



2017 Summer Conference

Presented by: McHenry County Illinois Genealogical Society

Saturday, July 8, 2017 at McHenry County College, 8900 Route 14, Crystal Lake, Illinois

Mary M. Tedesco, is a professional genealogist, speaker, and author. She is a Host / Genealogist on the PBS TV series *Genealogy Roadshow* (season 2 & season 3) as well as the Founder of ORIGINS ITALY. Mary is the co-author of *Tracing Your Italian Ancestors* an 84-page Italian research guide published by Moorshead Magazines. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics from Boston University and a Certificate in Genealogical Research from Boston University's Center for Professional Education. In addition to her Italian ancestry (Calabria, Trentino-Alto Adige, and Tuscany) on her father's side, she also has deep American roots (German, Irish, Danish & English) on her mother's side and is a proud member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Mary can be contacted through the ORIGINS ITALY website at www.originsitaly.com.



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.

Paul Milner A professional genealogist and lecturer; specializing in British Isles and U.S. research for over 30 years. Born and raised in northern England, settling in the U.S. in 1975. An internationally recognized speaker for British Isles research and migration. Author of *Discover English Parish Records*, *Genealogy at a Glance: English Research* and Co-author of *A Genealogists Guide to Discovering your English Ancestors* and *A Genealogists Guide to Discovering your Scottish Ancestors*. Coordinator for English and Scottish research tracks at Institute of Genealogical and Historical Research. Former APG, FGS and GSG Board member; book review editor, *FGS Forum*.



Michael Lacopo, DVM (Doctor of Veterinary Medicine) is well-versed in research from a methodical and scientific view point strengthened by his background in medicine. He has been actively researching and doing client work since 1980, and has specialties in many fields. Michael has lectured nationally and internationally since 2004. His research specialties include: Adoption; Emigration & Immigration; Latter-Day Saints (Mormon); Heir Searcher; Palatines; Anabaptist; German American; Italian American; Court Records.

*** **Genealogy Help Desk** ***

This year we're trying something **NEW!** During the session breaks and lunch period, McHenry County Illinois Genealogical Society volunteers will be available at our New "**Genealogy Help Desk**." MCIIGS Volunteers will try to answer your basic genealogy questions, or may be able to suggest alternative ideas to get your research back on track. You may sign up for a 15-minute time slot on the day of the conference. Come prepared with your question for some one-on-one assistance.

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Register Online at www.mcigs.org/conference

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

Questions? Email: registration@mcigs.org

**Saturday
July 8, 2017**

Vendors
Door Prizes
Genealogy Books

***Each registrant will receive 5 door
prize tickets!***

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

9:00 – 10:00 am Session One

- 1A** *“Finding Immigrant Origins in United States Records”*, Presenter: Mary Tedesco
Discover strategies and resources for locating your ancestral town using records available in the United States and online.
- 1B** *“U.S. and Canada Newspapers”*, Presenter: Thomas MacEntee
While online newspaper resources are plentiful for United States and Canada research, finding the best websites and tools to collect data can be a treasure hunt. Learn how to find the best historic newspaper sites (free and paid) and how to properly capture images and text to improve your genealogical research.
- 1C** *“Irish Emigrants to North America, Before, During and After the Famine”*, Presenter: Paul Milner
Learn about the routes taken and the reasons for the emigration from Ireland to the U.S. and Canada before, during and after the famine. Learn how this mass movement of people can affect your research, plus what tools and records are available to trace your Irish ancestor.
- 1D** *“More Than the Census – Our Families Did Exist Within Those Ten-Year Intervals!”*, Presenter: Michael Lacopo, DVM
This lecture will show the researcher that it is important to identify our ancestors’ whereabouts in as many local records as possible within the decades between census years.

