

REGISTRATION & INFORMATION

# MIDWESTERN ROOTS 2008

**FAMILY HISTORY &  
GENEALOGY CONFERENCE  
AUGUST 15 & 16, 2008  
INDIANAPOLIS**



# Midwestern Roots 2008: Family History and Genealogy Conference at the Indianapolis Marriott East, 21st Street and Shadeland Avenue

Your family is waiting for you. . . . Come find them deep in the heartland at the Midwestern Roots 2008: Family History and Genealogy Conference! The Indiana Historical Society will host the conference at the Indianapolis Marriott East, Aug. 15 and 16, 2008, with pre-conference activities on Aug. 14. Midwestern Roots 2008 features more than 30 presentations by national and regional experts and covers a range of topics, from sources, methodology and technology to DNA, storytelling, photo preservation, Internet linking and much more. Indianapolis is just a short trip from many midwestern metropolitan areas. The conference center is conveniently located off I-465 with free parking and two hotels in order to fit your budget. Multiple registration options are available so that you can plan on attending all three days or just the one day that fits your hectic schedule. Plan on joining us.

## Come Early and Research

A number of genealogical research facilities are located in the Indianapolis area. They range from county libraries and area museums to national organizations. The William Henry Smith Memorial Library at the Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center, the Indiana State Archives, and the Genealogy Division of the Indiana State Library will be open late Thursday, Aug. 14. The Smith Library, the Indiana State Archives and the

Indiana State Library are offering resource orientation sessions on Thursday, Aug. 14 at 10 a.m. or 1 p.m. There is no cost for the resource orientation sessions, but you must have a reservation. To make a reservation for a session call (317) 233-5659. A complete list of additional research facilities may be found on the conference Web site, or call (317) 233-5659 to request a list of facilities and contact information.

**William Henry Smith Memorial Library at the Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center**  
450 West Ohio Street, Indianapolis, IN  
Thursday, Aug. 14, Hours 10 A.M.–7 P.M.  
Friday, Aug. 15, Hours 10 A.M.–5 P.M.  
Saturday, Aug. 16, Hours 10 A.M.–5 P.M.

**Indiana State Archives**  
6440 East 30<sup>th</sup> Street, Indianapolis, IN  
Thursday, Aug. 14, Hours 8 A.M.–7 P.M.  
Friday, Aug. 15, Hours 8 A.M.–4:30 P.M.  
Saturday, Aug. 16, Closed

**Genealogy Division of the Indiana State Library**  
140 North Senate Avenue, Indianapolis, IN  
Thursday, Aug. 14, Hours 8 A.M.–7 P.M.  
Friday, Aug. 15, Hours 8 A.M.–4:30 P.M.  
Saturday, Aug. 16, Hours 8 A.M.–4 P.M.

The William Henry Smith Memorial Library at the Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center contains a world famous collection of Indiana and Old Northwest material, including books, maps, photographs and manuscripts. Not only do the resources and collections help tell Indiana's story, but they can help tell the story of your family as well. The Thursday pre-conference presentations will highlight the resources available to family history researchers in the William Henry Smith Memorial Library. The presentation will be followed by orientation to the library. To plan your visit go to the IHS Web site at [www.indianahistory.org](http://www.indianahistory.org).

The Indiana State Archives is the permanent repository for Indiana state and local government records of historical and legal significance, containing records of the executive, legislative and judicial branches dating back to the 1790s. Holdings include papers of every governor; acts and reports of the General Assembly; supreme and appellate court case files; records from over 500 past and present state agencies; military records for Hoosier veterans dating to 1811; Indiana public land records (state and federal); records from state-operated correctional, educational and hospital facilities; naturalization records from Indiana county courts; county poor farm reports; 1820–80 federal censuses of agriculture and manufactures; Board of State Charities files for children in foster care 1890–1920; and inheritance tax indexes from 1913–68. The Web site of the State Archives is [www.in.gov/icpr/archives](http://www.in.gov/icpr/archives).

The Genealogy Division of the Indiana State Library houses one of the Midwest's major collections of family and local history. Emphasis is on Indiana and the states from which Indiana was settled, particularly Virginia, North Carolina, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee and Pennsylvania, but there are also significant holdings on other Mid-Atlantic states, New England, Germany and Great Britain. Discover more about the state library at [www.in.gov/library](http://www.in.gov/library).

### Accessibility

All conference facilities are accessible to those with physical disabilities. If you require special accommodations, please let us know in advance: phone (317) 232-1882 or (800) 447-1830; fax (317) 234-0427; or e-mail [welcomed@indianahistory.org](mailto:welcomed@indianahistory.org).

