

Programs 2025

April 23rd, 2025: Peggy Clemens Lauritzen: Dark as a Dungeon: Researching Mining Records.

May 28th, 2025: Sue Schlichting: Inspire the next Generation of Genealogist.

Who's going to take over the family history quest when you're no longer able? Getting the younger generation interested in their family history is important work. Learn creative ways to get young people engaged in their own history search.

June 25th, 2025: Gena Philibert-Ortega: 25 Uncommon Sources for your Genealogy (Cancelled Meeting) Moved to February of 2026

July 23rd, 2025: Beth Foulk: American Revolution Genealogy.

The War of Independence changed history; our history; our families' history. It's a story about which we want to know more. Did my ancestor help? ...even a little? There's much to be learned about our ancestors' roles in this moment in history. In this class, we'll discover where to start, what the best resources are, and how to tackle the research. So, let's go in search of answers using the soldiers' service and pension records and unit narratives.

August 27th, 2025: Steven Morrison: Western Trail-Following the Seven Ts

The major trails from the Midwest to the west will be covered in this session. The principal routes will include the Oregon and California Trails, the Mormon migration, the Santa Fe Trail, and more. These were the OVERLAND RIVERS which helped populate the West.

September 24th, 2025: Christine Cohen: Alienation of Affection: Divorce in the United States

Divorce is not just a 20th Century phenomenon. At first, granted by the State Legislature and then by the Courts, these are public records. The case files can include marriage date and place, names and ages of children, current and former residences, and affidavits by the spouses about their marriage and reason for divorce. Clues are in the Census, City Directories, Military Pensions, County Histories, County Courthouses & especially in Newspapers. This could be the reason for a "lost spouse".

October 22nd, 2025: Jerri McCoy: The Witches of Salem- There are no Witches-are there? Of course not!

We of the twenty-first century are very much aware that hags do not fly across the moon on brooms. But in 1692 Charity and Mercy and plain good sense were all thrown into the fire of zealotry. Like Autumn brush fires, the witch hunt would swell and burn through Salem Village and neighboring towns. How were witches Identified? What happened to them? And who were those that were executed that terrible year in Salem? Come learn a little bit about them and their accusing neighbors.

November 19th, 2025: Sara Cochran: No OMPF? No Problems!

Researching 20th Century veterans is especially difficult as a fire destroyed millions of Official Military Personnel Files in 1973. This class will look at other ways to find the stories of the WWI and WWII veterans in our families.