



# International Society of Family History Writers and Editors

## Excellence-in-Writing Competition Winners



The Excellence-in-Writing Competition has evolved over the years, with new categories added as needed. The organization has also evolved, from the Council of Genealogical Columnists to the International Society of Family History Writers and Editors, encompassing more types of writing endeavors.

This list contains those who were judged the best of their category each year, from the very beginning of the competition in 1989. To find what year and category a person in this list was judged 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> (or Honorable Mention) , consult the alphabetical listing to find the year(s) in which they won, then see the list of winners by year to find the category and item (for most years).

We are pleased to continue to acknowledge these individuals for their outstanding work.

# 2013 Contest Winners

(for articles and columns published/written in 2012)

## *Category 1 (Newspaper Columns)*

- 1<sup>st</sup>: **Tara Cajacob.** "Discover Zimmerman."
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: **Pat Biallas.** "Government Delivers in Honoring Civil War Vet" & "Graveside Rededication Presents a Step Back in Time."
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: **Diana Crisman Smith.** "Bitten by the Typo Bug", & "The Research Report." (Association of Professional Genealogists Quarterly)
- Honorable Mention: **Susan Zacharias.** "Web of Deceit – April/June 2012" and "Oct/Dec 2012." (OGN – Ohio Genealogical Society)
- Honorable Mention: **Pat Biallas.** "Stamp Series Commemorates Civil War" & "Civil War Sesquicentennial Generates Abundance of Historical Offerings."

## *Category 2 (Published Articles)*

- 1<sup>st</sup>: **Janis Forte Minor.** "What Legacy for David H. Driver."
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: **Smiljka Kitanovic.** "Military Family Research."
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: **James W. Petty.** "Black Slavery Emancipation Research in the Northern States"
- Honorable Mention: **Shannon Bennett.** "How\_to\_get\_started\_with\_genetic\_genealogy\_and\_dna\_research".
- Honorable Mention: **Margaret Barker.** "The Twins".

### ***Category 3 (Genealogy Newsletters)***

- 1<sup>st</sup>: **Phyllis Matthews Ziller.** "November 2012 NCGS News" & "Sept 2012 NCGS News" (North Carolina Genealogical Society)
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: **Mary W. Parker.** "Newsletter June 2012" & "Newsletter September 2012."
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: **Sunny Morton.** "2012-02 OGN" and "2012-03 OGN" (Ohio Genealogical Society News)
- Honorable Mention: **Janis Forte Minor.** "July/August 2012 Newsletter" & "September/October 2012 Newsletter"

### ***Category 4 (Unpublished Authors)***

- 1<sup>st</sup>: **Sherri Hessick.** "Just Another Love Story."
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: **Victoria Kauzlarich.** "The Accidental Historian."
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: **Jodi Strait.** "Curious Case of Charles Karthaeuser."
- Honorable Mention: **Robin Thomas.** "Beneficiary of a Pack Rat."
- Honorable Mention: **Rondie Yancey.** "After the War."

### ***Category 5 (Unpublished Work by Published Authors)***

- 1<sup>st</sup>: **LaBrenda Garrett-Nelson.** "Searching for the Slave Owners."
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: **Nancy Calhoun.** "A Lost Stone."
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: **Andrea Ramsey.** "Desperately Seeking Charlotte."
- Honorable Mention: **Kenneth Castle.** "My Norwegian Ancestors."

- Honorable Mention: **Kathleen Broomer.** “James A. Spillet Hatter, Newsdealer, Capitalist.”



## 2012 Contest Winners

(for articles and columns published/written in 2011)

### *Category 1 (Newspaper Columns)*

- 1<sup>st</sup>: **Shelley Bishop.** "A Big Game for the Big Day."
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: **Shelley Bishop.** “Newel King, 91<sup>st</sup> Ohio Volunteer Infantry.”
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: **James Beidler.** “Wanted: Larger ‘Needles’.”

### *Category 2 (Published Articles)*

- 1<sup>st</sup>: **Sunny Morton.** "Blue Collar Breakthroughs.”
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: **Mary Penner.** “Academic Libraries: A Good Reason to Head Back to Campus.”
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: **Debbie Parker Wayne.** “An Identity Crisis: Using Indirect Evidence...”

