

## **Green Valley Genealogical Society Workshop and Seminar Featuring Dr. Tom Jones — February 17-18, 2012.**

Thomas W. Jones, Ph.D, CG, CGL, FASG, FUGA, FNGS, works full time as a genealogical researcher, writer, editor, and educator. Dr. Jones has co-edited the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly* since 2001. He serves the Board for Certification of Genealogists as trustee and is a past president. He is the 2011 recipient of the Association of Professional Genealogists' Professional Achievement Award, 2004 recipient of its Grahame T. Smallwood Jr. Award of Merit, and 1997 and 2002 winner of the National Genealogical Society Award for Excellence for articles in the NGS Quarterly. He has been certified since 1994.

A professor emeritus at Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C., he is a genealogical educator who speaks and writes frequently on genealogical evidence, proof, and problem solving with broad application across geographic areas, time periods, and levels of expertise. Dr. Jones is known for meaty lectures benefiting genealogists of all experience levels. He coordinates and teaches courses at Samford University's Institute on Genealogy and Historical Research and the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy, and teaches in Boston University's Genealogical Certificate Program. His research has encompassed records of every state east of the Mississippi, as well as Iowa, Missouri, Texas, England, France, Germany, Italy, Ireland, and Wales. He specializes, however, in Georgia and Virginia and is most interested in solving "brick-wall" genealogical problems.

**WORKSHOP – FEB. 17, 9 AM - 12 Noon at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 17699 S Camino de las Quintas, Sahuarita.** Exit I-19 on Duval Mine Road; go west to La Canada turn right; go north 8.5 miles to W Camino Antigua; turn right; go east to stop sign. LSD Church is to the right across Camino de las Quintas. The workshop is for experienced genealogists only. Enrollment is limited to 30 attendees to allow interaction with the presenter.

### **Workshop Topics (75 minutes each):**

#### Correlating Sources, Information and Evidence to Solve Genealogical Problems.

Analysis and interpretation principles applicable to any kind of genealogical source; working with evidence from many sources; seeing patterns, parallels, and conflicts in evidence; working with records in a series (including censuses, tax rolls, rent rolls, city directories, communion lists, guardian and estate accounts); timelines, matrices, and other ways of graphically arranging evidence; explaining how records correlate and using correlation to build a convincing case.

Resolving Conflicting Evidence. Recognizing agreements and disagreements in records; distinguishing significant evidence conflicts from the trivial; strategies for reporting a conclusion when records disagree; evidence-based, rational, non-substantiation, and other approaches to resolving conflicting evidence.

**SEMINAR – Feb. 18, 9 AM – 4 PM at the Desert Hill Green Valley Recreation Center Auditorium. 2980 S Camino del Sol, Green Valley.** Exit I-19 on Continental; go west on Continental to traffic circle; around to Camino del Sol; and south 3 miles just past the Valley Presbyterian Church. Desert Hills R.C is on the south side of the parking area, and the auditorium is the first door on your right.

**Seminar Topics** (60 minutes each):

Five Ways to Prove Who Your Ancestor Was (Some Reliable and Others Not Reliable).

Case studies will illustrate five ways – some reliable and others not – that genealogists “prove” an ancestor's identity using information provided by others; using a single source; following a chain of evidence; correlating evidence from multiple sources; and weighing conflicting evidence. Attendees will learn how to use the Genealogical Proof Standard (GPS) to identify their ancestors accurately.

Finding “Unfindable” Ancestors. The failure of common research practices to identify ancestors does not mean they are “unfindable”. This session will describe and demonstrate nine approaches to locating difficult-to-trace ancestors.

How to Avoid Being Duped by the Internet. The Internet brings increasingly bountiful amounts of information to genealogists' desktops – some valid, some erroneous, and much of unknown accuracy. Attendees will learn practical strategies for discriminating between correct and misleading information. They also will learn how online genealogical information – even if its accuracy is unknown – can lead to valid conclusions about ancestors.

Solving the Mystery of the Disappearing Ancestor. Genealogists may be frustrated by not finding ancestors in the records and places where they logically expect them to be. This presentation will explain seven reasons why such ancestors seem to have disappeared, provide examples of each from actual case studies, and suggest strategies to help attendees find their elusive ancestors.