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2024 Genealogy Conference Saturday, 20 July 2024

Our 2024 Genealogy Conference will be **VIRTUAL via Zoom** this year to reach as many GSNJ members and non-members located across the United States and the world as possible. We planned an exciting program with eight presentations divided into two tracks. Join us for a fun-filled day to learn about researching women serving in the US Army during World War II, veterans when military records are missing, and Canadian ancestors. Other topics include using lesser-known records in your research, the importance of social history in genealogy, writing your family story, crafting citations, and decoding non-English language records.

All presentations will be recorded and available to all pre-registered attendees only for viewing until **30 August 2024**.

Closed Captioning is available during the sessions.

Schedule (All times are Eastern Daylight Time)

9:45 am	Waiting room opens for attendees
10:00 am	Opening Remarks: Melissa Johnson, CG®, GSNJ President
10:15 am	Session 1A: No OMPF? No Problem! Sara Cochran
	Session 1B: What is Social History and Why Should a Genealogist Care? Annette Burke Lyttle
11:30 am	Session 2A: Tips & Tricks for Lesser-Known Record Types, Deanna Korte
	Session 2B: What Did You Do in the War, Granny? Women in the Army in World War II, Annette Burke Lyttle
12:30 am	Lunch Break
1:15 pm	Door Prize Drawings
1:30 pm	Session 3A: What's in Your Canadian Genealogy Toolbox? Kathryn Lake Hogan
	Session 3B: Get Organized to Write Your Family Stories, Annette Burke Lyttle
2:45 pm	Session 4A: Help! My records are not in English, Bryna O'Sullivan
	Session 4B: Citations: Not as Scary as You Think, Annette Burke Lyttle
4:00 pm	Conference Closes

Each presentation is forty-five (45) minutes followed by fifteen (15) minute Q&A, with a fifteen (15) minute break between presentations. The schedule and speakers are subject to change. See www.gsnj.org for updates.

Attendees **MUST** provide a working email address at the time of registration. A working internet connection is required to access the virtual conference. The syllabus and conference link will be emailed to attendees on 18 July 2024.

Presentations and Speakers

SESSION 1A: No OMPF? No Problem! Sara Cochran

Researching 20th Century veterans is especially difficult as a fire destroyed millions of Compiled Military Service Records in 1973. This session will look at other ways to find the stories of the WWI and WII veterans in our families.

SESSION 1B: What is Social History and Why Should a Genealogist Care? Annette Burke Lyttle

Social history is the history of ordinary people and how they lived their daily lives. It seeks to fill in the rich details of the past. Learn how social history can both improve our research skills and help us better understand and tell the stories of our ancestors' lives.

SESSION 2A: Tips & Tricks for Lesser-Known Record Types, Deanna Korte

A discussion of tools, tips and tricks using record sets that will take your genealogical research to the next level.

SESSION 2B: What Did You Do in the War, Granny? Women in the Army in World War II, Annette Burke Lyttle

Over 150,000 women served in the Army in World War II. Women's military service in this time period helped change expectations and perceptions about women's role outside the home. Learn about their pioneering wartime service and how to find records for the women in your family who served.

SESSION 3A: What's in Your Canadian Genealogy Toolbox? Kathryn Lake Hogan

Explore the top websites for researching your ancestors in Canada. Learn where to find the best resources for Canadian and provincial record groups, history, newspapers, land records, maps, photographs and more to help you fill your Canadian genealogy toolbox.

SESSION 3B: Get Organized to Write Your Family Stories, Annette Burke Lyttle

Sharing our family stories is critical so those stories don't get lost. But it can be very daunting to know how to get started. Learn some ways to organize your space, your time, your ideas, and your research results that will make it easier for you to write them up.

SESSION 4A: Help! My records are not in English, Bryna O'Sullivan

This presentation will guide in decoding non-English language records; share resources for exploring records on your own; and identify when you need a translator.

SESSION 4B: Citations: Not as Scary as You Think, Annette Burke Lyttle

Citing our sources as we research is an important part of good research practices. It also saves us time and frustration. Many family historians find citations intimidating and confusing, but they don't have to be. Learn how to feel confident that you can cite sources without fear.

Speaker Biographies

Sara Cochran, is a full-time professional genealogist with thirty years of research experience. She holds a Boston University Genealogical Research Certificate and a Bachelor's Degree in Library Science. Find her online at *TheSkeletonWhisperer.com*.

Kathryn Lake Hogan, UE, PLCGS, was born, raised and is still living in Southwestern Ontario, Canada. She is a professional genealogist and educator with deep roots in Canada through her Loyalist ancestors.

Deanna Korte, is a genealogical writer, lecturer, and editor of the *Genealogical Magazine of New Jersey*, with extensive experience using dynamic record sets.

Annette Burke Lyttle, speaks on a variety of genealogical topics and loves helping people uncover and share their family stories. She is past president of the Association of Professional Genealogists and edits *The Florida Genealogist*.

Bryna O'Sullivan, is a Middletown, CT based professional genealogist and French to English genealogical translator.

GSNJ 2024 Genealogy Conference Registration

Register online at www.gsnj.org Or

Mail your registration form and payment to:

GSNJ 2024 Genealogy Conference
c/o Joan E. Betancourt, GSNJ Treasurer
10 Lincoln Place, Freehold, NJ 07728

Complete a separate form for each registration. Additional forms may be printed from www.gsnj.org.

Registration deadline: Wednesday, 17 July 2024

Name

Street Address

City

State/Province

Zip/Postal Code

Country

Phone Number **(Required)**

E-mail **(Required)**

Registration:

- GSNJ Members: **\$45**
 Non-Members: **\$60**

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

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

Name of Card Holder [As it appears on card]

Credit Card Number

Expiration Date

Billing Zip Code

3-or-4-Digit Security Code

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