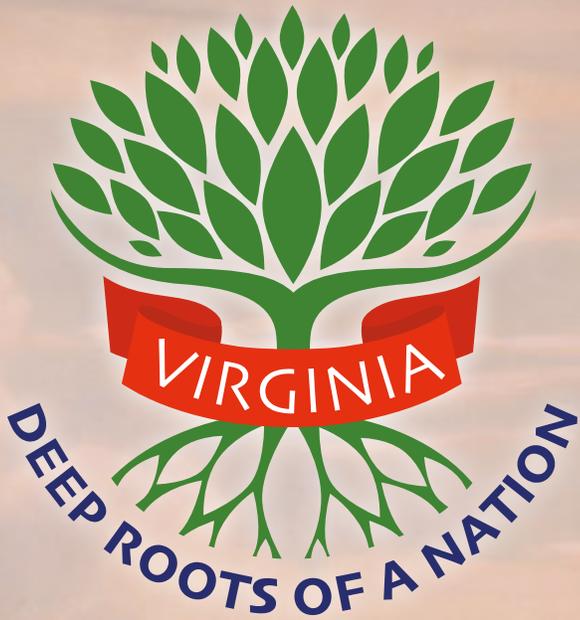


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VIRGINIA DEEP ROOTS OF A NATION

Virginia is home to the Powhatan Confederacy, Chickahominy, and other indigenous tribes. In the seventeenth century, it also became the place where the ancestors of many enslaved, indentured, or immigrant Americans began their North American story. The settling of Jamestown in 1607 brought the first Europeans to Virginia. Since then, immigrants from many countries have made Virginia their home. Some remained for generations while others moved on to new frontiers to expand, populate, and build a nation.

In 1619 Virginia's first Africans arrived as captives at Point Comfort. The transcontinental slave trade continued for more than two hundred years often separating families. Early Virginians of European descent traveled westward into the Valley of Virginia and southward into the Carolinas. Germans and Scots Irish from New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Maryland migrated into the valley as well. As the frontiers opened, migrants moved south to the Carolinas and Georgia and then west, ever searching for new land and new frontiers. This migration displaced many Indigenous People, including the federally recognized Virginia tribes of the Pamunkey, Chickahominy, Upper Mattaponi, Rappahannock, Nansemond, and Monacan. A vast and diverse number of Americans can trace their roots back to the Old Dominion. We encourage you to return to Richmond to discover and explore the records, history, and origins of your ancestors.

NGS 2023 FAMILY HISTORY CONFERENCE

The National Genealogical Society 2023 Family History Conference gives genealogists and family historians the chance to learn from, and connect with, leaders in the field of genealogy. Through lectures from outstanding speakers and face-to-face conversations with colleagues who share your passion for family history, you will gain invaluable insights that will take your research and writing to new heights.

Enjoy the camaraderie of networking with fellow genealogists. Connect with people from genealogy societies and organizations throughout the United States. Discover what genealogy companies are bringing to market. Attend your choice of more than 110 lectures and special luncheons. Relax and have fun at the SLAM! Idea Showcase reception and Expo Hall opening. Celebrate Virginia's deep roots and build new friendships at a special Friday evening event sponsored by the Virginia Genealogical Society.



REGISTER BY EARLY-BIRD DEADLINE AND SAVE

Discounted, early-bird conference registration runs from open registration through 11:59 p.m. eastern time 31 March 2023. Register online at conference.ngsgenealogy.org. Attendees may also register for the conference, tours, luncheons, workshops, and social events until 11:59 p.m. eastern time 15 May 2023 or until the event is full. We encourage you to register before the deadline since many events have limited seating.

Onsite registration opens on 30 May 2023 at 12:00 p.m. at the Greater Richmond Convention Center.

ATTENDEE CHECK-IN HOURS AND INFORMATION DESK

Tuesday	3:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	7:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.
Thursday	7:00 a.m.–5:30 p.m.
Friday	7:00 a.m.–5:30 p.m.
Saturday	7:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

GREATER RICHMOND CONVENTION CENTER

Let’s come back together in Richmond for the forty-fifth annual NGS Family History Conference which offers an exciting learning experience for genealogists with a choice of excellent hotels and outstanding research facilities in the area.

The conference will be held at the Greater Richmond Convention Center (GRCC), 403 N. Third St., Richmond, VA. Parking is available adjacent to the GRCC for \$7 a day. Overnight parking is NOT allowed. Parking adjacent to the Marriott Hotel and convention center is \$20.00 per day. Valet parking is available for \$38 per day.

TRAVEL

The Richmond International Airport has flights daily from both major and economy airlines. See flyrichmond.com/airline-information/. For details about parking and transportation in and around Richmond, see venturerichmond.com/explore-downtown/parking-and-transportation/

CONFERENCE HOTELS

Information about booking reservations at conference hotels will be sent to you in your registration confirmation email. Please check your spam folder if you do not see the email in your in-box. The conference hotels include the Richmond Marriott and Hilton Richmond Downtown which are across the street from the convention center as well as the Omni Hotel which is a few blocks away. The Visit Richmond Convention and Visitors Bureau will provide daily bus transportation between the Omni Hotel and the Convention Center

ONLINE AT HOME

In addition to the in-person Family History Conference, ten lectures will be live-streamed from the conference (five each day) on Friday and Saturday 2–3 June 2023. Check page 19 in this brochure for the Online at Home program highlighted in blue. For those registering for Online at Home, see the member and non-member pricing [here](#). Everyone who registers for the full in-person conference receives complimentary access to Online at Home available through 15 August 2023.

CONFERENCE NEWS

Check conference.ngsgenealogy.org/news for information about speakers, exhibitors, tours, social events, nearby research facilities, and things to do in Richmond. Members can also find information and ask questions about the conference in the “Family History Conference” community on **FORUM**. FORUM is a great place to connect with conference attendees for tips on choosing lectures, learning where to do research in Richmond, and more.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Registrants with special needs as outlined in the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) should notify NGS at 6400 Arlington Blvd., Suite 810, Falls Church, Virginia 22042-2318 or email registrar@ngsgenealogy.org by 31 March 2023. Special meals are available upon request by checking the Special Meal box on the conference registration at conference.ngsgenealogy.org.

YOUTH REGISTRATION

A youth conference registration is available for all full-time students up to the age of twenty-four. Please contact registrar@ngsgenealogy.org for details and to register for the conference.

ORGANIZATION REGISTRATION

Each NGS member organization can have up to three officers, volunteers, or employees of the organization attend the full conference as well as FOCUS for the member rate. The member rate is per person for either the Early Bird or Regular registration. The FOCUS program is an additional \$100 per person and includes the luncheon. Your organization's delegate or administrator should contact registrar@ngsgenealogy.org for details and to register for the conference.

CANCELLATION POLICY

NGS must receive refund requests in writing, in an email, or postmarked by 30 April 2023, for a full refund less a \$50 service fee. No refunds after 30 April 2023.

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS

Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society (AAHGS)

Ancestry®

Association of Professional Genealogists (APG)

Board for Certification of Genealogists (BCG)

BCG Education Fund

FamilySearch

International Commission for the Accreditation of Professional Genealogists (ICAPGen)

Mid-Atlantic Germanic Society

MyHeritage

New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS)

New York Genealogical and Biographical Society (NYG&B)

North Carolina Genealogical Society (NCGS)

National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR)

Palatines to America

Virginia Genealogical Society (VGS)

COVID-19 POLICY FOR THE NGS 2023 FAMILY HISTORY CONFERENCE

NGS is committed to protect the health and safety of our attendees, speakers, exhibitors, sponsors, volunteers, and staff. **We have updated our COVID-19 policies for 2023 as follows:**

For all in-person participants, upon initial conference check-in NGS will require

- a. identification and proof of COVID-19 vaccination and applicable boosters (following CDC guidelines found at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/stay-up-to-date.html>)

OR

- b. proof of a negative COVID-19 rapid-result test taken within twenty-four hours of entry into the convention center each day.

Masks are recommended but not required except for lecture rooms for specific speakers who require masks. Information about sessions requiring masks will be inserted in the program grid and on the doors of those sessions.



PRE-CONFERENCE EVENTS, WEDNESDAY, 31 MAY 2023

DELEGATE COUNCIL | 8:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m. | Invitation Only

The NGS Delegate Council meets Wednesday morning for a leadership update followed by the FOCUS luncheon and society collaboration breakouts. If your NGS Member Organization does not have a delegate or if you have questions, contact Kate Smith, organization and communities manager at ksmith@ngsgenealogy.org.

FOCUS | 12:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m. | Member Price: \$100 | Non-Member Price: \$125



Anyone interested in genealogy society or reference services/library needs are invited to register for FOCUS. Join us for the luncheon with speaker Kris Rzepczynski and an afternoon program with a choice of society or library tracks.

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SLAM! IDEA SHOWCASE RECEPTION | 5:30-6:30 p.m.



The complimentary SLAM! Idea Showcase Reception highlights creative and innovative projects or programs from genealogy societies, libraries, archives, and museums. Included in registration for FOCUS and conference attendees.

EXPO HALL | 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

The Expo Hall provides an opportunity to reconnect and socialize with fellow genealogists while visiting booths hosted by vendors, organizations, and societies. Included in registration for FOCUS and conference attendees.

Wednesday, 31 May 6:30 p.m.–8:30 p.m.

Thursday, 1 June 9:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

Friday, 2 June 9:00 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

Saturday, 3 June 9:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m.



Credit: Mikayle Stole



RICHMOND TOURS AND EXPERIENCES, WEDNESDAY, 31 MAY 2023

Richmond tours, offered Wednesday morning and afternoon, allow you to increase your understanding of the critical role Virginia played in the history of our nation and the history of your family. Buses will take participants to the American Civil War Museum and the Virginia Museum of History and Culture. All the other tours require participants to walk from the convention center. Each tour and special event must meet a minimum number of registrations by the early bird deadline of 31 March or the event will be canceled and your payment for the event refunded.

AMERICAN CIVIL WAR MUSEUM | 9:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. | \$55

The American Civil War Museum tells the story of the war through the experiences of diverse Americans. You can immerse yourself on a human level in the chaos and complexity of these war years and their aftermath. A quarter-mile optional walk along the James River is also available to delve more deeply into the story of Richmond women and children who worked on Brown's Island to produce ammunition and other military supplies. The price includes bus transportation and museum admission.

