

OKTOBERFEST 2013 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2013

A. S. Salley Archives open for research.....	9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Registration – Church of the Redeemer.....	4:00 – 5:45 PM
Family tables.....	4:00 – 5:45 PM
President’s Dinner (reservation required).....	6:00 PM
The Reverend Dr. Frank E. Larisy, Rector, Church of the Redeemer	
<i>The History of the Church of the Redeemer</i>	

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2013

Registration (coffee & pastries).....	8:30 AM
Annual Business Meeting	
Vote on by-laws change.....	9:00 AM
<i>Orangeburgh District DNA Report</i>	
Margaret Waters	9:30-9:45 AM
<i>First Families of Orangeburgh District</i>	
Pam Johnson.....	9:45-10:15 AM
<i>Faith on the Frontier: Religion and Community in Early Orangeburg</i>	
Lynn Teague.....	10:15-10:45 AM
Break	10:45-11:00 AM
<i>Some Sources for Vital Records in South Carolina</i>	
By Brent Holcomb.....	11:00-11:30 AM
<i>The Internet: Surfing for Genealogy.....Without Wiping Out</i>	
<i>Learn to read the waves of bad information and finish on top of your family history.</i>	
Eric Powell.....	11:30-12:00 PM
Lunch (*reservations required).....	12:00 PM-1:00PM
Family Tables.....	12:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Vendor Tables.....	9:30 AM – 3:00PM

(Some vendors may not be available for entire stated time)

*Meal reservation deadline October 14, 2013,

*Note: program is subject to last minute additions and changes

Revised 08/25/2013

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Surfing for Genealogy

How not to wipe out in your quest for the perfect tree

How to Surf

Preparation

- Get a Surfboard
- Learn surfing etiquette
- Find a spot

Training

- Get Help (easiest)
- Practice
- Get comfortable in water

Catch a Wave

- Set your target spot
- Paddle to your spot
- Turn around
- Paddle onto wave
- Catch the Wave
- Ride the wave
- Get ready to wipe out
- Enjoy the rush



How to Surf the Internet for Genealogy

Preparation


- Get a computer
- Get internet service
- Get computer working
- Find a family to research

Training

- Get Help (easiest)
- Explore Wikis, Help Pages, Tutorials
- Get comfortable with the browser & internet

Surf for Genealogy and Build a Tree

- Set your goals (write book, print big chart, family get-together hero, etc)
- Start gathering facts on the home person
- Vet the facts
- Document the facts
- Move to the next person
- Rinse, Repeat
- Backup your Data (why wait until now?)
- Print your book, chart or show off for the family
- Enjoy the adoration

A person is standing on a beach at sunset, holding a surfboard. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a strong orange and yellow glow that reflects on the wet sand and the surface of the ocean. The person's legs and the surfboard are silhouetted against the bright light. The text "So... it's that easy? Sure." is overlaid on the image in white, bold, sans-serif font.

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Sure.**

What is the Internet?



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How did we deal with the toppling stack of paper pages and documents on our desk?

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Dealing with Paper Pages

One by one...

**examine them and determine
what is fact, what is error and
what is the usefulness/value of
that page.**

Then...

**Copy or paste the paper pages
into your final tree.**

**(Don't forget to record where you
got them)**

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So...

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**The process is easy...
If you learn a few
Simple Rules:**