### Hotel Accommodations: Stay at a host hotel and get a complimentary ticket for the Thursday evening panel discussion

By staying at a host hotels, the Indianapolis Marriott East or La Quinta Inn, you will be supporting the conference and be close to the action. As a guest of the Marriott East or La Quinta Inn you may also attend the Thursday evening panel discussion at no charge. To make a reservation at the Indianapolis Marriott East, 7202 East 21<sup>st</sup> Street, call (317) 352-1231 or (800) 228-9290 to receive the special \$99 room rate. For the La Quinta Inn, 7304 East 21<sup>st</sup> Street, call (317) 359-1021 to receive the special \$72 room rate. Please indicate your association with Midwestern Roots 2008. Room reservations must be made by July 21, 2008.

### Indiana Historical Society

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Become a member of the Indiana Historical Society and receive the member registration discount. The best way to experience all that the Indiana Historical Society has to offer is as a member. Enjoy members' exhibition openings, member tours and more. Additional member benefits include discounted or free admission to IHS programs and events; discounts in the Basile History Market; reciprocal benefits at other historical and cultural organizations nationwide; a bimonthly newsletter, *IN Perspective*; complimentary subscriptions to quarterly periodicals *Traces of Indiana and Midwestern History* and *THG: Connections* and more. For more information visit [www.indianahistory.org](http://www.indianahistory.org).

## Pre-Conference Activities — Thursday, Aug. 14, 2008

**Computer Labs** - Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center, 450 West Ohio Street

The number of genealogical resources available on the Internet increases daily. The two-hour morning lab will focus on Indiana online resources presented by Suzanne Hahn from the Indiana Historical Society. The three-hour afternoon lab will be presented by Beau Sharbrough from Footnote.com. This advanced computer lab will provide a hands-on opportunity to explore a number of research sites.

Participants will have a live connection to the Internet and should have a basic knowledge of Microsoft Internet Explorer. Seating is limited to 20 participants per workshop.

**Navigating the Maze: Finding Indiana Records Online, 10 A.M. – NOON**

This session will explore the many Indiana online resources available to family history researchers. Discover the wealth of free information available from libraries, state agencies and historical societies from across the state. Participants will learn where to find these online gems and tips for searching them.

**Genealogical Research on the Internet, 1–4 P.M.**

This advanced computer lab will provide a hands-on opportunity to explore a number of research tools available on the Internet. Learn what can be found and how to make the best use of sites such as Footnote.com, WorldVitalRecords.com, Ancestry.com and Google.

**History Lab**—Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center, 450 West Ohio Street

**10 A.M., 11 A.M. and NOON.** Program is free and limited to 12 people per session. Call (317) 233-5659 to make a reservation.

Historical documents such as diaries and letters provide the evidence family historians use to solve the mysteries of the past. Preserving these documents for the future is the job of the Indiana Historical Society Conservation Lab. And now you too can learn this science in the History Lab—a new visitor experience offered by the IHS.

Donning lab coats and handling conservation tools and materials, History Lab guests will become acquainted with conservation concepts as they develop skills they can apply to their own family treasures. Guests will learn about conservation related concepts and “tools of the trade,” view before-and-after treatment displays and learn about conservation storage materials. Newsprint will be used to learn the basic skills involved in assessing and repairing tears in damaged papers. The session will conclude with a tour of the IHS Conservation Lab.

## Evening Panel Discussion at the Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center, 6–9 P.M. The Evolution of Genetic Genealogy

The evening will begin with an Indiana summer picnic dinner in the Lilly Hall at the History Center on Thursday evening. The dinner will include pulled pork sandwiches, baked beans, corn on the cob, cole slaw and ice cream. Following the dinner, three pioneers in genetic genealogy will explore the evolution of DNA testing for genealogy research and DNA's potential and present-day uses for genealogists in the panel discussion *The Evolution of Genetic Genealogy*. Panelists include Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak, chief family historian and North American spokesperson for Ancestry.com; Roberta J. Estes, founder of DNAeXplain; Charles F. Kerchner, founder of one of the first Y-

**Library Workshop** - Indiana State Library, 140 North Senate Avenue  
**Genealogy Resources Library Workshop, 9 A.M.–4:15 P.M.**  
This workshop was designed especially for frontline library workers and volunteers who answer questions from genealogy patrons. Seating is limited.

