

Family Discovery Day

FULL Class Descriptions with Presenters

10-10:50 OPENING SESSION Welcome, Speaker Introductions, Announcements.

Keynote Speaker: Michael Strock, filmmaker, to share a work in progress documentary of his family.

11-11:50 SESSION A

Getting Started in Learning About My Family History. Part 1

Kristen Lorensen, Presenter

This is the place to start your family history. Come learn how to start putting your family tree together. Learn about the resources that are available when starting your family history which will help provide you with key information and helpful clues. Learn more about different ways to record, track, and document your family history efforts.

Oral History: Preparation (Equipment,etc.), Record/Interview, Preservation

Diane Loutzenhiser, Presenter

Don't miss the opportunity to get your family's information recorded. This life on earth goes quickly. Don't be the one that wished they would have interviewed someone only to find it's too late. Learn about the different (and sometimes necessary) equipment needed for recording, how to interview on the fly, how to prepare, and how to interview all ages. We will also cover how to store what you've recorded. Learn the do's and don'ts of interviewing. A guest speaker will share his experience with recording his family.

Immigration: Tracking Our Ancestors

Pam Duce, Presenter

Studying sources and searching resources we can track our adventurous ancestors. Our class will cover what sources can give us clues and databases to aid our search.

YOU FOUND IT WHERE? Finding & Accessing Collections Around the World

Denise Hughes, Presenter

Thousands of organizations around the world house materials that can enable researchers in furthering their ancestry. Learn about organization types, how to identify those pertinent to your research needs, and ways to access their collections.

Family History Center "Memories" Lab

Family History Center Consultants

Hands on opportunity to learn how to include photos and audio recordings with your family tree on FamilySearch.

Preparation: Bring some family photos you would like to add to your family tree. Also bring your SmartPhone with you, as well. It will help if you download the "Memories App" in advance on your phone.

12-12:50 SESSION B

I have gathered all I can from relatives and other sources. I am ready to learn how to begin searching for my ancestors. What's Next? Part 2

Kristen Lorensen, Presenter

In this class you will learn more about FamilySearch, the world's largest genealogical organization with over 4 billion records available to search for free. Discover the treasure trove of records and other resources, the different features found on FamilySearch, and the many helps that are available in your Family History journey. Additionally, learn about other things, such as, the different records available and which sources of information are better than others.

Family Search Partners Overview (FamilySearch, Ancestry, MyHeritage, FindMyPast, Geneanet: How they work together and what makes them unique)

Pam Duce, Presenter

This class will review the strengths of Ancestry, MyHeritage, FindMyPast, Geneanet and American Ancestors. We will also discuss which sites interact with FamilySearch. Each are valuable in their own right.

DNA: What it is - Where and how I can be tested - What I can learn about my "deep ancestry" - How I can I identify others who share the same ancestry as my own.

Bonnie Mason, Presenter

Hear our speaker's story and her experience having DNA tests done with MyHeritage, 23 and Me, and Ancestry. Find out how she went about being tested with each organization -- how the test results were presented and what can be learned from them -- and, what devices for finding relatives and their family history info are available or are not provided by each company. What our speaker found most useful for finding ancestors from each organization will be discussed. Online features will be shared.

Preparation: If you have already done DNA testing, you can bring your results to this class.

Photo Restoration and Preservation

Doug Fluckiger, Presenter

Do you have boxes of family photos moldering in a back bedroom? What about aging, cracking, faded photos? What will happen to your family's images when you die, or if disaster strikes your home? Learn what can be done to restore precious family photographs—even damaged prints. We'll also discuss ways to preserve and share images that can help ensure memories are passed down to future generations.

1-1:50 pm SESSION C

I Can't Decipher the Handwriting.....HELP!

Carol Peine, Presenter

Reading handwriting in records can seem like "cracking a code". Learn methods and resources for understanding record content and unlocking details about the identities and lives of your ancestors.

The Family History Guide

Diane Loutzenhiser, Presenter

Experience the world-class family history learning system used by learners in over 150 countries. The site was created by "The Family History Guide Association" and is approved by FamilySearch as an official training resource. The program teaches everything from how to use a computer and get started with family history through extensive research in almost all countries. This class will be a basic introduction to the program.

Furthering Colonial Ancestry Using Medieval & Early Modern Records

Denise Hughes, Presenter

Move your search forward based on knowing the unique identity of your immigrant ancestor, the historical context in which you are searching, the knowledge and skills required to conduct research, record types, their availability and how to determine their "fit" with your research needs.

Photo Restoration and Preservation (repeat)

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2-2:50 SESSION D

Fun Filled Ideas & Creative Ways To Cherish Your Family History

Kristen Lorensen, Presenter

Family History is more than just names and dates on a piece of paper or on a computer screen. It is more than just researching names. Come learn and share different ways you can remember and cherish the past, present, and future. Learn numerous ways that Family History can be fun and exciting for all ages...from games to books to quilts and more.

Cold Case Genealogy

Pam Duce, Presenter

Like Cold Case, Family History often involves mysteries from the past. If we think like a detective maybe we can break through those brickwalls. We will review techniques that may help you solve the crime mystery."

Preparation: Consider your brickwalls in advance of class.

Genealogy & Family History Software: Introduction to RootsMagic

Diane Loutzenhiser, Presenter

Backing up FamilySearch with stand-alone software programs is an important way to have an uncompromised family tree record. Learn the basics of how to use RootsMagic, a software that is FamilySearch verified and integrates with the FamilyTree program easily. It makes researching, organizing, and sharing your family history easy.

The Scoop: What Kind of Tech Stuff Can Help Me Find and Trace My Ancestors?

Bonnie Mason, Presenter

Come learn about what apps are available for your smartphones and other electronic devices to help you in your genealogy research.

Preparation: Hands on activity. The FamilySearch app will be used in class. It will help to download this app in advance of class if you do not already have this app on your phone. Be sure your phone is fully charged for this class.

Temple Ready Assistance (for LDS Church members)

Learn how to prepare temple ordinances, use the temple feature at FamilySearch and print and submit your information.

Preparation: You will need a FamilySearch account set-up in advance and bring your password for website access.