



The Genealogical Society of New Jersey

2017 Seminar

Saturday, 17 June 2017 | www.gsnj.org

CO- HOSTS:

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
East Brunswick Ward, 303 Dunhams Corner Road
East Brunswick, New Jersey 08816

Presentations on New Jersey records, World War I, immigration and skill-building, all designed to help you advance your research!

GSNJ 2017 Seminar—Schedule

Schedule & speakers may be subject to change. Please see www.gsnj.org.

8:45 am Registration and Light Refreshments*

9:30 am Opening Remarks, C. Arthur Lawton III, GSNJ *President*

9:45 am SESSION 1 (*choice of presentations*)

1A: Can a Complex Research Problem be Solved Solely Online? *Thomas W. Jones, Ph.D., CGsm, CGLsm, FASG, FUGA, FNGS*

1B: New Jersey Vital Records, Adoption and Divorce *Melissa Johnson, CGsm*

11:00 am SESSION 2 (*choice of presentations*)

2A: Inferential Genealogy: Deducing Ancestors' Identities Indirectly *Dr. Thomas W. Jones*

2B: Stories from Ellis Island *Fred Voss*

12:00 pm Lunch* and door prize raffles

1:00 pm SESSION 3 (*choice of presentations*)

3A: Organizing Evidence to Overcome Record Shortages *Dr. Thomas W. Jones*

3B: French Huguenots in New Netherland and New York/New Jersey *Karen Mauer Jones, CGsm*

2:15 pm SESSION 4 (*choice of presentations*)

4A: Autosomal DNA to Solve a Family Mystery *Dr. Thomas W. Jones*

4B: Over There: Stories of New Jerseyans During the Great War *Flora Boros*

Please mark which presentations you plan to attend on your registration form. This information will be used for space planning purposes only. You will not be bound by your choice.

* Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints facilities are stimulant-free environments. Soft drinks and water will be offered throughout the day, but coffee and tea will not be available. We encourage attendees to be respectful and avoid bringing these beverages into the facility or smoking anywhere on the premises.

The facility is ADA-compliant.

If you have specific accommodation requests, need directions, or have other questions, please contact Joan Betancourt, GSNJ Trustee & Program Chair, at programs@gsnj.org or 732-409-2418.

GSNJ 2017 Seminar—Presentations and Speakers

GSNJ and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, East Brunswick Ward, are proud to present an exciting program. This year we are honoring the 100th anniversary of World War I and the 125th anniversary of Ellis Island. We are pleased to have Thomas W. Jones, Ph.D., CGsm, CGLsm, FASG, FUGA, FNGS, as our featured speaker. We hope you'll join us on Saturday, 17 June 2017 and discover something new to inspire your research.

1A. Can a Complex Research Problem be Solved Solely Online? *Dr. Thomas W. Jones,*

CGsm, CGLsm, FASG, FUGA, FNGS

Step by step, attendees will suggest online sources and research strategies for tracing an ancestor who seems to disappear and reappear. The presentation shows how cases can be solved online and the limits of material online today.

2A. Inferential Genealogy: Deducing Ancestors' Identities Indirectly *Dr. Thomas W. Jones*

Participants will learn how to accurately deduce ancestors' identities and many aspects of their lives by digging below "surface information" in genealogical records and by combining information from several sources.

1B. New Jersey Vital Records, Adoption and Divorce *Melissa A. Johnson, CGsm*

This lecture covers vital records and the information they provide during different time periods; vital record additions and corrections; delayed vital registration; stillbirth records; adoption records and recent adoption legislation; and divorce records. The discussion will focus on availability and restrictions, present-day organization of the records, online and on-site indexes and records, alternatives for restricted or non-existent records, and methods for using vital records, adoption records, and divorce records to solve problems.

2B. Stories from Ellis Island *Fred Voss*

This lecture provides an overview of the workings of the Island—how immigrants arrived, how they were processed through the different parts of the Island, and what might mean a long stay on the Island or a return ticket home. We'll also dive into those squiggles on the manifest and how to decipher them.

Please see www.gsnj.org for speaker biographies. The syllabus will include all handouts.

