

Excellence in Family History Writing Competition

Past Winners – 2004

Category 1 (newspaper columns)

First Place: **Connie Lenzen**. "Cold Trail? It's all relative" (Genealogy Today) in *The Columbian*, Vancouver, Washington, 13 November 2003

Second Place: **James M. Beidler**. "Internet should be last stop during genealogy journey" (Roots & Branches), in *Lebanon [PA] Daily News*, 17 November 2003

Third Place: **LaRae Free Kerr** "You never know who you'll meet," in *The Herald Journal*, Logan Utah, 15 December 2003

Category 2 (articles published in 2003)

First Place: **Dave Dyer**. "The short, unlucky life of Cyrus Pickard," in *Journal Argus*, St. Marys, Ontario, Canada, 31 December 2003

Second Place: **Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak**. "Answers in the Cemetery: James Reynolds of Jersey City, NJ," in *Heritage Quest Magazine*, September/October 2003

Third Place: **Valerie Holladay**. "The Story of My Life," in *Ancestry* magazine, May/June 2003

Category 3 (unpublished genealogy research story)

First Place: **Jana McPherson Black**. "In Search of Edie"
(The author will be contacted by Ancestry and offered an opportunity to have this entry published in a forthcoming issue of *Ancestry* magazine.)

Second Place: **William Roushey**. "The Search for 'Grandpa' Peter"

Third Place: **Barbara Murphy Likovich**. "Thank you, Grandma!"

Category 4 (want-to-be-writers)

First Place: **Susan Boetticher**. "The Picture"

Second Place: **David Galassie**. "A Visit to Grandpa's"

Third Place: **Wilma Gundy**. "Great-great-grandfather, Arrested and Exiled"

Special Award. A special award was made by ISFHWE to founding president and member Myra Vanderpool Gormley. Myra has coordinated our Excellence in Writing Contest for many years and is stepping down as coordinator after this year's conference. She continues to support ISFHWE as its Webmaster, as a consultant for the annual contest, and in other ways as well.