

WEDNESDAY

Opening Session

8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

W-100 Coming Home: Finding Our Place in America's Tapestry

D. Joshua Taylor, MA, MLS



Family history often reveals similarities and differences between individuals. Though many of our ancestors came from different lands, spoke different languages, and celebrated different traditions, their experiences weave a complex and diverse fabric that represents our collective past. As we begin our time together in the nation's capital, we will explore the need to document, preserve, and celebrate the rich American tapestry unearthed through family history.

D. Joshua Taylor, MA, MLS is a nationally known and recognized speaker and author on genealogy and family history. Passionate about the diverse and dynamic field of genealogy, Joshua is the president of the New York Genealogical & Biographical Society (NYG&B). He also served the genealogical community as the president of the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) from 2013-2016 and has been a member of the FGS Board of Directors since 2007. In 2017, Joshua was named as one of Library Journal's Movers and Shakers.

Parade of American Family History

Immediately following the Opening Session on Wednesday morning, a parade of characters from our American family history will process through the ballroom—from pre-European original Americans to recent immigrants. At the end of the parade, we invite you, America's family historians, to stand and follow along to mark our place and time. The parade will end at the entrance to the Exhibit Hall, where the celebration continues.

Exhibit Hall Grand Opening

9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Join us at the ribbon-cutting and official opening of the 2019 FGS Family History Conference immediately following the Opening Session on Wednesday morning. Visit your favorite seller of genealogy books, software, jewelry, and more. Learn about new digitized records on free or subscription services. Have your DNA questions answered by on-site representatives of several DNA testing companies. Talk to representatives of the Association of Professional Genealogists, Board for Certification of Genealogists, or other genealogical associations. Meander through the red carpeted Exhibit Hall and find exactly what you need to enhance your own genealogical research. You can't see it all during the Grand Opening, so come back often during session breaks and lunch to visit the exhibitors and spend your Vendor Bucks.

Food Options

Advance-Purchase Sponsored Luncheons

You have choices for lunch. Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday, luncheons sponsored by FGS partner organizations, each with an interesting speaker and topic, are available. Luncheons provide a unique opportunity to relax with like-minded family historians, network, and meet new friends. Everyone is invited to purchase tickets to attend any of the luncheons (until they are sold out). See the program grid for sponsored luncheon choices each day.

Advance-Purchase Box Lunches

Because we know you won't want to miss a minute of this conference, we have arranged for a variety of box lunches to be available every day of the event, Wednesday-Saturday. For planning purposes, you must purchase tickets in advance for the box lunches of your choice. Order them on the FGS website (<https://fgs.org/conferences/box-lunch-order>) or on the registration form in this brochure.

Lunch with Friends on Friday

Friday has no sponsored luncheons, so be sure to purchase your box lunch ticket now for Friday's Lunch with Friends in the Relaxation Station lounge area near the Exhibit Hall and Society Showcase. Each box lunch includes chips, whole fruit, a cookie, and one of these delicious sandwich choices: 1) grilled portabella, gruyere, baby greens, cucumber, tomato, and tzatziki on a baguette; 2) roasted turkey, avocado spread, bacon, tomato, basil aioli on white bread; or 3) Tuscan chicken, spinach, oven roasted tomato, Swiss cheese, and basil aioli on ciabatta bread.


Nearby Restaurants

Restaurants of every food type and price range abound within a short walk of the hotel/conference center.

