



Genealogy Skills Classes

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Cost: \$250 plus mileage for in-person/hybrid
Virtual presentations available 60+ miles from Milwaukee, WI
Presentation Time: 45 minutes plus 15 minute Q and A

Computer/Online

Ancestry, FamilySearch, and More! Online Searching

Do you wonder why you aren't getting the results that you think you should get? We will explore online searching tips and tricks for getting better results. Bring your laptop or tablet, if you wish. (1 hr.)

FamilySearch: The Best Free Genealogy Resource

This class explores all facets of FamilySearch that make it such a great tool. Learn how to search more efficiently, use the catalog feature, and how Family Trees can be used for clues. (1 hr.)

Genealogy Software Programs vs Online Family Trees

To share, or not to share. This skills class will explore the pros and cons of computer software programs to organize your family tree vs. using internet sites to organize (and share) your research. (1 hr.)

Let AI be Your Genealogy Assistant

Learn how AI large language model applications can help you with genealogy projects. We will explore the applications best for genealogists and how to create prompts to get the results that you want. (1 hr.)

Methodology/How To

Be Patient- It's a Journey

This beginning genealogy skills class will explore the steps to get started on your genealogy. What you know, what you want to know, and how to find the missing pieces to make your genealogy as easy or as fact-filled as you want it to be. (1 hr.)

Creating Timelines to Solve a Mystery

This advanced skills class will show you how to create a timeline aid to solve a genealogy mystery. Use what you already know to rethink a problem. Bring information with you that contains a genealogy mystery. (1 hr.)

Don't Believe Everything You Read!

This skills class will explore all the traps you could get caught in while looking for your "John Smith". These tips will save you time, money, and frustration! (1 hr.)

Get It Right the First Time: Research the Correct Way

Save yourself years of hard work! Follow these tips and tricks involving research techniques, documenting your research, and the importance of accuracy and citation. (1 hr.)

There's a Method to the Madness: Genealogical Methodology

Genealogical methodology has been around since the beginning of genealogy research. Know and use best practices to research efficiently. "Though this be madness, yet there is a method in 't." – "Hamlet" by William Shakespeare (1 hr.)

Use Your Library!

Do you know about the free resources that are available through your library for genealogy? This skills class will explore the databases and books that you can get from your library system. (1 hr.)

What Are We Doing? Begin Your Genealogy on the Right Branch!

If you are interested in genealogy, but haven't really started, this skills class will help you start on the right branch. We will talk about charts and forms, primary and secondary resources, and databases that can be used to fill in the blanks of your family history. (1 hr.)

Migration

From East to West the Community Moves

This class will discuss the migration of our American ancestors as a community from states in the east to states in the west from colonial times to the late 1800s. Discover resources that will enable you to make sense of the relocation of your ancestors. (1 hr.)

Organize/Preserve

This Goes Here, That Goes There...Let's Organize Physical Files

Why is organizing your research important? This skills class will briefly explore genealogy software programs vs handwritten charts and forms, and how to organize your physical documents, photographs, and memorabilia. (1 hr.)

This Goes Here, That Goes There.... Let's Organize Digital Files

This skills class will dig into organizing your computer files including bookmarked websites, organizing your handwritten research notes and notes from meetings or classes, and other research stuff that you are not sure how to electronically store. (1 hr.)

Preserve Your Family History

This genealogy skills class will discuss the variety of items collected through genealogy research and how best to preserve them. Folders, sleeves, storage ideas, digitizing, and more! Discuss and touch products. (1 hr.)

Genealogy Records

Through the Cemetery Gate

This skills class will explore death records, obituaries, cemetery inscriptions and transcriptions, online resources, and your visit to the cemetery. We will also explore steps in finding a burial place when a gravestone no longer exists for your ancestor. This skills class focuses on cemeteries in the United States. (1 hr.)

The Enumerator Visited Today! Census Records and Your Ancestor

This skills class will explore the variety of information that you will find in the US Federal Census and State census records to fill in your ancestor's timeline. This skills class focuses on US records. (1 hr.)

Land, Lots of Land.... For Your Ancestor

The land of your ancestor may help you to fill in some genealogy blanks. This advanced skills class will explore how your ancestor might have acquired their land, metes and bounds, deeds, and plat maps. We will explore online resources for land records in the United States and discover ways to find land records for your ancestor's community. (1 hr.)

Your Patriot and His (or Her) Pension Record

The pension record of your ancestor may help you fill in blanks where vital records don't exist. This advanced skills class will explore resources to fill in the complete your ancestor's timeline through military service records from the Revolutionary War through the early 1900s. (1 hr.)

Vital Records and Your Options

This skills class will focus on birth, marriage, and death records. What you need to know about these records, how to access them, and what you will find when you see them. As well, explore what to do when you can't find a vital record. This skills class focuses on US records. (1 hr.)



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