

GENEALOGY WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

Hosted by the Pinal County Genealogists
Saturday, January 24, 2009
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
1555 N. Colorado Street, Casa Grande, Arizona

NOTE: SPEAKER BIOS AND LECTURE DESCRIPTIONS FOLLOW THESE REGISTRATION PAGES

Please select one class from each of the four breakout sessions

8:00 - 8:45 Registration

8:45 - 9:00 Welcome and Announcements

9:00 - 10:00 - Session 1

- A-1 Beginning Internet Research I - Denise Crawford
- A-2 Newspaper Research - Chris Seggerman
- A-3 Funeral Home Records - Paul Messinger
- A-4 German Resources - Robert Call
- A-5 Beginning Genealogy Research, Part Ia - Barb Oestreich (see box below)

10:15 - 11:15 - Session 2

- B-1 Beginning Internet Research II - Denise Crawford
- B-2 Introduction to DNA - Paul Duffey
- B-3 Traditional Scrapbooking - Aimee Merrell
- B-4 Native American Research - Theda GoodFox Kresge
- B-5 Beginning Genealogy Research, Part IIa - Barb Oestreich (see box below)

11:30 - 12:30 - Session 3

- C-1 Military Records, Pre 1900 - Shirley Nance
- C-2 Mesa Regional Family History Center - Steve Packer
- C-3 Bring Your Stories to Life - Julie Crockett
- C-4 Researching Females - Betty Malesky
- C-5 Digital Scrapbooking - Maurice Cavenee

12:30 Lunch Break

1:30 - 2:30 - Session 4

- D-1 Military Records, Post 1900 - Shirley Nance
- D-2 Immigration/Naturalization Records - Denise Crawford
- D-3 Photo Restoration - Rudy Morris
- D-4 Documentation and Copyrights - Betty Malesky
- D-5 Beginning Genealogy Research, Part Ib - Barb Oestreich (see box below)

2:45 - 3:45 - Session 5

- E-1 Family Tree Maker Demonstration – Jane Hodgson
- E-2 Roots Magic Demonstration - Barbara Salyer
- E-3 Personal Ancestry File Demonstration - Wendy Carlson
- E-5 Beginning Genealogy Research, Part IIb - Barb Oestreich (see box below)

9:00 - 11:15 - Session I (2 hours)
A-5 & B-5 Beginning Genealogy Research - Barb Oestreich

1:30 - 3:45 - Session II (2 hours)
C-5 & D-5 Beginning Genealogy Research - Barb Oestreich

Beginning Genealogy Research: same two-hour class repeated in afternoon.
LIMIT 15 PER CLASS. Additional cost: \$5.00 per person to cover extra supplies,
to be paid at door. Bring 3-ring binder.

Participants should be prepared to choose two other topics in case the classes are full.
Prospective students will be notified on the availability in either session.

DIRECTIONS:

From the north: Exit I-10 (#185) onto Hwy. 387 and proceed right (south) on Pinal Ave. At the fifth light, turn left (east) onto Cottonwood Lane. Pass through the second light (Trekell Road) ½ mile to Colorado. The church can be seen near that intersection.

From the south: Exit I-10 (#194) onto Hwy. 287 and turn left (west) onto Florence Blvd. Turn right (north) onto Colorado (Office Max on corner) and proceed through the 4-way stop. Make a slight curve and the church can be seen, across from Ironwood Grade School.

**THE LDS CHURCH REQUESTS NO CAFFEINE DRINKS BE BROUGHT
INTO THE BUILDING AND NO SMOKING ON CHURCH PROPERTY
PLEASE RESPECT THEIR WISHES**

Pre-Registration \$15.00 (Lunch & Syllabus included)
At the Door \$20.00 (Lunch & Syllabus not guaranteed)

**Make check payable to: E.A. Fernstrom
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2009 LECTURE DESCRIPTIONS

A-1 Beginning Internet Research

Will provide information and a demonstration of several of the best Internet sites to check for family trees that have been contributed by other researchers. Also included to help search for your family history will be a brief introduction on how to use Google, mailing lists and message boards.

A-2 Did It Make The Newspaper?

Many researchers feel their ancestors may not have been famous enough to get into their local papers, but small-town newspapers document all kinds of their citizens' activities. Obituaries can contain much information, but find out what other events can provide important clues to tracking ancestors. If you want to find the ebb and flow of your ancestors' daily - or weekly - lives, newspapers provide an irreplaceable window to history. Learn how to locate newspapers your ancestors may have appeared in.

A-3 Using Funeral Home Records

Funeral homes have a wealth of information for those researching their family history. This information may vary from funeral home to funeral home, but all contain facts about the deceased that are used to compose obituaries. There are many other detailed clues in the unique content of funeral home files. And learn how these records can help find the location of cemetery burials.

A-4 German Resources

Over the years more and more information has become available in helping to find German ancestors. The Internet has helped but basic resources such as books and maps still are the backbone of German research. And along the way you may learn a few German words that will help in your search. Researching your German ancestors can be a challenge but with persistence you will overcome!

