

including the  
**GSNJ Spring Program  
and Book Fair**

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS  
26 April - 24 May 2006

SATURDAY  
3 June 2006

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*Return registration to:*

**Jersey Roots III c/o GSNJ  
P.O. Box 1476  
Trenton, NJ 08607-1476**



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Our 2006 *Jersey Roots* lecture series will feature five Wednesday evening lectures on various topics plus GSNJ's Spring Program on military research. See below for a summary of events; details on each lecture and speaker biographies are provided in the pages that follow.

All evening lectures will be held in the State Archives' Manuscript Reading Room, 2nd Floor, 225 West State St., Trenton, NJ. Lectures run from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. As usual, the Archives will extend public hours *for microfilm research only* to 6:00 p.m. on lecture days. Registration is \$8 per lecture and is limited to 30 persons. Light refreshment will be offered.

The evening lecture schedule is as follows:

- 26 April:** *Internet Sources for NJ Genealogy*  
John W. Konvalinka
- 3 May:** *Using the Records of the East and West Jersey Proprietors*  
Joseph R. Klett
- 10 May:** *The New Face of FamilySearch.org*  
Cheri Wortmann
- 17 May:** *Tracing Your Immigrant Family at the New Jersey State Archives*  
Bette M. Epstein
- 24 May:** *Genealogy for Kids: Activities and Projects to Celebrate Family History*  
Catherine Wilkinson Zahn

GSNJ's Spring Program on June 3rd is the *Jersey Roots* finale. It will be held, along with a book fair, at the State Museum Auditorium, 205 West State St. Registration, lunch and our *Ask-the-Experts* track will take place in the State Archives Building, 225 West State St. The Spring Program also coincides with Trenton's Heritage Days celebration, featuring activities and a street fair in downtown Trenton.

Registration for the Spring Program is \$45, which includes morning refreshments and lunch.

Our schedule for the day is as follows:

~ **Registration & Book Fair** ~

- 8:30-9:30:** Registration (Archives Building)  
**8:30-2:30:** Book vendors at State Museum Auditorium; *BooksNJ* open at State Archives Building

~ **Morning Session** ~

Lecture Track (State Museum Auditorium):

- 9:30-10:30:** *Tracing Your Revolutionary War Ancestor at NJ State Archives*  
Catherine Stearns Medich
- 10:45-11:45:** *The Veteran's Reverie: Research at the Military History Institute*  
MSgt. Richard Baker

Ask-the-Experts Track (State Archives Building):

- 9:30-10:30:** One-on-One Sessions  
**10:45-11:45:** Group Panel Discussion

~ **Lunch** ~

- 11:45-1:00:** First Floor, Archives Building

~ **Afternoon Session** ~

Lecture Track (State Museum Auditorium):

- 1:00-2:00:** *Website & Database Sources for Military Research ...*  
Veronica Calder & Vivian Thiele
- 2:15-3:15:** *Uncle Sam Wants You! 20th Century Military Research*  
Larry Fermi

Ask-the-Experts Track (State Archives Building):

- 1:00-2:00:** Group Panel Discussion  
**2:15-3:15:** One-on-One Sessions

Please see the registration form, directions and special parking instructions at the back of this brochure.

*BooksNJ: The Capital Bookstore* will be open for business at 225 West State St. on June 3rd, and will offer 10% off all book purchases.

~ *Wednesday Evening Series* ~  
*Lecture No. 1*

**INTERNET SOURCES FOR  
NEW JERSEY GENEALOGY**

**John W. Konvalinka**

**26 April 2006**  
**6:30 - 7:30 p.m.**  
*State Archives Manuscript Reading Room*

Lecture Summary

Mr. Konvalinka will demonstrate ways that Internet-based research can be used in conjunction with traditional repository research, emphasizing that genealogical research is not an “either-or” proposition. Success in tracing family history involves BOTH traditional and Internet-based searching—to produce better results than either approach could have produced alone.

Speaker Biography

Mr. Konvalinka is a professional researcher, Certified Genealogist and Certified Genealogical Lecturer. He joined the GSNJ board of trustees in 2003, and has been active in committee work focusing on educational programming, long-range planning, outreach and volunteerism. He is co-leader of the National Genealogical Society’s Britain-Ireland Forum, and has lectured nationally and internationally. Mr. Konvalinka is retired from a career in finance.

