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BCG SKILLBUILDING

OD BCG 01

IN-PERSON W151

J. H. "Jay" Fonkert, CG

A DNA-Documentary Evidence Ensemble: Finding a Family for a Man who Died in 1839

Documentary research often produces no direct evidence. DNA often doesn't identify a specific ancestor. Blending DNA and documentary evidence gets results. A

OD BCG 02

IN-PERSON W111

LaBrenda Garrett-Nelson, JD, LLM, CG, CGL, FASG

Why Standards are for Everyone

Standards are imperative for anyone who cares about achieving accurate research, whether for their own family or someone else's family. ALL

OD BCG 03

IN-PERSON S411

Amy Larner Giroux, PhD, CG, CGL

Filling in the Blanks: Identifying Mary and Sweet Baby James

Headstone inscriptions like "Mrs. West" and "Clayton child" beg the question "who were they?" This case study focuses on analysis techniques of identity and relationships. IA

OD BCG 04

IN-PERSON F301

Sharon Hoyt, MLIS, CG

What Happened to Uncle Walter? Evidence Analysis and Correlation Uncover a Man's Dual Identities

Walter's family lost touch with him after his 1920 arrest. Reasonably exhaustive research into subtle documentary and photographic evidence revealed his story. IA

OD BCG 05

IN-PERSON S421

Jan Joyce, DBA, CG, CGL, AG

Writing Techniques to Analyze, Advance, and Ultimately Solve Your Genealogical Roadblocks

Whenever we write, the gaps in our family history knowledge often jump right off the page at us. Learn methods to initiate this successful technique. IA

OD BCG 06

IN-PERSON T211

Rebecca Whitman Koford, CG, CGL

Appreciating Conflicting Evidence: Analysis and Resolution Develops Broader Research

Conflicting evidence is a gift. Working through it using methods of analysis and resolution often offers new discoveries or family relationships. A

OD BCG 07

IN-PERSON W141

Jill Morelli, CG

More Questions Than Answers? Consider Conducting a Broad Contextual Study

Our work often raises macro-scale questions, which cannot be answered using person-focused research. Investigating these broad problems provides clarity to our micro investigations. A

OD BCG 08

IN-PERSON W121

C. Ann Staley, CG, CGL

Steamer Kate Explosion: Correlating Indirect Evidence to Identify and Correct an Error

What happens when indirect and documentary evidence disagree? Research begins in earnest! A case study about the death of Antoine/Anthony Lallament. IA

OD BCG 09

IN-PERSON T221

Karen S. Stanbary, CG

Follow the Trail of Records and DNA from Ireland to Oregon (1810-1860)

A deep dive into the records narrates a family's journey. Advanced methodology and DNA reconstructs the forgotten family. A

DNA

OD DNA 01

IN-PERSON T224

Diana Elder, AG

From California to Virginia: Confirming the Emigrant Ancestor with a Paper Trail and Y-DNA

Learn strategies to confirm generational links as you move back in time and how to employ Y-DNA to provide evidence of an emigrant ancestor. ALL

OD DNA 02

IN-PERSON W126

*Judy Nimer Muhn***When History and DNA Don't Match: Am I Native American?**

Stories of Native ancestors abound but how do you find documentation when your DNA doesn't verify anything but your family insists! ALL

OD DNA 03

IN-PERSON S424

*Pam Ricciardi Paschke***Building Shared Match Trees—Tools and Tips to Facilitate the Process**

Identifying ancestral sources of DNA clusters usually necessitates building out trees of matches. Learn tricks and techniques to expedite results and minimize rabbit holes. ALL

OD DNA 04

IN-PERSON S454

*Pam Ricciardi Paschke***Three Siblings—One Unknown Grandfather. But Wait, Who's the Grandfather of the Grandfather?**

Follow the trail of discovery of the unknown grandfather and his mis-identified grandfather, using DNA clusters, incomplete (or missing) government records, and geography. ALL

OD DNA 05

IN-PERSON F345

*Karen S. Stanbary, CG***A Giant Logic Puzzle: An Overview of Visual Phasing**

Visual Phasing is a powerful DNA visualization technique to identify the likely ancestral line shared with a match and by inference, eliminating other lines from consideration. A

EASTERN STATES**OD EAS 01**

IN-PERSON W152

*James M. Beidler***Beginning a Search for Pennsylvania Roots**

Roots in Pennsylvania? The "Keystone State" is full of records and repositories. Learn the history of the commonwealth, its people, and how to find them. B

OD EAS 02

IN-PERSON T213

*Rick Sayre, CG, CGL, FUGA***Researching Virginia Revolutionary War Soldiers**

Discover the genealogical riches related to Virginians serving in the Revolutionary War, including local, state, and national resources. I

OD EAS 03

IN-PERSON T203

Kip Sperry, AG, FASG, FNGS, FUGA

Midwestern States' Family History Resources

This presentation will describe family history records for the Midwestern states. ALL