A-5 and D-5 Packing Your Bag for the Trip of a Lifetime - Beginning Genealogy from A to Z

This expanded class will cover the basics needed to create a sound family history. We will work with the universal forms used by genealogists and survey the documents essential to providing the information a family historian needs. We will discuss how to locate these documents from A to Z, Attics to Zamenders*. (*a term for landowners)

B-1 Beginning Internet Research II

Will explore and demonstrate several free Internet sites. If you have a gap in your family history, then one of these fabulous websites might do the trick. Maybe you'll see a new site or be reminded of one that you haven't checked out in a while.

B-2 Use of DNA in Genealogy

DNA analysis is a modern tool which is useful in genealogy in those instances where the paper trail is weak or non-existent. However, it can only define relationships along a strictly male line or on a strictly female line. There are searchable databases on the Internet which allow you to search for people who are a genetic match to you, and provide a way for you to contact any matches to see if your paper trails link together within the time period that current written data exist.

B-3 and C-5 Scrapbooking - Traditional, Digital and Your Way

Two classes will be held on this topic - one using the traditional cut-and-paste method with scissors, paper cutters and glue. The other will be composing pages using the technology of digital cameras and computers. Choose either method because this is your life so do it your way. Many examples will be shown in both classes.

B-4 Keys to Your Indian Ancestry

This session will acknowledge that with Indian Ancestry there is a definite lack of adequate records collated in one site. However, with diligence and research essentials there are ways and means to obtain the needed information. We will identify the four major Keys an individual needs in order to begin your genealogy search: name, time period, locale and kinship. Information will be provided on where to pursue tribal heritage resources. There are many which include the National Archives, BIA, tribal offices, etc. Before the session information will be obtained on the major tribal, government sites and other sources to be provided to interested individuals.

C-1 and D-1 Military Records - Pre and Post 1900

There are two classes on this topic. Millions of men and women have served in the armed forces. Most American families would benefit from a search of military records. These classes will help you know where to look and what you can expect to find.

C-2 Mesa Regional Family History Center

Take a tour of the Mesa Regional History Center and hear about their holdings. This Center houses a complete set of census records both on microfilm and on the Internet. Their book collection is extensive and open for browsing. Many computers are available with volunteers happy to be of assistance in using them. Also, learn what other resources are provided at this facility.

C-3 Breathing Life Into Your Family Stories

Family history is more than names and dates. Learn how to “breathe life” and create interesting, page turning, nonfiction while using the elements of fiction. This class will provide examples and strategies for those interested in bringing to life their family stories.

C-4 Women without Shadows; Gone Without a Trace!

Receive tips on finding the elusive women in your ancestry. Find the various sources in locating women’s maiden names. Learn how to search for women by comparing census records. Sometimes maiden names can be found in the most unexpected places.

D-2 Immigration/Naturalization

Who, What, Where and Why did they come? Historical trends that may affect the direction of your research will be presented. Also, tips will be given to finding ancestors on passenger lists and locating their naturalization papers.

D-3 Photo Restoration Basics

Using Adobe Photoshop Elements 4.0 - the students will learn how to use seven basic tools: Cropping, Enhancing Levels, Enhancing Contrast, Cloning, Typing Tool, Color Balance, and Dodge and Burn. The class will apply these tools with actual old pictures and view the results. In addition, numerous before and after pictures will be viewed that have been restored using these tools.

D-4 Documentation and Copyrights

Documentation is important and at the same time frustrating. This lecture presents citation principles, current standards for citing sources, examples of various source types, and a simplified approach to creating acceptable source citations. Elizabeth Shown Mills’s books *Evidence!* and *Evidence Explained* are the foundation for this lecture.

2009 WORKSHOP SPEAKERS

Robert Call earned his BS from Brigham Young University, MS from the University of Utah, and his EDD from Arizona State University. He taught Chemistry and Math in the public schools for 34 years and also taught for Rio Salado Community College. Robert was born in Mexico, but married his wife, Gerda while in the United States Army in Germany. He serves as the advisor to the German Committee at the Mesa Regional Family History Center. Robert has done extensive work on his wife's lines in Germany (Bavaria and Wuerttemberg). He has been able to help many people find their roots in Germany.

Denise Crawford was born in Ft. Bragg, California and has lived in California, Montana, Washington, Indiana and Utah. She has resided in Arizona since 1980. Denise has been on the staff at the Mesa Regional Family History Center for the last six years. She assists in computer training, teaching computer classes and provides training on immigration, internet research and census research. Denise is also a frequent guest speaker in her surrounding community.

Julie Crockett received her History Degree and Writing Certificate from Arizona State University. Her work, writing and compiling family histories combines her passion for both history and storytelling. She works as the online writing tutor at Central Arizona College and as a writer/consultant for clients interested in documenting their family stories.