VIRGINIA STATE CAPITOL TOUR | Two options: 9:45 a.m.-11:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m.-3:15 p.m. | \$20

A walking tour of the Virginia State Capitol, which is located a few blocks from the convention center, will be offered in both the morning and the afternoon. The Capitol building was designed by Thomas Jefferson and was first occupied in 1788. It is the second oldest working statehouse in America. In addition to the underground Capitol Extension and Rotunda, Jefferson Room, Old House Chamber, and Old Senate Chamber, the tour will visit the present-day legislative chambers located in the 1906 wings. Participants can visit the monuments located on the grounds of the Capitol after the tour if they wish.

VIRGINIA MUSEUM OF HISTORY AND CULTURE | 1:00 p.m.-4:15 p.m. | \$55

Tours at the newly renovated and expanded Virginia Museum of History and Culture (VMHC), formerly known as the Virginia Historical Society, cover the two permanent exhibits: *The Story of Virginia*, a linear history that lets you focus on the time periods when your ancestors lived in Virginia, and *Our Commonwealth*, an in-depth, multi-sensory journey which focuses on the culture of the state. The VMHC collections include a wide range of objects—among them are genealogical materials, maps, glass plate negatives, and photographs, which will be of particular interest to family historians. The price includes bus transportation and museum admission.



HONORING BLACK-OWNED BUSINESSES

NGS, VGS, and AAHGS encourage attendees to patronize Black-owned restaurants in nearby Jackson Ward to experience southern comfort and soul food at its best including **Southern Kitchen** and **Mama J's Kitchen**.

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RICHMOND TOURS AND EXPERIENCES, WEDNESDAY, 31 MAY 2023 (CONTINUED)

WALKING TOUR OF HISTORIC JACKSON WARD | 9:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. | \$25

A short walk to historic Jackson Ward will be led by an eighth-generation Virginian and fourth-generation Jackson Ward resident, Gary L. Flowers. This one-mile tour includes stops at twenty historic educational, economic, religious, and social institutions that inspired the recognition of “Black Wall Street” and the “Harlem of the South.”

BLACK HISTORY MUSEUM AND CULTURAL CENTER | 1:45 p.m.-4:00 p.m. | \$20

Just a short walk from the convention center, a guided tour of the Black History Museum and Cultural Center of Richmond will highlight inspirational untold and forgotten stories illustrating the lives and contributions of generations of African Americans.

BCG EDUCATION FUND WORKSHOP

PUTTING SKILLS TO WORK | 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. | Price: \$120

Two presenters, Robbie Johnson, CG and Teresa Steinkamp McMillin, CG, will be conducting their **Putting Skills to Work** sessions with the same goal in mind, but from two different perspectives and with two different case studies. Registrants will have access to both programs and a luncheon. Sign-up early; space is limited to sixty participants.

MENU Herb-crust chicken with a white wine sauce, mashed potatoes and roasted vegetable medley.



Research Insider: The Whole Story!

Robbie Johnson, CG, a writer and editor for over forty years, focuses her research on England, Canada, Indigenous North America, Mexico, and genetic genealogy.

This workshop reveals how writing, editing, and storytelling skills inform each step of the genealogist’s journey and helps demystify “reasonably exhaustive research” from research question to final report.



Research Insider: Putting the Puzzle Together

Teresa Steinkamp McMillin, CG, has taught at IGHR and SLIG Academy for Professionals. She specializes in helping people discover their German ancestry and Midwest and Chicago area research.

This workshop addresses strategies for tracking evidence in complex cases, while conducting “reasonably exhaustive research” to arrive at a conclusion.



FEATURED CONFERENCE EVENTS

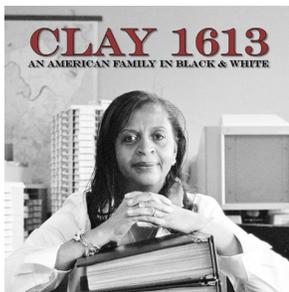
KEYNOTE: OPENING SESSION | Thursday, 1 June 2023 | 8:00 a.m.



Christy S. Coleman, executive director, Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation

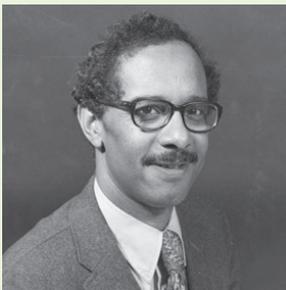
Incorporating the conference theme, Virginia: Deep Roots of a Nation, Coleman will discuss the often forgotten or ignored contributions of all the early people in Virginia including African Americans and Indigenous People. She will also share a few examples of the recent progress in Richmond and across the state to tell the full story of Virginia's history. See page 13 of the program schedule for more information.

DOCUMENTARY FILM: CLAY 1613 | Thursday, 1 June 2023 | 4:00 p.m.



Leontyne Clay Peck will present her documentary film about the Clays of Virginia, West Virginia, and Kentucky. Following the film Peck will answer questions about discovering her African American branch of the Clays and how they became included in the Clay Family Association, now the Clay Family Society.

JAMES DENT WALKER MEMORIAL LECTURE SERIES | Saturday, 3 June 2023 | 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.



NGS and the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society (AAHGS) will present the James Dent Walker Memorial Lecture series on Saturday. African American family history researchers encounter many brick walls and the methodology used to solve such research quandaries benefits all researchers. The lecture series honors James Dent Walker, the founder of AAHGS. Walker was elected to the National Genealogy Hall of Fame in 1999 and was a fellow and second vice president of NGS. For more information about James Dent Walker see en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Dent_Walker.

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NGS LUNCHEON | Saturday, 3 June 2023 | 12:15 p.m. | Richmond Marriott Hotel | \$48



The Book in Your Family Tree: Weaving Your Genealogical Search into a Compelling Book on Your Family History

Meryl Frank

Genealogists know fascinating stories are buried in our family history that deserve to be told. Moving beyond the family tree to a compelling story is often difficult and intimidating. Using her experience as a genealogy enthusiast and author of *Unearthed: A Lost Actress, a Forbidden Book and the Search for Life in the Shadow of the Holocaust*, Meryl Frank will walk us through the process of sifting through the data, the family tales, and the history of time and place to find the story you were meant to tell. See page 18 of the program schedule for more information. The luncheon will celebrate select NGS award winners.

VGS HOST EVENT

“CELEBRATE! VIRGINIA IS FOR FAMILY HISTORY LOVERS!” | 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. | Richmond Marriott Hotel | Price: \$75 | Cash Bar and Buffet Dinner

Friday evening, the Virginia Genealogical Society will host a cash bar cocktail hour and buffet dinner which will feature Virginia cuisine. Costumed interpreters representing the three cultures of early Virginia will mingle with guests. This informal event will allow you to meet others doing research in the same geographic area of Virginia. If your research is outside of Virginia, this can be your chance to find attendees who share a particular area of interest such as in Jewish records, African American research, or DNA while you enjoy regional beverages and cuisine.

Following the meal, a speaker from the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation will discuss the *Convergence of Cultures*, beginning in seventeenth-century Virginia. The founding of Jamestown brought people from three distinct cultures together: Powhatan (an Eastern Woodlands tribe), West Central Africans, and English. The presentation will examine how interactions between these three groups shaped the new Virginia colony, and how their legacies live on in twenty-first-century America.

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES AT THE LIBRARY OF VIRGINIA AND ARCHIVES



Credit: Library of Virginia photo by Prakash Patel

The Library of Virginia and Archives, 800 East Broad Street, is just a few blocks from the convention center. The facility will be open Tuesday through Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. the week of the conference. On Thursday night the library will be closed between 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to give staff a dinner break and to reshelve books used during the day. The library will then be open until 9:00 p.m. The library website defines its collection as “the most comprehensive resource in the world for the study of Virginia history, culture, and government.” For more information see lva.virginia.gov.

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IMPORTANT DATES

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER, MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Event	Date	Time
Early-Bird Registration Ends	31 March 2023	11:59 p.m.
Registration Closes <i>(Sign-up for all tours and social events closes)</i>	15 May 2023	11:59 p.m.
On-Site Check-In Begins <i>(See page 2 for the conference check-in daily schedule)</i>	Tuesday, 30 May 2023	3:00 p.m.
Tours <i>(See pages 5 to 6 for details)</i>	Wednesday, 31 May 2023	Times vary.
BCG Education Fund Workshop	Wednesday, 31 May 2023	8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
FOCUS	Wednesday, 31 May 2023	12:00 p.m.–5:15 p.m.
SLAM! Idea Showcase & Reception	Wednesday, 31 May 2023	5:30 p.m.–6:30 p.m.
Expo Hall Opens <i>(see page 4 for daily Expo Hall hours)</i>	Wednesday, 31 May 2023	6:30 p.m.–8:30 p.m.
Opening Session Keynote & Awards	Thursday, 1 June 2023	8:00 a.m.–9:15 a.m.
<i>Clay 1613</i> Documentary	Thursday, 1 June 2023	4:00 p.m.–5:30 p.m.
VGS “Celebrate Virginia”	Friday, 2 June 2023	6:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.
James Dent Walker Memorial Lecture Series	Saturday, 3 June 2023	8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
NGS Luncheon & Awards	Saturday, 3 June 2023	12:15 p.m.–2:15 p.m.





WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE—31 MAY 2023

12:00 p.m. FOCUS LUNCHEON AND SHOUT-OUT | ALL | FS11

Preservation and Access: Digital Initiatives at the Archives of Michigan

Kris Rzepczynski, Senior Archivist, Archives of Michigan

Learn the collaborative process for a society, library, archive, or museum to prioritize, develop, maintain, preserve, and provide user access to a digital collection.

MENU: Herb-crusted chicken with a white wine sauce, mashed potatoes and roasted vegetable medley

PRICE: Members \$100 and Non-Members \$125 | Includes FOCUS Program and Luncheon

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SOCIETY AND MEMBERSHIP GROWTH

2:00 p.m. FIVE WAYS TO OFFER YOUR SOCIETY QUALITY PROGRAMMING | ALL | FS01

Cheri Hudson Passey

Learn five ways to build and support membership with quality programming from assessing the needs of your society to finding and working with a speaker.

3:00 p.m. MINDING THE FUTURE: THE KEY TO OUR COMMUNITY'S SUCCESS | ALL | FS02

Matt Menashes, CAE, Executive Director NGS

Hear about foresight and how genealogy societies can benefit from the practice. Also, learn how genealogy organizations can improve education and strengthen diversity by working together.

