

# DuPage County Genealogical Society's

## 44th Annual Conference

*A tradition of excellence in education for genealogists.*



**Saturday, March 9, 2019**

**NIU Conference Center, Naperville, IL**

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# Welcome to our 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference

Our day starts at 7:30 a.m. with check-in at Registration, located immediately to the left when you enter the main entrance. You MUST show a photo ID to obtain your name tag and wear your name tag the entire day. With your name tag you receive five door prize tickets and a program list (if you need one.) Don't forget, a hardcopy of the syllabus is NOT provided at the conference. Please remember to print and bring with you the pages you consider important or download this syllabus to your mobile device for use at the conference. The first sessions begin at 9:00 a.m.

Volunteers and committee members wearing a DCGS logo button are available to help direct you through the venue. Logistically, you enter the atrium of the NIU Conference Center. Exhibitors are located here and just down the hall to the right, past the café, in Exhibit Hall. Conference sessions, starting at 9:00 a.m., are in the auditorium on the first floor and in three tiered classrooms on the second floor. Seating is on a first come first served basis; out of respect for the speakers and attendees please do not enter after the start of session. There are stairs and an elevator to access the second level.

The auditorium is to the right of the entrance, where you see the large wooden wall. Past the auditorium, on the far back wall, is Room 101[ABC]. The door prize containers are located just outside this room on the far left. You will find coat racks in the hallway on the right, adjacent to room 101 near room 105. Rooms 101 and 105 are the dining rooms. Your name tag contains your dining room assignment. Feel free to sit anywhere in your assigned room for lunch.

After check-in, put on your name tag, PRINT your name on your door prize tickets (or attach return address labels,) browse door prizes and place a ticket/s in the corresponding containers. The door prize containers are removed by 10:30 a.m. The list of winners will be provided on each lunch table. You will collect your prizes after lunch from the DCGS table on the second floor.

It's time to mingle! Meet old friends, make new friends and check out the exhibitors! The next few pages of the syllabus have all the exhibitors and layouts for the Atrium and Society Hall.

DCGS table is located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, just off the elevator. Buy raffle tickets here, priced at two for \$5 or five for \$10. Please bring cash, exact amounts \$1, \$5 and \$10 will be helpful and/or your checkbook. Our White Elephant and Freebie tables are located in the same area, as well as our Membership Chair, who is accepting applications. We have the syllabus available on a flash drive for \$5. And you can place orders for a 3-Gen Name Tag, only \$8 (plus tax for IL residents.) See details near the end of the syllabus.

ATM – located on the first floor.

Café Arbor Vitae – located on the first floor, coffees, teas, snacks, are available for purchase.

Classrooms contain signage at the door indicating room number, speaker and session topic. We have done our best to allocate the room assignments for each speaker/topic based on your selections at the time you registered. It's OK if you don't remember or change your choice but know that **seating is on a first come first served basis**. The first session starts at 9:00 a.m. **Out of respect for the speakers and attendees please do not enter after the start of session.**

- 1<sup>st</sup> floor      Auditorium (sessions 1, 2, 3 for speaker Warren Bittner,  
session 4 for Thomas MacEntee)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> floor      Room 260 (all sessions for speaker Daniel Earl)  
Room 261 (sessions 1, 2, 3 for speaker Thomas MacEntee,  
session 4 for Warren Bittner)  
Room 266 (all sessions for speaker Michael L. Strauss)

Restrooms – there are three large restrooms, two on 1<sup>st</sup> floor and one on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

Water – there are three water stations available with hot and cold water.

Wi-Fi – free Wi-Fi is available throughout the facility, connect to [NIU Guest](#), no password required.

NIU staff and DCGS volunteers are located throughout the facility to help you get to where you are going.

We are looking forward to a great day and hope you enjoy yourself. Post conference, we will be sending an electronic survey requesting feedback to improve future conferences.

