



Friday & Saturday, September 26 & 27, 2008

featuring

Marie Varrelman Melchiori, CG, CGL

Friday, September 26, 2008

3:00 PM "Using Records at the National Archives: A Researcher's View"

This session will cover National Archive records, some that have been microfilmed or digitized, from a researcher's point of view. The session will explain how and why the records are arranged the way they are. Ms. Melchiori will also discuss "archijive," the short-cut phrases used by archivists that genealogists need to know in order to understand what they are being told.

6:30 PM Dinner, speaker Curt Witcher, Genealogy Center Manger, "*Our Military Heritage Website: Record, Recall, & Revere*"

Saturday, September 27, 2008

9:30 AM "If Grandpa Wore Blue: Union Records in the National Archives"

This session will be a look at commonly used records as well as some of the lesser used records for researching an ancestor who was a Union soldier. Some of the records covered will include correspondence, carded medical files, and the investigative records of Baker and Turner.

11:00 AM "If Grandpa Wore Gray: Confederate Records in the National Archives"

This session will be a look at Confederate records, both microfilmed and original, at the National Archives. Records created by the Union Army may help locate information on your Southern soldier as well as male and female civilians.

1 - 6 PM: Individual consultations

Genealogy Center staff and other researchers will be available to assist one with specific research challenges, and recommend sources and methodologies to find more records and data.

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900 Library Plaza

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Registration

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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Registration: \$50 (Checks payable to Allen County Public Library)

~Includes Friday evening dinner~

Send registration to: Military Symposium 2008
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Speaker Biography

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Marie Melchiori is a certified genealogist and a certified genealogical lecturer as well as an expert in the use of National Archives (NARA) records—especially military records. She can introduce you to the basic and obscure records at NARA as well as the more frequently used records. She has worked with NARA records for over 30 years and views the records from a researcher's perspective. Marie has been a lecturer for the National Institute on Genealogical Research (NIGR) since 1987. She served as Assistant Director from 1987 to 2002. She has lectured at National Genealogical Society (NGS) and the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) National Conferences since 1988. She lectures at Samford University's IGHR on military records for Level VI. She has conducted workshops on Union and Confederate records for the National Archives since 1997. She participated in the Smithsonian's genealogical lecture series in 1997 and was a co-presenter for their 1999 program on Genealogy and the Internet. Marie lectured at the 3rd and 4th Genealogical Congresses in Ireland. Along with Elizabeth Kelley Kerstens, CGSM, CGLSM, she developed the NGS Research Trip to Ireland, serving as a co-director in September 1999 and 2000. In 2004 she was a co-founder of Celtic Quest, taking a research group to Dublin, Ireland. Marie is a charter member of the Genealogical Speakers Guild and served as Vice President 1995-97. She has been a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists (APG) since 1983, serving as Executive Vice President from 1991 to 1993 and as a Trustee for Region 3 from 1994 to 1999. Appointed to the Archives II Users Committee, she also participated in NARA's Strategic Planning Commission meetings. Marie worked as a Senior Volunteer Staff Aide for NARA's Civil War Conservation Pilot Project and is currently a NARA volunteer working on special military indexing projects. Marie was a founder and served on the Advisory Board for the Conference on Women and the Civil War. She served as a Trustee for the Board for Certification of Genealogists from 2000-2006.