Tracks	11:00 A.M.	12:15 P.M. (LUNCH)	2:30 P.M.	4:00 P.M.	Tracks
Society Management	W-101 Fundraising on a Shoestring <i>Jennifer A. Davis</i> Take a look at fundraising best practices: working with limited resources, prioritizing needs, recognizing existing resources, and motivating volunteers. Sponsored by NYGBS	W-140 The Echoes of Our Ancestors (National Genealogical Society Luncheon) <i>Luana Darby, MLIS, AG</i> The echoes of our ancestors resonate within us. Their voices, beliefs, cultures, choices, experiences, and traditions still influence the people that we are today. Come see how one genealogist uses those "puzzle pieces" from the past to make amazing connections in her own family.	W-110 A Discussion About Diversity & Inclusion: Society Membership, Education, Outreach and Collaboration <i>Colleen Robledo Greene, MLIS; Linda Harms Okazaki; D. Joshua Taylor, MA, MLS</i> Staying relevant can be a struggle for societies. Genealogists represent many different cultural groups. Let's discuss cultural diversity in education, outreach, and partnership efforts.	W-119 Perspectives on Societies & Inclusivity: A Community Dialogue <i>Colleen Robledo Greene, MLIS; Linda Harms Okazaki; D. Joshua Taylor, MA, MLS</i> Societies need to shift their thinking and take a wider viewpoint towards diversity and inclusion. A panel of genealogy community members will share their perspectives, and engage the audience in a dialogue.	Society Management
	W-102 Cluster, Huddle or Flock: Strategies for Research Problems <i>Anne Gillespie Mitchell</i> Everyone has brick walls in their genealogy research. Cluster research offers ways to break down those brick walls. Explore methodologies that will help uncover more family information. Sponsored by Ancestry	W-141 Introducing AnceSTREES (NEHGS Luncheon) <i>Claire Vail</i> Join American Ancestors' Director of Creative and Digital Strategy Claire Vail to learn about American AnceSTREES—a new, FREE online genealogy tree experience on AmericanAncestors.org. American AnceSTREES offers several unique tools and solutions—including cutting-edge DNA tools—to help you research, grow, and share your family history.	W-111 Disease, Disaster & Hard Times Altered Our Ancestors' Lives <i>Teri E. Flack, MA, MBA, FTxSGS</i> Calamity often altered the course of our ancestors' lives. Identifying catastrophic events may help track a disappearing ancestor, solve a family mystery, or flesh out a family skeleton.	W-120 I'm Stuck: Brick Wall Case Studies <i>Tony Burroughs, FUGA</i> Two case studies focus on solving problems using names: one on a woman with no name, and the other on a freed person with one surname and a slave owner with another surname.	
Mid-Atlantic Region	W-103 Courting the Nation's Capitol: The Courts of Washington, DC <i>Judy G. Russell, JD, CG, CGL</i> The municipal and federal courts of Washington, DC were established in 1801 and reorganized in 1970. Learn about these courts that have created documents of critical importance to genealogists.	W-142 The Evolution of Genealogy—Past, Present, and Future (MyHeritage Luncheon) <i>Mike Mansfield, MSLIS</i> The work we do as genealogists is ever evolving. Technology in many forms, a broadly connected world, digital records, and DNA are just a few of the trends that are propelling us towards the future. Change in the domain will continue but we can embrace it with confidence and optimism.	W-112 Maryland State Archives Website Decoded <i>Rebecca Whitman Koford, CG, CGL</i> Knowledge is power, especially when navigating an unfamiliar website. This lecture will focus on genealogical resources available through the Maryland State Archives website.	W-121 Courthouse Research in Pennsylvania <i>James M. Beidler</i> Pennsylvania's county courthouses hold the solutions to many genealogical problems. This lecture describes the types of records available there.	Mid-Atlantic Region
	W-104 USGS Resources for Genealogists <i>Gerald "Jerry" H. Smith, CG</i> United States Geological Survey (USGS) provides maps and other resources of use to genealogists. Explore their on-line gazetteer, educational resources, historical maps, and historical Geographical Information System (GIS).	W-143 400th Commemoration of the First Documented Africans in English North America (Afro-American Historical & Genealogical Society) <i>Ric Murphy</i> In 2018, Americans are celebrating an important milestone in American history, the commemoration of the 400th anniversary of the first recorded Africans in English North America. Their unique historic journey documents a fascinating story of colonialism, piracy, and personal accomplishments that has evaded history until now.	W-113 Library and Digital Resources at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum <i>Megan Lewis, MLS</i> Learn how to use USHMM digital and library resources on specific communities and victim groups, including name indices, testimonies, and photographs. Sponsored by USHMM	W-122 Finding Your Family in the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum's Archival Holdings <i>Jude Richter, PhD</i> USHMM holds valuable records about Nazi survivors and victims. The International Tracing Service (ITS) collection and other collections contain helpful information for researchers interested in Jewish families, Galicia, and Ukraine. Sponsored by USHMM	
The Tapestry of America	W-105 Jewish Genealogy: Where to Start and What's Available <i>Lara Diamond</i> Learn about Jewish genealogy, including basic knowledge critical to Jewish roots, and online sources and documents not yet online for both the United States and Europe.	W-144 Passing: Crossing Racial Borders <i>Linda Crichlow White, MS, MLS</i> As researchers, we often see the same person identified as several different races. This presentation will demonstrate through family case studies how some people chose to go "over to the other side."	W-114 I am Poor, Obscure, Plain and Little. Researching Invisible Ancestors <i>Michael D. Lacopo, DVM</i> If your ancestors had little money, no land, did not leave wills, and have no gravestones, how do you find them?	W-123 Our Ancestors' Experiences of the 18th and 19th Century Financial Crises <i>Katherine R. Willson</i> Our ancestors were directly affected by bank failures, panics, recessions, and the Great Depression. Learn of the events leading up to these crises, their impact on lives, and sources that can shed insight into these times.	The Tapestry of America
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W-107 Spies Among Us: Tracing WWI Era Ancestors through FBI and American Protective League Records <i>Debra M. Dudek</i> Learn how a mass collective of middle class private citizens helped the FBI collect information on non-U.S. citizens during the Great War, and how to track down the files left behind.	W-108 Beyond the Applications: Treasures from America's Lineage Societies <i>D. Joshua Taylor, MA, MLS</i> The many lineage societies that exist have created numerous resources for genealogists. Explore these materials and the clues they provide to genealogists.	W-116 State Department Consular Correspondence, 1800-1917 <i>Kenneth W. Heger, PhD</i> Learn about State Department correspondence with American consulates, including how the records are arranged, topics covered, types of documents, and how to access them.	W-125 Fighting for Freedom: The Black Experience in the U.S. Revolutionary War <i>Janice Lovelace, PhD</i> Nearly 10,000 people (mostly men) of African ancestry fought in the Revolutionary War, hoping for freedom from slavery. What records exist and how can genealogists discover them? James Dent Walker Memorial Lecture	In America's Service	
W-109 Beginning to Use DNA to Solve Genealogical Problems <i>Karen Auman, PhD, CG</i> Many people are confused by their DNA test results. Using case studies and examples, learn how to pair DNA with documentary research to get results. Sponsored by FTDNA	W-117 Finding Our Fathers: African American Fraternalism and Genealogy <i>James R. Morgan III</i> This presentation highlights the relevance of African American fraternal records and organizational history for assisting researchers with chronicling history.	W-118 Using DNA Matches to Extend Your Family Tree <i>Angie Bush</i> Your DNA matches are more than people who took a DNA test. They can hold the key to verifying and extending your family tree.	W-126 The DAR Library: A Washington Gem for Genealogy Research <i>Pamela Loos-Noji, PhD</i> An overview of the holdings of and the special resources available at the DAR Library in Washington, DC. Sponsored by DAR		Societies & Organizations
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Excellence in Action	T-201 Meet the 20 and Odd and Hear Their Story Ric Murphy They came as unknown individuals destined to be enslaved, but persevered and ended as wealthy land owners, procurers of English headrights, respected officers in the colonial government.	T-211 War of 1812 Military Service, Bounty Land, and Pension Records Claire Pretchel Kluskens, JD This lecture shows how to research War of 1812 military service, bounty land, pension files, and other less well-known records, for Regular Army and volunteers. Sponsored by NARA	T-221 Deconstructing Your Family Tree: Re-Evaluating the Evidence Michael D. Lacopo, DVM This lecture shows how erroneous conclusions sneak into our research uncontested, a pertinent topic today with so many Internet family trees that are copied into our own research.
