



AMERICAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF GERMANS FROM RUSSIA

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Call for presentations

“Roots of Our Heritage”

American Historical Society of Germans from Russia Convention
Greeley, Colorado
August 3-5, 2023

The American Historical Society of Germans from Russia announces a request for presentations for our 53rd Annual Convention: ***Roots of Our Heritage***, an in person gathering from August 3 to 5, 2023 in Greeley, Colorado. Our conventions attract members and people from around the world with various levels of expertise in genealogical studies and research. We encourage a wide variety of subjects, and all submitted proposals will be considered.

About Us

The American Historical Society of Germans from Russia was founded in 1968. Its mission is to discover, collect, preserve, and share the history, cultural heritage, and genealogical legacy of German settlers in the Russia Empire.

Throughout the years we have fulfilled our mission by hosting an annual convention where members meet and conduct family research; listen to scholars of German Russian history; conduct ongoing research activities; learn about the latest technology for family research; and collaborate and renew previous acquaintances and connect with new attendees. We have purchased and translated hundreds of vital and other relevant records from Russia, conducted multiple education classes both virtually and in person, collected stories and family histories and assisted members and nonmembers seeking their family history and connections.

Speakers interested in presenting for the 2023 year should submit their proposals to <https://forms.gle/nLE7L2eg6KUf86Bn6>. The following is needed:

- General presenter information
- Presentation information
- Program information
- Biography
- Equipment needs
- Permission

Proposals should be submitted as soon as possible, but no later than January 31, 2023.

Sample topics for presentation include:

- The Russian German diaspora
- Historical information related to the Germans from Russia (also French, Italian and other settlers) and their exodus, beginning in the late 1870s.
- Religions of the Colonists (including Church architecture, changes within the church, persecution of the leaders, etc.
- German Russian Foods and traditions
- Techniques for breaking through a Germans from Russian genealogical brick wall
- Holiday Traditions
- DNA research
- New Research methods and techniques
- Utilizing various databases – where to find them, etc.

Length of each session: 60 minutes, 45-50 for the presentation and 10-15 for questions. Number of presentations that may be submitted: Three.

Compensation

Speakers from the United States, who are not members of AHSGR, may be offered one night lodging, day registration and meal(s) for the day of presentation. Foreign speakers may be offered further travel compensation.

Sponsors

Sponsors are encouraged to submit proposals for sponsored talks. The sponsoring organization will cover the speaker's honorarium. Sponsored speakers will receive complimentary AHSGR convention registration for the day(s) of presentation and electronic syllabus materials. Sponsored speakers will abide by all speaker deadlines.

Additional Information

Camera-ready syllabus material, due May 15, 2023 is required for each general presentation and will be included in the Convention program distributed to all Convention registrants. Invitations to speak will begin to be issued by mid-February 2023. Speakers will be required to be present at the Convention. Any Covid protocols for Greeley, Colorado will be observed at the time of Convention. Letters of regret will not be sent out until all invited speakers have responded.

Join our Organization

If you are not yet a member of AHSGR, join us and enjoy savings on registration, bookstore purchases plus access to exclusive members only benefits such as research discounts and free access to the library, museum and the quarterly Journal and Newsletter. Check out all the details at <https://ahsgr.org/membership/>. AHSGR is a non-profit educational organization engaged in researching the history of Germans who settled in the Russian Empire during the 18th and 19th centuries. This includes areas of present-day Russia, Ukraine, Poland, Moldova, Romania, Georgia, Kazakhstan, and Azerbaijan. The AHSGR headquarters are located at 631 D Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Questions may be directed to: ahsgr@ahsgr.org.

Susan Nakaji, AHSGR Convention Chair.