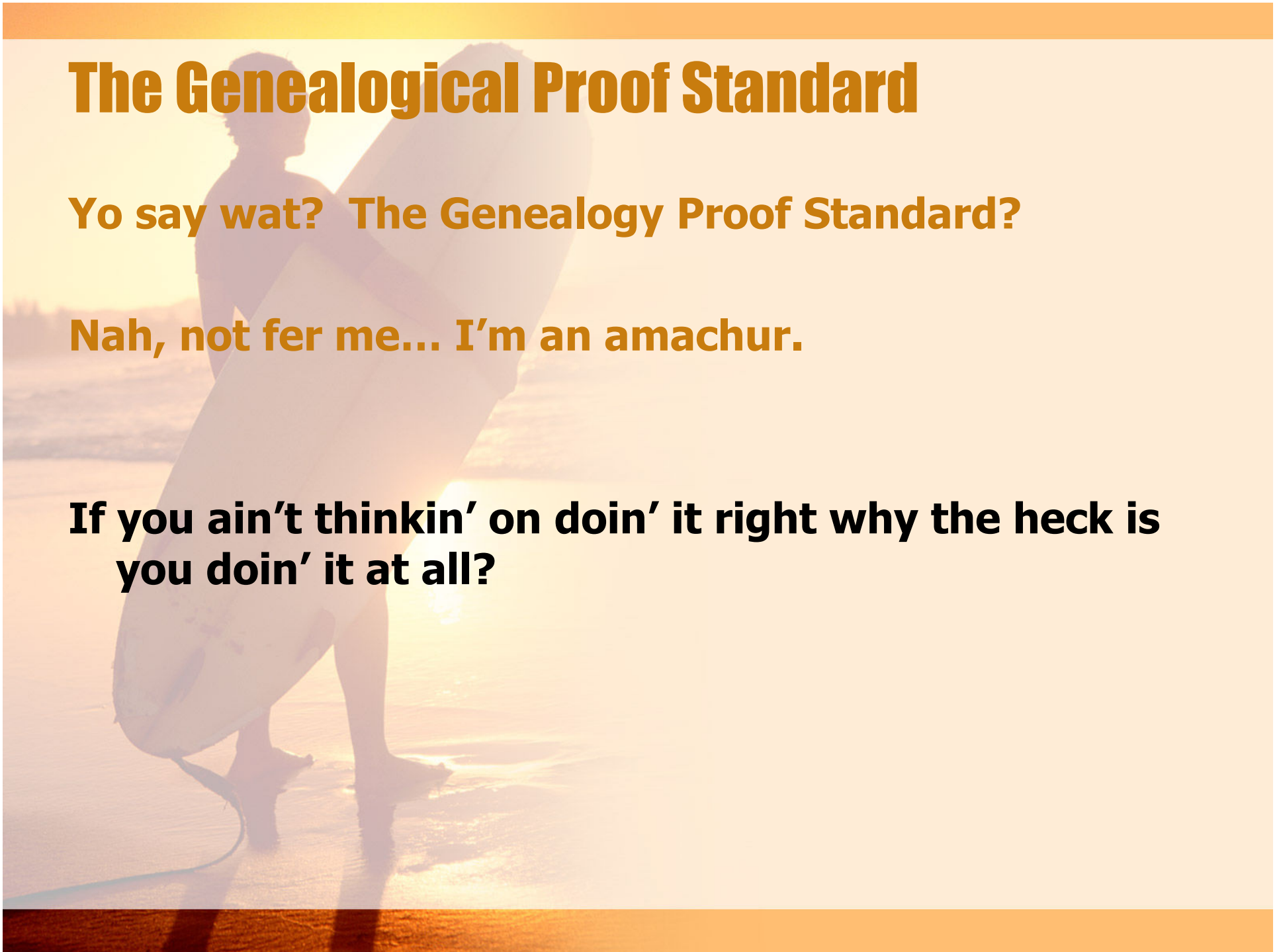
THE GENEALOGICAL PROOF STANDARD

The Genealogical Proof Standard

Yo say wat? The Genealogy Proof Standard?

Nah, not fer me... I'm an amachur.

**If you ain't thinkin' on doin' it right why the heck is
you doin' it at all?**



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**And when you are finished, you know your work is accurate.
(Well... accurately as humans can do)**

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**Now we are ready
to surf...**



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- **The **Genealogical Proof Standard** kept in the back of your mind will help you develop the skills of a master genealogy surfer. I guarantee it.**

Where to start?



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Intros to Internet Genealogy

Great How-To IG Web Sites:

Cyndi's Soapbox

<http://www.cyndislist.com/internet-genealogy/cyndis-soapbox/>

Family Search Wiki

[https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Use the internet for family history research](https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Use_the_internet_for_family_history_research)

And don't stop there... explore the rest of the Wiki.

Evidence or Proof? Apply GPS to your tree

<http://genealogy.about.com/cs/citing/a/proof.htm>

And genealogy.about.com has lots of other articles.

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Develop good habits.

Make sure your data is correct and complete as possible with sources (so others don't get the wrong idea!)

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Enter and link your sources.

(Yes its painful, but two years hence after a hiatus you will kiss yourself for doing so!)

(Besides the usual reasons)

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Thinking G.P.S.