*~Your DCGS Conference Committee*

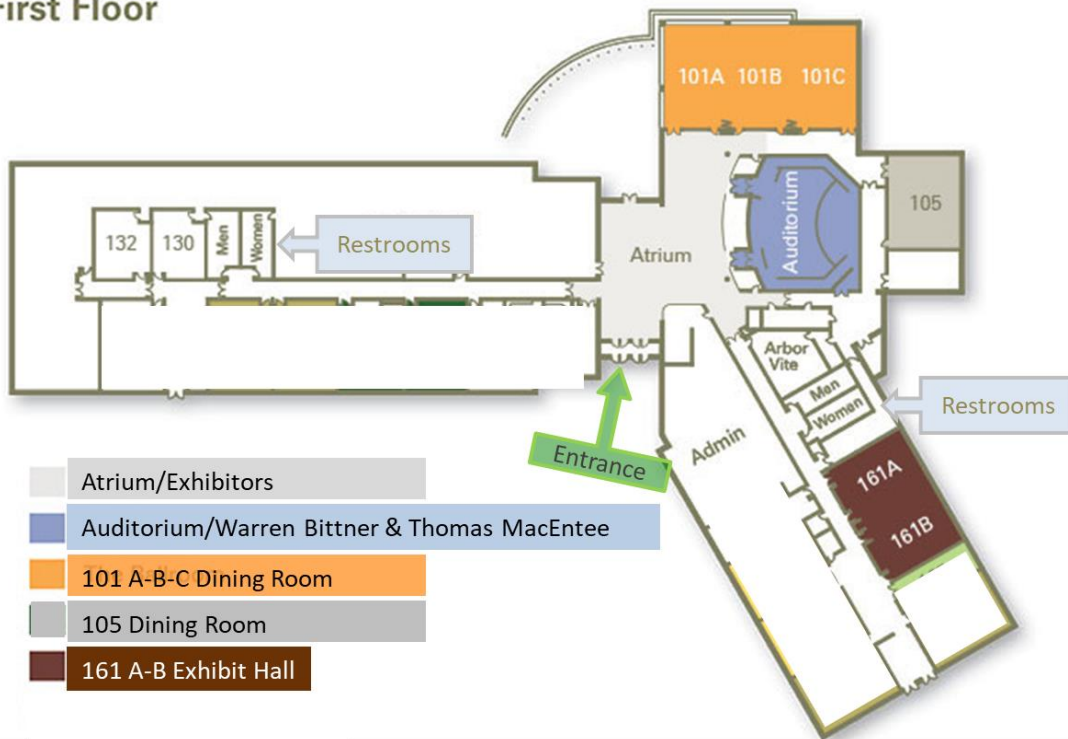
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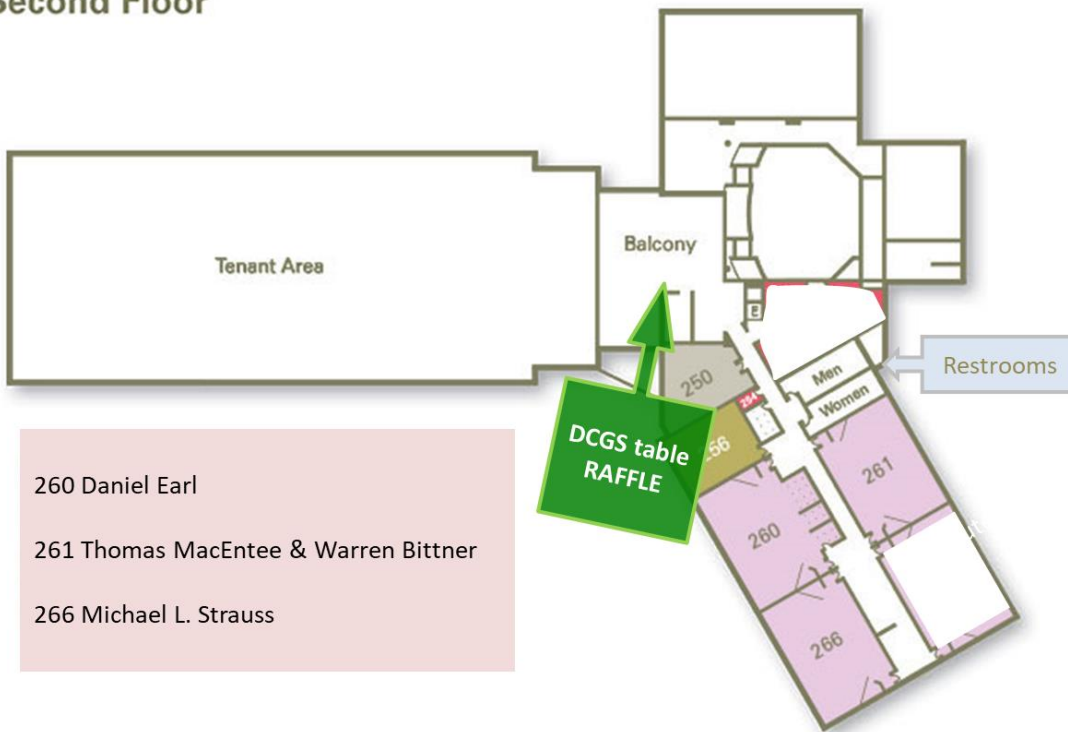
The NIU Conference Center - Naperville is located on the south side of Diehl Road just west of Freedom Drive across from the Hampton Inn - Naperville.

