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# MIDWESTERN ROOTS

2012  
PROGRAM

FAMILY HISTORY AND  
GENEALOGY CONFERENCE  
JULY 20 AND 21, 2012  
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# Midwestern Roots 2012: Family History and Genealogy Conference

## “Where Do You Think You Find It?”

Building on the theme *Where Do You Think You Find It?*, a wide range of nationally known speakers gather to help you on the journey to find your family story. The Indiana Historical Society is excited to host Dick Eastman, Shamele Jordon, J. Mark Lowe, Thomas MacEntee, Daniel S. Poffenberger, Juliana Smith, Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak, D. Joshua Taylor, Patricia Van Skaik, Curt Witcher and more. Many of the sessions focus on the technologies that are changing the ways genealogists research their family history. The conference also hosts the Family History Market and Book Fair.

Friday's opening session, *Genealogy's Next Generation*, by D. Joshua Taylor, forecasts the future for one of the world's most popular hobbies. Discover how television, technology, popular culture and demographics could dramatically shift family history and genealogy in the coming decades.

Patricia Van Skaik presents Saturday's first session, *Cincinnati Panorama: Windows to Ancestors' Lives*. The focus of the talk is an 1848 Cincinnati Panorama, the oldest photograph of urban America. Van Skaik explains its importance and relate its many stories.

In the exhibit hall both days you will be able to catch mini-sessions with Thomas MacEntee. He will have an assortment of topics to choose that will add to your conference experience.

One of the highlights of the conference is the Friday evening banquet. Join your fellow family historians for an evening of food and entertainment as Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak shares stories from her newest book *Hey, America, Your Roots are Showing*. How could brothers also be uncle and nephew? How did Facebook help solve an Egyptian genealogy case in just a week? How did a pair of tombstones in Ohio point the way to Barack Obama's Irish roots? And could there be any families with a pair of centenarians who knew each other and lived in four centuries between the two of them?

The preconference activities include an all-day workshop for librarians and volunteers who work with genealogy sources as well as computer labs, writing workshops and research opportunities for all attendees. The day concludes with speakers, featured on NBC's *Who Do You Think You Are?* and other productions, sharing their experiences and insights from behind the scenes.

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. Multiple registration options are available so that you can plan on attending all three days or just the portion of the conference that fits your schedule.

Librarians and teachers may earn continuing education credits at this conference.



### Hotel Accommodations

In order to receive the special conference room rates at the two host hotels, indicate your association with the Midwestern Roots Conference when making your reservation. To guarantee the special room rates, hotel reservations must be made by June 18, 2012.

As a guest of the Indianapolis Marriott East or La Quinta Inn, you may attend the Thursday evening program, *Adventures Behind the Scenes*, at no charge.

#### Indianapolis Marriott East

7202 E. 21st St.  
(317) 352-1231 / (800) 228-9290  
Midwestern Roots room rate: \$99

#### La Quinta Inn

7304 E. 21st St.  
(317) 359-1021  
Midwestern Roots room rate: \$72

### Conference Syllabus

All conference attendees will receive the conference syllabus on a CD at registration. The syllabus will also be made available online starting June 18, 2012. Access information will be included in registration confirmation information.

A printed copy of the syllabus may be pre-ordered for \$10. See the conference registration form.

### Session Recordings

Most sessions will be recorded and audio CDs will be available for purchase.

## Pre-Conference Activities – Thursday, July 19, 2012

3 to 8 p.m. Registration and packet pick-up at the Indianapolis Marriott East

### **Indiana Experience**

Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center

450 West Ohio Street

10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**Free with conference registration; free parking at History Center**

With each paid conference registration you receive a complimentary pass to visit the *Indiana Experience*. Join us for a fun-filled day of activities including Destination Indiana, You Are There, the W. Brooks Fortune History Lab, the Basile History Market and the William H. Smith Memorial Library.

### **Genealogy Resources Library Workshop**

Indiana State Library

140 N. Senate Ave.

9 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

**\$10; free with conference registration; free parking at the History Center**

This workshop is designed especially for frontline library workers and volunteers who answer questions from genealogy patrons. Seating is limited to 50 participants.

Sessions include *Family Search 2012 and Beyond* and *Getting the Most Out of the Family History Catalog* with Dan Poffenberger and *It's Not Your Ancestors' Library: 21st Century Genealogy Libraries and Why Can't I Find It in the ILS?* with Patricia Van Skaik. Lunch is on your own. Workshop concludes with a tour of the Indiana State Library.

