

National Archives at Kansas City  
January - June 2014

# Genealogy Programs

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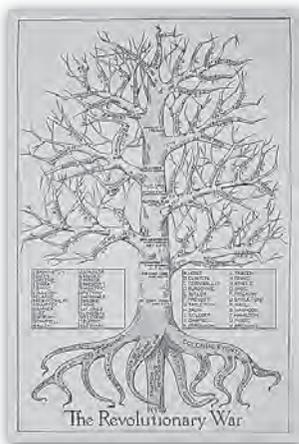
# ON-SITE WORKSHOPS

All on-site workshops will be held from 10:00 – 11:30 AM at the National Archives at Kansas City. Workshops are taught by National Archives at Kansas City staff unless otherwise noted.

## JANUARY

### Four-part Genealogy Workshop Centuries of Service: Exploring Military Records for Genealogy

Join us for a four-part workshop exploring military records available to genealogists, every Wednesday starting January 8 through January 29 from 10:00 – 11:30 AM. Attend all four classes to receive a certificate of completion.



#### **Wednesday, January 8** – *Fighting the Red Coats: Records from the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812* **from 10:00 – 11:30 AM**

The young republic spent eleven years battling the British in two wars between the years 1775-1815. During these conflicts and the tense period between the formal wars, young soldiers stepped up and answered the call to protect the new nation. Discover the variety of records documenting your ancestor's military experience, and ways to access them.

#### **Wednesday, January 15** – *Growing Pains: Exploring Resources for Mid-19<sup>th</sup> Century American Conflicts* **from 10:00 – 11:30 AM**

Following the War of 1812, the United States endured a period of rapid expansion and upheaval. Conflicts exploded first with Native American tribes in the southeast, then with Mexico, and finally as the nation split in two during the Civil War. This class examines military records created during the mid-19<sup>th</sup> Century, from service records and pension files, to more detailed records on units in combat, as well as instructions on how to access these records.

# JANUARY

**Wednesday, January 22** – *Turn of the Century Conflicts: Spanish-American War, Philippine Insurrection, and World War I* **from 10:00 – 11:30 AM**

At the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> and into the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the battlefields moved from the continental United States to international soil. Beginning with the Spanish American War, leading to the Philippine Insurrection, and culminating in World War I, our ancestors left the United States to serve American causes abroad. Learn about the records that tell these stories.



**Wednesday, January 29** – *A World Torn Apart: World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War* **from 10:00 – 11:30 AM**



Though these wars were international in scope, the United States military created records during World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War that provide insight into the units and individuals who served. This class explores how to order service records, identify online resources, and understand privacy restrictions.

# FEBRUARY

**Friday, February 21** – *The National Archives at Kansas City: Who We Are and What We Do* **from 10:00 – 11:30 AM**

The National Archives at Kansas City is responsible for preserving and providing access to more than 70,000 cubic feet of permanently valuable historic Federal records created by nearly 100 different Federal agencies. Who decides what records are permanent? How often are new records received? What records are available? What records are of interest to me as a genealogist? How can I get access to these records? This workshop will provide an overview of the records held by the National Archives at Kansas City and answer these questions and more.

## MARCH

**Friday, March 7** – *Counting Everyone: Using Federal Census Records to Find Your Ancestors* **from 10:00 – 11:30 AM**

Everyone counts! The United States Federal Census documents people from all walks of life: immigrants and store clerks to celebrities and everyday people. This course introduces beginning genealogists to the Census while providing direction on how and where to start researching your family history. Learn to discover clues, codes, and other telling details about your ancestors' lives.

**Saturday, March 15** – *Navigating Ancestry.com* **from 10:00 – 11:30 AM**

Through a partnership with subscription-based genealogy website Ancestry.com, the National Archives is able to provide access to select digital records. The website contains a wealth of information, but unless you understand the structure and depth of the website, your search results will be limited. Come learn about different databases and effective search strategies to uncover more about your ancestors. Patrons are encouraged to bring a Wi-Fi enabled device to use during class.

