December Webinars

A short list for December…the end of the month meetings are similar to our own….end of the year updates and holiday socials. Our topics this month vary from foreign countries, writing, to city directories. I also listed one by Kate Penney Howard, one of our March conference speakers. She's speaking on finding lost GI fathers.

Have you finished your Christmas genealogy projects? Maybe you've found an old family photo. It may not be new to you but maybe it is to your grandchildren or your children. They never have met their great grandparent or saw a picture of their great-great grandparents. Share one with them…with their name, dates and a frame. If you know a little about them maybe add just short paragraph. Just slide in the back of the frame after you share it with them. Something to interest them so they will want to know more. But not enough to scare them from learning about their family history. Why the frame? It means it may sit out in their house. Not in a drawer. The more they or other family members see it. The more they will remember. Have a happy holiday!

Dec 1st 9:15 am "Sharing Ancestor Stories: Writing Brief Biographical Sketches" by Karen A. Fortin. Presented by the Manatee Genealogical Society. This presentation takes a step-by-step approach to guide you through the process of planning and writing these stories in brief, informal biographical sketches that you can share with family and friends.
https://mgsfl.org/events/monthly-membership-meeting-december-2026
Advance Registration Required To attend, non-members must register at least one day in advance by emailing: **info@mgsfl.org**.

Dec 1st 5:30 pm "Reading old Handwriting" Presented by Wake County Genealogical Society. Presenter: Barbara McGeachy. The ability to read handwritten documents is an essential skill for everyone doing genealogical research before 1900. This talk covers challenges of handwritten documents, tips for overcoming the challenges, tools to help you read handwriting (including the best AI tools and techniques), and opportunities to develop your skills. Meeting Registration - Zoom

Dec 2nd 12:00 pm "Census Tracking" Presented by the Pinellas Genealogy Society. We seek to uncover relationships and lost or heretofore unknown ancestors. This class shows a strategy on how to do that, using an actual family as an example. In addition, it also shows how to uncover hints on using resources outside of the census itself. Presented by PGS Volunteer Jean Roberson.
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/O74GIAllSLWkC4aT6NviNQ#/registration

Dec 2nd 2:00 pm "Publishing & Sharing: Passing It Forward" Presented by Beadle County Genealogy Group.
https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/0yIpIV0LQfmRuDKF3mNt9Q#/registration

Dec 2nd 2:00 pm "Death, Poverty, Bread: How Germans From Russians Found Success" with Emily Gengenbach. Presented by Midwest Genealogy Center at Mid-Continent Public Library. Discover the origins of Germans from Russia. We'll explore Catherine the Great and her promises, their move to North and South America, and what happened after they left. We'll also learn what the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia (AHSGR) is and how to start your German-Russian genealogy research.
https://www.mymcpl.org/events/122804/death-poverty-bread-how-germans-russians-found-success-zoom

Dec 4th 1 pm "Essential Skills for New Genealogists 6 of 12: Church & Religious Records for Fun & Prophet!" with Dave Mc Donald. Presented by Legacy Family Tree Webinars. Evaluation of baptismal/dedication records and their use as substitutes when vital records are absent; marriage records with additional clues included; burial records and their utility; cemeteries, public and private; discussion of Jewish congregational records.
https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/essential-skills-for-new-genealogists-6-of-12-church-religious-records-for-fun-prophet?language=english

Dec. 5th 10:30 am Kelley Harris presenting the "State of the Society" along with holiday refreshments. www.wfg.org for more information.

Dec 7th 6:30pm "Gen Z + Genealogy: Getting the Younger Generation Interested in Genealogy Research." Presented by Heritage Seekers Genealogy Club of Arkansas. Presented by Carl Smith and the Family History Research Center, Clayton Library, Houston, TX. This is a Zoom virtual meeting. To get a link to attend, you must: subscribe to our email list at heritageseekersar.com/subscribe/ or – follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/heritageseekersar.club https://heritageseekersar.com/

Dec 7th 6:00 pm "Family Circles: A New Way to See Your Family," with Michael Fagan. Presented by Oklahoma Genealogical Society. Behind every family story lies a kernel of truth waiting to be uncovered. This webinar explores how to apply the Genealogical Proof Standard to evaluate and investigate family lore. Through two case studies, you'll see how to corroborate or correct ancestral stories using documentary and contextual evidence. Learn how this process not only reveals the facts but also adds richness, accuracy, and depth to your family's history. https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/5076977808531321179

Dec 9th 12:00 pm "Scottish Ancestry and Immigration"
Presented by the Pinellas Genealogy Society. Presented by PGS President Lori Coffey. Join me as I take you through my Gaelic journey searching for royalty for my mother! This intriguing journey took me through the history of Scotland, a land of two peoples, and how it's intertwined with that of Ireland. Then follow the Scottish diaspora around the world as they fled the king's wrath. I'll share tips to help you with your search along the way!
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/pA8FZN5EQHqKQZGm1tIlgQ#/registration

Dec 9th 6:00 pm "Russian Archives - Genealogy Club" Presented by American Historical Society of Germans from Russia (AHSGR). This virtual community brings together German Russian genealogists of all experience levels to share discoveries, solve research puzzles, and support one another along the way. Whether you're celebrating a new breakthrough or struggling with a "brick wall," you'll find encouragement, advice, and camaraderie in this friendly, informal setting. The first two meetings are open to everyone—come see what it's all about! During these sessions, you'll learn how to register for future meetings as an AHSGR Member and continue your journey with this engaging community of fellow researchers. https://ahsgr.org/donate/digital-asset-management-software/

Dec 14th 2:00 pm "War Babies: Finding Lost GI Fathers Through DNA," with Kate Penney Howard. Presented by Midwest Genealogy Center at Mid-Continent Public Library earn how DNA and historical context help reunite children of war with their GI fathers and unlock hidden family histories. We will discuss different eras and the similarities and differences of the "war babies" experience https://www.mymcpl.org/events/123001/war-babies-finding-lost-gi-fathers-through-dna-zoom

Dec 14th 5:30 pm "City Directories: More Than Just Addresses," with Paula Stewart-Warren, CG, FMGS, FUGA. Presented by Ashtabula Public Library and the Ashtabula Genealogical Society. City directories offer far more than names, addresses, and occupations. Discover how these valuable resources can reveal family relationships, military service, migrations, community involvement, and clues to vital records. Learn about their strengths, limitations, digitization challenges, and overlooked sources, while exploring effective strategies for uncovering hidden genealogical evidence. https://www.acdl.info/event/genealogy-program-14975

Dec 15th 7:00 pm "BCG-Sponsored: Left Behind Dead or Alive: Finding Answers from Those Who Remained," with Jan Joyce, CG®, CGL®. Presented by Legacy Family Tree Webinars. https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/left-behind-dead-or-alive-finding-answers-from-those-who-remained?language=english

If you're reading this far down the list....**don't forget to register** for March conference. Your name may be drawn for the **Early Bird Special**. See the newsletter for more.