

Farmhouse, Meeting House, Court House: Breathing Life Into Your Family's Story

Saturday, 10 April 2010

North Wilkesboro Elks Club,
100 Finley Avenue, North Wilkesboro, NC 28659

Speaker: J. Mark Lowe, CGSM



J. Mark Lowe, CGSM, has been researching families for more than 40 years. He grew up in Tennessee with extensive family roots in Kentucky. He has travelled extensively in both states and enjoys sharing his love of genealogy and the joy of research with others.

As a researcher and lecturer, Mark enjoys working with genealogical groups and professional organizations. He is past president of the Association of Professional Genealogists, former vice president and secretary of the Federation of Genealogical Societies, and past president of the Southern Kentucky Genealogical Society. Mark is currently a director of the Regional In-depth Genealogical Studies Alliance (RIGSA). He is an instructor for the IGHR (Samford University), SLIG (UGA), and RIGSA and was awarded the Grahame T. Smallwood, Jr., Award by the APG in 2007.

Mark has published articles in the *Association of Professional Genealogists Quarterly* (APGQ), the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly*, and *The Longhunter* (Southern Kentucky Genealogical Society quarterly). His own publications include *Robertson County Tennessee Marriage Book 2, 1859-1873* and *Pioneer Cemetery* (Bowling Green, Kentucky).

Mark lives in Robertson County, Tennessee, which lies in Northern Middle Tennessee along the Kentucky border. With family history in both states, a knowledge of the interaction of citizen along borders helps Mark resolve difficult issues using often overlooked records. As a national and regional speaker, he has brought these areas of expertise, along with his unique humor and southern style, to many diverse audiences.

Schedule

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| 8:30-9:00 | Registration |
| 9:00-10:15 | <i>Making Those Early Census Records Talk to You</i>
Stop avoiding those pre-1850 census records. Turn those 1s and 0s into clues and lively pictures of your family |
| 10:15-10:45 | Break and Vendors |
| 10:45-12:00 | <i>My Ancestor, the Farmer: Shaping a Profile for your Rural Ancestor</i>
Farming is a proud and honorable occupation. Develop a rich profile of your farming ancestor and community using available resources. |
| 12:00-1:00 | Lunch and Break |
| 1:00-2:15 | <i>Bible Thumper or Pious Pilgrim: Religious Ancestors on the Frontier</i>
Get the real picture of religious fervor after the Great Awakening. Learn about resources that can help you sharpen your focus on a frontier ancestor. Case studies will paint a clearer picture. |
| 2:15-2:45 | Break and Vendors |
| 2:45-4:00 | <i>Follow a Case Through Court</i>
Learn to arrange, recognize, and locate court records of our North Carolina ancestors while identifying the NC court system. |