



The Genealogical Society of New Jersey

Presents

2009 Spring Program

New Jersey County Records

Saturday, 30 May 2009

9:00 am – 2:00 pm



**Raritan Valley Community College / Conference Center
Route 28 and Lamington Road
North Branch, NJ**

Schedule and Registration Form

Registration includes attendance for three (3) presentations of an hour each, morning coffee, lunch and copies of all handouts. Lunch will be buffet style, with assorted sandwiches, salads and drinks. Vegetarian selections will be available.

Cost: \$30 for GSNJ members
\$37 for non-members of GSNJ

Parking is ample, and provided near the conference center. A map and directions is included with this registration package and may also be found online at <http://www.raritanval.edu/rvcc/frameset/facilities.html>.

Please select one presentation per time slot to assist us in anticipating class sizes, and mail your registration form in before 15 May 2009 to ensure yourself a space! Late registrations and walk-ins will be accommodated as space allows. Questions: please contact programs@gsnj.org.

SCHEDULE

9:00 am	Registration and Coffee	
9:15 – 10:30 am	Session One	New Jersey County Records or Hunterdon County Historical Society
10:40 – 11:55 am	Session Two	New Jersey State Archives or Somerset County Historical Society
12:00 – 12:40 pm	Lunch	
12:45 – 2:00 pm	Session Three	Morris County Archives Monmouth County Archives

SESSION AND SPEAKER DESCRIPTION

New Jersey County Levels of Genealogical Value

County government records can be invaluable sources of genealogical data, and are often times overlooked by genealogists. This talk will focus on those records filed with the County Clerks/Registers, Surrogates, and Boards of Taxation in New Jersey's 21 counties, specifically on those records that can provide personal information on our ancestors.

Speaker: Sean A. Curry, Administrator of the Public Archives and Records Infrastructure Support (PARIS) Grants Program, New Jersey Division of Archives and Records Management and a Trustee of the Genealogical Society of New Jersey. Mr. Curry holds a Masters in Library Science from Rutgers University and has over 20 years of genealogical research experience.

The Hunterdon County Historical Society

Founded in 1885, the Hunterdon County Historical Society focuses on the history of the Hunterdon County region of New Jersey. The Hiram E. Deats Memorial Library, the centerpiece of the Society's efforts, can be invaluable to those seeking information on Hunterdon County ancestors, or the region in general. The library holds over 5,000 printed volumes, 70+ archival collections of family and other papers, 1,500 original manuscripts, county and regional

newspapers in original form and on microfilm, maps, broadsides, photographs, and more. This presentation will focus on the collections and their genealogical value.

Speaker: Donald F. Cornelius, Manuscript Curator, Hunterdon County Historical Society, and Archivist at the New Jersey Division of Archives and Records Management. Mr. Cornelius holds a B.A. in History from the University of Maryland and a Master in Library Science from the University of Southern Mississippi.

Genealogical Records at the New Jersey State Archives

The New Jersey State Archives is the official repository of state records of permanent/historical value, many of which can assist with genealogical research, including court, military and vital records. This talk will focus on the newest records accessed into the Archives, including hundreds of reels of county-level records on microfilm, and vital statistic records through 1900. Also discussed will be new additions to the Archives website, specifically indexes to some of the most popular genealogical records.

Speaker: Catherine Stearns Medich, Reference Archivist at the New Jersey State Archives, New Jersey Division of Archives and Records Management. Ms. Medich holds a Masters in Library Science from Rutgers University and has over 20 years of genealogical research experience.

The Somerset County Historical Society

The Somerset County Historical Society maintains a library and archives containing an extensive bound book collection that includes maps, periodicals, photographs, census records, newspapers and genealogies, mostly relative to the Somerset County region of New Jersey. This talk will focus on the collections, the Society's hours of operations, and provide an update on the major renovations occurring at the Society's headquarters in Bridgewater.

Speaker: George H. Bebbington, Somerset County Historical Society Librarian.

The Morris County Archives

Opened in 1978, The Morris County Archives, within the Morris County Heritage Commission, has taken a leading role in the preservation of Morris County's historical records, primarily those of county government. The Archives created a program to insure the accessibility of these documents for the benefit of historians, genealogists and students. This talk will focus on the collections in general, how they might be used by genealogists as well as hours of operations and services offered.

Speaker: Peg Shultz, History Program Coordinator and Acting Archivist. She has been with the Heritage Commission for eight years. She holds an MA from William Paterson University and is pursuing her PhD in History at SUNY Binghamton. She is also an adjunct professor of history at William Paterson University.

The Monmouth County Archives

The Monmouth County Archives, under the direction of the County Clerk, preserves and protects the permanent historical records of Monmouth County government through acquisitions, appraisal and selection, and conservation and preservation. Special collections complement the core holdings of county government records. Currently, the Archives contains 4,030 bound volumes, 2,622 boxes of records, and a large quantity of audiovisual materials. The Archives makes records and information accessible through finding aids, computerized indexing of records, and individualized reference services tailored to the user's needs. The Archives promotes the understanding and appreciation of Monmouth County's history through public outreach efforts such as the annual Archives Week events. The Archives also includes the County's Records Center and its Scanning/Micrographics department.

Speaker: Gary D. Saretzky became Monmouth County Archivist in 1994. Since 1993, he has also served as Coordinator, Internship Programs, Rutgers-New Brunswick History Department and, since 1977, he has taught history of photography at Mercer County Community College. Mr. Saretzky obtained an M.A. in American History with a concentration in Archival Administration from the University of Wisconsin, a B.A. in History from the University of Wisconsin, and a B.A. in Photography from Thomas Edison College.