



# 2017 SPRING SEMINAR RESEARCH METHODS for FAMILY HISTORIANS

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Sandwiches:  Roast Beef  Turkey  Vegetarian  
 Tuna Salad Croissant  Grilled Chicken Green Salad

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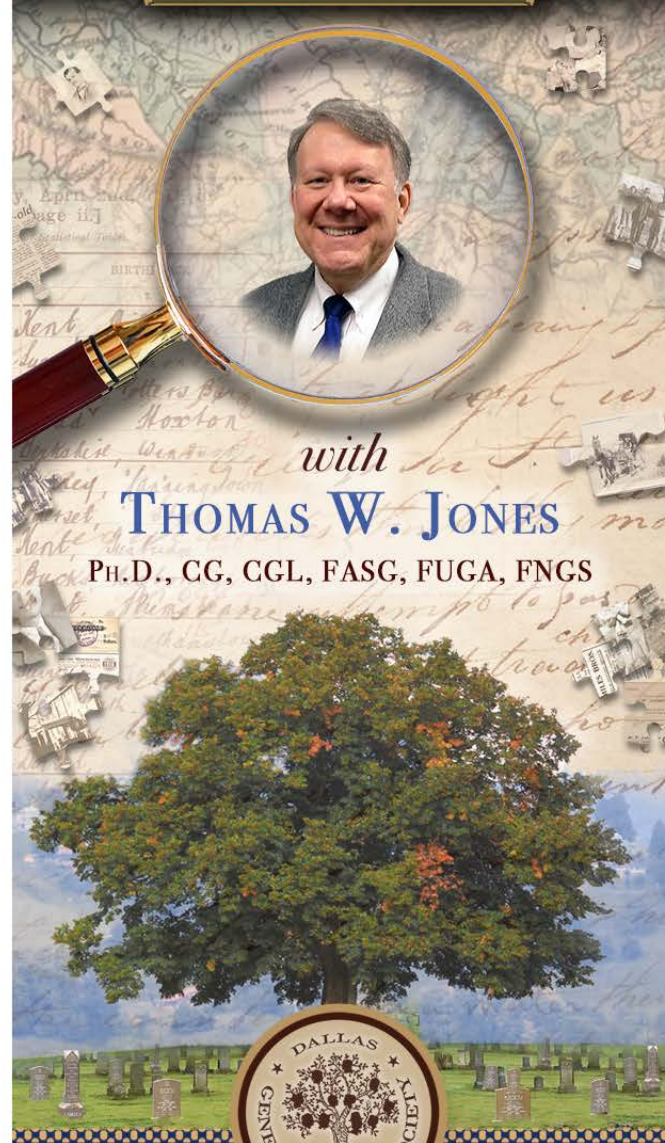


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Whether you are just beginning in your family research, or have been doing so for years, you will find the information that this seminar provides to be very helpful toward your research efforts. Thomas W. Jones' broad knowledge and research expertise will address best processes for your research at any level, as well as offer steps that you can take to break through those barriers that all genealogists encounter. Tom will also explore the variety of search tools that can be used, such as online services, archival repositories, and factors that can influence the outcome of your research, such as mistaken identity, etc. Join us on Saturday, March 18th, and learn how you can delve even more deeply into your family's past!

## Seminar Schedule & Topics

9:30 - 10:00 ~ **Registration**

10:00 - 10:10 ~ **Opening**

10:10 - 11:10 ~ **Session 1:**



### ***Five Ways to Prove Who Your Ancestor Was (Some Reliable and Others Not-So-Reliable)***

Case studies will illustrate five ways—some reliable and others not—that genealogists “prove” an ancestor’s identity: using information provided by others; using a single source; following a chain of evidence; correlating evidence from multiple sources; and weighing conflicting evidence. Attendees will learn how to use the Genealogical Proof Standard (GPS) to identify their ancestors accurately.

11:10 - 11:30 ~ **Break**

11:30 - 12:30 ~ **Session Two:**



***Can a Complex Research Problem be Solved Solely Online?*** Step by step, attendees will suggest online sources and research strategies for tracing an ancestor who seems to disappear and reappear. The interactive case study will show both how such cases can be solved online and the limits of material online today.

12:30 - 1:45 ~ **Lunch & Door Prizes**

1:45 - 2:45 ~ **Session Three:**



***Solving the Mystery of the Disappearing Ancestor*** Genealogists may be frustrated by not finding ancestors in the records and places where they logically expect them to be. This presentation will explain seven reasons why such ancestors seem to have disappeared, provide examples of each from actual case studies, and suggest strategies to help attendees find their elusive ancestors.

2:45 - 3:15 ~ **Break**

3:15 - 4:15 ~ **Session Four:**



***Creating a Family History of Lasting Value*** Most genealogists want to prepare family histories that future generations will cherish. Not all succeed. Many genealogies contain only “harvested” information, which our descendants will be able to obtain themselves (perhaps more easily than we can today). Some of that information likely is wrong. We begin to create worthwhile and accurate family histories by collecting and sharing family stories and DNA test results—information that might soon disappear. Our research progresses from that starting point toward the goal of a printed, computerized, or online family history. If we pay attention to four factors — biography, accuracy, documentation, and explanation—our history will be irreplaceable.

## THOMAS W. JONES

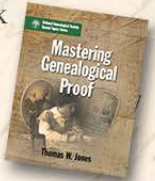
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Tom Jones has been tracing his family history since 1963. For the first twenty years however he was clueless about what he was trying to accomplish and how to do it. Ultimately, as he really started climbing the genealogy research learning curve, he increasingly experienced the joys and rewards of understanding his ancestor’s lives as he mastered the challenges of tracing them reliably.

This genealogical knowledge led Tom to eventually become an award-winning writer, board-certified genealogist, editor of the National Genealogical Society Quarterly, recipient of honors from genealogical organizations, and author of the textbook *Mastering Genealogical Proof*.

Tom now writes and speaks frequently on genealogical methods with broad application across geographic areas, time periods, and levels of expertise. He enjoys teaching at weeklong genealogy institutes, weekend seminars, local, national, and international genealogy conferences, and now at Ancestry Academy. Tom is known for meaty lectures benefiting genealogists of all experience levels. Audiences typically leave his lectures understanding that genealogical research can be more challenging than they had thought, but also that it can be much more fun!



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