

November Webinars

How can it be November already? Candy has been given out and it's time for turkey. There are a lot of good webinars this month. With Veteran's Day coming up there are several on military history. Legacy has 4 webinars on November 4th. I only listed one but check out their calendar.

<https://familytreewebinars.com/upcoming-webinars?language=english&page=2> I have noticed several groups are asking you to email to get a Zoom link. Also, some have limited "seating" even on Zoom. So read the whole list and go ahead and register. Don't miss out on one.

Heard that a couple of links didn't open for one of our members in October. That is a problem, but I'm glad someone was using the list! Links are always verified before the list is sent out. But societies can have issues, make schedule changes or our individual computers can have problems with a site. I hope that information in the paragraphs will always allow you to find the site and registration details if that happens to you.

I was looking for a video on the new Bureau of Land Management site by Connie Knox as I was putting this list together. I thought she had one but I haven't found it yet. Instead, I felt like Jeff on Legacy Family Tree Webinars when he uses the word "serendipity." What did I find? Purely by accident I found a video on her research on Hardy G Winslow of NC and how she used ChatGPT to help analyze his records. He is my 4th gr-grandfather! I already had some of the records she mentioned. But I'm planning to watch her video again since she had a couple of new items. I hope she does one on his parents if she proves them.... Choose a webinar to watch, you never know what you might find.

Nov 2nd 6:00pm "Researching Funeral Home Records: Looking for the Dead" Presented by the Midwest Genealogy Center at Mid-Continent Public Library. Funeral home records can be one of the most valuable genealogical resources for genealogists. Learn what information funeral home records contain and how they vary by location, time period, culture, and religion. We'll also discuss possible websites, manuscript collections, libraries/archives that may hold these records.

<https://www.mymcpl.org/events/120051/researching-funeral-home-records-looking-dead-zoom>

Nov 2nd 6:00pm “More Resources for Researching Your Revolutionary War Era Ancestors” Presented by the Spartanburg County Public Libraries.

Researching your ancestors in the latter half of the 18th century can be a lot of work but can also be quite rewarding. We’ll continue our look at resources that will help you find not only those who fought as either a Patriot or a Loyalist (some people did both), but also those on the home front. <https://infodepot-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/t8KFjEEKT16c-1L8NVh0-Q#/registration>

Nov 3rd 2:00pm “Navigating United States Land Records” Presented by the Midwest Genealogy Center at Mid-Continent Public Library. This class focuses on navigating land records online and requires a basic knowledge of the FamilySearch catalog. This class will be held in person as well as virtually via Zoom simultaneously. Registration is required. Please indicate whether you will be attending in person or virtually when registering. An email address is required when registering to attend on Zoom.

<https://www.mymcpl.org/events/122195/navigating-united-states-land-records-hybrid>

Nov 4th 12:00pm “FREE LAND: Homesteading on the Frontier” Presented by Fiske Genealogical Library (Seattle). Speaker Tina Beard. The Homestead Act of 1862 allowed any qualified individual to claim up to 160 acres of free land. Over 1.6 million people rose to the challenge and claimed 270 million acres of land of which an estimated 17 million Americans are descendants. Original homestead claims are a fantastic collection of documents, including applications, land descriptions, citizenship affidavits and more. Learn how to access these great records and how they can fill in the gaps to your research. Please check the website for linking information ahead of the start time and any class notes. Check the home page frequently for announced schedule changes and updates. <https://fiskelibrary.org/>

Nov 4th 2:30pm “Advanced Genealogical Problem Solving: A Case Study,” with Michael D. Lacopo, DVM. Presented by Legacy Family Tree Webinars. How do we critically assess both the evidence we have—and the gaps where records are missing? How can one document point the way to another, and how do we strengthen our hunches and hypotheses with DNA analysis? <https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/advanced-genealogical-problem-solving-a-case-study?language=english>

Nov 5th 3:30pm “Lost Canadians, Border Crossings, and Citizenship by Descent” Presented by Genealogy Society of Vallejo-Benicia. Speaker is Kathryn Lake Hogan. She will help others discover their Canadian ancestral connections. Non-members may request a Zoom invitation by emailing GSVBzoom@gmail.com

Nov 5th 7:00pm “Exploring US Military Records: Celebrating Veterans and America250” Presented by Sioux Valley Genealogical Society. This talk will illustrate the genealogical value of several types of military records, and show examples including draft records, service cards, headstone applications, and transport lists. It will include a demonstration of how to find military records in major databases, including Fold3, Ancestry and FamilySearch
<https://svgssd.org/events/november-2026-11-05-2026-11-05>

Nov 7 10:30am WFGS with Dean DeBolt speaking. He will give us an update on the archives at UWF. Come early and stay late. Let’s visit and get to know each other better.

Nov 9th 6:30pm “Leaving a Legacy: Whose Writing Your story?” with Dr Deborah Abbott. Subscribe to our email list at heritageseekersar.com/subscribe/ or – follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/heritageseekersar.club to receive a Zoom link.

