

## **RGS Meeting 18 February 2010**

### **Genealogy Consultations continue in February ...**

Just starting in genealogy? Not sure what to do next? Don't understand what you've already got? This is for you. Continuing in February, a consultation opportunity for beginning (or experienced) 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.

The genealogy consultant for February is Sharon Burch.

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**Short Program:** "The American Female Gender vs. The United States: Legal Discrimination"- Greg Spacher

**Synopsis:** Greg will cover the legal discrimination of the US government in matters of property ownership, citizenship and citizen rights of both native born and foreign-born women in this country.

**Bio:** Greg Spacher has been researching Genealogy for the last 20years. Using church records he documented his family roots back into 17th Century France, and in 1999 traveled to Moselle to meet his modern day cousins. In 2000 he participated in the PBS series Ancestors that documented his experience with church records. His areas of expertise include church, military and census records, especially the non-population schedules, and New England research. Recent work has proven family links to the Colonial New England Families of Foote (1632) and Pratt (1627). He is a member of the RGS Educators Committee, and has given numerous talks to local history groups, Genealogical Societies and the Massachusetts Genealogical Council.

**Main Program:** "100 Years of Reunions" - Barry Hartley

**Synopsis:** A slide show showing the preparations needed to put on a family reunion. Hopefully you will learn from past mistakes made and what works and doesn't work for a successful family reunion. Barry's Schneider - Seemann line has been putting on successful reunions since 1905.

**Bio:** Barry was born in Los Angeles and earned a degree in chemical engineering from Ohio State University. Recruited by Eastman Kodak, he worked there for 33 years and was a member of the Kodak Genealogical Society for 20 years.