10:00 – 10:30 BREAK

10:30 – 11:30 pm Session Two

- 2A** *“Underused Resources and Record Types”*, Presenter: Mary Tedesco
Take your genealogical research beyond the “usual” records. This presentation presents ideas for diversifying the records and resources searched.
- 2B** *“Facebook: A Tool for Genealogy”*, Presenter: Thomas MacEntee
In this session you’ll go beyond the basics of setting up a Facebook account and simply posting status updates or playing games. The class focus is on developing a skill set for genealogy research.
- 2C** *“Find Your Ancestors in Ireland”*, Presenter: Paul Milner
This is a good overview of procedures to follow in performing Irish research. Lots of examples illustrate the wide variety of records that can be utilized in the research process.
- 2D** *“The German Immigrant Experience in the 18th Century”*, Presenter: Michael Lacopo, DVM
This lecture provides basic knowledge of the reasons behind the immigration experience and what it was like for those passengers long ago.

11:30 – 1:00 pm Lunch. Make your door prize selection. Check out the vendors for new books, materials and supplies.

1:00 – 2:00 pm Session Three

- 3A** *“Social Media for Genealogists”*, Presenter: Mary Tedesco
Effective tips for Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn, Pinterest, and other social networks to foster connections with fellow genealogists; boost blog readership; generate business leads; and more.
- 3B** *“Mapping Your Genealogy: From A to Z and in Between”*, Presenter: Thomas MacEntee
Learn the basics of maps and the valuable information they contain for genealogy research. You’ll also discover various resources for maps, both online and offline as well as how to incorporate maps in your research.
- 3C** *“Has Your British Isles Research Already Been Done?”*, Presenter: Paul Milner
Learn a systematic approach to what sources have to be examined to know if research on your ancestors has already been published, or other people are currently working on the research. This will examine the library sources, the obvious and the more obscure, and how technology is changing this process.
- 3D** *“Methods for Identifying the German Origins of American Immigrants”*, Presenter: Michael Lacopo, DVM
If all you know from conventional records is “Germany” as a place of origin, then this lecture will help you mine other resources to locate WHERE in Germany your ancestor came from.

2:00 – 2:30 BREAK

2:30 – 3:30 pm Session Four

- 4A** *“Italian Genealogy Research: Records and Resources in Italy”*, Presenter: Mary Tedesco
Do you have Italian roots? Learn about essential Italian genealogical records and how they are accessed. Onsite research in Italy and research by correspondence with repositories in Italy will also be discussed.
- 4B** *“Internet Archive: A Gold Mine for Genealogists”*, Presenter: Thomas MacEntee
Learn how to navigate the Internet Archive and leverage the best search strategies to download a variety of materials including archived web pages, e-books, video, audio and more.
- 4C** *“New Resources for British Isles Research”*, Presenter: Paul Milner
Learn what new primary and secondary sources have become available and how to access them. Keep up to date on the constantly changing face of British Isles research by learning about recently released original records, new indexes, book, CD-ROM and web sites.
- 4D** *“Finding and Using German Church Records”*, Presenter: Michael Lacopo, DVM
Your lecturer will show examples of German church records, how to decipher them and how to overcome the fear of German script. More importantly, you will learn how and where to find the records you are seeking!

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 (9:00 am)	1A	1B	1C	1D
Session Two (10:30 am)	2A	2B	2C	2D
Session Three (1:00 pm)	3A	3B	3C	3D
Session Four (2:30 pm)	4A	4B	4C	4D

Early **member** registration: 3/1/17 – 4/1/17 \$50.00
 - Non-members \$60.00
 All Registrations 4/2/17 – 6/15/17 \$70.00
 Registrations postmarked 6/16/17+ and Walk-ins \$80.00
 (No lunch for registrations received after 6/16/17 or walk-ins)

**\$20 Fee will be charged for cancellations prior to 6/16/2017.
 No Refunds after 6/16/2017.**

PLEASE PRINT:

NAME: _____
STREET: _____
CITY, ST, ZIP _____
PHONE: _____
EMAIL: _____

Box Lunch includes chips, dessert, coffee, tea or water. Croissant (or gluten free roll) with lettuce and tomato.

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TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____