



2015 Summer Conference

Presented by: McHenry County Illinois Genealogical Society

Saturday 11 July 2015 at McHenry County College, 8900 Route 14, Crystal Lake, Illinois

Debbie Parker Wayne, CG, CGL*, is a full-time board-certified genealogist and genealogical lecturer experienced using DNA analysis, as well as more traditional techniques, for genealogical research. Her DNA research focuses on client projects and on research into her own family project which includes Y-DNA, mtDNA, X-DNA, and autosomal DNA studies. Her traditional research focuses on Texas, the Southwest, and the Southern U.S. She has performed research for several genealogical television series in the U.S. and Canada. She coordinates and teaches week-long, comprehensive, interactive genetic genealogy courses at SLIG and GRIP teaching how to interpret and apply DNA test results to genealogical research. See <http://debbiewayne.com/> for more information.



Thomas MacEntee has 25 years of experience in the information technology field which he uses to improve genealogical research, and to interact with others in the family history community. Mr. MacEntee now shares his knowledge of technology and experience as a genealogist with others through various forms of social media and speaking engagements. Through his business **High-Definition Genealogy**, he provides consulting services in the genealogy industry covering such areas as market research, education, technology and more. As the creator of GeneaBloggers.com, Thomas has organized and engaged a community of over 2,800 bloggers to document their own journeys in the search for ancestors.

Greg Phelps of Colchester, Illinois, is a Library Specialist at the Malpass Library on the campus of Western Illinois University in Macomb. Greg currently serves as president of the Scott's Cemetery Association of McDonough County, and is active in the preservation of the over 100-year history of the church and cemetery. Scott's Cemetery is where Greg first became interested in cemeteries and their symbols. His grandmother Lois lived close to the cemetery, and they spent many hours walking the grounds together. As he grew up, Greg began to research some of the symbols he had witnessed in the cemetery. His research has expanded and organized into the presentation "Dead Men's Tales: Cemetery Symbols and their meaning".



Jane Haldeman's passion for genealogy began in 8th grade with a school assignment. Her other passion is technology which lead her into theater as a stagehand. Today she has blended her love of family history and technology and shares that love with others. She is owner of "It's Relative," www.itsrelative.net; a former president of the Illinois State Genealogical Society (2012-2014), and Fox Valley Genealogical Society (2010-2013). Jane lives in the suburbs of Chicago, and her lectures focus on technology as applied to genealogical research.

Craig Pfannkuche is a retired high school history teacher, and president of Memory Trail Research, Inc. since 1993. Craig has been the Genealogical Archivist for the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad Historical Society since 1984, and is on the Board of Directors of the Chicago Genealogical Society. He has presented numerous workshops in history, genealogical and historical research, and archaeological techniques.



Ray Johnson is a former criminal investigator from DuPage County Illinois and has almost 30 years of genealogical experience. After leaving law enforcement he started Johnson Research Services <http://www.historycop.com/>. Ray conducts research for family historians, attorneys, governmental agencies, television production companies and other authors. He is the author of two books; Chicago's Haunt Detective, 2011 <http://www.hauntdetective.com/> and Chicago History – The Stranger Side, 2014.



Maureen Brady is a former school librarian and computer educator. She has over 25 years' experience with family history research, is a professional genealogist, and owner of Bare Roots Genealogical Services. Maureen has made numerous presentations to Illinois and Wisconsin genealogical societies, libraries, conferences, and workshops, as well as presenting at the 2002 National Genealogical Society Conference. Ms. Brady is co-director of the Crystal Lake (Illinois) Family History Center and is a member of many genealogical and family history societies in the U.S. and Scotland.

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Or make check payable to MCIGS and mail bottom portion of page to: P.O. Box 184, Crystal Lake, Illinois 60039-0184.

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**Saturday
11 July 2015**

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The complete description of each session is available at www.mcigs.org/conference

8:30 – 9:00 am Registration, Breakfast Snacks and Vendors

9:00 – 9:30 am Welcome and Introduction

9:45 – 10:45 am Session One

- 1A** *"DNA and Genetic Genealogy Today"* Presenter: Debbie Parker Wayne
Learn where we are today using DNA for genealogy. Maximize Y-DNA, mitochondrial DNA, and autosomal DNA test results to contribute to genealogical research goals.
- 1B** *"Evernote for Genealogists"* Presenter: Thomas MacEntee
Evernote is a note-taking application that can do so much more for genealogists than track research. Learn how to harness the power of this program with many of its features available for FREE.
- 1C** *"Investigating the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County Archives"* Presenter: Ray Johnson
This class concentrates on a very practical approach to on-site court research including, civil, law and chancery cases, divorces, wills and probates, county naturalizations, declarations of intentions, criminal cases and burnt records.
- 1D** *"Family Tree Maker 2014 Workshop – Going Beyond Entering Names"* [9:45 – 12:00] Presenter: Jane Haldelman
So you know how to enter names and dates in Family Tree Maker, what's next? Understand how to use Family Tree Maker's Sources, Places, Publish, and WebSearch Workspaces.

