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**The second New York State Family History Conference will take place in Syracuse, NY, September 17–19, 2015 and bring together hundreds of researchers from across the country who want to learn about their New York roots.**

NEW YORK, NY, February 11—The Central New York Genealogical Society and the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society are cosponsoring the 2015 New York Family History Conference. This year's event will also be a Federation of Genealogical Societies Regional Conference.

The three-day conference will be held September 17–19 at the Holiday Inn & Conference Center Liverpool, just outside Syracuse, New York. It will attract hundreds of researchers—both amateur and professional—and top experts in the field.

Nationally known speakers, Judy Russell, JD, CG, CGL, The Legal Genealogist; Thomas W. Jones, Ph.D., CG, FASG; David E. Rencher, AG, CG, FIGRS, FUGA, FamilySearch.org; Curt B. Witcher, Allen County Public Library; D. Joshua Taylor, Findmypast.com and President, Federation of Genealogical Societies; Dick Eastman, author and publisher; James D. Folts, Ph.D., New York State Archives; Henry B. Hoff, FGBS, editor of the New England Historical and Genealogical Register; Blaine Bettinger, Ph.D., The Genetic Genealogist; Ed Donakey, FamilySearch.org, VP of FGS; Eric G. Grundset, Library Director, DAR Library; Jim Ison, CG, FamilySearch.org; Matt Knutzen, New York Public Library; Jen Baldwin, Findmypast.com; and, New York-specialist, professional genealogists Laura Murphy DeGrazia, CG, FGBS; Karen Mauer Jones, CG, FGBS; Terry Koch-Bostic and Jane E. Wilcox will give lectures.

Registration opens on February 11 at the FGS2015 conference in Salt Lake City and online. The registration fee for the three-day conference (excluding meals and printed syllabus) is \$140 for the first 75 registrants (available through March 31 or until sold out); members of the CNYGS or

the NYG&B receive a \$25 discount. Purchase tickets in the online store at [www.newyorkfamilyhistory.org](http://www.newyorkfamilyhistory.org).

The conference responds to the rapid growth in interest in family history research and, in particular, the demand for information about families who lived in New York State.

Attendees will have an opportunity to advance their skills in researching New York families, to build general skills and through 30 lectures in three parallel tracks and learn ways to build their local genealogical and historical societies through the FGS Focus on Societies day. In addition there will be three luncheons and a dinner, all with riveting speakers; and open-to-the-public Society Showcase; and exhibits by vendors and societies. The conference program and exhibitor information may be found on the conference website, [www.NYSFHC.org](http://www.NYSFHC.org).

New York State poses numerous challenges for even the most experienced family history researcher. The New York State Family History Conference will break down research barriers and provide a forum that brings people together to share their research knowledge and problem-solving experiences and to collaborate on key research issues.

Sponsors of the conference include the Federation of Genealogical Societies, the Capital District Genealogical Society, FamilySearch.org, Findmypast.com, the New England Historic Genealogical Society, the New York Public Library, the New York State Archives and New York State Library, and the William G. Pomeroy Foundation.

### **About the CNYGS**

The Central New York Genealogical Society was formed in 1961 for the purpose of preserving, publishing and sharing genealogical information and resources. Towards that end, it has published *Tree Talks*, a highly respected quarterly which contains abstracts of significant records from upstate New York counties and is fully indexed, annually. The CNYGS holds six meetings yearly, and members engage in record preservation projects to preserve and report information for the future. Its official website is located at [rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nycnygs](http://rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nycnygs).

### **About the NYG&B**

The New York Genealogical and Biographical Society has been a primary resource for research on New York families since 1869. The Society's mission is to help people of all backgrounds find their places in American history through family history and genealogy. The NYG&B offers educational programs, including a biennial, three-day statewide conference, of which the NYG&B is a co-founder; two essential quarterly publications, including its scholarly journal, the *NYG&B Record*; and extensive resources online at [NewYorkFamilyHistory.org](http://NewYorkFamilyHistory.org). In January 2015, the NYG&B published its monumental, 856-page *New York Family History Research Guide and Gazetteer*, the first and only comprehensive guide of its kind in the United States.

### **About the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS)**

The Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) was founded in 1976 and represents the members of hundreds of genealogical societies across the United States and in other nations.

FGS links the genealogical community by helping genealogical societies strengthen and grow through a variety of online resources; through its FGS *FORUM* magazine published quarterly; and through its annual national conference which provides societies and family history enthusiasts four days of excellent learning opportunities including one full day devoted to society management — all delivered by nationally recognized speakers, educators, and regional experts. To learn more about FGS, its member societies, and its upcoming conferences, visit [fgs.org](http://fgs.org). Find FGS on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/FGSgenealogy>, on Twitter [@FGSgenealogy](https://twitter.com/FGSgenealogy) and on the FGS *Voice* blog at <http://voice.fgs.org>.