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**Registration: \$8**

~ *Wednesday Evening Series* ~  
*Lecture No. 2*

**USING THE RECORDS OF  
THE EAST AND WEST JERSEY  
PROPRIETORS**

**Joseph R. Klett**

**3 May 2006**  
**6:30 - 7:30 p.m.**  
*State Archives Manuscript Reading Room*

Lecture Summary

Mr. Klett’s presentation will delve into the records of the East and West Jersey Proprietors now available to the public at the State Archives. He will discuss the process of land distribution in the proprietary colony, explain what records and publications are available, and report on recent indexing and accessioning developments. The presentation will conclude with several case studies from Mr. Klett’s own genealogical research into proprietary records.

Speaker Biography

Mr. Klett is Chief of the State Archives and a vice president of GSNJ. He joined the fulltime staff of the Archives in 1989, with degrees from the University of Pennsylvania and Rutgers University. He began genealogical research at an early age and has traced direct ancestry to nearly all of New Jersey’s counties. Mr. Klett is co-editor of *The Genealogical Magazine of New Jersey* and past editor of the *GSNJ Newsletter*.

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**Registration: \$8**

~ *Wednesday Evening Series* ~  
*Lecture No. 3*

***THE NEW FACE OF  
FAMILYSEARCH.ORG***

**Cheri Wortmann**

**10 May 2006**

**6:30 - 7:30 p.m.**

***State Archives Manuscript Reading Room***

Lecture Summary

Mrs. Wortmann is a beta tester for the new interface at FamilySearch.org, website of the LDS Family History Library in Salt Lake City. Her presentation will include a demonstration of the site, focusing on its new features. She will also discuss the evolution of www.familysearch.org and the history and quirks of the databases it accesses. She will conclude with an overview of proposed future additions to the site and the objectives of the beta-test team.

Speaker Biography

Mrs. Wortmann is director of the Morrisville (PA) LDS Family History Center, having also consulted and volunteered at the Princeton and East Brunswick FHCs. She joined the New Jersey State Archives part-time staff in 1985, accepting a full-time position in 2005. Mrs. Wortmann has worked as a professional genealogist and has taught adult classes for beginning and intermediate genealogy for many years. She holds a BA from Brigham Young University.

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***Registration: \$8***

~ *Wednesday Evening Series* ~  
*Lecture No. 4*

***TRACING YOUR IMMIGRANT  
FAMILY AT THE  
NEW JERSEY STATE ARCHIVES***

**Bette M. Epstein**

**17 May 2006**

**6:30 - 7:30 p.m.**

***State Archives Manuscript Reading Room***

Lecture Summary

Do you have ancestors who came to America after the Civil War? Have you been unable to locate records documenting their arrival? Mrs. Epstein will show what sources New Jersey State Archives has to further your research on your post-Civil War immigrant family. She will use case studies to demonstrate how to make use of various record types to piece together an immigrant history.

Speaker Biography

Mrs. Epstein joined the staff of the State Archives in 1974, and has supervised its reference services since 1983. She holds degrees from Douglass College and Western Michigan University, and an Advanced Certificate in Preservation from Columbia University. Mrs. Epstein is well known for her many years assisting both novice and advanced researchers. She has an avid interest in genealogy, having traced her own ancestors as well as many other New Jersey families.

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***Registration: \$8***

~ *Wednesday Evening Series* ~  
*Lecture No. 5*

**GENEALOGY FOR KIDS:  
ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS TO  
CELEBRATE FAMILY HISTORY**

**Catherine Wilkinson Zahn**

**24 May 2006**

**6:30 - 7:30 p.m.**

*State Archives Manuscript Reading Room*

Lecture Summary

Simply put, charts, names and dates are boring. Without the context of *family history*, it is hard for anyone to fully appreciate the value of genealogy or understand our fascination with research. Getting kids interested can be fun for you and them, and can lead to lifelong enthusiasm for exploring the past. What better way to ensure that our hard work will be kept by the next generation?! Come explore books, activities and projects geared toward engaging children in genealogical pursuits. Kids are most welcome!

Speaker Biography

Ms. Zahn is a teacher in Robbinsville, NJ, and has authored two teaching guides: *Family News* and *All About My Family*. She lectures to all age groups and has presented at two national genealogical conferences. She serves on the GSNJ board of trustees, and was a founder of the Central Jersey Genealogical Society, in which she is still very active.