## APRIL

**Friday, April 4** – *Behind Bars: Penitentiary Records* **from 10:00 – 11:30 AM**

Leavenworth Federal Penitentiary has an infamous past, leaving behind a paper trail of inmates that crossed its threshold.

From bank robbers and bootleggers to fraudulent oleo manufacturers and revolutionaries, many men (and a few women) have called Leavenworth home. The inmate case files document the individual's life from arrival to departure. Learn about the contents and clues found in these files.



**Wednesday, April 16** – *Problem Solving Using FANS – Friends, Associates, and Neighbors* **with guest speaker Beth Foulk from 10:00 – 11:30 AM**

Often the answer to climbing a genealogy brick wall is simply to go around it. By broadening our research to include our ancestor's friends, associates and neighbors, we can find answers that were previously elusive. Visit Foulk's website to learn more at <http://www.genealogydecoded.com/>.

## MAY



### **Friday, May 2 – *Archival Research 101* from 10:00 – 11:30 AM**

Genealogy research involves utilizing resources available at multiple archival institutions. However, very few people have had interactions with archives.

Do you know the differences between researching at a library and an archive?

Do you know the best time of day to visit an archive? Do you know how to interact

with archivists to get the information you are seeking? If you are unable to visit an archive in person, do you know how to write a request for records? This workshop will focus on how to interact with archival institutions in order to have a successful visit in person or through email, phone, or mail correspondence. This is a research methodology course.

### **Friday, May 16 – *Googling your Genealogy* from 10:00 – 11:30 AM**

Searching the internet can be a powerful tool. Many historical documents and resources are found online, but one of the biggest challenges is knowing how and where to start looking for them. Learn to harness the power of the internet through the use of simple tools and tricks for effectively finding websites and useful resources for genealogy research. This is a research methodology course. Patrons are encouraged to bring a Wi-Fi enabled device to use during class.

## JUNE

### **Wednesday, June 4 – *BAMM! Business, Agriculture, Manufacturing and Mortality Census Schedules* from 10:00 – 11:30 AM**

BAMM! Add “explosive” details to your genealogy by utilizing non-population Census schedules of Business, Agriculture, Manufacturing, and Mortality. Authorized by Congress, these records cover very specific time periods and locations during the 19th and early 20th centuries and provide unique insight into the communities where our ancestors lived and worked. Learn about the information available, and how to access these documents. For a sneak peek on the topic, visit: <http://www.archives.gov/research/census/nonpopulation/>.

# NEW! – WEBINAR WORKSHOPS

Interested in attending National Archives at Kansas City workshops, but can't make the drive? We are pleased to announce that we will be offering free online interactive workshops for the first time in 2014. To participate you will need internet and telephone access on the day of the presentation. Specific directions for access will be sent the week of the presentation via email. Reserve your "seat" early, as space is limited. All webinars are from 1:00 – 2:30 PM, CST.

## FEBRUARY

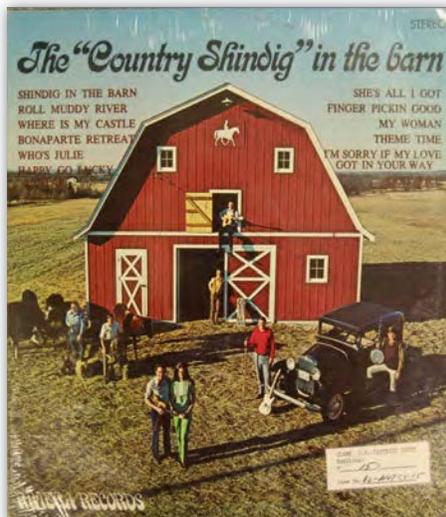
**Wednesday, February 12** – Webinar – *A Genealogists Introduction to the National Archives* from **1:00 – 2:30 PM**

Ever wonder what the National Archives is and how it can help you discover your family's past? This course will give an overview of the mission of the National Archives, its holdings, and Federal records of particular interest to family historians. Learn what to expect when researching at the National Archives.