Paul Duffey is a retired Internist/Hematologist/Medical Oncologist who has done a great deal of genealogy and also has had his DNA tested by Family Tree DNA and also Sorenson Molecular Genealogy Foundation. He is a former Board Member of Arizona State Genealogical Society, and currently runs the DNA Special Interest Group and General Genealogy help Sessions for ASGS. Paul is also State Genealogist and Registrar for Sons of the American Revolution. In the past for 12 years he was a National Volunteer Trainer for the American Cancer Society, providing training around the country in Leadership and Personal Presentation Skills. Paul focuses today on use of DNA in Genealogy Research.

Theda Goodfox Kresge is a full blooded Native American from the Pawnee Tribe of Oklahoma. She grew up in Oklahoma and was educated there. She is a product of a government Indian Boarding School and received degrees from Central State College (now the University of Central Oklahoma), University of Oklahoma and Oklahoma State University. She worked for 37 years in the Behavioral Health, Education and Vocational Rehabilitation fields. Theda's interest in genealogy was a result of curiosity. The course work she took in research methods served her well in her field of work and with the family research she does now. Theda was fortunate to have had a grandmother who told her stories and whetted her interest in her tribe. After retirement Theda has more time to pursue her interest in researching and seeking tribal and genealogical information.

Betty Lou Malesky, CGSM is past president of the Green Valley Genealogical Society and editor of the society's newsletter, *Past Tracks*. A Certified Genealogist, she is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, New England Historic Genealogical Society, the National Genealogical Society, and the Society of Mayflower Descendants. She writes a semi-monthly column, "Genealogy Today", for the *Green Valley News & Sun*. A native of northeastern Ohio, Betty became interested in genealogy as a teenager and began actively pursuing her ancestry in 1963. She speaks and writes on a variety of topics and is well versed in all of them.

Aimee Merrell was born in Provo, Utah, which happens to be the scrapbooking capitol of the world. Coincidence? She grew up in Utah and came to Casa Grande, Arizona, when she attended college before marrying her sweetheart, Bryan. They have been married for fifteen years and have five children. Aimee owns Amilee's wedding planning business located in Casa Grande. Whether it's sketching incredible pencil drawings, designing her own wedding gown, or refinishing old furniture, Aimee has always had a creative flair. That creativity is something that shows through in every page she designs. Some of her pages have been chosen for publication in magazines!

Paul Messinger has been in the funeral service for over 50 years. He is a past president of the state Funeral Directors Association and five term member and president of the State Board of Funeral Directors & Embalmers of Arizona, and 49 years CEO of Messinger Mortuary & Chapel, Inc. Paul has a BS from San Francisco College of Mortuary Science. Paul's knowledge of genealogy has been through practical work with families and individuals in tracing their ancestry. He worked with the state in acquiring the records of other states as an Arizona legislator, and has knowledge on funeral service and cemetery record keeping and sourcing for genealogy. Paul has spoken on this subject for the past 20 years.

Rudy Morris is an avid amateur photographer since the late 60's. While living in the Chicago area in the early 70's, he was a member of the Chicago Area Camera Club Association where he won several awards in inter-club competitions. Since retiring in 1999, Rudy and his wife have become full time RVrs while traveling between kids and grand kids and have evolved into using digital photography along the way. Rudy has also become active in genealogy and loves to find and restore old photographs. He uses Adobe Photoshop Elements and spends many hours bringing old photos "back from the grave". He has put on several restoration workshops to show others how to restore old and damaged photos.

Shirley A. Nance was a family history director for 8 years in Kansas. She currently is a patron research consultant and staff training teacher at the Mesa Regional Family History Center. She has served at the MRFHC for 12 years. She is a frequent guest speaker in the communities where she resides and has 27 years experience in family history/genealogy research.

Barbara Oestreich has been a genealogist for over 25 years. She enjoys the challenge of helping beginning genealogists, both young and old, by teaching Genealogy 101 classes. While still active in the teaching profession, Barbara developed a family history curriculum used with elementary children. Since her retirement she has enlarged that curriculum to help countless fellow retirees find their roots in the US and overseas. Barbara devotes her winters to coordinating programs and lectures for the Four Parks Genealogy Group in Florence, Arizona.

Steve Packer was raised in Utah in the small farming/mining community of Heber City. His career has been in data communications with the final 25 years in International Sales. Steve was exposed to genealogy by his father who collaborated on a book on the Packer family. Since retiring Steve has worked on his family's German genealogy and has made several trips to Germany to get family records that have not been microfilmed or available on indexed data bases. Since December 2007 Steve has been serving three days a week at the Mesa Regional Family History Center.

Chris Seggerman was born in Ohio; but grew up in north Phoenix, when the desert and mountains dominated the landscape on all sides. After graduating in 1999 from ASU West with a degree in English, and working for the school newspaper, he became the Managing Editor of the *Bandera Bulletin* in Bandera, Texas. Then, he returned to Phoenix and pursued a career in library work. Chris has had the good fortune of being related to dedicated amateur genealogists. A first cousin produced a family history. Knowing of his interest, other cousins have lent family books crammed with hand annotations. Chris's own research concerns putting documented reality against written oral tradition. Chris has worked more than two years with the newspaper collection of the Arizona State Library.