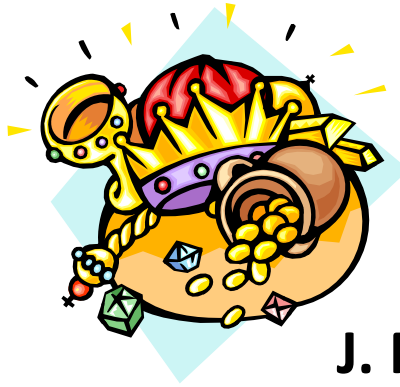


St. Louis Genealogical Society's
40th Annual Family History Conference

Gems of Genealogical Wisdom

Saturday, 15 May 2010

Maryland Heights Centre
2344 McKelvey Road



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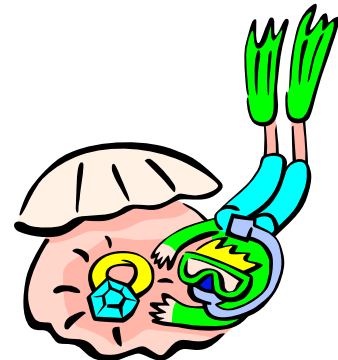
J. Mark Lowe, CG, FUGA

Author, teacher, and lecturer, Mark is known throughout the U.S. as an expert in Southern genealogy and an outstanding instructor at the national level.

- ★ **Bruce Buzbee**, founder and president of RootsMagic, Inc.
- ★ **John Dougan**, Missouri state archivist
- ★ **Patricia M. Luebbert**, archivist at the Missouri State Archives
- ★ **Steven Rowan**, professor at the University of Missouri-St. Louis
- ★ **Russ Wilding**, CEO of Footnote.com

Also ...

- ★ Some of your favorite local speakers
- ★ Vendors
- ★ Prizes and more



Registration Booklet



Morning Program

7:30 a.m. Doors open for registration. Pick up materials and browse the vendor booths.

8:00 a.m. Announcements and awards in recognition of service to StLGS



8:30–9:30 a.m.—First Sessions

40A *Balancing on North Carolina* J. Mark Lowe, CG, FUGA
Understanding the geographical and migration patterns can improve your success with North Carolina research. Learn about locating records, repositories, and the resources you need to find a Tarheel ancestor.

40B *What's New in RootsMagic 4, Part 1* Bruce Buzbee
An introduction to RootsMagic 4, the newest version of this award-winning genealogy software. Learn about new features like Web search, shared events (witnesses), person and place mapping, *Evidence Explained*-based SourceWizard, and much more.

40C *Connecting with Your Czech and German-Bohemian Ancestors* Dan Vornberg
This presentation is designed to help you identify an approach to locating your ancestors' place of origin in today's Czech Republic and tracing them in that country.

40D *Getting Started in Genealogy* Ann Barberis Wittenberg
If you are just getting started, you will want to know basic concepts of family history research, how to document your research, and the tools needed for best results

9:30–10:00 a.m.—Break and Vendor Browsing

10:00–11:00 a.m.—Second Sessions



40E *Tennessee, the Road to the West* J. Mark Lowe, CG, FUGA
Tennessee became a crossroads for travelers between the East and the frontier. Learn about the abundant records that exist for genealogists researching Tennessee. Strategies, repositories, and examples will be presented.

40F *Everything You Need to Know About Footnote.com* Russ Wilding
Learn about Footnote.com, an up-and-coming genealogical website, and the never-before-seen online historic documents they provide.

40G *Irish Research—Climbing the Family Tree* Sandra M. BrunsmannHughes
Analyze information on your Irish family and develop a game plan to find ancestors across “the Pond.”

40H *Published Histories, City Directories, and Sanborn Maps: A Trifecta of Sources* Bob Goode
A wealth of information can be obtained in published histories, especially county histories. In addition, learn how to find and use city directories to locate the residences and businesses of families. Beginning in the 1800s and varying by location, Sanborn Insurance Maps may help you to locate buildings in historical settings.

