

GENERAL SESSIONS – AT A GLANCE (SAT. OCT. 18)

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GENERAL SESSIONS – DESCRIPTIONS (Sat. Oct. 18)

Auditorium

10:15AM – 11:00AM

National Archives: Headstones and Burials

(TREVOR PLANT)

11:15AM – 11:45AM

Where Do I Start?

(ANGIE BUSH)

Between family information, online genealogy websites, and advertisements about easy genealogy is, it can be overwhelming to determine the best place to start if one wants to research their family history. Get tips and tricks on how to get started, where to look for information, and how to determine if the information found is really the right information.

12:30PM – 1:15PM

Discovering your British & Irish Roots with Findmypast

(ELAINE COLLINS)

1:30PM – 2:00PM

Digital Recording Tools for the Family Historian

(NANCY AND BIFF BARNES)

Experienced oral historians demonstrate how to prepare for and conduct effective interviews using digital tools. Compare interview methods and goals to determine what's best for you: audio or video. Explore tech choices including audio recorders, microphones, and

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video camera features to assure that you capture best-quality recordings. New tools, such as using mobile devices, apps, and VoIP to gather family history will be covered. Examine best practices for preparing and conducting an interview. Learn to preserve interviews including transcription, speech-to-text software and preferred digital formats for distribution and for storage. Weigh options for archiving recorded interviews

2:15PM – 3:00PM

Assumptions and Brick-Walls

(ANGIE BUSH)

The old saying about assumptions is true in genealogy research as well. Although great-aunt Mabel may have meant well when she handed down the family stories about her parents and where they came from, she may not have had all the facts. There are frequently assumptions that are made about our ancestors that prevent us from finding them. Learn what some of the most common assumptions are, how to spot them and then work around them for success in your family research. See examples of assumptions that were made that stunted the growth of a family tree, and trees that had to be chopped down because of faulty assumptions.

3:15PM – 4:00PM

DNA & Pop Culture: How Harry Potter & Star Wars Can teach You About Genetic Genealogy

(BLAINE T BETTINGER)

A genealogist interested in DNA can learn almost everything they need to know from pop culture! Join me as we use family trees and DNA testing from pop culture phenomena like Harry Potter, Game of Thrones, and Star Wars to learn about DNA testing. For example, how much DNA will Harry Potter and Ron Weasley's children share in common? What happens when Joffrey Baratheon gets the results of his Y-DNA test? Can you believe a DNA test that says you are 3% Neanderthal and 12% Jedi?

4:15PM – 5:00PM

Caring for Keepsakes: Top 10 Family History Heirlooms

(DENISE LEVENICK)

Preserve photographs to furniture, love letters to locket, clocks, and Bibles. Identify hazards like silverfish, mold, acid migration, and learn to create a Home Archive to safely store your heirlooms. Inheriting family keepsakes can be a burden and a blessing. How do you care for priceless documents? Do you really need archival storage containers? What kind should you select? This presentation highlights basic archival care for common family treasures such as photo albums, loose photographs, Bibles, clocks, jewelry, and more. Dozens of photos illustrate proper storage practices, and damage resulting from poor storage and common hazards such as silverfish, mold, and acid migration. Discover what to save when you inherit a houseful of “treasures,” how and where to store your keepsakes, and how to set up a home archive so you can easily access items for research and sharing. • How Do You Inherit An Archive? • Archives 101: What Do I Do With All This Stuff? • Preservation Tips for the Top 10 Family Heirlooms • Damage Control: Examples Of Poor Storage • Identifying Pests • How to Prevent Orphan Heirlooms

ADVANCED SESSIONS: SATURDAY – AT A GLANCE

10:00AM – 10:45AM	Nifty & Powerful Technologies For Genealogical Analysis & Documentation (RON ARONS)	10:00AM – 10:45AM	Probate Research (MICHAEL J LECLERC)
11:00AM – 12:30PM	Finding Your Irish Ancestors (JOE BUGGY)	11:00AM – 12:30PM	Passenger Manifests & The Immigrant Experience (PHYLLIS KRAMER)
1:15PM – 2:00PM	Genealogists’ Bread and Butter: Ce nsus Records (ANGIE BUSH)	1:15PM – 2:00PM	DNA & Genealogy – Back Up: NARA: Unique Sources (CECE MOORE)
2:30PM – 3:30PM	German Genealogy (JAMES M BEIDLER)	2:30PM – 3:30PM	Online Newspaper Resources for Genealogy Research: 150 Years of Family History Unearthed (JANEEN BJORK)
4:00PM - 4:45PM	Books & E Books: Getting Your Family History Out There (NANCY AND BIFF BARNES)	4:00PM – 4:45PM	What’s in a Name? Trouble! (RON ARONS)

ADVANCED SESSIONS: DESCRIPTIONS (Sat. Oct. 18)

Meeting Room 1

10:00AM – 10:45AM

Nifty & Powerful Technologies For Genealogical Analysis & Documentation

(RON ARONS)

This presentation will discuss and demonstrate VERY cool tools for genealogical analysis and documentation, including language translation tools, timelines, timelines with maps, genograms, mindmaps, and video capture tools. You will learn about language translation tools like OmniPage (for OCR), ABBYY FineReader, and Google Translate. You will learn about timeline tools, including Dipity.com, Treelines.com, Tiki-Toki.com, TimeToast.com, and Aeion Timeline (PCs, Macs). You will learn about timeline products that work with maps, including: AniMaps.com, MyHistro.com, and PlaceMyPast.com. You will learn about mind mapping tools, including: FreeMind, XMind, MindJet MindManger, SimpleMind, Popplet.com, LucidChart.com, and Coggle.it. You will learn about genogram (family diagram) software, including: GenoPro, GenogramAnalytics, iGenogram, and MobileFamilyTree. Lastly you'll learn about video capture tools, including SnagIt and Camtasia.

