

Genealogy Series I: Discovering Your Ancestor

Genealogy is an enriching and rewarding way to discover our own families through their written records, photographs and artifacts. Tracing our ancestral roots expands our understanding of history and how they lived in earlier generations. The individual pieces of the family jigsaw puzzle consists of vital records, censuses, land records, immigration, naturalization, military records, church histories, taxes, court and courthouse records, DNA and much more. The tools and techniques used by genealogists today are extensive and include the Internet, specific genealogy programs and websites, i.e. Ancestry and FamilySearch. Learn in a computer environment the resources available online and off-line to investigate the various jigsaw puzzle pieces that document your ancestors' lives.

Mar 6 - Basic Forms - Accurate Data Formats - Vital Records: Death, Marriage and Birth

Mar 27 - Genealogy Software Programs, Online and Off-line Sources, Census Records

Apr 3 - What to Do with What is Collected - Transcription Tools - Research Planning

Apr 24 - Strategic Searching, Sources & Citations, Cemetery Research

May 1 - Evidence Analysis Process, Obituary Research, Newspapers and Periodicals

May 22 - Keeping a Genealogical Diary/Journal, County Histories, Google Books & Internet