

**DCGS Conference History
1988-2004**

1988 Scaling Brick Walls

? Attendees

Location: College of DuPage

Circumventing Blocked Lines - Luebking	Locator of Missing Heirs - Fink
Strategies...How to Get Over the Brick Walls - Groves	Hidden Church Records - Koss
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**1989 Case Studies...Methods and
Inspiration for Family History Research**

289 Attendees

Location: College of DuPage

Establishing Birth, Death and Marriage Records before Vital Statistics and How to Achieve Good Results from Genealogical Correspondence - Rising	Family Traditions: There is No Truth Without Proof - Cerny	Indexes: Help or Hindrance? - Elliott
Applied Genealogy: A Case Study in Evaluating Evidence - Cerny	Finding a Wife's Name - Elliott	Genealogical Research Using Collateral Family Relationships - Rising
Preponderance of Evidence - Elliott	Proving Identity: Distinguishing Individuals of the Same Name - Rising	Colonial Virginia Research - Cerny

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1990 Coming to America...From Germany 280 Attendees Location: College of DuPage

Determining the Place of Origin of German Immigrant Ancestors - Jensen	Journey into Genealogy: An Overview of How a Genealogist Works - Luebking
Beginning Research Procedures in German Research - Jensen	Let's Get Organized: Record-keeping for Genealogists - Luebking
Advanced Research Procedures in German Research - Jensen	United States Maps, Gazetteers, and Historical Atlases - Schiffman
Sources for Non-German Speaking Researchers - Jensen	Preservation for Genealogists: How to Preserve Records - Burton

1991 From the Bare Facts to the Whole Story 110 Attendees Location: Willowbrook High School

Using Primary Sources to Determine the Factual Content of the Documents and Detect the Writer's Bias - Colletta
Turning Your Genealogical Work into A Reliable Document by Telling and Showing Your Reader the Past - Colletta

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1992 Genealogy: A World of Discovery

171 Attendees

Location: Sheraton (Holiday) Inn

Migration Patterns Via Rails, Trails & Roads - Bockstruck	Census - Szucs	Journey into Genealogy - Luebking
Court Records - Bockstruck	What's New at the Archives - Szucs	Let's Get Organized - Luebking
Migration Patterns Via Rails, Trails & Roads - Bockstruck	Researching British Military Late 18th-19th Century Families - Hoskins	Genetics and Genealogy - Peters
Court Records - Bockstruck	Hereditary Societies: A Survey & the Preparation of Lineage Papers - Hoskins	What's New at the Archives - Szucs

1993 Libraries for Genealogists

203 Attendees

Location: Naperville (Holiday) Inn

Family History Center, Church of Latter Day Saints - Kettley
Not Just Wisconsin: The Resources of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin - Hansen
Local and Family History Holdings of the Newberry Library - Thachery
Did Your Mother (Father) Come From Ireland? - Shanley
Beginner's Class

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1994 Where to Find Genealogical Information 138 Attendees Location: Holiday Inn

Problem Solving Through County Land Records (Public Land States) - Luebking	Norwegian, Swedish, Danish Genealogical Research - O'Kieffe
Court Records Used by Genealogists - Szucs	Family History in the Attic - Home Sources for Genealogists - Peters
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1995 Roots, Boots & Bites 225 Attendees Location: Holiday Inn

Barking Up Your Family Tree - Mellen	From Solway to the Shetlands - Brady	Organizing the Search - Milner
Are You Lost? Using Maps, Gazetteers and Directories - Milner	Thar's Gold in Them Thar Deeds -- Murphy	Down and Dirty DOS -- Jacobs
Wills and their Whereabouts -- Mellen	Kentucky Research -- Murphy	Breezing Down the Information Highway -- Jacobs
Irish Taxpayers: 1820 to 1864 - Milner	Historical, Geographical, & Social Background to Scottish Family History - Brady	Scanning Your Past and Future with Computers - Beckwith

