

# Illinois State Genealogical Society

Presents

## Fall Conference 2006

### Footsteps to the Past: Making Tracks Through Research

Saturday, October 14 2006

Holiday Inn ~ Itasca, Illinois



**Eric Basir** launched Photo Grafix in 1999, a photographic restoration and retouching studio based in Evanston, IL. Using a combination of photographic and computer skills, he has served hundreds of genealogists throughout the United States with high-quality photo restorations. He also has an extensive portfolio of work with advertising agencies, publishers and professional photographers. Eric has met with over a dozen genealogical societies, demonstrating his skills and sharing techniques for restoring and preserving photographs using home computers. He is the author of "Ask the Retoucher," a column syndicated to genealogical publications in the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom.

**Jeanne Larzalere Bloom CG<sup>SM</sup>** is a full-time professional researcher specializing in Chicago and Cook County research, an author, and an editor. She is a Certified Intermediary for the State of Illinois, has published articles in a number of journals including *the New York Genealogical & Biographical Society's Quarterly*, and is the editor of the Chicago Genealogical Society's newsletter. She is a member of NGS, APG, and a multi-year alumnus of IGHS at Samford and of NIGR.

**Margaret M. Kapustiak**, genealogy writer and speaker is a second-generation member of most of the eight genealogical and historical societies to which she belongs. Currently President of the Tinley Moraine Genealogists, Board member of Ridge Historical Society, and volunteer librarian for South Suburban Genealogical and Historical Society; for 25 years she has researched family lines in the Chicago area, the Midwest, New York, and New England plus in Europe where she lived for 5 years. Her entertaining and informative presentations are designed to provide you with practical tips and ideas.

**Sandra Luebking** is a Fellow of the Utah Genealogical Association. She is Course 1 coordinator at the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research in Alabama and was intermediate studies coordinator for ISGS Genealogical Institute of MidAmerica. She edits FGS FORUM, a national genealogy magazine and is the co-editor (with Loretto D. Szucs) of two award-winning books and the 2006 edition of *The Source: A Guidebook of American Genealogy*. Among her speaking honors, Sandra was a Willard Heiss Memorial lecturer for the Indiana Historical Society's Annual Conference and a Richard Slatten featured lecturer selected by the Friends of the Library of Virginia.

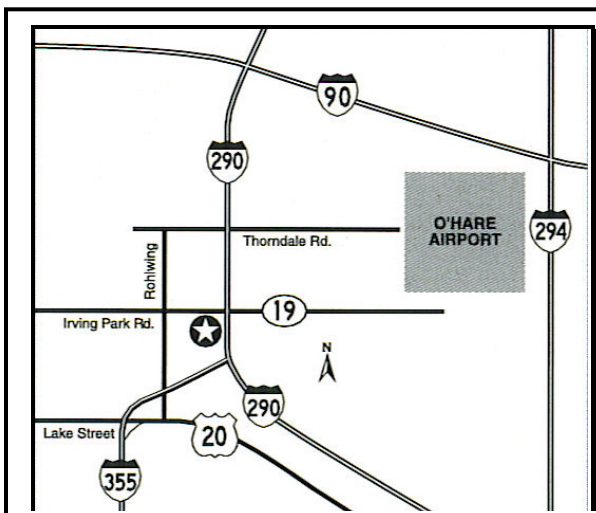
**Brother Joseph Martin** is a De La Salle Christian Brother and Assistant to the President at Lewis University in Romeoville, Illinois. Author, educator and researcher, he is a member of the National Genealogical Society, the Association of Professional Genealogists, and an alumnus of the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research at Samford University. In 2001 he conducted workshops in Chicago for the annual conference of the Polish Genealogical Society of America, and in 2004 he lectured in Detroit at the annual conference of the Federation of Eastern European Family History Societies. His published articles have appeared in *Everton's Family History Magazine*, *Heritage Quest*, *Rodziny*, the *Quarterly* of the Illinois State Genealogical Society and online with *Ancestry Daily News* and *Rootsweb Review*.

**Paul Milner**, a native of northern England is a professional genealogist and lecturer with over 25 years experience. He is the co-author with Linda Jonas of *A Genealogists Guide to Discovering Your English Ancestors: How to find and record your unique heritage* (2000), and *A Genealogists Guide to Discovering Your Scottish Ancestors: How to find and record your unique heritage* (2002) both published by Betterway Books.