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**Registration: \$8**

~ *Spring Program* ~  
*Lecture Track*

**TRACING YOUR REVOLUTIONARY  
WAR ANCESTOR AT THE  
NEW JERSEY STATE ARCHIVES**

**Catherine Stearns Medich**

**3 June 2006**

**9:30 - 10:30 a.m.**

*State Museum Auditorium*

Lecture Summary

The State Archives holds extensive collections documenting military service on both sides of the Revolutionary War and contributions to the “revolutionary cause” which may qualify descendants for admission into lineage organizations. Sources range from pay and pension records to court proceedings and claims for damage by troops. Ms. Medich will discuss the State Archives’ related collections, including more obscure sources, and will use case studies to demonstrate how various aspects of revolutionary activity can be investigated.

Speaker Biography

Ms. Medich joined the full-time staff of the State Archives as a reference archivist in 2000, and is well known to all who make regular research trips to Trenton. She holds a BA from Dickinson College and graduate degrees from Rutgers University. Ms. Medich is a longtime genealogist, having focused her own research on ancestral families in New England.

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**Included in Spring Program Registration**

~ Spring Program ~  
Lecture Track

**THE VETERAN'S REVERIE:  
RESEARCHING GENEALOGY (MILITARY  
BIOGRAPHY) AT THE U.S. ARMY  
MILITARY HISTORY INSTITUTE**

**MSgt. Richard Baker**

**3 June 2006**

**10:45 - 11:45 a.m.**

**State Museum Auditorium**

Lecture Summary

From an old soldier's poetic remembrances, the story of four brothers emerges from the boiling caldron of civil war. MSgt. Baker's presentation explores the role that military studies can play in researching family history. It brings to light the words, deeds and gallantry of a few of the forgotten participants involved in the nation's greatest conflict.

Speaker Biography

MSgt. Baker (USAF Ret.) is a staff member of the U.S. Army Military History Institute in Carlisle, PA. The Institute is the central repository for unofficial documents and histories of the United States Army. MSgt. Baker is a retired veteran of twenty-one years' service in the U.S. Air Force. In 1997, he joined the staff of the Military History Institute, where he assists scholars, veterans, genealogists, students and officials with historical research. He holds a MA in Military Studies from the American Military University.

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***Included in Spring Program Registration***

~ Spring Program ~  
Lecture Track

**WEBSITE & DATABASE SOURCES  
FOR MILITARY RESEARCH AT THE  
NEW JERSEY STATE ARCHIVES**

**Veronica L. Calder &  
Vivian E. Thiele**

**3 June 2006**

**1:00 - 2:00 p.m.**

**State Museum Auditorium**

Lecture Summary

Ms. Calder and Ms. Thiele will instruct the audience in using the State Archives' website and in-house databases for military research. Recent and planned website developments will be featured, including imaged collections and new data files.

Speaker Biographies

Ms. Calder is the State Archives' publications archivist, implementing website development and outreach activities. She also oversees operation of *BooksNJ: the Capital Bookstore*. Ms. Calder joined the Archives staff full-time in 2003, holding degrees from The College of New Jersey and Rutgers University.

Ms. Thiele joined the State Archives' staff in 2005, having worked in archives in the U.S. and abroad. As a collection management archivist, she oversees the development of databases and other resources that improve access to collections. Ms. Thiele holds degrees from Oxford University, Sarah Lawrence College, and Rutgers University.

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~ Spring Program ~  
*Lecture Track*

**UNCLE SAM WANTS YOU!  
TWENTIETH-CENTURY MILITARY  
RESEARCH**

**Larry Fermi**

**3 June 2006  
2:15 - 3:15 p.m.  
State Museum Auditorium**

Lecture Summary

Mr. Fermi will discuss sources for researching military service during the primary conflicts of the twentieth century, namely World War I, World War II and the Korean and Vietnam wars. He will review a variety of genealogically valuable records pertaining to draft registration and service, and documenting those who were wounded, killed, taken prisoner, buried, naturalized, and so on.

Speaker Biography

Mr. Fermi is active in the Monmouth County Genealogy Society, having served as vice president and program chair, and currently on the society's Education Committee. A member of the Association of Professional Genealogists and the Genealogical Speakers' Guild, he lectures on a range of genealogical subjects in the greater New York Metropolitan area. He has been featured on CNN's "Open House" and NY Public Radio's "Cityscape Public Affairs" relative to family and property history.