4:00 p.m. USING TECHNOLOGY TO SUPERCHARGE GENEALOGY SOCIETIES | ALL | FS03

Ron Arons

Get tips on how to use technology to supercharge the operation and management of genealogy societies.

SOCIETY PROJECTS AND PROCEDURES

2:00 p.m. PRACTICALLY PERFECT PARTNERSHIPS: CREATING COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN YOUR SOCIETY AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS | ALL | FS04

Kathleen Kaldis

Behind every thriving organization are collaborative relationships among many organizations. Discover how engaging and collaborative projects become a win-win for your society.

3:00 p.m. CONSIDERING THE CONSEQUENCES: WHEN YOUR SOCIETY IS OUT OF ORDER | ALL | FS05

Kristi L. Sexton

This session reviews the repercussions of not having a succession plan within the society and its board, with recommendations to ensure the future succession of your society.

4:00 p.m. YOUR SOCIETY'S MANAGEMENT: NONPROFIT FUNDAMENTALS | I | FS06

Judy Nimer Muhn

This presentation for board leaders and members includes the “four buckets” of nonprofit management and how they apply in the genealogy community.

LIBRARIES AND ARCHIVES

2:00 p.m. SERVING GENEALOGICAL RESEARCHERS AT PUBLIC LIBRARIES | ALL | FL01

Ari Wilkins

Learn how to assist different types of patrons who visit libraries and how to create programming based on your customers' needs.

3:00 p.m. SAVING THE LOST YEARS OF WILLIAMSBURG: VIRGINIA GAZETTE NEWSPAPER INDEX 1893-1925 | ALL | FL02

Rebecca Suerdick

Get inspiration for your next project from the story of two individuals who indexed years of forgotten newspapers and put them online for free.

4:00 p.m. FAMILY HISTORY RESOURCES AT THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS | ALL | FL03

Tina Beaird

Enhance your knowledge with an overview of the history and collections within the Library of Congress and which resources are available online and in person.

4:45 p.m. FOCUS WRAP-UP | ALL | FL04

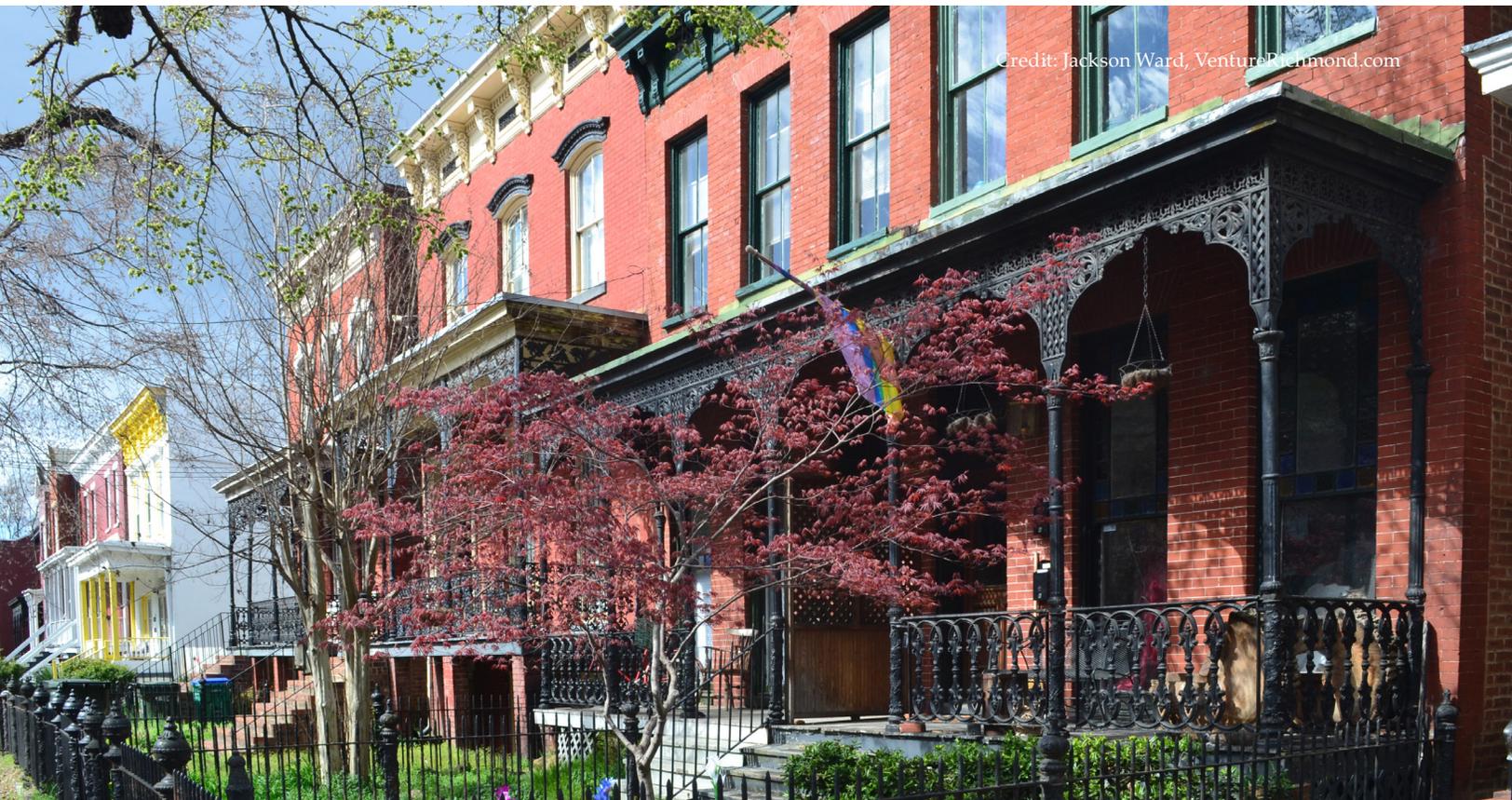
Focus attendees and speakers will come back together after breakouts end to ask final questions, talk about what was learned, and hear about this year's SLAM! Idea Showcase.

EVENING EVENTS (OPEN TO FOCUS, SLAM!, AND CONFERENCE REGISTRANTS)

5:30 p.m. SLAM! IDEA SHOWCHASE PROGRAM AND RECEPTION

6:30 p.m. - EXPO HALL OPENS (CASH BAR)

8:30 p.m.





THURSDAY SCHEDULE—1 JUNE 2023

Keynote 8:00 a.m.	9:45 a.m.	11:15 a.m.
<p>OPENING SESSION ALL T101 Keynote Address <i>Christy Coleman</i></p>  <p>Diverse from the Beginning Incorporating the conference theme, <i>Virginia: Deep Roots of a Nation</i>, Christy S. Coleman will discuss the often forgotten or ignored contributions of all the early people in Virginia including African Americans and Indigenous People. She will also share a few examples of the recent progress in Richmond and across the state to tell the full story of Virginia's history.</p> <p>Coleman has served as the chief executive officer of some of the nation's most prominent museums. She is a tireless advocate for the power of museums, narrative correction, diversity, and inclusiveness. Coleman is an innovator and leader in the museum field having held leadership roles at the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, and the American Civil War Museum. She now serves as the executive director of the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation.</p> <p>Coleman is the recipient of numerous awards for her decades of positive influence, including three honorary doctorates. In 2018, Time magazine named her one of the <i>Meet the 31 People Changing the South</i> and in a 2019 Worth article, she was named one of twenty-nine women changing the world. She is an accomplished screenwriter, public speaker, and has appeared on several national news and history programs.</p> <p>Coleman served as the historical consultant for the award-winning film <i>Harriett</i> and Showtime's <i>Good Lord Bird</i> with other projects in queue. She most recently appeared in award winning documentaries, <i>Grant</i>, <i>Abraham Lincoln</i>, <i>Black Patriots: Civil War Heroes</i>, <i>Neutral Ground</i>, and <i>When the Monuments Came Down</i>.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">BCG</p> <p>BCG SKILLBUILDING I T111 The Power of Names in Tracing European Immigrant Origins <i>David Ouimette, CG, CGL</i> Names are the most powerful means of identifying ancestors. In this presentation, we showcase a variety of name-based techniques for tracing European immigrants.</p> <p>DNA ALL T112 How to Evaluate an Ancestry DNA ThruLine Using Documentary Research and DNA Analysis <i>Diana Elder, AG</i> ThruLines can suggest ancestors that seem to include DNA evidence but are based on faulty family trees. Learn a process to evaluate any ThruLine connection.</p> <p>LAND AND MAPS A T113 Put a Pin in It: Mapping Ancestral Lands on Google Earth Pro <i>Rebecca Whitman Koford, CG, CGL</i> Add some tech to your research! We discuss using software to plat a deed then upload to Google Earth Pro and add historic map overlays.</p> <p>METHODOLOGY ALL T114 The Everleigh Sisters: A Case Study in Conflict Resolution <i>Karen Stanbary, CG</i> Minna and Ada Everleigh, Chicago's most famous sisters, fabricated their lives to run their shady business. Learn to sort fact from fiction. MASK</p> <p>RECORDS AND REPOSITORIES ALL T115 Did My Family Get Skipped? Mining Census Records for Missing Ancestors <i>Nicole Gilkison LaRue, CG</i> Did your family get skipped in a census? Learn how timelines, city directories, and creative searches can help you find those "lost" ancestors.</p> <p>WOMEN I T116 Finding Women of the Past in Military Records <i>Rick Sayre, CG, CGL, FUGA</i> Learn to locate women in military records of the past in roles as nurses, laundresses, pensioners, spouses, or even disguised and serving as soldiers.</p> <p>VIRGINIA AND HER NEIGHBORS ALL T117 Tracking the Poor and Landless in Virginia <i>Barbara Vines Little, CG, FNCS, FUGA, FVGS</i> Although more difficult to locate, those without property can often be traced—you just need to know where to look</p> <p>WESTERN EUROPE I T118 Finding Your 18th Century Ancestors in England <i>Paul Milner, MDiv, FUGA</i> Identify best resources, original and published, for 18th century English research and how to overcome problems created by large movements of the industrial revolution.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">BCG</p> <p>BCG SKILLBUILDING I T121 Narrative Genealogies, Lineages, and Pedigrees <i>LaBrenda Garrett-Nelson, JD, LL.M., CG, CGL, FASG</i> Learn how to document linkages between successive generations using standard forms. MASK</p> <p>DNA ALL T122 Are Distant DNA Matches a Lost Cause? <i>Blaine T. Bettinger, PhD, JD</i> Distant DNA matches are very dangerous, but let's explore ways to use them safely!</p> <p>EASTERN STATES I T123 Research in Washington, DC <i>Rick Sayre, CG, CGL, FUGA and Pamela Boyer Sayre, CG Retired (2021), FUGA</i> Discover resources for researching DC residents as well as national resources for all Americans in the District of Columbia.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ICAPGEN</p> <p>METHODOLOGY I T124 Who's That? Eight Fundamental Techniques to Effectively Identify People in Old Photographs <i>Becky Adamson</i> Unlock the true value of your photographic heirlooms with strategies and tools that put a name to a face in your old photos and tintypes.</p> <p>RECORDS AND REPOSITORIES ALL T125 Passport Applications <i>Claire Kluskens, JD</i> This lecture will delve into passport applications and related records, 1795-1925, held by the National Archives and Records Administration, and focus on online records.</p> <p>NATIVE AMERICA B T126 Beginning Your Research of Indigenous People: Native, Indigenous, First Nations <i>Judy Nimer Muhn</i> Beginning to research your Indigenous ancestors includes considerations of geography, culture and naming patterns. Learn how to find your way through the basics of starting!</p> <p>VIRGINIA AND HER NEIGHBORS ALL T127 Four Essential Indexes for Virginia Researchers <i>Leslie Anderson, MSLIS</i> Learn how to use these indexes effectively: Virginia Historical Index; Index to Virginia Estates, 1800-1865; Virginia Slave Births Index, 1853-1865; and Magazine of Virginia Genealogy. MASK</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ANCESTRY</p> <p>T128 <i>Ancestry Staff</i> Details to be provided later.</p>
<p>EXPO HALL HOURS</p> <p>Wednesday, 31 May 6:30 p.m.–8:30 p.m.</p> <p>Thursday, 1 June 9:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.</p> <p>Friday, 2 June 9:00 a.m.–5:30 p.m.</p> <p>Saturday, 3 June 9:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m.</p>		

