

# New York State Family History Conference



## Why have a New York State Family History Conference?

The idea originated at the Central New York Genealogical Society's 50th Anniversary Conference in Syracuse in 2011 — a great success.

The inspiration for the conference is the special — and sometimes daunting — challenge of researching New York families, experienced even by those with advanced research skills.

New York's long and complicated colonial and state history; the patterns of immigration into and migration within the state; the diversity of its population; the challenge of uncovering and accessing an extraordinary range of records frequently created and kept inconsistently; the quest for substitutes for major records lost to fire and flood, none more devastating than the New York State Archives fire of 1911; and the idiosyncrasies of records dispersal among sixty-two counties are among the many reasons why New York genealogical research has this reputation.

The conference goal is to break down research barriers and to provide a forum for sharing research knowledge and problem-solving experiences.

The 2013 New York State Family History Conference will be the first in a series of regularly scheduled conferences focused on researching New York families; the plan is to improve it incrementally so that it becomes the best regional genealogical conference in the nation. ✕

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## What, When, and Where in 2013

**DATE:** Friday, September 20 and Saturday, September 21.

**PLACE:** Holiday Inn and Conference Center Liverpool, Syracuse, NY

**PROGRAM:** Twenty lectures in two tracks: *Focus on New York State* and *Beyond the Basics*. Welcome reception. Two luncheons and a dinner, all with speakers. Vendor exhibitions.

**WEBSITE:** [www.nysfhc.org](http://www.nysfhc.org)

**REGISTRATION:** Early bird rate (ends July 1):

NYG&B and CNYGS members: \$90

Non-members: \$115

Thursday pre-conference: Shuttle to Onondaga County Public Library or all-day Guided History Tour

Register in the online store at [www.newyorkfamilyhistory.org](http://www.newyorkfamilyhistory.org)

Or by calling 212-755-8532, ext. 211

Vendors/Exhibitors/Advertisers:

Visit [www.nysfhc.org/exhibitors.html](http://www.nysfhc.org/exhibitors.html) for fees and contracts.

**QUESTIONS:** Send email to [education@nygbs.org](mailto:education@nygbs.org) or call 212-755-8532, ext. 211

### HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS:

\$119+ tax per night at Holiday Inn Liverpool.

Use code "CGS" for discounted price.

Reservations: 315-457-1122 or 877-834-3613

### SPEAKERS:

- Blaine Bettinger, *The Journal of Genetic Genealogy*
- Ruth Carr, *New York Public Library* (retired)
- Sachiko Clayton, *New York Public Library*
- Laura Murphy DeGrazia, CG, *NYG&B Record*
- Stefani Evans, CG, *National Genealogical Society*
- James D. Folts, *New York State Archives*
- Karen Mauer Green, CG, *NYG&B Record*
- Eric Grundset, *Library of the Daughters of the American Revolution*
- Terry Koch-Bostic, *National Genealogical Society*
- Michael Leclerc, *Mocavo*
- Joseph Lieby, *Palatines to America German Genealogical Society*
- Maira Liriano, *New York Public Library*
- Kathleen Roe, *New York State Archives*
- Paula Stuart-Warren, CG
- D. Joshua Taylor, *findmypast.com*



# Conference Schedule

## New York State Family History Conference, September 20-21, 2013

Friday Track A: New York State				Friday Track B: Beyond the Basics		
Time	#	Lecture	Speaker	#	Lecture	Speaker
8:30 - 9:30	A1	Finding Genealogical Treasure in the New York State Archives <i>Sponsored by Office of Cultural Education/State Education Department</i>	Kathleen Roe	B1	Oh, the Things You Can Map: Mapping Data, Memory, and Historical Context <i>Sponsored by the National Genealogical Society</i>	Stefani Evans
10:00 - 11:00	A2	Mocavo's Online Research Tools for New York Genealogists <i>Sponsored by Mocavo</i>	Michael Leclerc	B2	Indexes & Databases for American Indian Research	Paula Stuart-Warren
11:30 - 12:30	A3	The Milstein Division of the New York Public Library <i>Sponsored by the New York Public Library</i>	Maira Liriano	B3	Were Your Ancestors Refugees from the 1847 German Revolution?	Joe Lieby
12:30-1:30	<b>Friday Lunch &amp; Lecture: Terry Koch-Bostic</b> <b>Read All About It! Finding Spicy Stories of New York Ancestors in Newspapers Online</b>					
2:00-3:00	A4	German Heritage & History in New York State	Joe Lieby	B4	How Old Do They Have To Be To... Age Considerations in Genealogical Research <i>Sponsored by National Society Daughters of the American Revolution</i>	Eric Grundset
3:30-4:30	A5	New York State Censuses and City Directories	Terry Koch-Bostic	B5	Tho' They Were Poor, They May Have Been Rich in Records	Paula Stuart-Warren
6:00	<b>Friday Dinner &amp; Lecture: D. Joshua Taylor</b> <b>Family History in Pop Culture - <i>sponsored by findmypast.com</i></b>					
Saturday Track A: New York State				Saturday Track B: Beyond the Basics		
8:30-9:30	A6	Court and Probate Records in the New York State Archives <i>Sponsored by Office of Cultural Education/State Education Department</i>	Jim Folts	B6	Clustering: Maximizing Online Research <i>Sponsored by findmypast.com</i>	D. Joshua Taylor
10:00-11:00	A7	Explore New York City History Through the Digitized Collections of the New York Public Library <i>Sponsored by the New York Public Library</i>	Sachiko Clayton	B7	The WPA Era: What it Created for Genealogists	Paula Stuart-Warren
11:30-12:30	A8	Spanning the Great New York State Abyss: Connecting Generations When No Vital Records Exist <i>Sponsored by the NYG&amp;B</i>	Laura Murphy DeGrazia	B8	Other Places Your Ancestors Might be Hiding	Ruth Carr
12:30-1:30	<b>Saturday Lunch &amp; Lecture: Michael Leclerc</b> <b>Lessons for the Twenty-First Century Researcher - <i>sponsored by Mocavo</i></b>					
2:00-3:00	A9	Cutting Through the Confusion: Research in Upstate New York	Karen Mauer Green	B9	Using Autosomal DNA to Explore Your Ancestry <i>Sponsored by Central New York Genealogical Society</i>	Blaine Bettinger
3:30-4:30	A10	New York in the Revolution: The Most Difficult State to Research? <i>Sponsored by National Society Daughters of the American Revolution</i>	Eric Grundset	B10	20th & 21st Century Research <i>Sponsored by the New England Historic Genealogical Society</i>	Paula Stuart-Warren