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Recently Published

Dutch Research Article

Miriam Klaassen wrote an excellent article on how to conduct genealogy research in the Netherlands (in English). It gives a good overview for those with Dutch ancestry when they trace their family back to the Netherlands. Topics include Dutch surnames, Dutch peculiarities, church registers, place of origin, and research close without traveling. The article is available on the Internet at:

<http://genealogy.about.com/librarians/authors/ucklaassen1a.htm>

German Immigrants

A bibliography of printed works pertaining to German immigrant arrivals is available online at the Library of Congress Web site at: www.loc.gov/rr/genealogy. The work is called *German Immigrant Arrival: Resources in the Library of Congress*, compiled and annotated by Barbara B. Walsh. They include list of German immigrants in the Library of Congress in manuscripts, published books and electronic data. The bibliography is divided into four sections: historical background and bibliographic guides, general resources: no specific locality, regions of Germany, and regions of settlement within the United States. The bibliography contains more than 30 pages of sources.

Of Interest

Genealogy Disaster

Gary Richards, who taught literature at the University of New Orleans, had to evacuate his

home near Lake Ponchartrain where the levee system failed during Hurricane Katrina. He borrowed a friend's car but could not take his computers and many valuable genealogical items. He fled the hurricane and went to his parents' home in Corsicana and waited out the storm.

He returned to his house in October, hoping the house had survived as it did with earlier storms. There had been eight and one-half feet of water on his street and five feet of water in the house itself from Katrina. Every piece of furniture had been destroyed, as well as his collection of 3,000 books. The computers were ruined although some of the genealogy records on paper were salvageable, even though they were covered with silt and looked ruined. Gary Richards is busy recovering as much of the data as he can. He probably wishes he had more of the data backed up, but one cannot undo the past.

Genealogy Events

The events listed here are some of the major events that may be of interest to our members who may be traveling, vacationing, live nearby, or who may want to attend a special event.

Texas Czech Genealogical Conference

The Texas Czech Genealogical Society will hold a conference on November 17 at College Station, Texas. For more information, go to: www.txczgs.org

Utah Library Retreat

My Ancestors Found will host a Salt Lake Family History Library

Retreat on November 26-30 at Salt Lake City, Utah. There will be assisted library research and classes across the street at the Plaza Hotel. For more information, go to:

www.myancestorsfound.com/events/upcoming_events.php?event_id=26

2008 Events

Utah Institute of Genealogy

The Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy will be held on January 7-11 at the Radisson Hotel Plaza in Salt Lake City, Utah. For more information, go to: www.ugaonline.org

California Seminar

The San Diego Genealogical Society will host a seminar on January 12 at Mission Valley (San Diego), California. Arlene H. Eakle, Ph.D., a genealogist and founder of Genealogical Institute, Inc., and a founder and original trustee of the Association of Professional Genealogists will be the featured speaker. For more information, go to: www.rootsweb.com/~casdgs

California Seminar

The Lake Havasu Genealogical Society will host a seminar on January 26 at Lake Havasu City, California. Jean Wilcox Hibben is the featured speaker and will discuss:

- Bringing your Civil War Ancestor Back to Life: Songs & Stories of the War of Rebellion
- Get Along Little Dogie: Songs & Stories of Men and Women who Tamed the West

- Clue to Clue: Tracking a Family over Time & Miles
- Researching German Records When You Live in America and Don't speak German.

For more information, go to:
www.rootsweb.com/~azlhgs/

California Seminar

The San Luis Obispo County Genealogical Society will hold a seminar on February 2 at San Luis Obispo, California. Speakers include Dick Eastman, genealogy newsletter publisher; Geoff Rasmussen, Genealogist for Legacy Family Tree; and Max Blankfeld, expert in using DNA to trace your ancestry. For more information, go to:
www.kcbx.net/~slogen/08seminar.html

Utah Jamboree

My Ancestors Found and the Washington County PAF User's Group will hold the Genealogy & Family Heritage Jamboree on February 8-9 at St. George, Utah. There will be more than 100 classes by speakers from all over the United States. Vendors will be there to show the latest genealogy products. For more information, go to:
www.myancestorsfound.com/

Illinois Seminar

The DuPage County Genealogical Society will host a conference on February 23 at St. Charles, Illinois. The featured speakers are Jana Sloan Broglin and Elissa Scalise Powell. Three session tracks covering twelve topics will be presented. The topics include migration and immigration, Ohio and Pennsylvania records, WWI-WWII records at the National Archives, using maps in your research, putting new twists on old data, organizing for better productivity, and researching on a tight budget. Several exhibitors and vendors have been invited.