### *Category 3 (Original Unpublished Stories)*

- 1<sup>st</sup>: **Courtney O’Bryan Auger.** "Common Ground.”

- 2<sup>nd</sup> [tie] **Cheryl Roach.** “The Long and Winding Road: The Search for the Clark Farm.”
- 2<sup>nd</sup> [tie]: **Marjorie Waterfield.** “James Holmes: He Was Tickled to be Pickled.”

***Category 4 (Unpublished Authors)***

- 1<sup>st</sup>: **Carla Love Maitland.** "The Butchers of Marshall Avenue.”

***Category 5 (Unpublished Work by Published Authors)***

- 1<sup>st</sup>: **Paul K. Graham.** "The Bones of Hobo Hollow.”
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: **Nancy Waters Lauer.** “Ella’s Letter.”
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: **M. Carolyn Steele** “Civil War Perils of Springtime.”



## **2011 Contest Winners**

**(for articles and columns published/written in 2010)**

***Category 1 (Newspaper Columns)***

- 1<sup>st</sup>: **Michael Hait.** "Learning from Genealogical Failure."
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: **Tara Cajacob.** “Curator in the Community Sylvester-Gleisner’s Uniform.”
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: **James Beidler.** “Participate in Census with Eye to Future.”

***Category 2 (Published Articles)***

- 1<sup>st</sup>: **Leslie Albrecht Huber.** "The Journey Takers."
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: **Mary Penner.** "Project Census."
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: **Jean Wilcox Hibben, PhD, CG.** "Discovering More Than Artifacts."

### *Category 3 (Original Unpublished Stories)*

- 1<sup>st</sup>: **Linda Stewart.** "Encounters with a Family Skeleton: Virgil Baldwin."
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: **James B. Carr.** "The Search for Frank LaMunday."
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: **Jo Arnsperger.** The Legacy and Entangled Roots of Minerva Louise Favorite Douglas."

### *Category 4 (Want-to-Be Writers)*

- 1<sup>st</sup>: **Courtenay Auger.** "The Map of Ireland."
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: **Priscilla Brown.** "The Bellhop"
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: **Joyce Hardmond Gabourel.** "Up South with Grandma Macie Russell Rice in Medford, Long Island, New York."

### *Category 5 (Unpublished Material by Published Author)*

- 1<sup>st</sup>: **Betty Lou Cooke.** "The Michigan Grandfather I Never Knew."
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: **Ruth Randall.** "Making a Way Out of No Way."
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: **Julie Cahill Tarr.** "With One Mystery Solved, Others Surface."



# 2010 Contest Winners

(for articles and columns published/written in 2009)

## *Category 1 (Newspaper Columns)*

- 1<sup>st</sup>: **Julie Miller, CG.** "Indirect path is sometimes best route to answers."
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: **Michael Hait.** "Adam Adams, Free Black, Revolutionary War Soldier."
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: **Nancy Ann Calhoun.** "Start Your Research Before You Leave the House."

## *Category 2 (Published Articles)*

- 1<sup>st</sup>: **Colleen Fitzpatrick.** "One Man, Two Names, Three Families, and Much Intrigue."
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: **Ruth Randall.** "Family Lore and Effects of Slavery on the Black Psyche: Rosa Grammar's Choice."
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: **Alice L. Luckhardt.** "Evoking Family Stories."

## *Category 3 (Original Unpublished Stories)*

- 1<sup>st</sup>: **J.H. Fonkert, CG.** "Sorting out Entangled Roots: Tidball Origins in Southwest England."
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: **Nancy Waters Lauer.** "Will the Real William Waters Please Stand Up"

## *Category 4 (Want-to-Be Writers)*

- 1<sup>st</sup>: **Anna Caulfield.** "Three Skeletons for the Price of One."
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: **Andy Likins.** "Striking It Rich (Even If Your Ancestors Weren't)"



## 2009 Contest Winners

(for articles and columns published/written in 2008)

### *Category 1 (Newspaper Columns)*

- 1<sup>st</sup>: **Stefani Evans, CG.** "Woman's Suspicious Death Remains a Mystery."
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: **Julie Miller, CG.** "Postcards from Heaven."
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: **James M. Beidler.** "Google Searches Bring Interesting, and Different, Results."