### **Computer Labs**

Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center

450 West Ohio Street

**Free parking at the History Center**

Participants will have a live connection to the Internet and should have a basic knowledge of Internet Explorer. The labs will be presented by Shamele Jordon. Seating is limited to 24 participants per lab.

### **Online Collections and Online Catalogs**

**10 a.m. to noon; \$40, \$30 IHS members**

This hands-on computer course, presented by Shamele Jordon, genealogical researcher, lecturer, writer and podcaster, covers the genealogical uses of online catalogs and online collections, as well as general organization tips. Learn how to locate and search catalogs for private, university and major archives. Search both free and subscription collections for valuable family history. Tips include organizing computer files, creating research logs and tracking online research.

### **Maps and Mapping**

**1 to 3 p.m.; \$40, \$30 IHS members**

Maps, mapping and related items and activities are great resources for the family historian. Shamele Jordon teaches participants how to locate map collections, which may provide a variety of facts related to an ancestral location, including landownership. Participants use Google Maps to create a visual representation of a family.

### **Writing Workshops**

Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center

450 West Ohio Street

**Free parking at the History Center**

### **Preparing Your Family History: A Writing Workshop**

**10 to 11:30 a.m.; \$25, \$20 IHS members**

Learn to write about your ancestors and your research journey in this workshop focusing on good storytelling and essential writing skills. Teresa Baer, managing editor for family history publications at IHS Press, and Rachel Popma, editor of the Indiana Genealogical Society's quarterly *Indiana Genealogist*, will discuss the basics of writing family history. Topics include how to get started, the importance of audience and purpose, the building blocks of effective communication, considerations of genre and format, and documentation. Seating is limited to 20 participants.

### **The Nuts and Bolts of Publishing Your Family History**

**1 to 2:30 p.m.; \$25, \$20 IHS members**

Whether you're interested in submitting your genealogical work for publication in a periodical or in preparing a family history book for relatives, this workshop will help you prepare a professional presentation. Experienced editors Teresa Baer and Rachel Popma discuss how to determine if your work is ready for publication, how to locate publishing opportunities, self-publishing versus traditional publishing, the editorial process and copyright. Seating is limited to 20 participants.

### **Writing Lives: A Primer on Biography**

**10 to 11 a.m. or 1 to 2 p.m.; \$25, \$20 IHS members**

Award-winning Indiana author and historian Ray E. Boomhower offers tips and suggestions on writing a biography, including how to select a subject, organize material and conduct archival research. Boomhower, the author of numerous biographies on Hoosier notables, also delves into the history of writing biographies and discuss possible avenues for publication as well as the ins and outs of promoting a book. Seating is limited to 10 participants per session.

## Pre-Conference Activities – Thursday, July 19, 2012

### Research Opportunities

#### Come Early and Research

The Indianapolis area is home to a number of genealogical research facilities ranging from county libraries and area museums to national organizations. Find a complete list with contact information on the conference website, or call (317) 233-5659 to request it.

### Indiana State Archives Resource Orientation

#### Indiana State Archives

6440 E. 30th St.

10 a.m. or 2 p.m.

Free; reservations required; free parking available in the State Archives lot

The Indiana State Archives is the permanent repository for Indiana state and local government records of historical and legal significance. Holdings include military records for veterans dating to 1811, papers of every governor, acts and reports of the General Assembly, Board of State Charities files and much more. To make a reservation, call (317) 591-5222.

### Introduction to Genealogical Research at the Indianapolis

Marion County Public Library, Central Library

IMCPL Central Library

Indianapolis Special Collections Room, 6th Floor

40 E. Saint Clair St.

1 to 2 p.m.

Free; reservations required; \$3 for four hours of parking in library's underground lot

If you are researching Indianapolis and Marion County, you will find this presentation useful. The program gives an overview of materials available in the open reference, online and Indianapolis–Special Collections Room at Central Library. Sources covered include city directories, newspapers, county histories and local yearbooks. To make a reservation, call (317) 275-4119.



### Historic Bus Tours

Two historic bus tours highlight the history of Indianapolis. The Historic Tours depart from and return to the Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center at 450 West Ohio Street.

### Historic Tours Shuttle Bus-Canceled

A free shuttle bus is available to travel from the Marriott East to the History Center and back for historic tour participants only.