11:00–11:15 a.m.—Break and Vendor Browsing



11:15 a.m.—12:15 p.m.—Third Sessions

40I *Siege Warfare: the Mo. State Archives Prepares for the Civil War Sesquicentennial* John Dougan

40J *Why Send Germans to Missouri, Of All Places? Gottfried Duden and His (Many) Enemies* Steven W. Rowan

40K *Using American Church Records in Genealogy* Dan Vornberg
This lecture is designed for relative newcomers to explore what church records may exist in America and what useful information they may have for your family research.

12:15–1:30 p.m.—Lunch and Vendor Browsing

Afternoon Program

1:30–2:30 p.m.—Fourth Sessions



40L *Kentucky, The First State to the West*

J. Mark Lowe, CG, FUGA

The Commonwealth of Kentucky was the first state west of the mountains. Learn about the record types, where to find them, and how to use them in your research.

40M *What's New in RootsMagic 4, Part 2*

Bruce Buzbee

Continue learning about the new features of RootsMagic. The To-Go feature makes it easy to run the program directly from a flash drive and much more.

40N *How to Crack the Case on Your Family History—Missouri Laws and Judicial Records*

Patricia M. Luebbert

Historic court records offer tremendous insight into the lives of Missourians and provide a valuable window into the past. Understanding the history of Missouri's judicial records helps you to use and value them in family history research.

2:30–3:00 p.m.—Final Break and Vendor Browsing

Vendors close at 3:00 p.m.!



3:00–4:00 p.m.—Final Sessions

40O *Finding My Way Home Again ... OR A Closer Look at Migration Trails*

J. Mark Lowe, CG, FUGA

Early settlers of North Carolina, Kentucky, and Tennessee followed pathways through the mountains that continue to be traveled today. This lecture focuses on the major trails and migration patterns that led our ancestors to the frontier South.

40P *Footnote Presents: History is Biography—Making History Personal*

Eric Keith

Footnote.com helps you to find and share historic documents. See how this can help make history personal.

Speaker Bios

Featured Speaker: J. Mark Lowe, CG, FUGA

J. Mark Lowe is a full-time professional genealogist, author, and lecturer who researches primarily in original records and manuscripts throughout the South. Mark has published articles in the *Association of Genealogical Societies (APG) Quarterly*, *North Carolina Genealogical Society Quarterly*, *SPEAK!*, *The Longhunter*, and other genealogical society publications. His weekly local history article appears in the *Robertson County Times*.

Mark served as director of the Regional In-depth Genealogical Studies Alliance (RIGSA) and he is an instructor at the Institute for Genealogical & Historical Research (IGHR) at Samford University in Birmingham and at the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy sponsored by the Utah Genealogical Association (UGA). He is the former vice-president of development for the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS), immediate past-president of the Association of Professional Genealogists, and a Fellow of the Utah Genealogical Association. He was awarded the APG's Grahame T. Smallwood Jr. Award in 2007 for personal commitment and outstanding service to the genealogical community.

Additionally ...

Bruce Buzbee is the founder and president of RootsMagic, Inc. and the author of *RootsMagic* and *Family Reunion Organizer* genealogy software. Bruce is a nationally known speaker and the webmaster of *Family-Reunion.com*, the world's most popular family reunion planning site.

John Dougan is the Missouri state archivist and an advocate for free online access to genealogical records.

Patricia Luebbert is the senior archivist at the Missouri State Archives in Jefferson City, where she supervises the reference area. She is a frequent speaker on genealogical topics throughout the state.

Steven Rowan is a professor at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, specializing in European history. He has authored and/or translated eighteen books

Russ Wilding is CEO of Footnote.com, having joined the company in November 1998.

Rounding Out the Program

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More biographical information on all the speakers is available online at <www.stlgs.org>.