### *Category 2 (Published Articles)*

- 1<sup>st</sup>: **Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak.** "The Man (Or Woman) Who Would be King," *Ancestry*, September/October 2008.
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: **J.H. Fonkert, CG.** "In Search of Early Dutch Settlers in Minnesota," *Minnesota Genealogist*, Spring 2008."
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: **Schelly Talalay Dardashti.** "When Oral History Meets Genetics," *The Jerusalem Post*, 28 March 2008.

### *Category 3 (Original Unpublished Stories)*

- 1<sup>st</sup>: **Phyllis Matthews Ziller.** "Finding Facts to Support a Family Tradition."



- 2<sup>nd</sup>: **Linda Coffin.** “Great-Uncle Andrew: The Murderer in the Family Closet.”
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: **Pamela Lyons Brinegar, CG.** “The Search of Isaac Murphy’s Parents.”

***Category 4 (Want-to-Be Writers)***

- 1<sup>st</sup>: **Linda McMeniman.** "A Brooklyn of My Mind.”
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: **Carolyn Stopinski Miller.** “If the Shue/Schue Fits: Identifying the Father of Brinton Hiram Miller (1906-1980) of Adams County, Pennsylvania.”



## **2008 Contest Winners**

**(for articles and columns published/written in 2007)**

***Category 1 (Newspaper Columns)***

- 1<sup>st</sup>: **Mary Alice Dell.** "Land Ho! The Lure of the New World."
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: **Julie Miller, CG.** “Dear Lucy, Love Phil: A Cotton Family Legacy.”
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: **Mary Penner.** “Union Vets Joined Posts Across Nation.”

***Category 2 (Published Articles)***

- 1<sup>st</sup>: **Colleen Fitzpatrick.** "Clues Left Around a House.”
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: **Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak.** “Found! Serial Centenarians.”
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: **Schelly Talalay Dardashti.** “Planting the Family Tree.”

### ***Category 3 (Original Unpublished Stories)***

- 1<sup>st</sup>: **Hazelhurst Smith Beezer.** "Dr. James Hall: Skeleton in the Hall Family Closet."
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: **Terry R. Barnhart.** "Unraveling the Mystery in Ginghamburg."
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: **Nancy Waters Lauer.** "When a Brick Wall Crumbles Onto the Wrong Path."

### ***Category 4 (Want-to-Be Writers)***

- 1<sup>st</sup>: **Debra A. Hoffman.** "Bricks & Mortality"
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: **Harold Henderson.** "City Directories as Clue Factories."
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: **J.H. Fonkert.** "Celebrate Minnesota's History by Starting Your Own."



## **2007 Contest Winners**

**(for articles and columns published/written in 2006)**

### ***Category 1 (newspaper columns)***

- 1<sup>st</sup>: **Stefani Evans.** "Seized land become memorial," in *The News Community (Henderson, Nevada) Newspaper*, 4 August 2006.
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: **Julie Miller, CG.** "Firing up the next generation of genealogists," *Broomfield (Colorado) Enterprise*, 15 December 2006.
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: **James Beidler.** "Searching for a Miller? You're in good company," *Altoona (Pennsylvania) Mirror*, 9 July 2006.

### ***Category 2 (Published Articles)***

- 1<sup>st</sup>: **Leslie Albrecht Huber.** "Finding Eliza Again," *Ancestry Magazine*, March/April 2006.
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: **Colleen Fitzpatrick and Andrew Yeiser.** "Scientific Methods," *Family Tree Magazine*, April 2006.
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: **Diane Rapaport.** "The Case of the Rhode Island Runaway," *Ancestors Magazine*, Spring 2006.

### ***Category 3 (Original Unpublished Stories)***

- 1<sup>st</sup>: **Katharyn L. Waldron.** "In Search For Johann Valentin Burghardt: Papers, Patters and Persistence."
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: **Marie Navvarro.** "The Search for my Loving Grandmother Kelley."
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: **J.H. Fonkert.** "The Search for the Origins of James C. Fawkner."

