GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF PITTSBURGH

24–29 June 2018, at LaRoche College, Pittsburgh, PA

Registration opens Feb. 14, 2018, at www.GRIPitt.org

Choose one of the following courses to attend for the entire week.

MASTERING THE ART OF GENEALOGICAL DOCUMENTATION

Course Coordinator: **Thomas W. Jones, Ph.D., CG, CGL, FASG**

Documentation lies at the heart of respectable genealogy. Without clear and complete citations to supporting sources no family compilation or report can be credible. Therefore, all serious genealogists document their work. Students taking this course will learn how to understand their sources well enough to describe them. Then they will learn how to apply that knowledge to crafting citations. This hands-on course will help students gain understanding of how to create conventional citations with artistry, clarity, completeness, conciseness, and competence.

IN-DEPTH SOURCES FOR U.S. MILITARY RESEARCH

Coordinator: **Michael J. Hall**

This course offers an in-depth examination of the various military records that are highly used including Compiled Service Records, Pensions, Bounty Land Warrants, Muster Rolls, Ships Logs, etc. Key military terminology words and phrases will be identified and discussed. Understanding the patterns associated with each of the records, gives students a working knowledge of each record type, and its importance. Practical application and critical thinking workshops follow each class giving the student a "hands on" experience with mentors to assist.

CHROMOSOME MAPPING

Course Coordinator: **Karen Stanbary, CG**

Genealogists who have completed beginning DNA courses and wish to bring their research to the next level will enjoy this course. An integral component of this course is visual phasing, a technique to map the crossover points of a group of three siblings which facilitates the reconstruct of their grandparents' genome. Assistance is given to map students' autosomal DNA, determining the specific ancestors who contributed to the participants own DNA, segment by segment. Participants will leave the course with atDNA analysis software installed with their own data and the skills needed for continuing analysis.

IRISH RESEARCH

Coordinator: **David Rencher, AG, CG**

Participants will acquire a solid foundation for their Irish research. Hands-on class exercises and homework will enhance the learning experience with step-by-step instructions to take the course learning from theory to practice on the student's own Irish research problems.

CONFUSION TO CONCLUSION

Course Coordinator: **Kimberly Powell**

When the research is over, how do genealogists transform complexity of evidence into a coherent, understandable, written proof argument? This hands-on course will feature a variety of strategies, tools, and techniques for making data understandable in written form, as well as lectures and case studies from a diverse group of published authors demonstrating their strategies and methods for moving from disorganized evidence to a well-structured, convincing proof argument.

FAMILY ARCHIVING: HEIRLOOMS IN THE DIGITAL AGE

Coordinators: **Denise Levenick**

This course will offer researchers of all skill levels guidance in understanding, preserving, and incorporating family collections in legacy family history projects. Genealogists and society members who inherit collections and want to learn how to safely preserve artifacts, efficiently digitize and archive both digital and physical materials, and use heirlooms to enrich their family history. Students will practice hands-on preservation, digitizing, and archival skills throughout the week using original artifacts, documents and photographs supplied by the instructor or student.

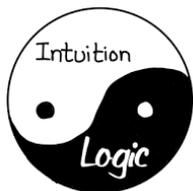## RESEARCHING NEW YORK STATE: RESOURCES AND STRATEGIES

Coordinator: **Karen Mauer Jones, CG**

This course is for researchers who have been conducting genealogical research but may not know much about New York resources. The course will present a practical, in-depth exploration of New York record groups with hands-on exercises for all parts of the Empire State.

THINKING GENEALOGICALLY: ADVANCED METHODS

Coordinator: **Rev. David McDonald, D.Min., CG**

Having mastered intermediate genealogical research skills, this course is intended for those who have devoted substantial amounts of time to genealogical pursuits. Primarily, our endeavors and efforts will be to stretch the researcher's mind to thinking intuitively about tasks and methods of utility as a genealogist. After a time, a researcher should almost instinctively begin to think about how to approach a research problem, an information source, or a genealogical goal. While one may not choose to seek credentials in the field, the skills and forms taught here would be of use to those who are considering the option down the line.

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