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	Luncheons 12:30 p.m.	2:30 p.m.	4:00 p.m.
PALATINES TO AMERICA	<p>T131 Germans in Virginia—The First Three Hundred Years <i>John Treadway, PhD</i> A discussion of German immigration in Virginia—from Jamestown to World War I—with an emphasis on Richmond.</p>	<p>BCG SKILLBUILDING I T141 You've Looked at Pensions, Now What? More Federal Records Documenting Civil War Women <i>Nicole Gilkison LaRue, CG</i> There's more out there than pensions! Let's dig deeper to find women of the Civil War period in federal records created outside the pension system.</p>	<p>BCG SKILLBUILDING ALL T151 A Dozen Names for Alcina: An Identity Case Study <i>Margaret R. Fortier, CG</i> Alcina was known by a dozen names, but none was her baptismal name. Family reconstruction, along with deeds and Catholic records, leads to her identity.</p>
VGS	<p>T132 Do Not Forget Us—The Women and Children of Seventeenth Century Virginia <i>Connie Lapallo</i> The story of the women and children of Jamestown, the first permanent English settlement in North America.</p>	<p>DNA B T142 Getting Your DNA Bearings: Understand Your Results Before Chasing the Next Big Thing <i>Paula Williams</i> Don't get overwhelmed! There's much to explore at each of the DNA testing sites before - and after - we try the hottest third-party tools.</p>	<p>FAMILIES ALL T152 Clay1613: An American Family in Black and White <i>Leontyne Clay Peck</i> A film about the Black and White, known and unknown, rich and poor descendants of ancient planter, John Clay, who arrived in Jamestown between 1612-1613. Note: A thirty-minute question and answer session follows the film. Session ends at 5:30 p.m.</p>
NYG&B	<p>T133 Just Three Generations: New York Style <i>Judy G. Russell, JD, CG, CGL</i> Oral family history can be completely lost in three generations. Following genealogy's best practices, prevent those losses in your own family—record your family stories.</p>	<p>EASTERN STATES ALL T143 Kentucky Research from the Comfort of Home <i>Lori Thornton, MLS</i> Discover online resources and tools for researching Kentucky ancestors. Learn tips for using these free and paid platforms.</p>	<p>EASTERN STATES ALL T153 Bearing the Burdens of Danger and Hardships for Posterity: Researching Virginia Germans <i>Debra A. Hoffman</i> Germans made an indelible mark on Virginia's history, particularly the Shenandoah Valley. Get the information and resources you need to discover their stories.</p>
	<p>MENU \$45 Mediterranean salad with grilled chicken breast including chopped romaine and iceberg lettuce, kalamata olives, crumbled feta, diced onion, cherry tomatoes and pesto with balsamic dressing.</p>	<p>JEWISH ALL T144 The Jewish Community of the Caribbean: The Roots of Jewish America <i>Todd Knowles</i> The first Jews arrived in the Caribbean 500 years ago. This presentation will show how their roots became the basis of the American Jewish community.</p>	<p>FAMILIES ALL T154 Were They Bachelors, Roommates, or Spinsters? Accurately Depict LGBTQIA+ Ancestor Stories with Pride <i>Francine Crowley Griffiths, CG</i> Accurately depicting LGBTQIA+ ancestors and documenting their relationships entails understanding the law, discovering rich resources, and using terminology of the times. MASK</p>
	 <p>Credit: Mikayle Stole</p>	<p>FAMILYSEARCH</p>	<p>RECORDS AND REPOSITORIES ALL T155 The Road to Freedom in the Mid-Atlantic <i>Judy G. Russell, JD, CG, CGL</i> Freedom for enslaved people was purchased in Washington D.C., narrowly voted for in Maryland, and delayed in Delaware. Everywhere, it created records for today's genealogists.</p>
	<p>REGISTER FOR THE CONFERENCE AT conference.ngsgenealogy.org/registration-and-information/</p>	<p>RECORDS AND REPOSITORIES I T145 Was My Virginia Ancestor a Hessian? <i>Craig R. Scott, CG, FUGA</i> Examines the resources available for verifying that a Virginian was a Hessian soldier during the Revolutionary War in the U.S. and Germany. MASK</p>	<p>RECORDS AND REPOSITORIES ALL T156 Let Your Fingers Do the Walking: Exploring City Directories, Telephone Books, and Criss-Cross Directories <i>Ari Wilkins</i> Explore the history and usefulness of city directories, telephone books, and criss-cross directories along with the variety of information included.</p>
		<p>RECORDS AND REPOSITORIES ALL T146 Let Your Fingers Do the Walking: Exploring City Directories, Telephone Books, and Criss-Cross Directories <i>Ari Wilkins</i> Explore the history and usefulness of city directories, telephone books, and criss-cross directories along with the variety of information included.</p>	<p>TECHNOLOGY I T156 Connecting with Cousins: Using Tools & Technology for Genealogical Collaboration <i>Jennifer Zinck, CG</i> Delve into the unique challenges and ethics of working with living people and learn practical tips for using online resources to identify and locate individuals.</p>
		<p>VIRGINIA AND HER NEIGHBORS A T147 The Law of the Land: Inheritance in Early Virginia <i>Vic Dunn, CG</i> Understanding colonial law, basically modified British common law, and the changes brought by the Revolution may help resolve ancestral issues. Primogeniture and entailment are explained.</p>	<p>VIRGINIA AND HER NEIGHBORS ALL T157 South of the Border: Virginia Genealogical Manuscripts in North Carolina Repositories <i>Eric G. Grundset, MLS</i> Manuscript resources of Virginia families are in North Carolina repositories by family migration to the south, by researcher donations, and by NC libraries collecting them.</p>
		<p>METHODOLOGY I T148 Using Ohio Tax Records to Find Family <i>Dana Palmer, CG, CGL</i> Tax records can be crucial to piecing together a family. Come learn how to find and use these records to connect your family.</p>	<p>WRITING ALL T158 Converting a Bunch of Information into A Credible Conclusion <i>Thomas W. Jones, PhD, CG, FASG FUGA, FNGS</i> Thorough research often yields disparate evidence items. Genealogists can organize the mixture, assess it as a whole, and convert the assemblage into a provable conclusion. MASK</p>