### ***Category 4 (Want-to-Be Writers)***

- 1<sup>st</sup>: **Karen Roekard.** "How Far Should a Genealogist Go?"
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: **Debra Hoffman.** "One of Morgan's Men."



**2006 Contest Winners**  
(for articles and columns published/written in 2005)

### ***Category 1 (newspaper columns)***

- 1<sup>st</sup>: **Mary Penner**. "Draft registration cards can yield a battery of facts" in *Albuquerque Tribune Online*, 22 September 2005.
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: **James Beidler**. "Portraying ancestors makes history come alive," *Altoona (Pennsylvania) Mirror*, 25 December 2005.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> (tie): **Martha Everman Jones**. "Early settlers' land grants," *Victoria (Texas) Advocate*, 12 June 2005.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> (tie): **Betty Malesky**. "Don't forget the women," *Green Valley (Arizona) News & Sun*, 16 March 2005.

### ***Category 2 (published articles)***

- 1<sup>st</sup>: **Peter Sleeth**. "The Underground Railroad and the Marshall Family of Economy, Indiana," *The Hoosier Genealogist*, Fall 2005.
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: **Diane Rapaport**. "The Strange Case of Mary Rosse and Her 'Enthusiastical Power'," *New England Ancestors*, Holiday 2005.
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: **Mary Blair Immel**. "Boone County's 'Kansas Colony'," *The Hoosier Genealogist*, Spring 2005.

### ***Category 3 (Original Unpublished Stories)***

- 1<sup>st</sup>: **T. Mark James**. "Phillip's Legacy."
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: **Connie Lenzen**. "The Ghost of Thomas G. O'Connor: A Portland, Oregon Policeman."
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: **Janet Sjaarda Sheeres**. "Solving the Sjaarda Mystery."

#### ***Category 4 (Want-to-Be Writers)***

- 1<sup>st</sup>: **Andrea Butler Ramsey.** "Say Her Name."
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: **Karin Berry.** "My Great-Great Grandfather, Charles Brown."
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: **Laurie Beth Roman.** "Break Thru Your Brick Walls by Writing Your Family History."

***Special Award.*** The Myra Vanderpool Gormley Award of Merit was established to recognize excellence in the service to the field of genealogical writing, publishing, editing, and/or other forms of print and/or electronic communications. The award was presented to Loretta Dennis Szucs in recognition of her accomplishments and leadership in the art and craft of writing.



## **2005 Contest Winners**

**(for articles and columns published/written in 2004)**

#### ***Category 1 (newspaper columns)***

- 1<sup>st</sup>: **Joan Griffis.** "WWI Draft Registrations Helpful for Genealogists," in *Champaign (Illinois) News-Gazette*, 26 August 2004.
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: **Ernest Thode.** "Drawing a Portrait of Family Health," *Marietta (Ohio) Times*, 22 December 2004.

- 3<sup>rd</sup>: **Joan Griffis.** “Colonial Ancestor was ‘Killed Strangely’,” *Champaign (Illinois) News-Gazette*, 5 February 2004.

### ***Category 2 (published articles)***

- 1<sup>st</sup>: **Judith Q. McMullen.** "Indiana's Lincoln: Oral History Gathered by the Southwestern Indiana Historical Society during the 'Lincoln Inquiry,' 1920-1927," *The Hoosier Genealogist*, Vol 43, No. 4.
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: **Diane Rapaport.** “The Case of the Scottish Rogue,” *New England Ancestors*, Holiday 2004.
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: **Megan Smolenyak.** “Finding Homes for Orphan Heirlooms,” *Family Chronicle*, July/August 2004.

### ***Category 3 (Original Unpublished Stories)***

- 1<sup>st</sup>: **Gail S. Smith.** "Little Immigrant Lost: Finding Dad, a British Home Child.”
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: **Jacquelyn Wright Palmer.** “Two Negro Boys Named Elizah and Frank: The Search for My Slave Roots.”
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: **Bill Roushey, Jr.** “Heinrich's Skeleton in the Rauschenberger Closet.”

