

*AMERICAN-CANADIAN  
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY*



*Leaders in French Canadian,  
Franco American  
and Acadian Genealogy*

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## Fall Conference and Annual Meeting Saturday, September 27, 2014

**8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

Coffee/Tea Pastries ♦ Buffet Lunch ♦ Workshops

### ▶ **Chateau Event Center and Restaurant**

201 Hanover Street ~ Manchester, NH  
About a mile from the ACGS

▶ Coffee/Tea Pastries – Mix and Mingle

▶ Two Workshops in the morning

▶ Buffet Lunch included

▶ One Workshop in the afternoon

▶ Annual Meeting and State of the Society

[You do not have to be registered for the conference to attend the Annual Meeting]

Early Bird Fee: \$50/ by September 15, 2014

Full Conference Fee: \$60 after September 15, 2014

## Schedule of Events

### Friday, September 26, 2014

Library opens – 9:00 am to 9:00 pm – Extra librarians on duty.

### Saturday, September 27, 2014 –

Chateau Event Center, 201 Hanover St., in downtown Manchester – only about 1 mile north of ACGS.

#### Program

- 8:00 A.M. Registration – Coffee & pastries; Mix & Mingle
- 9:00 A.M. Welcome by President, Jim **Gaudet**
- 9:15 A.M. Walter Hickey – **A Treasure Trove of Naturalization Records Online**
- 10:30 A.M. Stretch Break
- 10:45 A.M. Sandra Goodwin – **Writing A Genealogy Your Relatives Will Want to Read**
- 12:00 P.M. Buffet Luncheon - includes cold cut buffet, pasta, tossed & tuna salad, and desserts.
- 1:00 P.M. Auction and Raffles
- 1:30 P.M. Michael Leclerc – **Advanced French-Canadian Research**
- 2:30 P.M. Stretch Break
- 2:45 P.M. Annual Meeting & Election of Officers and Directors for 2014/2015

**Sunday, September 28, 2014** – Library hours for Conference attendees 10 am – 2:00 pm. Please let us know if you would like to do research on Sunday.

This year we will be having an auction along with our regular raffles. Some excellent items are being donated – join the fun. Check our newsletter for more details.



Sandra **Goodwin**, Past President of the Massachusetts Society of Genealogists, has been researching her family's history since 1992. Besides researching, she has also spoken at local, regional, and national conferences. She has also taught family history writing and beginning and intermediate genealogy classes at various local venues as well as through Worcester Night Life. She is currently the producer of Maple Stars and Stripes: Your French-Canadian Genealogy Podcast and can be contacted at [maplestarsandstripes@gmail.com](mailto:maplestarsandstripes@gmail.com).

**Title: Using Print-on-Demand: Write a Family History Book Your Relatives Will Actually Want to Read**

Genealogists love to discover a compiled genealogy of their surname of interest. The thicker the better! But how does the rest of your family feel about reading it. Would they sit down and read it even if YOU were the author? This lecture covers three related issues: how to leave behind your materials when you're gone, how to choose a project that's not as intimidating as a compiled genealogy, and how to construct it in a format that your family will find riveting. Discover how to write creative print-on-demand books that your family won't want to put down!



Walter **Hickey** recently retired from the National Archives after 25 years, having served at both the Waltham and Pittsfield regional archives. He has been a frequent speaker at genealogical societies and conferences throughout New England on Federal records, including those relating to naturalization and immigration.

**Naturalization Records Online and More:**

This session will present an overview of some of the naturalization records available on line, as well as the records series available from the Genealogy Program of the United States Citizenship & Immigration Service (USCIS), formerly the Immigration & Naturalization Service (INS). This program makes available several series of genealogically important naturalization files.



Michael J. **Leclerc** is the grandson of French-Canadian immigrants. He started researching those roots back in the 1980s and became a professional genealogist twenty years ago. He currently serves as Chief Genealogist for Mocavo. He is a past board member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, and a former Vice-President of Administration for the Federation of Genealogical Societies. He is the author of numerous articles for scholarly journals and popular genealogical magazines. He is co-editor of *Genealogical Writing in the Twenty-First Century: A Guide to Register Style*

*and More*, Second Edition, and editor of the *Genealogist's Handbook for New England Research*, Fifth Edition.

**Title: Advanced French-Canadian Research**

Move beyond indexes and images from parish registers to propel your research. Discover a variety of online, print, and original records that will help you blast through brick walls and give you more information about your ancestors.

## 2014 Fall Conference and Annual Meeting

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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**Early Bird Registration date is September 15<sup>th</sup>.**

**Saturday Conference and Lunch Early Registration: \$50 per person  
\$60/per person after September 15<sup>th</sup> until September 25<sup>th</sup>**

I/we will attend the Conference and Lunch on Saturday, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> **\$50/\$60** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ My check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed or

\_\_\_\_\_ Please charge my credit card:  M/C  Visa  Discover

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**I/we cannot attend the Conference but here is a donation to help defray some of the costs.**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_.  Conference  Building Fund  Any fund

▶ or send gift cards of any denomination to be raffled off at the Conference

▶ We will have a 50/50 raffle on the day of the conference. The winner will receive half of what is collected for this raffle.

▶ We will also be having a fundraiser auction at 1:00. Watch our newsletters for details and pictures of some of the items that will be in the auction. Items will be on display at the conference.

Please make check payable to ACGS Conference and mail to:  
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