

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24**

**9:00 AM**

**A General Introduction to DNA Testing for Family History**

Ugo Perego

During the past 20 years, advances in technology and science contributed to new and exciting ways to research our own family history using DNA. Therefore, genetic genealogy is the application of genetic data and utilities to learn more about a person's past and how we are connected to other people, even if the genealogical records might be scarce or missing to support these connections. The benefits of this approach are countless. Thanks to the field of genetic genealogy, individuals can now connect to distant genetic cousins, verify research that has already been done, link into other people family trees, discover the origin of specific family lines, understand the ancient migrations of their early ancestors, and so on. Through this session I will share basic information about how genetic genealogy works and the tests available to those that would like to add DNA to their genealogy toolbox.

Beginner Room 4 Session Number: 273552 Categories: DNA

**Beyond the British Census**

Myko Clelland

Most researchers of British genealogy will be more than familiar with using census records that span 1841-1911, but what of those that begin much earlier in history? what happens when we can't find our ancestors in the census at all? Join Findmypast resident genealogist Myko Clelland as we explore how we can go beyond core census records to go further back in time or replace missing records that keep telling our family story. Learn about the many other census surrogates created by our ancestors that detail how people lived and how to use them to fill gaps in your research by getting to grips with muster rolls, protestation returns, tax records, rate books, electoral & identity registers, trade directories and more - enabling you to keep searching and supplementing or adding to what you already have all the way back to the 1600s!

Intermediate Room 12 Session Number: 268236 Categories: Records (British)

**Comparing the Genealogy Giants: Ancestry, FamilySearch, Findmypast and MyHeritage**

Sunny Morton

This session prepares genealogists for one of the important questions they must routinely ask about their research: "Which genealogy websites should I be using right now?" This comparative introduction showcases four global powerhouse websites: Ancestry.com, FamilySearch.org, Findmypast.com and MyHeritage.com. Attendees will meet each site and learn about its priorities and target audiences. They will see how their statistics stack up for historical record content and family trees, and see an introductory comparison to their DNA tools. They can compare subscription costs and learn about free access options, including Family History Center access. Perhaps most valuably, they'll hear an industry insider's tips on each site's best features—and cautions or challenges for working with each one.

Beginner Auditorium Session Number: 269664

Categories: Tools (apps, platforms, software)

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### **DNA Tools Everyone Can Use!**

Angie Bush

There are myriad third-party tools, and company provided tools available for manipulating and working with your DNA test results. However, not all of these tools are user-friendly. During this presentation we will discuss tools everyone can use and understand and how to get the most out of them without having to become a spreadsheet master!

Intermediate Room S22-A Session Number: 273538 Categories: DNA

### **French or foreign ancestors in France: archives tell a lot about them**

Murièle Gadaut, Jerome Malhache

There are many ways your family history can take you to France. This is an immigration and emigration land people crossed on their way to the New World. As a colonial empire, France had to rule colonized people's lives. Many foreign men fought on French soil, either as enemies or allies. An American whose parents came from Vietnam can make exciting discoveries about his grandparents in former French Indo-China funds. From the British soldier taken prisoner by the Napoleonic army to the convict who escaped from New Caledonia to Australia, or the adventurer who got into the Foreign Legion, you can be pretty sure that French Archives have kept track of them! But the trick is to find the most valuable archives to learn about those adventurous ancestors. From a simple citizenship application to the more difficult case of a foreign person under police surveillance, methods and research tools do exist.

Intermediate Room 14 Session Number: 272898 Categories: Records (France)

### **Fun ways to digitize and breathe life back to your old photos**

Ariel Gindea

This class will be a full tutorial on digitizing photos. We'll demonstrate how to scan photos, how to add photo details, and how (with a few clicks), people can create a beautiful family website of their digital photos. We'll discuss how to do this on an individual basis, and also as a service for others. Join us to learn the fun way to add to your genealogy collection and digitize old photos!

Room 17 Session Number: 325495 Categories: Photos

### **Get Organized with Research Logs**

Lisa Alzo

Whether you're a beginner, or an experienced genealogist, learn how create and maintain research plans and logs to maximize your research time and increase success. Through examples, learn how to set up and maintain easy-to-use research plans and logs you can access no matter where you are. This session will demonstrate key steps such as deciding on a format (Excel spreadsheet, Google Drive, AirTable, or Evernote), creating the columns you'll need, designing the document, entering information, and using and maintaining the database. After the session, attendees should take away a basic understanding of how to set up and customize a research log to organize their genealogy research.

Beginner Room 1 Session Number: 273352 Categories: Organization

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### **Research Genealogical Resources in Israel From Your Couch**

Daniel Horowitz Learn how to access genealogical resources and other useful databases available in Israel that can be used online to find relatives. Overcome the barrier of the language with a basic lesson of Hebrew and how to translate efficiently to English.

Room 13 Session Number: 227698 Categories: Records (MISC)

### **TBA: Sponsored Session – details TBA**

Room 9/London Suite Classroom Session Number: 274127

### **What is FamilySearch?**

David Rencher

FamilySearch is the world's largest genealogical organization with the largest collection of free genealogical records. With a network of over five-thousand family history centers, FamilySearch provides the best in-person and online experience for family history. Come learn about its global products and services.

Room 7 Session Number: 200001 Categories: Tools (apps, platforms, software)

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**General Session** – details TBA

Auditorium Session Number: 400000

Categories: Human Interest (family activities, legal/ethical issues, etc)

**1:00 PM**

### **After the Scan - Online Preservation Your Family Can Find**

Amberly Beck

This session will begin with scanning basics and exposure to apps that will assist attendees in digitizing treasures on the fly. The bulk of the session will teach attendees about multiple online resources to preserve their scanned photos, documents, and other family treasures so that family - close, distant, and non-genealogist family members - can find these treasures now and in the future. We will explore simple ways to use social media to help our family see these treasures a bit at a time and regularly feel connected to their ancestors. I will share my personal 5-step “after the scan” system of online preservation on 5 different websites. I will explain why I choose to use each one so that attendees can carefully consider their own needs, the needs and interests of their family members, and select their own websites to use for storage, preservation, and sharing. We will explore the OHIO principle - Only Handle It Once - and discuss how we can do it right, do it once. Attendees will leave feeling encouraged to ensure that their preservation efforts will last for generations.

Intermediate Room 9 Session Number: 276717

Categories: Tools (apps, platforms, software)

### **Discover Your Family at FamilySearch: Photos, Stories and Memories**

Gregg Richardson

Discover. This is a word that is relatively new to the genealogy world. Genealogy is not all about researching records for the dead, there is relevant discovery to be had for yourself...for the living. We will demonstrate simple activities that you can do with other family members. We'll also walk through adding photos of living family and writing and recording memories for anyone in your tree.

Auditorium Session Number: 200004 Categories: Stories

### **Exploring ethnicity estimates**

Debbie Kennett

The DNA testing companies will try to assign your ancestry to specific regions and countries from around the world. But why do you get different results from different companies? Why have you been assigned ancestry from Norway or Italy when you have no ancestors from these countries? In this session we will look at a range of results from all the different testing companies. You will get an understanding of the science behind the calculations so that you will be able to understand what the results actually mean. Although for most people the population percentages are nothing more than an interesting conversation piece, in some cases the results can provide important clues for your family history research. For a few people unexpected results can be a life changing experience.

Intermediate Room S22-A Session Number: 277312 Categories :DNA

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### **First Steps for Starting Your Research**

Jennifer Hansen

Everyone is familiar with pedigree charts. But what comes next? This lecture will introduce principles for solid genealogy research. The class focuses on new terms, charts and forms, and basic records used to extend a family line as new research begins. You will also be introduced to online tools to help organize and display your findings.

Beginner Room 12 Session Number: 268883 Categories: Methodology

### **How Far Did Your Ancestor Travel Before The Railway Age**

Celia Heritage

Traditionally we have been led to believe that, apart from the privileged few, our ancestors rarely strayed far from where they were born before the advent of the railways in the 1830s. Celia challenges this theory and shows how your ancestors may well have travelled much further you thought and at much earlier a date. Migration within the UK, rather than the inadequacies in parish registers, may well be at the root of many of our genealogical brick walls

Advanced Room 17 Session Number: 277522 Categories: Immigration

### **How to Correctly Scan Photographs (Negatives, Slides and Prints)**

Jens Nielsen Just a few years ago our lives were captured on film. Today it is a digital world and unless we take the time to digitize our past, captured on film, those memories will be lost forever. In this class we will explore how to correctly scan film and prints in order to preserve them for the future. You will be amazed at the treasures that are hidden in your old photographs and what will come alive once you explore them through scanning. We have a saying at our company, "Photography remembers what the mind forgets™."

Intermediate Room 7 Session Number: 281179 Categories: Photos

### **Migration to Australia**

Kerry Farmer

The first major settlements of Europeans in Australia were the convicts sent from Great Britain and Ireland, accompanied by the military and officials sent to manage the colonies. Free settlers soon followed. The distance from Europe to Australia meant that the new colonies needed to produce their own food and to demonstrate a wide range of skills. Without financial encouragement, potential migrants were more likely to choose the cheaper alternatives of emigrating to Canada or the United States. At various times governments, organisations and individuals encouraged immigration to Australia by subsidising the passage of those deemed to be desirable immigrants. Australian migration records are not all held in one place. Researchers need to know something about where, when, how and why their ancestors travelled and the migration schemes operating at the time, in order to find the records. Increasingly these records have been digitally indexed and are searchable online.

Intermediate Room 1 Session Number: 271633 Categories: Immigration

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### **Online Family Reunions – using Social Media to locate cousins to share and preserve Family History.**

David Lambert

For over half a decade the presenter has used Social Media to reconnect with cousins, and distant cousins across the globe. Learn how to create and maintain a “Family Homestead” on Facebook to share memories, stories and photographs. Learn how to utilize social media to host virtual family reunions for those relatives who cannot attend a physical reunion.

Beginner Room 13 Session Number: 273564 Categories: Social Media

### **TBA: Sponsored Session – details TBA**

London Suite Classroom Session Number: 110000

### **Tour of Online European Archives**

Miles Meyer

Europe is leading the way by putting many of their archives online. These archives provide an important resource for those researching their European ancestry. This class will discuss how to find various regional and national archives and the steps needed to find those records that are most important to your research. The focus will be on various European Archives (France, Germany, Austria, Netherlands, Italy and Ireland) and the larger archives such as the Europeana website.