### ***Category 4 (Want-to-Be Writers)***

- 1<sup>st</sup>: **Debra Braverman.** "My Grandmother's Passport.”
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: **Trish Sowards.** “Discovering My Heritage in a Second-Hand Store.”
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: **Jan Lester.** “A Great Way to Start Off the New Year and Two Genealogical Resolutions.”



## 2004 Contest Winners

(for articles and columns published/written in 2003)

### *Category 1 (newspaper columns)*

- 1<sup>st</sup>: **Connie Lenzen**. "Cold Trail? It's all relative" (Genealogy Today) in *The Columbian*, Vancouver, Washington, 13 November 2003
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: **James M. Beidler**. "Internet should be last stop during genealogy journey" (Roots & Branches), in *Lebanon [PA] Daily News*, 17 November 2003
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: **LaRae Free Kerr** "You never know who you'll meet," in *The Herald Journal*, Logan Utah, 15 December 2003

### *Category 2 (articles published in 2003)*

- 1<sup>st</sup>: **Dave Dyer**. "The short, unlucky life of Cyrus Pickard," in *Journal Argus*, St. Marys, Ontario, Canada, 31 December 2003
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: **Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak**. "Answers in the Cemetery: James Reynolds of Jersey City, NJ," in *Heritage Quest Magazine*, September/October 2003
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: **Valerie Holladay**. "The Story of My Life," in *Ancestry* magazine, May/June 2003

### *Category 3 (unpublished genealogy research story)*

- 1<sup>st</sup>: **Jana McPherson Black.** "In Search of Edie"  
(The author will be contacted by Ancestry and offered an opportunity to have this entry published in a forthcoming issue of *Ancestry* magazine.)
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: **William Roushey.** "The Search for 'Grandpa' Peter"
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: **Barbara Murphy Likovich.** "Thank you, Grandma!"

***Category 4 (want-to-be-writers)***

- 1<sup>st</sup>: **Susan Boetticher.** "The Picture"
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: **David Galassie.** "A Visit to Grandpa's"
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: **Wilma Gundy.** "Great-great-grandfather, Arrested and Exiled"

***Special Award.*** A special award was made by ISFHWE to founding president and member Myra Vanderpool Gormley. Myra has coordinated our Excellence in Writing Contest for many years and is stepping down as coordinator after this year's conference. She continues to support ISFHWE as its Webmaster, as a consultant for the annual contest, and in other ways as well.



## **2003 Contest Winners**

**(for articles and columns published/written in 2002)**

***Category 1 (newspaper columns)***



- 1<sup>st</sup>: **Martha Everman Jones**, Victoria, Texas, "Church Records Are Great Research Tool" appeared in "Relatively Speaking" *The Victoria Advocate*, Victoria, Texas, on 31 March 2002
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: **Carole Osborne Cole**, Bountiful, Utah, "Getting the Proper Family History Perspective" appeared in "Family History Mysteries" *Davis County Clipper*, Bountiful, Utah on 21 May 2002
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: **Carole Osborne Cole**, Bountiful, Utah, "Winter Weeding is Now in Order" appeared in "Family History Mysteries" *Davis County Clipper*, Bountiful, Utah on 15 January 2002

***Category 2 (published articles and magazine columns)***

- 1<sup>st</sup>: **Amy Johnson Crow**, Reynoldsburg, Ohio — "Finding Family History on the Internet" appeared in the Oct/Nov/Dec 2002 issue of *Genealogical Computing*
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: **Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak**, Williamsburg, Virginia — "DNA Testing Dispels a Genealogical Myth" appeared in the May/June 2002 issue of *Everton's Family History Magazine*
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: **Barbara Krasner-Khait**, Somerset, New Jersey — "Cane River: From Oral History to Best-selling Novel" appeared in the July/August 2002 issue of *Ancestry*

***Category 3 (Original, unpublished research story)***

- 1<sup>st</sup>: **Connie Lenzen**, Portland, Oregon — "'The Wrong Kind' — A Family Skeleton"

- 2<sup>nd</sup>: **Betty L. Malesky**, Green Valley, Arizona — "The Search for Mary Emma Hopkins' Ancestry"
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: **Richard F. Robinson**, Delray Beach, Florida — "Genealogical Dilemma: A Haystack Full of Needles!"