**Dan Niemiec** is the Italian genealogy correspondent for *Fra Noi*, Chicago's Italian-American Newspaper. He is co-founder, co-chair and webmaster of the Chicago-North chapter of POINTers In Person. Dan is a frequent local and national speaker on Chicago and Italian genealogy as well as web sites and Family Tree Maker. He has spent 15 years tracing his ancestors and their descendants and has netted over 56,000 relatives in Chicago, Italy, Poland and elsewhere

**Martin Tuohy** has served on the staff of the National Archives and Records Administration--Great Lakes Region in Chicago since 1992. He studied at University College Dublin, Ireland (1989), earned an Artis Baccalaureate in history from Wabash College (1991) and graduated with a Master of Arts degree in U.S. history from the University of Illinois at Chicago (2001), specializing in African-American history and Irish history. Tuohy is writing a book manuscript about African-American coal miners in the Midwest. He serves on the Illinois State Archives Advisory Board and the Illinois State Historical Records Advisory Board, which promote greater public use of Illinois archives.

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## **Conference Program – Saturday, October 14, 2006**

**8:00 Registration and Networking *\*\*Visit our numerous vendors and societies displays!\*\****

**8:45 Welcome and Illinois State Genealogical Society Awards**

**9:30 BE AN INCREDIBLE!**

**Sandra Luebking**

**1A**

Master the eight steps to a super genealogical experience in which you conquer those research problems and become the family's hero.

**11:00 Catholic Church Records in Chicago**

**Dan Niemiec**

**2A**

Catholic sacramental records are an excellent primary source that can give you information such as birth date and European birthplace that may not be easily found in Chicago civil records. Dan will teach you techniques to help you locate which parish records you can search for your relatives, using geography and ethnicity. Also he will show you that the records are not as difficult to locate and read once you picked the right parish.

**Internet Tools and Sites For British Isles Research**

**Paul Milner**

**2B**

This presentation will provide a systematic methodology for finding the answers you need for your British Isles Research using the Internet. It will highlight available tools, locality sites at the national, county and local levels, plus address subject areas of interest to genealogists.

**Photo Restoration from Start to Finish**

**Eric Basir**

**2C**

Learn how to scan, restore and print a photo from beginning to end. Fast, but fun. Audience members are encouraged to bring photos from which Eric will choose to use during this demonstration.

**12:00 LUNCH**

***\*\*Visit Tutorials by Eric Basir – Scanning and Basic Restoration Demonstrations\*\****

**1:30 Eight Different Ways to Write Your Family History: From the Very Easy to the More Complex**

**Peg Kapustiak**

**3A**

There is a real sense of accomplishment when you compile one of your family's histories. Learn practical tips and helps plus methods of sharing or publishing your information.

**Buried Treasures: What's in the English Parish Chest**

**Paul Milner**

**3B**

The English parish was both an ecclesiastical and a civil jurisdiction. Both jurisdictions created informative records and kept them in the Parish Chest. This presentation will examine the breadth and wealth of information that can be found, going well beyond the baptism, marriage and burial registers.

**National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)**

**Martin Tuohy**

**3C**

This presentation will explore substantially important federal records at the National Archives-Great Lakes Region that remain surprisingly neglected by family historians. Some studies of researcher behavior estimate that 95 percent of genealogists only use about 5 percent of the historical records that are relevant to their research. Participants will learn how archives, which are hierarchical, must be searched differently than libraries and databases, which are subject-oriented. Research opportunities from Illinois and Midwest will be explored, but the research methods and types of sources will be applicable for research about other regions of the United States.

**3:00 Who Stole My Paper?**

**Dan Niemiec**

**4A**

Everyone who has had their newspaper swiped from their front porch knows the frustration of trying to find pieces of their family history in newspapers. Dan will discuss the types of family history information that can be found in newspapers and the primary repositories of Chicago newspapers in the area. Dan will also focus on finding death notices, obits and family stories using on-line resources. There are special search techniques you can use with both the Newsbank and Proquest Chicago Tribune Archives on-line, and Dan will explain how to access and search these tremendous Chicago newspaper web sites.

**The Unpolished Gems: The Cook County, Illinois Irregular Indexes**

**Jeanne Larzalere Bloom**

**4B**

Non-property records are "irregular" for the Cook County Recorder's Office and are unpolished gems for genealogists. Beginning in 1871, the indexes include pre-1916 birth/death affidavits and change of surnames.

**Half My Ancestors Were Women!**

**Brother Joseph Martin**

**4C**

Have you wondered what could be learned from the women in your family history research? This talk will address health history, personality traits, family secrets, handwriting analysis, and meeting new relatives among other topics. These details can add new dimensions to family research and help put flesh on the bones of deceased ancestors.

## **Registration Form**

**Mailed and Postmarked by September 27, 2006**

- \$35.00 – ISGS Members  
 \$40.00 for Non-Members

**Postmarked after September 27<sup>th</sup> or at the door: \$45.00**

Please, no refunds after September 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Lunch includes "All You Can Eat" Hot / Cold Buffet**

**Indicate  
Conference  
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**Surnames you are researching (maximum of 4)**

*Contact information will be included in the syllabus.*

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