Advanced Room S22-B Session Number: 276954 Categories: Records (MISC)

### **Trace your Ancestors in French Civil Records**

Lucie Drouin

The language is not a barrier to climb the French branches of your family tree: come and learn how to find your ancestors in France! Accessing and understanding the vital records in French archives may be challenging if you do not know how to proceed. Come and discover the best way to locate the right repository and to access documents as we explore the birth, marriage and death records, available online and at no charge! Learn how to understand the information contained in the various certificates, even if you do not speak French. Tips will also be given to carry on the research online in the French parish records.

Beginner Room 14 Session Number: 276950 Categories: Records (France)

### **Tracing Welsh Ancestors**

Beryl Evans

How and where to access the basic resources for tracing Welsh ancestors and also to mention some underused sources.

Room 4 Session Number: 243512 Categories: Records (Welsh)

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**Blessings and Curses of Tracing Welsh Ancestry**

Darris Williams The wealth of online records for Wales should make Welsh family history research less challenging. A simple search for John Jones illustrates the problem. With all the information available, a few search strategies are needed to improve your success and accuracy. Along with search strategies awareness of patronymic naming customs are critical.

Room 7 Session Number: 291029 Categories: Records (Welsh)

**Capturing Family Stories in Video Interview Clips**

Thomas Taylor

When it comes to video interviews, shorter is often better than longer. Segmenting a video into short clips makes family stories easier to record, find, and share. Viewers will be more likely to watch a series of short stories than make time to sit and view an hour-long video history interview. Video clips are smaller and easier to upload to YouTube or FamilySearch, making them ideal for sharing your family stories. Filming or cutting your video interview into short segments requires a bit of preparation. Preparing your subject to tell one story at a time can help keep the subject on point rather than rambling from topic to topic. Properly storing and sharing your video clips is just as important. Make sure that your potential audience can find and enjoy these video clips.

Intermediate Room 14 Session Number: 277086 Categories: Stories

**Delving Deep into Migration to and from the British Isles**

Julie Goucher

In this presentation we look at migrants and migration into and from the British Isles. We examine the reasons for migration and the impact that migration had. We look at migration linked to elements of the "British Empire" and to continental Europe. What did that mean during the First and Second World War, how were "aliens" treated and so forth.

Beginner Room S22-B Session Number: 276966 Categories: Immigration

**Engaging the younger audience through technology**

Simon Gibson

The creation of life stories and memories can bridge intergenerational gaps. Engaging and motivating younger generations through the use of new technologies will make the creation of personal histories more engaging and attractive. Young people familiar with the concept of capturing the moment are well aligned to engage in this activity. The democratisation of history will enable future generations to learn from the experiences of all age groups, not just societies. Passing on information while you're still alive is key to maintaining historical truth and to ensure personal history is not left behind. Family History has naturally focussed on past generations, the emergence of artificial intelligence, data science and machine learning has transformed those efforts, but the transition of the biographies and archives of the living to those family history platforms has yet to be fully realised. In many cases, upon passing, people's data is lost forever, without provision being made for its preservation. You only die when you leave no memories.

Beginner Room 1 Session Number: 839235

Categories: Human Interest (family activities, legal/ethical issues, etc)

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**FamilySearch: Benefits of Records and a Tree Together**

John Huff

The power of an open source tree on FamilySearch is good and not something to be scared of. FamilySearch and our partners are successfully helping people with their family history -- the collaboration of everyone working together can be powerful. Find out why FamilySearch created the public tree and discover the unique aspects it has to offer.

Room 4 Session Number: 200002 Categories: Tools (apps, platforms, software)

**TBA: Sponsored Session – details TBA**

Room S22-A Session Number: 274127

**The power of big data of the past - let's build a Time Machine!**

Thomas Aigner, Frederic Kaplan, Sander Münster, Dorit Raines

What would the world look like if we could access documents from the past as easily as present day's data? How would it be, if we could link all the data of our ancestors contained in any old record automatically with artificial intelligence? A consortium of more than 250 research institutions is currently aiming at nothing less than building a Time Machine. To succeed, a series of fundamental breakthroughs are targeted in Artificial Intelligence, Robotics and ICT. Massive digitisation infrastructures and High-Performance Computing will be coupled with Machine Learning techniques to produce a multiscale simulation of more than 5000 years of history. Miles of archives and museum collections will be transformed into a digital information system. The so generated BIG DATA of the PAST will enable us to deal with historical information in fundamentally new ways, particularly in the field of genealogy real revolutions will happen. The experts of the panel session are looking forward to share their vision and plans with an inspired audience.

Beginner Room 12 Session Number: 273054 Categories: Tools (apps, platforms, software)

**The Psychology of Searching - why are you looking for dead people?**

Penny Walters

Why do you do your family tree? I get so excited when I find a new person (but they aren't 'new', they were always there, I just didn't know about them yet). The last 2 generations' names and dates are usually known, can easily be calculated, or relatives asked; others, myself included, get fragmented from their bloodline, developing a genealogical void. Some people keep tracing back in time, others hoard people on their tree. Is a 4th cousin twice removed really a relative? Does a few percent of an ethnicity make us diaspora, or is this cultural appropriation? We will look at the psychological need for contextualising ourselves, tribal territoriality, kinship, lineage, pride, homelands, romanticised heritages, cultural dejavu, voids, becoming obsessed with searching, and putting all the pieces in our jigsaw to form our narrative. How we see ancestors leads to a sense of self, which influences how others see us, and helps us feel grounded. It may be that the question isn't the psychological 'Who am I?' but rather the genealogical 'Who did I come from?'

Advanced Room 9 Session Number: 276922

Categories: Human Interest (family activities, legal/ethical issues, etc)

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**To have and to hold: Understanding British marriage records**

Myko Clelland

Marriage is one of the biggest events in the lives of our ancestors, but when we look at a marriage record - are we certain we've extracted every last piece of information? Were your ancestors married by banns or license? Did they marry in their local church and were they of the established faith? Where are supplementary records held and what knowledge can be applied to be certain we are looking at the right marriage in the first place? Findmypast resident genealogist Myko Clelland will take you on a romantic carriage ride from the 1500s to the present day, talking through the different kinds of marriage that occurred across England, Wales & Scotland and changes in marriage law over the centuries, equipping you with the skills required to truly make the most of the documents created by your ancestors' 'big day'.

Intermediate Auditorium Session Number: 268233 Categories: Records (British)

**Using Genetic Genealogy Techniques to identify an adoptee's birth family (and similar cases)**

Maurice Gleeson

For the past ten years or so, genetic genealogy has proved hugely successful in helping adoptees reconnect with their birth parents, half-siblings, and wider family. More recently (and more controversially) it has been used to identify serial killers / rapists as well as unidentified human remains. It is likely to play an increasing role in mass grave situations where standard forensic tests fail to identify specific individuals. But the technique used in all of these situations is the same and follows a very logical methodological approach. This presentation discusses the three key steps in this approach, namely Triangulate Back, Trace Forward, and confirm with Targeted Testing. The application of various tools to this specific 3-step methodology will be illustrated including the Shared cM Tool, DNA Painter, Triangulation techniques using Shared Matches / ICW Matches / Relatives in Common, my own Adoptee Worksheet template, the WATO tool, among others. Ethical issues will be raised for discussion.

Professional Room 13 Session Number: 273494 Categories: DNA

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**Digital Resources for Welsh Research**

Beryl Evans

Discussing online resources available on The National Library of Wales website and beyond.  
Room 7 Session Number: 239934 Categories: Records (Welsh)

**English Country Bumpkins! Tracing Rural Ancestors.**

Else Churchill

English ancestors lived in rural communities working the land. We may know nothing more about them other than the designation of labourer shown in the parish registers or census records. This talk will look at other records and ways of discovering more about rural ancestors and the communities they inhabited. It will look (inter alia) at records and resources from 1750-1950, such as parish surveys and reports on agricultural life, land and other tax records, land holding, friendly societies, school and poor law records.

Intermediate Room S22-B Session Number: 276083 Categories: Records (British)

**Genetic Genealogy: A Get To Know You Guide**

Diahan Southard

YDNA, mtDNA, and autosomal DNA. Family Tree DNA, 23andMe, AncestryDNA, MyHeritage and Living DNA. Does three test types + five testing companies = eight times the confusion? In this accessible lecture we will cover only exactly what you need to know about this exciting science and how it can lead to important discoveries in your family history. Using plain English and real examples we will answer important questions like: Who should be tested? Which test should I take? What will I receive? Will the DNA results help me? You will be entertained and enlightened, and leave with a better understanding of your next steps.

Beginner Auditorium Session Number: 272582 Categories: DNA

**Irish Estate, Land & Property Records**

David Rencher

Prior to parish registers, estate, land and property records are the next best record to identify generational links and family information for land owners and tenants. This session arms participants with the tools necessary to examine these invaluable records.

Room 12 Session Number: 230492 Categories: Records (Irish)

**Oral Genealogies in Africa with FamilySearch**

David Ouimette

This presentation shows how FamilySearch travels from village to village across fifteen countries in sub-Saharan Africa, chronicling the lives and family relationships of hundreds of millions of people, living and deceased, via oral interviews. The richness of the oral tradition in this region is unique, identifying generations of people not documented in written records. This intriguing session will take you through the fascinating process of conducting oral interviews to capture village settlement stories and family histories. Tribal leaders encourage FamilySearch to collect these oral histories so the younger people migrating to the cities retain their tribal identity by remembering their ancestors.

Room 9 Session Number: 200009 Categories: Records (MISC)

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#### **Remember Then: memories of 1946-1969 and how to write your own**

Janet Few

Our own memories should be an integral part of our family history. This presentation outlines techniques and strategies that will help both men and women, of all ages, to start writing reminiscences of their own. The session draws upon the results of a project during which eighty women recorded their memories of life in Britain during the pivotal period 1946-1969 - a time when we moved from liberty bodices to mini-skirts and from ration books to ready meals. We saw the emergence of youth culture, the comprehensive education system, conspicuous consumerism and feminism. Amongst other topics, the presentation encourages the audience to think about their childhood homes and communities, clothes, schooling, housework, child-rearing and leisure activities. Be inspired to write your own biography, come to reminisce, or discover what life was like at the time.

