

**Family History Institute of  
Southwest Virginia  
Saturday, April 14, 2012**

- 8:00-9:00 Registration, book displays open
- 9:00-9:15 Welcome and opening remarks
- 9:15-10:15 *Women's Role in the Civil War,*  
Carlos Whaley
- 10:15-10:45 Coffee/soft drinks; visit booksellers
- 10:45-11:45 *Rally Round the Flag Boys: the  
Southern Claims Commission and  
Genealogy,* Cathy Carlson Reynolds
- 11:45-1:15 Lunch on your own; book displays  
continue
- 1:15-2:15 *Like a Ball in High Grass: Making  
Sure Our Ancestors and Our Records  
Are Not Lost,* Margaret Linford,  
President, SCGS
- 2:15-3:15 *Minerals, Railroads, and Civil War  
Battles in Southwest Virginia,*  
Dr. Bob Whisonant
- 3:15-3:45 Coffee/soft drinks; book sales close  
after break
- 3:45-4:45 *What You Always Wanted to Know,*  
Bob Lockett, Bev Repass Hoch, Chuck  
Miller
- 4:45 Announcements; adjourn until the  
reception
- 6:30 Banquet at VHDA Conference Room,  
105 E. Main St.  
*Life in the Community of the Dead,*  
Mary B. Kegley

The Wythe County Genealogical and Historical Association  
P.O. Box 1601  
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**Seventeenth  
Family History Institute of  
Southwest Virginia**

*Presents*

**A One-Day Seminar**

**Saturday, April 14, 2012**

**9:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.**

**Wytheville Meeting Center  
Wytheville, Virginia**

**Banquet  
6:30 p.m.**



*Sponsored by the Wythe County  
Genealogical and Historical Association*

## Family History Institute of Southwest Virginia

There will be something for the beginner as well as those already doing research on their families. The purpose of the day is to provide information of interest to genealogists, historians, authors and researchers. **Carlos Whaley** will begin the conference with *Women's Role in the Civil War*. His presentation will highlight several women's achievements in leadership, combat and preserving the home front while emerging from an age of domesticity that was changed forever by the Great American Civil War. Whaley is a regional speaker and an officer and member of numerous historical interests in East Tennessee. Archivist at Wytheville Community college and author, **Cathy Carlson Reynolds** will present *Rally Round the Flag Boys: Southern Claims Commission Records and Genealogy*. Reynolds will use SW Virginia records to explain the claim process and types of information genealogists can glean from these records. **Margaret Linford**, professional genealogist with over 10,000 hours of research experience has as her topic *Like a Ball in High Grass: Making Sure Our Ancestors and Our Records Are Not Lost*. She will share some stories and speak about the Smyth county genealogical Society, their records and preservation, and how the Smyth County records might help those doing research in Wythe County. **Dr. Robert Whisonant**, Professor Emeritus and Research Faculty at Radford University will present *Minerals, Railroads, and Civil War Battles in SW Virginia*. Learn the relationship of mineral resources and the railroad to battles occurring in SW Virginia. A panel of **Bev Repass Hoch, Bob Lockett and Chuck Miller** will answer often asked questions about genealogy. **Mary B. Kegley**, author, attorney, historian and lecturer will bring to you *Life in the Community of the Dead*. Mary's topic is taken from unusual tombstones and inscriptions; some that make us laugh, some that make us cry and some that tell us stories.

Book vendors will be available beginning at 8:00 a.m.

The institute will print a list of participants (with addresses and E-mails) with the surnames (limit three) they are researching in S.W. Virginia. Anyone wishing to meet the person mentioned will have an opportunity at the conference. Please return your list with registration.

### REGISTRATION

The full fee for the Institute includes registration, participant's list, handouts, coffee/soda breaks and banquet. You will have a choice of many local restaurants for breakfast and lunch on your own. Fee options are listed on the registration form. **There is an additional \$5 fee for registrations after April 1.** You may mail in the registration form or register on line at [www.wythecogha.org](http://www.wythecogha.org).

Note: The banquet will be at the VHDA Conference Room, 105 E. Main St., which is located adjacent to the WCGHA Office/Library. You will have an opportunity, if you wish, to visit the WCGHA research library before and/or after the banquet.

### Location and Lodging

The institute will be held at the state-of-the-art **Wytheville Meeting Center located at 333 Community Boulevard, Wytheville, VA.**

**Directions to Wytheville Meeting Center:** From I-81 take exit 73, stay on Main St. and turn right into the entrance to Wytheville Community College. Drive to the top of the hill to the circle drive and the Meeting Center will be on your left.



A block of rooms has been reserved for the Institute at the **Best Western Wytheville Inn located at 355 Nye Rd.** When making your reservation, be sure to mention you are with the Wythe County Genealogical and Historical Association Family History Institute. Rates are \$55.00 plus tax. For reservations call 276-228-7300 or toll free 1-800-224-9172. Reservations should be made by April 11th to receive the group rate.

**Directions to Best Western Wytheville Inn:** From I-81 North (Bristol) and I-81 South/I-77 North (Roanoke or Hillsville) take Exit 72 (stay in the right lane) and then take Exit 41 and turn left on Peppers Ferry Road. From I-77 South (Bluefield) take Exit 41 and turn left on Pepper's Ferry Rd., then right onto Nye Rd. The Wytheville Meeting Center is a short drive from the Best Western. From the Best Western turn left on Nye Rd., then left onto Pepper's Ferry, then left onto Community Blvd. The Meeting Center is just past Comfort Suites.

## CONFERENCE REGISTRATION Family History Institute of Southwest Virginia Saturday, April 14, 2012

Mail to: **REGISTRATION**  
**Family History Institute of Southwest Virginia**  
**P.O. Box 1601, Wytheville, VA 24382**  
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### Please use full names for purposes of name tags.

NAME(s) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

NAMES RESEARCHING (limit 3 per registrant) \_\_\_\_\_

### REGISTRATION FEE

Conference and banquet		
Members	\$47.00X	_____
Non-members	\$56.00X	_____
Saturday Session (no banquet)		
Members	\$25.00X	_____
Non-members	\$30.00X	_____

Banquet Only		
Members	\$22.00X	_____
Non-members	\$26.00X	_____

**Registration after March 24 add**      **\$5.00X** \_\_\_\_\_

Membership in WCGHA		
Individual	\$15.00	_____
Family (one address)	\$25.00	_____

Check enclosed      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to: WCGHA**  
**No refunds after April 1.**