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## Grace DuMelle's Programs and Workshops

*Finding Your Chicago Ancestors: A Beginner's Guide to Family History in the City and Cook County*

"You had the most informed, put-together presentation I've heard,  
and I've been doing genealogy for 25 years."

—comment to author after a presentation to the Elgin Genealogical Society, March 1, 2005

### **Chicago Genealogy 101**

Learn the challenges of searching for Windy City relations—such as address and street name changes, and scores of unindexed newspapers—and how to overcome those problems while also avoiding common mistakes made by researchers. Then take a look at some resources few family historians utilize: fire insurance maps, tract books, and inquest records.

Variations for specific audiences can be made to answer questions frequently asked by ethnic groups, neighborhood groups, and various age groups.

- Presentation is approximately 45 minutes followed by 15 minutes for questions
- Includes two handouts
- Requires an overhead projector to show examples drawn from client projects and author's family
- A microphone is strongly preferred

### **Other presentations available**

- Uncovering Your Past in Land Records (requires overhead projector)
- Going Straight to the Source—Pointers on Oral Histories (with overhead projections and audio)
- Exploring the Resources of the Newberry Library (incorporating slides)
- If Your House Could Talk (requires overhead projector)

Author and historical research expert Grace DuMelle has spoken to groups of 2-125 people at many public and private venues. She is willing to travel anywhere in the six-county metropolitan area and beyond.

### **Representative appearances**

- Book talks and signings at numerous venues including Printers Row Book Fair, Borders Bookstore, and Chicago Public Library branches.
- Presentations and consultations at genealogy events, including: Gene-A-Rama conference of Wisconsin State Genealogical Society, Arlington Heights Memorial Library Genealogy Fair, and meetings of area genealogical and historical societies.
- Teaching adult enrichment courses on house history and Chicago genealogy at the Newberry Library and Francis Parker School.

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