair; articles have appeared in the NGSQ and NGS Magazine; volunteer at NARA at Denver.

Susan R. Miller is NYG&B’s director of programs; New York Researcher editor; a managing editor of the New York Family History Research Guide and Gazettette.

Elizabeth Shown Mills, CG, CGL, FASG, FNGS, FUGA, a pioneer in problem-solving strategies for genealogy, edited NGSQ for sixteen years. Her 500+ publications include Evidence Explained, Professional Genealogy, and QuickSheet series.

Paul Milner is a native of England, an internationally recognized speaker focusing on British Isles research. He has written six how-to books for English and Scottish research.

Wevonneda Minis, retired journalist, lectures on research methodology, record collections, African-Americans, and slave owners. She is ISFHWE president and a Gen Proof Study Group mentor.

Ric Mixter, shipwreck researcher and historian, diver, photographer, explorer of more than 100 shipwrecks, producer of more than thirty programs for PBS and the Outdoor channel.

Karen Molohon, lecturer and educator at local and state societies on topics including census, migration, mapping, photography, and researching; local society webmaster and president Georgia Genealogical Society.

Kelly Moore spent years searching for her biological parents until DNA provided important clues. She advocates for adoptee rights.

Jill Morelli, CG, lectures about her Midwestern, northern German, and Scandinavian ancestors and methodologies nationwide. Her presentations focus on problem solving.

Geoffrey Fröberg Morris, AG, has been employed at the Family History Library since 2000 as a member of the Nordic reference team.

Frederick E. Moss, JD, LL.M, is legal advisor for FGS, represents FGS on RPAC, former law school associate dean and Colonel (retired) Judge Advocate General Corps.

Judy Nimer Muhn is an international researcher, author, lecturer, former AOL Genealogy Forum host, dan genealogist; corresponding secretary of Oakland County (Michigan) Genealogical Society.

Shelley Murphy, PhD, DM, avid genealogist for twenty-five years, aka “familytreegirl.” Known for inspiring and interactive “So What,” “Time and File Management,” and other problem-solving methodology lectures.

Greg Nelson is the content strategy specialist for Eastern Europe and Central Asia in the Records Division of FamilySearch.

Adam D. Oster, MLS, librarian for the Kentwood (Michigan) Branch of the Kent District Library with a BA in history from Grand Valley State University.

David Quimette, CG, CGL, BCG trustee, manages content strategy at FamilySearch, has researched in archives across all continents, and authored Finding Your Irish Ancestors.

Mathew Pacer, MLS, reference librarian, Michigan Collection assistant curator, and

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Pre-Conference Events / Tuesday, 1 May 2018—A separate fee is required for each event listed below which must be purchased by 20 April 2018 and cannot be purchased at the conference. Details on page 3.

TUESDAY, 1 MAY 2018

☐ Research Trip to Library of Michigan and Archives of Michigan in Lansing, Michigan. Box lunch included. $25 $
☐ Grand Rapids Tour including Heritage Hill $35 $
☐ Civil War and Cemetery Tour, Grand Rapids $35 $
☐ Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park includes park admission and tram $45 $
☐ BCG Education Fund Workshop $110 $
☐ Librarians’ Day Free, must pre-register and identify library name where employed / location: $0.00

Social Events—A separate fee is required for each event. Tickets must be purchased by 20 April 2018 and cannot be purchased at the conference. Seating is limited; register early.

WEDNESDAY, 2 MAY 2018

☐ APG Luncheon W131 $30 $
☐ FGS Luncheon W132 $30 $
☐ NYG&B Luncheon W133 $30 $

THURSDAY, 3 MAY 2018

☐ BCG Luncheon T231 $30 $
☐ WMGS Luncheon T232 $30 $
☐ Gen-Fed Alumni Luncheon T233 $30 $
☐ WMGS Dessert President Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum T270 $25 $

FRIDAY, 4 MAY 2018

☐ 12:15 p.m. Exhibit Hall Barbecue Luncheon F331 $25 $
☐ 12:45 p.m. Exhibit Hall Barbecue Luncheon F332 $25 $
☐ NGS Banquet F370 $45 $

SATURDAY, 5 MAY 2018

☐ NGS Luncheon S431 $30 $
☐ FamilySearch Luncheon S432 $30 $
☐ GSG/IFSHWE Luncheon S433 $30 $

TOTAL PAYMENT DUE $
Several cafés, breweries, and restaurants are a few blocks from the hotels.