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1996 Heart to Heart

329 Attendees

Location: National Louis

Resources in the Midwest - Reisinger	How to Research the German Connection - Reaves	Where Do I Begin - Bockman
Making Sense of the Census - Bockman	Pommeranians to America - Bolke	Computer Software Faceoff - Panel
Do You Really Want to do Your Research Twice? - Reisinger	The Detective Engaging in Research (German) - Reaves	Preserving Family Documents - Jackanicz
Missing/Misplaced Records - Reisinger	Germans to America - Bolke	Weaving Your Genealogy into the World Wide Web - Beckwith

1997 Roots and Routes

319 Attendees

Location: National Louis

Chicago Sources - Szucs	From Small Town to Large City, Sources in Germany and U.S. - Reaves	Why in the World Wide Web? - Bockman
Migration to Illinois - O'Day	Upgrading Your German Research Strategies - Reaves	Tracing Czech/Slovak Roots - Valasek
Emigration Patterns as Clues to Irish Ancestral Research - O'Day	Basic Polish Research - Valasek	Tricks & Tips for the Internet -- Beckwith
Finding Chicago Ancestors in Cook County - Szucs	Tracking Pre-Famine Irish Immigrants - O'Day	Immigrant Steamships - Valasek

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1998 From the Mountains to the Prairies 250 attendees Location: National Louis

Pennsylvania Land Records - Stayer	Tracing Scots/Irish Ancestors - Milner	Migration Patterns into Ohio - Gagel
Using the Published Pennsylvania Archives for Genealogy - Stayer	Indiana Research - Gooldy	Ohio Land Records - Gagel
	Multimedia Family Presentations - Davidson	Land Platting Workshop - Sengstock and Schneider
Newspaper Research - Gooldy	Ohio Court Records - Gagel	Internet Library Resources - Bockman
Dead End Doldrums - Milner	Pennsylvania Court Records - Stayer	The Ironwood That Was - Sengstock

1999 24th Annual Conference 221 Attendees Location: National Louis

Beginning Virginia Research - Grundset	German Military Records - Diestler	Overview of Scottish Research - Brady
DAR Library - Grundset	New Resources for British Isles Research - Milner	Tennessee Research - Brady
Writing Your Personal and Family History - Anderson		
Finding Your Ancestors in England and Wales - Milner	Ever-Changing German Map - Diestler	What's New on CD-ROMs - Storbeck
Buried Treasures: What's in the English Parish Chest - Milner	German Migration and Internal Colonization - Diestler	Best Tax Records in America (VA) - Grundset

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2000 25th Annual Conference

250+ Attendees

Location: Hilton Lisle/Warrenville

New England Town Records - Dearborn	Court Records: Following the Paper Trail - Neill	Navigating the FamilySearch Web Site - Brady
New England Manuscripts - Dearborn	Analyzing Complete Court Cases - Neill	You Can Do REAL Research On the Web - Bockman
New York City Research - Dearborn	Problem Solving and Analysis - Neill	Salt Lake City... Here I Come - Kruger
New England Migration to the Midwest - Dearborn	I Found It: Now What? - Neill	Creating Your Personal Web Site - Bockman

2001 26th Annual Conference

252 Attendees

Location: Hilton Lisle/Warrenville

Overview of Scandinavian Research - Wellauer	Preparing for Your Genealogical Research Trip Using Your Computer - Neill	Leaving a Legacy: Writing Your Family History - Emmert
19th Century Emigration from Europe: The Records They Left Behind - Wellauer	Digital Images for Genealogy - Neill	On Location: Researching In Your Ancestor's Community - Emmert
Sources and Strategies for Successful German and Swiss Research - Wellauer	Notetaking, Abstracting, and Extracting - Neill	From Piles to Files: Organizing Your Research - Emmert
Evaluating Online Genealogical Information - Neill	Living With Brick Walls - Bockman	Using Maps & Gazetteers to Locate Ancestral Towns - Wellauer