Intermediate Room 1 Session Number: 276947 Categories: Stories

#### **TBA: Caribbean Research – presenter and class description TBA**

Room 17 Session Number: 274123

#### **TBA: Sponsored Session – details TBA**

London Suite Classroom Session Number: 274127

#### **The Digital Revolution in Irish Genealogy**

Brian Donovan

Once upon a time Irish genealogy was considered impossible, but all that has changed. True, it's still difficult, but thanks to the work of archives and libraries in Ireland, working in partnership with commercial and volunteer organisations, there are now over 160 million records online. They include traditional sources like civil records of birth, death and marriage, census records and church registers. But they also include census substitutes like the land valuation records and tax records. Moreover entirely new classes of records have been trail-blazed in Ireland, like magistrate court registers, rebel and military records, and much more. This session will describe what is now online and tell the story of how it happened. But these sources have posed a real challenge to make available, and can be difficult to use. So this presentation will also describe and explain so users can get the most of what is available. It is also time now to take stock. Where do we need to go to finally make Irish genealogy achievable for all.

Beginner Room 14 Session Number: 273020 Categories: Records (Irish)

#### **Tools and techniques for predicting relationships with autosomal DNA**

Jonny Perl

Discover why the amount of DNA you share with a match can vary so much, and why you might not share any DNA at all with known cousins beyond a certain distance, and how the presentation can differ across the different testing companies. Learn how the free tools on the DNA Painter website can help untangle mysterious DNA matches.

Room S22-A Session Number: 269731 Categories: DNA

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### **Tools for Testing Genealogical Proofs**

Robert Anderson

In a typical genealogical project, most of the energy is expended on the collection, transcription and interpretation of primary and secondary sources. This is followed by a period of analysis of the evidence collected, which hopefully leads to the declaration of a solution to the chosen genealogical problem. Relatively little time is devoted to testing the proposed solution to the problem and assigning a level of certainty to that solution. This lecture will examine three such tests of genealogical conclusions. One of these tests is the requirement for a "rationale" in the GENTECH Genealogical Data Model. The other two tests are from my book Elements of Genealogical Analysis. The first of these is the requirement that "you must have a sound, explicit reason for saying that any two individual records refer to the same person." The second is the White Queen Test, which asks you to flip your conclusion on its head and ask what must be true for your conclusion to be false.

Intermediate Room 4 Session Number: 273396 Categories: Methodology

### **Using FamilySearch for Jewish Research**

W. Todd Knowles

We live in a time when the availability of genealogical records appears to be almost endless. It seems as though every day, a new website becomes available or a new record is added to an existing collection. This growth has enabled people worldwide to begin the search for their own ancestors. Having the ability to now search through so many records from the comfort of your own home can be an incredible blessing. However, while it may be a great blessing to some, it can also create problems if you don't know your way around this site. The one question that I am constantly asked is, "How is the best way to use FamilySearch for finding my Jewish family"? Hopefully this presentation will help researchers learn some of the ways to locate the records of their ancestors on the FamilySearch website. For this presentation I will be focusing on some of the information available under the search tab on the FamilySearch site. The six categories are Records, Family Trees, Genealogies, Catalog, Books and Wiki, and how best to use them for Jewish research.

Beginner Room 13 Session Number: 269880 Categories: Religion

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### **5 Online Resources to discover your Huguenot Ancestors in France**

Lucie Drouin

You are descendant of a Huguenot family who fled France after the religious persecutions? You do not know where to start to trace the life of your ancestors in French archives? Let's discover 5 online resources that will lead you on the road to exile your ancestors followed in the 17th and 18th centuries and will help you to pinpoint their baptism or marriage records. Come and begin the journey back to your ancestors' hometown in France without leaving your desk or even speaking French!

Intermediate Room 4 Session Number: 276941 Categories: Records (France)

### **On-line Church Court Records: a Neglected Genealogical Source**

Colin Chapman

Many records of the Established Church Courts in the British Isles, often termed Ecclesiastical Court Records have been filmed or scanned, some transcribed and translated into modern English and made available on-line by commercial and other providers. Some of these, such as probate and marriage licences, although well-known are often misused while others are neglected by family historians because of both the language and complex structures of church court systems. This presentation simplifies the jargon and workings of the Church Courts, and explains how to make the best use of the data to be found among the on-line records.

Intermediate Room S22-B Session Number: 277519 Categories: Records (British)

### **Research Jewish Genealogical Resources on the Internet**

Daniel Horowitz

Learn about the main repositories for Jewish Genealogy available on the internet. This program will illustrate how to search efficiently in different databases, Jewish (JewishGen, GeshetGalicia, JRI-Poland, and Jewish Genealogy Societies) and not-Jewish (FamilySearch, Ancestry, MyHeritage), to find the information you are looking for.

Room 13 Session Number: 234462 Categories: Religion

### **TBA: Sponsored Session – details TBA**

Room 9 Session Number:274127

### **TBA: Sponsored Session – details TBA**

London Suite Classroom Session Number:220402

### **Tips and tricks in finding and documenting your Middle Eastern family stories**

Omar Kadri

Middle Eastern families are very close (even if separated by distance). This provides great opportunities to capture stories, build trees, and use technology to preserve your Middle Eastern heritage. In this class, I will share anecdotal experiences in gathering information of ancestors from this area. I will also discuss results and next steps from some of FamilySearch's Middle Eastern record investigations that occurred in 2018 and 2019.

Beginner Room 1 Session Number: 200005 Categories: Records (MISC)

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**Tools for tree-building using Y-DNA test results and surname projects**

John Cleary

Though a little overshadowed in recent years, Y-DNA remains the best type of DNA test for investigating surname lineages, the origins and spread of surnames and ancestors who lived around 200 years ago or earlier. This talk will review the best tools for interpreting Y-DNA test results available in 2019 and present strategies for using them in family or surname history research. We will look at the kinds of questions and hypotheses that Y-DNA tests are well-placed to answer, and how the tools on testing company and third-party sites can be put to work for your research. We will discuss building mutation history trees and the issue of how far the ages of Y-line lineages can be estimated – and what these estimates mean. We will end by looking at how the growing use of Whole Genome Sequencing is beginning to impact on Y DNA research. The talk will be useful for intermediate and advanced level researchers who have experience of Y testing or who are thinking of starting out on a Y-DNA project.

Intermediate Room 14 Session Number: 277523 Categories: DNA

**Tracing your ancestral home**

Nick Barratt

Have you ever wondered where your ancestors lived in England? Or you want to trace the history of an ancestral home. This talk outlines the key sources that are available, from national land surveys, different ways of using familiar sources such as census returns and wills, and a variety of other material - maps, plans, newspapers, insurance records and taxes! The session is intermediate to advanced.

Intermediate Auditorium Session Number: 264510 Categories: Records (British)

## **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25**

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### **A sense of place: Land records and maps**

Jenifer Burden

This session will use research case studies to highlight types of English land records that hold rich information to help our genealogical research. Alongside these records, and standing on their own, maps also give a sense of place for our ancestors' lives. We will explore where to access land records using online databases and archives, and also see how simple map tools let us track changes to places over time – helping us to add context to our ancestors' histories, and share these journeys with our families.

Beginner Room 12 Session Number: 277083 Categories: Records (British)

### **A Strategic Approach to Irish Genealogy**

Maurice Gleeson

Researching Irish ancestral lines used to be extremely difficult but the last 10 years has seen a huge increase in the digitisation and indexing of Irish records, many of which are now available online. The trouble is that many people are not aware of how much easier Irish research now is, they don't know where to find the records, and they are not comprehensive in their approach to Irish research. This presentation pulls together the various sources for Irish records, many of which are freely available online, and provides a Strategic Approach to accessing the relevant records for your own Irish genealogical research, maximising the chances of successfully breaking through Brick Walls in your Irish research. Technical aspects discussed during this presentation include checklists, blog posts, specific websites, search techniques, and organising your research.

Intermediate Auditorium Session Number: 273491 Categories: Records (Irish)

### **Crowdsourcing Your Brick Walls**

Drew Smith

Online genealogy forums provide an opportunity to ask others questions about brick wall problems. Learn how to find and search through relevant mailing lists, message boards, and social networking groups, and how to craft the perfect online research query.

Beginner Room 14 Session Number: 273525 Categories: Methodology

### **How to use autosomal DNA to resolve historical paternity cases**

Ugo Perego

The majority of genealogists are drawn to DNA testing out of curiosity or because they are trying to discover unknown relatives in the ever-growing databases managed by the different DNA testing companies. Still too few have grasped on the power of genetic data to resolve family history mysteries. With the present session, I will share a summary review of a paternity case that had historians puzzled for nearly 150 years. This father and alleged daughter case was eventually resolved through autosomal DNA testing that required 55 individuals to be tested and nearly 15 years of research.

Intermediate Room 1 Session Number: 273549 Categories: DNA

## **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25**

**9:00 AM (continued)**

### **Preserving and Conserving research for the future**

Jacqueline Depelle

Family Historians hope that descendants will cherish all our carefully gathered certificates, pieces of paper, memorabilia and drawers of records when we are gone. Is that really realistic? Perhaps there isn't any family to follow on or currently showing an interest. What happens when the filing cabinet drawer or cupboard door is opened as all that treasured material falls out onto the floor! Then again there's that computer full of digital material – hope someone knows your password. Don't leave it too late to wish you had been more organised, start planning now, streamline your organisational skills and structure your research. Let's do our best to ensure our work is appreciated and forms the basis for future studies.

Intermediate Room 17 Session Number: 276939 Categories: Organization

### **Refugees Finding Resilience through Family History Discoveries**

Omar Kadri

FamilySearch has been working with other organizations to help at risk youth, such as refugees, strengthen their resilience through knowledge of their family history work. This class will discuss some of the activities FamilySearch's partners are doing in this field. It will also share possible activities attendees could participate in to strengthen themselves and others in their family through trauma and challenges.

Room 9 Session Number: 200006

Categories: Human Interest (family activities, legal/ethical issues, etc)

### **Researching men and women who served in British Forces during the Second World War**

Simon Fowler

It's sometimes said that it is impossible to trace British men and women who served in the Second World War. This is not true. Marking the 80th anniversary of the outbreak of the War this presentation will show you how to go about it. What is true however is that it can be a much harder task than finding ancestors who fought in WW1. Not all that much is very obviously online and the service records are still with the Ministry of Defence. In addition, the service records can be hard to interpret. However, the presentation discusses service records and what they can tell you. It will also look at the online resources both official, commercial and unofficial. We will also consider the original records, such as war diaries and ships' logs at The National Archives and resources available at the Imperial War Museum and other military archives.