### Bus Schedule

9:15 a.m.	Marriott East to History Center
12:15 p.m.	History Center to Marriott East
12:45 p.m.	Marriott East to History Center
4:15 p.m.	History Center to Marriott East



### Crown Hill Cemetery Heritage Tour

10 a.m. to noon; \$30, \$20 IHS members

Crown Hill Cemetery conducts a morning tour, which includes the history of Crown Hill and a visit to some of the cemetery's graves, including President Benjamin Harrison, three U.S. vice presidents, Col. Eli Lilly, John Dillinger along with countless others. See monuments, military sections, and the historic Gothic Chapel and Pioneer Cemetery. There is also a stop at James Whitcomb Riley's tomb for a view of the downtown skyline from the highest point in Indianapolis.

### Indiana Landmarks City Highlights Tour

1:30 to 4 p.m.; \$30, \$20 IHS members

Indiana Landmarks hosts the afternoon tour. Join us for a combo driving and walking tour of the Circle City. History comes alive as we pass the Circle City's significant buildings, monuments and attractions, visit the Civil War Museum and take walking tour around Monument Circle, the physical and symbolic heart of Indianapolis. The tour concludes with a driving tour of the War Memorial District.

## Pre-Conference Activities – Thursday, July 19, 2012

### Preconference Program and Reception

#### *Adventures Behind the Scenes*

Indiana State Library, History Reference Room

315 W. Ohio St.

7 to 9:30 p.m.

**\$10, free to those staying at a host hotel; \$5 parking at Senate Avenue Parking Facility; \$10 shuttle bus**

#### Shuttle Bus Schedule

6:15 p.m. Marriott East to Indiana State Library

9:30 p.m. Indiana State Library to Marriott East

If only our research were as easy as it seems on television! Have you ever wondered what it takes to put together an episode of *Who Do You Think You Are?*? Join J. Mark Lowe, Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak and D. Joshua Taylor for a panel discussion taking us behind the scenes of this popular television show and relating other genealogical adventures.

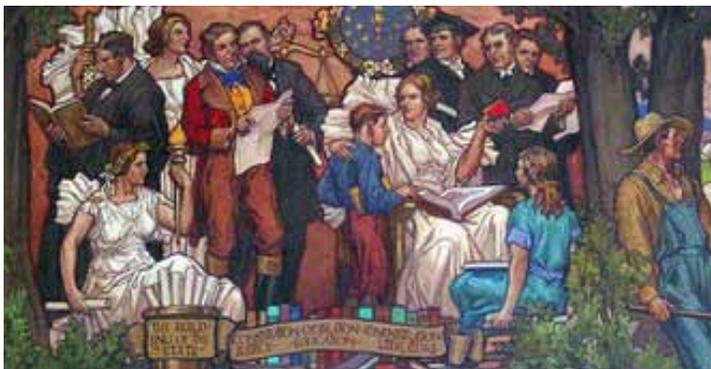
Researcher, author and lecturer J. Mark Lowe, CG, FUGA, is vice president of the Southern Kentucky Genealogical Society and director of the Regional In-depth Genealogical Studies Alliance.

Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak has served as a genealogical consultant for more than a dozen national television programs and has been featured on numerous radio and television programs around the world. She is the author of the WDYTYA companion book, *Who Do You Think You Are?: The Essential Guide to Tracing Your Family History*.

D. Joshua Taylor is the business development manager–US for brightsolid online publishing and previously worked as the director of education and programs at the New England Historic Genealogical Society.

The moderator for the program is Curt B. Witcher, senior manager for Special Collections in The Genealogy Center at the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne.

A wine and cheese reception follows the program in the library's Great Hall.



### Become a Member of the Indiana Historical Society

Join the Indiana Historical Society and receive the member registration discount. Members enjoy free admission to the Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center, home of the *Indiana Experience* – a new way to live history. Additional benefits include discounted or free admission to IHS programs, exhibits and events; discounts in the Basile History Market; reciprocal benefits at other historical and cultural organizations nationwide; a bimonthly newsletter, *INPerspective*; complimentary subscriptions to the award-winning *Traces of Indiana and Midwestern History* and *The Hoosier Genealogist: Connections* and more. For further information, visit [www.indianahistory.org/join](http://www.indianahistory.org/join).

### Accessibility

All conference facilities are accessible to those with physical disabilities. If you require special accommodations, please let us know in advance by contacting (317) 232-1882 or [welcome@indianahistory.org](mailto:welcome@indianahistory.org).

