

BIOGRAPHIES OF FALL SEMINAR SPEAKERS

Anthony (Tony) Durnford deGray Birch's biography includes the following:

- BS and MS degrees from Oregon State University
- MBA from University of Washington
- 40 years working in higher education, including 16 years as administrative vice-president of Clark College in Vancouver, Washington
- Selected by his community college peers as Outstanding Chief Business Officer for the four-state Northwest Region in 1996
- Came with his wife, Janette, to the Inland Empire in 2006
- Longtime member of Eastern Washington Genealogical Society where he and his wife are “greeters”
- He and Janette were honored in 2015 as Washington State Outstanding Volunteers
- He and Janette have done the following:
 - Compiled seven books about their ancestors
 - Volunteered with Find-A-Grave for many small cemeteries in the Palouse area
 - Enjoyed a number of weeklong trips to the Family History Center in Salt Lake City, Utah

Lee Pierce's biography includes the following:

- Been in the archival field broadly since 1997
- BA in history from Eastern Washington University in 1998
- MA in history from Eastern Washington University in 2000
- Worked for the Arizona State Historical Society Museum's archives at Papago Park in Tempe
- Worked as a freelance researcher and a freelance processing archivist
- Began working at Eastern Region Branch of the Washington State Archives in 2005
- Currently the Archivist at Eastern Region Branch of the Washington State Archives
- Enthusiastic historian of the American military experience, most especially the period of the American War of Independence and from WWII to present
- Writes fiction in his “spare time”
- Member of the City of Cheney's Historic Preservation Commission