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CATHERINE B.W. DESMARAIS, CERTIFIED GENEALOGIST®

Certification

Certified Genealogist, Board for Certification of Genealogists®, Certificate 1016

Awarded 4 June 2011, successfully renewed 4 June 2016, expires 4 June 2021.

Work Experience

Owner and Principal Researcher, Stone House Historical Research, 2008 – present

Specializing in kinship determination for the legal community and the U.S. military. United States and International experience. Level IV (highest) member of the Council for the Advancement of Forensic Genealogy, with thousands of hours billable forensic experience. Accepted as an expert witness in New York County Surrogate's Court, 2017.

Military Repatriation Genealogical Case Worker, 2012 – present

Department of Defense qualified genealogist, researching next of kin and eligible family DNA donors for servicemen missing from Korea and World War II with the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency.

Leadership

Vice-President, Association for Professional Genealogists (APG), 2014 – 2017

APG is an international organization dedicated to supporting those engaged in the business of genealogy through advocacy, collaboration, education, and the promotion of high ethical standards.

Council for the Advancement of Forensic Genealogy (CAFG), 2012 – 2015

Member of the Board of Directors, Mentor Program Coordinator. Mentor members' participation in pro-bono research projects for coroners' offices, ACT Dallas, and Purple Hearts Reunited.

Teaching

Instructor, Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy (SLIG), Salt Lake City

Fundamentals of Forensic Genealogy, upcoming January 2020

Meeting Standards with DNA Evidence, one lecture, upcoming January 2020

Coaching Lab: Forensic Genealogy from Inquiry to Affidavit, January 2017

Solving Problems Like a Professional, four lectures, January 2016, 2019, 2020

Advanced Evidence Practicum, case study, January 2016, online course, October 2016

Digging Deeper in New England, three lectures, for D. Joshua Taylor, 2015 and 2017

Instructor, Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh (GRIP)

Fundamentals of Forensic Genealogy, course coordinator, 2016, 2018, 2019

"Can You Hear Me Now? Women's Voices in Historic Court Records," for Judy Russell, JD, CG, CGL, 2016, 2018

"Other People's Ancestors," *From Confusion to Conclusion*, for Kimberly Powell, 2018, upcoming 2019

Digging Deeper in New England, three lectures, for D. Joshua Taylor, July 2016, upcoming 2019

Determining Kinship Reliably, one lecture, for Dr. Thomas W. Jones, CG, 2013, 2014

Instructor, Forensic Genealogy Institute, Dallas, Texas

Advanced Master Practicum, 8 hours, 2015, *Advanced Evidence Analysis*, International Case Study, 2014

Foundations in Forensic Genealogy, "Work Products," "Practicum: Quiet Title Case," 2012 and 2014

Ancestry Academy

"Vermont: Research in the Green Mountain State,"

A series of instructional modules created and filmed for *Ancestry.com*, October 2015

Educational Background

Master's Degree, Education, University of Vermont. Graduated Summa Cum Laude, 4.0/4.0 GPA
Earned 33 additional graduate credits in education after completion of this degree, maintaining 4.0/4.0.

Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh (GRIP)

Chromosome Mapping and Visual Phasing, 2018

Advanced Genetic Genealogy, 2016; *Law School for Genealogists*, 2014

Determining Kinship Reliably with the Genealogical Proof Standard, 2013

Advanced Genealogical Methods, 2012

Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy (SLIG), Salt Lake City

Establishing Genealogical Proof with DNA, 2018

Who Do You Think You Are? Live, Birmingham, England, April 2016

Represented APG, sessions included an Irish DNA study and little-known Irish records.

Forensic Genealogy Institute, Dallas, Texas

Advanced Master Practicum, 2015, *Advanced Evidence Analysis*, 2014,

Foundations in Forensic Genealogy, 2012

Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts

GEN 221, *Writing Narrative Family Histories and Other Genealogical Works*, 2011

Association of Professional Genealogists Professional Management Conferences, 2010, 2014-2017

Samford University, Birmingham, Alabama, Institute for Genealogical and Historical Research

Advanced Methodology and Evidence Analysis, 2013, *Intermediate Genealogy...Studies*, 2009

Genealogical Institute on Federal Records (now Gen-Fed, then NIGR)

National Archives and Records Administration, Washington, D.C., 2008

ProGen 1, Professional Genealogical Study Group, 18-month program 2008-2009

Attendee at numerous local, regional, and national genealogical conferences

Publications

Desmarais, Catherine Becker Wiest. "Hazen P. Day of Baltimore, Maryland, and Burlington, Vermont: His Neighbors Bring Him Home." *National Genealogical Society Quarterly*, September 2017.

Desmarais, Catherine Becker Wiest and Noreen Alexander Manzella. "Who Fathered Jacob and William Northamer? Pennsylvania Tax Records Help Determine Kinship." *National Genealogical Society Quarterly* 100 (June 2012):123-32.

Desmarais, Catherine Becker Wiest. "Restoring the Identity of Elisabeth Bair of Lancaster, Pennsylvania: Was She a Northamer or a Wetsler, and Who Were Her Parents?," *Crossroads* 7 (Spring 2012): 6-15.