### Conference Sponsors

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### Speaker Sponsors

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Friday, July 20, 2012	10:30 to 11:30 a.m.	LUNCH
7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Registration 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Exhibit Hall 8:45 a.m. Welcome	<p><b>Reverse Genealogy: Techniques for Finding Your Lost Loved Ones</b> <i>Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak F-2</i> Finding and connecting with living relatives is important, but “reverse genealogy” – working from the past to the present – has its own special challenges. This presentation covers proven techniques for tracing living relatives.</p>	<p><b>Lunches will be available 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.</b></p> <p>Take a break from the sessions, visit with your friends and experience the Exhibit Hall.</p>
9 to 10 a.m.		
OPENING SESSION		
<p><b>Genealogy’s Next Generation</b> <i>D. Joshua Taylor F-1</i> What does the future hold for one of the world’s most popular hobbies? Discover how television, technology, popular culture and demographics could dramatically shift family history and genealogy in the coming years and decades.</p>		
	<p><b>FamilySearch 2012 and Beyond</b> <i>Daniel S. Poffenberger F-3</i> FamilySearch currently has a variety of websites available in addition to www.familysearch.org. While taking you through the important parts of each site, this lecture will describe the vision of combining the information on them in the future</p>	<p><b>Menu</b> Summer salad buffet cookie or brownie coffee, iced tea</p>
	<p><b>Midwest Research on Ancestry.com</b> <i>Juliana Smith F-4</i> Are you searching for midwestern roots and wondering what treasures may be hiding in the 30,000-plus collections on Ancestry.com? Smith will show some great examples of what you can find and teach you how to mine the collections for gems relating to your family history—wherever your roots may lie.</p>	
	<p><b>Finding Your Landless Ancestors</b> <i>J. Mark Lowe F-5</i> Since land is the key in many ancestral discoveries, tracking individuals who did not own land is often a daunting task. Learn to use Trust Deed Chattels and Tax Release Books to help locate those individuals without deeds and estates.</p>	

**EVENING PROGRAM**

6 to 7 p.m. Reception, Cash Bar  
7 p.m. Banquet

**MENU**  
California spring mix salad,  
barbeque chicken breast with  
cinnamon apples, penne mac-and-  
cheese, country-style green beans,  
strawberry-topped cheesecake,  
coffee and iced tea

***Hey, America, Your Roots are Showing***  
*Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak F-18*  
Smolenyak will share stories from her newest book, *Hey, America, Your Roots are Showing*. How could brothers also be uncle and nephew? How did Facebook help solve an Egyptian genealogy case in just a week? How did a pair of tombstones in Ohio point the way to Barack Obama’s Irish roots? And could there be any families with a pair of centenarians who knew each other and lived in four centuries between the two of them? Come and hear!



1 to 2 p.m.	2:30 to 3:30 p.m.	4 to 5 p.m.
<p><b>Government Websites for Family History</b>  <i>D. Joshua Taylor F-6</i>            Government records are commonly used by all genealogists and are becoming available through the Internet. Learn how to gain access to websites at national, state and local levels and how to use the information they contain.</p>	<p><b>So Many Libraries . . . So Little Time: Targeting the Best Libraries for Your Genealogy Research</b>  <i>Suzanne Hahn F-10</i>            This session will focus on navigating library catalogs and websites and provide tips for making the most of your library visit, including how to find those “hidden” gems.</p>	<p><b>“And the Rockets’ Red Glare”: Online Resources for War of 1812 Research</b>  <i>Curt B. Witcher F-14</i>            This war is frequently referred to as America’s second war for independence. Many new resources are becoming available for research. Witcher will discuss methodology for finding online sites and explore some significant websites with an emphasis on data that can be obtained without cost.</p>
<p><b>iGenealogy: There Is an App for That</b>  <i>Shamele Jordon F-7</i>            Apps are quickly becoming an integral part of our mobile lives. This talk will provide detailed descriptions of apps that are specific to family history research, history and general productivity. Whether you have an iPad, iPhone, iPod or Android device there is an app that can help you manage your genealogical life.</p>	<p><b>Tweet Your Ancestors: Genealogy and Social Media</b>  <i>Patricia Van Skaik F-11</i>            Join the author of the popular column, “The DigjGenie,” as she explores the electronic social media, Twitter, FaceBook, Flickr, and LinkedIn. This session demonstrates successful strategies and easy-to-follow guidelines for effective use of social media in genealogy research.</p>	<p><b>Cloud Genealogy</b>  <i>Shamele Jordon F-15</i>            The Cloud is perfect for genealogists. You will no longer be shackled to your computer, but may access your important data anywhere, anytime. This session will cover sharing, social bookmarking, online storage, such as Google and Dropbox, and backing up your files.</p>
<p><b>A Comparison of Windows Genealogy Software, Part 1 (See F12)</b>  <i>Dick Eastman F-8</i></p>	<p><b>A Comparison of Windows Genealogy Software, Part 2 (See F8)</b>  <i>Dick Eastman F-12</i></p>	<p><b>A Pro’s Strategies for Mid-Nineteenth-Century US Research: A Case Study</b>  <i>Daniel S. Poffenberger F-16</i>            Follow the strategies used to research an Illinois family. This session describes what was known when starting research, the sources used, why and what was and was not found. It also shows circumstantial evidence that tentatively extended the pedigree of a family blown apart by tragedy before 1850 and the uncommon source that proved the information to be correct.</p>
<p><b>Making Those Early Census Records Talk to You</b>  <i>J. Mark Lowe F-9</i>            Stop avoiding those pre-1850 census records. Turn those 1s and 0s into clues and lively pictures of your family</p>	<p><b>Cold Cases: Genealogists, Coroners and the FBI</b>  <i>Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak F-13</i>            Smolenyak worked for more than a decade on U.S. Army forensics cases, developing “reverse genealogy” techniques. Then she began using her skills to help others seeking living people associated with past events or deceased individuals. Hear how her efforts snowballed into Unclaimed Persons, a virtual group of genealogy detectives, and peek into some of her cases with the FBI and NCIS.</p>	<p><b>Finding Your Ancestors in the Board of State Charities Collections</b>  <i>Vicki Casteel and Alan January F-17</i>            Learn about the record of Indiana Board of State Charities (1889–1936) found at the ISA. The IBSC was the central authority overseeing institutions and private organizations concerned with the welfare of residents of correctional facilities, mental hospitals, county poor farms, orphanages and children in foster care.  <b>Sponsored by the Friends of the Indiana State Archives</b></p>