# NIU/DCGS Floor Plan

## First Floor



## Second Floor



# Exhibitors

[Ancestor Stuff](#)

[ArkivDigital](#)

[Arlington Heights Memorial Library](#)

[Computer Assisted Genealogy Group Northern Illinois](#)

[Chicago Genealogical Society](#)

[Family Tree Tours](#)

[Fountaindale Public Library District](#)

[Fox Valley Genealogical Society](#)

[Fun Stuff for Genealogists](#)

[Illinois State Genealogical Society](#)

[Maia's Books](#)

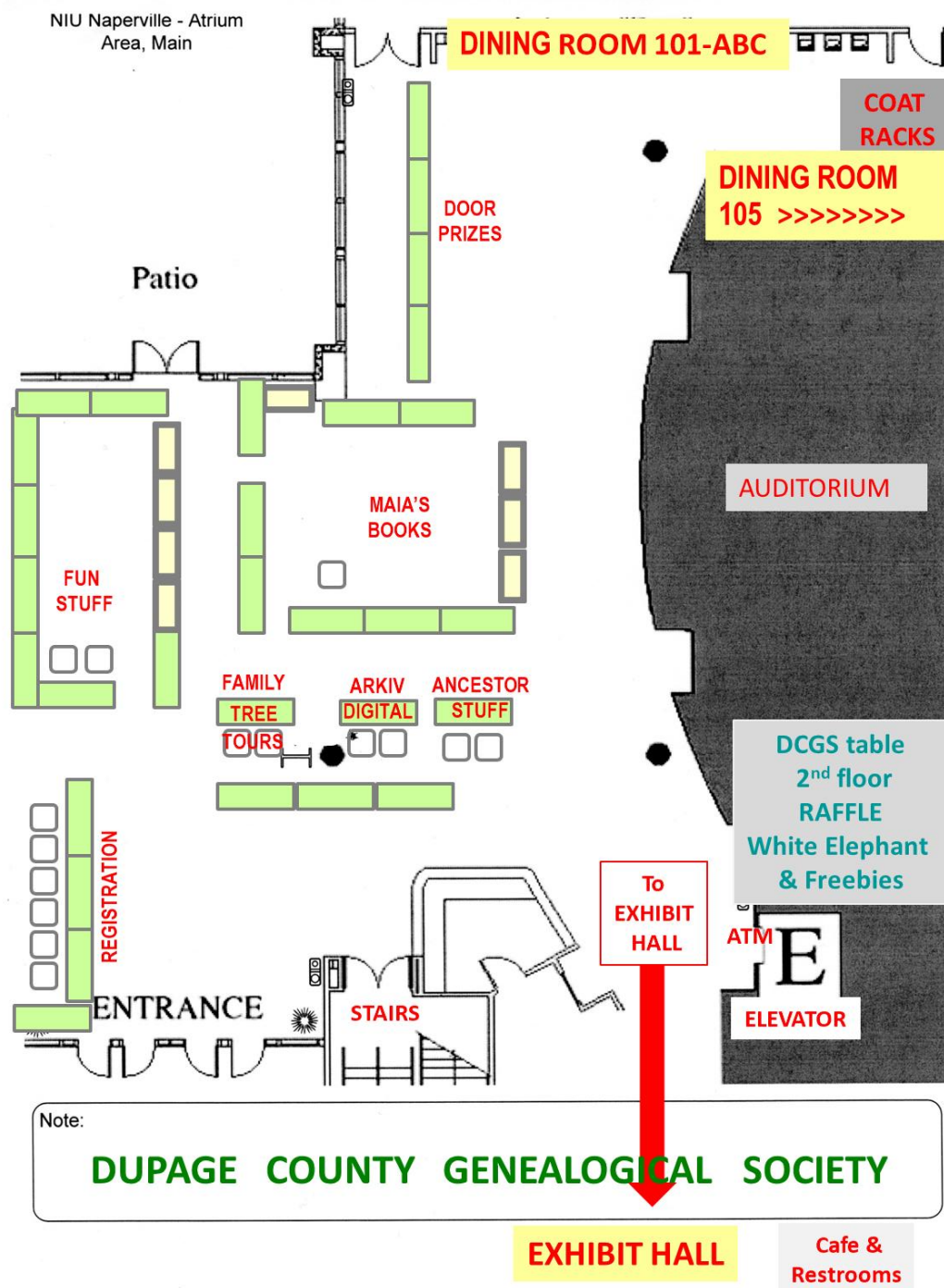
[McHenry County Illinois Genealogical Society](#)

