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Genealogy *PLUS*

2021/2022 Series



September 2021 - May 2022
3rd Wednesday of Each Month
10am - 12pm

Each monthly Genealogy PLUS event will feature an hour-long presentation by an expert followed by a study session.

Wednesday, September 15

Immigration to the United States

Speaker: Dr. Paul Lasley

Immigration and migration patterns – the “how” and “why” our ancestors immigrated to the United States. How do they relate to who we are as Iowans decades later? The data and insights presented by Dr. Lasley can help us understand.

Wednesday, October 20

Stories in the Stones—Tales They Tell

Speaker: Dick Cooper and Jim Lohr

Cemeteries can be a treasure trove of genealogical information. Dick Cooper has worked with the website www.findagrave.com for years and found it to be an excellent source of general information. Jim Lohr has photographed over 35,000 gravestones for the web site www.billiongraves.com. Together, they tell you how web sites like these can help you in your own research.

Wednesday, November 17

Central Iowa Norwegians

Speaker: Arlen Twedt

Arlen Twedt, author of *The Central Iowa Norwegians*, will be interviewed by his editor (and wife!), Asie. They will discuss how he got started writing, why he decided to self-publish, and why it took so long to complete his book. Many of Arlen's ancestors were Norwegian immigrants who settled on a farm near Roland. Arlen began learning their stories and the general history of the Central Iowa Norwegians. After completing the family history, Arlen continued to research the history of the Norwegian settlements.

December - No Program

Wednesday, January 19

Preparing for the 1950 Census

Speakers: Mary Lohr & Gwenna Jacobson

The 1950 US census is scheduled for release on April 1, 2022. Learn why genealogists use census records for genealogical research and what to expect in the 1950 census. Since the census will not have a name index upon release, researchers will need to use Enumeration Districts to search the records. An explanation will be given on how to locate and identify Enumeration Districts for searching.

Wednesday, February 16

DNA Explained

Speakers: Theresa Liewer, Past-President of the Iowa Genealogical Society

Theresa will address the basics of DNA testing and how to interpret the results. She has tested with multiple companies, which has the added benefit of letting her find even more distant cousins through DNA. Theresa has been doing genealogy for over 45 years and she is excited to be able to talk about this newest tool in our tool box.

Wednesday, March 16

Review of Genealogy Software

Speaker: Dennis Allen

Genealogy software provides a method of keeping track of research. But which software does what? Dennis Allen will give an overview of several different genealogy software programs (Windows and Apple) and demonstrate the features of each.

Wednesday, April 20

**Ames Public Library Resources
& Effective Genealogical Searching**

Speakers: Megan Klein-Hewett

Libraries are full of free resources that can help answer questions and fill holes in your genealogical research. Adult Services Manager, Megan Klein-Hewett, will share resources available at Ames Public Library, as well as other favorite free resources. She will also share methods for effective searching using these tools.

Wednesday, May 18

Road Trip to Iowa Historical Society

Meet at the Iowa Historical Society promptly at 10am. Visitors will get to tour the facility and then do some family research! Find parking information and more details at www.storygenes.com.

For more information, call (515) 239-5646 ext. 4 or visit www.storygenes.com.

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