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	8:00 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
BCG	<p>BCG SKILLBUILDING A F201 Mrs. Simmons' Father: A Case Study of Indirect Evidence in Colonial Maryland <i>Rebecca Whitman Koford, CG, CGL</i> Colonial research can be difficult when researching females. Land records are the basis for the success of this indirect evidence case study in Maryland.</p>	<p>BCG SKILLBUILDING A F211 Incorporating DNA Evidence in a Kinship-Determination Project (KDP) <i>Angela Packer McGhie, CG, FUGA</i> Genetic evidence can help prove family relationships in a KDP. This type of project balances documenting each generation with telling the story of the family.</p>	<p>BCG SKILLBUILDING ALL F221 Certification Seminar <i>Rick Sayre, CG, CGL, FUGA; LaBrenda Garrett-Nelson, JD, LL.M., CG, CGL, FASG; and Faye Jenkins Stallings, CG</i> In this interactive forum, current associates share various pathways to certification and how to begin.</p>
	<p>AFRICAN AMERICAN ALL F202 Researching Enslaved Persons in Virginia Records <i>Melanie McComb</i> Go beyond the 1870 census and discover how to find an enslaved person in Virginia probate records, bill of sales, slave registers, and more. MASK</p>	<p>AFRICAN AMERICAN ALL F212 Civil War Confederate Slave Payroll Records <i>Claire Kluskens, JD</i> This lecture discusses information provided by Confederate Slave Payroll records, how to access them, and why the CSA used enslaved persons as weapons of war.</p>	<p>AFRICAN AMERICAN I F222 Researching Virginia Ancestors in Virginia Untold: A Library of Virginia Digital Project <i>Lydia Neuroth</i> Explanation of the <i>Virginia Untold</i> project, a digital portal providing access to the Library of Virginia's collections that document enslaved and free Black people pre-1865.</p>
NEHGS	<p>DNA ALL F203 Ethnicity Estimates Are Not Always Useless: Learn What They Are (and Aren't) Telling You <i>Paula Williams</i> Ethnicity estimates are intriguing, frustrating, and often misunderstood. Learn how to understand what the results can teach us and the limitations we should respect.</p>	<p>DNA A F213 The Nitty Gritty of Autosomal DNA <i>Blaine T. Bettinger, PhD, JD</i> Together we will examine the science behind DNA buzzwords like "sticky segments" and "pile-up" regions!</p>	<p>DNA ALL F223 Integrating DNA and Family History Research at MyHeritage <i>Daniel Horowitz</i> Discover how MyHeritage DNA integrates your family tree information with your DNA information to help you gain a deeper understanding of your family history.</p>
	<p>LAND AND MAPS I F204 Squatters on George Washington's Land—Pennsylvania and Virginia's Overlapping Colonial Land Claims <i>Megan Clark Young</i> Learn the history of the land dispute between Pennsylvania and Virginia, including an ejection suit by the most famous man in America.</p>	<p>LAND AND MAPS I F214 Tracing Land Ownership Over Time: Forwards, Backwards, and from the Middle <i>David M. McCorkle</i> Reconstruct historical communities by following land ownership over time. Records can be traced backwards from today, forwards from the original owner, and points in between.</p>	<p>METHODOLOGY I F224 An Enslaved Person's FAN Club <i>LaBrenda Garrett-Nelson, JD, LL.M., CG, CGL, FASG</i> Learn about the heightened significance of researching family, associates, and neighbors of Freedmen. MASK</p>
NEHGS	<p>MIGRATION ALL F205 Pennsylvania's Launching Pads into Virginia <i>James M. Beidler</i> Virginia long predated Pennsylvania, but once Philadelphia became the top port, families came through the Keystone State to the South. Learn about records and routes.</p>	<p>JEWISH I F215 Jewish Genealogy in the "Old Country"—New Collections and Where to Find Them <i>Miriam Weiner</i> Identifying newly-discovered document collections and a discussion of how best to discover and acquire family documents in the former USSR.</p>	<p>LAND AND MAPS ALL F225 Helen F. M. Leary Distinguished Lecture Research Stalled? Leads Might be Lurking in Land Records <i>Gerald H. Smith, CG</i> Land Records may solve often-difficult genealogical problems: questions of identity, relationships, and migration.</p>
	<p>SOUTHERN STATES ALL F206 After Appomattox: Researching Confederate Veterans in State-Awarded Pension Files <i>David Allen Lambert</i> This lecture will cover in detail the various Confederate Pension files and where to find them state by state.</p>	<p>MILITARY I F216 Military Records: What is a Reasonably Exhaustive Search? <i>Craig R. Scott, CG, FUGA</i> Most researchers stop too soon when researching military records. They limit themselves to compiled military service records and pensions. There is much more. MASK</p>	<p>TECHNOLOGY A F226 Advanced Airtable Techniques: Sorting, Grouping, and Filtering a Research Log <i>Nicole Elder Dyer</i> Find relevant entries in your Airtable research log by using advanced features in Airtable. Write more efficiently by keeping your evidence organized.</p>
NEHGS	<p>VIRGINIA AND HER NEIGHBORS ALL F207 Virginia's Watery World: Maritime Sources for Virginia Genealogical Research <i>Eric G. Grundset, MLS</i> Virginia was settled from the ocean, and ever since has had a major connection to it. In this lecture, learn about its maritime records.</p>	<p>MIGRATION ALL F217 Cumberland Gap and the Wilderness Road <i>Lori Thornton, MLS</i> The Cumberland Gap and Wilderness Road served as a gateway to the West. A Civil War battle brought soldiers there in the 1860s.</p>	<p>VIRGINIA AND HER NEIGHBORS ALL F227 Virginians: Where They Went When <i>Barbara Vines Little, CG, FNGS, FUGA, FVGS</i> Geography, economics, and war played a role in the migratory patterns of Virginians from its beginning through the Civil War.</p>
	<p>FAMILIES B F208 Conducting a Family History Interview: Communication that Counts <i>Michael Brophy</i> Interviewing family members can be fun and rewarding. It's not always easy, but stories can be preserved for future generations.</p>	<p>RECORDS AND REPOSITORIES A F218 Scholarly Resources/Platforms Invaluable to Genealogists—Expand Your Research <i>Diane L. Richard</i> Academicians do deep dives into topics that are genealogically relevant. Most genealogists don't take advantage of this already done research – we should!</p>	<p>WRITING ALL F228 A Beginner's Guide to Family History Books <i>Kate Townsend</i> Intimidated by the prospect of creating a family history book? It doesn't need to be a novel to be effective! Learn how to get started.</p>



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BCG	<p>F231 Ignite Your Critical Thinking <i>Jan Joyce, DBA, CG, CGL</i> Your brain is the stove. Learn methods to start more of those stove burners to increase the flame height and to broil your research.</p>	<p>BCG SKILLBUILDING A F241 A Charming Scoundrel and a Tragic Victim: Records and DNA Identify Myrtle’s Parents (1882-1964) <i>Karen Stanbary, CG</i> This case study assembles documentary and genetic evidence to identify both biological parents of Myrtle. DNA data includes correlation of 24 test taker results. MASK</p>	<p>BCG SKILLBUILDING ALL F251 Overcoming Record Destruction with Indirect Evidence, Including atDNA: A Case Study <i>Thomas W. Jones, PhD, CG, FASG, FUGA, FNGS</i> This lecture explains and demonstrates, via a specific case study, using atDNA to strengthen weak conclusions from documentary evidence in contexts of record scarcity. MASK</p>
	<p>F232 The FamilySearch Library: Premier Destination of Genealogists <i>Lynn Turner, AG</i> An overview of library resources, making the most of an in-person visit, and taking advantage of online services</p>	<p>AFRICAN AMERICAN I F242 Enslaved Ancestral Research in Virginia and North Carolina? Oh, Yes You Can! <i>Renate Yarborough Sanders</i> Researching enslaved ancestors requires awareness of specific document types, and the genealogical data included. Virginia and North Carolina records provide bountiful information about enslaved persons.</p>	<p>AFRICAN AMERICAN I F252 Finding Lot Higby: An Introduction to Searching for Virginia’s Free and Enslaved African Americans <i>Cara F. Griggs, MS(LIS)</i> Lot Higby appears in many of the records where one often finds free and enslaved African Americans in Virginia, but his story takes unexpected turns.</p>
	<p>F233 Researching the Trails of North Carolina—From Ecstasy to Heartbreak to Comedy <i>David E. Rencher, AG, CG, FUGA, FIGRS</i> Sharing snippets from decades of research in North Carolina which take every turn imaginable—you’ll be able to match each episode with your own story!</p>	<p>MILITARY ALL F243 Researching your American War of 1812 Veteran <i>David Allen Lambert</i> Discover the resources and records for your American War of 1812 veteran service through his pension.</p>	<p>IMMIGRATION I F253 From Despair to Cargoes of Hope: WWII’s Displaced Persons <i>C. Ann Staley, CG, CGL</i> Was your ancestor one of the immigrants who entered the US under the Displaced Persons Act following WWII? Learn about accessing the records. MASK</p>
<p>MENU \$45 Mixed baby kale salad with grilled steak, orange segments, and shredded carrots, and with lemon poppy seed dressing.</p>	<p>F244 <i>Ancestry Staff</i> Details to be provided later.</p>	<p>NATIVE AMERICAN ALL F254 Researching Digitized Bureau of Indian Affairs Records at the National Archives in Washington, D.C. <i>Rose Buchanan, MLS</i> Learn how to use digitized Bureau of Indian Affairs records from the National Archives to research Native American ancestry.</p>	
<p>VGS HOST EVENT “CELEBRATE! VIRGINIA IS FOR FAMILY HISTORY LOVERS!” 6:00 P.M.-9:00 P.M. RICHMOND MARRIOTT HOTEL PRICE: \$75 CASH BAR AND BUFFET DINNER</p> <p>Enjoy Virginia cuisine and socialize with fellow genealogists. Costumed interpreters representing the three cultures of early Virginia will mingle with attendees. Following the meal, a speaker from the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation will discuss the Convergence of Cultures, beginning in seventeenth-century Virginia. See page 3 for more details.</p>	<p>WESTERN EUROPE B F245 Andiamo! Finding Your Italian Family <i>Margaret R. Fortier, CG</i> Why did your grandfather have five cousins named Giuseppe? Why was Vincenzo James in America? Learn how to locate Italians in US and Italian records.</p>	<p>SOUTHERN STATES ALL F255 Who was Polly Cessna? Using Early Georgia Records to Uncover a Woman’s Identity <i>Diana Elder, AG</i> Discover how thorough research in court, tax, and land records in several jurisdictions revealed Polly’s two marriages, a divorce, and two sets of children.</p>	
	<p>TECHNOLOGY ALL F246 Extra! Extra! Finding Family Using Newspapers <i>Dana Palmer, CG, CGL</i> Newspapers can be a great resource for personal news, announcements, and social items. Learn how to find and use newspapers in your research.</p>	<p>RECORDS AND REPOSITORIES ALL F256 Aunt Agatha Said What? Or The Importance of Preserving Manuscript Collections <i>Shannon Combs-Bennett</i> Personal papers lead to details not found elsewhere and are of interest to all researchers. Learn how to research and preserve these types of collections.</p>	
	<p>VIRGINIA AND HER NEIGHBORS ALL F247 The Road to Decision: Family History in Virginia’s Federal Court Records <i>Judy G. Russell, JD, CG, CGL</i> Records of Virginia’s federal courts, including the Supreme Court, can provide genealogical gems. Learn what these records are—and where and how to find them.</p>	<p>ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER ALL F257 Oral Genealogy in Asia-Pacific: The Essence of Personal Identity and Tribal Connections <i>David Ouimette, CG, CGL</i> Oral genealogies celebrate ancestral connections in indigenous cultures across Asia-Pacific. Learn the significance and richness of oral genealogies and current efforts to preserve them.</p>	
<p>WOMEN ALL F248 Women’s Records: Researching the World of Our Female Ancestors <i>Sylvia Tracy-Doolos</i> Learn about women’s lives and how they changed. Records provide unique insights when looked at through a historical lens as American women’s lives changed.</p>	<p>WOMEN ALL F258 Finding Virginia’s Wives, Mothers, & Sisters <i>Vic Dunn, CG</i> Learn the methodology and sources to identify early Virginia women with a focus on applying the law for problem solving.</p>		