3A. Organizing Evidence to Overcome Record Shortages *Dr. Thomas W. Jones*

Genealogists often are frustrated by record shortages and surviving records that do not specify relationships. Using the analogy of assembling a jigsaw puzzle with many missing and damaged pieces, a case study will demonstrate six steps attendees can use to bypass record shortages and identify ancestors successfully.

4A. Autosomal DNA to Solve a Family Mystery *Dr. Thomas W. Jones*

This case study shows how targeted autosomal-DNA testing helped identify the father and grandparents of siblings born in New York State in the 1820s. Besides the genealogical methods, the presentation addresses locating people to test, interpreting the results, and applying them to help answer a specific research question.

3B. French Huguenots in New Netherland and New York/New Jersey *Karen Mauer Jones, CGsm, FGBS*

This lecture examines the historical and cultural context experienced by Huguenots in Europe and New York, and discusses relevant records and strategies. Two waves of Huguenots entered New Netherland/New York/New Jersey in the first century of European settlement. The first was drawn by economic opportunity and was immersed in the dominant Dutch culture. The second wave comprised religious refugees fleeing the repercussions of the 1685 Revocation of the Edict of Nantes. Many of the latter wave spent time in England, were comfortable within the English culture, and assimilated quickly. These groups have different histories and records, and require different research strategies for successful tracking. In both cases, understanding the dominant culture facilitates research.

4B. Over There: Stories of New Jerseyans During the Great War *Flora Boros*

In honor of the centennial anniversary of America's entry into the Great War, this lecture will examine the long-forgotten history of the Garden State "Over There," and re-people a past that has become faceless and remote. The presentation will draw upon documents and artifacts housed in Rutgers University Library's Special Collections & University Archives as crucial "actors" in our collective New Jersey history.

GSNJ Seminar Registration

Mail your registration form and payment to:

GSNJ 2017 Seminar
c/o Scott Holmes, GSNJ Treasurer
7 Wagner Court, Ringoes, NJ 08551

OR REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.GSNJ.ORG

Please complete a separate form for each registration. Additional forms may be downloaded at www.gsnj.org. Walk-ins are welcome but may not be guaranteed lunch or printed syllabus.

Register by Saturday, 2 June 2017

Name

Street Address

City

State / Province

Zip / Postal Code

Phone Number **(Required)**

E-mail

Registration:

- GSNJ and LDS Church Members: **\$48**
- Non-Members: **\$58**
- Register and Join GSNJ: **\$88** (*Savings of \$10*)

Mark presentation choice:

- 1A or 1B
- 2A or 2B
- 3A or 3B
- 4A or 4B

Indicate your lunch choice:

- Turkey Sandwich
- Ham & Swiss Sandwich
- Mediterranean Veggie Sandwich
- Classic Salad (Gluten Free)

Contact us about food allergy concerns.

Payment (or pay online with credit card at www.gsnj.org)

- Check—Payable to “Genealogical Society of New Jersey”
- MasterCard Visa Discover AmEx

Name of Card Holder [As it appears on card]

Credit Card Number

Expiration Date Billing Zip Code 3- or 4-Digit Security

Directions and Parking

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
East Brunswick Ward Building
303 Dunhams Corner Road
East Brunswick, New Jersey 08816

