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No cell phone use or video taping  
allowed during the program.

A block of rooms has been  
reserved at a discounted rate of \$99  
per night.

To book online go to  
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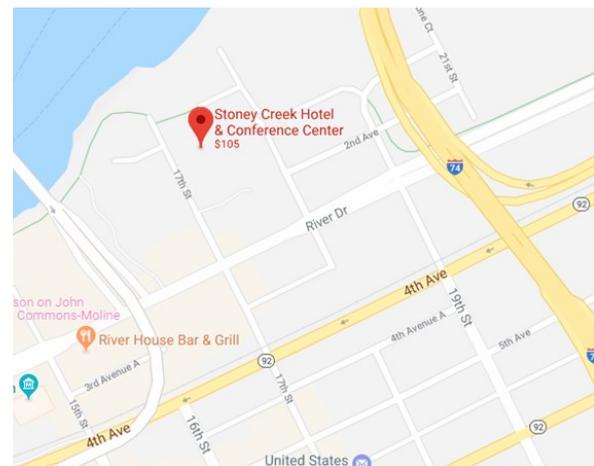
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Enter the Conference Center  
from 18th Street. Park in  
the lot adjoining the  
entrance, where there is  
ample parking. Facilities are  
handicap accessible  
with no steps.

Seating is limited.

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## 46th ANNUAL QUAD CITIES GENEALOGICAL CONFERENCE

SATURDAY  
APRIL 25, 2020

8:00 A.M.—3:30 P.M.

Stoney Creek Hotel  
101 18th Street  
Moline, IL 61265



Guest Speaker  
MICHAEL D. LACOPO, DVM

## PROGRAM SCHEDULE

### 8:00 - 8:50 a.m.

Registration and opportunity to browse the exhibits

### 8:50 - 9:00 a.m. Welcome and Announcements

### 9:00-10:05 a.m. Deconstructing Your Family Tree:

**Re-Evaluating the "Evidence"** When information passed on from researcher to researcher doesn't "add up," it's time to tear down the walls and rebuild anew. This methodology lecture shows how erroneous conclusions can sneak into our research uncontested.

### 10:25 - 11:30 a.m. German Genealogy on the Internet: Beyond the Basics

The Internet age has brought genealogy to our fingertips over the last two decades, and subsequently we can find our German ancestors easier. But it still takes some digging and some know-how. This lecture will discuss some online sites that all German genealogists should be aware of.

American sites will be covered, but a strong concentration on lesser used German sites will be discussed, as we are missing vital clues by not being truly "international" in our Internet research endeavors!

### 11:30 - 12:30 p.m. Lunch and browse the exhibits

### 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. More than the census—Our families did exist within those ten-year intervals!

This lecture will show the researcher that it is important to identify our ancestor's whereabouts in as many local records as possible. A lot can happen in ten years! If you don't look harder, you won't find them.

### 1:50 - 2:50 p.m. I am Poor, Obscure, Plain and Little. Researching the Invisible Ancestors

If your ancestors had little money, they did not buy and sell land, they did not leave wills or probates, they did not purchase stones for graves. How do you find them? This lecture will show you how!

### 2:50 - 3:15 p.m. Closing Remarks

# Michael D. Lacopo, D.V.M.

Dr. Michael D. Lacopo was born and raised in northern Indiana surrounded by extended family always willing to tell tall tales. Intrigued by his maternal family's claim to be kinfolk of Abraham Lincoln, and his paternal family's stories of murder and mayhem, he took to genealogical research in 1980 to substantiate these family stories.

His first published work appeared in 1985 with several books, journal articles and published contributions following. He appeared in USA Today in 2000 and has lectured locally, regionally, nationally and internationally. Dr. Lacopo has a varied and interesting ancestry and is a self-described "all-American mutt."

Michael's interests and strengths include Mennonite, German and Swiss research, especially as it pertains to the 18th century immigration to America, among many other topics. He believes that as genealogists we should tell the tales of our ancestors. He is a vocal proponent for learning the social history that interweaves our ancestors into the fabric of the past.

In addition to his story-telling and educational blog, Michael's presence can be found online at [www.Roots4U.com](http://www.Roots4U.com), or for more up-to-date lecture and research information, at his Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Roots4U>.



## Lunch is included!!

### Menu:

BBQ Pork Sandwiches  
Shaved Ham, Smoked Turkey  
Assorted Cheeses, Fresh Fruit, Pasta Salad

With your choice of  
Coffee, Iced Tea or Lemonade

If you have food allergies please contact  
Stoney Creek @ 309-743-0101

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Please fill out, clip and mail to:

**Quad City Genealogical Conference**  
**Attn: Jerry Dank, Treasurer**  
**3508 Clover Hills Drive**  
**Bettendorf, IA 52722**

**Registration includes morning coffee and doughnut/Danish, conference handouts, and buffet luncheon.**

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March 14	\$35	\$40
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