Intermediate Room 7 Session Number: 277260 Categories: Military

### **Sources and structures for successful genealogical research in Germany**

Dirk Weissleder

Doing genealogical research in Germany is different from other countries. The historical background and the local development mostly are very complex. Even for Germans it is sometimes very difficult to understand and use the structures of organized genealogy in a variety of genealogical societies. The class will give an overview for successful genealogical research in Germany.

Intermediate Room 4 Session Number: 273047 Categories: Records (Germany)

## **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25**

**9:00 AM (continued)**

**TBA: Sponsored Session** – details TBA

London Suite Classroom Session Number: 274127

### **The Seven Deadly Sins of Digitizing Photos**

Alison Taylor

Stop the senseless slaughter of pixels! There is a right way and a wrong way to digitize your family history assets (photos, slides, letters, and documents). Before you undertake to digitize your memories, make sure you understand best practices so that your digital files can be used for multiple purposes and will be preserved for future generations. This class uses clear, easy-to-understand visual examples to clarify what can be an intimidating technical process. Learn to avoid the “seven deadly sins” of improper digitization: 1) low resolution 2) high compression 3) wrong file format 4) no identification 5) bad storage 6) incorrect transfer/upload 7) no redundancy.

Beginner Room S22-A Session Number: 277052 Categories: Photos

### **Unlock The Secrets in Your DNA with GEDmatch.com**

Shannon Christmas

Learn how to mine your autosomal DNA results for genealogical gems using the most popular third-party tool for genetic genealogy. Separate fact from fiction. Decode the terminology. Master the technology. Hear the case studies. Jumpstart your genetic genealogy journey.

Intermediate Room S22-B Session Number: 276912 Categories: DNA

## **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25**

### **11:00 AM**

#### **General Session** – details TBA

Auditorium Session Number: 500000

Categories: Human Interest (family activities, legal/ethical issues, etc)

### **1:00 PM**

#### **Ask the Wife! A DNA Research Strategy**

Diahan Southard

With the advent of autosomal DNA testing, women were catapulted into the limelight, no longer needing to rely so heavily on the men in their life to spit or swab. This lecture will focus on all things female. We will start with a review of the mitochondrial DNA, which is passed down from a mother to all of her children, and how it can be helpful in your family history research. While XDNA is technically both male and female, it does have a unique inheritance pattern that can be very insightful. We will spend most of our time learning how to use the wives of your ancestors to help identify our autosomal DNA matches. In autosomal DNA, inheritance is all about the couple, so we can look for clues in the lines of spouses to be sure we are barking up the right genealogical tree.

Beginner Room S22-B Session Number: 272585 Categories: DNA

#### **Digging into Our Refugee Roots: How to Unearth and Share Refugee Stories from Our Family Histories**

Melissa Dalton-Bradford

All our stories, if we follow them deep enough and far enough, will connect with refugee and migrant stories. In this session, Their Story Is Our Story founder and Global Mom: A Memoir and On Loss and Living Onward author Melissa Dalton-Bradford will show attendees how as world citizens all of us connect to refugee or immigrant roots. Refugee and immigrant stories bring honor, dignity, and courage into our family bloodlines and add depth, meaning, and texture to our family histories. Furthermore, this class will teach attendees how to effectively utilize social media to uncover and share firsthand refugee stories with extended family and friends.

Beginner Room 9 Session Number: 271869 Categories: Social Media

#### **Evidence in marriage for Irish Family History.**

Fiona Fitzsimons

This talk explores how marriages were made in Ireland from the 18th to the early 20th Century, from courting couples, to brokering a dowry, the public announcement of the wedding, to the ceremony and consummation. Each stage was necessary for the successful conclusion of a marriage. If a couple failed to complete any one step, the marriage might be contested in law, with potentially devastating results for individuals and their families. Irish marriage law differed significantly from marriage law in the rest of the British Isles. We will ask if this impacted on all the Irish population, or only on the propertied classes. We will explore the subtle differences in Irish and English law that could make a marriage bigamous, clandestine or void.

Intermediate Room S22-A Session Number: 273356 Categories: Records (Irish)

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25**

**1:00 PM (continued)**

**FamilySearch Records: the Most Valuable Collections for Your Family History**

David Ouimette

Discover the breadth and depth of the record holdings freely available on FamilySearch.org, including the record collections of greatest value for your family history. We will explore the FamilySearch treasure trove and show you how to get the most out of the records of your ancestors.

Room 4 Session Number: 200007 Categories: Tools (apps, platforms, software)

**Finding and Unlocking the Keys to British Parish Registers Online**

Deanna Bullock

Microfilm is no longer distributed by the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, so where do I find the parish registers I used to order on microfilm? We will learn where to look to find online access (free and paid) to the Church of England Parish Registers to find the baptisms, marriages and burials of our ancestors in England and Wales. While microfilmed records are no longer available to Family History Centres, a majority of the parish registers held at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City have been digitized and are available online for free. Some are accessible only through a local Family History Centre or partner library. The FamilySearch Wiki is an excellent source of information to determine where parish records can be found; like what records are available at Ancestry, FindMyPast, TheGenealogist, Essex Ancestors, Medway Archives, Country Record Offices, GENUKI, and Family History Societies. Additionally, if records have not yet be digitized for a location, learn where you can find the physical records or where can indexes be found.

Intermediate Room 12 Session Number: 277241 Categories: Religion

**From the cobweb to the web. How to find German church records on the internet.**

Marc Jarzebowski

There are still regions in Germany, where you will need to set up an appointment with the parish staff and they will - if you are lucky - open their decrepit bookcase for you with its dusty and cobwebby church record volumes. This may be an enchanting nostalgic experience, but is not very conducive for efficient research, of course. More and more records can be found online, but sometimes getting access is not really much easier, because for finding them you need to have some knowledge where to search. In other words: You need to know about the internal structures of the major churches in Germany, and also about the system of church-, state-, city- and other archives. In this session, I will provide an overview about theses structures and present tools how to research them - you can find out anything on the internet if you know how you need to ask. Afterwards you will be able to identify the correct archive and find out how you get access to the required records.

Advanced Auditorium Session Number: 276910 Categories: Records (Germany)

## **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25**

**1:00 PM (continued)**

### **How can we, based on dry facts, write good personal stories?**

Liv Marit Haakenstad

As genealogists, we gather facts, but how can we take our findings and turn them into an interesting personal story? Where should you start? Have you written what you remember from childhood and adolescence? Or what your parents or grandparents told you about their life? The attendee will learn how to distinguish between fiction and creative non-fiction writing and how to use the facts they have collected to write a good story. Learn how your childhood memory images stored in one's brain can yield stories with a personal flavor, and how technology can aid you to recreate a room or a home and bring those memories to light. You will also learn how to organize the background material using spreadsheets or databases to register the material you wish to include. We will also look into how to use a mind map to sort different parts of a manuscript and make connections between people, events or relatives. Lastly, learn about software to help you in the writing process.

Beginner Room 1 Session Number: 276524 Categories: Stories

### **Over the top: researching your First World War genealogy**

Simon Fowler

Virtually all of the records relating to service in the British Army, Royal Navy and Royal Air Force between 1914 and 1919 are now online. This presentation will look at the key sources as well as some of the lesser known resources that could dramatically change your view of an ancestor's service during the Great War. In particular we will be considering the medal record cards and related medal rolls, service records and finally the battalion war diaries. And finally we will discuss a major collection of First World War material that will be fully online in time for RootsTech. Beginner Room 7 Session Number: 276929 Categories: Military

**TBA: Sponsored Session** – details TBA London Suite Classroom Session Number:110000

**TBA: Sponsored Session** – details TBA Room 13 Session Number:274127

### **The joy of surnames**

Debbie Kennett

Surnames provide a fascinating insight into the past, and each surname has its own story to tell. This lecture will give you an understanding of the history and distribution of surnames. The focus will be on surnames originating in the British Isles though the techniques learnt will be universally applicable. We will look at tools for surname mapping, which can provide insight into the origins and distribution of your surname. Studying a whole surname rather than focusing on your own branch of your family tree can be a rewarding process and provides the opportunity to collaborate with researchers from around the world. The one-name study approach can sometimes even help to break down brick walls. A DNA project can help to establish which branches are related and whether a surname is likely to have a single origin or multiple origins. By studying your surname of interest you can make a major contribution to the field of surname research and you will have the unique distinction of becoming the worldwide expert on your favourite surname.

Intermediate Room 14 Session Number: 277311 Categories: Methodology

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25**

**1:00 PM (continued)**

**Tracing Your Ancestors in the Netherlands**

John Boeren

Many families in English speaking countries, for example the UK, the US, Canada or Australia have Dutch roots. Waves of emigrants left the Netherlands in the early 17th century, in the late 19th century or shortly after World War II. If you are looking for your ancestors in the Netherlands, you are really lucky. The Dutch archives provide a plethora of records, that help you find details and stories about your family. Where to start? How to search for that anglicised name? How to read civil records and church book entries? What websites to use? Where to look for other - non-digitised - records? After you have attended this presentation, you will be able to start research your family in the Netherlands. Even without knowledge of the Dutch language.  
Beginner Room 17 Session Number: 276236 Categories: Records (MISC)

## **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25**

**2:00 PM**

### **¡España por favor! Spanish Research Resources Online**

Debbie Gurtler

There are various resources available online for research in Spain. This class will feature many of these sites such as PARES (Portal de Archivos Españoles), Dokuklik, various diocesan archives, and others where a researcher might find clues about their Spanish ancestry all from the comfort of home.

Beginner Room 9 Session Number: 273528 Categories: Records (Spain/Portugal)

### **Combining DNA with Irish Research**

Maurice Gleeson

DNA has been a great additional tool to the genealogists armamentarium and has some very specific applications when it comes to doing Irish research and trying to get beyond the difficult period of 1800-1830 when Irish records grow sparse. In order to optimise your chances of DNA helping you break through your Irish Brick Walls, there are several techniques that everyone should be using. The first is to characterise the Most Distant Known Ancestor on each of your Irish ancestral lines, but also to identify possible candidates for their siblings and parents. These clues are hidden in existing records and this talk teaches techniques for unlocking them and revealing them. A second important technique is to know how to use and understand Irish Naming Conventions to look for clues among your DNA matches. A third technique is the use of Triangulation to hone in on a particular Brick Wall. And a fourth technique is to use land records to match up with ancestral locations of your DNA matches.

