

GENEALOGY ESSENTIALS

Our Free Educational Programs are presented at 7:00 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month September through May. To expand our audience and bring the amazing resources of the society to a wider audience, our 2020-2021 season of programs will begin as virtual programs on the Zoom platform. Registration for the virtual programs will be on the ACGSI website. For more information and current program offerings, please see www.acgsi.org, our blog at acgsi.wordpress.com, or visit us on Facebook, Pinterest or Twitter. ACGSI members will be emailed an invitation to each Free Educational Program. Membership in the society is open to all. Any changes to the meeting platform will be announced on our social media sites.

“A New Look at Genealogy Center Resources”

Wednesday, September 09, 2020, 7:00-8:30 pm

Hear about some of the recent changes and additions to the Genealogy Center website and how to use the site effectively.

Curt B. Witcher is the Director of the Special Collection at the Allen County Public Library and the Manager of The Genealogy Center. Curt is a former president of both the FGS and the NGS. He is also the founding president of the Indiana Genealogical Society as well as the Indiana Historical Society 2019 Eli Lilly Lifetime Achievement Award winner for his extraordinary contributions to the field of history.

“Finding Unknown Fathers or Grandfathers by DNA”

Wednesday, October 14, 2020, 7:00-8:30 pm

Have a family secret in your family? Those with unknown fathers or grandfathers may not have found any traditional genealogical records naming their father or grandfather. A next step is to take a DNA test. Learn how to find an unknown father or grandfather by DNA testing.

Sara Allen is a senior librarian at The Genealogy Center of the Allen County Public Library. She is the administrator of the Mitchell Y-chromosome surname project at FamilyTreeDNA. She has completed several advanced DNA courses at the Genealogical Institute of Pittsburgh (GRIP).

“Why Should I Look at Revolutionary War Pension Records?”

Wednesday, November 11, 2020, 7:00-8:30 pm

Pension records are an invaluable source for learning more about your Revolutionary ancestor, his family, military unit, and fellow servicemen. Discover how to access these rich files and what family history information could await.

Melissa Tennant, the Genealogy Services Manager of The Genealogy Center at the Allen County Public Library, co-coordinates programs and seminars, supervises preservation and digital projects, and administers the GenealogyCenter.org website.

“Pre-1850 Census Records and Census Substitutes”

Wednesday, December 09, 2020, 7:00-8:30 pm

The time period before 1850 is a challenging one for family history. Record gaps exist, while other records often do not name women and children. How can you bridge those gaps and surmount those obstacles? Come to this program to find out how to use pre-1850 census records and census substitutes effectively in your genealogical research.

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“Great Discoveries and Unique Ancestors”

Wednesday, January 13, 2021, 7:00-8:30 pm

This evening will be an open sharing time for those who wish to share about a unique ancestor, a great discovery, how they broke through a brick wall, or any other topic of interest. Prior to this online event, information will be provided on how those wishing to share can register to be a presenter. These evenings always prove to be fun and informative.

“Go West, Young Man: Westward Migration in the Mid-1800’s”

Wednesday, February 10, 2021, 7:00-8:30 pm

The concept of moving west was not a new one by the mid-1800’s. Americans had been setting their sights on land to the west of civilization since before the United States was even a country. This hunger for land could not even be stopped by a civil war. Let’s explore a bit of the history and available records sets for studying your ancestors’ movement to the west.

Allison DePrey Singleton, MA, MLS, is a senior librarian at The Genealogy Center. Among her activities at the Genealogy Center, she is a Northeast Regional Co-Coordinator for the National History Day in Indiana, was a co-chair of the 2018 Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) Conference, and recently spoke at the 2020 RootsTech Conference.

“Researching Tennessee and Kentucky Ancestors”

Wednesday, March 10, 2021, 7:00-8:30 pm

Learn how to track your Tennessee and Kentucky ancestors, including the best print sources, physical repositories and online resources.

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“Your History Can Be Found At Home: Virtual Libraries”

Wednesday, April 14, 2021, 7:00-8:30 pm

Attendees will learn about the different online resources available to help them find hard-to-locate genealogy books online for free. Whilst researching family history, many find they need to access a resource from a remote place that is not local. Others have exhausted most research options other than books and need to use these published sources to break through a brick wall. Attendees will receive a list of Virtual Libraries to use for research, including such websites as Internet Archive, FamilySearch Books, Google Books, Digital Public Library of America (DPLA) and more. Attendees will also receive tips on how to utilize these resources to get the best results.

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“Writing Your Family History: A Primer for Doing A Book or Article”

Wednesday, May 12, 2021, 7:00-8:30 pm

This talk will look at the art of genealogical writing with the view of either writing a full-length book or a shorter article. We will look at the Genealogical Proof Standard, numbering, documentation, and other techniques to make your written work outstanding and publishable.

John Beatty, senior librarian and chief bibliographer of The Genealogy Center where he has worked since 1984, is a Certified Genealogist with a Master’s degree in History and Library Science from the University of Michigan

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