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**Present
Resources for
Family History**



30 October 2004

**Holiday Inn
1800 E. Main St.
Wytheville, VA**

SPEAKERS

Charles A. Bodie, Ph.D.

lives in Lexington, VA, where he has taught history at the Virginia Military Institute. He holds a Ph.D. in American history from Indiana University and has edited four manuscript guides on specific Virginia counties. He is currently writing a history of Rockbridge County.

Corinne Earnest

holds undergraduate and graduate degrees in secondary education and modern languages. From 1982 to 1990, she was a freelance writer, lecturer, and adult education instructor. She has authored hundreds of articles on facilities maintenance and management, energy technologies, and petroleum marketing, but placed special emphasis on genealogy and the study of Fraktur. In 1990, Corinne established a book publishing business. She has authored and coauthored numerous books including *The Genealogists Guide to Fraktur*, *German American Family Records in the Fraktur Tradition* (3 vols.); *Fraktur: Folk Art and Family*, and *To the Latest Posterity: Pennsylvania German Family Registers in the Fraktur Tradition*. In 1992, the Historical Society of Berks County, PA, awarded Corinne the first William M. Hiester manuscript award. Corinne is active in many genealogical and historical societies having Pennsylvania German focus. She is past president of the Mid-Atlantic Germanic Society and is currently vice president elect of the Pennsylvania Chapter of Palatines to America.

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Russell Earnest

is a native of El Cajon, CA. He served in the US Navy submarine service and holds graduate and undergraduate degrees from Oregon State University. Following retirement from the US Department of the Interior, he joined his wife, Corinne, in writing and publishing books. As such, the Earnests coauthored *Papers for Birth Days: Guide to the Fraktur Artists and Scriveners*, *Flying Leaves and One Sheets: Pennsylvania German BroadSides and Their Printers*, and other titles. In 1997, the Earnests guest curated an exhibit titled The Prints and the Penmen: Evolution of American Fraktur at the Heritage Center Museum in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. In 1999, the Earnests were presented an "Award of Merit" by the Pennsylvania German Society for their contributions to understanding the Pennsylvania German culture. Russell currently serves on the Board of the Cocalico Valley Historical Society in Ephrata, PA. The Earnests have two children and six grandchildren.

Mary B. Kegley

author, attorney, historian and researcher has compiled forty books (some with others) including the five-volume series *Early Adventurers on the Western Waters* and a historical novel, *Free in Chains*, set in Southwest Virginia. She has written more than seventy articles for genealogical and historical publications both here and in Northern Ireland, and more than 100 columns on a variety of genealogical and historical topics for "Kegley's Corner" which appeared in the local newspaper. Mary is a member of numerous genealogical and historical societies and is the president of the newly-formed Wythe County Genealogical and Historical Association.

PROGRAM

- 8:15 a.m. Registration
(Coffee & Pastries)
- 8:45 Opening Remarks
- 9:00–10:00 **Fraktur as Often Overlooked Primary Sources** C. Earnest
- 10:00-10:30 Break
- 10:30-11:30 **"Family Register" BroadSides** – R. Earnest
- 11:30-12:45 Lunch
- 12:45-1:45 **Using Chancery Suits for Genealogical Research** – Kegley
- 1:45-2:15 Break
- 2:15-3:15 **Beyond the Family Tree: Writing a Family History** – Bodie

Vendors of books, software, forms, and other items of interest to researchers will be available all day. Be sure to visit them during the breaks. There will also be a Freebie Table with catalogs and brochures from genealogical businesses and organizations as well as door prizes.

The Holiday Inn has a block of rooms reserved at \$59 per night. Please be sure to mention the VGS conference when you call for your reservation. The phone number is (276) 228-5483.

FALL 2004 REGISTRATION

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