11:00AM – 12:30PM

Finding Your Irish Ancestors

(JOE BUGGY)

The millions of Irish who came to New York in the 19th century did not make it easy for their descendants to find where they came from in Ireland. If you have already combed through federal and state census records; searched the birth, marriage and death certificates; written away for Church records; and scrutinized the city directories, then this talk is for you. The talk will firstly cover a number of strategies for tracing Irish ancestors in and around the city. The importance of having a knowledge of social and economic conditions in Ireland before an emigrant left will be discussed. Underutilized record sets that could yield a relevant name, location in Ireland, or pertinent genealogical information will also be outlined. The last section of the talk will be given over to something crucial to all those with Irish ancestors: the numerous record sets and publications that definitively give an Irish place of origin.

1:15PM – 2:00PM

Genealogists' Bread and Butter: Census Records

(ANGIE BUSH)

At first glance, census records may appear to be only a boring government document. However, the details found in these records can point rich stories and details of our ancestor's lives that may have previously been hidden just out of reach. Census records can tell us of interesting occupations that no longer exist, they will tell us if our ancestors owned a TV or not, who the neighbors were, and give us clues as to where to search next for additional details. Learn ways to review the detail in these records and incorporate them into stories that can be told about the past.

2:30PM – 3:30PM

German Genealogy

(JAMES M BEIDLER)

A comprehensive look at German genealogy research. A detailed description to be included shortly.

4:00PM - 4:45PM

Books & E Books: Getting Your Family History Out There

(NANCY AND BIFF BARNES)

When you finish writing your family history, what's next? How do you distribute your book to your friends and family, and perhaps to a wider audience? This workshop explains the choices you will face as you publish and distribute your book. We will demystify self-publishing, print on demand, and how to create ebooks. Learn about the pros, cons, and costs of: • Digital distribution –blogs, sharing sites, social media • Private printers • Vanity and subsidy publishers

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Meeting Room 2

10:00AM – 10:45AM

Probate Research

(MICHAEL J LECLERC)

Using a case study, learn more about the information that you can find in, and infer from, records of the administration of estates.

11:00AM – 12:30PM

Passenger Manifests & The Immigrant Experience

(PHYLLIS KRAMER)

In this lecture we will address many of the questions associated with the voyage; we will focus on 1880-1924, and discuss how did the immigrants get the ticket, what was the voyage like, what ports, what immigration laws affected them, what documents did they come with, how do we find and understand manifests and their notations, and finally how do we read the handwriting.

1:15PM – 2:00PM

DNA & Genealogy

(CECE MOORE)

Genetic genealogy first exploded onto the scene in 1998 with the high-profile case of Thomas Jefferson and Sally Hemings. Since then, significant strides have taken place in the field allowing for further analysis of the genetic evidence in the Jefferson/Hemings case. Learn about one family's surprising discovery of descent from Jefferson and Hemings after DNA testing and how it has changed their perceptions and self-identity.

2:30PM – 3:30PM

Online Newspaper Resources for Genealogy Research: 150 Years of Family History Unearthed

(JANEEN BJORK)

Andy Warhol said, "In the future, everyone will be world-famous for 15 minutes." There are people in your family tree who were famous, or at least noted, for 15 minutes, who have eluded you. How do you find them and their stories online? How do you give context to your findings? How do you share what you find and extend their fame for posterity? Old newspapers are founts of information for family historians. Once only searchable by turning pages in the archives at a library or a historical society, many millions of pages of thousands of newspapers are now searchable and available on the internet. The technology that makes online searches possible, optical character recognition, more often known as OCR, is imperfect. As noted on Wikipedia, a study based on recognition of 19th- and early 20th-century newspaper pages concluded that character-by-character OCR accuracy for commercial OCR software varied from 81% to 99%. Genealogists with know-how and patience can mine online newspapers and excavate unique must-have information from both big city and small town publications. Participants in this session will look under-the-hood at how OCR allows computers to read and index newspapers. They will learn how best to use those insights, particularly for older newspapers. Case studies will be shared to help participants create their own custom search methods for each of the major sources of online U.S. newspapers. There will also be comparisons of the search, image and printing quality of those resources. The session will be more than a how-to on extracting all that is available through online newspaper sources. An 1894 murder-suicide involving two former best friends in Bjork's family tree was picked up by the wire services and appeared throughout the country in dozens of newspapers. The vast majority of the items related to this story cannot be found by searching her ancestor's name. Participants will learn the techniques and organizational systems she employed in order to locate hard-to-find items. They will also be entertained by some of the stories written about both the notorious and the distinguished members of Ms. Bjork's family and the people who appeared in the news with them. To paraphrase Billy Joel, participants will laugh with the sinners and cry with the saints.