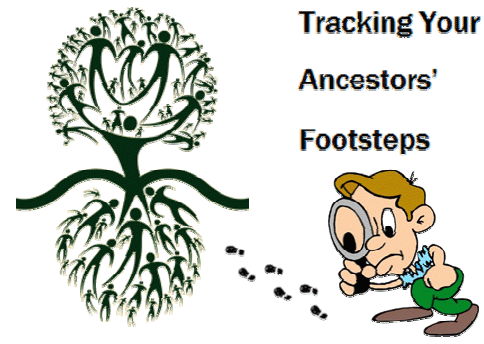


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37th Annual Conference

*A tradition of excellence in
education for genealogists*

**Saturday
February 25, 2012**
Registration/Browsing: 8 a.m.
Program: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

**Hilton Garden Inn
4070 East Main Street
St. Charles, Illinois**

About the 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.

Juliana 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.

Loretto (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*.

About the Conference

The Hilton Garden Inn – St. Charles is located two miles west of Rt. 59 on the north side of North Ave. (Rt. 64) across from Pheasant Run Resort.

Books, maps, CDs, tapes, and other material related to genealogy will be available from vendors at the conference. Beverages and snacks will be also available for purchase.

CD-ROM of syllabus will be available for \$5.

For further information, email Dorothy Hansen at DCGSRegistrar@aol.com
Also, visit our web site:
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Conference Program

Detailed session descriptions may be found at www.dccgs.org

8:00	Registration. Browsing in the Vendor Area. Beverages and snacks will be available for purchase in the morning.		
9:00	<i>Finding Your English Ancestors: The Big Four</i> 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.	Paul Milner	1A
	<i>Advanced Search Tips for Ancestry.com</i> 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.	Juliana Smith	1B
	<i>Don't Get Burned: Getting Around the Great Chicago Fire of 1871</i> 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.	Tony Burroughs	1C
	Break (30 minutes)		
10:30	<i>Effective Use of England's National Archives Website</i> 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.	Paul Milner	2A
	<i>A Dozen Ways to Jumpstart Your Family History Project</i> 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!	Lou Szucs / Juliana Smith	2B
	<i>Creating Order Out of Chaos</i> 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.	Tony Burroughs	2C
11:45	Luncheon served upstairs.		
1:30	<i>Buried Treasures: What's in the English Parish Chest?</i> 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.	Paul Milner	3A
	<i>Discovering Midwestern Repositories</i> 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.	Lou Szucs	3B
	<i>Navigating the National Archives</i> 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.	Tony Burroughs	3C
	Break (30 minutes)		
3:00	<i>Branching Out: Connecting with others using Social Networking and Online Family Trees</i> Learn how to use social networking and online family trees to branch out and expand your family research.	Jennifer Holik	4A
	<i>The "New" FamilySearch Website</i> 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. This presentation will provide an overview of the new content, as well as search techniques and navigational tips and tricks.	Maureen Brady	4B
	<i>The Six Phases of African American Genealogy</i> 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.	Tony Burroughs	4C

Registration Form

Name (Please Print)

Address

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E-mail address (or SASE) if confirmation is desired

Please indicate which sessions you might attend:

- 9:00 am 1A 1B 1C
 10:30 am 2A 2B 2C
 1:30 pm 3A 3B 3C
 3:00 pm 4A 4B 4C

Postmarked By Saturday, February 11, 2012:

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Indicate Lunch Choice (all lunches include fruit cup and Raspberry Mousse dessert):

- If not specified or registered after Feb 11, the Grilled Chicken dinner will be ordered.
 Beef Stroganoff
 Grilled Chicken with Rice Pilaf Make the chicken entree and dessert gluten-free
 Grilled vegetables with togu (vegan and vegetarian)