8:15-9 A.M. Registration and refreshments

9-9:15 A.M. Welcome and opening remarks

9:15-10:15 A.M. **Serving the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Genealogy Customer**  
Susan Kaufman

10:30-11:30 A.M. **Federal Documents of Interest to Genealogists**  
Autumn Gonzalez

11:30 A.M.-1 P.M. Lunch on your own

1-2 P.M. **Solving the Problem in 25 Hours or Less**  
Christine Rose  
Successful strategies are presented to maximize research on or offsite using a case study.

2:15-3:15 P.M. **Where Can I Find...?**  
Susan Kaufman, Autumn Gonzalez, Suzanne Hahn and Vicki Casteel  
Q&A

3:15-4:15 P.M. Tour of the Indiana State Library

**Writing Workshop**—Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center, 450 West Ohio Street

**Preparing Your Family History for Publication: A Writing Workshop, 10–11:30 A.M. OR 1–2:30 P.M.**

This workshop will focus on communicating effectively. It will include a discussion of essential writing skills, such as organization, documentation, effective word choice and clarity. M. Teresa Baer and Rachel M. Popma, editors at the Indiana Historical Society Press, will also use samples of writing on genealogical topics to illustrate common grammatical and stylistic problems.

After the discussion the participants will put their writing skills to practical use by editing writing samples together. The presenters will then meet one-on-one with the participants to critique their individual writing samples.

Along with the registration form and fees, each participant should submit a brief writing sample, including a short outline of his or her project along with a one-page writing sample. These projects may be for self publication of family history or submissions for professional publications. Seating is limited to 10 participants per session.

DNA surname projects; and moderator Curt Witcher. Receive a complimentary ticket to the panel discussion if you stay at the Indianapolis Marriott East.

Bus transportation will be available from the Indianapolis Marriott East to the History Center for the evening presentation. The bus will leave from the host hotel at 5:15 P.M. and return to the hotel at the conclusion of the program, approximately 9 P.M. A nominal fee will be charged for this service. There is also parking available at the History Center.

Thursday, Aug. 14, 2008

3–8 P.M. Registration and packet pick-up at the Indianapolis Marriott East

Friday, Aug. 15, 2008

		10:30–11:30 A.M.	LUNCH
7:30 A.M.–7 P.M.	Registration	<b>Leaping to Erroneous Conclusions</b> <i>Christine Rose</i> F-2 <i>What did the record REALLY say?</i> We often look at a document and quickly come to a conclusion as to what it means. But...does it really tell us that? We will look at numerous instances where we can misinterpret the evidence.	<b>Lunches will be available 11:30 A.M.–1:30 P.M.</b> <b>Take a break from the sessions, visit with your friends and experience the exhibit hall.</b>  <b>Menu</b> Summer Salad Buffet Cookie or Brownie Coffee, Iced Tea
8 A.M.–6 P.M.	Exhibit Hall		
8:45 A.M.	Welcome		
9–10 A.M.			
<b>OPENING SESSION</b>			
<b>Family Letters and the Story of an American Woman in World War II</b> <i>James H. Madison</i> F-1 People far away in war almost always write home. Their wartime letters offer superb insights into other times and places and also into the meaning and importance of family and hometown connections. This session will focus on one woman who left her midwestern home for service in England and France during World War II. Using her letters to family and friends, Professor Madison will tell her story and illuminate the importance and use of wartime letters for family history.		<b>Genetic Genealogy: An Introduction</b> <i>Charles F. Kerchner Jr.</i> F-3 Presentation of the basics about genetic genealogy and DNA testing. What is DNA? What are the different types of DNA, where are they located, how are they inherited, and what are DNA markers and types of DNA tests used in genetic genealogy?	
		<b>Using Government Documents for Genealogical Research</b> <i>Curt B. Witcher</i> F-4 The U.S. government is among the largest publisher in the world, yet many genealogists do not think of using federal, state and local government documents in their research.	
		<b>Pass It On—Part One</b> <i>Bob Sander</i> F-5 (F-9 Pass It On—Part Two) Shared stories are the soil in which one's family tree finds nourishment and brings them to life. In Part One learn from a professional storyteller how to understand that process using lecture, performance and co-creative interaction. Limited to 20 people per session.	

