

Family History Conference
The Morrison County Genealogy Society Presents
**“Moments in Time: Reconstructing
Your Ancestry”**
with family history speaker Jay Fonkert



Saturday, April 13, 2013
12:30 to 4:30 pm

Initiative Foundation
405 First Street SE
Little Falls, Minnesota

The cost is \$20

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**Session 1: “Let Man Not Put Asunder: Using
Marriage, Divorce, Guardianship and Court Records
to Reconstruct an Early 19th Century Life.”**

Ancestors married and moved. Spouses died. Widowers remarried. Blended families appeared in the census. Divorces happened. From a Kentucky-Indiana frontier case study, learn how to use a variety of records to reconstruct what really happened in the early 1800s.

**Session 2: “Documenting the Immigration Trail: A
Five-stage Approach.”**

Immigration was a chain of events: preparations to leave home, embarkation at a port, arrival in an American port, getting established in a new community, and gaining U.S. citizenship. Learn how to use records to document the entire process.

Session 3: “Finding your pre-1850 American

Ancestors.” American genealogy becomes more challenging before 1850, when the U.S. Census first listed every individual in a household. Researchers must turn to other records, including tax lists, estate records and court records to reconstruct pre-1850 families.



Conference Speaker

J. H. “Jay” Fonkert is a professional researcher with experience in Midwest, Dutch, English, Swedish and Norwegian research, with special interests in migration and geography. He has had research experience at the Minnesota History Center and other Midwest libraries. He was Past-president, Minnesota Genealogical

Society, winner of the 2009 Scholar Award from American Society of Genealogists, and place-winner in the International Society of Family History Writers and Editors writing competition, 2007, 2008 and 2009. He is a columnist for *The Septs*, journal of the Irish Genealogical Society, International, and an instructor in an Intermediate Genealogy Course sponsored by MN Genealogical Society, as well as a conference speaker and lecturer.

Pre-registration is required due to limited space.

Conference Registration Form
“Moments in Time”



mail to:
Morrison County Genealogy Society, Inc.
P.O. Box 385, Little Falls, MN 56345

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Telephone Number (including area code) _____

Email _____

Surnames you are researching _____

Enclose a \$20.00 check to Morrison County Genealogy Society (MCGS).