[Perrin-Wheaton NSDAR](#)

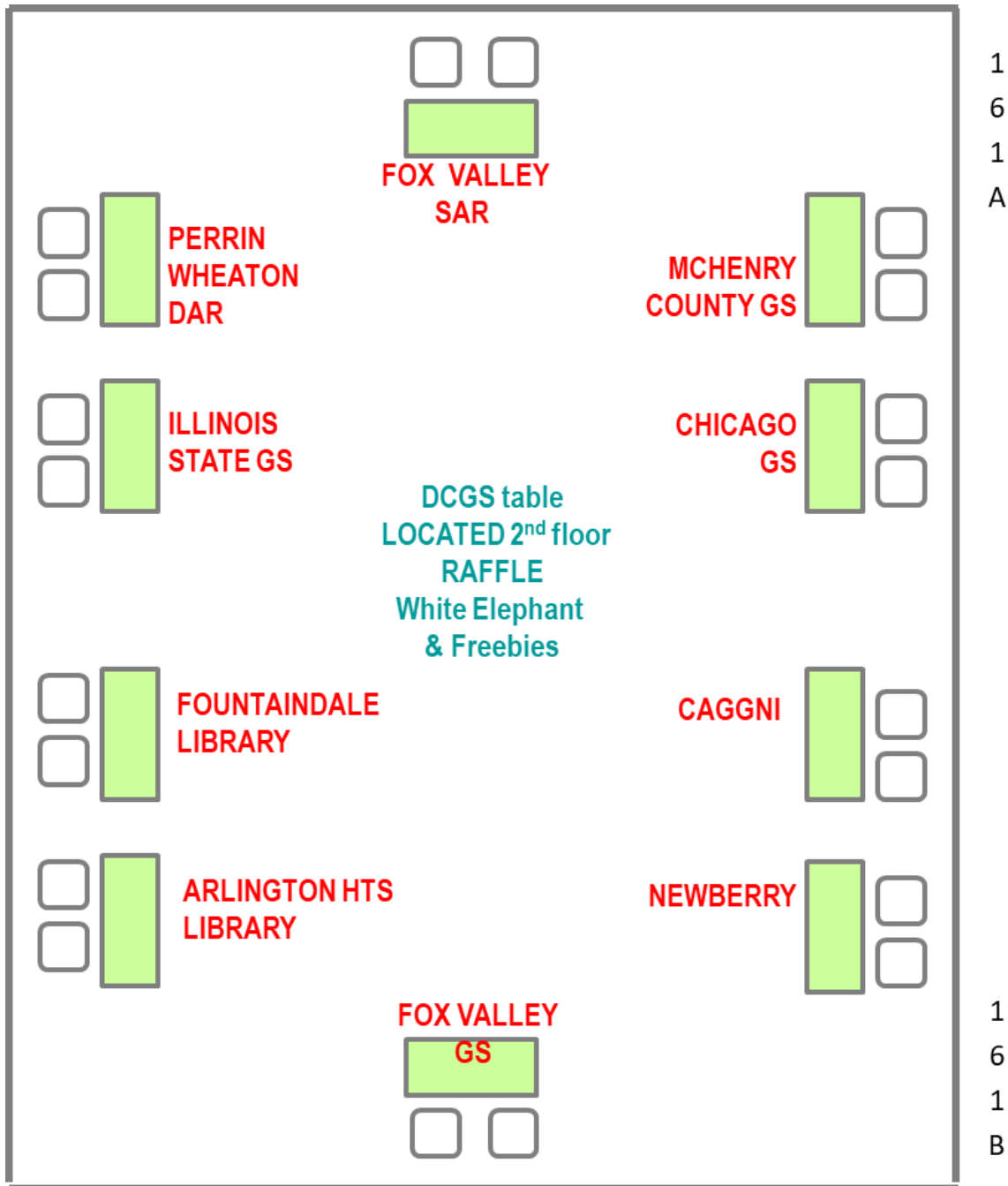
[SAR - Fox Valley Chapter](#)

