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Dutchess County, New York, to Digitize Naturalization Records 1932-1989



Brad Kendall, Dutchess County Clerk at Poughkeepsie NY, has secured a grant from Ancestry.com to scan and digitize the 1932-1989 naturalization records kept at the county. About 20,000 people are covered by the

records that include original petitions for naturalization, and signed oaths of allegiance. The records include the manner in which the person came to the USA, as well as original photographs.

The records will be scanned, imaged, and then posted on the Ancestry.com. Subscribers will have access to the information. Ancestry.com will also create an online index to the information, as they do all their offerings. A link to the data will be on the [Dutchess County Clerk's website](#).

(From the April 25, 2009 edition of [midhudsonnews.com](#).)

(Ed. Note: This is not yet on the County Clerk's web site; apparently the records are at Ancestry.com being processed.

The County Clerk web site is:

<http://www.co.dutchess.ny.us/CountyGov/Departments/CountyClerk/CCindex.htm>

Fall 2011 Seminar

from Valerie LaRobardier

Who Do You Think Your Ancestors Were?

Date: Saturday, October 29, 2011

Time: 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM
(Registration: 9:30 AM to 10:00 AM)
(Lunch: 12:15 to 1:15 PM)

Place: Hyde Park United Methodist Church
Route 9, Hyde Park, New York

Registration: Advance Registration: \$25.00
Walk-ins at the door on day of seminar:
\$25.00 DCGS Members, \$30.00 Non-members

Lunch: \$7.50 for optional buffet lunch (deli meats, cheese, breads and salads). Available only with advance registration

Devotees of the popular TV show "Who Do You Think You Are?" will recognize the use of a similar question with a different twist presented by this year's seminar.

Program Schedule:

Same Name, Must Be Same Person

Christine Crawford Oppenheimer
10:00 a.m.

An unprepared family historian can waste valuable research time tracking a supposed ancestor who isn't actually in that person's family. Name problems can hinder your research. Learn techniques for evaluating and verifying research results so you will research your own ancestors, and not someone else's.

Evaluating Genealogical Evidence

Christine Crawford-Oppenheimer
11:15 a.m.

While some genealogical sources are straightforward, others may not be. In some cases, different sources may give different information for the same event. This talk discusses how we can evaluate them and be sure we are putting the correct information (and ancestors!) in our records, and how to deal with information when you cannot make a determination as to which source is correct.

Techniques That Might Break Through Brick Walls

Christine Crawford-Oppenheimer
1:15 p.m.

Some of the techniques we discussed today may help you break through brick walls. If they don't work, this talk will give you more ideas to follow up on.

Surprises, Skeletons in the Closet and Black Sheep

Valerie LaRobardier
2:30 p.m.

What do you do when you find surprises in your ancestors' stories? How and how much should we reveal about black sheep ancestors? Did you know there is a genealogical society for folks with black sheep ancestors? Acceptance and denial--how do we handle learning one of "our ancestors" doesn't really belong in our tree?

Registration (Advance registration must be postmarked by October 21, 2011):

To register, mail your name, address, telephone number, and a check with the advance registration fee of \$25 and the lunch cost of \$7.50 (if you wish to take advantage of the buffet. You may bring your own lunch; drinks will be supplied free of charge). Make your check payable to the Dutchess County Genealogical Society.

Mail registration and check to:
Dutchess County Genealogical Society
P.O. Box 708
Poughkeepsie, NY 12602

Directions to the Church:

The United Methodist Church in the village of Hyde Park is located on the east side (on the right going north) of Route 9, at the corner of Albany Post Road/Route 9 and Church Street. The entrance to the parking lot is on Church Street.

DCGS Program Calendar

from Valerie LaRobardier

General Meetings:

When: The third Tuesday of September, November, January, March and May

Time: 7:30 PM

Place: Church of Jesus Christ, Latter Day Saints (LDS)
204 Spackenkill Road Poughkeepsie, NY 12603

The LDS Church is located on Spackenkill Road, at the corner of Twin Hills Road in the Town of Poughkeepsie. It is about two miles east of Route 9 or about one mile west of Route 376.

Please Note: If Spackenkill Schools are closed due to inclement weather, the meeting will be cancelled.

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September 20: **Caring For Your Heirloom Scrapbook**

Christine Crawford-Oppenheimer, MLS

November 15: **Immigration to Poughkeepsie**

Harvey Flad, Professor Emeritus at Vassar

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January 17: **Members Helping Members**

Annual informal sharing roundtable

March 20: **Tracing Irish Ancestors**

Mary Colbert, DCGS Librarian

Genealogy Classes at the East Fishkill Community Library:

Registration is through the library only, and is free.

It is required, and class is limited to 36 participants.

Contact: Cindy Dubinski, 845-221-9943 x225

dubinski@eflibrary.org

Time: 10:30 – 12:30

Place: Alley Room of the Library

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September 12: **Researching Vital Records**

Valerie LaRobardier DCGS President

November 14: **Finding Irish Ancestors**

Mary Colbert DCGS Librarian

December 12: **Exploring Probate, Wills and Land Records**

Valerie LaRobardier

News from the DCGS Board

from Valerie LaRobardier

A few highlights from recent board meetings at the Bennett Room of the Millbrook Library:

- 1 We discussed the success of our outreach programs:
 - A Mary Ann and Mary had an enjoyable day at the DCGS booth at the Hudson Valley Renegades' Family Fest June 18th. This also provided a good rehearsal for the Dutchess County Fair.
 - B Genealogy classes at the East Fishkill Community Library continue to have record turnouts. We discussed the possibility of adding classes in Pine Plains to shorten the trip for our Eastern Dutchess aspiring genealogists. We also discussed how to turn these attendees into new members for the Society.
- 2 Christine has lined up a lively rotation of speakers for our general meetings. Details are set for the Fall Seminar October 29th and we are pursuing publicity for that now.
- 3 The budget for the next fiscal year was hammered out. We decided to opt for letting this year go unbalanced in order to purchase a program projector and additional library materials as well as handouts for the Fair. There is ample reserve to cover this and we feel it is an investment in increased membership to insure continued income in future years.
- 4 Regarding membership, we discussed the need to print new member cards. We also proposed solving the returned mail problem by providing a 'time away form' for members to use, such as:

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I will need an alternate mailing address for my Quarterly mailing for the following dates:

Beginning _____ Ending _____

Member name: _____

Temporary address for the above dates:

 Street City State/Province Zip

Fill out and mail to
 DCGS, PO Box 708, Poughkeepsie NY 12602-0708

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DCGS at the Dutchess County Fair held 8/21-8/28/2011

Dutchess County Clerk Brad Kendall visits Genealogy Society booth at the DC Fair

Valerie LaRobardier

The area around the Dutchess County Genealogical Society's booth in Family Building E was alive with excitement on 8/23 at 10:00 AM for the opening of the Dutchess County Fair. County Clerk Bradford Kendall helped by greeting guests and sharing stories of queries he has received and how the County Courthouse records help researchers. Families and societies come from all over the US to research.

A steady stream of interesting visitors chatted about ancestors in New York and New England as well as far flung corners of the globe--there was even one from Malta. Oscar the Robot stopped by, providing an interesting spin on ancestral pedigrees entertaining the crowd with which factories his parts had come from. A visitor from Central New York shared her wonderful childhood memories of the Nine Partners Meeting House and Cemetery in Millbrook. Beginners and experts alike took home program schedules and seminar registration forms. But by far the biggest draw were the maps of New York, the United States and the World. Visitors put pins in the map to show parents' birthplaces. Some knew right where to place the pin while others only had an approximate location. Both alternatives sparked a lively conversation.

Here are some photos of our booth and two officers, and of Brad Kendall, County Clerk.



Mary Ann Zatlukal and Brad Kendall at the world map



Society President Valerie LaRobardier presents certificate to County Clerk Brad Kendall for his work securing a grant for Ancestry.Com to digitize county naturalization records.



VP of Education Mary Ann Zatlukal, also an avid quilter, displays her custom Family Tree Quilt



New York Family History School programs

Please visit their web site for more info –

www.newyorkfamilyhistoryschool.org/programs/

also:

- [CNYGS' 50th Anniversary Celebration](#)

Fri, 14 Oct. 2011, 9:00am

Comfort Inn,

6701 Buckley Road Syracuse, NY 13212

- [Tenting Tonight](#)

Mon, 17 Oct. 2011, 7:30pm

Levittown Public Library,

1 Bluegrass Lane, Levittown, NY 11756

- [Beyond the Draft: WWI Records in the National Archives](#)

Tue, 18 Oct. 2011, 5:30pm

The New York Public Library,

Fifth Avenue at 42nd Street, New York, NY

and more:

- [Research in Albany 2011](#)

Thu, 3 Nov. 2011, 9:00am

New York State Archives and Library,

222 Madison Ave, Albany, NY 12210

- [The Road Less Traveled: Polish & Ukrainian Research](#)

Wed, 9 Nov. 2011, 5:30pm

The New York Public Library,

Fifth Avenue at 42nd Street, New York, NY

- [An Introduction to Irish Research](#)

Wed, 16 Nov. 2011, 5:30pm

The New York Public Library,

Fifth Avenue at 42nd Street, New York, NY

- [Researching your Irish Ancestors](#)

Thu, 17 Nov. 2011, 5:30pm

The New York Genealogical & Biographical Society,

36 West 44th St., 7th floor, New York, NY

- [Eyewitness to Terror](#)

Mon, 21 Nov. 2011, 7:30pm

Levittown Public Library,

1 Bluegrass Lane, Levittown, NY 11756

Mapping Dutchess...

from Valerie LaRobardier

I am thinking that this info might be of use to members who don't already know about it, and perhaps next year we might add a hands on activity built around it at the fair booth where people could look up and "see" what was in their neighborhood in earlier years.

The link is

<http://geoaccess.co.dutchess.ny.us/geoaccessv2/>

1. On the map layers section on the left pane expand the Historic Survey 1986 item and check Points of Interest, Viewpoints and Reference Maps [all three boxes should get checked]. This "turns on" the historic survey layer of the map.
2. Find your neighborhood and zoom in to around 1:600 or 1:800 using the Select a Scale combo box in the upper left corner.
3. Scroll down and select "Points of Interest" in the combo box below Identity in the lefthand pane about half way down. Then click on any one of the blue and white information circles on the map and scroll down below the Identity box to find the web link. Click on the web link to open the data sheet...a pdf with photos, prior ownership, mostly from the 1800's maps, other relevant info and a site map sketch.

Steph Mauri did an outstanding job on these data sheets. All kinds of information helpful to genealogists!

The above is apparently part of a larger Historic Sites and old maps project,

<http://www.co.dutchess.ny.us/CountyGov/Departments/Planning/planonit042011.pdf>

"I feel like I'm on a scavenger hunt in another time, another country, another language." --Rosie O'Donnell on NBC's "Who Do You Think You Are?", 18 March 2011

Christine Crawford-Oppheimer