***Category 4 (Want-to-be Writers/Columnists)***

- 1<sup>st</sup>: **Nancy Ann Calhoun**, Ninnekah, Oklahoma — "Shakin' Out the Smiths"
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: **Millie Hinkle**, Little Rock, Arkansas — "Mildred Catherine Washenburger 1868-1941"



**2002 Winners**

**(for articles and columns published/written in 2001)**

***Category 1 (newspaper columns)***

- 1<sup>st</sup>: **Sandra Devlin**, of Moncton, New Brunswick, Canada, (for her entry entitled *Free Versus Fee, a Foolish Spat*, published 4 Sept. 2001 in "The Guardian," et al [17 Atlantic Canada newspapers].

***Category 2 (published articles)***

- 1<sup>st</sup>: **John Graham Cook**, of Lincoln, Massachusetts, for his article, *Artist Henry Lewis: The Case of the Falsified Resume*, in *Minnesota History* 57/5 Spring 2001.

- 2<sup>nd</sup>: **Jennifer Browning**, of Draper, Utah, for her article, *Notables Next Door*, in Ancestry magazine, Jan/Feb. 2001.
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: **Barbara Krasner-Khait**, of Somerset, New Jersey, for her article *Evaluating Evidence* in Family Chronicle magazine, Jan/Feb. 2001.

**Category 3 (Original, unpublished research story)**

- 1<sup>st</sup>: **Louise M. Barry**, of Kansas City, Missouri, for her story, *Encounters with a Family Skeleton: Pleasant Houston Spears, 1836-1912*.
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: **Reuben Powell**, of Hobart, Washington, for his story *The Search for Great-Grandma, "Missouri."*
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: **Amy Johnson Crow**, of Reynoldsburg, Ohio, for her story, *The Search for Matilda, the Merry Widow*.

**Category 4 (Want-to-be Writers/Columnists)**

- 1<sup>st</sup>: **Anthony I. "Tony" Sylvester**, of Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, for his entry, *The Mysterious Charity Silvester*.
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: **Loretta Evans**, of Idaho Falls, Idaho, for her entry, *Midnight at the Cemetery*.
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: **Frieda Risvold**, of Des Moines, Washington, for her entry, *Missing Pieces*.



**2001 Winners**

**(for articles and columns published/written in 2000)**

### ***Category I (Columns)***

- **1<sup>st</sup>: Kip Sperry**, of Orem, Utah. *Kip's Tips*, "Quaker Records for Genealogists." Ancestry.com (28 November 2000).  
<http://www.ancestry.com/library/view/columns/tips/2965.asp>
- **2<sup>nd</sup>: George G. Morgan**, of Odessa, Florida. *Along Those Lines*, "A Primer in School Records," Ancestry.com (23 June 2000).  
<http://www.ancestry.com/library/view/columns/george/1752.asp>
- **3<sup>rd</sup>: Richard L. Hooverson**, of Belton, Texas. *Musings and Gleanings*, "From the World of History and Genealogy." *Heritage Quest*. Sept/Oct 2000.

### ***Category II (Feature Articles)***

- **1<sup>st</sup>: Elizabeth Kelley Kerstens**, of Plymouth, Michigan. "Disguised Patriots," *Ancestry Magazine* (March/April 2000).  
<http://www.ancestry.com/library/view/ancmag/2513.asp>
- **2<sup>nd</sup>: Linda Alexander**, of North Potomac, Maryland. "The 'White' House," *The Baton Rouge Sunday Advocate Magazine* (30 April 2000).
- **3<sup>rd</sup>: Roseann Reinemuth Hogan**, of Lexington, Kentucky. "Westward Movement: The Kentucky Microcosm" *Ancestry Magazine* (July/August 2000).  
<http://www.ancestry.com/library/view/ancmag/2831.asp>

### ***Category III (Original Unpublished Genealogy Research Story)***

- **1<sup>st</sup>: Beth Maltbie Uyehara**, of Reseda, California. "The Search for Evan Lloyd." *This winning story was published in the July/August 2001 issue (Vol. 19, No. 4) of*

*Ancestry Magazine*

<http://www.ancestry.com/library/view/ancmag/3972.asp>

- **2<sup>nd</sup>: Patricia Welchel Adams**, of University Place, Washington. "John David Who?"
- **3<sup>rd</sup>: Mimi Schmitt**, of Bernville, Pennsylvania. "Encounters with a Family Skeleton."