For more information, go to:
www.dcg.org

NGS Salt Lake Research Trip

The National Genealogical Society will host their ninth annual research trip to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City on February 24 to March 2, 2008. The trip will be led by Dereka Smith, the former librarian of the National Genealogical Society and by Shirley Langdon Wilcox, the upcoming president of the Virginia Genealogical Society. For more information, go to:
www.ngsgenealogy.org/edutrips/altlake.cfm

Florida Seminar

The Tallahassee Genealogical Society will host a seminar on March 1 at Tallahassee, Florida. Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak will discuss:

- Trace Your Roots with DNA
- Beyond Y-DNA: Your Genetic Genealogy Options
- Cases That Made My Brain Hurt
- Reverse Genealogy: Techniques for Finding Your Lost Loved Ones
- Remembering Our Ancestors

For more information, go to:
www.talgen.org

Connecticut Lecture

The Connecticut Society of Genealogists will host a lecture by Janet Pestey on Irish research on March 15 at New Haven Connecticut. For more information, go to:
www.csqinc.org/csq_view_event.php?event=52

Utah Jamboree

The Genealogy & Family Heritage Jamboree will be held on March 22 at Logan, Utah. The event will feature more than 36 classes and 20 vendors and

exhibitors. For more information, go to:
www.myancestorsfound.com

Canada Event

GENE-O-RAMA will be held by the Ottawa Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society, in partnership with the Ottawa Public Library on March 28-29 at Ottawa Canada. For more information, go to:
<http://ogsottawa.on.ca/geneorama/>

California Seminar

The North San Diego County Genealogical Society will hold their spring seminar on March 29 at San Diego. Christine Rose, CG, CGL, FASG will discuss:

- Genealogical Proof Standard: Building a Solid Case
- Military Records for Problem Solving
- County Land Records in Depth
- Using Little Known and Neglected Sources: A Potpourri.

For information and registration, go to:
www.cagenweb.com/nsdcgs/springsem.html

Virginia Seminar

The Fairfax Genealogical Society will present its Annual Conference and Genealogy Expo on April 5 at the Marriott Fairfax at Fair Oaks. Speakers include Leslie Albrecht Huber, Chuck Mason, Elissa Scalise Powell, and Maureen Taylor. For more information, go to: www.fxgs.org

Washington Czechoslovak Symposium

The Czechoslovak Genealogical Society will hold their International Symposium on April 11-12 at Seattle, Washington. The Keynote Speaker will be

Cyndi Howells. The Saturday program includes 10 speakers scheduled into five one-hour lecture periods. For more information, go to: www.cgsi.org/news.asp?intNewsID=129

Missouri Conference

The Saint Louis Genealogical Society will hold their annual conference on April 12 at Saint Louis, Missouri. Paula Stuart Warren will be the featured speaker. For more information, go to: <http://stlgs.org/faig.htm>

Ohio Conference

The Ohio Genealogical Society will host their annual conference on April 17-19 at Cincinnati, Ohio. Watch the society Web site for further information: www.ogs.org/

Virginia Seminar

The Virginia Genealogical Society will host their Spring Conference on 26 April at Richmond, Virginia. For more information, go to: www.vgs.org/events.htm

California Seminar

Rhonda McClure will present an all-day seminar 2008 at Santa Rosa, California. For more information, go to: www.rootsworld.com/~cascgs/mcc lure.htm

Kansas Conference

The Topeka Genealogical Society will hold its 2008

Conference, *From Traditional Methods to Cutting Edge Science*, on April 26 at Topeka, Kansas. Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak is the featured speaker. For more information, contact Nora Patton Taylor at: npattontaylor@topekachamber.org

NGS 2008 Conference

The National Genealogy Society (NGS) will hold their 2008 conference on May 14-17 2008 at Kansas City, Missouri. For more information, go to: www.ngsgenealogy.org

California Jamboree

The 39th Annual Southern California Genealogy Jamboree will be held on June 27-29 at Burbank, California.

FGS 2008 Conference

The Federation of Genealogy Societies will hold their 2008 conference on September 3-6 at the Pennsylvania Convention Center in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. For more information, go to: www.fgs.org/2008conf/FGS-2008.htm

England Family History Fair

The National Family History Fair will be held at the Gateshead International Stadium at Gateshead, England on September 13. For more information, go to: www.nationalfamilyhistoryfair.com/index.htm

2009 Events

Australian Conference

The Australasian Genealogical Congress is held once every three years and will be held on January 16-20 at Auckland, New Zealand. It attracts more than 1000 delegates from around the world, with for four days of genealogical conference sessions, lectures and exhibits. Watch the Web site for date, place and program: www.affho.org/

New England Regional Conference

The New England Regional Genealogical Conference will be held on April 22-26 in Manchester, New Hampshire. For more information, go to: www.nergc.org/

Scotland Genealogy Conference

The Aberdeen & North-East Scotland Family History Society will hold a conference on April 25 at Aberdeen, Scotland. For more information, go to: www.anesfhs.org.uk/safhs2009.htm

2009 FGS Conference

The Federation of Genealogical Societies will hold its annual conference on September 2-5 in Little Rock, Arkansas. For more information, go to: www.fgs.org/

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www.FamilySearch.org	free

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