Speakers

Lisa Alzo:
Lisa A. Alzo, M.F.A., is a freelance writer, instructor, and internationally recognized lecturer, specializing in Eastern European research, writing your family history, and using the Internet to trace female and immigrant ancestors. She is the author of eleven books and hundreds of magazine articles. Lisa teaches online genealogy courses for Family Tree University and the National Institute for Genealogical Studies, and is an internationally recognized lecturer. Visit <http://www.lisaalzo.com> for more information.

Lisa will speak on “Murder, Mayhem and Town Tragedy” – This talk, which includes a complex case study, demonstrates how to use Census records, funeral records, obituaries, cemetery inscriptions, historical newspapers, town histories, court and jail records, and many other underused records and sources to find the heroes and villains in your family tree.

She’ll also present “Cause of Death: Using Coroner’s Records for Genealogy” – Coroners got involved in all types of unexplained deaths from drug overdoses to drownings, mishaps to murders, making their records an excellent resource to research for details about an ancestor’s untimely death. Learn where to find coroners records and how to mine them for genealogy research clues.

Amie Bowser Tennant:
Amie Bowser Tennant is The Genealogy Reporter bringing you genealogy news and more. She is a professional genealogist, nationally known speaker, and internationally known blogger. Amie provides blog and written content for many top companies and societies in the genealogy field. Some of her recent publications can be found in the NGS Magazine, the Ohio Genealogical Society News and the OGS Quarterly, and at Legacy News, just to name a few! You can also see her several webinars via Legacy Family Tree Webinars.

Amie will speak on “Trolling Virtual Cemeteries and Using Cemetery Records” – And you thought it was scary to go trolling through the cemetery on a dark and foggy night! The real scare is when you don’t know about all the online sites dedicated to viewing a cemetery without ever leaving home. Troll along with us as we talk about the pros and cons of FindAGrave, BillionGraves, and DeceasedOnline. We will also discuss often overlooked cemetery records and where to find them.

Amie will also be holding one 30 minute open forum Q&A session.

Sarah Halter:
Sarah Halter, Executive Director of the Indiana Medical History Museum, will present “What Killed Your Ancestors?” – 19th century medicine, the accuracy of information, names for certain diseases, euphemisms, etc. and what they mean.