Nov 10th 9:15am "Every Word Matters: Finding Ancestors Through Full-Text Search" by Peggy Jude. Presented by Manatee Genealogical Society. This session explores the major genealogy websites offering full-text search and how to search them effectively to break through research brick walls. Open to the Public — Advance Registration Required
Non-members must register at least one day in advance by emailing: info@mgsfl.org

Nov 10th 2:00pm “Beginning African American Genealogy” Presented by the Midwest Genealogy Center at Mid-Continent Public Library. In this introductory-level class, you'll explore the basics of research and learn about federal, state, and local records that can be helpful to anyone researching ancestors of African descent.

<https://www.mymcpl.org/events/122207/beginning-african-american-genealogy-hybrid>

Nov 11th 1:00pm “Following the Armies: Researching Military Maps,” with Michael L. Strauss, MA, AG[®], AGL[™]. Presented by Legacy Family Tree Webinars. Military maps are an invaluable source of information for determining where our ancestors may have served in a specific conflict. Knowing your ancestor’s military unit or organization can help place his regiment, battalion, brigade, or division on the field to determine the precise footsteps you family trod during a specific engagement. This lecture focuses on those maps that contain valuable military information from the colonial period through the Vietnam War of the mid twentieth century.

<https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/following-the-armies-researching-military-maps?language=english>

Nov 11th 2:00pm “The War to End All Wars: Researching World War I Heroes” Presented by the Midwest Genealogy Center at Mid-Continent Public Library. Learn how to research World War I soldiers’ service records and find information that speaks to their experiences during the war. This information can help us understand what it was like to serve and give voice to their stories.

<https://www.mymcpl.org/events/122227/war-end-all-wars-researching-world-war-i-heroes-hybrid>

Nov 11th 6:00pm “McNamara's War: From Escalation to Honoring Vietnam's Veterans” Presented by Allen County Genealogical Society of Indiana.

Presented by Michael Strauss -The Vietnam War, also known as the Second Indochina War, pitted communist North Vietnam, backed by the Soviet Union and China, against South Vietnam and its principal ally, the United States. Our escalating troop commitments and draft policy driven by Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara that reshaped a generation of American families. This conflict followed the First Indochina War (1946-1954) in which the French colonial forces fought for control of the region. Fighting in this war spanned Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia from 1955 to 1975, ending with the fall of Saigon and the collapse of South Vietnam, two years after American combat forces withdrew under the Paris Peace Accords. This lecture focuses on the historical and genealogical primary records available to researchers seeking to identify and document veterans who served during this conflict.

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_yh36JiduQECyslXU-eSWUA#/registration

Nov 12th 7:00pm “Finding Your 19th Century Ancestors on Fold3,” with Brian Rhinehart Presented by McHenry County Illinois Genealogical Society. Ever get confused searching on Fold3? Learn what records are available for your 19th-century military ancestors there and pick up some search strategies to narrow down what you’re looking for. Yes, there is a better way to search!

Nov 14th 12:00pm “A Closer Look at the 1850-1950 U.S. Census Records in Genealogy” with Diane Hendriks. Presented by Montgomery County Chapter, Ohio Genealogical Society. Take a closer look at the 1850 to 1950 U.S. Census records as vital genealogy resources, while looking into details you may have missed, along with the benefits to and tips in using these records!

<https://mcc-ogs.org/events/nov-2026-monthly-meeting> Contact publicity@mcc-ogs.org for Zoom link.

Nov 14th 1:00pm “Writing Personal and Family Histories” Presented by Idaho Genealogical Society. Lorene Coe presents. We’ll explore websites and other sources for finding memories. There are options to help you decide what style you want to write and the differences between compiling a personal and family history. You’ll learn tools that are useful for writing and publishing your history. We’ll then have some fun using AI and creative activities with a short demonstration. We’ll wrap up with questions and answers. Non-members may request the Zoom link from the society during the week of the meeting; request the Zoom link during the week each meeting is held by sending an email to idahogensociety@gmail.com. Zoom requests must be received by 9:00 a.m. Mountain Time on the day of the meeting.

Nov 14th 3:00pm “Family Search - Unindexed Records and the Full Text Search” by Megan Clark Young, Pro.Gen. Presented by Skagit Valley Genealogical Society. Have you heard of Full Text Search but don't know how to use it? FamilySearch has billions of records and most of them are unindexed and cannot be located using a typical search. Learn how FamilySearch Full Text Search unlocks the secrets to millions of unindexed records. Email info@skagitvalleygenealogy.org for a Zoom link

Nov 16th 6:30pm “Germany’s Shifting Maps: What It Means to Your Research” with Katherine Schober. Presented by Michigan Germanic Genealogical Society. Have you ever wondered how Prussia, Baden, Posen, and other historical regions fit into modern Germany? More importantly, do you know how these shifting borders affect where your ancestors’ records are stored—and how to find them once you do? Katherine Schober’s presentation “Germ’s Shifting Map: What It Means For Your Research” will unravel Germany’s border changes and show you exactly how they affect your genealogy research. You’ll discover: Key historical events that shaped Germany’s regions and your ancestors’ lives. How shifting boundaries changed record-keeping and where to search today. A clear, step-by-step strategy to find your German ancestors faster. Email information@miggs.org for link.