Friday, Aug. 15, 2008

1–2 P.M.	2:30–3:30 P.M.	4–5 P.M.
<p><b>One-Step Web Pages: A Potpourri of Genealogical Search Tools</b>  <i>Stephen Morse</i> F-6            The One-Step Web site includes over 100 Web-based tools divided into 13 categories ranging from genealogical searches to astronomical calculations to last-minute bidding on eBay.</p>	<p><b>Using Federal Land Records to Locate Ancestors</b>  <i>Christine Rose</i> F-10            The case files of federal land records contain valuable genealogical data. This session will discuss homesteads, bounty land, cash files and other data available in these records.</p>	<p><b>A Century of Wedded Bliss: Indiana Marriage Laws 1791–1891</b>  <i>Betty L. Warren</i> F-14            A close look at the changes in the age of consent restrictions, residency requirements, and other factors of the legislative rules and regulations governing marriage in the state of Indiana.</p>
<p><b>Beyond Y-DNA</b>  <i>Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak</i> F-7            Learn about surname studies using Y-DNA, mtDNA, SNP, BioGeographical and ethnic tests, as well as the Sorenson Molecular Genealogy Foundation and the Genographic Project. Determine if one or more of them is right for you.  <b>Sponsored by the Indiana African American Genealogy Group</b></p>	<p><b>Finding Your Feminine Side: Mitochondrial DNA</b>  <i>Roberta Estes</i> F-11            The footprints of your ancestors are sprinkled throughout you in your DNA, waiting for you to unravel the key to the mystery. Come and learn what mitochondrial DNA testing can do for you and your maternal line genealogy. Heartwarming case studies provide wonderful working examples.</p>	<p><b>Kerchner Surname Y-DNA Project</b>  <i>Charles F. Kerchner Jr.</i> F-15            The Kerchner Surname Y-DNA Genetic Genealogy Project was launched in February 2001, one of the first such projects in the world. This session will discuss the goals, process, and results of starting and conducting a Y-DNA surname project to use Y-DNA testing to aid traditional genealogical research.</p>
<p><b>WorldVitalRecords.com</b>  <i>David Lifferth</i> F-8            Learn about WorldVitalRecords.com which includes thousands of genealogy databases and family history tools used by more than 600,000 monthly visitors.</p>	<p><b>Title TBA</b>  <i>Dick Eastman</i> F-12</p>	<p><b>Footnote.com</b>  <i>Beau Sharbrough</i> F-16            Learn what can be found at Footnote.com, search tips and user-contributed content. The site has content agreements with the NARA, FamilySearch.org, the Allen County Public Library, among others.</p>
<p><b>Pass It On—Part Two</b>  <i>Bob Sander</i> F-9 (F-5 Pass It On—Part One)            In Part Two learn to use the skills presented in Part One to discover, develop and present your own stories. Limited to 20 people per session.</p>	<p><b>Convicts to the Colonies: Criminal Transportation Prior to the Revolution</b>  <i>Susan D. Kaufman</i> F-13            Prior to 1776 the colonies accepted transported criminals. Documents rich in the names of ordinary people offer a glimpse into the conditions in which two countries dealt with population growth.</p>	<p><b>What Color Ellis Island Search Form Should I Use?</b>  <i>Stephen Morse</i> F-17            In April 2001 the Ellis Island ship records went online. A few weeks later the One-Step Ellis Island Web site was created and over time greatly expanded with an array of color-coded search forms.</p>

## EVENING PROGRAM

**6–7 P.M.**

**Reception, Cash Bar**

**7 P.M. BANQUET**

**Megan's Mini-Film Festival**

*Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak* F-18  
 The mini-film festival will focus on DNA testing as seen through the lens of individual experiences. Three episodes of *DNA Stories*, a RootsTelevision.com series, will be featured: "A Tale of Two Fathers," "Were They Sisters?" and "Did She Marry Her Cousin?"

**Menu**

Garden Fresh Green Salad  
 Petite Prime Rib of Beef  
 Chef's choice of starch and vegetables  
 Roll  
 Black Forest Cake  
 Coffee, Iced Tea

**Expanded session descriptions and speaker information can be found on the conference Web site.**

**Check out the conference blog and read more about the conference: [midwesternroots2008.blogspot.com](http://midwesternroots2008.blogspot.com)**