Saturday, July 21, 2012	10:30 to 11:30 a.m.	LUNCH
8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Registration 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Exhibit Hall 8:45 a.m. Welcome	<p><b>Using Online Genealogy Programs</b>  <i>Dick Eastman S-20</i>            This session takes a look at today's Cloud-based genealogy programs. Will these replace traditional genealogy programs? Learn about the next generation of programs available online.</p>	<p><b>Lunches will be available 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.</b></p> <p>Take a break from the sessions, visit with your friends and experience the Exhibit Hall.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>9 to 10 a.m.</b></p>		
<p style="text-align: center;">OPENING SESSION</p>		
<p><b>Cincinnati Panorama: Windows to Ancestors' Lives</b>  <i>Patricia Van Skaik S-19</i>            The Cincinnati Panorama of 1848 is both the oldest photograph of an American city and a technological wonder. Combining state-of-the-art digital enhancements with genealogical evidence, Patricia Van Skaik offers a view of 19th-century ancestors' lives like never seen before. Discover fascinating family and ethnic histories as multiple formats merge into one.</p>		
	<p><b>Going Digital: Organizing Your Research Files Electronically</b>  <i>D. Joshua Taylor S-21</i>            Thinking of going digital? Organizing your research files electronically can speed up processing time, save space, and help anyone become a better genealogist. Learn how to take your paper research notes, logs and documents and convert them into digital archives.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Menu</b></p> <p>Sandwich buffet, fruit salad, chips, cookie or brownie, coffee, iced tea</p>
	<p><b>Trace Your Roots with DNA</b>  <i>Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak S-22</i>            Come hear a coauthor of <i>Trace Your Roots with DNA</i> discuss how Y-DNA and mtDNA testing can be used to shed light on the paternal and maternal branches of your family tree, as well as how new autosomal tests can reveal previously unknown facets hidden anywhere in your family's past (in plain English!).</p>	
	<p><b>Records of Resistance: Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness</b>  <i>Shamele Jordon S-23</i>            African-Americans were active participants in their own freedom. There are a variety of sources depicting their pursuits including records of abolition societies, the Underground Railroad, courts and others.</p>	

