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ICAPGen Announces New Levels Program

ICAPGen is pleased to announce a new “levels” program that will recognize the achievements of applicants as they strive to attain the accreditation credential. The new program allows applicants more time to prepare for the written exam. It also allows applicants more flexibility to schedule the exam.

The accreditation requirements remain the same—a quality four-generation research report followed by a written exam and an oral review. The new levels program segments the accreditation process into three distinct levels and allows an applicant more time to prepare for each level. The three levels are:

- Level 1—the four-generation application project
- Level 2—four sections of the written exam that test knowledge of record content and usage
- Level 3—two sections of the written exam that test skills in data analysis, research planning, methodology, and report writing. After the successful completion of Level 3, the oral review will be scheduled for a later date.

When applicants successfully complete each level, they will receive a recognition letter and their name will be announced on the ICAPGen website and in the newsletter. The AG credential is awarded after an applicant successfully completes Level 3 and the oral review.

Under the new levels program, applicants have more options. Applicants who complete Level 1 or Level 2 can decide when to apply for the next level. Applicants could:

- choose to apply immediately
- wait for a few months before applying
- remain at the current level.

Applicants will have three years to progress to the next level and may apply at any time. If they do not apply for the next level within three years, they must retake the requirements for the current level before proceeding to the next level. Applicants who wish to take the entire written exam in one 8-hour day may do so by applying for both Level 2 and 3 at the same time.

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The table below describes the fees and testing requirements associated with the three levels.



	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3
Initial Fee	\$100 initial application fee; \$50 fee for each subsequent attempt*	\$80 initial fee; \$50 fee for each subsequent attempt*	\$80 initial fee; \$50 fee for each subsequent attempt*
Renewal Fees	No annual fee or renewal required.	No annual fee or renewal required.	Annual fee and a renewal project required.
Test Requirements	Current application project with a rating of 90% or better	4 written test sections (4 hrs.) with a 90% passing score	2 written test sections (4 hrs.) with a 90% passing score plus oral review
Skills Tested	Writing, methodology, analysis, organization, research experience, and education	Knowledge of record content and usage, handwriting, document recognition, electronic sources, and historical records	Pedigree analysis, methodology, writing, organization, research planning, and evidence analysis
Level Completion Award	Level 1 status and recognition for report writing	Level 2 status and recognition for content expertise	Level 3 status and AG credential

* The subsequent attempt fee applies for one year from the time the initial fee was paid. After one year, the application will require the full fee.

The new levels program begins with the first quarterly testing period of 2012. Current applicants may choose whether to remain in the former program (one-year completion date, old fee structure, no levels) or enter the new program. See ICAPGen.org for more details.

AG Professional Publishes in Family History Periodical

In recent editions of this newsletter there have been articles on how to market yourself as a genealogist, including one on getting yourself published in genealogical periodicals. Amy Harris, one of our AG professionals and an ICAPGen commissioner, has recently been notified that an article she wrote and submitted has been accepted for publication in the *Journal of Family History*.

Though the journal is intended for professional historians and other social scientists, her research analysis depended upon genealogical methodology. Using statistical analysis of probate disputes generated by the Diocese of Gloucester (England) during the eighteenth century, Amy studied what these revealed about sibling relations. In order to better understand how age, birth order, and marital status affected sibling conflict she correlated the probate-dispute data with parish registers and other records. While that is typical methodology for genealogists, it is uncommon in histori-

cal writing. Amy credits her genealogical training with providing her tools for understanding early modern English families; discovering sibling dynamics revealed that women were more likely to initiate disputes against their brothers than their sisters, that younger brothers disputed elder sisters more than they did elder brothers, and that men were more likely to initiate disputes with sisters-in-law than with their consanguineal sisters. The article, "That Fierce Edge: Sibling Conflict and Politics in Georgian England," will appear in the April 2012 issue of the *Journal of Family History*.

We congratulate Amy Harris, AG® on the publication of her article and we look forward to reading it next Spring.

If you have had an article published recently, or you are writing an article for submission, drop us a line at ICAPGen and let us know so your accomplishment can be noted in the ICAPGen newsletter.

New AG Professionals

Congratulations to these individuals who have recently successfully completed the process and obtained AG Professional status:

- Marissa Warkentin-Gardner, Germany
- Paula Faccio, Italy

Bios and contact info may be found at <http://icapgen.org>.

Upcoming Exam Deadlines

Are you ready to accomplish Levels 1 or 2 on the way to becoming an AG professional? If so, keep these 1st quarter dates in mind:

- 10 Jan 2012 for applications
- 25 Feb 2012, written exam day

Dates for other quarters in the coming year can be found on the ICAPGen.org website.

In Remembrance of Jimmy B. Parker, AG[®]

ICAPGen would like to acknowledge the passing of Jimmy B. Parker on September 9, 2012, and pay tribute to a wonderful man and genealogist who played such a vital role in the establishment of our organization.

In 1963, Jimmy began a career with the Genealogy Library (later Family History Library) of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, culminating in his position as manager of the library before his retirement in 1999. That same year the Family History Department of the Church, which had sponsored the AG credential and accreditation program since 1964 (and which Jimmy helped to administer for a time), chose to turn the program over to an independent organization.

In 2000 ICAPGen officially became an independent, non-profit, credential-granting organization. Newly-retired from the library,

Jimmy played a large role in assisting with the transition and the legal establishment of the independent organization. He also served ICAPGen as a commissioner and member of various committees.

Jimmy Parker had a great love of family history and a great love for Native American and Idaho research. Before he died, Jimmy was able to contribute much of his knowledge of research in these two areas by authoring many articles on the subjects in the FamilySearch Wiki. Read another tribute to Jimmy at <http://wiki.familysearch.org>. Click on 'More Featured Articles' and scroll down to September 2011.

Jimmy is survived by his wife Sherry, a sister, eleven children, 34 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, extended family, and many, many grateful friends and associates.

Upcoming Conferences

Here are two upcoming conferences in Utah:

- RootsTech Family History and Technology Conference, February 2-4, 2012, Salt Lake City. For more info, see www.RootsTech.org.
- UGA South Davis Family History Fair, Saturday March 3, 2012, Bountiful High School, Bountiful, Utah.

Watch for the ICAPGen booth at these two events. If you are an AG professional and will be attending either, wear your AG pin and name tag ribbon with pride!

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*Merry Christmas
and Happy New Year
from ICAPGEN!*