

# Midwestern Roots 2010: Family History and Genealogy Conference

## Migration Then and Now

Come explore “Migration Then and Now” at the Midwestern Roots 2010: Family History and Genealogy Conference presented by the Indiana Historical Society at the Indianapolis Marriott East.

Sessions based on the conference theme will help you locate records that will open the pathways your ancestors blazed. Learn about the many types of resources that can answer questions about your family’s history in different places over time, and discover how these resources have “migrated” to new technology.

Expand your research base with the help of national and regional experts including John Phillip Colletta, Kandie Adkinson, Roberta Estes, Thomas D. Hamm, Shamele Jordon, George G. Morgan, David E. Rencher, Loretto “Lou” Szucs and others. Indiana Poet Laureate Norbert Krapf, the conference banquet speaker, will explain how he has used genealogical fact to inspire his poetry.

A number of pre-conference activities will be offered on Aug. 5. Sign up for a writing workshop, computer lab, genealogy library assistant workshop and an evening panel discussion on migration. The panel discussion will take place at the Indianapolis–Marion County Public Library Central Library and will include authors and historians June Alexander and James Bergquist, who will share their insight on the migration experience.

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.



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### Come Early and Research

There are a number of genealogical research facilities located in the Indianapolis area, ranging from county libraries and area museums to national organizations. A complete list of research facilities has been compiled for your convenience. The list may be found on the conference Web site, or call (317) 233-5659 to request a list of facilities and contact information.

The Indiana State Archives is offering resource orientation sessions on Thursday, Aug. 5 at 10 a.m. or 2 p.m. There is no cost for these sessions, but reservations are required. To make a reservation, call (317) 591-5222.

All conference attendees are invited to visit the *Indiana Experience* at the Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center. One free admission is available with each paid conference registration.

### Migration: Myths and Realities

#### Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library Central Library

One Library Square, 40 E. St. Clair St.

Aug. 5, 2010

7 p.m.; \$15, \$10 IHS members

**FREE to those staying at a host hotel**

Two authors and historians of immigration, June Alexander and James Bergquist, will discuss myths and realities of the migration process and the immigrant experience. Alexander, Bergquist and the audience will explore the implications of these issues for family history. Among the issues are common perceptions and misconceptions about the dynamics of the migration process, the motives for immigrants leaving the old country, settlement patterns and ongoing mobility, close-knit immigrant communities, upward social mobility and “success,” and the fundamental differences between modern-day and past movements.

Alexander is retired from the University of Cincinnati and author of *Daily Life in Immigrant America, 1870–1920*. Bergquist is an emeritus professor of history at Villanova University and author of *Daily Life in Immigrant America, 1820–1870*. The moderator for the discussion will be John A. Herbst, president and CEO of the Indiana Historical Society.

There will be a reception following the program. Parking will be available in the library’s underground lot at \$3 for up to six hours.

## Pre-Conference Activities – Thursday, Aug. 5, 2010

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

### FREE admission to the *Indiana Experience*

Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center

450 West Ohio Street

10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

With each paid conference registration you will receive a complimentary pass to visit the *Indiana Experience*. Join us for a fun-filled day of activities including Destination Indiana, You Are There, Fortune History Lab, Basile History Market and the William H. Smith Memorial Library. You will be able to park at the History Center at no charge when using your complimentary pass or attending a pre-conference workshop.

### Computer Labs

Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center

450 West Ohio Street

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 20 participants per lab.

### Getting the Most Out of Genealogy Online

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

This hands-on workshop will explore the full online research cycle, which includes understanding browser basics, surfing major genealogical Web sites, executing effective searches, tracking research and organizing computer files.

### Getting the Most Out of African-American Genealogy Online

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

This hands-on workshop will explore the full online research cycle, focusing on African-American genealogy. Topics include understanding browser basics, surfing major genealogical Web sites, executing effective searches, tracking research and organizing computer files.

### Genealogy Resources Library Workshop

Indiana State Library

140 N. Senate Ave.

9 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.; \$10, FREE with conference registration

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

Sessions include “All about the Census: Becoming an Expert” and “Genealogy Orienteering: Using Maps to find the Right Place” with George Morgan, “Locating Naturalization Records in Indiana” with Alan January, and “Researching Manuscript Collections” with Mark Vopelak. Lunch on your own. Workshop concludes with a tour of the Indiana State Library.

### Preparing Your Family History for Publication:

#### A Writing Workshop

Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center

450 West Ohio Street

10 to 11:30 a.m. or 1 to 2:30 p.m.; \$25, \$20 IHS members

In this workshop, M. Teresa Baer, managing editor, IHS Press Family History Publications, will focus on communicating effectively. Baer will discuss what history is and how it is written, different purposes and audiences for family historians, and how to ensure integrity in conclusions drawn from various types of evidence. The workshop will also cover writing basics, such as organization, documentation and clarity.

Along with the registration form and fees, each participant should submit a short outline and a sample page or two from a family history writing project. These pieces may be for self-publication or professional publication. At the end of the session, Baer will meet one-on-one with each participant to comment on his or her writing sample and answer individual questions. Seating is limited to six participants per session.

### Writing Lives: A Primer on Biography

Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center

450 West Ohio Street

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

Award-winning Indiana author and historian Ray E. Boomhower will offer 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, will also delve into the history of writing biographies as well as discussing possible avenues of publication for potential authors and the ins and outs of promoting a book. Seating is limited to 10 participants per session.

### Introduction to Genealogical Research at the Indianapolis Marion County Public Library Central Library

IMCPL Central Library, Indianapolis Special Collections Room

6th Floor, One Library Square, 40 E. St. Clair St.

4:30 to 5:30 p.m.; FREE

This program will give an overview of materials available in the open reference, online and Indianapolis-Special Collections Room at the Central Library. Participants who are researching Indianapolis and Marion County will find this session useful. Some sources covered will include city directories, newspapers, county histories and local yearbooks. Parking will be available in the library's underground lot at \$3 for up to six hours.