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1 to 2 p.m.	2:30 to 3:30 p.m.	4 to 5 p.m.
<p><b>Getting the Most Out of the Family History Library Catalog</b>  <i>Daniel S. Poffenberger S-24</i>            This session will teach you the tips and tricks used by a professional researcher to successfully find the right record more often and more quickly using the Family History Library Catalog.</p>	<p><b>Digital Indiana: Online Treasures for Those Searching In and About Indiana</b>  <i>Curt B. Witcher S-28</i>            Indiana sports a consequential number of digital resources for the family historian interested in researching this crossroads of the nation. Increasingly, Hoosiers are found in other online data sets. This presentation will highlight major online resources and articulate a strategy for finding the online data you need for your Indiana research.  <b>Sponsored by the Society of Indiana Pioneers</b></p>	<p><b>Successful Searching Online: Clustering for Genealogists</b>  <i>D. Joshua Taylor S-32</i>            Effective Internet searching cannot be complete with clustering. Learn how to limit your search engine results to websites that will benefit you without scrolling through thousands of results! Strong emphasis is put on using Yippy and other search engines.</p>
<p><b>Over the Mountain, Across the Plains . . . Using Electronic Records to Trace Our Ancestors</b>  <i>J. Mark Lowe S-25</i>            Our ancestors moved westward; now follow them as they move back East. Knowing where to look for valuable records will reward you with insights and research plans.</p>	<p><b>Satellite Navigation for Genealogists</b>  <i>Dick Eastman S-29</i>            This session uses GPS to find locations of interest to genealogists. We will take a look at online geo databases, navigation satellites and Russian spy satellites to find cemeteries, homesteads, roads and even county courthouses.</p>	<p><b>Advanced Search Tips for Ancestry.com</b>  <i>Juliana Smith S-33</i>            Ancestry.com is home to more than 7 billion records in more than 30 thousand collections. Learn the best way to find what you're looking for. Smith will teach you how to make the powerful search tools at Ancestry.com work for you to locate your ancestors, discover their stories and advance your research to the next level.</p>
<p><b>Preserving Your Family History: Caring for Documents and Photographs</b>  <i>Tamara Hemmerlein S-26</i>            Family records are an invaluable source of information. Caring for them can be a challenge for any family historian. Learn simple, effective techniques for preserving family documents and photographs while still keeping them accessible for research</p>	<p><b>Preserving Digital Photographs</b>  <i>Joan Hostetler S-30</i>            We all have disks and old hard drives of our digital photographs, but will our descendants ever see them? Keeping the file formats and storage devices current is the key to their long-term preservation. Learn about file formats, compression, backups, file naming, estate digital photo inventories, storing images in the Cloud, and the latest thoughts on digital preservation.</p>	<p><b>"Slán agaibh," Goodbye to My Ireland: Finding the Origins of Irish Immigrants to America from the Potato Famine Forward</b>  <i>Daniel S. Poffenberger S-34</i>            From 1848 to 1950, over 6 million adults emigrated from Ireland. An estimated 40 million Americans claim Irish ancestry. However, the most common research problem faced by genealogists with Irish ancestry is locating the origins of their ancestors in Ireland. This course will cover the numerous sources and the strategies for using them so that the genealogist will have a solid foundation for how to solve this problem.</p>
<p><b>Have you Read the Paper Today? Social History of Ancestors in Feature Editions!</b>  <i>Betty L. Warren S-27</i>            Look beyond the vital statistics published in the newspapers and discover some of the social, economic, entertainment and fashion factors in the lives of your ancestors. Warren will also discuss where to find historic newspapers.</p>	<p><b>Records of the Rebellion: Documenting African Americans During the Civil War</b>  <i>Shamele Jordan S-31</i>            This session will help in locating African-American soldiers and civilians in Civil War records, including military and plantation records and records from contraband camps.  <b>Sponsored by the Indiana African American Genealogy Group</b></p>	<p><b>Dower, Dowry, and Detinue: Women and their Men's Property</b>  <i>J. Mark Lowe S-35</i>            Understanding how the legal system looked at our female ancestors is essential to following their records. Learn the terminology, record types and strategies for finding female ancestors and answering questions about them.  <b>Sponsored by the Caroline Scott Harrison Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution</b></p>

## Speakers' Biographical Information



**M. Teresa Baer** is the managing editor of family history publications at the Indiana Historical Society Press. She publishes *The Hoosier Genealogist: Connections* magazine, online publications, and family history and children's books, including immigration and ethnic histories. Baer compiled the award-winning book *Finding Indiana Ancestors*, and she has authored magazine articles and book chapters on both genealogical and historical topics. Baer has a bachelor's degree focusing on global history, a certificate in international studies, and a master's degree in comparative history from Indiana University at Indianapolis.



**Ray E. Boomhower** is senior editor with the Indiana Historical Society Press, where he edits the quarterly popular history magazine *Traces of Indiana and Midwestern History*. A prolific and award-winning writer, his books have included biographies of author and Civil War general Lew Wallace, famed Hoosier war correspondent Ernie Pyle, suffragette and peace activist May Wright Sewall, World War II photographer John A. Bushemi, astronaut Gus Grissom and U.S. Navy ace Alex Vraciu. In 2010, Boomhower was named winner of the Regional Author Award in the annual Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana Authors Awards.



