

# Longmont Genealogy Seminar

## "Getting to the Roots of Your Family"

Presented by the Longmont Genealogical Society  
& the Longmont Family History Center

Saturday, May 5, 2012

1712 Red Cloud Road, Longmont CO 80501

Schedule of Classes and Events



### Classes and Events for the Day

8:30 – 8:55	<b>Registration</b>			
9:00 – 9:50	<b>Keynote Speaker - Tara Bergeson</b> <b>"What's New in FamilySearch - 2012 and Beyond"</b>			
	<b>Baerbel Johnson, AG</b>	<b>Dan Poffenberger, AG</b>	<b>Vicki Pfeffer</b>	<b>Carol Swensen, AG</b>
10:00 – 10:50	<b>Dutch Research on the Internet</b> <i>Level: Beginner</i> An overview of Web sites useful for family history research in the Netherlands. The use of several important sites will be explained in detail. An increasing number of Dutch church and civil registration records are indexed on the Internet.	<b>Beginning Irish Research</b> <i>Level: Beginner</i> This class covers the primary sources, their content, time periods and availability critical to a foundation for research in Ireland. It will also cover the unique nature of research in Ireland with strategies to solving problems. The focus will be post-1800 sources.	<b>How to Begin at the Beginning</b> <i>Level: New Beginner</i> Are you excited to learn more about your ancestors? Come and acquire information on how to get started. Information about some of the most important genealogical record groups will be presented. Learn methods to access these historical documents and increase your knowledge about genealogy research through online and offline resources.	<b>Finding Your Virginia Ancestors</b> This class covers vital records, immigration, boundary changes and disputes, "burned county" info, and land, probate and church records. How to find and use the repositories most vital to your research.
11:00 – 11:50	<b>German Research on the Internet - an overview</b> <i>Level: Beginner</i> Learn how you can use the Internet to locate towns and find research helps, addresses, pictures, and background material for your German ancestors' family history. This class introduces several German web sites useful for family history research. Learn how to locate addresses of civil registration offices and parishes, town histories, place jurisdictions, lists of emigrants, and other	<b>'Aye, it's a well-known fact, Sonny Jim': Getting the most out of ScotlandsPeople.gov.uk or Beginning Scottish Research</b> <i>Level: Beginner</i> ScotlandsPeople.gov.uk is, with FamilySearch, one of the two most valuable resources for Scottish research on the internet. It has changed the face of Scottish research by bringing together almost 50 million records in to one location. It is a government website managed by the General Register Office of Scotland. You can access it by going to	<b>Find Your Ancestor in the Newspapers</b> There are many different ways to access the historical treasures that can be found in online digital free and paid newspaper collections. Learn how to access online resources for determining the location of non-digitized historical newspapers. Discover some new and old ways to save those online newspaper images including citations.	<b>It's All About the Numbers - Finding Your Family in the 1790-1840 U.S. Census</b> <i>Level: Beginner</i> This class will help students understand how they can evaluate the 1790-1840 U.S. Census to locate possible ancestors by head of household. Strategies on how to use a flow chart to assess information to extend the family back one generation will also be presented.

