

## Spring Program Registrant Information

### Boxed Lunch

If you are attending the Spring Program on Saturday, 14 June, please let us know your lunch preference:

- Turkey
- Grilled Vegetable
- Roast Beef
- Ham
- Garden Salad (gluten free)

### One-on-One Consultation (25 mins.)

Please provide us with a short explanation of your genealogical conundrum. We will pair you with an expert, as appropriate, to offer research strategies. Consultations are limited in number, so register early, as it is on a first-registered basis. We will email you with your appointment time, which will be between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Consultations will be held in the State Archives, at 225 West State Street. Please bring copies of your related research to date.

Inquiry: \_\_\_\_\_

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(feel free to attach further explanation if necessary)

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## Explore your Jersey roots!

In celebration of New Jersey's 350th anniversary this year, the State Archives, Genealogical Society of New Jersey and Central Jersey Genealogy Club have come together to present *Exploring Your Jersey Roots: A Lecture Series*. The series will consist of five evening lectures (on Tuesday or Wednesday) from May 14th through June 11th, followed by an all-day event on June 14th. All lectures will be held at 225 West State Street, Trenton, NJ.

The evening lectures will run from 7 to 8 p.m. On lecture days, the State Archives will extend public research hours *for microfilm only* to 6:45 p.m. Registration is \$10 per lecture or \$45 for all five lectures. The Jersey Roots "finale" on June 14th will also serve as GSNJ's spring program. It will be held in the "Multi-Purpose Room" on the street level of 225 West State Street. The day-long event will feature the main lecture, a series of short case studies, one-on-one consultations, and research time in the Archives' Microfilm Room. Registration for the Spring Program is \$30, which includes morning refreshments and a boxed lunch.

Parking will be available behind the State Archives and State Museum buildings after 3 p.m. for weekday lectures and all day June 14.

Any questions, please call (732) 365-2680 or email [programs@gsnj.org](mailto:programs@gsnj.org)



Return registration to:  
GSNJ c/o Scott Holmes, Treasurer  
7 Wagner Court  
Ringoes, NJ 08551



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## Evening Lectures

### Wednesday, May 14, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

*Understanding Your Revolutionary War-Period Ancestor* presented by **Larry Kidder**

Which side did your ancestor support during the Revolutionary War? This lecture will outline research methods and records available at the State Archives, other repositories and online sites to help answer that question. Tips to avoid misunderstanding these sources will also be given.

Larry Kidder is a retired history teacher who taught for forty years in both public and private high schools. For the past 25 years, he has also volunteered at the Howell Living History Farm.

### Tuesday, May 20, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

*Don't Forget the Ladies: A Genealogist's Guide to Women and the Law* presented by **Judy G. Russell**

In early America, women were all too often the people who just weren't there: not in the records, not in the censuses, not on juries, not in the voting booth. Common law relegated women to "protected" or second-class status. Understanding their legal standing helps us discover their identities.

Judy Russell, CG, CGL, is a genealogist, lecturer and educator. Through her blog, *The Legal Genealogist*, she helps others understand a wide variety of issues and the interplay between genealogy and the law.

### Wednesday, May 28, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

*The ABCs of DNA* presented by **Judy G. Russell**

Are you new to the idea that DNA can help you with your genealogical research? Learn about the three major test types—y-chromosome (yDNA), mitochondrial (mtDNA) and the new autosomal DNA testing—and see what each offers to the genealogist. See above for more information about the presenter.

### Tuesday, June 3, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

*Military Records at the New Jersey State Archives* presented by **Catherine Stearns Medich**

The State Archives holds extensive documentation of military service, from the colonial period to World War I. Ms. Medich will provide an overview of the Archives' military collections with particular emphasis on Revolutionary War and Civil War sources.

Catherine Medich is a reference archivist at the State Archives and a longtime genealogist, having focused her own research on ancestral families in New England.

### Wednesday, June 11, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

*Using the Records of the East and West Jersey Proprietors* presented by **Joseph R. Klett**

This lecture will delve into the vast archives of New Jersey's proprietors deposited with the State in 1998 and 2005. Following an overview of proprietors' practices and collections, Mr. Klett will present case studies from his own research in which proprietary documents were key.

Joseph Klett is the director of the State Archives. He began his genealogical research at an early age and has traced ancestry to nearly all of New Jersey's counties.

## Spring Program Saturday, 14 June 2014

### 8:30-9:15 a.m.

Light refreshments and registration

### 9:30-10:45 a.m.

#### Welcome

Joseph R. Klett, Director, State Archives  
C. Arthur Lawton III, President, GSNJ

*Owning New Jersey: Finding History and Genealogy in the Land Records* presented by **Joseph A. Grabas**

Land acquisition and ownership were key to the development of New Jersey. Title documents and

mortgages represent transactions that, for most people, were the largest investments they would ever make. In the agrarian economy of the 17th, 18th & 19th centuries, the possession of land in New Jersey was the singular avenue to wealth, power, influence and survival. Join us as we travel through the records and discover stories of the land and people that shaped the history of the Garden State.

Joseph A. Grabas, CTP, NTP, is a nationally recognized title professional and expert on New Jersey land records. He has researched over 100,000 titles across all 21 counties during his 36-year career. He is certified as an expert in land title matters by the New Jersey Superior Court and is a past president of the New Jersey Land Title Association.

### 11:00-12:00 p.m.

*Case Studies in New Jersey Genealogy*  
Genealogists Joseph R. Klett, C. Arthur Lawton and Melissa A. Johnson will each share a 20-minute case study from their own research to illustrate some of the topics covered by the lecture series. Sometimes the most interesting relatives are the ones we never thought we would find.

### 12:00-1:00 p.m.

**Boxed Lunch** (*choices on back of registration form*)

### 1:00-4:00 p.m.

#### One-on-One Consultations & Microfilm Research

Your registration for the Spring Program entitles you to a 25-minute, one-on-one consultation (as available) with one of our volunteer experts from the State Archives, GSNJ and Central Jersey Genealogy Club. Consultations will be held in various locations in the Archives concurrently with the Microfilm Room research hours. Please note that the number of sessions is limited and will be offered to registrants on a first-come, first-served basis. Staff and volunteers will also be available for research assistance in the Microfilm Room. Use the back of the registration form to request a consultation.



## Registration Form

Check the events you plan to attend and total the registration fees. Evening lectures are \$10 each or \$45 for all five lectures. Registration is open to walk-ins until the start of the lecture.

The Spring Program registration is \$30. Lunch is included, but cannot be guaranteed for registrations received after 1 June or for walk-ins.

Attending	Event
(\$10)	5/14: Revolutionary War Ancestor
(\$10)	5/20: Women and the Law
(\$10)	5/28: ABCs of DNA
(\$10)	6/03: Military Records
(\$10)	6/11: Proprietors' Records
or (\$45)	<b>All Evening Lectures</b>
(\$30)	6/14: Spring Program
<b>Total enclosed/authorized</b>	

Please make checks payable to GSNJ, or provide credit card information below. If you are attending the Spring Program, please complete the back of this form.

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City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

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