

Virginia Genealogical Society  
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# Virginia Genealogical Society

## Spring Conference 18 April 2009

### Secrets for Successful Research



Library of Virginia  
800 East Broad Street  
Richmond, Virginia

**VGS invites you to spend the day with Barbara Vines Little as she shares her knowledge for successful genealogical research. The Society is proud to present Mrs. Little as the featured speaker at its Annual Spring Conference on Saturday, 18 April 2009, at the Library of Virginia, 800 East Broad Street, Richmond.**

The program features four interesting and informative lectures on Virginia research and records by our very own nationally known genealogist and lecturer Barbara Vines Little, CG<sup>SM</sup>.

Pre-registration, is \$30 for VGS members and \$40 for non-members and includes lunch. Be sure to register early. Meal reservations cannot be guaranteed if received after 4 April 2009. Cancellations received after 4 April 2009 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.

# Secrets for Successful Research

## FEATURED SPEAKER

### Barbara Vines Little, CG<sup>SM</sup>

is a professional genealogist with primary interest in Virginia research, brick wall problems, and complete genealogies. She is past president and current board member of the National Genealogical Society, former president and board member of the Virginia Genealogical Society, and served as Track II coordinator of the Virginia Institute of Genealogical Research. She is the course coordinator and instructor for the Virginia track at the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research at Samford University, Birmingham, Alabama.

Mrs. Little has served as the editor of the *Magazine of Virginia Genealogy* since 1996 and is the former editor of the bi-monthly *Virginia Genealogical Society Newsletter* and Mid-Atlantic Germanic Society's newsletter, *Der Kurier*. Winner of the *NGS Quarterly Award of excellence* in 2001, she has written articles for a number of publications including the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly*; the *National Genealogical Society Newsletter*; *OnBoard*, the newsletter of the Board for Certification of Genealogists; and the *Association of Professional Genealogists Quarterly*. She has lectured for the past twenty-five years at local, regional, state and national conferences on research methods, Virginia and West Virginia resources, and writing and publishing.

## Leadership Summit

### Friday Afternoon, 17 April

3:00-4:30 p.m. **Leadership Summit at LVA**

A time for society leaders to discuss and exchange ideas on issues important to genealogical societies. All interested parties may attend.

## SATURDAY PROGRAM

### Saturday, 18 April

8:30 a.m. Registration

9:00-9:15 a.m. Opening Remarks

9:15-10:15 a.m.

### Beyond Patents and Grants: The "Other" Papers in the Virginia Land Office Records

The records of the Virginia Land Office can tell us much more than when and where our ancestors patented land. The less often-used documents can provide links between generations and clues to origin; we just need to know where to look and how to interpret the information.

10:15-10:45 a.m. Break

10:45-11:45 a.m.

### An Untapped Treasure House: The Records of the Auditor of Public Accounts

While personal property and land tax records make up a goodly portion of the material in these records, they also contain delinquent tax lists, records of government payments for military service and pensions as well as payments to government officials.

11:45-1:00 p.m. Lunch

1:00-1:30 p.m.

### VGS Annual Meeting

Shirley Langdon Wilcox, CG<sup>SM</sup>, Pres.

1:30-2:30 p.m.

### Hidden Virginia Resources

Virginia records hide in a variety of places. File folders in small historical societies, published articles and court records in other states, large and small manuscript collections and even the Internet hold a large collection of Virginia records not readily accessible. We'll look at where and how to search to find these hidden resources.

2:30-3:00 p.m. Break

3:00-4:00 p.m.

### Things I've Learned in Forty Years:

### "Secrets" for Successful Virginia Research

Tips and tricks learned in forty years of research in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

## SPRING 2009 REGISTRATION

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**After 4 Apr 2009, please add \$10**

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Attending Leadership Summit on Friday.

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