Via New Jersey Turnpike

- **TAKE EXIT 9** for Route 18, New Brunswick / East Brunswick
 - **FOLLOW SIGNS FOR ROUTE 18 SOUTH**
 - Continue on Route 18 South
 - **TURN RIGHT** on Rues Lane (at Brunswick Square Mall).
 - *(At next light, Rues Lane becomes Ryders Lane. Continue on Ryders Lane.)*
 - **TURN LEFT** on Dunhams Corner Road.
 - **GO THROUGH ONE TRAFFIC LIGHT**, 303 Dunhams Corner Road will be on your right
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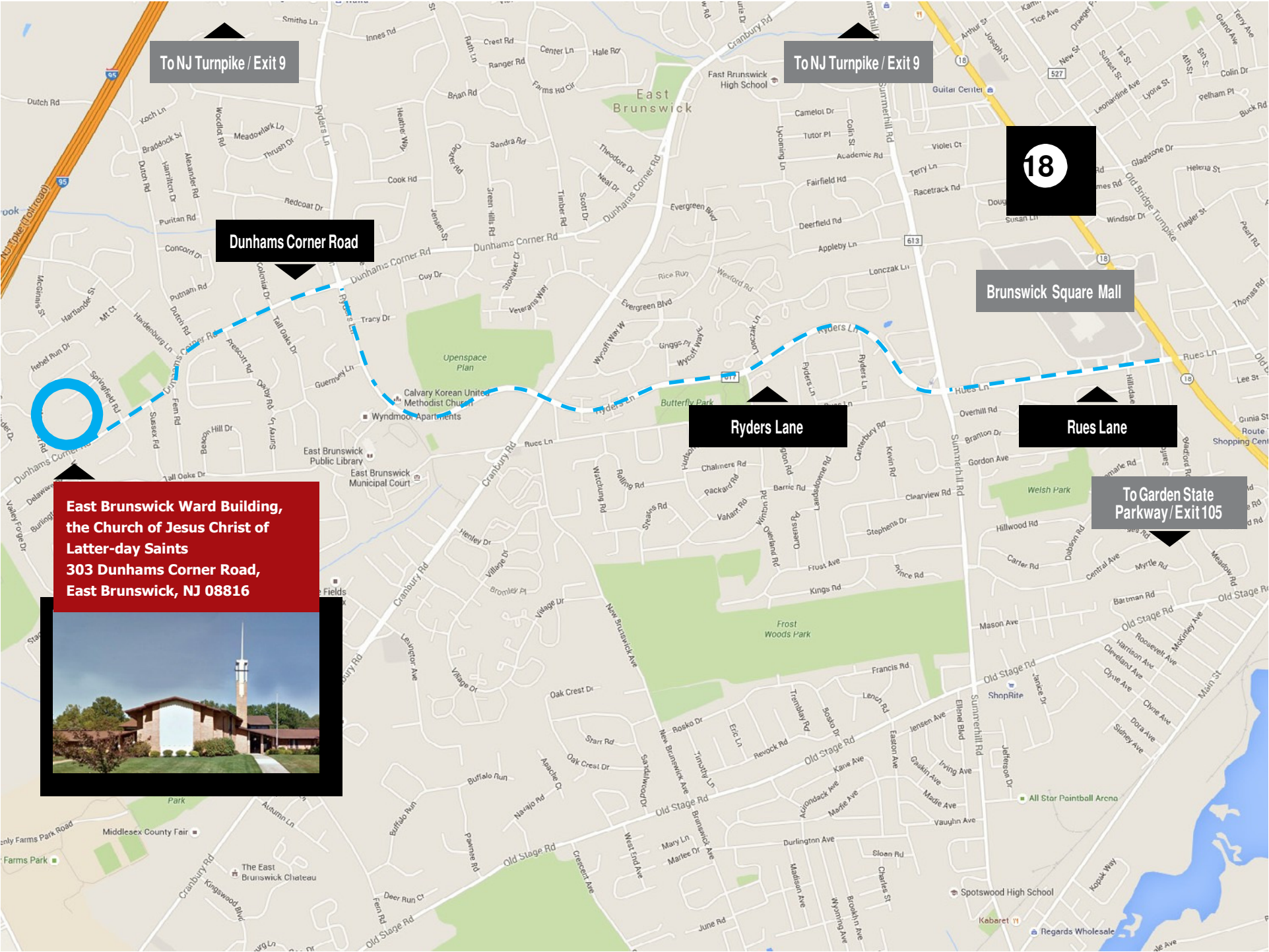
Via Garden State Parkway—Northbound to Exit 105

- **TAKE EXIT 105** for Route 18 North towards New Brunswick
 - After approximately 21 miles, **USE THE JUG-HANDLE TO TURN LEFT** from Route 18 North onto Rues Lane
 - *(At next light, Rues Lane becomes Ryders Lane. Continue on Ryders Lane.)*
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Via Route 287

- **TAKE EXIT 9** for River Road toward Bound Brook/Highland Park
 - **TURN RIGHT** onto River Road
 - **MERGE ONTO ROUTE 18 SOUTH** to New Brunswick
 - **TURN RIGHT** on Rues Lane (at Brunswick Square Mall)
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Free parking is available on-site.



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Dunhams Corner Road

Brunswick Square Mall

Ryders Lane

Rues Lane

To Garden State Parkway / Exit 105

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