Communities & Techniques	T-202 Advanced Search Techniques Robert Raymond, MS Learn hints and techniques used by advanced users of Ancestry, FamilySearch, Google, Internet Archive, Find a Grave, NARA, online newspapers, and free online book websites. Sponsored by FamilySearch	T-212 House and Land Histories for Genealogical Purposes Shannon D. Combs-Bennett, CG The places our ancestors settled and the land they tilled are filled with information about them. I will demonstrate how a house and land history can add genealogical information to your research.	T-222 Identifying and Using the Correct County, Diocesan and Specialized Archive in England Paul Milner, MDiv, FUGA Different records for the same location may end up in different archives. Identify online and print resources to find the correct archive to meet your research need, and how to access the records.
Mid-Atlantic Region	T-203 Columbia Institution: Its History & Records Debra A. Hoffman The Columbia Institution, founded in Washington, DC, by an 1857 Act of Congress, attracted national and international students. The history and records of this iconic institution are reflected in its rich materials.	T-213 The (Underground) Railroad Runs Through Here Janice Lovelace, PhD How was the Washington, DC, area involved in the Underground Railroad? Do you have ancestors that might have been involved? How do you find records of those who were involved?	T-223 David Nathanson Slavery Research Collection: Enslaved and Bondsman Related Newspaper Items Mary K. Mannix, MA, MLS A Frederick County Public Library volunteer searched microfilm of five newspapers, 1802-1864, for items relating to African-Americans. The resulting database is useful for studies relating to the nineteenth century.
America's Resources	T-204 Mining a Goldmine: Research in Courthouse Records Teri E. Flack, MA, MBA, FTxSGS Courthouse records establish births, marriages, and deaths when vital records don't exist. Discover how to mine these records for every nugget of information.	T-214 Part 1: Poor? Black? Female? Enslaved? Southern Research Strategies: Philomene of Cane River Elizabeth Shown Mills, CG, CGL, FASG, FNGS, FUGA Using real characters from two historical novels—Mills's <i>Isle of Canes</i> and Lalita Tademy's <i>Cane River</i> —this session teaches how to identify history's poorest women.	T-224 Part 2: Poor? Black? Female? Enslaved? Southern Research Strategies: Philomene of Cane River Elizabeth Shown Mills, CG, CGL, FASG, FNGS, FUGA Using real characters from two historical novels—Mills's <i>Isle of Canes</i> and Lalita Tademy's <i>Cane River</i> —this session teaches how to identify history's poorest women.
The Tapestry of America	T-205 Using DNA to Unravel an Unknown Parentage from 1865 Billie Stone Fogarty, MEd Illegitimacy in 1865 brings unique challenges. This case study shares how DNA impacts the search in a step-by-step approach to unraveling the mystery.	T-215 African Americans in the Civil War Tony Burroughs, FUGA In addition to Union Army service, African Americans served in the Navy, Confederacy, and many assisted the war effort. Learn strategies to uncover their Civil War and post-war records.	T-225 An Asian American Family from 1902-1992 Linda Harms Okazaki Asian immigrants to the U.S. and their descendants' experience is a part of American history. This case study highlights conventional and ethnic-specific records available to genealogists.
The Tapestry of America	T-206 Who Fathered Jacob and William Northamer? Pennsylvania Tax Records Help Determine Kinship Catherine B. W. Desmarais, CG Analyzing and correlating tax records revealed critical evidence for Jacob and William Northamer's paternity.	T-216 Registers, Newspapers, the Enslaved and More: Showcasing Essential Catholic Records Jen Baldwin Dive into the Catholic Heritage Archive on Findmypast to explore sacramental registers, church censuses, records of the enslaved, newspapers, and more. Sponsored by FindMyPast	T-226 Carl Ludwig Richter: "Non-Genealogical Records to Portray a Nineteenth-Century Immigrant" John Philip Colletta, PhD, FUGA This lecture encourages family historians to explore small, specialized collections to find details of their ancestors' lives by telling the story of Carl Ludwig Richter.
Society Management	T-207 Moving or, Perhaps, Dragging Your Society Into the 21st Century Jill K. Morelli, CG We will discuss the "We don't do it that way!" roadblock to society leadership and what can be done to overcome the issue.	T-217 Creating an Attractive Education Plan for Your Society Cari A. Taplin, CG Developing a strong society education program can build membership, develop volunteer relationships, and give greater educational opportunities to members.	T-227 Building an Online Following: Posts That Get Engagement Maureen Taylor, MA, MLS Building an online following on Facebook and Instagram can be fun or frustrating. Learn some techniques that tripled one non-profit's engagement.
In America's Service	T-208 Records of the US Coast Guard: Beyond the Service Records Donna J. Weathers Explore the myriad of records of the Lighthouse Service, Revenue Cutter Service, and the Life Saving Service, US Coast Guard predecessors, which may reveal your ancestor's stories.	T-218 Federal Depository Libraries and Your Genealogical Research Lori Thornton, MLIS Learn about the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP) and resources offered through participating libraries that can enhance your genealogical research.	T-228 Getting to Know Fold3: The Web's Premier Collection of Original Military Records Gordon Atkinson Learn how to use Fold3 to find original military records. Discover documents, stories, and photos that detail the lives of those who served. Sponsored by Ancestry
DNA Methods	T-209 DNA Testing: From Taking the Test to Understanding the Results Daniel Horowitz A MyHeritage DNA test can reveal family history information, divulge origins, connect with relatives, and see the percentage of your DNA from different places around the world. Sponsored by MyHeritage	T-219 Eeny, Meeny, Moe: Choosing an Autosomal DNA Testing Company Diahna Southard How can you choose the best company to fit your DNA testing needs? We will cover the five main autosomal DNA testing companies and other smaller ones.	T-229 Direct-Line DNA Tests for Genealogy Angie Bush Due to popularity of autosomal testing, Y-DNA and mtDNA tests are sometimes forgotten. Learn to use them in your research and compliment autosomal test results with direct line testing.
Elevate Your Skills	T-210 Proving a Negative, Genealogically Speaking Thomas W. Jones, PhD, CG, CGL, FASG, FNGS, FUGA Assembled jigsaw-puzzle pieces can identify pieces belonging elsewhere, and genealogical evidence can reveal absent information's content and lead to acceptable conclusions.	T-220 Indirect Evidence: Finding What Was Not Written Rebecca Whitman Koford, CG, CGL Indirect evidence is a valuable instrument in your methodology tool-kit. Through case studies, we'll examine methods and sources that can help build a case to finding ancestral relationships.	T-230 Genealogy Standards, Second Edition: Overview of the Changes Thomas W. Jones, PhD, CG, CGL, FASG, FNGS, FUGA Summarizes process undertaken by BCG to create new DNA-specific standards. Outlines new standards emphasizing how they help genealogists meet the GPS for conclusions about genetic relationships.
In A Flash (30 minutes)	T-260 Know Your Records: World War I Naval Records Nathaniel Patch, MA Introduction to Navy record series including Bureau of Navigation, Office of Naval Records and Library, and Chief of Naval Operations for researching WWI officers and sailors. Sponsored by NARA	T-262 Ireland Poverty Relief Loans Mary McKee The Irish Reproductive Loan fund was established to advance working poor of West Ireland. We'll look at the digitized records that tell the stories of thousands of Irish people. Sponsored by FindMyPast	T-264 Context as a Genealogy Problem Solver James M. Beidler Broaden your search to help make up for weathered tombstones and difficult-to-decipher handwriting—as well as giving you more background data and more information about your ancestors.
In A Flash (30 minutes)	T-261 Know Your Records: World War I Marine Records Nathaniel Patch, MA Introduction to Marine Corps record series in the records of the US Marine Corps and American Expeditionary Forces for researching WWI officers and Marines. Sponsored by NARA	T-263 A Nibble of New Netherland and New Amsterdam Susan R. Miller Learn about sources to delve into the culture and historical events which produced New York/mid-Atlantic society, including current translations and access to images of original New Netherland documents.	T-265 Digitizing the Black Experience Lopez D. Matthews Jr., PhD We'll discuss strengths and challenges of developing the Digital Production Center of Howard University Libraries and the Moorland-Spingarn Research Center and genealogical resources available at MSRC.

