

IRGS Membership Meeting

Tuesday, March 11, 2008

Featuring: Jim Lacey, who will tell about his personal journey in writing his family history based novel:

La Scrittore, THE WRITER

Abstract:

'No one could make up this stuff! Jim Lacey has drawn on fact to create this stunning fiction. There are tender lovers and outrageous thugs, clever choices and cruel chances. Life was full of possibilities in early 20th century. Newark and Jim Lacey captures it all in La Scrittore.' Jim tells how with some basic genealogy resources, as well as some quite ingenious, he was able to piece together a family mystery. Then, turn it into a novel that you cannot put down! (Copies of the book may be ordered at the meeting)

About our speaker: Raised in Newark, New Jersey during the great depression of the 1930s, Jim Lacey's family consisted of parents and two siblings as well as many aunts, uncles, and cousins. He knew his maternal grandparents, but Jim's father's mother died when he was less than two years old and his paternal grandfather had died long before that. When Jim retired in 1990 at the age of sixty-three, he purchased a computer and began to use it for normal everyday reasons, like e-mail, Internet, financial management, etc. In 1995 he became interested in genealogy and thought it would be a good hobby. Knowledge of his father's family was almost non-existent and by this time Jim's father and his siblings had all passed away, so there was no personal source of his family history available. An insatiable desire for the details took hold and he became obsessed with the need to know more. Including the research, the project has taken over eight years to complete. "I hope that you the reader will take some enjoyment in a story in which fact and fiction are interwoven in history," says Jim.

IRGS Business Meeting at 9:30 AM, then please join us for genealogy/family history sharing and refreshments before the featured presentation at 10:45 AM.

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