[The Newberry](#)

## Exhibitors in the Atrium



## Exhibitors in Society Hall



## Door Prizes

Door tables are in the Atrium outside of Room 101. Deposit your tickets in the containers in which you are interested or all in one container if you so choose. Thank you all for your generous donations.

Provided by DCGS: <b><i>Genealogy Classes (4 draws)</i></b>	Provided by DCGS: <b><i>3-Gen Name Tags (5 draws)</i></b>
Provided by Debra Dudek: book – <b><i>World War I Genealogy Research Guide by Debra Dudek</i></b>	Provided by Arphax Publishing Company: <b><i>3-mo subscription to HistoryGeo.com(2 draws)</i></b>
Provided by Maia's Books: <b><i>\$10 off any purchase</i></b>	Provided by Fun Stuff for Genealogists: <b><i>Goodie Bag</i></b>
Provided by Fox Valley Genealogical Society: <b><i>one year society membership</i></b>	Provided by ArkivDigital: <b><i>3-month All-in-one ArkivDigital subscription</i></b>
Provided by Heartland Historical Research Services: Book- <b><i>Oldest Chicago by David Anthony Witter</i></b>	Provided by Legacy Family Tree - Millennia Corporation: software – <b><i>Legacy 9.0 Deluxe (Download Edition &amp; PDF User Guide)</i></b>
Provided by Czech & Slovak American Genealogy Society of Illinois: book – <b><i>Treasured Family Recipes</i></b>	Provided by The Newberry: book – <b><i>In Lincoln's Hand: his original manuscripts, edited by Harold Holzer (author) &amp; Joshua Wolf Shenk (author)</i></b>
Provided by Carole Magnuson: book – <b><i>The Family Tree German Genealogy Guide by James M. Beidler</i></b>	Provided by McHenry Co IL Genealogical Society: <b><i>registration to the MCIGS 2019 Summer Conference</i></b>
Provided by Carole Magnuson: <b><i>Genealogy Goodie Box</i></b>	Provided by Carole Magnuson: book – <b><i>Trace your German Roots Online by James M. Beidler</i></b>
Provided by Carole Magnuson: <b><i>Genealogy Goodie Box #2</i></b>	Provided by Carole Magnuson: <b><i>set of 4 Quick Sheets – Organizational &amp; Source</i></b>
Provided by South Suburban Genealogical & Historical Society: <b><i>one-year society membership</i></b>	Provided by Rhea Hunter: book – <b><i>The Family Tree Guidebook to Europe; and a flash drive</i></b>
Provided by AncestorStuff.com: book – <b><i>Stories in Stone: A Field Guide to Cemetery Symbolism and Iconography by Douglas Keister</i></b>	Provided by AncestorStuff.com: <b><i>One 15-generation Pedigree Chart</i></b>
Provided by Steve Szabados: book – <b><i>Basic Genealogy and Beyond by Stephen Szabados</i></b>	Provided by Steve Szabados: book – <b><i>Find Your Czech and Slovak Ancestors by Stephen Szabados</i></b>
Provided by Illinois State Genealogical Society: <b><i>one year society membership plus complimentary copy of the ISGS Quarterly</i></b>	Provided by Rita Schneider-New York City Municipal Archives: an authorized Guide for Family Historians
Provided by CAGGNI: <b><i>one year society membership and 8GB flash drive with 2018 CAGGNI GeneaQuest syllabus and a year of CAGGNI Newsletters</i></b>	Provided by DAR – Perrin-Wheaton Chapter: <b><i>book – My Father Was A Soldier: Real Daughters of the American Revolution (2 draws)</i></b>