(**G**enealogical **P**roof **S**tandard)

Reasonably Exhaustive Search

Have I looked at all the data in front of me? (hint: scroll down)

Does the data in front of me match (or contradict) what I already know?

Has the data in front of me been entered carefully? (capitalization, spelling, consistency)

What is the source of the data? Person, Record, Document or other

Is there something I haven't looked at and checked first?

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Accurate Source Citations

Just figuring out exactly who the source is often brings up red flags

Now that you know the source, look at other product of that source and you can better gauge its quality

Sources also mean that you can recreate this later when your computer crashes (Did somebody say 'backup'?)

Make sure you included all the steps to find the data again ... enough so even your dog can find it ... and not because it smells bad.

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Reliable/Skillful

Correlation/Interpretation

Say it out loud. Does it make sense?

"Jacob Ott married Mary Bair at age 8."

Quality of the evidence:

Does the "Boy Scout News" qualify as a reliable primary source?

Ancestry: Is the source of the data a historical document, or just a "compiled list of marriages in South Cornwall," that may be flawed?

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Resolution of Conflicting Facts

Don't worry so much that someone else has it wrong, but that you have it right (and Explained!)

Censuses, if the only point of contention, aren't worth fighting for: "probably enumerator error"

**If you have consistent variations, don't discount the possibility of dual personality syndrome.
(two Jacob Otts in same area same time.)**

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**Conclusion Soundly
Reasoned/Written**

Again, don't use odd abbreviations

**Explain source of your evidence if
not from primary documents**

**Especially where your conclusions
vary from others, explain why**

**Cost of typing the extra words is
small compared to defending/
explaining many times later**

A person is holding a white surfboard vertically on a sandy beach. The background is a vibrant sunset with the sun low on the horizon, casting a golden glow over the ocean and sand. The person's legs are visible, and the surfboard has some dark marks on it.

**Go Forth
&
Surf Prosperously!**

THE END.



OKTOBERFEST SURVEY 2013

1. Have you attended Oktoberfest before?
2. What do you like best about Oktoberfest?
3. What do you like least about Oktoberfest?
4. Were the speakers interesting and informative?
5. What kind of speakers would you like to have?
6. Were the meals satisfactory?
7. Were the vendors satisfactory?
8. Were the family tables satisfactory?
9. Was the venue satisfactory?
10. Would you like to see more tours? If so what type? If not what kind of activities would you like to see at Oktoberfest next year?
11. Are you interested in volunteering to help next year?
12. Are you interested in volunteering for a committee?
13. Please give us your comments, suggestions and concerns below.

**THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING THIS SURVEY
PLEASE PLACE IN SURVEY BOX AT REGISTRATION TABLE BEFORE
LEAVING**

ABOUT US



The Orangeburgh German-Swiss Genealogical Society

Our Society is a family history organization which promotes the collection and preservation of early records of the people of Orangeburgh Township, South Carolina, and their descendants. It is an eleemosynary, non-profit, non-political, and non-sectarian.

Other objectives are to serve, through publications and meetings, as a medium of exchange of Orangeburgh genealogical information; to acquaint members with available sources of genealogical materials; and to enjoy the fun and fellowship of sharing records and research.

Membership is open to all who are interested in Orangeburgh genealogy, professional or amateur, and who are interested in supporting the objectives of the Society.

Individual membership is \$18.00 per calendar year, or \$24.00 for two or more members residing at the same address. Life memberships, both Individual and Family are also available. (See application for life membership prices which vary with age of applicant)

All OGS GS Members receive the OGS GS Newsletter published four times per year. The newsletter covers such topics as: ancestry charts, family group sheets, family bibles, cemeteries, personal diaries, queries, book reviews, courthouse records, surname lists, surveys, memorials, plats, deeds, etc.

OGS GS Members also have access to the OGS GS Archives, the Society's Collection of printed and manuscript material. This collection was donated to the A. S. Salley Archives in 2009 and has been incorporated into the archives collection. All materials are stamped and acknowledged as OGS GS donation.

All OGS GS Members receive a personal invitation to OKTOBERFEST, our annual meeting of the membership. It is a yearly celebration in Orangeburg when researchers come together to share sources of genealogical materials and have fun.

If you share our goals and are interested in genealogical research in the Orangeburgh area we invite you to join our Society today by filling out our membership application located on the website www.ogsgs.org.

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