



The Genealogical Society of New Jersey | www.gsnj.org Spring Genealogy Conference

Saturday, 8 May 2021

The GSNJ 2021 Spring Genealogy Conference is a **VIRTUAL** event. This year's conference provides 8 presentations divided into 4 time slots.

Can't be in two places at once or your plans change for the day? Do not fret! All presentations will be recorded and available to all pre-registered attendees for viewing until 30 June 2021.

Note: Instructions for using Zoom for the sessions can be downloaded from the event page on www.gsnj.org. A Zoom practice session is planned for Thursday, 6 May - time and link will be emailed to all pre-registered attendees.

Schedule (All times are Eastern Daylight Time)

9:30 am	Attendees begin to access the conference
9:45 am	Opening Remarks: C. Arthur Lawton III, GSNJ President
10:00 am	Session 1A: Italian Genealogy 101
	Session 1B: That's in the Archives! Digging Deeper into the New Jersey State Archives
11:30 am	Session 2A: Academic Records & Family History Research
	Session 2B: Ethical Dilemmas in Genealogy
12:45 pm	Lunch
1:30 pm	Door Prize Drawings
1:45 pm	Session 3A: Sports-Related Ties to Family History Research
	Session 3B: Genealogical Timelines for Organization, Analysis and Problem Solving
3:30 pm	Session 4A: Researching & Sharing the Journey of Your Ancestors
	Session 4B: Loose Records, What Are They?

Each presentation is fifty (50) 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.

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Presentations and Speakers

SESSION 1A: Italian Genealogy 101, Alec Ferretti

Learn how to trace Italian immigrants back to their ancestral hometown by understanding migration patterns and leveraging different types of records such as immigration and naturalization records.

SESSION 1B: That's in the Archives! Digging Deeper into the New Jersey State Archives, Melissa Barker

Genealogists use archives to locate records about their ancestors. Digging deeper into New Jersey archives to find records is your next step in your research.

SESSION 2A: Academic Records & Family History Research, Alan Delozier

This presentation centers upon the educational life of an individual and their ancestors by tracing their respective connections to school attendance as a starting point and their academic pursuits if they were affiliated with any educational institution during the course of their lifetime. This includes looking beyond the established popularity of yearbooks and class photographs alone to explore various resources that provide details on the curriculum, student activities, classmates, teachers, and other aspects that reflect on their own "school days" and official learning pursuits.

SESSION 2B: Ethical Dilemmas in Genealogy, Dr. Penny Walters

'I'm just compiling our family tree, what possible problems could there be?' Dr Penny Walters, author of 'Ethical Dilemmas in Genealogy' and 'The Psychology of Searching' explains that ethical dilemmas in genealogy have come to the forefront since law enforcement utilized information from GEDMatch to apprehend a suspected serial killer. This created a division in the genealogy field about invasion of privacy. Ethical dilemmas unfolding include discovering secrets, lies, bigamy, enslavement, criminality, unexpected DNA relatives, unexpected ethnicities, relatives that aren't now related, injustices. Attendees will benefit from considering ethical issues with more empathy and sensitivity.

SESSION 3A: Sports-Related Ties to Family History Research, Alan Delozier

This presentation centers on a popular field of endeavor and record keeping found by, and on behalf of athletes, officials, and fans alike. A major aspect of sports is how it impacts on the presence of shared experience in the form of game attendance, oral recollections, displays of fandom, etc. Other factors related to varied athletic endeavors not only from the player perspective, but also those who may have been affiliated with a sport/team in some way within the recent past or back in history who may have also coached, served as an official, cheerleader, etc. These factors help to flesh out the family story especially where stories that revolve around athletic life and its rituals could be part of a family story in some way.

SESSION 3B: Genealogical Timelines for Organization, Analysis and Problem Solving, Laura Cubbage-Draper

In researching our family, we gather extensive amounts of records and information to be compiled. Timelines are a tool that allows us to organize our data, and to visually identify patterns, gaps, themes, and relationships. This program will provide examples of genealogical timelines (migration patterns, research gaps, specific record type, historical perspective, etc.) as well as suggestions on creating timelines in Microsoft Word and Excel.

SESSION 4A: Researching & Sharing the Journey of Your Ancestors, Janice Gilyard

Janice will share tips and techniques on effectively researching your African American ancestors and research beyond the 1870 census. Personal case histories will also be a part of this presentation.

SESSION 4B: Loose Records, What Are They?, Melissa Barker

Genealogists use minute books, ledger books and other bound records that are located at archives, libraries, and genealogical societies. There is also another type of records available called Loose Records that the genealogist should be seeking. Learn what loose records are, what records groups they can be found in New Jersey and how they can benefit your research.

Speaker Biographies

Melissa Barker a Certified Archives Manager and Public Historian. She lectures, teaches, and writes about researching in archives and records preservation. She is affectionately known as *The Archive Lady*. She is a Professional Genealogist working with clients researching Tennessee ancestors.

Laura Cubbage-Draper is a genealogical researcher, lecturer, volunteer and the owner of LCD Genealogy Services. She is a GSNJ Trustee, Treasurer of the New Jersey Chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists, and a volunteer with the Metuchen-Edison Historical Society. Laura holds a certificate in Genealogical Research from Boston University and is a graduate of ProGen 40.

Alan Delozier, D. Litt. is the University Archivist and Educational Programs Coordinator for Special Collections, Seton Hall University and Executive Director of the New Jersey Catholic Historical Commission. Earned his doctorate in Irish Studies from Drew University (2015) and a Certificate in History of Family and Genealogical Methods from Limerick University [Ollscoil Luimnigh] Ireland in 2019.

Alec Ferretti is a family historian with the Wells Fargo Family & Business History Center and is the President of the New York Genealogy & Technology Group. Alec serves on the Board of Directors of Reclaim the Records, a nonprofit corporation which seeks to restore public access to genealogical documents by leveraging Freedom of Information Laws.

Janice Gilyard is President of the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society – New Jersey Chapter. She has been researching her family for over 25 years, documenting her family history back to 1720. She believes it is important to research and share the stories of your ancestors, and is always willing to assist anyone interested in researching their family history.

Dr. Penny Walters has presented lectures on family history and genealogy topics, both in-person and via webinars in the UK and internationally, for Roots Tech, Association of Professional Genealogists, Legacy, Quebec FHS, Utah Genealogical Association, New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, Orange County California Genealogical Society, Whittier Area Genealogical Society, British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa, the Heraldry and Genealogy Society of Canberra, The Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society, and Vivid-Pix.

GSNJ 2021 Virtual Spring Genealogy Conference Registration

Register online at www.gsnj.org Or

Mail your registration form and payment to:

GSNJ 2021 Spring 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.

Register by Wednesday, 5 May 2021

Name

Street Address

City

State/Province

Zip/Postal Code

Country

Phone Number **(Required)**

E-mail **(Required)**

Registration:

- GSNJ Members: **\$45**
 Non-Members: **\$60**
 Register and Join GSNJ: **\$85** (*Savings of \$15*)

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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