	helpful information.	<a href="http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk">www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk</a> .		
12:00 – 12:55	<b>Lunch</b> Displays available in Cultural Hall			
	<b>Baerbel Johnson, AG</b>	<b>Dan Poffenberger, AG</b>	<b>Erik Mason</b>	<b>Carol Swensen, AG</b>
1:00 – 1:50	<b>Where are they really? Strategies and hints for finding your long-lost German Ancestors</b> <i>Level: Intermediate</i> German ancestors can get “lost” in a variety of ways. Perhaps the town of origin is still unknown, or it can't be positively identified. People even seem to disappear from the church records without ever having moved! This class discusses some general principles and the creative use of basic resources and tools that can be of great help in finding lost ancestors.	<b>The Parish Chest: Beyond the christening, marriage and burial records</b> <i>Level: Beginner to intermediate</i> Anyone who has done a little bit of English research has used the christening, marriage, and burial records kept by Church of England parishes. However, these records are only the tip of the iceberg of records kept by officers of the parish church. This course will give you an excellent foundation of what other records were kept by the parish, how they can help your research and how you can find them.	<b>Photo and Document Preservation</b> <i>Level: All</i> Learn from the Pro. Erik is the Curator of Research at the Longmont Museum. He has overseen the preservation and digitization of over 3,000 photographs, from 19th-century ambrotypes to large glass negatives, conventional prints, and color transparencies; as well as many types of archival documents.	<b>Southern States - I Wish I Was In Dixie</b> This class will cover online websites, boundary changes, burned county strategies, Civil War records, repositories and research aids to help in your search.
	<b>Baerbel Johnson, AG</b>	<b>Dan Poffenberger, AG</b>	<b>Videos</b>	<b>Donlyn Arbuthnot</b>
2:00 – 2:50	<b>Germans in Russia and Southeastern Europe</b> <i>Level: Beginner</i> This class presents an overview of German emigration to Russia, the Baltics, and Southeastern Europe, primarily during the 18 <sup>th</sup> and 19 <sup>th</sup> Centuries. Most Germans left these areas in the late 19 <sup>th</sup> and early 20 <sup>th</sup> Centuries, once the promised privileges had been rescinded, and moved back to Germany or to the American Continent. Migration patterns can sometimes be associated with certain groups, making it easier to determine German places of origin.	<b>When there's a Will, there's a Way: Finding English Probate Records</b> <i>Level: Beginner</i> Probate records often contain a wealth of genealogical information, but finding the records may be a bit confusing without some help. From the earliest wills through the creation of the Principal Probate Registry in 1858, this lecture will help you understand the various types of probate records that exist, what information they contain and how to find them. This lecture will cover every critical aspect of English probate records including jurisdictions, wills, administrations, act books, original versus registered wills and online resources.	<b>Video - Organizing Your Information</b>	<b>Blogging 101: Using Social Media to Create, Research, and Promote Family Connections</b> <i>Level: Beginner</i> Donlyn is the author, writer and creator of the <a href="http://www.homesteadorigins.com/">http://www.homesteadorigins.com/</a> blog. Come join her class and learn how creating a blog can greatly expand and add depth to your personal and family history experience. This discussion will cover these questions and more: What is a blog? Why have a blog? What type of blog will serve me best? How do I start?
Visit our web site for registration form and updates: <a href="http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~colgs/">http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~colgs/</a> For more details call Diana at: (303) 678-5130				

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## Speakers for LGS Seminar

	<p><b>Baerbel Johnson, AG</b> - An International Reference Consultant at the Family History Library. Baerbel holds degrees in Family and Local History Studies and Sociology from BYU. With more than 20 years' experience in European family history, she has published journal articles, contributed material for several books, and lectured at various conferences.</p>
	<p><b>Dan Poffenberger, AG</b> - Dan is a Senior Content Strategist for the Family History Department. He has been a professional genealogist for 22 years and has also worked as a Research Consultant on the British and US and Canada floors of the Family History Library in Salt Lake City.</p>
	<p><b>Carol Swensen, AG</b> - A specialist in Southern States research, Carol served as Vice President, Program Chairman and Education Chairman for the Virginia Beach Genealogical Society, and has been a family history educator and researcher for 19 years. Carol currently serves as Director of the Family History Center in Lakewood, Colorado.</p>
	<p><b>Tara Bergeson</b> - Tara is a North America Area Manager for FamilySearch International. In this role, she is responsible for all FamilySearch Support efforts which provide family history assistance to priesthood leaders, family history consultants, family history centers, and patrons in the Southern United States.</p>
	<p><b>Vicki Pfeffer</b> - Vicki is a professional educator in the state of Colorado. Her genealogy research interests over the past 14 years have taken her to various locations in Ontario, Quebec, New York, Pennsylvania, and Michigan. Currently, she serves as the Boulder Colorado Stake Indexing Director and is responsible for training family history consultants.</p>
	<p><b>Donlyn Arbuthnot</b> - Growing up I listened to my Father, Aunts and Uncles as they shared the many stories of our gold digging, homesteading, and pioneer ancestors. I loved hearing the stories of how life was once lived. She has created the blog: <a href="http://www.homesteadorigins.com/">http://www.homesteadorigins.com/</a> and is happy to help inspire others to blog, share their family stories and research their family's genealogy. She knows from personal experience how family knowledge and connections enrich and bring joy to our lives.</p>
	<p><b>Erik Mason</b> - is the Curator of Research at the Longmont Museum, responsible for preserving the Museum's 450 cubic foot archival collection. He has overseen the preservation and digitization of over 3,000 photographs, from 19th-century ambrotypes to large glass negatives, conventional prints, and color transparencies; as well as many types of archival documents. He also regularly works with genealogists and other researchers in Longmont and St. Vrain Valley history. He has an M.A. degree in History Museum Studies from the Cooperstown Graduate Program of the State University of New York, and sixteen years of experience in museum and archival collections.</p>