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## DUTCHESS COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

**"Researching your Native American Ancestry:  
how government archives, oral history  
and genetic testing can help."  
is the topic of the March meeting of  
the Dutchess County Genealogical Society**

Documenting your indigenous ancestry can be difficult due to families covering up their ethnicity, census record inaccuracies and public mistrust of oral histories. It is important to understand the value of oral histories where languages were not written, and how to shore up these histories with tandem archival documents from the time period, even though the ancestor may not be directly named therein. DNA testing can also help, as more people are tested, to verify relationships to others who have found documentation, in the same way that all ethnicities can be helped. An overview of local tribal histories will be used as illustration. Some of this material will be covered in the "Family Trails" column of the March 24th issue of the *Highlands Current*.

Our speaker, Valerie LaRobardier is a professional genealogist, municipal historian and president of the Dutchess County Genealogical Society. She claims Micmac, Wampanoag and Sami among her ancestors, both documented and yet to be documented, and is the genealogist for the Schaghticoke First Nations tribe.

**All are welcome.**

**Questions? Call 845=229-9552**

**Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints  
204 Spackenkill Road, Poughkeepsie  
Tuesday, 21 March 2017 7:30 P. M.**

**If Spackenkill Schools are closed because of weather,  
the meeting will be canceled.**