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<p>T-280 Preserving the Preservation: 150 Years of Volunteers, Archivists and Genealogists Saving History (NYG&B Luncheon) Frederick Wertz, MA</p> <p>Our community has long recognized the importance of preserving records for future generations. We'll explore stories, examining notable people from NYG&B's history, and look at NYG&B's preservation efforts in placing genealogical records online.</p>	<p>T-231 American Warp, Jewish Weft: Weaving Jewish Sources Into Traditional Genealogy Research Jane Neff Rollins</p> <p>To meet the Genealogical Proof Standard, a Jewish genealogist must consult Jewish-specific and traditional genealogical sources to document kinship and incorporate social history. Examples will be evaluated.</p>	<p>T-241 Effective Use of England's National Archives Website Paul Milner, MDiv, FUGA</p> <p>Learn to effectively use research tools, indexes, catalogs, and access original records on this large website to find your ancestors and put them into their correct historical context.</p>	Excellence in Action
<p>T-281 Forty Years of APG: Glancing Back, Looking Forward (APG Luncheon) Billie Stone Fogarty, MEd, and David McDonald, DMin, CG</p> <p>Join American Ancestors' Director of Creative and Digital Strategy Claire Vail to learn about American Ancestors TREES—a new, FREE online genealogy tree experience on AmericanAncestors.org. American Ancestors TREES offers several unique tools and solutions—including cutting-edge DNA tools—to help you research, grow, and share your family history.</p>	<p>T-232 Unfamiliar Territory: Researching in a New (to you) Geographic Area Cari A. Taplin, CG</p> <p>Learn tips for beginning research in an unfamiliar geographic area through the example of the Scroggins and Dimick families in Southern Illinois.</p>	<p>T-242 Advanced Features on MyHeritage You Need To Know About Daniel Horowitz</p> <p>Are you taking full advantage of MyHeritage? Learn to discover your family history using Statistics, PedigreeMap, Events, Enhanced Record Viewer, Tree Consistency Checker, and Do-it-Yourself Historical Record Fixes. Sponsored by MyHeritage</p>	Communities & Techniques
<p>T-282 Henry Müller's Verrückte Welt: Records That Will Help You, Too (MAGS Luncheon) James M. Beidler</p> <p>The large variety of documents about Henry Müller's life throughout Europe, Canada, and the US are ones you can also use when seeking your ancestor.</p>	<p>T-233 From Ulster to Virginia and the Carolinas David E. Rencher, AG, CG, FIGRS, FUGA</p> <p>This session focuses on migration of Ulster Scots from Northern Ireland, particularly into Virginia and the Carolinas, and the history surrounding their exodus from the old world to the new. Sponsored by FamilySearch</p>	<p>T-243 Journey Into Your Past: African American Genealogy at the Library of Congress Ahmed Johnson</p> <p>Search Library of Congress records and online resources to discover African American history documented in multiple formats including digitized oral histories, newspapers, maps, and photographs. Sponsored by the Library of Congress</p>	Mid-Atlantic Region
<p>Menu Teriyaki glazed chicken, cucumbers, carrots over a bed of mixed greens; fruit tart; iced tea, lemonade, tea, coffee and decaf. (Special diet options available by advance request.)</p>	<p>T-234 Death by Undue Means: Coroners' Records Judy G. Russell, JD, CG, CGL</p> <p>From colonial times to today, death not attributable to natural causes required investigation. Learn more about coroners' records and how to use them in genealogy.</p>	<p>T-244 RPAC Works with Congress, NAPHSIS, and Federal Agencies to Keep Records Accessible (To 5:30 p.m.) Jan Meisels Allen; Janet A. Alpert, FNGS; Frederick E. Moss, JD, LLM</p> <p>If state laws are restricting your access to vital records, attend this session to find out what genealogists can do to stop or amend the Model Vital Statistics Act. Sponsored by RPAC</p>	America's Resources
<p>Tickets: \$39</p>	<p>T-235 "Dutch" New Netherland and New York: A Lesson in Flexibility Karen Mauer Jones, CG, FGBS, FUGA</p> <p>Even those with English ancestors will come away with new appreciation of flexible thinking in genealogical research, an understanding vital to tracing New Netherland people.</p>	<p>T-245 Native American Ancestry and DNA Testing Janine Cloud</p> <p>Many take a DNA test to confirm family stories about Native American ancestry. This talk looks at how DNA tests can reveal the probability of ancestors indigenous to the Americas. Sponsored by FTDNA</p>	The Tapestry of America
	<p>T-236 The Heyday of Insuring Slaves and What That Means for Genealogists Diane L. Richard, MEng, MBA</p> <p>Through detailed insurance records such as slave insurance registries, policies, newspaper articles, court suits, and more we can learn about specific slaves (by name), owners, and geography.</p>	<p>T-246 Who's Little Joe: Photo Detecting 101 Maureen Taylor, MA, MLS</p> <p>A series of case studies explore how you can solve picture mysteries using different techniques. Sponsored by MemoryWeb</p>	The Tapestry of America
	<p>T-237 Volunteer Management: A Deep Dive Into Managing and Retaining Volunteers Donna J. Weathers</p> <p>Learn practices and strategies for developing a successful volunteer program for libraries, societies, or special events.</p>	<p>T-247 Ask FGS! Panel with FGS Leaders FGS Leadership</p> <p>Discussion includes getting the most out of membership, being a better delegate, and other society questions. Meet some of the new leaders of FGS and get advice on society management topics.</p>	Society Management
	<p>T-238 What Else the CCC Built Donna J. Weathers</p> <p>Learn about Civilian Conservation Corps involvement in a formal education program. Fancher Younger, teacher of "CCC boys," offers a good case to learn how to research this area.</p>	<p>T-248 Adopting the Regiment: Learn More About Your Ancestor's Military Service David Allen Lambert</p> <p>Learn more about your 17th to 20th-century ancestor's military service through the stories of those with whom they served. Sponsored by NEHGS</p>	In America's Service
<p>WORKSHOP 2:30-4:30 p.m.</p>	<p>T-239 Get More from Your DNA with GEDMatch Shannon S. Christmas, MCP</p> <p>Learn how to use genetic genealogy's most popular tool to demolish brick walls and extend your family tree.</p>	<p>T-249 DNA and Jack Sprat's Wife (Who Couldn't Eat Any Lean) Diahan Southard</p> <p>This lecture focuses on DNA all things female from mtDNA, XDNA, to how to use the wives of your ancestors to help identify autosomal DNA matches.</p>	DNA Methods
<p>T-270 Transcription & Record Analysis: Extracting Data from Handwritten Materials David McDonald, DMin, CG</p> <p>This workshop will cover record transcription, abstraction, and extraction skills for advancing genealogists. Dealing with period handwriting, poor record preservation, and spilled ink are all challenges we face when working with documents. Examining the records, transcription exercises, abstraction practice, and developing research strategies will all be covered.</p>	<p>T-240 BCG Certification Seminar (Free) LaBrenda Garrett-Nelson, JD, LLM, CG, CGL; Angela Packer McGhie, CG; Rick Sayre, CG, CGL, FUGA</p> <p>In this interactive forum, current associates share various pathways to certification and how to begin the process. Sponsored by the Board for Certification of Genealogists</p>		Elevate Your Skills
<p>Tickets: \$30</p>	<p>T-266 Reclaim the Records Brooke Schreier Ganz</p> <p>Learn how to use state and federal Freedom of Information laws to successfully reclaim copies of previously inaccessible archival records! Sponsored by Reclaim the Records</p>		In A Flash (30 minutes)
	<p>T-267 The University of Maryland's Global Journeys Project Kenneth W. Heger, PhD</p> <p>Learn about records from 1865-1914 documenting migration of American pensioners overseas through the University of Maryland College of Information Studies archival and digital curation project.</p>		In A Flash (30 minutes)

