

Overcoming Obstacles to German Research

SPEAKERS

Susannah E. Brooks

Is the 1st Vice President/Membership Chairman of the Mid-Atlantic Germanic Society (MAGS) and a volunteer genealogy staff aid and outreach volunteer at the National Archives and Records Administration in Washington, DC. She specializes in German and 19th and 20th Century general U.S. research.

Corinne Earnest

Writes regular columns regarding the genealogical data found on fraktur for *Der Kurier*, the quarterly publication of the Mid-Atlantic Germanic Society, and for *Penn Pal*, the quarterly newsletter of the Pennsylvania Chapter of Palatines to America. From 1996 to 2000, Corinne served as President of the Mid-Atlantic Germanic Society, and she currently serves as Second Vice President of the Pennsylvania Chapter of Palatines to America.

Together with her husband, Russ, the Earnests teach courses on the history of fraktur through the Pennsylvania College of Art and Design. In 1997, the Earnests served as guest curators for a fraktur exhibit at the Heritage Center of Lancaster County in Lancaster. In 1999, the Earnests were awarded by the Pennsylvania German Society for their work on fraktur. The Earnests have published numerous books on fraktur and genealogy.

John Humphrey

Is the current President of the Mid-Atlantic Germanic Society and Vice President of the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania. John Humphrey is the former director of the National Genealogical Society, Learning Center in Arlington, Virginia. His principle genealogical publication is the sixteen-volume set of Pennsylvania Births that list more than 200,000 births in eastern Pennsylvania counties prior to 1825. In 2001 he led a NGS research trip to Northern Germany. Currently he is working on genealogical records created during World War II of interest to researchers in Germany and the United States.

PROGRAM

Saturday, 24 March 2007

Comfort Inn Conference Center
Bowie, Maryland

- 8:30 Registration
(Coffee and Pastries available)
- 9:00 Welcoming Remarks
- 9:10 **German Language Skills for Genealogists**
— John Humphrey
- 10:10 Break
- 10:35 **Using German Church Records without Speaking German** —
Susannah E. Brooks
- 11:35 Annual Business Meeting
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:15 **Knocking Down Barriers to Understanding Fraktur** — Corinne Earnest
- 2:15 Break
- 2:45 **Your Questions Answered—An Open Forum**— Susannah Brooks,
Corinne Earnest, John Humphrey
- 3:45 Awarding of Door Prizes
- 4:00 Adjourn for the day

Absolutely no taping, either audio or visual, will be permitted without the prior written permission of the speaker. Please mail all requests to:

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Surnames You Are Researching:

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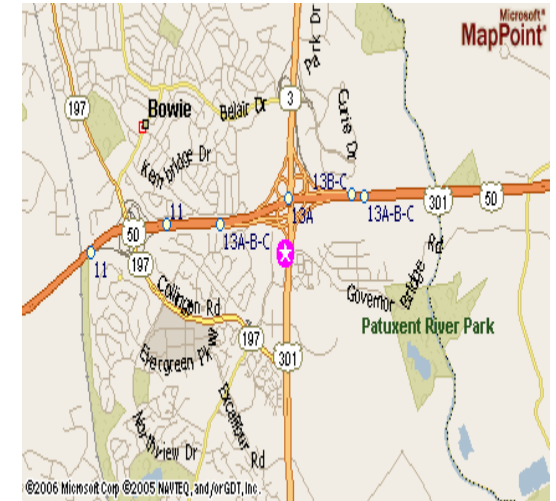
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Parking is complimentary.

Directions to the Comfort Inn:

The hotel is located .1 mile south of the junction of US Route 301 and US Route 50/State Route 3. Use Exit 13A on US 50 E & W. The entrance to the hotel is on Route 301 South. Turn right on Frontage Road which is just past the hotel on the southbound side of the highway.



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.