**Early Registration Deadline  
 July 25, 2008**

Saturday, Aug. 16, 2008

		10:30–11:30 A.M.	LUNCH
8 A.M.–4 P.M. 8 A.M.–4 P.M. 8:45 A.M.	Registration Exhibit Hall Welcome	<p><b>Doing Effective Genealogical Research in Libraries</b> <i>Curt B. Witcher</i> S-20 This talk focuses on understanding the four major types of libraries—academic, private, public and special—as well as techniques to prepare data in a manner in which it can be effectively presented to a librarian or archivist for review and “scouting” a facility before your visit.</p> <p><b>Using Little-Known and Neglected Sources</b> <i>Christine Rose</i> S-21 In this lecture a variety of records will be discussed, from land to federal to court and military. The examples presented will open many doors to the researchers who think they’ve examined everything.</p> <p><b>Automated Search Tools</b> <i>Beau Sharbrough</i> S-22 Using GenSmarts, Google and site features at places like Ancestry.com and Footnote.com, you can find the needles in that huge haystack.</p> <p><b>The Lost Colony DNA Project</b> <i>Roberta J. Estes</i> S-23 How did 115 Englishmen and women come to be lost in the Virginia wilderness in 1587? Mystery, murder, and intrigue...come and find out for yourself. Will we find them using DNA technology?</p>	<p>Lunches will be available <b>11:30 A.M.–1:30 P.M.</b> Take a break from the sessions, visit with your friends and experience the exhibit hall.</p> <p><b>Menu</b> Sandwich Buffet Fruit Salad Chips Cookie or Brownie Coffee, Iced Tea</p>
9–10 A.M.			
OPENING SESSION			
<p><b>Cases That Make My Brain Hurt</b> <i>Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak</i> S-19 How could brothers also be uncle and nephew? How could a soldier killed in Korea be alive 55 years later? How could the 1853 death of a toddler in Scotland help solve a Civil War history-mystery? Come and hear!</p>			
1–2 P.M.	2:30–3:30 P.M.	4–5 P.M.	
<p><b>Driving You Bonkers: Accessing State Hospital Records for Family Research</b> <i>Alan January</i> S-24 State hospital records are a gold mine of information. Learn how Indiana is managing access to state hospital records and how HIPAA impacts confidentiality statutes in Indiana and other states. <b>Sponsored by the Friends of the Indiana State Archives</b></p>	<p><b>Turning Your Research Into a Family History</b> <i>Nancy A. Massey</i> S-28 This presentation introduces the basics of turning your family history research into a book to be shared with others. Get help deciding the focus of your book, the organization of the book and how to create a publication that will be cherished by generations to come.</p>	<p><b>Remembering Our Ancestors</b> <i>Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak</i> S-32 Let yourself be amused, amazed and touched by stories of the many creative ways people have developed to pay tribute to those who came before us, as well as tales of how some stubborn brick walls have come tumbling down in the most unexpected ways.</p>	
<p><b>Playing Hide and Seek in the U.S. Census</b> <i>Stephen Morse</i> S-25 The One-Step Census Web site presents a street aid for finding records (and has since been expanded to include 1910, 1920 and 1940). The NARA and some commercial Web sites also have developed indexes. Learn various solutions to search using these tools.</p>	<p><b>Avoid the Crooked Path! Genealogical Problem Solving</b> <i>Christine Rose</i> S-29 Demonstrates with overheads and case studies how to zero in on the goal, reduce the problem and stay on the path to solve it. A great motivational talk.</p>	<p><b>Deep Linking and Deeper Linking: How to Get the Most Out of Existing Search Applications</b> <i>Stephen Morse</i> S-33 Deep linking provides a means of optimizing the information extracted from existing third-party Web sites in general, and from search applications in particular. These tools are used on the One-Step Web site.</p>	
<p><b>Preserving Family Photos</b> <i>Beau Sharbrough</i> S-26 A demonstration of how to scan and restore photos using your scanner and some inexpensive software. We’ll also discuss how to take care of the originals and ways to share the photos with others.</p>	<p><b>Innovative Tools to Connect Families</b> <i>David Lifferth</i> S-30 Discover FamilyLink.com, Inc. products and services including WorldVitalRecords.com and FamilyLink.com, as well as social networking Facebook applications such as We’re Related, Family Groups and My Will.</p>	<p><b>Title TBA</b> <i>Dick Eastman</i> S-34</p>	
<p><b>Where DID I Find That Document?</b> <i>Betty L. Warren</i> S-27 This session will examine suggested techniques for acceptable source citation with examples of sources specific to genealogical research, such as census records, oral interviews, land records, tax lists and the Internet. <b>Sponsored by the Indiana Chapter of Palatines to America</b></p>	<p><b>Newspaper Research: A Mirror of History</b> <i>Susan D. Kaufman</i> S-31 Newspapers are reflective of the thoughts, morals, events and times of the communities and society they represent. Although content can vary, newspapers offer a greater insight into and a picture of your ancestors’ lives.</p>	<p><b>Who Went Where... &amp; Did What?!</b> <i>Curt B. Witcher</i> S-35 Directories can provide consequential data in attempting to develop a context in which to conduct meaningful family history research. This lecture identifies different types of directories, discusses the type of information one can hope to find, and provides the researcher with ideas for locating directories.</p>	

## Speakers' Biographical Information

**M. Teresa Baer**, native Hoosier and managing editor of family history publications at the IHS Press, has written numerous genealogical articles for *The Hoosier Genealogist* (now *THG: Connections*) and has spoken on family history topics throughout the state. Baer holds an M.A. in comparative history, a B.A. in history, and an international studies certificate from Indiana University.