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***Included in Spring Program Registration***

~ Spring Program ~  
*Ask-the-Experts Track*

**ONE-ON-ONE SESSIONS**

**3 June 2006  
9:30 - 10:30 a.m. & 2:15 - 3:15 p.m.  
State Archives Manuscript Reading Room &  
other locations in State Archives Building**

Sign up for a fifteen-minute, one-on-one session with an expert from our panel at the registration table when you arrive. Take advantage of an opportunity to receive personalized research direction from a professional genealogist or archivist. Scheduling is limited, and will be on a first-come first-served basis. ***Please be prepared with a narrowly focused research problem and information on what sources have been consulted already.***

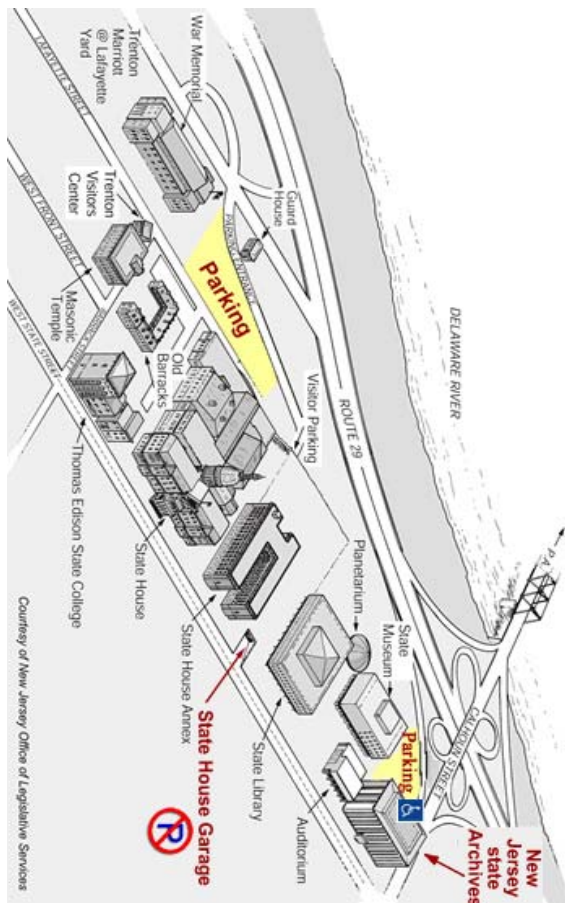
**GROUP PANEL DISCUSSIONS**

**3 June 2006  
10:45 - 11:45 a.m. & 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.  
State Archives Manuscript Reading Room**

Join our group discussions before and after lunch, where our panel of experts will address general questions about genealogical research. Based on their experience as archivists and professional genealogists, the panel will offer direction and tips on sources to help you move forward in your genealogical quests. Time permitting, panelists will provide examples of some of their own successes in overcoming research roadblocks.

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### Directions and Parking Instructions:

**From NJ Turnpike:** At Exit 7A take 195 West; merge onto Routes 129/29 North. Follow Route 29 directions below.

**From Garden State Parkway:** At Exit 98 take 195 West; see above and Route 29 directions below.

**From Route 29:** For evening lectures, take Calhoun St. exit (not Morrisville bridge exit); turn right at first light onto West State. State Archives is first building on right; turn right into driveway and park in rear.

On Saturday, June 3rd, State St. will be closed to traffic due to the Heritage Days festival. From Route 29, take the Memorial Drive exit and follow signs to loop around into the parking lot in front of the War Memorial. Consult map above to walk to State Archives and State Museum Auditorium.

## Registration Form

Check the events you plan to attend and total the registration fees. Evening lectures are \$8 each. Registration is open to walk-ins until the start of the lecture, although space is limited to 30.

The Spring Program registration is \$45. Lunch is included, but cannot be guaranteed for registrations received after 15 May or for walk-ins.

Attending	Event
(\$8)	4/26/06: <i>Internet Sources for NJ ...</i>
(\$8)	5/03/06: <i>Using Proprietors Records</i>
(\$8)	5/10/06: <i>FamilySearch.org</i>
(\$8)	5/17/06: <i>Immigrant Family at NJSA</i>
(\$8)	5/24/06: <i>Genealogy for Kids</i>
(\$45)	6/03/06: Spring Program on Military Research
<b>Total payment enclosed/authorized</b>	

Please make checks payable to *GSNJ*, or provide credit card information below. If registering for the Spring Program, please circle your sandwich choice below.

Sandwich: Turkey    Roast Beef    Vegetarian

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For questions or to register by phone using a credit card, please call 609-984-3297.