

Opening Session 8:45 am - 10:00 am

WELCOME FROM THE SOCIETIES' PRESIDENTS

KEYNOTE ADDRESS: *My Pennsylvania*, RICK SEBAK

Experience Pennsylvania through the musing of native Pennsylvanian, Rick Sebak, a nationally renowned Americana documentarist.

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Exhibits Open

Friday 10:00 am - 4:30 pm

Saturday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Advanced Genealogy

Pennsylvania

Internet Technology

Avoid the Crooked Path! Genealogical Problem Solving

Christine Rose, CG, CGL, FASG

In the course of "climbing the family tree," genealogists encounter a myriad of problems like determining what records to use or resolving conflicts in the evidence. This lecture demonstrates how to identify the problem, focus on the objective, analyze the components of the problem, and remain on the path to achieving a successful resolution of that problem.

F1

Finding Families in Penn's Woods: an Overview of Pennsylvania Research

John T. Humphrey

Before you can explore the wealth of records located in Pennsylvania's archives, courthouses and libraries, you need to understand factors that influenced those records. Understanding the ethnic origin of families, the migration trail they used, settlement patterns, and the "ever-changing" county boundaries are just some of the keys to successful research in Pennsylvania.

F2

Neighbors in Cyberspace: Use the Internet to Find People Who Will Lead You to Your Ancestors

John W. Kouvalinka, CG, CGL

When you cannot find your ancestors (or other subjects) directly, try finding them through people they may have associated with (using the Internet and other computer sources).

F3

10:30 - 11:30

11:45 - 1:00 Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania Luncheon

They Just Show'd Up! Where to Look When You Don't Know Where to Look

Patricia Law Hatcher, FASG

This lecture presents a structured method for reviewing existing research and identifying additional resources that can lead to a solution to some seemingly impossible problems.

F4

Understanding the State Land Records of Pennsylvania: Warrants, Surveys & Patents

Jonathan R. Stayer

A description of the five basic documents that transferred land from the Penns and later the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to private ownership, along with suggestions for accessing and using these records for genealogical research.

F5

Urban Mapping Tools

Richard G. Sayre

Finding ancestors in an urban environment is frequently a rather difficult task because of population density. This presentation will show how, with the aid of fire insurance maps, plat maps and with city directories, one can create a powerful tool to locate ancestors and discover fascinating aspects of their lives. Online resources and repositories for Philadelphia and Pittsburgh and will be discussed.

F6

1:15 - 2:15

Conducting Family History Research in Europe

Roger P. Minert, PhD, AG

This presentation deals with the preparation and execution of a genealogical research trip to Europe with emphasis placed on solving problems, avoiding complications and increasing productivity.

F7

Genealogical Resources in Western Pennsylvania

Marilyn Coccchiola Holt, MLS

An introduction to research and repositories for family history in Western Pennsylvania, including an overview of vital records, church and cemetery records, newspapers and city directories.

F8

The "Other Side" of the Courthouse—Court Records and Online Resources You Might Not Have Used

Sandra M. Hewlett, CG
John W. Kouvalinka, CG, CGL

Genealogists can gain knowledge from records normally overlooked—court records and legislative proceedings. Learn how to access these records at the law library or through a variety of websites and other services.

F9

2:30 - 3:30

"Solving" the Problem Onsite in 25 Hours or Less!

Christine Rose, CG, CGL, FASG

When genealogists travel to distant locations in order to find records that have information on their ancestors, time is usually quite limited. This lecture will present strategies that offer genealogists the opportunity to maximize their research time "onsite." This presentation will include a case study that will illustrate how this can be accomplished.

F10

PA's Immigration Records: The Published Passenger Lists and Naturalization Records

Annette K. Burgert, FGSP, FASG

Pennsylvania was the only colony to maintain lists of names of eighteenth-century immigrants. This lecture demonstrates how to effectively use these published lists. Naturalization records complement the existing records.

F11

Pennsylvania Digital Initiatives

L. Suzanne Kellermen, MLS

An overview of digitization projects in Pennsylvania with emphasis on historically and genealogically significant materials, including the Pennsylvania Civil War Newspaper Project.

F12

4:00 - 5:00

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