**Vicki Casteel**, visual collections archivist at the Indiana State Archives, has worked primarily with the photograph collections; the Board of State Charities records, including those on the eugenics movement; and the Camp Morton records.

**Dick Eastman**, author of *Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter*, a weekly electronic publication, is a frequent international lecturer, editor and consultant.

**Roberta J. Estes**, a professional scientist and business owner in the information technology arena (B.S. Computer Science; M.B.A.; graduate work in geographic information systems), has been an obsessed genealogist since 1978 and was one of the early DNA surname administrators and pioneer adopters of DNA analysis for genealogy. In 2005 she established DNAeXplain to provide personal DNA results analysis and genealogical services to surname project administrators and individuals seeking assistance with their results. She currently manages more than 20 surname projects, including the large regional Cumberland Gap Y-line and mtDNA projects with several hundred participants; co-administers the American Indian project; serves as an advisor to the Melungeon project and other groups; and has appeared in national publications and on television. Her genealogy specialty is Southern colonial records, focused primarily in Virginia, Tennessee and North Carolina.

**Autumn C. Gonzalez** is a reference librarian with the Genealogy Division of the Indiana State Library. She holds an M.L.S. from Indiana University in Indianapolis and B.A. in liberal studies from California Baptist University. Prior to coming to the Indiana State Library, she held positions at the Lawrence campus of Ivy Tech Community College in Indianapolis and Carmel Clay Public Library.

**Suzanne Hahn** is director of reference services at the William Henry Smith Memorial Library at the Indiana Historical Society. Before joining the IHS staff in 2000, she worked at the Library of Congress and Center for Naval Analyses in Washington, D.C.

**Alan January** is Director of Patron Services for the Indiana State Archives. He has worked since 1993 on managing records from seven closed state hospitals and developmental centers.

**Susan D. Kaufman** is currently manager of the Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research, Houston Public Library. She has been a genealogy librarian for more than 20 years, including six years at the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Ind., and has worked with local, state and national genealogical societies both as a board member and as a conference presenter. She is a director for the FGS board and a district representative for the Texas State Genealogical Society.

**Charles F. Kerchner Jr.** is a retired professional engineer and has been a genealogist for more than 33 years, authoring several tutorial and help papers on Pennsylvania German research and the field of genetic genealogy ([www.kerchner.com](http://www.kerchner.com)). He was a pioneer in genetic genealogy, launching in February 2001 the Kerchner Surname Project, one of the first dozen surname projects by a genealogist. The author of *Genetic Genealogy DNA Testing Dictionary* ([www.ggdictionary.com](http://www.ggdictionary.com)), he currently manages more than 30 genetic genealogy projects, including a study to document the DNA markers found in the Pennsylvania German ethnic group. In 2005 he helped launch the International Society of Genetic Genealogy ([www.isogg.org](http://www.isogg.org)) and now serves as coordinator of the Mid-Atlantic section.

**David Lifferth** has been the president of World Vital Records, Inc. since October 2006. Formerly a content engineer for MyFamily.com/Ancestry.com, he has been involved in releasing over 1 billion individual records online, including UK census, military records and birth, marriage and death indexes. Other database projects include the Executive Excellence Instant Consultant CD; the Littler Mendelson National Employer 1998, 1999 and 2000; the LDS Church Magazine CD, containing 30 years of *Ensign* and other magazines; and the award-winning California State Bar CEB Practice Libraries 1996, 1997 and 1998. Lifferth holds a business degree in information management from Brigham Young University.

**James H. Madison** is the Thomas and Kathryn Miller Professor of History and former chair of the department of history at Indiana University, Bloomington. His books include *The Indiana Way: A State History*; *Eli Lilly: A Life*; *A Lynching in the Heartland: Race and Memory in America*; and *Slinging Doughnuts for the Boys: An American Woman in World War II*. Madison is the recipient of IU's Sylvia E. Bowman Distinguished Teaching Award, the Organization of American Historians' Distinguished Lecturer

honor and the Indiana Historical Society's Hoosier Historian Award. He serves as a member of the IHS Board of Trustees.

