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# 50th Anniversary Founders Celebration



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Michael's Catering & Banquets 4885 Southwestern Blvd, Hamburg, NY 14075

#### Sessions:

## Systematically Using Autosomal DNA Test Results to Help Break Through Genealogical Brick Walls

A case study set in the early 1800s demonstrates methodology for using autosomal DNA test results to help solve longstanding genealogical problems.

### Don't Ignore the Sisters: The Keys to Unlocking Genealogical Mysteries

Typically, but not always, a family's females are the keepers of the family history. Ignoring sisters-and their descendants-means losing the photographs, Bibles, memoirs, diaries, and legends passed down through those branches. The women in a family are often the key to breaking down those brick walls. We will examine several examples of genealogical puzzles that were solved by studying the sisters carefully.

## Creating a Family History of Lasting Value

Most genealogists want to prepare family histories that future generations will cherish. Not all succeed. We begin to create worthwhile and accurate family histories by collecting and sharing family stories and DNA test results—information that might soon disappear. Our research progresses from that starting point toward the goal of a printed, computerized, or online family

history. If we pay attention to four factors—biography, accuracy, documentation, and explanation—our history will be irreplaceable.

This is an in-person event. To register and learn more, go to WNYGS.org!



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