Advanced Room S22-B Session Number: 273492 Categories: DNA

### **Getting the best from archive online catalogues**

Simon Fowler

Researchers are often baffled by the online catalogues available on British archive websites. And with good reason as most are extremely user unfriendly. Based on the presenter's decade-long experience the presentation will offer simple advice about getting the best from these catalogues. Among the topics to be considered are: Using Boolean operators such as AND and NOT. Inputting the right questions into search engines to ensure that you receive useful answers. An introduction to the organisation of archives as this can be key to successfully using online catalogues

Intermediate Room 13 Session Number: 276927 Categories: Methodology

### **Help, my ancestor was from the city! (How to research in German cities)**

Marcel Elias

When genealogists have to search their ancestors in bigger cities, it might be sometimes overwhelming due to big number of existing parishes in that city or due to mobility of said ancestor within the city, resulting in births of children in different parishes. This lecture's goal is to teach the audience how to use various existing archival and online documents, such as address books, registration cards, Heimatrechtsanträge, Verhelichungsakten, etc. that might help them to document the lives of their ancestors in the cities or even to pinpoint their place of birth in case said ancestors moved to the city from somewhere else.

Intermediate Room 14 Session Number: 276499 Categories: Records (Germany)

## **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25**

**2:00 PM (continued)**

### **Maximizing your Search Results on FamilySearch.org**

John Huff

FamilySearch has a multitude of records but are your searches finding all you could? Come discover searches you might be missing. You will learn a variety of search techniques with tips along the way to help you maximize your search results and find those elusive ancestors in places you may have missed previously.

Beginner Room 4 Session Number: 200010 Categories: Methodology

### **TBA: Sponsored Session – details TBA**

London Suite Classroom Session Number: 274127

### **Technology and Prosopography**

Robert Anderson

Prosopography is the detailed study of a defined group of people (e.g., first settlers of a town; members of a legislative body). Prosopographical studies lead to the discovery of genealogical relationships and patterns which would not be revealed by the disconnected examination of individuals. These community-oriented projects require the gathering, management and analysis of large quantities of data. This session will discuss the creation and analysis of large relational databases in support of a prosopographical study, with emphasis on the application of the Gentech Lexicon Genealogical Data Model for such research projects.

Intermediate Room 17 Session Number: 273334 Categories: Tools (apps, platforms, software)

### **The smuggler king of Cullercoats**

Nick Barratt

Using the case study of an eighteenth century customs officer, Thomas Armstrong, this talk explores the sources through which we can uncover the dangerous smuggling trade and the steps that the beleaguered customs officers took to protect the coasts. We also uncover a family at war with itself, and the ultimate act of treachery. The session is intermediate to advanced, and will show how you can trace your ancestors who were customs officers and excise men, or possibly one of the smugglers they were trying to catch...

Room 7 Session Number: 253445 Categories: Methodology

### **Time Machines, Pensieves, and Portkeys — Memory Technology that Bridges Generations**

Thomas Taylor

We need to consider both the psychological aspects as well as the technological elements to save and share our personal and family history memories. Brain science and history have shown that some of the most powerful memory tools are pictures and stories. Focus needs to be placed on finding really good stories and powerful pictures. So why Time Machines, Pensieves, and Portkeys? They may be the future technologies (besides, they capture our imaginations—and that is a key to memory). Creative imagination and literary authors often drive breakthrough technologies. We don't know what technology that we will be using 50-years from now. We do know from thousands of years of history that we should use the best technology we have available, but our first thought should be identifying our best pictures and stories, then use the most current, prolific, and available technology to encode, store, and provide means for retrieval. This class will provide a fun, yet practical set of tools to save and share our memories.

Beginner Room 1 Session Number: 277094 Categories: Stories

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25**

**2:00 PM (continued)**

**Tracing 20th Century English Ancestors - the joys and challenges**

Else Churchill

Many researchers beginning their English family history discover that researching in the early 20th century can be quite challenging. Death certificates don't give the place of burial. There will be missing census information. Rising levels of cohabitation and divorce make finding marriage information difficult. The devastating effect of 2 world wars, increased migration and other developments can make finding an ancestor challenging. This talk will look at the sources and techniques that might help overcome those challenges.

Beginner Room 12 Session Number: 276079 Categories: Records (British)

**Using DNA and Historical Research to Extend Your Family Tree**

Angie Bush

A DNA match in isolation is only one piece of data, and alone is often not useful in pushing past genealogical "brick walls." This presentation will highlight how DNA matches can often lead to historical records, and how traditional research goes hand-in-hand with DNA to extend and expand family trees. Case studies will highlight specific English (Norfolk, Yorkshire) branches of the presenters family tree.

Intermediate Auditorium Session Number: 273536 Categories: DNA

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25**

**3:30 PM**

**Comparing U.K. Collections on Major Websites**

Whitney Peterson

The records, images, and indexes for the U.K. are scattered across multiple websites. In order to cover all of the U.K., you will need to use more than one of them. But how do you know which ones to use? We will look at collections for the main record types in the U.K., specifically church, civil registration, and census. You will learn strategies for figuring out which website has what you need based on coverage, indexed data, search capabilities and other criteria. As well as what to do if the records you're looking for aren't available online.

Room 7 Session Number: 200003 Categories: Records (British)

**Ethical Dilemmas in Genealogy**

Penny Walters

With a PhD in Ethical Dilemmas, Penny will look at ethical dilemmas in genealogy. Privacy and confidentiality have always been in the background, but using DNA for non-genealogical purposes such as identifying criminals has brought ethical dilemmas to the forefront. Other ethical dilemmas will be raised, including ethnicity, adoption, tree collaboration, designer babies, using social media to contact matches. Advances in genetic technology and computer databases will create new opportunities, ethical challenges and inevitably new legal issues. The key question in any discussion about may be 'ethically, should you be searching through people's private information?' Genealogical ethical dilemmas can be observed, discussed and commented on through many disciplines such as philosophy, history, anthropology, ethology, evolutionary theory, psychology, sociology, and religion. Principles are also affected by cultural norms, law, and religion. There are no clear cut rights and wrongs, and the debate about issues can be more informative and enlightening than any notion of a fixed answer.

Advanced Room 13 Session Number: 273551

Categories: Human Interest (family activities, legal/ethical issues, etc)

**Examining your DNA matches with DNA Painter**

Jonny Perl

DNA Painter is a website that can help interpret and demystify your autosomal DNA results. Using practical examples, this session will demonstrate how DNA Painter can be used for a variety of activities including chromosome mapping and relationship prediction for unknown DNA matches.

Room S22-B Session Number: 222264 Categories: DNA

**Knowing the genealogical sources from Spain**

Yolanda Gonzalez Camacho

I'll speak about the different archives from Spain, like: civil, ecclesiastical, municipal and statearchives. In this ones we can find local census, notarial records, birth records and others, the date of creation and the way to access to the documents. I'll also speak about the problem related to the civil war in spanish archives. It's important to make mention to another documental types which are normally not used in family history but are rich in terms of information. Finally i'll sgow different websites and sources taht give us information about your family history.

Professional Room 9 Session Number: 277534 Categories: Records (Spain/Portugal)

## **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25**

**3:30 PM (continued)**

### **How to Tell the Ten Best Stories of Your Life**

Alison Taylor

YOUR life, the one you are living right now, is the “family history” of future generations. Believe it or not, your great-great-great grandchildren will one day find your life fascinating—but only IF you record and share it. When preserving our life stories, we can be overwhelmed with questions such as: Where do I start? How much do I include? How do I handle sensitive life situations? Using clear visual examples, we will show you a proven step-by-step method to make the process of writing a personal history easier and more fun. Steps include 1) Lifeline: How to create a life timeline, 2) Brainstorm: finding story ideas using memory triggers, 3) Story Triage: how to choose the most important events and stories, 4) Low Hanging Fruit: How to (painlessly) write or record your stories, 5) Crummy first draft: editing techniques, 6) Letting it Go: publishing, preserving and sharing your stories. Most importantly, you’ll be excited to get started on preserving your best life stories, knowing that “writing a memoir” doesn’t have to be a monumental task.

Beginner Auditorium Session Number: 273345 Categories: Stories

### **Mind Mapping and its place in organising and guiding your genealogical research**

Linda Hammond

This session aims to introduce you to the skill of Mind Mapping in relation to genealogical research. Mind maps are not a new invention; they have been around for centuries. They are basically a hierarchical diagram used to visually organize information. Mind maps can be as simple or complex as you want them to be, however they help organise your planning and thought processes by visually mapping the information. We will explore how they can be used at each stage in your research: planning, problem solving, reporting and even writing up. We will use practical examples to show how they can prove invaluable in breaking down brick walls. We will also discover how they can clearly show up conflicting data issues in your research and likewise gaps in your research plans. Once you implement mind mapping into your skill set you’ll find it invaluable.

Intermediate Room 1 Session Number: 276931 Categories: Organization

### **Notify next of kin: evidence in death for Irish Family History**

Fiona Fitzsimons

Evidence in death. Most people leave a very light paper-trail in the records – one time we’re most likely to find evidence is at time of death. Families made arrangements to wake and bury the dead; notify kin, friends and community; erect a gravestone; pay the undertaker; prove a will and settle all bequests. Sometimes artefacts were created in death: - memorial cards, jewellery or even more unusual items. Death was one of the busiest times in life, and many of the customs / traditions that developed around it, may have generated a document or artefact, which may survive to the present day. In this workshop, we use case-studies to examine the evidence that survives in death. We explore where to find it, how to interpret it, and how to use it to build your research and write your family history narrative.

Beginner Room S22-A Session Number: 273368 Categories: Records (Irish)

## **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25**

### **3:30 PM (continued)**

#### **Outside the church – Nonconformist records**

Alec Tritton

By 1851 it was estimated that some 50% of church attendance was outside the established Church of England. So what are the signs that your ancestor may not have conformed? How were they treated? Where else can you look if they aren't in the parish registers? There are two main waves of English dissent. The first wave in the 17th Century had at its root the Elizabethan Puritans and from this sprung the Congregationalists, Baptists, Presbyterians and Unitarians. Of those founded in the 17th Century the Quakers were the most successful and now the only survivor though a great many churches with a variety of beliefs are described as Independent. From the middle of the 18th Century the second wave consisted of various branches of Methodism and includes Calvinistic Methodist and Wesleyans and the influx of denominations from Europe such as the Moravians. A number of other denominations and offshoots existed such as the Sandemanians, Inghamites, Swedenborgians, Universalists, Irvingites and Countess of Huntingdon Connexion existed.