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Excellence in Action	<p>F-301 Success in—and in Spite of—Endogamy</p> <p><i>Lara Diamond</i> Genetic genealogy is daunting for those whose ancestors come from endogamous populations. Learn how you can identify actual relatives from the mass of distantly-related family.</p>	<p>F-311 Finding Treasures in Academic Libraries</p> <p><i>Jill Morelli, CG</i> Move beyond town libraries and courthouses to academic libraries and their archives. Learn the differences between them to prepare for your visit and what you may find.</p>	<p>F-321 How Harriet Tubman Can Help Genealogists</p> <p><i>Tony Burroughs, FUGA</i> Harriet Tubman freed dozens of enslaved people from bondage. Studying her complex life reveals many lessons to help African American researchers become better genealogists.</p>
DNA in Practice	<p>F-302 Spit and You Shall Find: AtDNA Identifies a Charming Scoundrel</p> <p><i>Karen Stanbary, LCSW, MA, CG</i> Karen describes her methodology to identify her adopted grandmother's biological father who turns out to be quite the charming scoundrel.</p>	<p>F-312 Living DNA</p> <p><i>Living DNA</i> Learn how to use the newest tools and rebuild your genetic family tree from DNA information plus the gender and age of people tested. Sponsored by Living DNA</p>	<p>F-322 Third Party Tools the Pros Use</p> <p><i>Angie Bush</i> The tools used by the pros to make sense of DNA results are always changing. Which will help you to make sense of your results?</p>
Mid-Atlantic Region Methodologies & Repositories	<p>F-303 Researching the People of Western Maryland</p> <p><i>Mary K. Mannix, MA, MLS</i> Thousands of people, especially "Germans," migrated through "Western Maryland." Learn about the region's history, along with the sources and institutions for genealogy research. Sponsored by NARA</p>	<p>F-313 New York Land: Patroonships, Manors, Patents, Rent Wars, and Land Companies</p> <p><i>Karen Mauer Jones, CG, FGBS, FUGA</i> Land records in New York have changed with ruling governments, laws, migration, and immigration. This lecture examines these changes, the records, and the implications for research.</p>	<p>F-323 History and Records of the German Aid Societies (PA, SC, MD, NY)</p> <p><i>Debra A. Hoffman</i> Learn about the founding of German Aid societies that helped immigrants address grievances and acclimate to their new home in the United States and the records available to researchers.</p>
America's Resources	<p>F-304 Pension Fraud: Thieves, Scoundrels, Imposters, and the Lure of Free Money</p> <p><i>Claire Prechtel Kluskens, JD</i> Learn how Civil War and later pension laws helped veterans and their families, but also how fraudsters attempted to obtain money under false pretenses. Sponsored by NARA</p>	<p>F-314 Digital Library on American Slavery and Friends: Invaluable to African-American Research</p> <p><i>Diane L. Richard, MEng, MBA</i> Explore the Digital Library on American Slavery and complimentary independent projects, including Archivegrid, an invaluable gateway to slavery records.</p>	<p>F-324 Court of Quarter Sessions Research</p> <p><i>Gerald "Jerry" H. Smith, CG</i> Explore records of the Courts of Quarter Sessions that, because of its broad administrative and criminal duties, documented various roles of our ancestors from jurors to criminals, illegitimate children and slaves.</p>
Treasures of DC	<p>F-305 Patents, Surveys, and Indexes: Land Resources for Genealogists at BLM</p> <p><i>Angela Packer McGhie, CG</i> Learn how the Bureau of Land Management's resources and millions of digitized records can connect families to the land their ancestors worked hard to obtain.</p>	<p>F-315 Discover Your Family History in the Library of Congress</p> <p><i>James Sweany, MSLS</i> Discover how the unique collections and digital offerings of the Library of Congress can help you find clues to build historical context for your ancestor's lives. Sponsored by the Library of Congress</p>	<p>F-325 A Matter of Utmost Importance to Myself: Letters from Immigrants to the Naturalization Service, 1906-1940</p> <p><i>Marian Smith</i> Learn about the US Bureau of Naturalization Correspondence Files, the associated name index, and research strategies to discover our immigrant ancestors, their histories and hopes.</p>
The Tapestry of America	<p>F-306 Searching for the Living and Connecting with the Slave Owner's Descendant</p> <p><i>Bernice Alexander Bennett</i> Learn research strategies to connect with living and possible slave owner's descendants. A case study will illustrate how various resources can be used to accomplish your goal.</p>	<p>F-316 No Language Barrier: Immigrant Clues in Photographs</p> <p><i>Maureen Taylor, MA, MLS</i> In this lecture dive into ways to solve your immigrant photo mysteries looking at case studies using online and off-line sources.</p>	<p>F-326 Philip Reid, Enslaved and Free: Tracing Families of Color in the District of Columbia</p> <p><i>John Phillip Colletta, PhD, FUGA</i> Two families whose legal status changed from chattel property to free citizens demonstrate a variety of public records for identifying tracing nineteenth-century people of color in D.C.</p>
Social & Cultural Community	<p>F-307 Spanish Flu Centennial: Researching How the 1918-19 Epidemic Affected Your Family</p> <p><i>Jane Neff Rollins</i> Learn how the "Spanish Flu" epidemic that killed up to 100 million people affected your nation, your community, and your family 100 years ago</p>	<p>F-317 Chasing the Elusive Religions</p> <p><i>Jen Baldwin</i> Finding records for minority religions can be challenging. Explore gaps in traditional religious records with a focused effort. Examples from the Moravian religion will be utilized.</p>	<p>F-327 WWI Internment Camps in the United States</p> <p><i>Linda Harms Okazaki</i> The records created from the various sites that confined Japanese Americans and others during WWII will be examined, from immediately preceding World War II through resettlement and redress.</p>
In America's Service	<p>F-308 National Homes for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, 1865-1900</p> <p><i>Kenneth W. Heger, PhD</i> Learn about veterans' homes post-Civil War and how to find documents on your veteran ancestors, including records for pensioners from the Mexican War through the Spanish-American War.</p>	<p>F-318 Finding Families: The Genealogist's Role in MIA/POW Repatriation</p> <p><i>Catherine B. W. Desmarais, CG</i> Learn about the Department of Defense's efforts to recover unaccounted-for service members from WWII, Korean War, Vietnam War, and other conflicts and genetic genealogy's role in this mission.</p>	<p>F-328 How to Use the Veterans Administration Master Index (Prior Wars)</p> <p><i>Jonathan Webb Deiss, Brooke Schreiber Ganz</i> Discover how Reclaim the Records and Familysearch.org acquired the VA Master Index (Prior Wars) from NARA and how to utilize it for genealogical, military and historical research. Sponsored by Reclaim the Records</p>
Women's Studies	<p>F-309 GPS + FAN + DNA: The Problem Solver's Great Trifecta</p> <p><i>Elizabeth Shown Mills, CG, CGL, FASG, FNGS, FUGA</i> Learn how to combine three powerful tools to manage and reduce the mass of data the FAN generates to "prove" a female line when no document identifies parents or siblings.</p>	<p>F-319 Identifying Women: The Ultimate Brick Wall</p> <p><i>Barbara Vines Little, CG, FNGS, FUGA, FVGS</i> Explore documents that provide clues to find the women hidden behind their husbands' names and the research techniques that prove successful in uncovering their origins.</p>	<p>F-329 Special Collection Repositories: Finding Womens Stories and Voices</p> <p><i>Janice Lovelace, PhD</i> Learn more about the lives of your women ancestors by digging into special collections of diaries, letters, manuscripts and photographic material generated by women.</p>
Colonial History & Settlement	<p>F-310 Verifying Your Mayflower Lineage</p> <p><i>Lindsay Fulton</i> This session will highlight key strategies and resources for getting started in verifying your connection to a Mayflower passenger—from generations 1 to 10+! Sponsored by NEHGS</p>	<p>F-320 Reverse Migration: Colonial Settlers Who Returned "Home"</p> <p><i>D. Joshua Taylor</i> Historians estimate that one-third of colonial immigrants left the colonies. Explore the motivations, record sets, and general strategies for tracing those who returned home.</p>	<p>F-330 A Million Ways to Die in the Colonies: Death in Colonial America</p> <p><i>Daniel A. Earl, MS</i> The customs and practices of our colonial ancestors differed significantly from our current practices. This lecture examines the history of death and dying in colonial America.</p>
In A Flash (30 minutes)	<p>F-360 Performing Genealogical Research within the Still Picture Branch at NARA</p> <p><i>Billy Wade</i> Learn different techniques for researching your ancestors using photographs in NARA's Still Picture Branch at Archives I. Sponsored by NARA</p>	<p>F-362 Recording Health in Family History Research</p> <p><i>Daniel Horowitz</i> Learn about the Health Family Tree, a subset of your genealogical tree created to annotate health conditions of your close biological relatives, available only to MyHeritage site managers. Sponsored by MyHeritage</p>	<p>F-364 Baltimore's Enslaved Catholics: Sacramental Registers</p> <p><i>Jen Baldwin</i> Archdiocese of Baltimore Sacramental Registers on FindMyPast tell an important part of the American Catholic story, including life events of enslaved and free blacks. Sponsored by FindMyPast</p>
In A Flash (30 minutes)	<p>F-361 Using Photographs to Illustrate</p> <p><i>Deborah Wilbrink, BJ</i> Learn creative uses and standard practices for making your photographs look beautiful and informative for newsletters, website design, books—wherever you are illustrating.</p>	<p>F-363 Robust Repository Tours: Running Volunteer or Staff-Led</p> <p><i>Susan R. Miller</i> Most societies would like to run tours of their facility or local and regional repositories. Learn many of the factors that lead to successful and income positive programs. Sponsored by NYGBS</p>	<p>F-365 Original Records at the General Land Office</p> <p><i>Daniel Fleming</i> Learn about Bureau of Land Management General Land Office resources that are not available online such as tract books and patents for private land claims. Sponsored by BLM</p>