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BCG	<p>BCG SKILLBUILDING A S301 Which John Goleman Was Jacob's Father? Solving a Southern Case of Identity and Kinship <i>Nancy A. Peters, CG, CGL</i> Puzzled by multiple, same-named men in an area? Learn how applying evidence analysis and correlation techniques resolved a similar kinship problem in antebellum South Carolina.</p>	<p>BCG SKILLBUILDING ALL S311 Within the Union Lines: Correlating Evidence to Locate Former Plantations <i>Amy Larner Giroux, PhD, CG, CGL</i> This case study correlates evidence from pensions, estate records, and more to trace a group of formerly enslaved people back to their North Carolina plantations.</p>	<p>BCG SKILLBUILDING ALL S321 Finding Thomas's Father Through Records, Land Platting, and DNA <i>Pam Stone Eagleson, , CG</i> Records, patent surveys, and DNA solve a thirty-year quest to identify parentage of Thomas Stone who died in 1791 in Prince William County, Virginia.</p>
	<p>JAMES DENT WALKER SERIES AFRICAN AMERICAN I S302 Black Homesteaders: Steps Towards Self-Reliance <i>Bernice Alexander Bennett</i> The presentation will emphasize community genealogy and the impact of the 1862 Homestead Act on African Americans in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.</p>	<p>JAMES DENT WALKER SERIES AFRICAN AMERICAN I S312 The Intersection of Antebellum Property Rights and Slavery <i>LaBrenda Garrett-Nelson, JD, LL.M, CG, CGL, FASG</i> Records relating to the property rights of slaveholding families provide genealogically relevant information about the enslaved. MASK</p>	<p>JAMES DENT WALKER SERIES AFRICAN AMERICAN I S322 Finding the Ties that Bind: Strategies for Descendant Research and Engagement <i>Dr. Shelley Viola Murphy</i> The genealogists from the University of Virginia and William and Mary will share their strategies for researching descendants of enslaved laborers.</p>
	<p>DNA ALL S303 Shared Matching vs. Segment Triangulation: Round 1 <i>Blaine T. Bettinger, PhD, JD</i> The war between shared matching and segment triangulation rages on, but this is the first lecture to compare and contrast the two approaches!</p>	<p>DNA ALL S313 It's All About RESPECT: Clinical Tips to Manage Uncomfortable Conversations about Unexpected DNA Results <i>Karen Stanbary, CG</i> Karen offers tips to change the outcome of difficult conversations about unexpected DNA results. The cognitive frame emphasizes strength, respect, and resiliency. MASK</p>	<p>WESTERN EUROPE B S323 Shamrocks in Cyberspace: Irish Genealogy Databases <i>Michael Brophy</i> Information about our Irish ancestors is exploding on the internet. The best websites for Irish research are explored and analyzed.</p>
	<p>METHODOLOGY I S304 Off the Boat: Finding Your 20th Century Immigrant's Ancestral Hometown <i>Alec Ferretti, MLS</i> Learn how to use records in the United States to identify from where your immigrant ancestors originated.</p>	<p>METHODOLOGY ALL S314 Beyond the Computer Screen: Planning for Repository Visits <i>Kate Townsend</i> If most of your genealogical research is conducted in your pajamas, it's time to venture to the repository. Learn how to plan for this adventure.</p>	<p>METHODOLOGY I S324 A Case Study: The Newton Family of Virginia and Its Connection to the Mayflower <i>Barbara Vines Little, CG, FNGS, FUGA, FVGS</i> It took the correct interpretation of Virginia inheritance law and a deep dive into extant records in four burned-record counties to prove the connection.</p>
	<p>RECORDS AND REPOSITORIES ALL S305 Researching a Union Civil War Soldier <i>Craig R. Scott, CG, FUGA</i> An in-depth look at all the records of a Union Civil War soldier. MASK</p>	<p>RECORDS AND REPOSITORIES ALL S315 Decoding the National Archives to Find Genealogy Treasures <i>Claire Kluskens, JD</i> This lecture will explain how to find records and information in the National Archives Catalog and related websites.</p>	<p>RECORDS AND REPOSITORIES ALL S325 Beyond the Obituary: Finding "Out of The Ordinary" Death Sources <i>Shannon Combs-Bennett</i> What do you do when there is not a usual death record? Learn how to find those unusual sources of course!</p>
	<p>VIRGINIA AND HER NEIGHBORS I S306 Out of State, Out of Mind? Finding the Answers in Virginia's Neighbors' Records <i>Vic Dunn, CG</i> Numerous Virginians left records outside of the state in sources such as newspapers, marriages, church, probate, court, and others. Specific geographical migrations are discussed.</p>	<p>VIRGINIA AND HER NEIGHBORS ALL S316 The Albemarle Sound Region of North Carolina and Virginia: Genealogical Resources and Research <i>David M. McCorkle</i> North Carolina began in the Albemarle region, originally tied to Virginia. Learn how it was settled and governed, and resources available for genealogical research today.</p>	<p>VIRGINIA AND HER NEIGHBORS ALL S326 Separating Multiple Generations of Virginians with the Same Name <i>Diana Elder, AG</i> When many descendants of the original settler inherit his name, diagramming and careful analysis of land, tax, and probate records can reconstruct families.</p>
	<p>WESTERN EUROPE I S307 Irish Research—Maps and Jurisdictions <i>Rick Sayre, CG, CGL, FUGA</i> Understanding jurisdictions and finding locations is key to Irish research. The latest resources on Findmypast, Irish Ancestors, and free websites are discussed and demonstrated.</p>	<p>WESTERN EUROPE I S317 Scotland's Old Parish Registers: How to Access, Use, and Interpret <i>Paul Milner, MDiv, FUGA</i> Learn to search the indexes at FamilySearch and ScotlandsPeople, access the originals, and interpret the results using case studies.</p>	<p>RELIGIOUS RECORDS ALL S327 Quakers in the Northern Shenandoah Valley: Their History, Migrations, and Records <i>Annette Burke Lyttle</i> Quaker settlements in the northern Shenandoah Valley were at the crossroads of Quaker migration. Learn about the history and records of Quakers in this region.</p>
	<p>WESTERN STATES ALL S308 From Grey to Blue: Galvanized Yankees Taming the West <i>Judy G. Russell, JD, JD, CG, CGL</i> They fought under the Stars and Bars, but turned their costs to save their lives. Learn how 6,000 Galvanized Yankees helped tame the West.</p>	<p>MYHERITAGE TECHNOLOGY ALL S318 Bringing Family Photos to Life on MyHeritage <i>Daniel Horowitz</i> Learn how MyHeritage's wildly popular photo tools can breathe new life into family photos, including animation with DeepStory, Deep Nostalgia™, enhancement, colorization, and much more.</p>	<p>EASTERN STATES ALL S328 Tennessee Valley Authority and Its Records <i>Lori Thornton, MSLIS</i> When Tennessee Valley Authority built reservoirs and dams, it forced relocation for persons, businesses, churches, and cemeteries. Learn about records created.</p>



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SATURDAY SCHEDULE—3 JUNE 2023

Luncheons 12:15 p.m.		2:30 p.m.		4:00 p.m.		
NGS	<p>NGS LUNCHEON & AWARDS S331 The Book in Your Family Tree: Weaving Your Genealogical Search into a Compelling Book on Your Family History <i>Meryl Frank</i></p>  <p>Genealogists know that there are fascinating stories buried in our family history that deserve to be told. Moving beyond the family tree to a compelling story is often difficult and can be intimidating. Using her experience as genealogy enthusiast and author, Meryl Frank will walk us through the process of sifting through the data, the family tales, and the history of time and place to find the story you were meant to tell.</p> <p>Meryl Frank, the author of <i>Unearthed: A Lost Actress, a Forbidden Book, and a Search for Life in the Shadow of the Holocaust</i>, will recount the lessons she learned from her seven-year search on four continents to uncover the story of her lost relative, actress Franya Winter.</p> <p>Frank is president of Makeda Global Network, an international consulting firm, and a frequent speaker on gender, health, environment, and refugee issues worldwide. President Biden appointed Frank to the US Holocaust Memorial Council. She also serves on the Board of YIVO Institute for Jewish Research. She is the coeditor of <i>The Parental Leave Crisis—Toward a National Policy</i>. As director of the Infant Care Leave Project at the Yale Bush Center in Child Development and Social Policy, she was instrumental in the development and passage of the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA). In 2009, President Obama appointed her United States Representative and, subsequently, Ambassador to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women. <i>The Jerusalem Post</i> named her one of the fifty most influential Jews in the world.</p> <p>A graduate of Livingston College, Rutgers University and Yale University, she lives in Highland Park, New Jersey.</p>	<p>BCG SKILLBUILDING A S341 Wanted! Seeking Unknown Parents <i>Dana Palmer, CG, CGL</i> Are you struggling to find your ancestors' parents? Methodologies of eliminating candidates, researching potential extended families, courthouse research, and military pensions can provide answers.</p> <p>AFRICAN AMERICAN ALL S342 Institutional Bondage: Researching Enslavers and the Enslaved in Churches, Schools, and Industry <i>Leslie Anderson, MSLS</i> Attendees learn to locate and access records associated with slavery as practiced by nonprofit educational and religious organizations and for-profit companies. MASK</p> <p>MILITARY I S343 The Old Line: Maryland's Colonial and Revolutionary Military Records <i>Rebecca Whitman Koford, CG, CGL</i> Maryland's nickname, "The Old Line State," dates from the Revolution. From the Colonial period through the 1790s, we review various state military records.</p> <p>METHODOLOGY ALL S344 Following an Evidence Trail Through Five Countries to Find Irish Ancestors: A Case Study <i>Thomas W. Jones, PhD, CG, FASG, FUGA, FNGS</i> A cryptic note in Missouri triggers a path through records in the United States, Northern Ireland, Canada, New Zealand, and Ireland to identify Irish ancestors. MASK</p>	<p>BCG SKILLBUILDING I S351 Resolving Conflict: A Key to Sound Genealogical Conclusions <i>Jennifer Zinck, CG</i> Recognize conflicts while assembling evidence and learn strategies to resolve inconsistencies in order to form credible conclusions through the Genealogical Proof Standard.</p> <p>AFRICAN AMERICAN ALL S352 "From This Day Forward" – Documenting Marital Unions of Enslaved and Emancipated Persons <i>Renate Yarborough Sanders</i> Despite the illegality of marriages of enslaved persons in America, unions were established, and couples considered "husband and wife," as evidenced by many extant documents.</p> <p>DNA ALL S353 Understanding SideView and Other Tools at AncestryDNA <i>Blaine T. Bettinger, PhD, JD</i> Learn about the new SideView tool at Ancestry that separates your DNA matches into Parent #1 and Parent #2.</p> <p>METHODOLOGY A S354 DNA Evidence Identifies Barsheba Tharp's Mother in Early Tennessee and Virginia <i>Nicole Elder Dyer</i> Autosomal DNA matches with multiple descendants of Barsheba Tharp help extend her proposed mother's tree two generations in Fauquier County, Virginia.</p>	<p>JAMES DENT WALKER SERIES</p>	<p>JAMES DENT WALKER SERIES</p>	
		<p>NSDAR RECORDS AND REPOSITORIES I S345 Revolutionary War Records in the Library of Virginia: Part One <i>Bevin Creel</i> Exposition of genealogically significant records in LVA documenting, or deriving from, military service during the Revolution</p> <p>VIRGINIA AND HER NEIGHBORS ALL S346 Virginia's Colonial Wars and Military: Sources for Genealogists <i>Eric G. Grundset, MLS</i> Virginia's colonial history is full of wars and military events. The sources are limited for some of these but plentiful for others.</p>	<p>NSDAR RECORDS AND REPOSITORIES I S355 Revolutionary War Records in the Library of Virginia: Part Two <i>Bevin Creel</i> Exposition of genealogically significant records in LVA, generated on account of the Revolution, but of a non-military nature.</p> <p>VIRGINIA AND HER NEIGHBORS ALL S356 Demystifying Virginia's Religious Landscape: Exploring Faith Communities and Their Records <i>W. Samuel Williams, MDiv</i> Religious freedom in Virginia created diversity and records. Discover denominational "genealogy" in Virginia and how to find ancestors in their records.</p>			
		<p>SOUTHERN STATES I S347 Carolina On My Mind: Researching in the Palmetto State <i>Cheri Hudson Passey</i> South Carolina is rich in history but poor in records. Learn strategies to find those that are extant and what to do if they aren't.</p> <p>FAMILIES ALL S348 He Wasn't a Captain! Strategies to Correct Myths and Mistakes Using Modern Methods <i>Megan Clark Young</i> Genealogists frequently encounter myths and mistakes. Learn creative strategies using the Genealogy Proof Standard to identify them, correct them, and share your results with others.</p>	<p>SOUTHERN STATES I S357 Many Arrive – Early Migration In, Across, and Out of North Carolina <i>Diane L. Richard</i> Until the Civil War, many migrated into NC spending a few years or longer before leaving. Let's explore their motivations, challenges & resulting records.</p> <p>PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ALL S358 Applying Online Game Theory to the Levels of Genealogy: Understanding our Game Achievements <i>Suzanne L. Hoffman</i> Identifying the learning curve and path to becoming a professional genealogist using current terms of gaming and social interaction, better understood by up-and-coming NextGen genealogists.</p>			
		<p>MENU \$48 Stuffed chicken breast, collard greens, Hoppin John rice (Rice, Black, Pinto & Red Beans) accompanied by a sautéed squash medley.</p>				



