



GGG Meeting on March 10, 2012

Lois Edwards, longtime GGS member, former editor of *Germanic Genealogy Journal*, GGS past president, and author of *Beginner's Guide to Germanic Genealogy*, will be the featured speaker at the GGS meeting on March 10. She is a noted lecturer with over 20 years of experience researching German ancestors from four German regions.



9:00 AM **Registration** \$ 8 per person (No pre-registration)

9:30 to 10:30 **Beginning Germanic Genealogy**

Based on the book, *Beginner's Guide to Germanic Genealogy*, this session focuses on the goal of finding the German birth record of the immigrant ancestor. We begin with "best case scenario" of finding a place name and locating it in Germany and finding microfilmed records. Then we visit various "worse" cases that researchers often encounter, such as the place is outside of Germany or the place name is misspelled. Finally we consider the "worst case" of not knowing a town name, suggesting strategies and resources.

10:30 to 11:00 **Break**

11:00 to 12 noon **Surprising and Amusing Discoveries in German Research**

Typical, amusing mistakes and surprising, unusual discoveries lead us to explore essential concepts, such as place names, residence versus birth place, migration within Europe, and kernels of truth within family stories. Along the way, we will encounter history and geography of several German regions, as well as research strategies.

The meeting will be held in the first floor auditorium at:

Minnesota Genealogical Society

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South St. Paul, MN 55075-1150

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For directions see:

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Beginner's Guide to Germanic Genealogy

will be for sale at the meeting.

Cost: \$17 (cash or check)

Bring a friend! GGS meetings are open to everyone.