**Vicki Casteel**, collections archivist, has been with the Indiana State Archives for 15 years. She has worked with many of the Board of State Charities and Corrections collections including Foster Care Files, Prison Records and the Committee on Mental Defectives as well as other records of a eugenics nature. She has served as content advisor for eugenics and prison-related exhibits and projects. Casteel creates and manages the databases volunteers use to index the Board of State Charities collections, which are later transferred to the Indiana Digital Archives website. She is working to expand the State Archives' website and increase awareness and access to the many valuable collections found in the State Archives.



**Dick Eastman** has been involved in genealogy for more than 30 years and has worked in the computer industry more than 40. In the mid-1980s, he proposed a genealogy forum to CompuServe and began building a family historian community. He also began preaching the

benefits of technology to an ever-widening audience of genealogists, genealogical organizations and GENTECH, which helped spread his message. In 1996, he launched *Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter*, a weekly email publication. It has since grown into a daily, available via email and online, and read by more than 60,000 people worldwide. Guest authors occasionally publish articles in EOGN.com as well.



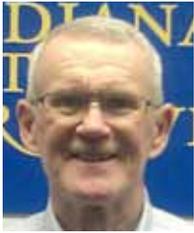
**Suzanne Hahn** is the director of reference services at the William H. Smith Memorial Library at the Indiana Historical Society. Before joining the IHS staff in 2000, she worked at the Library of Congress and the Center for Naval Analyses in Washington, D.C.



**Tamara Hemmerlein** is Hoosier Heritage Alliance coordinator at the Indiana Historical Society, where she is responsible for implementing the activities of Indiana's Connecting to Collections project. Hemmerlein serves as the American Association of Museums Small Museum Administrators Committee program chair, as a Museum Assessment Program peer reviewer and as the American Association for State and Local History Indiana state captain. She is a 2007 graduate of the Seminar for Historical Administration and has worked as the executive director of the Montgomery County Historical Society and the Montgomery County Cultural Foundation in Crawfordsville.



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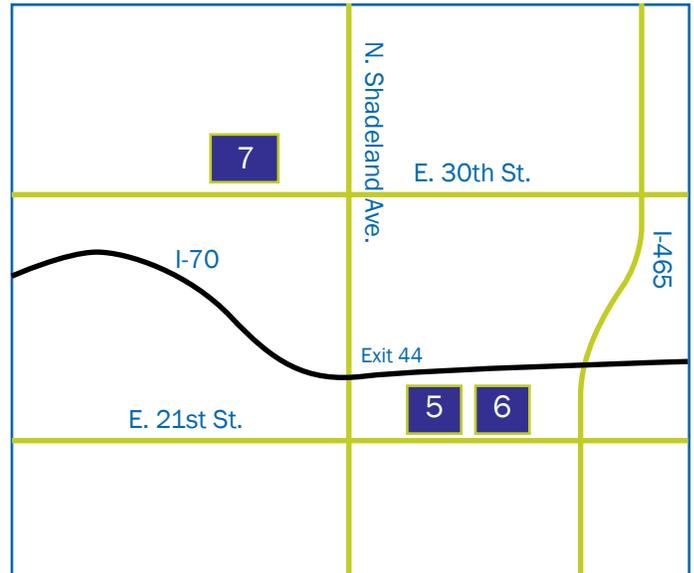


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## Downtown Indianapolis



## Indianapolis East Side – I-465 and Shadeland



1. **Indiana Historical Society**  
Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center  
450 West Ohio Street
2. **Indiana State Library**  
Genealogy Division  
315 W. Ohio St.
3. **Senate Avenue Parking Facility**  
New York Steet entrance
4. **Indianapolis Marion County Public Library  
Central Library**  
40 E. St. Clair St.
5. **Indianapolis Marriott East**  
7202 E. 21st St.
6. **La Quinta Inn**  
7304 E. 21st St.
7. **Indiana State Archives**  
6400 E. 30th St.

# Midwestern Roots 2012: Registration Form and Conference Fees

Please print or type in black ink. Use a separate form for each person. This form may be duplicated. Member prices apply to Indiana Historical Society members.  
Student must be younger than 23 and have a current student ID

Preregistration for the conference is encouraged as seating is limited. Cancellations received after the early registration deadline of June 27, 2012, cannot be refunded. Please call (317) 232-1882, return the registration form, or go to [www.indianahistory.org/midwesternroots](http://www.indianahistory.org/midwesternroots) to reserve your space. After the early registration deadline, please call to confirm availability before sending your registration. A confirmation and directions will be provided.