***Category IV (Family Newsletters Editing)***

- **1<sup>st</sup>: Cynthia Leet**, of Ann Arbor, Michigan. "The Leete Legacy."
- **2<sup>nd</sup>: Ruth Mickelson**, of Boring, Oregon. "The Bratton Bulletin."
- **3<sup>rd</sup>: Maida Barton Follini**, of Amherst, Nova Scotia. "The Folwell/Hoisington Descendants Newsletter."

***Category V (Want-to-be Writers/Columnists)***

- **1<sup>st</sup>: Deborah L. Youngs**, of Ithaca, New York. "Ever of Thee:  
The Letters of Dillalah Harriet Tabor Ketchum Marean, 1861-1865."
- **2<sup>nd</sup>: Virginia Peabody**, of Pepperell, Massachusetts. "The Dillinghams of Cottesbach."
- **3<sup>rd</sup>: Rodney Randolph Frazier**, of Charlotte, North Carolina. "The Decline and Fall of a Murderer."



# Previous Contest Winners

(Council of Genealogical Columnists, 1989-2000)

## 2000 Winners

### *Category A (Columns)*

- 1<sup>st</sup>: **Kathleen Murphy-Liles**
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: **Clarise B. Soper**
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: **Marjory Blocker-Kinsey**

### *Category B (Feature Articles)*

- 1<sup>st</sup>: **Kip Sperry**
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: **Verne Greene**
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: **Miki (Ghormley) Straughan**

### *Category C (Periodicals)*

- 1<sup>st</sup>: **James W. Castellan**
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: **Thomas Sanders**
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: **Elizabeth Kelley Kerstens**

### *Category D (Web-based/E-zine articles)*

- 1<sup>st</sup>: **Sandra Devlin**

- 2<sup>nd</sup>: **Alan Boyle**
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: **Michael John Neill**

***Category E (Books)***

- 1<sup>st</sup>: **Rhonda R. McClure**
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: **Donald R. Elliott**
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: **Gena Ayers Walls**

***Category F (Want-to-be Writers)***

- 1<sup>st</sup>: **John Hmurovik**
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: **Irene Hornbeck**

**1999 Winners**

***Category 1***

- 1<sup>st</sup>: **Thomas J. Mooney**
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: **Ernest Thode**
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: **Betty Drake**

***Category 2***

- 1<sup>st</sup>: **Linda Herrick Swisher**
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: **Ernest Thode**
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: **Joyce Justus Parris**

*Category 3: None*

*Category 4*

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Rhonda McClure

**1998 Winners**

*Category 1*

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Sandra Lake Lassen
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Ernest Thode
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: Erin Mangiapane

*Category 2*

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Carole Cole
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Joan Griffis
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: Ernest Thode

*Category 3: None*

*Category 4*

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Candace L. Doriott

**1997 Winners**



- **Dale Drake**
- **Martha E. Jones**
- **Billie R. McNamara**

## **1996 Winners**

- **Sharon King Burns**
- **Sharon D. Carmack**
- **Donn Devine**
- **Dr. Betty Drake**

## **1995 Winners**

- **Aulena S. Gibson**
- **Regina H. Ellison**
- **Sandra L. Lassen**
- **Annette L. Perry**

## **1994 Winners**

- **Donn Devine**
- **Brian E. Michaels**
- **Joy Wade Moulton**

## **1993 Winners**

- **Mary Margaret Davis**
- **Lois Ann Mast**

## **1992 Winners**

- **Carol Collins**
- **Dr. Wilmer Kerns**
- **Steve Smith**
- **Miriam Weiner**

## **1991 Winners**

- **Nick Vine Hall**
- **Miriam Weiner**
- **Lesta Westmore**

## **1990 Winners**

- **Myra Vanderpool Gormley**
- **Miriam Weiner**

## **1989 Winners**

- **Myra Vanderpool Gormley**
- **George Miller**
- **Kenneth H. Thomas, Jr**

