

WISCONSIN STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY 2009 FALL SEMINAR

**Research: Do More
And Do It Better!**



Saturday, October 3, 2009

Best Western Bridgewood Resort
Hotel and Conference Center

Neenah, Wisconsin

Michael John Neill

Host:
Winnebago Genealogical Society

OUR SPEAKER

Michael John Neill

is a genealogy writer and speaker who has been researching his or his children's genealogy for more than twenty years. A math instructor in his "other life," Michael taught at the former Genealogical Institute of Mid-America and has served on the Federation of Genealogical Societies Board. He also lectures on a variety of genealogical topics and gives seminars across the country. He maintains a personal website at: <http://www.rootdig.com>.



LECTURES

Research on a Tight Budget

How to make the most of your research dollar using cost-saving techniques that do not hinder the quality of your research.

Researching the Entire Family

How and when to research the extended family in order to locate more information on your own ancestors.

Organization of Information

How you organize your information plays a major role in what you notice. This lecture discusses effective and easy ways to organize your information in order to make the most of the data you do have.

Locating Emigrant Origins

This lecture discusses a series of general ways to determine where your emigrant ancestor originated.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Learn more about WSGS at www.wsgs.org or e-mail us at wsgs@tds.net.

SCHEDULE

- 7:30 AM Registration and Vendor Exhibits Open
- 8:30 AM Welcome from Mary Rieder, WSGS President, and WSGS Update
Presentation of Wisconsin Historical Society/WSGS Family History/Genealogy Book Award *James Hansen & Mary Rieder*
- 8:45 AM Research on a Tight Budget
Michael John Neill
- 9:45 AM Break/Vendor Exhibits Open
- 10:15 AM Researching the Entire Family
Michael John Neill
- 11:15 AM Lunch Buffet/Vendor Exhibits Open
- 12:45 PM Organization of Information
Michael John Neill
- 1:45 PM Break/Vendor Exhibits Open
- 2:15 PM Locating Emigrant Origins
Michael John Neill



LOCATION

The Seminar will be held at the **Best Western Bridgewood Resort Hotel and Conference Center**, 1000 Cameron Way, Neenah, WI 54956
www.bridgewoodresorthotel.com

Directions:

From **Green Bay**: U.S. Hwy 41 South to Neenah, exit 131; from **Milwaukee**: U.S. Hwy 41 North to Neenah, exit 131; from **Madison**: U.S. Hwy 151 to State 26 to Hwy 41 North to Neenah, exit 131; from La Crosse: Hwy I-90 East to Hwy I-94 West to WI 21 East; U.S. Hwy 41 north to Neenah, exit 131. **Local**: From U.S. Hwy 41 take the Winneconne Ave/WI-114 exit 131. Turn onto WI-114 East. Turn right onto South Green Bay Road. Continue straight ahead onto Jewelers Park Drive. Turn left onto Cameron Way.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Rooms are available at the Bridgewood Resort Hotel for Friday and Saturday nights at the rate of \$99.00 plus tax for a standard double queen room, single occupancy, \$10.00 per additional adult per room. Contact the hotel at **920-720-8000** or **800-514-5206** for reservations by **September 2nd**. Please identify yourself as being with WSGS.

LUNCHEON

The 19th Hole Lunch Buffet: Tureen of hearty soup, pasta salad, potato salad, assorted Wisconsin cheese, sliced tomatoes, onions and pickles, cold turkey, ham and roast beef with fresh baked rolls and breads, potato chips and assorted cookies, brownies and bars, coffee, iced tea or milk will be available for \$15.00.

WORKSHOP

Friday, October 2, 1:00-5:00 PM
Fee \$15; Registration Limited to 30

Lori B. Bessler, Wisconsin Historical Society

It's All Online! Or Is It? - There are so many wonderful resources online for the genealogist, it quickly becomes overwhelming. How do you tell which sites are good? How do you organize your online research so you don't end up spinning your wheels? This session will provide basic instructions to make your online research more successful & productive. It identifies types of websites, how to document your online research & how to find the great sites!

Wisconsin Historical Society: Services & Collections

The Library Archives of the Wisconsin Historical Society holds one of the top 5 genealogical collections in the country. This session will show you how to use the online catalogs, describe services that make the collections even more accessible and provide information about new collections & services including up-dates on new technology & the restoration of the beautiful Reading Room.

Dr. David McDonald, CGSM

Jefferson's Genius & the Old Northwest - discusses the history of public land in the United States. Beginning with the era immediately following the Revolutionary War, we'll consider the various ordinances establishing governance in the territory that was later called "The Northwest Territory." We'll also briefly examine the township, section & range system, along with the significance of the various-sized parcels that may have been purchased, preempted or claimed as bounty by one's forebears.

19th Century Migrations to Wisconsin – considers overland, over water & international migrations into the modern state of Wisconsin: New Englanders & New Yorkers who came following the opening of the Erie Canal; mid-Southerners who were attracted to the mineral mines of southwest Wisconsin; ethnic migrants fleeing the backlash of the Revolutions of 1848 in Europe; Norwegians, Belgians, Germans, Poles, French-Canadians & other arrivals & their impact on their communities, neighbors & the state.

Wisconsin State Genealogical Society 2009 Fall Seminar Registration Form

Please submit one form for EACH registration
(photocopies acceptable)

Please print clearly

Name _____

Maiden Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone Number _____

E-mail Address _____

Dietary or ADA Requirements _____

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	Sept. 18	Sept. 18	

Regular Rate	\$60.00	\$70.00	_____
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WSGS Rate	\$35.00	\$45.00	_____
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Lunch Buffet	\$15.00	N/A	_____
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Workshop	\$15.00	N/A	_____
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