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 session reservation. Sessions 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	

## 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

## Indiana Historical Society Membership Levels

Student	\$20
Senior	\$40
Individual/Organization	\$50
Household	\$65
Sustaining	\$100
Storyteller Circle Memberships:	
<i>Benefactor</i>	\$250
<i>History Patron</i>	\$500
Council of 1816	\$1,000+

## Research Opportunities

### Indiana State Archives Resource Orientation-FREE

Thursday, July 19, 2012  
10 a.m. or 2 p.m.  
Call (317) 591-5222 to make a reservation.

### Introduction to Genealogical Research at IMCPL Central Library FREE

Thursday, July 19, 2012  
1 to 2 p.m.  
Call (317) 275-4119 to make a reservation.

## Send registration form and payment to:

Indiana Historical Society  
Midwestern Roots 2012  
Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center  
450 West Ohio Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46202-3269

## Name as it should appear on name badge (include surnames researching if desired)

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime phone number \_\_\_\_\_

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

### Payment method:

Check (payable to the Indiana Historical Society)

Visa     MasterCard     Discover     American Express

Credit card number \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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## Preconference Activities—Thursday, July 19, 2012:

### Genealogy Resources Library Workshop

9 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. \$10 \_\_\_\_\_

FREE to those registered for the conference FREE \_\_\_\_\_

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

### Online Collections and Online Catalogs

10 a.m. to noon \$40 \_\_\_\_\_

member \$30 \_\_\_\_\_

### Maps and Mapping

1 to 3 p.m. \$40 \_\_\_\_\_

member \$30 \_\_\_\_\_

### Preparing Your Family History: A Writing Workshop

10 to 11:30 a.m. \$25 \_\_\_\_\_

member \$20 \_\_\_\_\_

### The Nuts and Bolts of Publishing Your Family History

1 to 2:30 p.m. \$25 \_\_\_\_\_

member \$20 \_\_\_\_\_

### Writing Lives: A Primer on Biography

10 to 11 a.m. \_\_\_\_\_ or 1 to 2 p.m. \_\_\_\_\_ \$25 \_\_\_\_\_

member \$20 \_\_\_\_\_

### Crown Hill Cemetery Heritage Tour

10 a.m. to noon \$30 \_\_\_\_\_

member \$20 \_\_\_\_\_

### Indiana Landmarks City Highlights Tour

1:30 to 4 p.m. \$30 \_\_\_\_\_

member \$20 \_\_\_\_\_

### Preconference Program and Reception,

*Adventures Behind the Scenes* \$10 \_\_\_\_\_

7 to 9:30 p.m.

FREE to registrants staying at Marriott East Free \_\_\_\_\_

or La Quinta Inn

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

**Subtotal Column One** \_\_\_\_\_

## Conference Registration—Friday, July 20, and Saturday, July 21, 2012

### Printed Syllabus—Conference syllabus on CD included

FREE with registration.

Printed syllabus additional \$10. \$10 \_\_\_\_\_

### Conference Registration

(includes lunches, but not Friday evening \$150 \_\_\_\_\_

banquet and presentation) member \$125 \_\_\_\_\_

student \$75 \_\_\_\_\_

### Friday Only registration

(includes lunch, but not Friday evening \$90 \_\_\_\_\_

banquet and presentation) member \$75 \_\_\_\_\_

student \$45 \_\_\_\_\_

### Friday Evening Banquet and Presentation

No conference registration required. \$40 \_\_\_\_\_

Check here to order vegetarian option. Yes \_\_\_\_\_

Order vegetarian option before June 27, 2012.

### Saturday Only registration

(includes lunch) \$90 \_\_\_\_\_

member \$75 \_\_\_\_\_

student \$45 \_\_\_\_\_

## Late Registration/Walk-ins – postmarked after June 27, 2012

### Friday and Saturday registration

(includes lunches, but not Friday \$180 \_\_\_\_\_

evening banquet and presentation)

### Friday Only registration

(includes lunch, but not Friday \$105 \_\_\_\_\_

evening banquet and presentation)

### Friday Evening Banquet and Presentation

No conference registration required. \$40 \_\_\_\_\_

### Saturday Only registration

(includes lunch) \$105 \_\_\_\_\_

### Indiana Historical Society membership

See membership levels in on previous page. \_\_\_\_\_

**Subtotal Column Two** \_\_\_\_\_

**Subtotal Column One** \_\_\_\_\_

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