OD EAS 04

IN-PERSON W112

W. Samuel Williams, MDiv

Your Ancestors on “Judge Judy”: Using Chancery Records in Virginia

Discover Virginia's rich chancery records, where to find them, and how they break down brick walls. Did your Virginian ancestors spill the tea on scandal? I

ETHNIC AND CULTURAL RESEARCH

OD ETH 01

IN-PERSON T246

Michael Brophy

Erin in the USA: Irish Research on This Side of the Atlantic

You have found a place name for your Irish ancestor in the Emerald Isle. Now it is time to explore Irish Records and resources available here. ALL

OD ETH 02

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Charlotte Noelle Champenois, AG

How to Find Your German Ancestor's Hometown

Records in Germany are kept on the local level, so knowing the hometown is crucial. Learn how to determine the hometown using US records. B

OD ETH 03

IN-PERSON F316

Joseph B. Everett, MLS, AG

Reading Chicken Scratch: Paleography Techniques for Difficult German Handwriting

Old German is hard enough when the handwriting is clear; often it is anything but. Learn techniques for deciphering difficult German handwritten records. I

OD ETH 04

IN-PERSON T209

Emily Garber

All Was Not Lost: Researching Relatives in the Holocaust

Reconstruct families torn apart by genocide during WWII. Learn about sources both online and in archives to reaffirm family ties that could not be destroyed. I

OD ETH 05

IN-PERSON F326

B. J. Jamieson, MSLS

Understanding Scottish Records: Navigating Through the Transition from Church Records to Civil Registration

Using one family's puzzle as an example, learn how to trace families in Scotland both before and after the 1855 transition to civil registration. I

OD ETH 06

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Genie Milgrom

Finding your Jewish Ancestry via Catholic and Inquisition Records

A primer on Crypto Jewish genealogy, how to research this unique history, the use of specialty sources, and clues needed to find this hidden ancestry.

OD ETH 07

IN-PERSON T216

W. Samuel Williams, MDiv

As Greek as Feta and Spanakopita: Finding Greek Roots in DNA and US Records

Greek ancestry can be hidden in DNA results and confused through name changes. Discover your Greek ancestors in three important record groups. I

OD ETH 08

IN-PERSON S423

Debbie Gurtler, AG

SPEAKER CHANGE

Getting the Most Out of Mexican Civil Registration Records

Mexico implemented federal civil registration as its official vital record system in the 1860's. Make sure you are gleaning every possible clue from the records.

IMMIGRATION AND MIGRATION

OD IMM 01

IN-PERSON T228

Grant Din

Angel Island's Immigrants from More Than Eighty Countries and the Records They Left Behind

Close to a million immigrants from over 80 countries passed through Angel Island from 1910 to 1940. Learn about the diversity and stories of these new Americans. ALL

OD IMM 02

IN-PERSON S409

D. Joshua Taylor, MLS

Faith, Adventure, and Fortitude: Tracing the Kingsley Family from Connecticut to California

Two sought fortune, three followed their faith, and one left a child who sought the spotlight. Through their distinctive stories, we will discover their past. ALL

LAND AND MAPS

OD LND 01

IN-PERSON F324

Melinda Kashuba, PhD

Seeking Maps for Context and Analysis in Urban Genealogical Research

Urban maps are genealogically useful because they depict cities and adjacent areas often providing information on neighborhood land use, wealth, race, and property ownership. I

OD LND 02

IN-PERSON W114

Angela Packer McGhie, CG, FUGA

Researching Federal Land Records for Western States

Federal land records can be a rich source of genealogical information for settlers in the West, including homestead records, donation land, and cash sales. ALL

METHODOLOGY

OD MET 01

IN-PERSON S415

Diana Elder, AG

Getting Things Done and Family History: Productivity Tips and Tools

How do you stay productive when you have numerous genealogy projects? Learn a system to capture to-do items, prioritize projects, and erase overwhelm. ALL

OD MET 02

IN-PERSON T205

LaBrenda Garrett-Nelson, JD, LLM, CG, CGL, FASG

Assembling Research Results

Nineteen standards in *Genealogy Standards* address the treatment of assembled research results in case studies and kinship determination projects. I

OD MET 03

IN-PERSON S445

Amy Lerner Giroux, PhD, CG, CGL

Following Land and Slaves: Analyzing Original Deeds from a Burned, Extinct County

Two original 1798 Salem County, South Carolina, deeds tell a unique story. This case study tracks the land and the people along Scape Whore Swamp. ALL

OD MET 04

IN-PERSON W155

Thomas W. Jones, PhD, CG, FASG, FUGA, FNGS

It Gets Even Better Offline

Three cases show how online research leads to unique offline sources and serendipitous results, demonstrating ways to solve genealogical puzzles involving ancestral biographies and relationships. I

OD MET 05

IN-PERSON W128

*Rebecca Whitman Koford, CG, CGL***Controlling Chaos: Managing a Genealogical Project**

Rein in that project with tools and techniques to start or re-start a project in a directed approach. Learn methods to help work more effectively. B

OD MET 06

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*Jane Neff Rollins***Finding Alice Conlin: A Life Reconstructed From a Single Clue**

With just an envelope postmarked 1924 and basic genealogical sources, Alice Conlin, who survived the 1906 San Francisco earthquake, comes alive. B

OD MET 07

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*Shannon Combs-Bennett***The Ins and Outs of Lineage Application Research**

Applying to a lineage society can help verify your research. To avoid pitfalls, ask the right questions to ensure you meet the requirements for acceptance.