Nov 17th 1:30pm “Digging into Military Records: Genealogy Research with Fold3” Presented by The Genealogy Center at Allen County Public Library. Presented by Logan Knight. This program introduces Fold3's collections of service records, pension files, draft cards, and more spanning the Revolutionary War through Vietnam. Learn how to uncover ancestors’ military stories, navigate complex record sets, and integrate findings into a family tree. Appropriate for beginners and experienced researchers alike.
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_v22mJ96QQy-xJalYBMuUWQ#/registration

Nov 17th 6:30pm “Down for the Count: The 1790 Census.” Presented by St. Louis County Library. Explore the history & genealogical use of America’s first federal census. <https://slcl.events.mylibrary.digital/event?id=266194>

Nov 18th 12:00pm “Pre-1850 Census Analysis” Presented by the Pinellas Genealogy Society. Presented by PGS Volunteer Jean Roberson. Many researchers become frustrated with the difficulty in researching the US Census prior to 1850 because of only the heads of households being explicitly named. However, those early censuses contain more information than one might initially think. This class examines the characteristics of the pre-1850 census, the information available, and some strategies for analyzing those census years.
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tPuitqP_QWKEygxBDPXurQ#/registration

Nov 18th 5:00pm “Using Immigration Records to Research Your Ancestors” Presented by Boston Public Library. Most residents of the U.S. today are either immigrants themselves or descended from immigrants, many of whom became naturalized citizens. This class will provide an overview of what kinds of immigration and naturalization records are available for genealogical research and where to find them. Skill level: Beginner/intermediate This program will be recorded.
<https://bpl.bibliocommons.com/events/6a83766d3b6c71003e5984b4>

Nov 19th 9:00am “Probate Records Wills and a Whole Lot More” with Annette Burke Lyttle. Presented by LCGS - Lee County Genealogical Society. Probate records can be some of the richest genealogical resources. Yes, they can contain wills, but often the best information comes from the other records in the packets – and our ancestors didn’t even have to die to make an appearance in a probate action. Learn about how to find probate records online and mine them for genealogical gems.

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/QQPgOtG7QS-KSxpiYjUtw#/registration>

Nov 19th 7:00pm “Tracking a Migrating Ancestor Through Land and Tax Records” with Diana Elder. Presented by Florida State Genealogical Society. Migrating ancestors present challenges in discovering their actions and records. Land and tax records place an ancestor in a specific location in time and provide details to uniquely identify him from people of the same name. Learn key strategies for utilizing these important records, including where to find them and how to use them to discover more about your ancestor.

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_C9jaDO1pTnK487hCwU_iKA#/registration

Nov 21st 9:30am "From Clutter to Clean-Organize, Digitize, and Store Photos" with Allyson Maughn. Presented by Western New York Genealogical Society. Your family gave you the historical picture collection. The quantity or disorganization keeps you from using these priceless documents. You know your family history is in them, but you stop short because of the clutter. In this class, learn to collect, organize, digitize, and store your pictures.

https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/4BKT_NGsTKO1SG7tvKZJjQ#/registration

Nov 21st 11:00am “Doing Time Prison Records as Genealogy Resources” by Judy G. Russell JD CG CGL FUGA. Presented by Castle Rock Colorado Genealogical Society. The brick walls of a family tree are no match for prison walls. From intake photos to receipts for cash and clothes when they were released, prisoners in jails and prisons were recorded and documented, often in stunning detail. Learn what records may exist and where about your family's black sheep. <https://www.crcgs.org/event-details/doing-time-prison-records-as-genealogy-resources-1>

Nov 21st 12:00pm “Navigating the “Redesigned BLM General Land Office.” Presented by South King County Genealogical Society. MaryLynn Strickland presents. In July the website was re-designed and the interface is very different. MaryLynn will show how to navigate the site for finding records, related documents and map locations. She will also show some tricks for converting present day locations to legal land description to locate original patentees, other relatives and neighbors.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/9178290208?pwd=OWRlZDZkdzVldjNkUWtYd0FMcEJlZWpKLT09>

Nov 24 5:00pm “Finding Phyllis: Uncovering Family in the Shadows of Slavery.” Charlotte Mecklenburg Library. Join Danielle Pritchett as she traces her great-great-grandmother Phyllis Inge Pritchett through slaveholder property records, uncovering her mother, siblings, and the mystery of her father’s identity. This powerful journey highlights how genealogical research can restore names, stories, and dignity to those once hidden by history.

<https://cmlibrary.zoom.us/meeting/register/wkz9MeriT66Cqj4uYGXEkg#/registration>

Nov 28th 9:00am “DNA Basics” Presented by African-American.Genealogical Society, Cleveland, Ohio. Speaker: Labrenda Garrett-Nelson. Request the Zoom link from our president by emailing president@aagsclev.org.

Nov 30th 5:00pm “Her Story: Discovering the Genealogy of your Matriarchs.” Presented by Charlotte Mecklenburg Library. Uncover the stories of your family matriarchs through genealogy. Learn tips and tricks for researching women in historic records.

<https://cmlibrary.bibliocommons.com/v2/events/6aa5b5eba5dbde002aa4192e>