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Registration for the Seminar ends at midnight, April 7th. Seminar registration fees shown are in U.S. dollars.

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DGS Spring Seminar
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Please join us for this Special Event!
Welcome! Research is fundamental to genealogy. This seminar will guide you through the entire research process: analyzing the problem, asking the right question, then finding the answers. Michael will share tips and tools gleaned from his experience, including using Social History for a successful conclusion. Scan the QR code or go to dallasgenealogy.com to start the adventure today!

**FRIDAY SESSIONS Opening: 9:50 AM | Closing: 2:30 PM**

**Session 1** • 9:50 - 11:15 ~ Becoming a Genealogical Thinker Instead of a Genealogical Collector This session will be key to approaching your genealogical problem. We will examine how to use critical thinking to assess the problem, develop a research hypothesis and form a workable research question.

**Session 2** • 11:30 - 12:45 ~ What Am I Looking For? Genealogical Research from Hypothesis to Research Plan This session will dig deeper into focusing on one problem at a time, developing a research question and making a plan to give you answers.

**Session 3** • 1:15 - 2:30 ~ The Genealogical Proof Standard in Motion: A Case Study The Genealogical Proof Standard is the foundation for modern genealogy. Follow Michael as he uses the GPS and the other tools we have learned to solve his most difficult cases.

Homework • Participants will individually take a problem they are given and work on it during the afternoon. The problems will be emailed to Michael by 5:00 PM and he will review them, select a few, and use them as review in the first session on Saturday.

**SATURDAY SESSIONS Opening: 10:00 AM | Closing: 4:25 PM**

**Session 1** • 10:00 - 11:15 ~ Homework Review

**Session 2** • 11:30 - 12:45 ~ Deconstructing Your Family Tree: Re-Evaluating the “Evidence” Sometimes you have to tear down what you think you know and start over. This session will show you how to look objectively at your own work and make sure you are on the mark!

**Session 3** • 1:30 - 2:45 ~ Incorporating Social History Into Your Genealogical Research This session will illustrate how important Social History is to your research and how to use it. Knowing where your ancestors lived, what the conditions were like, what were the laws, and other important parts of the “big picture” can save you time and point you in the right direction.

**Session 4** • 3:00 - 4:25 ~ “She Came From Nowhere...” A Case Study Approach to a Difficult Genealogical Problem Join Michael in this case study as he shares potential mistakes to avoid, his best research tips, and how to tie all of your research together in a logical conclusion.

Michael Lacopo, DVM was born and raised in northern Indiana into a family always willing to tell tall tales. Intrigued by his maternal family’s claim to be kinfolk of Abraham Lincoln, and his paternal family’s stories of murder and mayhem, he took to genealogical research in 1980 to substantiate these family stories.

It was by combing libraries, archives, cemeteries and courthouses as a teenager that Michael gained the skills needed to become a keen researcher. His first major research challenge was finding his adopted mother’s birthparents in 1982. You can read about this engaging adventure (and plot twists) at his blog, Roots4U.blogspot.com.

While honing his research skills as a budding genealogist, Michael completed his doctorate in veterinary medicine in 1991. Michael treats his genealogical research as he would medicine – carefully, methodically and completely.

It was in 2013 that he retired from medicine to pursue genealogical research full-time as a profession. Michael’s national lecturing began at the 2004 National Genealogical Society’s conference, and has continued with local, state, national, and international speaking engagements. Michael also contributes articles to numerous periodicals, as well as helping many people in their quests to locate their relatives – both living and dead.

Michael’s numerous interests and strengths include Mennonite, German, and Swiss research, especially as it pertains to the 18th-century migration to America. He makes frequent trips throughout the Mid-Atlantic and Midwest states, chasing ancestors in primary repositories. He also devotes a considerable amount of time to European research, being proficient in reading German script.

Due to having ancestors from many geographic locales, and immigrants spanning the 17th to 20th century, Michael has a wide variety of proficiencies. He believes that as genealogists we should tell the tales of our ancestors, and is a vocal proponent for learning the social history that interweaves our ancestors into the fabric of the past.

In addition to his story-telling and educational blog, Michael can be found at www.Roots4U.com, and for more up-to-date lecture and research information at https://www.facebook.com/Roots4U.

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Close to the Seminar date you will receive email reminders with links and handouts you need.