

# NATIONAL ARCHIVES FIFTH ANNUAL GENEALOGY FAIR

*Identity at the Crossroads: Discovering Who You Are*

## DAY 2 – THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 9:30 A.M.–4:30 P.M.

Key to Tracks A, B, and C

**A Track = Getting Started**

**B Track = Online Records and Databases**

**C Track = Other Selected Topics**

9:30–10:30 A.M.		TRACKS A, B, and C
9:30–10:30 A.M.	<b>Room G-24</b>	<b><i>Introduction to Genealogy</i></b> Speaker: Rebecca Crawford This very basic introduction to the records held at the National Archives will be helpful in building your family tree. The lecture covers census records, immigration records, and military records.
	<b>Track A</b>	
9:30–10:30 A.M.	<b>Researcher Lobby</b>	<b><i>Post–Civil War Military Records</i></b> Speaker: Trevor Plante Military records at the National Archives relating to service in the U.S. Army from 1866 to 1917 will be discussed. This presentation will include information on researching individual soldiers and related records at the unit, military post, and Army departmental levels.
	<b>Track C</b>	
9:30–10:30 A.M.	<b>Library</b>	<b><i>Congressional Records</i></b> Speaker: Tom Eisinger The presentation will focus on information about the records of Congress, and how they are best used for genealogical research.
	<b>Track B</b>	
10:30–11:30 A.M.		<b>BREAK</b>

11:30 A.M.–12:30 P.M.		TRACKS A, A and B
11:30 A.M.–12:30 P.M.	<b>Room G-24</b>	<b><i>Anatomy of a Civil War Pension File</i></b> Speaker: Claire Prechtel-Kluszens Pension files are invaluable sources of information about Civil War soldiers and their families. They are also useful for researching local history and other individuals in the soldier's community.
	<b>Track A</b>	
11:30 A.M.–12:30 P.M.	<b>Researcher Lobby</b>	<b><i>Freedman's Bank &amp; Freedmen's Bureau: A History and Research Introduction</i></b> Speaker: Reginald Washington The lecture will be a discussion on the use and availability of Freedmen's Bureau and Freedman's Bank records for District of Columbia genealogical research.
	<b>Track A</b>	
11:30 A.M.–12:30 P.M.	<b>Library</b>	<b><i>Passport Applications, 1795–1925</i></b> Speakers: Rebecca Sharp and Katherine Vollen The speakers will discuss how to locate passport applications and how these records can enhance your genealogical research.
	<b>Track B</b>	
12:30–2 P.M.		<b>LUNCH</b>

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2–3 P.M.	<b>TRACKS A, B, and C</b>
2–3 P.M.  Room G-24  Track C	<b><i>Native Americans</i></b> Speakers: Constance Potter and Trevor Plante Constance Potter will describe the records of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes also known as the Dawes Commission, 1893–1914, as well as the Indian Census Rolls, 1885–1940. Trevor Plante will discuss records relating to Native Americans who served in the U.S. Army as Indian Scouts, 1866–1914.
2–3 P.M.  Researcher Lobby  Track B	<b><i>Finding Place of Birth in Federal Records</i></b> Speaker: Susannah Brooks Knowing the exact place of birth is crucial in finding additional records at the local and state levels. This presentation will include many examples of Federal records available at the National Archives and online that may include that information. The importance of looking at all the details contained in a record will be stressed.
2–3 P.M.  Library  Track A	<b><i>Passenger Arrival Records: INS Records, 1897–1950s</i></b> Speaker: Rebecca Crawford This session provides a basic overview for records of individuals arriving into the United States from the mid 1890s to the late 1950s. The speaker will examine ship arrival records, Canadian border crossings, and Mexican border crossings.
3–3:30 P.M.	<b>BREAK</b>
3:30–4:30 P.M.	<b>TRACKS B, C and C</b>
3:30–4:30 P.M.  Room G-24  Track C	<b><i>Pre-Civil War Genealogy — Beyond the Basics: U.S. Army Records from the Revolutionary War through the Mexican War</i></b> Speaker: Juliette Arai This session will assist genealogists who are researching ancestors who served during some of our nation's early wars. Discussion will focus on military service records, pension and bounty-land warrant files, and information about other useful records such as courts-martial case files, prisoners of war records, and documents from Record Group 217 (Accounting Officers in the Treasury).
3:30–4:30 P.M.  Researcher Lobby  Track C	<b><i>Military Installations, 1821–1920</i></b> Speaker: John Deeben This lecture looks at records of 19th-century military forts, camps, and stations, including records maintained by post headquarters and created by staff officers. The speaker will examine how these records document routine administrative activities and specific personal information about military and civilian personnel, including major life events such as births, marriages, illnesses, deaths, and burials.
3:30–4:30 P.M.  Library  Track B	<b><i>Archival Research Catalog (ARC)</i></b> Speaker: Jill Reilly James Learn about how to navigate the National Archives' online catalog, the Archival Research Catalog (ARC), and get tips for locating records of genealogical interest.

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