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<p>Lunch with Friends</p> <p>Order your box lunch after you register for the conference and share in Friday's open lunch networking time and an extra chance to visit Society Showcase and the Exhibit Hall. Special demos and activities are planned.</p>	<p>F-331 The Jones Jinx: Tracing Common Surnames Thomas W. Jones, PhD, CG, CGL, FASG, FNGS, FUGA This case study explains how missing, erroneous, and altered records and an undocumented migration were overcome to identify the parents of a Virginia orphan named Jones.</p>	<p>F-341 From the 18th to the 21st: Records of Prohibition Judy G. Russell, JD, CG, CGL The Eighteenth Amendment resulted in a gold mine for researchers in records created during the Prohibition of juice joints and bootleggers, revenueurs and Untouchables.</p>	Excellence in Action
<p>Box Lunch Choices</p> <p>Box lunches are available Wednesday-Saturday, but you must purchase tickets and make sandwich choices in advance, either online at https://igs.org/conferences/box-lunch-order or with the mail-in registration form at the back of this brochure.</p> <p>All box lunches include sandwich, chips, whole fruit, and cookie. Choose from the following sandwiches:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Grilled portabells & gruyere, greens, cucumber, tomato, and tzatziki on baguette. 2) Roast turkey, avocado spread, bacon, tomato, basil aioli on white bread. 3) Tuscan chicken, spinach, roasted tomato, Swiss cheese, basil aioli on ciabatta bread. <p>Ticket: \$21</p>	<p>F-332 Integrating AncestryDNA Evidence with Your Family Tree Christa Cowan Explore the new tools available on Ancestry to help you integrate DNA evidence into your online family tree and make family history discoveries. Sponsored by Ancestry</p>	<p>F-342 DNA and Lineage Societies Elizabeth J. Ernst Get an overview of DNA and current policies of lineage societies on the use of DNA in applications and what the future might bring. Sponsored by DAR</p>	DNA in Practice
	<p>F-333 The 'Free Negro' Dilemma in Virginia: Records for Blacks and Whites Lestie Anderson, MSLS Explore documents related to activities of daily life in Virginia that provide valuable information between the census years for both free and enslaved.</p>	<p>F-343 Using the Virginia State Historical Society Manuscript Collection to Research Your Family Char McCargo Bah Learn about manuscripts at Virginia Historical Society, including plantation records, diaries and other personal papers of southern families that are a window into their lives.</p>	Mid-Atlantic Region Methodologies & Repositories
	<p>F-334 Strategies for Using Pre-1850 Census Records Angela Packer McGhie, CG Confused by pre-1850 census tick marks? Learn strategies to get the most out of these valuable records that require a different approach than other census records.</p>	<p>F-344 Being Part of the Find A Grave Community Peter Drinkwater FindAGrave has become the world's largest collection of gravesite information. Learn how the community works together to build this valuable resource and what you can do. Sponsored by Ancestry</p>	America's Resources
	<p>F-335 Blasting Brick Walls with Legislative Records Rick Sayre, CG, CGL, FUGA Learn about the records of Congress held by the Center for Legislative Archives that can lead to evidence of kinship.</p>	<p>F-345 Perspectives on Immigrant Research Marian Smith; Rich Venezia; Zack Wilske Learn from USCIS historians and a professional genealogist about aspects of immigration and naturalization research from their unique perspectives working with official records, NARA, and researchers. Sponsored by USCIS</p>	Treasures of DC
<h2>WORKSHOPS</h2>	<p>F-336 The Georgetown Memory Project: The Genealogical Pursuit of Truth, Reconciliation & Reunion Malissa Ruffner, JD, MLS, CG Learn about the Georgetown Memory Project that identified over 7,000 descendants of 272 African Americans sold by Maryland Jesuits in 1838, including the sources and methodologies used.</p>	<p>F-346 Seafaring Ancestors: Early Nineteenth-Century Port Records That Document Mariners Diane L. Richard, MEng, MBA Explore the surviving records for many 18th and 19th-century mid-Atlantic and southern ports to identify those mobile and invaluable mariner ancestors.</p>	The Tapestry of America
<p>10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.</p> <p>F-380 Genealogy Inclusion: Creating Accessible Digital Content for Your Members Researchers, and Clients Colleen Robledo Greene, MLIS</p> <p>Being an inclusive community means attempting to meet the needs of all genealogists, such as those with vision, hearing, and mobility impairments, or learning disabilities. Make sure that your valued website, blog, ebooks, videos, presentations, syllabi, and reports provide equal access and opportunity to those facing these challenges.</p> <p>Tickets: \$25</p>	<p>F-337 Irish Census and Census Substitutes David E. Rencher, AG, CG, FIGRS, FUGA Learn about surviving records, what constitutes a census record and how the various name lists can be used to leverage their maximum potential. Sponsored by FamilySearch</p>	<p>F-347 AncestARRRS! Atlantic Piracy and Your Ancestor Daniel A. Earl, MS This lecture explores not just the affect of piracy on the lives of people along the Atlantic Coast but also the records pirates left behind.</p>	Social & Cultural Community
<p>2:30-4:30 p.m.</p> <p>F-381 Save Your Family Story: Write Your Family History Debra Wilbrink, BJ</p> <p>Get excited about saving and sharing your family history in a book form. This fun, participatory introduction presents six benefits of producing your own book, with how-to tips, and basic organization and publishing information.</p> <p>Tickets: \$30</p>	<p>F-338 Military Records and Immigrant Ancestors Rich Venezia Records from the American military and Selective Service System are numerous and enlightening, providing possible place of origin and context of the life of your immigrant ancestor.</p>	<p>F-348 Community Project: Preserving Veterans' Voices Katherine R. Willson This session will discuss the guidelines for creating a community-wide project with the joint assistance of local organizations to preserve our veterans' stories.</p>	In America's Service
	<p>F-339 Beyond Vital Records: Additional Sources to Trace Eastern European Ancestry Lara Diamond Discover the record sources used to reconstruct a family that lived in the area that has been Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Romania, Soviet Union and Ukraine.</p>	<p>F-349 Using Mitochondrial DNA Testing for Genealogical Problem Solving Michael D. Lacopo, DVM This case study will show you how pairing good research and DNA testing, including mitochondrial DNA results, can be the perfect marriage.</p>	Women's Studies
	<p>F-340 Using Quaker Records for a Colonial New Jersey Family Billie Stone Fogarty, MEd Learn about the records of the Quaker faith, the fifth largest religion during the 17th and 18th century.</p>	<p>F-350 Germans in Colonial America: Pennsylvania and the US South Karen Auman, PhD, CG This session will give an overview of colonial Germans and discuss records they created describing their religion, settlement and family patterns. Chuck Knuthson Memorial Lecture</p>	Colonial History & Settlement
<h2>SOCIAL EVENT</h2>	<p>F-366 US Citizenship and Immigration Services Zack Wilske Explore the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) correspondence and case files at NARA including immigrant exclusion appeals and deportation records. Sponsored by USCIS</p>	<p>F-368 Building a Research Portal for Descendants of the Georgetown University Slaves Claire Vail Learn about a new website featuring a searchable database of genealogical records related to the 272 enslaved people sold in 1838 by Jesuits of Georgetown University. Sponsored by NEHGS</p>	In A Flash (30 minutes)
<p>6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.</p> <p>F-390 Swing Back to the 30s with Your Ancestors For details, see <i>Special Event on page 4</i>.</p> <p>Tickets: \$49</p>	<p>F-367 Focus on Immigration Records: Ellis Island Letters Sent, 1903-1912 Zack Wilske Learn about Ellis Island Letters Sent in the Records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service at NARA, including correspondence related to admission, exclusion, and deportation of immigrants. Sponsored by USCIS</p>	<p>F-369 Confederate Slave Payroll Records Claire Prechtel Kluskens, JD Explore the Civil War Confederate payroll records that identify enslaved persons, slave owners, place of military employment, amounts paid to slave owners, and other information. Sponsored by NARA</p>	In A Flash (30 minutes)