11:00 – 12:00 pm Session Two

- 2A** *"Maternal Lines: Using Mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA)"* Presenter: Debbie Parker Wayne
This lecture covers the basics of mitochondrial DNA testing. An introduction to analysis of the DNA test results is given.
- 2B** *"They're Alive: Searching for Living Persons"* Presenter: Thomas MacEntee
Genealogists have many reasons to locate living relatives – from connecting with long lost cousins to performing collateral searches to break down brick walls. Learn the most effective ways to find living people using Internet search engines and resources.
- 2C** *"Tips, Tricks and Overlooked Sources of Genealogical Information"* Presenter: Ray Johnson
The instructor shares almost 30 years of genealogical and investigative experience in the Chicago area including some often overlooked sources of genealogical information that can help researchers scale the proverbial "brick wall."

12:00 – 1:15 pm Lunch. Make your door prize selection. Check out the vendors for new books, materials and supplies.

1:15 – 2:15 pm Session Three

- 3A** *"Paternal Lines: Using Y-DNA"* Presenter: Debbie Parker Wayne
This lecture covers the basics of Y-DNA testing for males, and how to find DNA projects and testing companies. An introduction to analysis of the DNA test results is given.
- 3B** *"Tracing Your New York Ancestors"* Presenter: Thomas MacEntee
Participants will learn the basics of researching their New York ancestors starting with the arrival of Henry Hudson in 1609, to the Yankee migration from New England and then the Immigration era up through the present-day.
- 3C** *"FamilySearch®: Preserving Your Family History on Family Tree"* Presenter: Maureen Brady
FamilySearch®, a free website sponsored by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, provides many resources to help you discover your family history, but it also provides a way for you to preserve your family history.
- 3D** *"Dead Men's Tales: Cemetery Symbols and Their Meaning"* Presenter: Greg Phelps
Have you ever wondered what the skull, hand, or rose on a tombstone meant? Dead Men's tales looks at the history of gravestones, their symbols and their meanings.

2:30 – 3:30 pm Session Four

- 4A** *"Mitochondrial DNA: Tools & Techniques to Go Beyond Basics"* Presenter: Debbie Parker Wayne
This lecture uses case studies to demonstrate databases and analysis methods using mtDNA for genealogy. Low resolution and full mitochondrial sequences are discussed.
- 4B** *"Can I Use That in My Genealogy? What You Should Know About Copyright"* Presenter: Thomas MacEntee
Learn the basics of US copyright law and how you can still use copyrighted items such as document, articles and photographs as part of your genealogy research.
- 4C** *"Tapping the Power of FamilySearch®"* Presenter: Maureen Brady
Maureen Brady's presentation will provide a "tour" of the website and will also discuss search strategies and helpful hints for organizing your research time at FamilySearch®.
- 4D** *"Using Maps in Family History Research"* Presenter: Craig Pfannkuche
Understand how various types of maps and related documents can pinpoint where your ancestor lived and worked, and how the surrounding area played a part in their everyday life.

NOTE: The syllabus will **only** be available **online**. A link will be sent to each registrant 7 days prior to the conference.

CIRCLE EACH SESSION YOU WISH TO ATTEND

Session One (9:45 am)	1A	1B	1C	1D
Session Two (11 am)	2A	2B	2C	
Session Three (1:15 pm)	3A	3B	3C	3D
Session Four (2:30 pm)	4A	4B	4C	4D

Early **member** registration: 1/1/15 – 4/1/15 \$40.00
- Non-members \$50.00
All Registrations 4/2/15 – 6/15/15 \$60.00
Registrations after 6/15/15 and Walk-ins \$70.00
(No lunch for registrations received after 6/15/15 or walk-ins)
No Refunds after 6/15/2015

PLEASE PRINT:

NAME: _____

STREET: _____

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Box Lunch Choices: includes chips, dessert, coffee, tea or water.

Beef on a roll Turkey on a roll Vegetarian on a roll

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____