

International Society of Family History Writers and Editors
2009 *Excellence-in-Writing Competition*

Category I: Newspaper Columns

1st Place: Stefani Evans "Woman's suspicious death remains a mystery." *Home News* (Henderson, Nevada) (4-10 January 2008)

2nd Place: Julie Miller, CGSM "Postcards from heaven." *Broomfield Enterprise* (Broomfield, Colorado) (7 September 2008)

3rd Place: James Beidler "Google searches bring interesting, and different, results." *Lebanon Daily News* (Lebanon, Pennsylvania) (25 August 2008)

Category II: Published Articles

1st Place: Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak "The Man (or Woman) Who Would Be King." *Ancestry* (September/October 2008), 22-29.

2nd Place: J.H. Fonkert, CGSM "In Search of Early Dutch Settlers in Minnesota." *Minnesota Genealogist* (Spring 2008), 16-21.

3rd Place: Schelly Talalay Dardashti "When oral history meets genetics." *The Jerusalem Post* (28 March 2008), 24-25.

Category III: Original Research Story

1st Place: Phyllis Matthews Ziller "Finding Facts to Support a Family Tradition"

2nd Place: Linda Coffin "Great-Uncle Andrew: The Murderer in the Family Closet"

3rd Place: Pamela Lyons Brinegar, CGSM "The Search of Isaac Murphy's Parents"

Category IV: Want-to-Be Writer/Columnist

1st Place: Linda McMeniman "A Brooklyn of my Mind"

2nd Place: Carolyn Miller "If the Shue/Schue Fits: Identifying the father of Brinton Hiram Miller (1906-1980) of Adams County, Pennsylvania"