

Eastern European Research Workshop

July 12-14, 2012

Plaza Hotel, Salt Lake City, UT

New This Year

Getting Started Track

Records and Resources Track

Networking Luncheon

Keynote Speakers

Introduction to Eastern European Research, Dave Obee

Research Horizons: Why and How We Do Family History, Thom Edlund

Program

This year's program provides two tracks focusing on country-of-origin research as well as a third track full of information for both beginning and intermediate researchers, each taught by an expert in that particular area of research.

Area of Focus Tracks

Each of these tracks will include three class sessions, and will cover language and handwriting; using maps, gazetteers, and other resources; and record sources specific to that country of origin. This year's Area of Focus Tracks include *German*, *Polish*, *Russian*, and *Czech Research*.

Specialty Classes

In addition to the country of origin focus tracks, several single classes on areas of interest will be offered this year. They include: *Germans from Russia*, *Beginning Croatian Research*, *Beginning Jewish Research*, and *Holocaust Research*.

Getting Started Track

Immediately following our opening plenary session, beginners to Eastern European research will be treated to two introductory classes: *Tracing Immigrant Origins* and *Using the Family History Library*. For those who are interested, an orientation tour of the History Library will be hosted immediately after lunch. Also new this year, beginning Eastern European researchers will have the option of selecting a consultation focused on helping to find their immigrant ancestors.

Records and Resources Track

To enable participants to get the fullest experience possible, a third track has been added to this year's program outline, focusing on resources and records general to all areas of Eastern European research. Classes will include *Introduction to East European Records*, *Online Resources*, *Using*

Maps and Gazetteers, Traveling and Researching in Eastern Europe, and How to Write a Family History.

Program at a Glance

The program at a glance is available online in html, or you may download the PDF version for printing and sharing. Registrants will be requested to identify which sessions they will be attending, not to limit their on-site choice, rather to assist us in assuring adequate space for each session.

Consultations

In addition to being able to spend time at the nearby Family History Library, one of the prime reasons for attending this workshop is the consultation provided by experts in the field. Each participant may register for a consultation if they wish, in one of three categories. An additional questionnaire specific to the type of consultation requested will be included with confirmation and should be completed and returned as soon as possible to assist the consultants in their preparations.

In addition to the one-on-one consultation, additional assistance will be available through the regular library staff and FEEFHS volunteers on a limited basis each afternoon.

Beginning Consult: Finding Immigrant Ancestors

New to East European research? Haven't yet identified your ancestor's village in their country of origin? This consultation will focus on helping you get started in the right direction and build a strong foundation for East European records research.

Research Consult: Records & Resources in Country of Origin

This level of consultation is available to those who have already identified the town or parish their ancestor lived in prior to immigrating to the United States. Consultation time may be focused on identifying records, using maps and gazetteers, reading handwriting, understanding records, or even reviewing research already completed to identify potential inaccuracies or conclusions.

Advanced Consult: Assistance with a "Brick Wall"

This consultation is for the researcher who has already completed a fairly exhaustive search of available records and requires assistance in reviewing research conclusions, evaluating evidence, or outlining next steps in order to get past what seems to be a stopping point.

Special Events

Plenary Session

Dave Obee will get us all started on the right research path with an Introduction to Eastern European Research at 8:30 am on Thursday.

Networking Luncheon

Last year found many of us exchanging email addresses at the closing luncheon and wishing we had met earlier in the week. Suggested by past participants, this luncheon will be held immediately following the first morning of workshop presentations and will offer attendees a chance to get to

know other participants researching in the same area as well as some of the presenters. Registration is required; the luncheon fee is \$19; guest tickets are also available.

Family History Library Tour

Also suggested by past participants, this tour affords the researcher new to Salt Lake City and the Family History Library the opportunity to tour the facility overall as well as learn how to navigate through the records and equipment and obtain the assistance required throughout the week. No cost is associated with this event, but pre-registration is required.

Closing Luncheon

Join us as we celebrate our new skills, new records found, and new associations. Thom Edlund will cap off our experience with his closing presentation: *Research Horizons: Why and How we Do Family History*. The closing luncheon is an included event with full registration; Saturday day-only participants may purchase a ticket for \$22; guest tickets are also available for \$22.

Registration

Full Registration includes three days of workshops, conference syllabus, consultation, and the closing luncheon. The cost for full registration is \$120 if registered online or postmarked no later than June 1st and \$140 thereafter.

Single Day Registration is \$60 per day and includes one day of workshop and consultation only. The conference syllabus may be purchased for an additional \$15; tickets to events offered on that day may also be purchased if desired.

Session selection options have been added to this year's registration form to assist our team in assuring adequate meeting space for each track, but does not limit the participant from attending any other session.

How to Register

You may register online using a credit card or any other form of payment accepted by PayPal. Once the online registration form is complete, it will refer you to Paypal to make payment and send confirmation of that payment to the conference registrar. Alternately, you may register by mail using the PDF registration form provided online and submitting to the address provided on the bottom of that form. Once your registration payment and form have been received, they will be processed and confirmation sent to you.

Registration Policy

Payment must accompany registration. Payment may be made by credit card via online registration or by check or money order if registering by mail.

Confirmation

Participants will receive confirmation of registration within three days of processing. All confirmations will be sent via email unless email is not available, in which case it will be sent via postal mail to the address provided on the registration form. Receipt for payment will come directly

from Paypal for online registrations, and will be included with confirmation for mail-in registrations.

Changes in Registration

Every effort will be made to accommodate any changes required after initial registration is processed. These would include purchase of additional tickets, changes in session selections, updated special needs, or modification of consultation requests. All change requests should be sent in writing to the registrar conf@feefhs.org.

Cancellation Policy

Refunds, less a \$50 service fee, will be made if written request is postmarked by or received electronically by 15 June 2012. Electronic requests should be sent to conf@feefhs.org. Postal requests should be sent to FEEFHS 2012 Cancellation Request, P.O. Box 321, Springville, UT 84663.

Family History Library

The Family History Library is open on Mondays from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm and Tuesdays through Saturday from 8:00 am to 9:00 pm. Computers are available on each floor with basic genealogical software and access to primary research sites in addition to familysearch.org and the library catalog. Participants may make copies of records found in printed or microfilmed materials utilizing a copy card which may be purchased at the service desk in each area. Alternately, copies may be saved electronically to a USB drive at no cost. Family history consultants are available on each floor at the reference desk area to assist with questions. Further details to help you plan for your visit may be found at <https://www.familysearch.org/locations/saltlakecity-library>