

Kerrville Genealogical Society October 11 Seminar

GENEALOGY AND TECHNOLOGY

New Ideas, New Technologies To Learn About Your Ancestors



Our speaker, Caroline M. Pointer, will present four sessions

1. Jumpstart Your Genealogy with These 51 websites

When looking online, family history researchers can get stuck in a rut looking at the same websites over and over and expecting different results. Stop the insanity! There are many places to look online, and this presentation will give you an overview look at 51 websites guaranteed to jumpstart your genealogy research and help you build your family tree.

2. 47 Ways to Use Your Smartphone or Tablet for Finding and Sharing Your Family History Mysteries

With the ease of use and the portability of mobile devices, smartphones and tablets have become extremely popular. And they have become even more popular with family history enthusiasts to use not only for researching, but for sharing what they find with others. This presentation gives an overview look at 47 ways to use these mobile devices to get your family history work done and share those family history mysteries you have found.

3. 15 Tech Tools Help You Collaborate With Your Family for Your Research.

It seems like every day another online tech tool pops up that promises to connect you with others. And many times, those same tools can be used to collaborate with your family about information that just might help you in your family history research. In this presentation we will explore 15 tech tools you can use for collaboration that just might help you to breakdown those research brick walls.

4. Read All About It. Did Your Ancestors Make the Papers (How To Find and Use Online Newspapers).

So you have your ancestor's birth, marriage, and death dates, but do you know what their wedding ceremony was like? Do you know what school awards they won, if any? What about who visited them from out of town, or maybe who they left town to visit? In this presentation find out how to find and search newspapers to reveal these important details about your ancestors' lives.

About our Speaker...

Holding a BA in English from Texas A&M University, Caroline M. Pointer is the founder of For Your Family Story, a genealogy research, social media marketing, and technology consulting business.

She is the author of the 4YourFamilyStory.com blog which focuses on bringing genealogy and technology together for the researcher as well as the author of BloggingGenealogy.com which focuses on how to blog for various genealogy-related audiences.

With a featured genealogy-technology article in *Who Do You Think You Are? Magazine* (UK), she is a freelance writer; the In2Genealogy Columnist for the e-magazine *Shades of the Departed*; author of genealogy and technology YouTube video tutorials; and a genealogy and technology speaker.

As a social media aficionado since 2009, Caroline has been actively making global connections to help teach others how to bridge the gap to the past with over 10,000 connections on 7 social media platforms interacting on not only the topics of genealogy and family history but also technology, business, social media, motherhood, writing, and history.

Caroline currently serves on the Texas State Genealogical Society Board and Executive Committee as Director for Communications; chairs the TSGS Marketing Committee; and serves TSGS District 6 as a District Representative. She also was recently appointed to the Board of Directors for the Federation of Genealogical Societies where she chairs the FGS Marketing and Publicity Committee.

Caroline is also a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, Genealogical Speakers Guild, National Genealogical Society, Texas State Genealogical Society, Chaparral Genealogical Society and Library, Clayton Library Friends, and the Family History Information Standards Organization.

This Seminar is dedicated to the memory of Edith Shacklette Haynes, Former Member and Supporter of our Association

First Lieutenant Edith Shacklette was a nurse in the United States Army and was stationed in the Philippine Islands in 1941 when the Japanese invaded those islands.

She served as a head nurse in a makeshift army hospital during the battle at Bataan. When the United States forces there surrendered, she was among 72 nurses who were imprisoned by the Japanese at the Santo Thomas POW Camp in Manila. These nurses endured hardship and starvation for 37 months before they were liberated.

In early 1945, the nurses and other prisoners were rescued when the First Cavalry Division made a 100 mile race to Manila and the POW Camp. They were on a mission to free those prisoners. Prisoners sang "God Bless America" when Army tanks rolled up to the front door of their prison building.

When the liberated nurses returned to the United States, she was the first person to step off the plane...

Edith Shacklette Haynes spent her remaining years in Kerrville. While living here, she came to the History Center in Kerrville seeking information on her ancestors. She was aided by Mike Bowlin... and she appreciated efforts of Mike and other genealogy volunteers. A former member of the Kerrville Genealogical Society, she left a generous monetary donation to our group. Her diaries were given to the Nimitz Museum in Fredericksburg.

It is indeed an honor for the Kerrville Genealogical Society to dedicate this seminar to Edith.