## MARCH

**Wednesday, March 12** – Webinar – *Kansas City's Greatest Hits* from **1:00 – 2:30 PM**

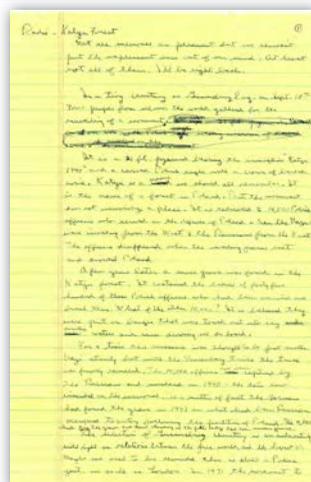
From aliens, celebrities, and inmates to landmark cases and events, the National Archives at Kansas City maintains a wide breadth of records for the Midwest region and beyond. The records discussed will include: Alien Case Files, precedent setting cases from the Federal District and Appeals courts, significant Bureau of Indian Affairs documents, records of National Park Service sites, Civilian Conservation Corps camp project reports, and more! Learn about accessing frequently requested and unusual records, and gain insights into the "Greatest Hits" within Kansas City's holdings.



## APRIL

### Wednesday, April 9 – Webinar – *Deciphering the Code* from 1:00 – 2:30 PM

Did grandma have lovely handwriting that seems illegible? Learn how to decipher the code! This course will teach you how to recognize and analyze old handwriting that may prove challenging to genealogists. Learn about common misconceptions and popular abbreviations.

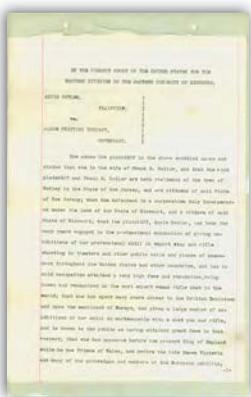


## MAY

### Wednesday, May 14 – Webinar – *Alien Ancestors during Times of War* from 1:00 – 2:30 PM

The Federal government created documentation of aliens, immigrants living in the United States who are not naturalized, during times of war in the 19th and 20th century. Come learn about some of the applications, files, and lists used by a variety of Federal agencies during the Civil War, World War I, and World War II. This course will introduce underutilized records, highlight some of the most popular, and offer instructions for completing successful requests.

## JUNE



### Wednesday, June 11 – Webinar – *Order in the Court: Finding Your Family in Federal Court Records* from 1:00 – 2:30 PM

Did your ancestor file for bankruptcy? Get tied up in a Federal civil suit? Were they a defendant in a criminal case? Federal court documents help to provide a snapshot of an individual or family at a particular juncture in life. Depending upon the type of case, documents can include lists of property, family members, testimony, and other insightful glimpses at events that may not be documented

elsewhere. Come learn about the types of cases you can find at the National Archives and how to begin your research.

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<https://twitter.com/#!/KCArchives>

## Hours of Operation

Tuesday – Saturday, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Closed Sunday, Monday, and Federal Holidays

## Computer and WiFi Access

Patrons of the National Archives at Kansas City are welcome to access many subscription-based genealogy websites using one of ten public computers or their personal WiFi devices.

## Directions:

From I-35N Take I-35 North to Southwest/Pennway exit (1C). Turn right (East) on Pennway to Broadway St. Turn right (South) on Broadway St. to Pershing Rd. Turn left (East) on Pershing Rd. At the first stoplight, turn left (North).

From I-70W, I-670, and I-35S Take I-70 West to I-670 to the Downtown Loop. Exit to I-35 South. Exit at 20th Street. At 20th, turn left (East) to Broadway St. Turn right (South) on Broadway St. to Pershing Rd. Turn left (East) on Pershing Rd. At the first stoplight turn left (North).

