



DISCOVERING YOUR FAMILY'S PAST TO SHAPE YOUR FUTURE

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Classes and Lectures Offered

Ask Why: Getting More from Research – Genealogy is research into the unknown. Make the journey easier and your research more thorough by combining different research techniques. This 45- to 60-min presentation/webinar (can adjust to preferences) for all levels will not only help you identify key events or documents that may be available for your ancestor, but also guide you in going deeper into the times they lived in and the personal networks they developed.

Changing Perspectives: Stepping Into Your Ancestor's Shoes – Every person has a life story, struggles, hopes and dreams. Delve deeper into your ancestor's perspective with this advanced analytic technique that requires both critical and creative thinking. During this 60-min presentation (or up to 3-hour seminar) you will stretch your mind as you reach out to step into your ancestor's shoes.

Dig Deeper: Building Context for Your Ancestor Stories – To understand our ancestors and the records they left behind them, we need to understand the context in which they lived and in which those records were created. Learn how to dig deeper into the culture, society and times of your ancestor using this simple, but expansive technique presented in a 1-hour lecture/webinar for intermediate to advanced researchers.

Family Trees for Kinders - This 60- to 90-min (can adjust to preferences) lesson and activity is designed to introduce children ages 5 to 11 to the concept of family trees and family history. It addresses the notion of family inclusively, with extended family members and those individuals considered family, even though they are not biologically related, while teaching pedigrees. Using visuals and participation, the children explore a sample family tree and create their own artistic family trees to take home.

Early Virginia Records: Finding Deeper Roots – Finding colonial-era ancestors is exciting, but it can be difficult to research before census records. Learn how to scope your research plan, use finding aids and compiled resources, and discover how you can find clues about your ancestors underground. This 30- to 45-min presentation/webinar (can adjust to preferences) followed by Q&A is aimed at researchers of any level looking to find their early Virginia ancestors.

Locked on Target: Keep Research Focused – With so many resources online, and so many different things you can do with them, how do you stay focused on the specific information you are seeking instead of going from link to link to link? This 45- to 60-min presentation/webinar (can adjust to preferences) for the beginner or intermediate researcher is full of tips and tricks you can use to keep from going down rabbit holes in your research, while keeping track of those online sources you come across.

Make Your Own Ancestor Experience – There is nothing like your own experience to help you understand what life was like back then. This 1-hour presentation/webinar for all research levels gives you all the tools you need to develop a travel itinerary and find experiences in those places our ancestors lived and travelled to help you understand their lives better.