Beginner Room 12 Session Number: 276877 Categories: Religion

#### **Public Records in Germany in 19th Century - Standes- and Zivilstandsregister**

Roland Geiger

Until French Revolution, the territory we now call "Germany" consisted of numerous smaller or larger territories with different rulers. The only institution that covered births, marriages and deaths was the church but on parish level. Catholics covered Catholics, Protestants Protestants, but Catholics not Protestants and vice versa. The French officials in the occupied zones (usually west of the Rhine) introduced the so-called „Standesamtsregister“ in 1798. From now on, all births, marriages and deaths have been recorded by an institution - regardless of religion. In the rest of Germany, the system was introduced in 1874 and continued to this day. In the lecture, I explain the history of the system and then show examples of how it works, what it is made of in detail, what data can be learned from it and where such documents can be found.

Intermediate Room 14 Session Number: 276906 Categories: Records (Germany)

#### **TBA: Sponsored Sessions – details TBA**

Room 4 Session Number: 274127; and London Suite Classroom Session Number: 220402

## **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25**

**4:30 PM**

### **DNA Testing Panel Discussion**

John Cleary, Maurice Gleeson, Laura House, Debbie Kennett, Michelle Leonard, Donna Rutherford

This session will be a panel discussion on the ethics and practical applications of genetic genealogy. Maurice Gleeson will chair the discussion. The panel discussion will start with a number of set questions being put to the panelists followed by an open Q&A attendees can participate in.

Beginner Room S22-B Session Number: 277471 Categories: DNA

### **Finding the poor and destitute Irish**

Brian Donovan

The words “Irish poor” and “records” might seem a contradiction. You might be convinced you will never find any records for your destitute Irish ancestors, but you will be surprised by what information survives. Poor relief was available in Ireland in some form at almost all time periods. It was dispensed by the church, the state or private charities, and they generated records that have left information about millions of impoverished people from all over the country. Often these records date from before the Famine (1845-52) with information unavailable anywhere else.

Given that the poor Irish were the most likely to migrate to Britain or America, these records are an essential resource for your research. So what records were created, what has survived, and is it online or still in an archive? And how do you get the most out of them for your family history?

These are the key questions that will be answered in this session.

Intermediate Room S22-A Session Number: 273016 Categories: Records (Irish)

### **Germans in Britain and Ireland, 1914-1920: Who were they, and why there?**

Colin Chapman

This well-illustrated presentation offers an explanation for the internment and imprisonment in Britain and Ireland of German civilians and military combatants 100 years ago. Guidance is given on accessing useful on-line and other sources in British, German, American and Swiss national, federal, local and specialist archives to find details of the lives of the internees, the prisoners and their guards, perhaps your relatives, including some escapes and deaths. Examples are identified and described of humanitarian support from Quakers, YMCA, Salvation Army and other welfare organisations to discover more.

Beginner Room 14 Session Number: 277515 Categories: Military

### **Squeezing Every Drop out of Polish Parish Registers**

David Ouimette

Polish parish registers tell stories about individuals, families, and communities, revealing living conditions, lifestyles, relationships, traditions, successes, trials, and social history. Genealogists should take time to study parish registers deeply to discover all that these records have to offer. In this session, we show how to mine Polish parish registers to uncover their enormous genealogical value. Examples are drawn from the parish of Saint Bartholomew the Apostle in Wójtowa, a small farming village in Małopolskie (aka Galicia). We use original records, genealogical standards, proven research methodologies, and spreadsheet software to squeeze every drop out of Polish parish registers.

Intermediate Room 1 Session Number: 273566 Categories: Records (MISC)

## **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25**

### **4:30 PM (continued)**

#### **Hagen or Hagen? Tools to get to know an unknown country.**

Marc Jarzebowski

Last year in July, three generations of a US family came to Germany and we agreed to meet in one of the places of their ancestors, in Hagen near Osnabrueck. When I checked about their hotel, it turned out they had booked one in the city of Hagen near Dortmund, more than 100 km away from the correct place. There are about 40 "Hagen" places in Germany, so things can be pretty confusing, if you are not familiar with the geography of a country. Geographical visualisation and the use of technical map tools have become more and more important in my work over the years. Especially, because I specialize on formerly German regions, which are situated in Poland today. The old German names have been replaced by Polish names and a Hagen/Hagen like confusion could happen to me easily, too. In this session, I will show how you can use the advanced functions of google maps to create individual maps, as a work tool and as a format to be included in the presentation of your family history.

Advanced Room 13 Session Number: 276909 Categories: Tools (apps, platforms, software)

#### **Save and share online information : 5 tools for the connected genealogist**

Sophie Boudarel

In this presentation, I will discuss tools such as Pocket, Evernote, Feedly, Buffer, and Crowdfire, to save, read and share genealogical information/articles/blog posts that can be found online. No more stress in remembering what or where you have read it, no more confusion in sharing the information with your community.

Beginner Room 4 Session Number: 262883 Categories: Tools (apps, platforms, software)

#### **Portuguese Ancestors? Good News! It's Easier Than You Think**

Debbie Gurtler

Do you have Portuguese ancestors but aren't sure how to get started discovering your family history? Come learn about various websites and resources that can help you to be successful. You'll learn everything from record content, websites, how to read the records, and where to find help when you get stuck.

Beginner Room 17 Session Number: 273532 Categories: Records (Spain/Portugal)

#### **TBA: Sponsored Session – details TBA**

London Suite Classroom Session Number: 274127

#### **Yorkshire, England's largest Historic County**

Jacqueline Depelle

Often referred to as "God's own county" Yorkshire has a special place in many people's hearts, from current residents to those all over the world with historic connections. For Family Historians there is an amazing amount of material online focusing on Yorkshire collections. However it's important to remember that Archives, Libraries and Museums situated in the county also house records of national interest. This talk will bring together a wide range of ideas and research opportunities for those with and without Yorkshire ancestors.

Beginner Room 12 Session Number: 276938 Categories: Records (British)

## **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26**

**9:00 AM**

### **Beyond Scotland's People: Breaking Down Brick Walls in Scottish Research**

Alison Spring

Learn how to overcome some barriers commonly encountered in Scottish genealogical research, including unfamiliar styles of handwriting, or other languages such as old Scots or Latin. A major brick wall can occur when vital records do not exist. The class will cover how to identify substitute sources which researchers may not have considered or be aware of, such as poor law applications, ecclesiastical sources, and probate records. Unexpected relocation of ancestors also presents a problem, but this can be overcome by the use of a variety of records. These resources are often held in local archives and an explanation will be given of how to identify these repositories and their contents.

Intermediate Room 7 Session Number: 268172 Categories: Records (Scottish)

### **DNA Is Dynamite - How To Ignite Your Ancestral Research**

Michelle Leonard

This session is aimed at beginners and will give an overview of the basic information required to understand the three main types of DNA tests available for ancestral research. Michelle will explain how each test works and cover the inheritance patterns of the different types of DNA that can be tested including the importance of the X-Chromosome. She will talk attendees through the first steps they should take once their results arrive and provide easy to follow hints and tips on how to get the most out of those results. Practical real-life examples will illustrate how DNA testing can be used to connect with previously unknown cousins, break down brick walls and confirm the accuracy of family trees.

Beginner Room 4 Session Number: 277512 Categories: DNA

### **FamilySearch's Helpful Hidden Tools**

Darris Williams

The FamilySearch Wiki is a powerful tool that is often overlooked -- think of it as the full collection of the encyclopedia, but much less dusty! With new updates and additions, it is worth your time to learn about the tools and features available. Learn about record types, archive sets and information, local family history centers across the globe, the new improved [maps.familysearch.org](https://maps.familysearch.org) and the new FamilySearch Community.

Room 9 Session Number: 200011 Categories: Tools (apps, platforms, software)

### **Finding British ancestors in India**

Cathie Sherwood

Are you one of the many across the world who are actively rummaging through their ancestry looking for those elusive British ancestors who were in India? Since 1600, thousands of British people travelled to the Indian sub-continent to carry out a multitude of roles in running the country – as military personnel, planters, civil servants accompanied by clergy and missionaries who came from both Great Britain and the United States of America. So where can you find the details of your ancestors' baptisms, marriages, burials, their careers or their work for various civil departments? Once located, how can you maximise your chances of finding your ancestor's details? This session will take you through the tips and tricks for searching various online records, in particular, those offered by Find My Past which has an extensive collection of India-related records from the British Library covering the period between 1698 and 1947.

Beginner Room 17 Session Number: 277502 Categories: Records (British)

## **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26**

**9:00 AM (continued)**

### **Inferred matching techniques for chromosome mapping**

Jonny Perl

Inferred matching is an advanced technique often used in chromosome mapping by those who have siblings or parents tested. By analysing the DNA that known relatives share with each other, you can infer which DNA you must have inherited in the equivalent position. With practical examples, this session will show how this can help you expand your chromosome map and make additional use of your matches. This session is aimed at those who have previous experience of chromosome mapping with autosomal DNA.

Room 12 Session Number: 294830 Categories: DNA

### **Should You Take the Hint? Automated Record Hinting on the Giant Genealogy Websites**

Sunny Morton

Learn how automated record hinting works with your trees on Ancestry.com, FamilySearch.org, Findmypast.com and MyHeritage.com. You'll learn how record hints are different than searching and why it matters. Then you'll learn strategies for getting the most out of hinting. These include: Have a current online tree, to give the site as much information as possible to compare. Subscribe to the site, since the full hinting experience is only available to full site users at subscription sites. Explore hints for one person at a time, working backward, so you'll better recognize them in records when you see them. Focus on historical record hints rather than tree hints, since historical records are evidence and tree hints are based on others' opinions. Review hints carefully, since some may be wrong or incomplete. You may need to do a little extra research on similar-looking people who may not be your ancestor. New hints show up regularly: watch for them! Finally, run your own searches once hints are exhausted, since there may be more to discover.

Beginner Auditorium Session Number: 273284 Categories: Tools (apps, platforms, software)

### **TBA: Sponsored Session – details TBA**

London Suite Classroom Session Number: 274127

### **Tracing Ancestors: Researching English and Welsh Workhouse Records**

Sylvia Valentine

Family historians often think of using workhouse records chiefly in terms of the admission or discharge of a pauper ancestor. However the Poor Law Amendment Act of 1834 created a bureaucratic system across England and Wales for the management of local poor law unions. Not all records have survived, but those which do frequently name individuals with some connection to the workhouse. For example, suppliers of foodstuffs clothing and services such as dentistry. Your Ancestor might have been a workhouse employee or been one of "the great and the good" who oversaw day to day management. You can find information about absconding parents, apprentice records and smallpox vaccination records. This lecture explains some of the records you might be able to find.