**Nancy A. Massey** is currently the Indiana Room Assistant at the Hamilton East Public Library, where she assists patrons with their genealogical research. Recently appointed Hamilton County Genealogist by the Indiana Genealogical Society, she is also a teacher and presenter on genealogical topics. Massey has self-published family histories on her husband's family and currently is working on a family history on her own maternal line. She earned a B.A. in history from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

**Stephen Morse** is the creator of the One-Step Web site, for which he has received both the Outstanding Contribution Award and the Lifetime Achievement Award from the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies and the Award of Merit from the NGS. He was the recipient of the first-ever Excellence Award from the Association of Professional Genealogists. Morse also is a computer professional with a doctorate in electrical engineering. He has held various research, development and teaching positions; authored numerous technical papers; written four textbooks; and holds four patents. He is best known as the architect of the Intel 8086 (the granddaddy of today's Pentium processor), which sparked the PC revolution 25 years ago.

**Rachel M. Popma** is the assistant editor for family history publications at the Indiana Historical Society Press and an adjunct faculty member at Ivy Tech Community College in Indianapolis. She holds a B.A. from Ball State University and an M.A. from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

**Bob Sander**, a fourth-generation Hoosier and Indianapolis resident, is a co-founder of Storytelling Arts of Indiana, which brings the best storytellers locally, regionally and nationally to Indianapolis for an annual festival, a six-month storytelling series and special events that promote the art and use of storytelling. He is a recipient of Frank Basile Emerging Stories and Telling History Through Stories grants and in 2001 was awarded a Creative Renewal Fellowship from the Arts Council of Indianapolis. His work draws on history, family stories and folktales and has been commissioned by such diverse organizations as the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, General Electric, RCI, the Indiana Humanities Council, the IHS and public radio and television.

**Beau Sharbrough**, Houston native, received a B.A. in philosophy from Texas A&M University in 1977. His programming career began in 1980, and he is presently a product manager for MyFamily.com. He is the founder of the FGS Web site, the GENTECH Web site, the Lexicon Working Group and a former president of GENTECH. He writes regularly on technical topics in family history, with an occasional overdose of humor, and maintains the RootsWorks.com Web site.

**Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak** is Chief Family Historian and North American spokesperson for Ancestry.com and a co-founder of the pioneering online television channel Roots Television. She is an internationally known speaker, researcher and consultant, and her work has been featured in such television series as *Ancestors*, *They Came to America* and *African American Lives*. Her Honoring Our Ancestors Grants Program has provided support for more than 75 genealogical initiatives, including the U.S. Army's repatriation project, designed to trace the families of soldiers killed or missing in action in World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War and establish a DNA database to assist in identification of repatriated remains. An award-winning author, her latest book is *Trace Your Roots with DNA: Using Genetic Tests to Explore Your Family Tree* (with Ann Turner, M.D.).

**Christine Rose**, CG, CGL, FASG, has lectured extensively at national conferences (including the NGS, FGS and GenTech) and many regional and local seminars. She has served on the faculty of the National Institute on Genealogical Research in Washington, D.C., and as an instructor and coordinator of Samford University's Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research since 1992. In 1987 she was awarded the American Society of Genealogists' prestigious Donald Lines Jacobus Award for two Rose genealogies. Rose is a co-author of *The Complete Idiot's Guide to Genealogy*.

**Betty L. Warren**, secretary in the Genealogy Division at the Indiana State Library, has presented genealogy programs since 1989 and is a volunteer at the Johnson County Museum of History's genealogy department. She is the immediate past-president of the IGS and has earned professional certification as a genealogist from Brigham Young University. Warren owns a family history research business, Be It Remembered, and sits on the IHS Genealogy Program Advisory Board.

**Curt B. Witcher**, MLS, FUGA, is manager of the Historical Genealogy Department of the Allen County Public Library and curator of its Rare and Fine Book Collection. He is former president of NGS and FGS and founding president of the IGS. Witcher is also a member of the editorial board for *THG: Connections*.

# Midwestern Roots 2008: Registration Form and Conference Fees

Preregistration for the conference is encouraged as seating is limited. Cancellations received after the early registration deadline of July 25, 2008, cannot be refunded. Please call (800) 447-1830 or return the registration form to reserve your space. After the early registration deadline, please call to confirm available space before sending your registration. A confirmation and directions will be sent.

