

# September 30, 2017 Seminar - German Research Instruction

**Great River  
Genealogical Society  
of  
Quincy, Illinois**

**Invites you to a day  
of  
German Research  
Instruction**

**Featuring  
Teresa Steinkamp  
McMillin, CG<sup>SM</sup>**



**September 30, 2017**

**Saturday, September 30, 2017  
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Quincy Public Library  
526 Jersey, Quincy IL**

**Seating Is Limited - Register Early**

### Lecture Topics

1. 9:00 - 10:00: Oh Where, Oh Where Are My Ancestors From?
2. 10:30 - 11:30: Hunting For Henry: A Case Study Using Collaterals (and a Quincy Family, to boot!)  
Lunch break 11:30 - 1:00
3. 1:00 - 2:00: Untangle the Web of Germanic Websites
4. 2:30 - 3:30: Demystify Ancestry and FamilySearch

### Cost:

GRGS member: \$30 - Non-GRGS member: \$35  
Attendee after September 20, 2017: \$40  
Box Lunch optional: \$10  
Return completed form below with check  
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Direct questions to (573) 221-9132 or  
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**German Research Instruction Seminar featuring Teresa Steinkamp McMillan, CG<sup>SM</sup>**

I have enclosed my check (\$30 for GRGS member; \$35 for non-member; \$40 for all attendees after September 20, 2017. Box lunch \$10 extra) payable to:

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### Teresa Steinkamp McMillin, CG<sup>SM</sup>

Teresa Steinkamp McMillin, Certified Genealogist®, author of the *Guide to Hanover Military Records, 1514-1866 on Microfilm at the Family History Library*, is the owner of Lind Street Research, a company dedicated to helping people discover their German ancestry. She is a popular speaker for national, regional, and local genealogical societies. Recently she created and recorded two courses for Ancestry Academy on Ancestry.com. Reading German gothic script found in Germanic records prior to the mid-1900s is second nature to her. Researching ancestors in Chicago and other areas of the Midwest is another of Teresa's specialty areas. She is a multi-year attendee of the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (IGHR) and the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy (SLIG). She has taken college-level German classes. Teresa is a member of the National Genealogical Society, the Association of Professional Genealogists, as well as many Germanic and local genealogical societies. She is the webmaster for the Northwest Suburban Genealogy Society in Arlington Heights, Illinois and is a genealogy volunteer at the Arlington Heights Memorial Library.

Her husband and two teenagers live with Teresa in the Chicago area.

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### Lecture Topics

#### **Oh Where, Oh Where are My Ancestors From?**

Finding your immigrant ancestor's town of origin is often considered the holy grail of genealogical research. What if you've spent years trying to find this piece of information and have not been successful? This talk suggests many strategies that just might help you break down that brick wall. Highlights include:

- Basic information you should have for your ancestor
- More obscure information that might be available
- Branching out beyond your ancestor
- Organizing and documenting your research

#### **Hunting For Henry: A Case Study Using Collaterals**

Henry Steren was a German immigrant who lived in Quincy, Illinois. The United States records that were created about him indicate only that he was from the Province of Hanover in Germany. This lecture will detail how his town of origin and parents were identified, in spite of the lack of records naming him. Carefully researching each of his associates and correlating all available evidence reveals the origins of Henry. Use of the Genealogical Proof Standard is demonstrated. Complicating factors in this case are:

- Very few records available for the person in question
- Multiple people with the same given and last names
- Steren is often confused with the common surname Stern

#### **Untangle the Web of Germanic Websites**

The internet is offering more and more quality information for Germanic researchers. This talk will focus on collections of free digitized German materials and indexes available on the internet. Most websites presented are based in Germany, so tips and tricks for navigating them will be included. This talk will help you expand beyond church records for your German research. A dollar sign next to a website name indicates that it requires payment to use.

#### **Demystify Ancestry and FamilySearch**

Learn effective researching techniques for using these sites.