Room 14 Session Number: 229853 Categories: Records (British)

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26**

**9:00 AM (continued)**

**Transmigration through Great Britain**

Liv Marit Haakenstad

From Europe, it is estimated that forty million people emigrated between 1830 and 1930, with more than nine million travelling from Europe via Liverpool. What routes did they take through Great Britain? What immigration sources are available in England, and what documents would have been used during the immigration process? Several specific examples will be given to follow emigrants from Norway through Great Britain to North America or even Australia. What means of transport did they use? What happened during the travel process and what happened when they arrived in Canada or the United States?

Intermediate Room 13 Session Number: 276522 Categories: Immigration

## **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26**

**11:00 AM**

### **General Session**

As one of nine children and a father to five sons, Donny Osmond knows a thing or two about family. His history as a performer in the United Kingdom goes way back – as does his ancestry – giving him meaningful ties and a deep affinity for the country. Join the Saturday General Session to see Donny Osmond live in action at RootsTech London.

Auditorium Session Number: 600000 Categories: Human Interest (family activities, legal/ethical issues, etc)

**1:00 PM**

### **Beginning Scandinavian Research on your Home Computer**

Jennifer Hansen

Successful research in Scandinavian records requires an understanding of the culture and events affecting our ancestors. This lecture presents tools to help focus research on one unique family group within the sea of patronymics. The major record groups used in Scandinavian research will also be introduced. Attendees will feel empowered to start researching their Nordic roots when they return home.

Beginner Room 12 Session Number: 268873 Categories: Records (MISC)

### **From Mountains to Megabytes—Organizing and Archiving Your Stuff**

Alison Taylor, Thomas Taylor

Many family historians have collected (or inherited) boxes full of family history “stuff”—letters, photos, genealogical material, memorabilia—that they don’t know what to do with, and yet they can’t just throw it away. The weight of this responsibility is overwhelming and can cause real stress in the lives of those who care about preserving history. This session will show you a step-by-step process to sort quickly through the boxes, properly preserve and store your valuable family history assets in a digital archive, and reclaim your dining room table. We will discuss 1) Professional organizing tips for sorting, selecting, and culling your family history assets; 2) Best practices for preserving important original documents; 3) Best practices for digitizing assets so that your files can be used for multiple purposes; and 3) How to create a digital archive that can be easily shared, uploaded, and stored for future generations.

Beginner Room 9 Session Number: 277085 Categories: Organization

### **Getting started with DNA**

Debbie Kennett

DNA testing is an essential tool for the family historian and has the potential to provide answers which can’t be found from the paper trail alone. The large genetic genealogy databases are helping to reunite long lost cousins and break down long-standing brick walls. But if you’ve not yet tested it can be very confusing trying to decide how a DNA test can help with your research and working out which test you should be taking. In this session you will learn about the three different tests – Y-chromosome DNA, mitochondrial and autosomal DNA – and how you can apply them to your research. The talk will be illustrated with case studies and some inspiring real-life stories

Beginner Auditorium Session Number: 277313 Categories: DNA

## **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26**

**1:00 PM (continued)**

### **How to Restore and Migrate Photographs to the Future**

Jens Nielsen

Scanning and digitizing your photographs is only half the equation. Often times old film and prints have been damaged by the environment and will need some restoration work. We will explore tools that will help digitally restore these photographs and bring them back to their original condition. We will also discuss ways to store digital photos so they can be preserved for future generations to enjoy.

Intermediate Room 13 Session Number: 236103 Categories: Photos

### **Managing collaboration in a global One-Name Study**

Paul Howes

The multiple award-winning Howes One-Name Study was ten years old in Oct 2018. In March 2018 Paul was awarded the Guild of One-Name Studies Master Craftsman award in recognition of his service to the Guild as Chairman and for steadfastly promoting the ethos of members helping members and the concept of One-Name studies and surname research. In this session, Paul will share how he manages the study and has collaborated with other researchers around the world to build a database of 145,000+ people in reconstructed family groups with an amazing amount of detail. Other techniques to be covered in the presentation are the technology he uses, the use and promotion of a DNA project, social media and interaction with other Guild members. He will also discuss multiple approaches to backing up our work: short-term, long-term and human. The Howes One-Name Study is a fine example of a One-Name Study and inspires both members and non-members alike in what can be achieved. Attendees will leave the session inspired to undertake surname research, understanding the basic principles of such studies.

Intermediate Room 7 Session Number: 273085 Categories: Collaboration

### **Scotland's churches: an introduction to their history and their records**

Tahitia McCabe

Understanding the history of Scotland's churches post-Reformation is helpful when tracking down religious records for your Scottish ancestors. This session will provide an overview of the history of Scotland's churches and in particular how the various secessions from the Established Church can cause real problems for the genealogist. Pre-1855, church records are one of the best sources for Scottish genealogy and this talk will cover what is available and how best to find them. These will include baptism, marriage and burial but also membership, communion and church court records. Sources from the Church of Scotland and a number of non-conformist churches will be described and ways to find these online and in physical archives will be reviewed.

Beginner Room 4 Session Number: 277472 Categories: Records (Scottish)

## **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26**

### **1:00 PM (continued)**

#### **Staying alive! The making of history video clips for preserving family memories.**

Marc Jarzebowski

Filmmaking today is no longer a costly and lengthy enterprise for specialists and it has become a part of my work, for clients and also for promotional purposes. The creation of a video clip is an ideal option to merge different kinds of sources to an appealing storytelling, written documents, old photos, memories told by your family members in front of the camera etc. Clips (not 90 minutes docs) correspond to the consumption habits of our children and grandchildren, the future agents of our family history. But the more technical and creative possibilities one has, the more mistakes can be made. In this session, I will exemplify the entire process of shooting and cutting (with Final Cut Pro). One of my major points: Almost any camera or smartphone will work for the pictures, but a good micro will be needed for a decent sound quality and this is essential for the whole project. Because only when the voices from the past are clear and pleasant, people will like to listen to them.

Advanced Room 14 Session Number: 276911

Categories: Tools (apps, platforms, software)

#### **TBA: India Research** – details TBA

Room 17 Session Number: 234098

#### **TBA: Sponsored Sessions** – details TBA

Room 1 Session Number: 274127; and London Suite Classroom Session Number: 220402

#### **What is FamilySearch?**

David Rencher

FamilySearch is the world's largest genealogical organization with the largest collection of free genealogical records. With a network of over five-thousand family history centers, FamilySearch provides the best in-person and online experience for family history. Come learn about its global products and services.

Room S22-A Session Number: 200001 Categories: Tools (apps, platforms, software)

## **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26**

**2:00 PM**

### **Engaging the younger audience through technology**

Simon Gibson

The creation of life stories and memories can bridge intergenerational gaps. Engaging and motivating younger generations through the use of new technologies will make the creation of personal histories more engaging and attractive. Young people familiar with the concept of capturing the moment are well aligned to engage in this activity. The democratisation of history will enable future generations to learn from the experiences of all age groups, not just societies. Passing on information while you're still alive is key to maintaining historical truth and to ensure personal history is not left behind. Family History has naturally focussed on past generations, the emergence of artificial intelligence, data science and machine learning has transformed those efforts, but the transition of the biographies and archives of the living to those family history platforms has yet to be fully realised. In many cases, upon passing, people's data is lost forever, without provision being made for its preservation. You only die when you leave no memories.

Beginner London Suite Classroom Session Number: 839235

Categories: Human Interest (family activities, legal/ethical issues, etc)

### **FamilySearch.org: 10 Easy Tasks**

Gregg Richardson

Come learn about 10 easy tasks that can help you get started at familysearch.org. Learn how to preserve your family story in the Family Tree, upload and tag memories, utilize hints, index historical records, navigate mobile apps, search records, and much more.

Room S22-A Session Number: 200014 Categories: Tools (apps, platforms, software)

### **Legal sources for genealogy**

Nick Barratt

It's always exciting to find out that your ancestors fell foul of the long arm of the law - provided they are far enough back in your family tree! This talk outlines the development of the English legal system, covering criminal ancestors from medieval times to the present day, as well as civil cases in which your ancestors took each other to court to settle disputed inheritance. The session is intermediate to advanced.

Room 14 Session Number: 232903

Categories: Human Interest (family activities, legal/ethical issues, etc)

### **Parish documents**

Alec Tritton

To understand the importance of Anglican church records in English & Welsh Family history research, the extent and nature of information available and the methods and means of researching them. This lecture will outline the contents and dates of parish registers at different times and look at the changes in 1812 (Rose's Act) and 1753 (Hardwicke's Act). It will mention the existence of Bishops' Transcripts, Marriage Banns & Licences and look at anomalies, curiosities and benefactions eg Dade Registers, Fleet Marriages, taxes, clerical comments (incl. change from Julian to Gregorian Calendar).

Beginner Room 12 Session Number: 276871 Categories: Religion

## **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26**

**2:00 PM (continued)**

### **Reading the original**

Jacqueline Depelle

Right from the first document we look at, probably our own birth certificate we may have difficulty reading some of the handwriting. Census transcriptions are usually very good however it is essential to check the original has been correctly interpreted. For some records especially Wills, there aren't any transcripts available we are the pioneer in discovering the valuable information they provide. This session will develop strategies and techniques for reading original handwritten documents, signpost learning aids and template material.

Intermediate Auditorium Session Number: 276964

Categories: Tools (apps, platforms, software)

### **Scottish Genealogy: Beyond the basics**

Myko Clelland

Do you have tartan blood? Feel like you've exhausted the government website and want to know what happens next? You are not alone! Scotland has some of the best records in the world, but so many of them lie just beneath the surface, allowing an unprecedented level of detail to be revealed about your ancestors. Join Myko Clelland, resident genealogist for Findmypast as we walk through the many available records for those with Scottish heritage and where to find them. Discover tax records, newspapers, electoral and valuation rolls, free churches, militia lists, testaments, illegitimacies, occupational records, census substitutes and much more, learning how to read them and what to look for, and understanding the context that surrounds them. We'll uncover more about your ancestors and how they lived, as we dive in at the deep end to tell the story of our northernmost kin in new and exciting ways.