SATURDAY

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Excellence in Action	<p>S-401 A Tale of Ancestral Families: Two Paths, One Outcome</p> <p>Deborah A. Abbott, PhD, and Char McCargo Bah Join two family historians as they discuss how they independently researched each other's family before they met, and learn how two divergent paths merged into one shared heritage and friendship.</p>		<p>S-417 The Second Great Awakening: Thawing the Frozen Chosen in the Early Nineteenth Century</p> <p>David McDonald, DMin, CG The early years were characterized by unsettled and divergent religious impulses. The Second Great Awakening saw an expansion of evangelical sects and denominations, separate from European customs.</p>
Communities & Techniques	<p>S-402 Adding Documents, Sources and Citations to FamilySearch Family Tree</p> <p>Robert Raymond, MS Learn how to add sources to FamilySearch Family Tree from FamilySearch.org historical records, elsewhere online, digitized files, and offline sources. Sponsored by FamilySearch</p>	<p>S-409 The Advance of Research Habits over Recent Decades—And the Downside</p> <p>Thomas W. Jones, PhD, CG, CGL, FASG, FNGS, FUGA The Internet, other technological advances, indexing projects, and DNA testing have revolutionized how genealogists conduct research. Have they also promoted counterproductive research habits? Sponsored by BCG Ed. Fund Helen F. M. Leary Distinguished Lecture</p>	<p>S-418 Seeing the Patterns: Organize, Visualize, and Evaluate the Evidence</p> <p>Teri E. Flack, MA, MBA, FTxSGS Seeing the patterns disclosed by evidence gathered, organized, and analyzed solves research questions, reveals gaps and missing information, and uncovers new paths for research.</p>
Mid-Atlantic Region	<p>S-403 Churches in the Potomac/Chesapeake Region Before 1800</p> <p>David McDonald, DMin, CG Certain colonial-era churches were quasi-governmental in function. An examination of Christian traditions in the region and the types of records potentially available for researchers.</p>	<p>S-410 A Vermont Home for a Maryland Man: Assembling Indirect Evidence</p> <p>Catherine B. W. Desmarais, CG Analyzing, correlating, and assembling common and lesser-known records builds a persuasive case for a Maryland man's 1816 Vermont birthplace and kinship. His story can help you build your ancestor's story.</p>	<p>S-419 The Archaeology, Genealogy, and DNA Analysis of the Simon Hill Cemetery</p> <p>Julie Schablitsky, PhD and Violetta Sharps Jones Seeing the patterns disclosed by evidence gathered, organized, and analyzed solves research questions, reveals gaps and missing information, and uncovers new paths for research.</p>
America's Resources	<p>S-404 Beyond Population: Researching in the Special Census Schedules</p> <p>Angela Packer McGhie, CG Have you used the veteran, agricultural, slave, mortality or manufacturing census schedules? These records are becoming increasingly accessible and can enhance your research.</p>	<p>S-411 Federal Land Laws and the Settlement of Early America</p> <p>Rick Sayre, CG, CGL, FUGA Learn about the laws enacted, the records created, and the genealogical information generated by the requirements of the various laws. Understand how these laws led to westward expansion.</p>	<p>S-420 Using Bank Records to Break Through Your Brick Wall</p> <p>Eileen Curley Pironti Bank records are often overlooked when conducting genealogical research. Emigrant Savings Bank and Freedman's Bank examples will illustrate how these records may unlock a wealth of information. Sponsored by NEHGS</p>
The Tapestry of America	<p>S-405 Basic Records for Native American Research</p> <p>Angela Y. Walton-Raji Explore the basic records, large databases including the Dawes Rolls, Records of the Eastern Cherokees, and Mississippi Choctaws, and additional sources for Native America genealogy.</p>	<p>S-412 Key Player, Participant, or Partisan Followers: Discovering An Ancestor's Political Leanings</p> <p>D. Joshua Taylor, MA, MLS From America's initial settlement to the early twentieth century, political parties have had a major impact in our ancestor's lives—and have left behind incredible records.</p>	<p>S-421 The Hunter of Tallulah: The Truth and Legend of an Indian War Ancestor</p> <p>Debra Dudek In a story pieced together by historical and genealogical records, you can learn how to sort fact from fiction when researching a larger-than-life ancestor.</p>
Social & Cultural Community	<p>S-406 An Overview of Researching Hispanic Ancestry</p> <p>Colleen Robledo Greene, MLIS Hispanic genealogy concepts, immigration to and migration within the United States, researching the homeland, and key reference tools for anyone doing Hispanic research.</p>	<p>S-413 Social Movements of the Nineteenth Century</p> <p>Katherine R. Willson Women's suffrage, favoring free public education, prison and asylum reform, and temperance. The inspiration behind these movements, records that may indicate involvement, and locating those records.</p>	<p>S-422 Finding Ancestors in New York City Vital Records: 1800s to Early 1900s</p> <p>Susan R. Miller Locating vital records is key. With New York City having a separate system from the state, knowledge of available resources makes searching more efficient. Sponsored by NYGBS</p>
In America's Service	<p>S-407 Civil War Union Noncombatant Personnel: Teamsters, Laundresses, Nurses, Sutlers & More</p> <p>Claire Kluskens, JD During 1861-1865, thousands of civilians followed the roving armies of the American Civil War. This lecture will show how to find information about Union civilian personnel as well as Confederate slave labor. Sponsored by NARA</p>	<p>S-414 National Youth Administration (NYA): The New Deal for Young People</p> <p>Lori Thornton, MLIS Women's suffrage, favoring free public education, prison and asylum reform, and temperance. The inspiration behind these movements, records that may indicate involvement, and locating those records.</p>	<p>S-423 Researching at the Naval Heritage and History Command</p> <p>Shannon Combs-Bennett, QG The Naval History and Heritage Command (NHHC) archive focuses on the history of the US Navy and could hold your ancestor's information. Learn about its resources.</p>
Circle the Globe	<p>S-408 Irish Estate, Land & Property Records</p> <p>David E. Rencher, AG, CG, FIGRS, FUGA Prior to parish registers, estate, land and property records are the next best record to identify generational links and family information for land owners and tenants. Sponsored by FamilySearch</p>	<p>S-415 Zeitung Sightings: German-Language Newspapers from Around the Globe</p> <p>James M. Beidler Newspapers and other periodicals are likely to contain information about your German-speaking ancestors. Learn about this underutilized record group, now coming into its own with digitization.</p>	<p>S-424 Your British and Irish Suffragist Ancestors</p> <p>Mary McKee Learn about the records of the suffrage movement from The National Archives in London, reports of suffrage demonstrations in the British and Irish newspapers, and identify other sources. Sponsored by FindMyPast</p>
Society Management	<p>S-460 Using Surveys: A Quick Guide to Asking the Right Questions (In a Flash! Session - 30 min.)</p> <p>Donna J. Weathers Web-based survey tools make it easy to solicit immediate feedback. Learn tips for building effective survey questions and strategies for using surveys, whether web-based or analog.</p> <p>S-462 A Good Speaker is Hard to Find: Quality Programming on a Budget (In a Flash! Session - 30 min.)</p> <p>Daniel A. Earl, MS Societies have limited program budgets. This lecture will look at several ways that societies can save on their program budget while still delivering a quality program. Sponsored by VGA</p>	<p>S-416 Giving Back: Expressing Appreciation to Sponsors and Benefiting Society Members</p> <p>Edgie Donakey Sponsors can benefit societies and events, but when the society or event gives back to the sponsor, both sides win. We will address ways to strengthen relationships. Sponsored by FamilySearch</p>	<p>F-425 Tips for Success from Ancestry's Social Media Team</p> <p>Crista Cowan Ancestry manages social media properties across Facebook, YouTube, Instagram, and more. We will provide concrete strategies to successfully grow your online influence and, in turn, strengthen your society. Sponsored by Ancestry</p>