## Raffle

2 tickets/\$5

5 tickets/\$10



**New this year, you select the drawing you want to enter, i.e., you can use all your tickets for a chance at one item or spread them out. It's up to you.**

- (2) Ancestry World, 1 yr. subscription
- Ancestry DNA kit
- Fold3, 1 yr. subscription
- Newspapers, 1 yr. subscription
- Ellis Island, book
- (2) MyHeritage, 1 yr. subscription
- (2) MyHeritage DNA kit
- Legacy Webinars, 1 yr. subscription
- (2) FamilyTree DNA kit

**Raffle tickets are available at the DCGS table on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.  
Winners are drawn at lunch.**

## 2019 Conference Committee and Volunteers



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#### DCGS 2019 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.

**Join the 2020 committee; contact us at conference @dcgs.org.**

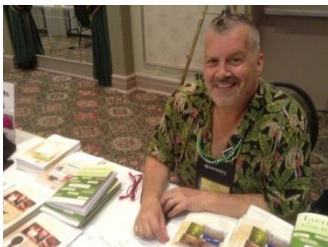
## Speakers



**F. Warren Bittner, CG**, holds a master's degree in history and has lectured widely on Germanic research topics. His article, "Without Land, Occupation, Rights, or Marriage Privilege: The Büttner family from Germany to America," won the National Genealogical Society Award for Excellence in 2012. He is a former German Collection Manager at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. He has taught week-long intensive German research courses at the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research in Athens, Georgia, the Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh, and the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy.



**Daniel Earl**, got his start in family history at age 10 when his father took him to the grave of his great-grandfather; that event sparked a lifetime of interest in family history. He has spent the last 25 years researching his own family history and helping others make history a part of their story. He is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, the Genealogical Speakers Guild, the Association of Gravestone Studies, and is a member of numerous other societies. He is married to a remarkably patient woman, has six kids, and is the owner of the world's laziest cat.



**Thomas MacEntee**, a genealogy professional based in the United States who is also a blogger, educator, author, social media connector, online community builder and more. He started his own genealogy-related business called High Definition Genealogy. Thomas' new site, [Genealogy Bargains](#), launched in March 2017, is now his main focus. Genealogy Bargains posts daily deals and coupons on products such as AncestryDNA, 23andMe, genealogy books and webinars.



**Michael L. Strauss, AG**, is a professional Accredited Genealogist and a nationally recognized genealogical speaker. A native of Pennsylvania and a resident of Utah, he has been employed as a Forensic Investigator for 25 years. Strauss has a BA in History and is a United States Coast Guard veteran. He is also a qualified expert witness in court in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Virginia. Michael is featured on Lisa Louise Cooke's Genealogy Gems with his monthly segment of "Military Minutes" and is a faculty member at SLIG, GRIP, and IGHR.

## 2019 Program

<b>7:30</b>	<b>Registration</b> Browsing – Door Prizes – Raffle Tickets(at the DCGS table)	Atrium & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
<b>9:00</b>	<b>Session 1</b>	<b>Room</b>
A	<b>Indirect Evidence: A Big City Case Study</b> F. Warren Bittner	AUD
B	<b>Cemeteries and Ancestors: Leave No Stone Unturned</b> Daniel Earl	260
C	<b>Did I Get Everything? Creating a Research Checklist</b> Thomas MacEntee	261
D	<b>Revolutionary War Genealogical Research</b> Michael L. Strauss	266
10:00	Break for browsing exhibitors and networking (30 minutes)	ALL
<b>10:30</b>	<b>Session 2</b>	<b>Room</b>
A	<b>Exhausting Research to Find and Impossible Immigrant</b> F. Warren Bittner	AUD
B	<b>Every Stone Tells a Story: The Cleaning and Care of Gravestones</b> Daniel Earl	260
C	<b>Self-Publishing for Genealogists and Genealogy Societies</b> Thomas MacEntee	261
D	<b>Free Trade and Sailors Rights: Genealogical Research in the War of 1812</b> Michael L. Strauss	266
11:45	<b>LUNCH BUFFET</b> [see your name tag for dining room assignment] browsing the exhibitors and networking	Room 101 & 105
<b>1:00</b>	<b>Session 3</b>	<b>Room</b>
A	<b>Introduction to German Church Books</b> F. Warren Bittner	AUD
B	<b>Funeral Home and Family History: They Are Dying to Meet You</b> Daniel Earl	260
C	<b>They're Alive: Searching for Living Persons</b> Thomas MacEntee	261
D	<b>Refugees, Claims and Conscriptions: Researching Your Ancestors during the Reconstruction Era</b> Michael L. Strauss	266
2:00	LAST break for browsing exhibitors and networking (30 minutes)	ALL
<b>2:30</b>	<b>Session 4</b>	<b>Room</b>
A	<b>Meyer's Gazetteer: Gateway to Germany</b> F. Warren Bittner (note room change)	261
B	<b>Monumental Metal: White Bronze Grave-markers in the Mid-West</b> Daniel Earl	260
C	<b>What's Been Done: Using Someone Else's Genealogy Research</b> Thomas MacEntee (note room change)	AUD
D	<b>The Great War: Researching Your World War I Ancestors</b> Michael L. Strauss	266



