

RECENTLY ADDED PRESENTATIONS

The Migration Triangle: Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Kentucky, Tennessee

Discover what prompted our ancestors to follow the Migration Triangle and continue westward. Learn the paths they followed and the process for finding those elusive travelers.

Outlaws in the Family: Using Criminal Records in Your Research

When laws are broken, criminal courts are called upon to determine the truth and bring justice. Within these records family relationships are proven and circumstances stated. Learn how to find criminal court and other related records.

Finding Uncle John by Talking to the Neighbors

Using census records, manuscripts, and land records, learn details about your ancestor's neighborhood and the people with whom they worked, prayed, fought and married.

How to Document the "Right" Family While Staying on Track

Learn simple techniques for breaking down difficult research problems into manageable segments, including the basics of documentation and why it is an important family research tool.

Finding 20th Century Military Records – Discover records from the Spanish-American War through WW2, with a discussion of more current records.

Don't Count Me Out: Finding Estate Settlements (Including Insolvents)

Keep listening even when your ancestors don't have enough property to pay their outstanding debt at death. Learn how estates are handled when insolvent; how to use in your research; and where to locate them.

Is It Really Online? How to Find and Use Authentic Sources at Home or the Library

Take advantage of new online resources while developing your research skills. Learn about simple techniques that can improve your methodology and accomplishment.

WORKSHOPS (2 – 4 HOURS)

Spending a Day with Court Records - May be scheduled for 2 or 4 hours.

(Spending the day with Perry Mason, Ben Matlock & Tennessee Court Records)

Prepare to Use Court Records by learning the basics, understanding the terminology and organization of the Courts, and then get your hands dirty as we work together through a civil and criminal court case. Develop a richer understanding of court records and develop a strategy for discovering the rich information contained in these often hidden briefs.

A Death in the Family - May be scheduled for 2 or 4 hours.

Discover the myriad of documents uncovered through the death of an individual. We will look at the basics and dig through more complicated estates with a hands-on approach. Uncover intestate divisions, insolvent estates, and contested wills while learning what you need to know.

More on other side

Following a Case Through Court Workshop - 2 hours

Learn the basic of the legal system. Understand the process of following a case through court including dockets, orders, depositions, etc. Find the key to solving a problem using these records.

Developing a Research Plan Workshop - 2 hours

Using real-life examples and patterns from busy professionals, learn how to develop research plans that work for you. Acceptable standards, resources and examples will be emphasized.

Beginning Land Platting Workshop - May be scheduled for 2 or 4 hours

This hands-on session will help you learn how to plat a deed using the metes and bounds system. Identify a neighborhood and locate the plat on a topographic map. (Materials Charge, \$7 per individual for protractor and ruler)

Research Reports: Patterns, Persistence and Progress – (Workshop)

Research reports aren't only for professionals, but also a research tool for family genealogists. Develop report-writing skills that identify and convey the story revealed in the records you are discovering. Building on the basics with a strong pattern and becoming persistent in your approach will lead to progress and success

Basic Genealogical Research in the South

Learn the steps you should take when researching your Southern Ancestors. From developing a profile to answering questions, follow a professional through the process and improve your skills.

Saturday

Where, When & Why: The Story of Migration

Follow your Ancestors over a century of movement sharing locations, time periods, and why?

How to Follow the “Right” Family While They Move Across the South

Learn simple techniques you should take when researching your Southern migrating Ancestors, breaking down research problems into manageable segments, developing a profile

How Do I Use DNA testing for Me and My Clients

Come join me for some updates in DNA testing, and a look at the process I use to determine which test to take, preparations for testing, and what to do when my results arrive. We will discuss Autosomal, Y-DNA, and Mitochondrial testing.

Taxes Rule the World: Property, Poll, AdValorem, Permission

Following your Ancestors paying taxes may be the answer to your research problems. Learn to use their delay in paying as a tool to finding those pesky family members. Tax records can tell us much more than about property. (Using Delinquent Tax Lists and Release Books)

Sunday

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