Intermediate Room 7 Session Number: 268232 Categories: Records (Scottish)

### **The Power of Siblings**

Donna Rutherford

This session will explore the DNA kits of 5 siblings. They are my Dad's 5 brothers, sadly my Dad passed away many years ago, he was one of 6 boys and I've been lucky enough to work on their 5 kits for my research. The presentation will include some analysis of the 5 kits - how their match lists compare, what matches they have in common, and I will show how I've created a much larger pool of matches for my research by extracting the unique matches from each kit. I will also cover technical aspects and tools we can use when we have sibling kits, for example visual phasing, chromosome painting and rebuilding genomes (e.g. Lazarus kits and other options). To keep it interesting I will include some slides showing how the brothers all compare - so along with the more technical side of the talk, there will also be some interesting facts and findings from looking at 5 brother's DNA. The objective is to teach the audience about technical tools, help them understand DNA recombination and make them think about whether testing siblings, in their own tree, could help their research.

Advanced Room 13 Session Number: 277474 Categories: DNA

## **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26**

**2:00 PM (continued)**

**TBA: Chinese Research** – details TBA

Room 17 Session Number: 204827

**TBA: Sponsored Session** – details TBA

Room 4 Session Number: 264987

### **The Right Cloud: Selecting the Best Backup & Storage Option for Your Needs**

Caroline Guntur

Join Certified Photo Organizer Caroline Guntur of OrganizingPhotos.net for a closer look at the most popular cloud solutions for photos and memory management! This presentation will help attendees understand the differences between different cloud services and why they should choose one over another, based on the criteria of purpose, people, platform, privacy, and permanence. Attendees will learn how best practices in syncing and backing up will impact their workflows, and how other factors might affect their choices as well. Learning Objectives: – Learn how your technology level might impact your cloud choice – Understand why choices for syncing and backing up may differ – Understand how factors in collaboration and workflow may affect cloud choices – Learn why some cloud choices are free or cheap and why some are more expensive – Explore some different scenarios for cloud solutions

Intermediate Room 1 Session Number: 274827

Categories: Tools (apps, platforms, software)

### **Use an Ancestor's FAN Club to Get Past Brick Walls**

Drew Smith

Attendees will be exposed to the methodological principle of getting past a brick wall by researching individuals who share a connection with the ancestor of interest. Attendees will first learn about all of the connected individuals who should be considered for potential research. Record types likely to mention related individuals will be highlighted. The session will then present a number of examples of successfully applying the FAN Club principle to get past specific brick walls.

Intermediate Room 9 Session Number: 273524 Categories: Methodology

## **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26**

**3:30 PM**

### **5 Ways to Use Facebook for Family History**

Sunny Morton

Whether you're a Facebook veteran, lapsed user or newbie, this lecture will inspire you to use Facebook more frequently to accomplish family history goals. Five essential activities will be demonstrated with proven examples and important how-tos. 1) Connect more meaningfully with relatives, including sharing things only with loved ones, seeing their posts first and participating in family Facebook groups. 2) Share old photos, memories, documents, stories and heirlooms with targeted audiences. See how to write an attention-getting post. 3) Ask family history questions more effectively, crowd-sourcing the identification of old photos and gaps in family memories. 4) Organize a family gathering for relatives both on and off Facebook. See how one reunion plan unfolded from "save the date" to posting favorite memories afterward. 5) Get advice or assistance from other genealogists. See how to seek out Facebook groups with regional, ethnic or historical interests relevant to your family history research and get their advice or assistance.

Beginner Room 9 Session Number: 273322 Categories: Social Media

### **Beginner's Guide to Researching your Chinese Ancestors**

Clotilde Yap

For those that don't read or write Chinese, researching one's Chinese ancestors can seem quite daunting. During this talk, experts from Chinese genealogy start-up My China Roots will describe some of the main challenges of conducting family history in China, before providing some tips on what sources to look out for in the UK, what ancestral traces or records can be found in China, and how to get the most out of a visit to one's ancestral village.

Beginner Room 17 Session Number: 273015 Categories: Records (China/India)

### **DNA Segment Data & Advanced Autosomal DNA Techniques**

Michelle Leonard

This presentation will cover intermediate and advanced autosomal DNA techniques that require the use of DNA segment data. Michelle will explain techniques such as triangulation, chromosome mapping, inferred matching, phasing and visual phasing. She will use practical examples to demonstrate to attendees how to make best use of their segment data and will explain how to use more advanced tools such as those supplied by GEDMatch's Tier 1 Utilities.

Advanced Room 12 Session Number: 277513 Categories: DNA

### **FamilySearch Mobile Apps: Family History into the Future**

Todd Powell

**! Warning:** This app may become addicting! Use the FamilySearch mobile app to experience family history in a new way using the latest tips and features of mobile computing. Find out how to easily complete simple family history tasks anywhere you go including preserving photos and stories, discovering record hints, and sharing with others.

Room S22-A Session Number: 200013 Categories: Tools (apps, platforms, software)

## **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26**

### **3:30 PM (continued)**

#### **Italian Civil Records, Using the Italian National Archive Website**

Bryan Schneider

I will describe the types of civil records that are accessible for Italian genealogy research on the internet – specifically the Italian National Archive website ([antenati.san.beniculturali.it](http://antenati.san.beniculturali.it)). These records include birth, marriage and deaths. A background of the history of civil records will be discussed including the initiation of standardized civil records under Napoleon in 1806 and the use of these records up to today. How different parts of Italy, due to Italy not being a unified country until the 1860's, have different availability of records. What records are found on the antenati website and what information can be found, even without a working knowledge of Italian. How to use the website and the languages available. Also discussing the limitations of the website in conducting genealogy research.

Beginner Room 13 Session Number: 273332 Categories: Records (MISC)

#### **My Ancestors Were Liars**

David Annal

Sifting through the evidence to find the truth (or what passes for the truth in the world of genealogy) is a skill which all serious family historians need to develop. The information left by our ancestors is all-too-frequently misleading, inaccurate or just plain wrong! As we become more experienced we find that they had any number of reasons to be economical with the truth. Of course, sometimes our ancestors simply didn't know the answer to the questions thrown at them by the clerks, registrars and enumerators. Using real examples, this talk will look at some of the reasons why our ancestors might have lied and offer suggestions on how to recognise their varying degrees of ignorance, half-truths and wilful deception.

Intermediate Auditorium Session Number: 277237 Categories: Methodology

#### **Scottish Y-DNA**

Alasdair Macdonald

Advances in Next Generation Sequencing technologies has enabled the origin and development of Y chromosome lineages to be explored as never before. This presentation will discuss latest research findings primarily focusing on Scottish male lineages including prominent clans and families. The presentation will break down and explain technical jargon so that test takers are in a place to apply testing strategies and analysis techniques to their own research.

Professional Room 1 Session Number: 260980 Categories: DNA

#### **TBA: Sponsored Sessions – details TBA**

Room 7 Session Number: 274127; and London Suite Classroom Session Number: 264987

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26**

**3:30 PM (continued)**

**Tracing Your Ancestors Through Death Records**

Celia Heritage

Death records are the most varied and enlightening of sources for family history, often providing evidence to extend our pedigrees and shed light on unexpected aspects of our ancestors' life few other sources will. Celia will highlight some of the most useful of these, including, inquest records, death certificates and obituaries, showing how to access them on and offline. She will also encourage you to get out on the ground, and explore your ancestor's resting places, showing how much a gravestone can tell us, while explaining some of the modern technology now available to help locate and plot churchyard memorials.

Intermediate Room 14 Session Number: 277521 Categories: Records (British)

**Unlocking Roman Catholic records – the Catholic Heritage Archive**

Brian Donovan

The Catholic church is the second largest and oldest denomination in Britain and the largest in Ireland, north America and much of western Europe, but its records are notoriously difficult to access. Too often it is assumed the established church in England (Episcopalian) or Scotland (Presbyterian) retain records of the baptisms or marriages of Catholics. This is often not true. The Catholic records are essential for uncovering the lives of millions of British people, as well as immigrants to America like the Irish, Italian, Polish, German, and many other nationalities. Findmypast, in partnership with the Catholic church, is working on a landmark project to make these records easily accessible. This project includes dioceses across the USA, England, Scotland and Ireland. Brian will give an update on this exciting project as well as describe the types of records and why they are so useful for your family history. There's a lot more than you might expect.

Intermediate Room 4 Session Number: 273014 Categories: Religion

## **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26**

**4:30 PM**

### **Family History that Won't Put Your Kids to Sleep**

Mike Sandberg

Let's be real. Not everyone is as excited as you and I when we crack open the dusty box from the attic! But FamilySearch has made huge strides to make family discovery interactive and fun. Yes, we said it: FUN! This class showcases the many engaging activities found on the FamilySearch Tree app and online. We promise these activities will have your family laughing, posting and sharing in no time.

Room S22-A Session Number: 200012

Categories: Human Interest (family activities, legal/ethical issues, etc)

### **How did my Scottish ancestors get married? Was it a regular, irregular, church or civil ceremony?**

Tahitia McCabe

This session will explore, from a genealogist's perspective: the different historical forms of Scottish marriage; their legality and validity and whether this might impact on whether any trace of a marriage can be found. Scotland had distinctive marriage practices based on principles of mutual consent rather than religious ceremony. Both 'regular' and 'irregular' marriages were recognized by the law. Irregular marriages allowed three ways of forming a legal marriage without banns or a minister being present. However, regular marriages required banns to be called weeks before the ceremony which then was performed by a priest or minister. We'll consider how irregular marriages were recorded once civil registration began in 1855 and look at the long road to the creation of civil marriage, which became possible in 1939 and allowed a ceremony in a registrar's office. Sources for marriage records will be considered, both online and in physical archives and tips and tricks for finding these and understanding the records will be shared.

Intermediate Room 7 Session Number: 276543 Categories: Records (Scottish)

### **TBA: Sponsored Sessions – details TBA**

Room 13, Room 12 Session Number: 274127;

London Suite Classroom Session Number 264987

### **The promise and limitations of autosomal DNA**

Debbie Kennett

The first cousin-matching autosomal DNA tests became available in 2009. Sales have exploded in the last two years and over 20 million people have now tested. However, the currently available tests still have many limitations. It is important to consider these uncertainties when incorporating DNA evidence into genealogical research. As the cost of sequencing comes down, the current microarray tests will be replaced by whole genome sequencing. In this talk we look at some of the pitfalls of interpreting matches based on incomplete data, and look ahead at some of the exciting developments we can expect to see in the coming years.

Advanced Room 14 Session Number: 277310 Categories: DNA