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<p>S-470 Into the Brave New World of DNA (BCG Luncheon) LaBrenda Garrett-Nelson, JD, LL.M., CG, CGL How I came to accept the utility of genetic genealogy, and why you will, too.</p>	<p>S-426 The Genealogical Proof Standard According to Sherlock Holmes Jill K. Morelli, CG Puzzled by the Genealogical Proof Standard? Let's take a light-hearted journey, learn what the GPS is, and how to apply it to our work.</p>	<p>S-436 When "I Do" Meant Losing Your Country and Other Citizenship and Immigration Law Peculiarities Rich Venezia Immigration and naturalization law has constantly changed over the years, and sometimes, ancestors were caught in the crosshairs—both native-born citizens and immigrants alike.</p>	Excellence in Action
<p>S-471 FamilySearch is Making it R.O.A.R. in 2019 (FamilySearch Luncheon) Thom Reed, MBA 2019 marks the 400th anniversary of the landing of the first documented Africans in English North America. In support of this milestone in American history, FamilySearch International is launching an initiative titled, "Reclaiming Our African Roots" (R.O.A.R.). Learn about the objective of R.O.A.R. and FamilySearch's efforts with the African diaspora.</p>	<p>S-427 Resolving Conflicting Evidence to Identify the Mother of William Dalton: Part 1 Angela Packer McGhie, CG Illustrating the twists and turns of researching records in four countries and the methodology used to resolve conflicting evidence to identify the mother of William Dalton.</p>	<p>S-437 Using DNA to Confirm the Ancestral Line for William Dalton: Part 2 Karen Stanbary, LCSW, MA, CG DNA test results are integrated into the body of evidence testing and supporting the conclusion, resulting in a new hypothesis to extend the line back one more generation.</p>	Communities & Techniques
<p>S-472 Kissing Cousins: Writing and Presenting Two Sides of the Same Coin (GSG/ISFHWE Luncheon) Annette Burke Lyttle Quality genealogical writing and excellent presentations may seem like second cousins once removed—two related, but different, work products. In reality, they are downright incestuous. Explore the close kinship between writing and speaking and how techniques for improving one can help you improve the other.</p>	<p>S-428 Pennsylvania Commonwealth Land Records: Advanced Gerald "Jerry" H. Smith, CG Pennsylvania's conveyance of land to the first private owners included programs that were specific to certain areas and created records specific to those areas.</p>	<p>S-438 Research in Virginia's Burned Counties Barbara Vines Little, CG, FNGS, FUGA, FVGS Record loss whether to fire, flood, or the ravages of time creates problems for the researcher. However, all is never lost. There are surviving records; you just need to know where to look.</p>	Mid-Atlantic Region
<p>Menu Chicken caesar salad, parmesan cheese and rustic croutons with Shoreham signature Caesar dressing; flourless chocolate cake; iced tea, lemonade, tea, coffee and decaf. (Special diet options available by advance request.)</p> <p>Tickets: \$39</p>	<p>S-429 Hidden Treasures on Ancestry Juliana Szucs This presentation highlights some of the best and most unusual collections at Ancestry.com, how to find them and the wonderful clues in them that will lead to other records. Sponsored by Ancestry</p>	<p>S-439 African-Native American Research: Freedmen of the Five Civilized Tribes Angela Y. Walton-Raji This session will examine the basic records of blended families from New England, to the Carolinas, the Deep South, and Indian Territory. Included will be Dawes Rolls of the Five Civilized Tribes, military records, and large oral history collections.</p>	America's Resources
	<p>S-430 Exploring the Testimonies of Former Slaves in the Southern Claims Commission Records Bernice Alexander Bennett Southern Claims Commission Records were created based upon losses in twelve states after the Civil War. Freedmen provide details about their lives and knowledge of their former enslavers.</p>	<p>S-440 Michael Shiner's Diary: A Black Man Looks at Nineteenth-Century Washington, DC Leslie Anderson, MSLS Slave-born Michael Shiner worked in the Washington Navy Yard since childhood. His diary (1813-1866) described presidential visits, industrial accidents, epidemics, fires, and the construction of national monuments. His observations about neighbors and his working-class neighborhood offer insight into civic culture and community genealogy.</p>	The Tapestry of America
	<p>S-431 Boldly She Stepped Out Lisa Reed Whether you were a female servant or a privileged pastor's daughter, the mid-1800s offered women a unique enticement to come to America. And the women boldly came.</p>	<p>S-441 The Power of DNA, Records, and Family Trees Combined Together Living DNA This discussion is DNA-centric but pulls in the traditional tools. We see how one day we can simply take a DNA sample and be presented with the photographs of our ancestors. Sponsored by LivingDNA</p>	Social & Cultural Community
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