ONLINE AT HOME VIRTUAL PROGRAM

Lecture Levels: B—Beginner, BI—Beginner Intermediate, I—Intermediate, IA—Intermediate Advanced, A—Advanced, All—All Levels

Online at Home sessions will be live-streamed from the NGS 2023 Family History Conference in Richmond, Virginia, Friday, 2 June–Saturday, 3 June 2023. Everyone who registers for an in-person full conference will receive access to the Online at Home virtual program until 15 August 2023.

Anyone not attending the in-person conference can purchase access to Online at Home and view the live streaming or watch from home until 15 August 2023.

NGS Member price is \$215 | Non-Member price is \$265

FRIDAY, 2 JUNE 2023

- 8:00 a.m. BCG SKILLBUILDING | A | F201**
Mrs. Simmons' Father: A Case Study of Indirect Evidence in Colonial Maryland
Rebecca Whitman Koford, CG, CGL
Colonial research can be difficult when researching females. Land records are the basis for the success of this indirect evidence case study in Maryland.
- 9:30 a.m. BCG SKILLBUILDING | A | F211**
Incorporating DNA Evidence in a Kinship-Determination Project (KDP)
Angela Packer McGhie, CG, FUGA
Genetic evidence can help prove family relationships in a KDP. This type of project balances documenting each generation with telling the story of the family.
- 11:00 a.m. VIRGINIA AND HER NEIGHBORS | ALL | F227**
Virginians: Where They Went When
Barbara Vines Little, CG, FNGS, FUGA, FVGS
Geography, economics, and war played a role in the migratory patterns of Virginians from its beginning through the Civil War.
- 2:30 p.m. VIRGINIA AND HER NEIGHBORS | ALL | F247**
The Road to Decision: Family History in Virginia's Federal Court Records
Judy G. Russell, JD, CG, CGL
Records of Virginia's federal courts, including the Supreme Court, can provide genealogical gems. Learn what these records are—and where and how to find them.
- 4:00 p.m. BCG SKILLBUILDING | ALL | F251**
Overcoming Record Destruction with Indirect Evidence, Including atDNA: A Case Study
Thomas W. Jones, PhD, CG, FASG, FUGA, FNGS
This lecture explains and demonstrates, via a specific case study, using atDNA to strengthen weak conclusions from documentary evidence in contexts of record scarcity.

SATURDAY, 3 JUNE 2023

- 8:00 a.m. VIRGINIA AND HER NEIGHBORS | I | S306**
Out of State, Out of Mind? Finding the Answers in Virginia's Neighbors' Records
Vic Dunn, CG
Numerous Virginians left records outside of the state in sources such as newspapers, marriages, church, probate, court, and others. Specific geographical migrations are discussed.
- 9:30 a.m. AFRICAN AMERICAN | I | S312**
The Intersection of Antebellum Property Rights and Slavery
LaBrenda Garrett-Nelson, JD, LLM, CG, CGL, FASG
Records relating to the property rights of slaveholding families provide genealogically relevant information about the enslaved.
- 11:00 a.m. VIRGINIA AND HER NEIGHBORS | ALL | S326**
Separating Multiple Generations of Virginians with the Same Name
Diana Elder, AG
When many descendants of the original settler inherit his name, diagramming and careful analysis of land, tax, and probate records can reconstruct families.
- 2:30 p.m. BCG SKILLBUILDING | A | S341**
Wanted! Seeking Unknown Parents
Dana Palmer, CG, CGL
Are you struggling to find your ancestors' parents? Methodologies of eliminating candidates, researching potential extended families, courthouse research, and military pensions can provide answers.
- 4:00 p.m. DNA | ALL | S353**
Understanding SideView and Other Tools at AncestryDNA
Blaine T. Bettinger, PhD, JD
Learn about the new SideView tool at Ancestry that separates your DNA matches into Parent #1 and Parent #2.

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ABBREVIATIONS

AAHGS	Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society
AG	Accredited Genealogist
APG	Association of Professional Genealogists
atDNA	Autosomal DNA
BA	Bachelor of Arts
BCG	Board for Certification of Genealogists
BCG Ed Fund	BCG Education Fund
BYU	Brigham Young University
CG	Certified Genealogist
CGL	Certified Genealogical Lecturer
cM	Centimorgans
DBA	Doctor of Business Administration
DM	Doctor of Management
DNA	Deoxyribonucleic acid
FASG	Fellow, American Society of Genealogists
FGS	Federation of Genealogical Societies
FIGRS	Fellow, Irish Genealogical Research Society
FNGS	Fellow, National Genealogical Society
FUGA	Fellow, Utah Genealogical Association
FVGS	Fellow, Virginia Genealogical Society
Gen-Fed	Genealogical Institute on Federal Records
GRIP	Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh
GRIVA	Genealogical Research Institute of Virginia
ICAPGen	International Commission for the Accreditation of Professional Genealogists
IGHR	Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research, University of Georgia
JD	Juris Doctor
KDP	Kinship Determination Project
LGBTQA+	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, and Asexual

LLC	Limited Liability Company
LLM	Master of Laws
MDiv	Master of Divinity
MLIS	Master of Library and Information Science
MLS	Master of Library Science
MSLIS	Master of Library and Information Science
MSLS	Master of Science in Library Science
NARA	National Archives and Records Administration
NEHGS	New England Historic Genealogical Society
NGS	National Genealogical Society
NGSQ	National Genealogical Society Quarterly
NHPRC	National Historical Publications and Records Commission
NIGS	National Institute of Genealogical Studies
NSDAR	National Society Daughters of the American Revolution
NIGS	National Institute of Genealogical Studies
NYG&B	New York Genealogical and Biographical Society
PhD	Doctor of Philosophy
SLAM	Societies, Libraries, Archives, and Museums
SLIG	Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy
VGS	Virginia Genealogical Society
VP	Vice President

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SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Becky Adamson is a research specialist on the VIP Hosting and Research Services team at the FHL.

Leslie Anderson, MSLS, former Local History/Special Collections librarian; 2020 Virginia Humanities Scholar; winner 2013 NGS Family History Writing Contest; project editor, *Virginia Slave Births Index, 1853-1865*.

James M. Beidler is Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania interim executive director, “Roots & Branches” columnist, and author of *The Family Tree Historical Atlas of Germany*.

Bernice Alexander Bennett is an award-winning author, genealogist, nationally recognized guest speaker, and storyteller.

Blaine T. Bettinger, PhD, JD, is a professional genealogist specializing in DNA evidence. He is author of *The Genetic Genealogist* and the Shared cM Project.

Michael Brophy is a professional genealogical researcher and lecturer from Boston. He was featured on *Who Do You Think You Are?*

Rose Buchanan, MLS, is a reference archivist at NARA in Washington, DC, and a subject matter expert in Native American related records.

Christy S. Coleman, executive director of the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation and a tireless advocate for the power of museums, narrative correction, diversity, and inclusiveness.

Shannon Combs-Bennett is an award-winning author and researcher based out of Northern Virginia specializing in lineage society research, DNA, and genealogical methodology.

Bevin Creel is a staff genealogist for NSDAR in Washington, DC.

Vic Dunn, CG, the coordinator for the Virginia track at IGHR, is a frequent contributor to major genealogical publications.

Nicole Elder Dyer, a professional genealogist with a BA in History. *Research Like a Pro with DNA* author, study group instructor, lecturer, podcast host, creator of *Family Locket*.

