

List of Available Presentations



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Are You Registered?... Using the National Register of Historic Places Applications for the national register of historic places can add context to your research with background information, maps, pictures and resources. And they are accessible!

El Regalo Real- Spain's Contribution to the American Revolution Spain was integral to the American victory, although few Spaniards fought on American soil. You may have Spanish patriots but proving could be a challenge.

Beyond the Passenger List Passenger lists are more than just a list of names. Further analysis of a passenger list may give you information on your ancestor. Additional research can lead to information about your ancestor's life in port and at sea, as well as their friends and associates.

Weaving the Research Quilt Intertwine all of your research to weave the story of your ancestors. Your ancestors' lives are not in the isolated, separate documents you've collected but are in the whole of your research. Researching your ancestors, and their FAN (friends, associates, neighbors) network can create the patchwork to complete the quilt of your ancestor. Learn how to use your information to piece the quilt together.

All Aboard! Staying on Track with Your Research Genealogists are told to track their research but finding the strategies and system that works can be a bigger challenge than researching ancestors. There are ways to make your organization easier and efficient.

Decoding the National Archives- Online The National Archives website can be very intimidating to use as a research tool. It doesn't have to be! Learn what is available and how to increase your success with your search.

Are Your Ancestors Playing Hide and Seek? Ancestors can be difficult to find. There are strategies and sources to use when the obvious doesn't work. Knowing how to widen the scope of your research can bring them out of hiding. (NY, CT, RI, MA, VT but strategies apply to all.)

Transported! Convict Records Hundreds of citizens were transported from Britain for a variety of crimes in the 18th and 19th centuries. It makes it hard to find our ancestors at time but the records produced are a hidden treasure. Learn about the records created, how to find them and what life was like for our ancestor convicts.

Land, Lots of Land! Land Records Do you know which ancestors owned land? Several sources can identify land ownership. Then learn the strategies to read, interpret, search and locate the land records of your ancestors– whether they were slave or free. (Can be done as a 1 hr. lecture or more in-depth 2 hr. workshop)

Mine Your Local History for Gold Local history books offer insights into the personalities, challenges and communities of your ancestors. There are many ways to find these treasures but not all local histories are the treasures they seem to be.

What's Your Line? There's a lineage society for almost everyone. The question is- what do you need to apply to them? Learn to use the organization itself to support you and assist with your application. Effective strategies to locate the records for your application can make it almost a painless process.

Writing Memoirs... Or Making Memories for Forever Have you thought it would be great if someone would write your family stories? You can write them! Learn various types of memoirs and how do you write them? You will soon be able to share memories and life experiences with your family and generations to come!

Using Portable Scanners What can you do when the owner of a document or picture does not want to take a chance on loss or damage to copy it? Scan it! Scanners are a great tool for preserving family records and pictures you find. Learn what different types of scanners can do and how to use them to collect your records.

Census Makes Sense The census is a great tool to start your family research but don't stop at the names. Censuses tell us more than the 'who' was in the family or where they lived at a given time. There's more than one type of census. Find out what a census can tell you about how your ancestors lived and who they know.

Do You Really Know Your Irish Roots? Understanding 6,000 years of Irish history can help explain why your Irish ancestors are so elusive. Record location and availability is greatly impacted by history and we often look in the wrong place. You can find hints to find records and more are becoming available online.

Nil Sé Blarney (It's Not Blarney): Irish Records Irish records are available and many are available online. More are becoming available each day but there are challenges to Irish research and the myths that they don't exist persist.

Caillte agus Aimsigh: Lost and Found- Irish History and Records The myth is that Irish records don't exist or are lost. The myth is not truth. History does have an impact on the records but Irish records do exist. Irish research relies on an understanding of historical events that impact how and where to find the records.

Context is a Pro...Not a Con Genealogical research can give you dates and places but doesn't necessarily give a context to put that information into. Using your research, your ancestor FANs and other sources can take you back into their life and add the context.

Lesson Plans For Genealogy The internet abounds with lesson plans about historical events, people and documents. They are written for K-12 students in simple, easy to understand language and may include primary documents, maps and pictures. You don't have to be a teacher to learn from them.

Beginning Genealogy With a few basic skills and strategies anyone can learn how to trace their family history and unlock the family mysteries. Learn not only the skills and strategies but online sources and research strategies to get you started.

Rev Your Engines... Learn free and easy search strategies to grow your family tree. Make a plan, and then use free online resources and your local library. Learn strategies to not only follow your ancestors back in time but to also explore your ancestor's daily life and experiences.

Military Records Every military action includes a multitude of records from the earliest colonies to today. Records document service, family and other life events. More and more records are becoming available and easier to find.

Milking Ancestry.com for Results Learn search strategies and navigation techniques for successful research on Ancestry.com. Using the pluses and avoiding the pitfalls of research on Ancestry will enhance your success.

What's He Doing in Michigan? Strategies to Find the Unfindable You find your ancestor but you have little information. There are strategies you can use to find more information on the life of your ancestor.

Genealogy Oops! Or How I killed 17,000 People on My Tree Simple mistakes in genealogy can lead to huge errors in a family tree. How to avoid these and keep an accurate family tree.

Cluster Those Ancestors! Use Cluster Research When Ancestors Are Hard to Find Widening your focus to groups can provide results in your research, whether it's an ethnic group, surname, locality or other family and friends.

Whizz Bang! World War I Records Looking for an ancestor in World War I? A little research on the war, a few basic strategies and information should grow like poppies.