To help us assign sessions to rooms of appropriate size, please circle the sessions you expect to attend. You are not obligated to attend the sessions you mark, and a mark does not constitute a lecture reservation. Lectures are coded with the numbers given below. Use a separate registration form for each registrant.

## Friday

9 A.M.	10:30 A.M.	1 P.M.	2:30 P.M.	4 P.M.	6 P.M.
F-1	F-2	F-6	F-10	F-14	F-18
	F-3	F-7	F-11	F-15	
	F-4	F-8	F-12	F-16	
	* F-5	* F-9	F-13	F-17	

\* These sessions will be limited to 20 people. Acknowledgment of your participation in these two sessions will be sent with your conference confirmation letter.

## Saturday

9 A.M.	10:30 A.M.	1 P.M.	2:30 P.M.	4 P.M.
S-19	S-20	S-24	S-28	S-32
	S-21	S-25	S-29	S-33
	S-22	S-26	S-30	S-34
	S-23	S-27	S-31	S-35

## Payment method:

- Check (payable to the Indiana Historical Society)
- Visa       MasterCard
- Discover     American Express

Credit card number \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

## Send registration form and payment to:

Indiana Historical Society, Midwestern Roots 2008  
Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center  
450 West Ohio Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46202-3269

Please print or type in black ink. Use a separate form for each person. This form may be duplicated.

Name as it should appear on name badge, include maiden name if desired \_\_\_\_\_

Last name \_\_\_\_\_ First name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle initial \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime phone number \_\_\_\_\_

*Member prices apply to Indiana Historical Society members.*

## Pre-Conference Events—Thursday, Aug. 14, 2008

Researching Southern Records Online \$40 \_\_\_\_\_ \$30 member \_\_\_\_\_

Genealogy Resources Library Workshop \$10 \_\_\_\_\_ Registered \_\_\_\_\_  
(free to those registered for the conference)

Employed by or volunteer at \_\_\_\_\_

Preparing Your Family History for Publication \$25 \_\_\_\_\_ \$20 member \_\_\_\_\_  
10 A.M. \_\_\_\_\_ or 1 P.M. \_\_\_\_\_

Genealogical Research on the Internet \$60 \_\_\_\_\_ \$50 member \_\_\_\_\_

Thursday evening panel discussion \$15 \_\_\_\_\_ \$10 member \_\_\_\_\_  
(dinner and bus a separate fee—see below) \$5 student \_\_\_\_\_  
(program free to registrants staying at a host hotel)

Staying at the Marriott East or La Quinta Inn? Yes/No \_\_\_\_\_

Thursday evening bus transportation \$10 \_\_\_\_\_

Thursday evening picnic dinner at IHS \$15 \_\_\_\_\_

## Conference Registration—Friday, Aug. 15, and Saturday, Aug. 16, 2008

Friday and Saturday Registration \$150 \_\_\_\_\_ \$125 member \_\_\_\_\_  
\$75 student (must be younger than 23 and have a current student ID) \_\_\_\_\_  
(includes lunches, but not evening banquet and presentation)

Friday Only Registration \$90 \_\_\_\_\_ \$75 member \_\_\_\_\_  
\$45 student (must be younger than 23 and have a current student ID) \_\_\_\_\_  
(includes lunch, but not evening banquet and presentation)

Friday Banquet and Evening Presentation \$35 \_\_\_\_\_  
(no conference registration required)

Vegetarian option for Friday banquet  
Order before July 25, 2008. Please indicate here. Yes/No \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Only Registration \$90 \_\_\_\_\_ \$75 member \_\_\_\_\_  
\$45 student (must be younger than 23 and have a current student ID) \_\_\_\_\_  
(includes lunch)

## Late Registration—postmarked after July 25, 2008, and walk-ins

Friday and Saturday Registration \$180 \_\_\_\_\_  
(includes lunches, but not evening banquet and presentation)

Friday Only Registration \$105 \_\_\_\_\_  
(includes lunch, but not evening banquet and presentation)

Friday Banquet and Evening Presentation \$35 \_\_\_\_\_  
(no conference registration required)

Saturday Only Registration \$105 \_\_\_\_\_  
(includes lunch)

## Indiana Historical Society Membership

Student \$20      Benefactor \$250  
Individual/Organization \$40      History Patron \$500  
Family/Dual membership \$50      Council of 1816 \$1000  
Sustaining \$100

**Total** \_\_\_\_\_