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Spring Conference 17 April 2004

A Method to Our Madness



Methodology: The Foundation of Good Genealogy

Library of Virginia
800 East Broad Street
Richmond, Virginia

VGS invites you to attend its annual spring conference on Saturday, 17 April 2004, at the Library of Virginia, 800 East Broad Street, Richmond.

The conference features three lectures on methodology certain to help improve the skills of genealogists at all levels. In the afternoon, attendees have the opportunity to “practice what was preached” with hands on sessions. The lectures and hands on sessions will be presented by three nationally known speakers: Barbara Vines Little, CGSM, Marty Hiatt, CGRSSM, and Dorothy Boyd-Rush, Ph.D.

Pre-registration is \$35 for VGS members and \$40 for non-members and includes lunch. Be sure to register early. Meal reservations cannot be guaranteed if received after 5 April 2004. Cancellations received after 5 April 2004 will not be refunded.

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.

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SPEAKERS

Dorothy A. Boyd-Rush, Ph.D.

Research historian at James Madison University and a professional genealogist for over ten years, specializing in Virginia's Shenandoah Valley and its German inhabitants; author of numerous articles and several books on Virginia records; and a regular contributor to *Magazine of Virginia Genealogy* and *Virginia Genealogical Society Newsletter*.

Marty Hiatt, CGRSSM

A full time genealogist, researching the families of Northern Virginia since 1990. She edits and publishes *Northern Virginia Genealogy*, is chairman of the Virginia Institute of Genealogical Research; and for fun likes to abstract court records or hunt in cemeteries.

Barbara Vines Little, CGSM

Professional genealogist since 1982, specializing in Virginia record sources, tax records, land platting, neighborhood reconstruction; complete genealogies and problem-solving; editor, *Magazine of Virginia Genealogy* and *Virginia Genealogical Society Newsletter*.

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PROGRAM

- 8:15 a.m. Registration
(Continental Breakfast)
- 8:45 Opening Remarks
- 9:00-10:00 **Early Handwriting and Accurate Transcription** – Boyd-Rush
- 10:00-10:30 Break
- 10:30-11:30 **Abstracting** – Hiatt
- 11:30-12:45 Lunch
- 12:45-1:15 **VGS Meeting**
Peter Broadbent, President
- 1:15-2:15 **Documentation for Everyday** – Little
- 2:15-2:45 Break
- Hands On Sessions**
- 2:45-3:15 **Tricky Transcription** – Boyd-Rush
OR
Abstracting – Hiatt
OR
Documenting Non-Traditional Sources – Little
- 3:15-3:30 Break
- 3:30-4:00 Repeat of the sessions offered at 2:45.

SPRING 2004 REGISTRATION

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

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(For confirmation only. Will not be sold or given to others.)

_____ VGS Member X \$35 = _____

_____ Non-member X \$40 = _____

After 5 April 2004

_____ VGS Member X \$40 = _____

_____ Non-member X \$45 = _____

Total : _____

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Please indicate the Hands On Sessions you will be attending by circling one session in each time slot.

2:45 Tricky Transcription Abstracting Documenting Non-Traditional Sources

3:30 Tricky Transcription Abstracting Documenting Non-Traditional Sources

Please complete this form and mail it with your check payable to:

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