

## **RGS Meeting 17 September 2009**

### **Beginner's Consultations begin in September**

Just starting in genealogy? Not sure what to do next? Don't understand what you've already got? This is for you. Beginning in September, a consultation opportunity for beginning genealogists will be offered as an alternative to the short program. Each month, one of our more experienced members will be available in the anteroom at the back of the hall during the short program. Take your research notes and/or your questions to the consultant-of-the-day and quietly get your research back on track. Remember that no question is too trivial.

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**Short Program:** "Local Research Facilities" – presented by Bob Coomber

This presentation will describe where the various facilities are for such things as birth, death, marriage records as found in the Surrogate Court, the County Clerk's Office and other facilities. Bob is the current RGS Corresponding Secretary and a seasoned genealogical researcher.

**Main Program:** Lessons Learned: "Researching Local Civil War Soldiers" – presented by Bob Marcotte

Synopsis: Bob Marcotte is the author of the book, "Where They Fell", which tells the story of Rochester area soldiers during the Civil War. His presentation will focus on lessons learned about how to access materials and judge their reliability and will conclude with an opportunity for questions and answers.

Bob Marcotte, a native of Lawrence, Kansas, holds a BA degree in journalism from the University of Kansas. He moved to Rochester in 1976 and now writes a weekly column in the Democrat & Chronicle mainly on local history topics. He has also written articles for "Rochester History", a quarterly publication. When not researching Civil War themes, Bob is also a "birder" and author of the book "Birds of the Genesee".