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# Genealogy Skills Classes

## Beginners:

**What Are We Doing? Begin Your Genealogy On the Right Branch!**
If you are interested in genealogy, but haven't really started, this skills class will help you start on the right branch.  We will talk about charts and forms, primary and secondary resources, and databases that can be used to fill in the blanks of your family history.  (1 hr.)

**Be Patient- It's a Journey**
This beginning genealogy skills class will explore the steps to get started on your genealogy. What you know, what you want to know, and how to find the missing pieces to make your genealogy as easy or as fact-filled as you want it to be.  (1 hr.)

**Ancestry, FamilySearch, and More! Online Searching**
Do you wonder why you aren't getting the results that you think you should get? We will explore online searching tips and tricks for getting better results.  Bring your laptop or tablet, if you wish.  (1 hr.)

**Don't Believe Everything You Read!**
This skills class will explore all the traps you could get caught in while looking for your "John Smith". These tips will save you time, money, and frustration!  (45 min. to 1 hr.)

**Use Your Library!**
Do you know about the free resources that are available through your library for genealogy? This skills class will explore the databases and books that you can get from your library system. (45 min. to 1 hr.)

**Get It Right the First Time: Research the Correct Way**
Save yourself years of hard work! Follow these tips and tricks involving research techniques, documenting your research, and the importance of accuracy and citation.  (45 min. to 1 hr.)

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# Intermediate:

**Vital Records and Your Options**

This skills class will focus on birth, marriage, and death records. What you need to know about these records, how to access them, and what you will find when you see them. As well, explore what to do when you can't find a vital record.  This skills class focuses on US records. (1 to 1.5 hr.)

**The Enumerator Visited Today! Census Records and Your Ancestor**

This skills class will explore the variety of information that you will find in the US Federal Census and State census records to fill in your ancestor's timeline. This skills class focuses on US records. (1 to 1.5 hr.)

**This Goes Here, That Goes There…Let's Organize!**

Why is organizing your research important?  This skills class will briefly explore genealogy software programs vs handwritten charts and forms, and how to organize your physical documents, photographs, and memorabilia.  (1 to 1.5 hr.)

**This Goes Here, That Goes There…. Round 2!**

This skills class will dig further into organizing your computer files from websites, organizing your handwritten research notes and notes from meetings or classes, and other research stuff that you are not sure how to store.  (1 to 1.5 hr.)

**Genealogy Software Programs vs Online Family Trees**

To share, or not to share. This skills class will explore the pros and cons of computer software programs to organize your family tree vs. using internet sites to organize (and share) your research.   (1 to 1.5 hr.)

**Through the Cemetery Gate**

This skills class will explore death records, obituaries, cemetery inscriptions and transcriptions, online resources, and your visit to the cemetery. We will also explore steps in finding a burial place when a gravestone no longer exists for your ancestor. This skills class focuses on cemeteries in the United States.   (1 to 1.5 hr.)

# Advanced:

**Land, Lots of Land…. For Your Ancestor**

The land of your ancestor may help you to fill in some genealogy blanks. This more advanced skills class will explore how your ancestor might have acquired their land, metes and bounds, deeds, and plat maps. We will explore online resources for land records in the United States and discover ways to find land records for your ancestor's community.  (1 to 1.5 hrs.)

**Your Patriot and Their Pension Records**

The pension record of your ancestor may help you fill in blanks where vital records don't exist. This advanced skills class will explore online resources and community resources to complete your ancestor's timeline.  (1 to 1.5 hrs.)

**Creating Timelines to Solve a Mystery**

This advanced skills class will show you how to create a timeline aid to solve a genealogy mystery. Use what you already know to rethink the problem.Bring information with you that contains a genealogy mystery.   (1 to 1.5 hr.)

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