

2014 GENEALOGICAL WORKSHOPS



Located on Chestnut between 9th and 10th Streets

All events are **free** and held from **12:00 to 2:00**

PLEASE REGISTER by calling: 215-606-0112 or philadelphia.archives@nara.gov

January 8 *Using the Lutheran Archives Center for Genealogy Research*

Lutheran Archives Center is the oldest Lutheran archives in America, founded by the Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania in 1792. Our present corporation includes the Eastern one-third of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Upstate New York, New England, and the 25 or so congregations around the country that speak Slovak! John Peterson from the Center will discuss the holdings of the archives, particularly from a genealogical perspective, and the Lutheran procedures with congregation parish registers v. records specifically related to clergy.

February 19 *Following Families to Freedom*

The records of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands (RG 105), commonly known as the Freedmen's Bureau, contain a wealth of information for tracing African- American family history, as well as understanding the larger picture of post Civil War changes. Join staff member Ashley Stevens as she leads you in an exploration of these materials.

March 19 *Researching Your Irish Roots*

Over 30 million Americans claim some form of Irish ancestry. In addition to discussing the varieties of records available for genealogical research, this class will highlight historical patterns of Irish immigration, the significance of names in Gaelic culture, and the importance of geography when researching Irish records.

April 9 *Genealogical Resources at the Pennsylvania State Archives*

The Pennsylvania State Archives holds a wealth of resources for those researching their family history. Learn about county records, state censuses, military rolls, land warrants and patents, maps, colonial ships' lists, naturalization documents, vital records, occupational records and many other helpful materials available at the State Archives. Through an engaging presentation illustrated with original documents, staff member Jonathan R. Stayer will offer suggestions for maximizing use of the Archives website and related digital resources.

May 21 *Beginning Genealogy from Generation to Generation*

Have you ever wondered about the history of your ancestors? Or perhaps heard family stories of those that came before you and wanted to know more? Avid Genealogist Allen McClain will give a presentation on "Beginning Genealogy". This presentation will give you the foundation and resources to get you off to a solid start. Though this presentation will be geared towards beginners in African American research, genealogists at any level and any research interest are welcome to attend.

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September 17 *Maps and Genealogy*

Knowing the different types of maps available for use in tracking down your family is essential to understanding your family's place in history. This workshop by staff member Jefferson Moak explains the uses of different types of published and unpublished maps, including land ownership maps, real estate atlases, fire insurance maps, government surveys and manuscript maps.

October 15 *Philadelphia Archdiocesan Historical Research Center (PAHRC)*

Each person has a unique and fascinating story to tell - a story of ancestors and a legacy of family tradition. Clues to this family history can be found at the Philadelphia Archdiocesan Historical Research Center (PAHRC). Genealogical resources held by PAHRC include sacramental registers (baptismal and marriage records), parish histories, parish calendars, city directories and newspapers. Although the sacramental registers themselves are considered confidential and are not open to researchers, a staff member will conduct research for you. Parish histories, newspapers and directories are open to the public. You will also learn how to maximize your results, and minimize costs, as you use the resources of the PAHRC.

November

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December

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Don't Forget the First Friday of each Month Genealogy Roundtable from 12-2!

January 3: Roundtable Discussion

February 7: Speaker TBA

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April 4: Speaker TBA

May 2: Roundtable Discussion

June 6: Roundtable Discussion

July 11: Roundtable Discussion

August 1: Roundtable Discussion

September 5: Speaker TBA

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December 5: Roundtable Discussion