OCCUPATIONS**OD OCC 01**

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*Patricia Walls Stamm, CG, CGL***Punching the Clock—Your Ancestor's Occupation**

Many of our ancestors worked in the trades. Genealogists often overlook occupational records. Discover the variety of records that can enhance your family research. ALL

RECORDS AND REPOSITORIES**OD REC 01**

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*Shannon Combs-Bennett***Forced Indentured Servitude of Children in Colonial Virginia and Maryland**

Many who immigrated to the colonies were indentured servants under the age of nineteen. Bring distant US and UK genealogies together researching the court records. I

OD REC 02

IN-PERSON S413

*B. J. Jamieson, MSLS***Your Great, Great, Great Grandparents' Facebook: Using Nineteenth Century Newspapers for Genealogy Research**

Technology changes but people haven't. Our ancestors used newspapers much the way we use Facebook (and GoFundMe). ALL

OD REC 03

IN-PERSON S417

Cheri Hudson Passey

If I Knew You Were Coming, I'd Have Baked A Cake—1950 Census Preparation

It's finally here! Are you ready? Learn how to use the 1950 Census to discover more to add to your family story. ALL

OD REC 04

IN-PERSON S457

Kip Sperry, AG, FASG, FNGS, FUGA

Family History Research in Large Cities in the United States

The presentation describes family history record sources for large urban cities in the US. ALL

RELIGIOUS RECORDS

OD REL 01

IN-PERSON T247

James M. Beidler

Opening Up Records from Closed Churches

Finding religious records sometimes requires a "pedigree" of the congregations, many of which don't exist today and require a scavenger hunt to unearth their registers. I

OD REL 02

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Sheila Benedict

California Historic Missions and Their Records

California missions and presidios have played an important role in the history of California and, given their extensive recordkeeping, are very valuable for genealogical research. ALL

OD REL 03

IN-PERSON F323

Debbie Gurtler, AG

Catholic Parish Records: The Backbone for Research in the Hispanic World

Catholicism has been the predominant religion in Spain and Latin America for centuries, making parish records among the richest resources for family history research. B

OD REL 04

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B. J. Jamieson, MSLS

Tracing Quaker Ancestors

Our Quaker ancestors did things differently—including keeping good records. Learn how to find Quaker records and what they can tell you.

TECHNOLOGY

OD TEC 01

IN-PERSON S458

Nicole Elder Dyer

Airtable Research Logs: Organize your DNA and FAN Club Research

Research that incorporates friends, associates, neighbors, and DNA matches can be difficult to manage. Learn how to stay organized with Airtable, a spreadsheet-database tool. ALL

OD TEC 02

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Jordan Jones

Obsidian for Genealogists

Learn how Obsidian, free text-based software, can help you organize your research, records, charts, and writing, and output your findings to websites, Word, or PDF.

WESTERN STATES

OD WES 01

IN-PERSON W145

David E. Rencher, AG, CG, FUGA, FIGRS

Arizona Genealogical Resources from A to Z

The ethnic diversity of Arizona's residents challenges the skill sets of many genealogical researchers. This session illustrates a wealth of resources and possibilities. ALL

OD WES 02

ON-DEMAND ONLY

Julia Anderson, AG

Eureka! Records and Resources of the Forty-niners and the California Gold Rush

Learn about the history of the California gold rush and discover research strategies, records, and resources for locating your "forty-niner" ancestors.

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IN-PERSON T223

Susan R. Miller

New York Land: The Soil that Yields Records

Dig into the history of how land was parceled out in New York State and learn practical tips for accessing and using county land records. A

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WESTERN STATES TRACK

OD SPR 02

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Melanie McComb

Shamrocks and Gold: Researching Your Irish Pioneers of the West

Irish immigrants were one of the largest groups that headed west. Explore the history and key resources to research your Irish pioneers. ALL

**FAMILYTREE DNA
DNA TRACK**

Janine Cloud

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Big Y Case Studies: Isolate Your Paternal Line

Big Y helps groups untangle complicated lineages: Learn what steps were taken, what discoveries were made, and what comes next.

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Which DNA Test Do I Need?

The presentation looks at the types of DNA tests available and the situations in which each test can best be applied.

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Exploring AncestryDNA® for More Family Discoveries

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