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2002 27th Annual Conference

193 Attendees

Location: Hilton Lisle/Warrenville

Finding Aide in the National Archives – Scott	Patchwork Quilt: Irish Genealogical Research – Geyh	20 th Century Censuses - Bockman
Pension Research: You Stopped Too Soon - Scott	Hunting for Ancestors in the Rhineland-Palatinate - Brandt	Primary Sources Available to French Canadian Researchers - Geyh
Researching Your Civil War Ancestor – Scott	Researching Ancestors in East and West Prussia - Brandt	All SSDIs Are Not Created Equal - Olson
Researching Your World War I Ancestor – Scott	Tracing Ancestors From East Pomerania, Posen and Silesia - Brandt	Real Research on the Web - Bockman

2003 28th Annual Conference

204 Attendees

Location: Hilton Garden Suites, St. Charles

Problem Solving for Genealogical Research – Luebking	Westward Ho! But How? – Porter	Bygones Software - Smallwood
Trials & Tribulations – Luebking	Word Processing Tricks for Genealogists - Porter	Probate & Vital Records - Bockman
Really Big City Research – Luebking	Genealogy Vacation – Myth or Reality? – Bockman	Mapping Software for Genealogists - Porter
Fire & Brimstone – The Religious Frontier – Luebking	Investigating Your Ancestors - Porter	Choosing and Using a Digital Camera - Taylor

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2004 29th Annual Conference

269 Attendees

Location: Hilton Garden Suites, St. Charles

German-American Roots in the U.S. – Reaves	Scottish Emigration to North America: Before, During and After the Rebellions - Milner	Traditional vs. Computer Based Genealogical Research: Not "Either/Or" but "Both" - Konvalinka
Making the Journey – Reaves	Irish Emigrants to North America: Before, During and After the Famine – Milner	Finding Living Relatives (Using Traditional and Computer Based Genealogical Sources) - Konvalinka
Genealogical Research in Germany – ^{Reaves} Konvalinka	Finding Your English ancestors: The Big Four – Milner	Making Your Case: The Genealogical Proof Standard - Konvalinka
Organizing Your Research – Reaves	Internet Tools & Sites for British Isles Research - Milner	Beyond Google: Advanced Internet Searching Techniques - Konvalinka

2004 30th Annual Conference

? Attendees

Location: Hilton Garden Suites, St. Charles

From Blushing Bride to Reluctant Relict; Marital Property Law – Leary	Determining Places of Origin of Immigrant Ancestors - Jensen	Jumpstart Your Swedish Family History Research – Shea
Time-lines & Real Lives: Using Ancestors' Life Patterns to Find Their Parents - Leary	Identifying & Locating Records & Resources - Jensen	10 Things to Look For + 10 to Watch Out For in Swedish Records - Shea
Introduction to Cross-Border Research: Virginia Suburbs in North Carolina - Leary	Sources Used in Resolving Basic German Research Problems - Jensen	No Birth Certificate? No Problem. - Bockman
Chatting with Our Ancestor's Neighbors: What They Can Tell Us & How to Ask - Leary	Sources Used in Resolving Intermediate to Advanced German Research Problems - Jensen	What's New at the National Archives - Longacre

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Summary of Topics ²⁰⁰⁵ 1988-~~2004~~

General or Methodology ~~68~~ 74

Specific Repositories ~~8~~ 9

Geographic - U.S. ~~21~~ 22

Chicago/Illinois 3

Indiana 1

Kentucky 1

Midwest 1

Ohio 3

New England 4

Pennsylvania 3

Tennessee 1

Virginia 3

West 1

North Carolina 1

Geographic - Foreign 42

Canada 1

England 6

Europe (general) 1

German/Swiss ~~20~~ 22

Poland, Czech,
Slovak 2

Scots or Irish 10

Scandinavian ~~2~~ 4

Computers/Internet 25