



Geospatial Genealogy, Cadastral Maps and Digital Archives: Partnerships and Collaborations

Archival Cooperation and Community Building in the Digital Age

Date and time: Tuesday, 28.04.2015 from 13.45 – 15.30 o'clock in the Teresian Hall

Venue: Břevnov Archabbey – Markétská 28/1, 169 01 Praha 6, Czech Republic



Programme

Map-centric websites with historical European administrative, military, and cadastral maps are flourishing online. What are their practical applications for historians, genealogists and academics? Learn about the current state of archival map digitization, the progress in geo-referencing and data- and time-layering of maps, along with the ongoing development challenges facing individual researchers and special interest groups. A key goal of enhanced historical mapping is recreating and reimagining vanished communities, which can be achieved by correlating data and multimedia from formal and informal archival sources to geographical locations and placing people and events in their temporal and spatial context, encouraging further research from multiple perspectives. An important side benefit is reunifying common heritages (and archival collections), which have become scattered due to mass emigration, border changes, resettlement, and genocide.

The panel and the following discussion round will be moderated by ANDRÁS SIPOS (BUDAPEST CITY ARCHIVES, HU).

- ELŐD BISZAK: (ARCANUM LTD., BUDAPEST, HU)
Update on MAPIRE: historical maps of the Habsburg Empire
- PAMELA WEISBERGER (PRESIDENT AND RESEARCH COORDINATOR, GESHER GALICIA INC., USA).
Using unique and unusual archival records and data to illustrate and annotate historical maps, bringing vanished communities to life
- JAY OSBORN (DIGITAL CARTOGRAPHY COORDINATOR, GESHER GALICIA, USA)
Community leveraging of archive map data: cooperative opportunities to build on the wealth of digitized historical maps in national and regional archives
- PEER BOSELIE (DIRECTOR OF THE EUREGIONAL HISTORIC CENTRE AND CITY ARCHIVIST OF SITTARD-GELEEN, NL)
The Aezel Project: historical mass-data integrated within a cadastral context