Pam Stone Eagleson, CG, researcher, writer, winner 2004 NGS Family History Writing Contest and 2022 NGS Award for Excellence: Genealogy and Family History Book.

Diana Elder, AG, professional genealogist, ICAPGen commissioner, author of *Research Like a Pro: A Genealogist's Guide*, podcast host, and online course instructor.

Alec Ferretti, MLS, serves on the boards of APG and Reclaim the Records while specializing in Italian genealogy.

Margaret R. Fortier, CG, is a researcher, writer, and lecturer. She focuses on immigrant ancestors to New England and methodology.

Meryl Frank, retired ambassador, speaker, and author of *Unearthed: A Lost Actress, a Forbidden Book, and a Search for Life in the Shadow of the Holocaust*.

LaBrenda Garrett-Nelson, JD, LL.M., CG, FASG, is a retired lawyer and past president of BCG.

Amy Larner Giroux, PhD, CG, CGL, whose research interests include methodology, case studies, military records, burial iconography, and ethnic studies, is a coauthor of NGS guidebook *Research in Florida*.

Eric G. Grundset, MLS, director (1983–2016) DAR Library. A fourteenth-generation Virginian, expert on Virginia research, author of many Virginia articles and books, and speaker on Virginia topics.

Francine Crowley Griffis, CG, is a lecturer and professional genealogist specializing in forensics, New England, French speaking Canada, and the Atlantic Provinces.

Cara F. Griggs, MSLIS, has been a reference archivist at the Library of Virginia since 2006.

Debra A. Hoffman specializes in Maryland and German research, is a professional genealogist, owner of Hoffman Genealogical Services, and coordinator of SLIG's Maryland course.

Suzanne Hoffman is the VP of APG, secretary of Illinois State Genealogical Society, professional forensic genealogist, and assistant director Wilmette FHC. Genealogy is her passion.



Daniel Horowitz has been dedicated to genealogy since 1986; working at MyHeritage since 2006; liaising with societies, bloggers, and media; and lecturing at conferences around the world.

Thomas W. Jones, PhD, CG, FASG, FUGA, FNGS, an award-winning genealogical author and researcher; is a popular speaker at conferences, institutes, and seminars; wrote *Mastering Genealogical Proof* and *Mastering Genealogical Documentation*.

Jan Joyce, DBA, CG, CGL, is a genealogy writer and researcher, who speaks on genealogy topics including methodology and helping researchers be creative for improved results.

Claire Kluskens, JD, a designated Genealogy/Census Records subject matter expert at NARA, Washington, DC where she has been an archivist since 1992.

Todd Knowles is deputy chief genealogist at FamilySearch

Rebecca Whitman Koford, CG, CGL, focuses on Maryland and military records. She is executive director of BCG and director of Gen-Fed.

David Allen Lambert employed by NEHGS since 1993 as their chief genealogist, is an international speaker and cohost of *Extreme Genes* Radio/Podcast.

Connie Lapallo is a storyteller, historian, and author of the Jamestown Sky series, based upon the true story of Jamestown's first women and children.

Nicole Gilkison LaRue, CG, is a full-time professional genealogist with articles in *NGS Magazine*, *NGSQ*, and *OnBoard*. Research interests include women, "brick-wall" obstacles, and paleography.

Barbara Vines Little, CG, FNGS, FUGA, FVGS, former NGS president, course coordinator Virginia track SLIG 2023, and editor of the NGS Research in the States series and the *Magazine of Virginia Genealogy*.

Annette Burke Lyttle, president of APG, speaks at the national, state, and local levels, and loves helping people uncover and share their family stories.

Melanie McComb is a staff genealogist for NEHGS. She is an international lecturer with expertise in Ireland, Jewish genealogy, DNA, and Atlantic Canada.

David M. McCorkle specializes in land records and mapping, especially land grants, is president of *NC Historical Records Online*, and created the popular website NC Land Grants.



Credit: Mikayle Stole



SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Angela Packer McGhie, CG, FUGA, is the education director of NGS and a trustee for BCG.

Paul Milner, MDiv, FUGA, a native of England, an international lecturer and author specializing in British Isles research. Teaches English and Scottish tracks at IGHR, SLIG, and British Institute.

Judy Nimer Muhn is a professional genealogist, society leader, NGS board member, blogger, international speaker, and owner of Lineage Journeys specializing in French-Canadian, Native, and Scottish research.

Shelley Viola Murphy, DM, avid genealogist for more than thirty years, aka “familytreegirl,” known for inspiring an interactive “SO WHAT” with genealogical research, along with interesting problem-solving methodology lectures.

Lydia Neuroth serves as the NHPRC grant-funded project manager for *Virginia Untold* at the Library of Virginia.

David Ouimette, CG, CGL, BCG trustee, author, manages Asia-Pacific record priorities including oral genealogy at FamilySearch; specializes in tracing immigrants; has researched in archives of over seventy countries.

Dana Palmer, CG, CGL, specializes in lineage society applications, publishing family books, midwestern research with an Ohio emphasis, and serves on the Mayflower Silver Books team.

Cheri Hudson Passey is a professional genealogist, owner of Carolina Girl Genealogy, LLC, and researcher for the US Army Repatriations Branch.

Leontyne Clay Peck is an educator, author, and family historian. She received her education from The American University, The American University of Rome, and West Virginia University.

Nancy A. Peters, CG, CGL, coeditor NGSQ (2019-22); author, lecturer, institute instructor, and researcher specializing in problem-solving methodologies; chapter author in *Professional Genealogy*; former BCG trustee and officer.

David E. Rencher, AG, CG, FUGA, FIGRS, chief genealogical officer, FamilySearch; NGS board member; past-president FGS; and Irish research specialist.

Diane L. Richard, professional researcher, author, lecturer since 2004. Author for *Internet Genealogy* and editor of the *NCGS Journal*. Identifies and shares under-utilized genealogically relevant resources.

Judy G. Russell, JD, CG, CGL, *The Legal Genealogist*, provides expert guidance through the murky territory where law, history, and genealogy come together.

Renate Yarborough Sanders is an experienced researcher and genealogy educator; a member of several genealogical organizations; and cohosts an online North Carolina genealogy platform.

Pamela Boyer Sayre, CG Retired (2021), FUGA, researcher, educator, author, and lecturer; former NGS director of education and publications; former FGS and NGS board member.

Rick Sayre, CG, CGL, FUGA, is a lecturer at national conferences and seminars. Topics include military, land, urban research, government documents, and Irish research.

Craig Roberts Scott, CG, FUGA, president of Heritage Books, Inc., has been a researcher for over thirty-five years, specializing in problem-solving, military records, Quakers, and publishing.

Gerald H. Smith, CG, specializes in Pennsylvania research, coordinates the land platting courses at IGHR and SLIG, and teaches in land, map, and military courses.

C. Ann Staley, CG, CGL, is an educator; consultant; faculty, NIGS; membership chair, GSG; author of articles for *NGS Magazine*; and coauthor of NGS guidebook *Research in Florida*.

Faye Jenkins Stallings, CG, is president of BCG, former president of FGS, and NGS board member following the FGS and NGS merger in 2020.

Karen Stanbary is an author and national lecturer focusing on topics related to using genetic evidence correlated with documentary evidence to solve genealogical brick walls.



Lori Thornton, MLS, librarian and professional genealogist, author of NGS guidebook, *Research in Mississippi*. She lectures on genealogical topics and hosts Zoom genealogy chats.

Kate Townsend is a professional genealogist who previously worked as an investigator in corporate America. She brings this investigative know-how to her genealogical record sleuthing.

Sylvia Tracy-Doolos holds a history degree, with a focus on linguistics to understand how language changes affected records. She has years of experience in genealogy and lecturing.

John Treadway, PhD, Professor Emeritus of History and Global Studies at the University of Richmond.

Lynn Turner, AG, director of the FamilySearch Library, graduated from BYU with a BA in Family History and has been an accredited genealogist in Spain research since 2006.

Miriam Weiner, CG Emeritus, author, lecturer, tour organizer. Pioneer in the field of Jewish genealogy; widely recognized for expertise working in Eastern European archives.

Ari Wilkins is a genealogy professional and staff member at Dallas Public Library. Researching for the past twenty years, she specializes in African American research.

Paula Williams specializes in DNA and southern US research, lectures, and teaches at GRIP. She is a board member for VGS and GRIVA.

W. Samuel Williams, MDiv, is a professional genealogist focusing on Central Virginia, genetic genealogy, and Greek American research. His degrees are in International Affairs, Spanish, and Orthodox theology.

Megan Clark Young is a professional genealogist, writer, and lineage society chair. She specializes in Pennsylvania research and owns MACY's Genealogical Research.

Jennifer Zinck, CG, specializes in New England research, teaches Forensic Research at Boston University, and is president of the Connecticut Professional Genealogists Council.



Credit: Visit Richmond



FOCUS SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Ron Arons, a speaker for more than twenty years; three-time author; APG and NGS Member; IAJGS secretary; with degrees from Princeton and University of Chicago.

Tina Beard, the Genealogy/Local History librarian at the Plainfield Public Library, lectures extensively on many genealogy topics including military research, Scottish records, and archival preservation.

Kathleen Kaldis, forensic genealogist and speaker; holds a Certificate in Genealogical Research from Boston University; faculty IGHR; mentor GenProof Study Group, forensic genealogist KLM Services.

Matt Menashes, CAE, NGS executive director, has over 20 years of experience in the association and non-profit sector. A certified association executive, Menashes led NGS through the merger with FGS, the challenges of Covid, and the creation of MembeConnects! events and the FORUM online community.

Judy Nimer Muhn is a professional genealogist, society leader, NGS board member, blogger, international speaker, and owner of Lineage Journeys specializing in French-Canadian, Native, and Scottish research.

Cheri Hudson Passey is a professional genealogist, owner of Carolina Girl Genealogy, LLC, and researcher for the US Army Repatriations Branch.

Kris Rzepczynski, senior archivist at the Archives of Michigan, former vice president of membership for FGS, and past president of the Mid-Michigan Genealogical Society.

Kristi L. Sexton is a speaker, leader, and educator. She is passionate about helping others connect with their past and future through family history.

Rebecca Suerdieck is a nationally recognized historian who is dedicated to finding and sharing the overlooked stories that contributed to the founding of our Country.

Ari Wilkins is a genealogy professional and staff member at Dallas Public Library. Researching for the past twenty years, she specializes in African American research.





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