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I agree to abide by the Genealogist's Code of Ethics, as stated below

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Co-member signature and Date

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## Publications

### CD's

<i>Landowners of DuPage County 1835-1904</i>	\$15.00	_____
<i>Necrology Records of Selected Townships in DuPage County</i>	\$15.00	_____

### Books

<i>Bicentennial Citizens and Their Ancestors</i>	\$10.00	_____
<i>DuPage County Churches and Their Records 1833-1920</i>	\$15.00	_____
<i>Index to the Naturalization Records of DuPage County, Illinois</i>	\$40.00	_____
<i>Landowners of DuPage County 1835-1904</i>	\$20.00	_____
<i>Subject Index to "The Review" of the DCGS 1974-2000</i>	\$10.00	_____
<i>Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church of Bensenville Records</i>	\$30.00	_____

### Census Records

<i>1840 DuPage County Federal Census Records</i>	\$10.00	_____
<i>1850 DuPage County Federal Census Records</i>	\$20.00	_____
<i>1860 DuPage County Federal Census Records</i>	\$20.00	_____
<i>1870 DuPage County Federal Census Records</i>	\$25.00	_____

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Total

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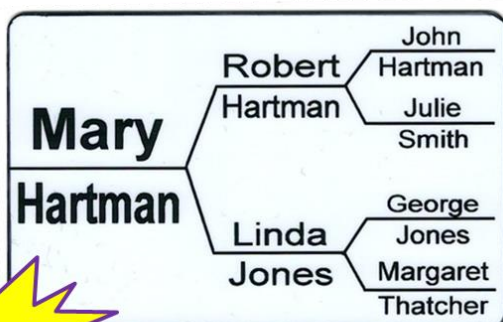
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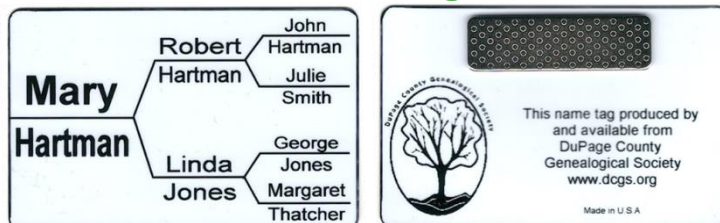
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1. Your Name (1) \_\_\_\_\_  
First name \_\_\_\_\_ Last name \_\_\_\_\_
2. Father (of no.1) \_\_\_\_\_  
First name \_\_\_\_\_ Last name \_\_\_\_\_ (lifespan or haplo)
3. Mother (of no.1) \_\_\_\_\_  
First name \_\_\_\_\_ Last name \_\_\_\_\_ (lifespan or haplo)
4. Father (of no.2) \_\_\_\_\_  
First name \_\_\_\_\_ Last name \_\_\_\_\_
5. Mother (of no.2) \_\_\_\_\_  
First name \_\_\_\_\_ Last name \_\_\_\_\_
6. Father (of no.3) \_\_\_\_\_  
First name \_\_\_\_\_ Last name \_\_\_\_\_
7. Mother (of no.3) \_\_\_\_\_  
First name \_\_\_\_\_ Last name \_\_\_\_\_

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