DuPage County (IL) Genealogical Society
31st Annual Conference

was held on Saturday March 4, 2006

We would like to thank all of the
Attendees, Speakers, Vendors, and Volunteers
that made it possible.

Watch here for details about our Feb. 24, 2007 Conference.

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*	Browsing in the Vendor Area. Beverages and snacks will be available for purchase during the day.
9:00 AM (1A)	*Your Immigrant Ancestors -- Find 'em in Cyberspace* John Konvalinka	Locating the sources and finding individuals' immigration records involves answers to several key questions: where, why, when, and what. This talk explores the implications of these questions and offers suggestions for finding records in the "virtual" repositories and resources of the Internet.
9:00 AM (1B)	*Making Your Genealogical Filing System Work for You* Elizabeth Kelley Kerstens	We all need to take control of the paper in our lives. This lecture focuses on effective methods of time management and paper management so genealogists can spend more productive time researching!
9:00 AM (1C)	*How to Write Your Family History - Part 1* Mike Karsen	Have you been doing family research for years but have not yet shared the results with your relatives? Mike Karsen, who has published five family histories, will show how to compile books varying from the simplest to one which includes historical information, biographies, and many pictures.
10:30 AM (2A)	*Research in New York and New Jersey* John Konvalinka	New York and New Jersey have rich genealogical heritages dating from Colonial times. In this session we discuss where and how to find early and modern records in the major repositories and in some lesser known collections.
10:30 AM (2B)	*Collecting Data from the Internet: Finding, Evaluating and*	Guidelines for determining the credibility of information found on the Internet, a sample Internet Research Calendar, and examples of good and bad information available on the

	Documenting It Elizabeth Kelley Kerstens	Web.
10:30 AM (2C)	*How to Write Your Family History - Part 2* Mike Karsen	Mike continues his two hour seminar on compiling the results of your efforts to record your family tree into books. Sharing the results of your research can be the most important and rewarding part of your effort.
11:45 AM	*Luncheon and Browsing*	Luncheon and time to visit the vendors.
1:30 PM (3A)	*The Other Side of the Courthouse -- Genealogical "Finds" in Lesser Known Records* John Konvalinka	This talk deals with the valuable genealogical records which can be found in court records beyond the ones normally researched by genealogists. Find out how modern search engines and online legal record services can simplify and improve your chances of success at finding valuable records.
1:30 PM (3B)	*Demystifying Irish Ancestor Origins* Elizabeth Kelley Kerstens	Learn the basics of determining the place of origin of your Irish ancestor, using records available at major repositories in the United States. A case study will be used to show how some Irish immigrants' origins were determined.
1:30 PM (3C)	*Non-Federal Civil War Records Research* Craig L. Pfannkuche	A lot of data about many Civil War veterans who survived the awful war can be found on monuments, in cemeteries, the state muster rolls, written histories, and photograph collections. All of these places and more will be discussed in a slide presentation of the numerous fruitful sources in Non Federal Civil War records.
3:00 PM (4A)	*The Newest Electronic Frontier -- Searchable Scanned Newspapers* John Konvalinka	It is finally becoming possible to tap into the genealogical riches in many unindexed newspapers because optical scanning has made a reality of online, "every word searchable" access to many newspapers. This session will provide detailed examples of what is available.
3:00 PM (4B)	*Separating Fact from Blarney in Irish Oral Tradition* Elizabeth Kelley Kerstens	Oral tradition is alive and well in many families. In Irish-American families, oral tradition can be the link to information on the origins of the Irish ancestor. Is the information passed down accurate? This lecture uses a case study to show how facts within a story passed down in an Irish family were proven or disproved.
3:00 PM (4C)	*Critique Of Chicago Research Sources* Craig L. Pfannkuche	Views of where to research in Chicago, what can be found at a variety of sites, and how friendly and helpful, or not, are their staffs. Based on Craig's years of experience researching his families in Chicago, as a professional family history researcher, and as Corresponding Sec. of the Chicago Genealogical Society.

Speakers

Mike Karsen is a member of the National Genealogical Society (NGS) and the Genealogical Speakers Guild. He speaks on genealogical topics locally and nationally, teaches classes in genealogy and is on the faculty of the National Institute for Genealogical Studies. Mike has presented at state, national, and international conferences. He is the author of the JewishGen website "Guide to Jewish Genealogy in Chicagoland" and has published articles on genealogy.

Elizabeth Kelley Kerstens has been a Certified Genealogical Records Specialistsm since 1996, and Certified Genealogical Lecturersm since 2001. Liz is the creator of the software program "Clooz", an electronic filing cabinet for organizing and storing genealogical records, and co-creator of the software program "GeneWeaver", used to document your family health history. She is managing editor of *Genealogical Computing* and managing editor of the *NGS Newsmagazine*. She is one of the directors of Celtic Quest, LLC, a company that leads genealogical research trips to Dublin, Ireland.

John Konvalinka is a Certified Genealogical Records Specialistsm and Certified Genealogical Lecturersm. He has been actively involved in genealogy for 25 years. He is particularly interested in the effective use of computers and the internet in supporting (not replacing) traditional genealogical research. He has worked extensively in the British Library, the Library of Congress, the New York Public Library and other major genealogical libraries in the U.S.

Craig L. Pfannkuche has been the president of Memory Trail Research, Inc. since 1993., the Genealogical Archivist for the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad Historical Society since 1984, and is on the Board of Directors of both the McHenry County Illinois Genealogical Society and the Chicago Genealogical Society. He has presented numerous workshops in history, historical and genealogical research, and archaeological techniques.

For further information

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