

Pursuing Your Past

2024-25 Genealogy Presentation List

Are YOU the Family Archivist? (What to do with ALL that Family Stuff?!?)

Have you become the collector of all things family history? Do you feel like you might need to add on to the house to accommodate all of these precious items? Do you have a plan for these special treasures and your genealogy research so they don't end up in a dumpster one day? Learn some techniques for saving your work and preserving these family treasures for future generations of your family to enjoy.

DNA – There's No EASY Button . . . YET!

Wouldn't it be great if there was an EASY button you could push and all of your DNA matches would fall right into place on your family tree? We're not there yet! Come and learn the basics of DNA for genealogy. We'll explore some of the practical approaches and new tools for putting all of this great information to work for your family research.

Every Family has a Story. . . What's Yours?

Would you like to learn how to get started researching your family's story? You'll learn the basic research process, great on-line research sites, local resources, and ideas for sharing your story with family.

NEW *Finding Your German Roots in Church Records*

Church records are the foundation of German family history research. Once you know your village of origin, it's time to dig in! Learn about the best places to look for your records. And we'll provide you several tools to help you navigate the language barrier. Get ready to explore your German roots in German church records!

Heritage Travel. . . Pursuing Your Past

Whether you're an "arm chair traveler" or are ready to walk in the footsteps of your ancestors, heritage travel can help you with your family history research. Learn tools to guide you in researching and planning a once in a lifetime family heritage trip.

Inspiring the Next Generation of Genealogists

Who's going to take over the family history quest when you're no longer able? Getting young people interested in their family history is important work. Learn creative ways to get youth involved in their own history search.

NEW *Old Family Photos – Trash or Treasure?*

Have you inherited a collection of old family photos? Will they end up in the dumpster or antique shop? Or will they become the treasured collection that your family will enjoy and learn from for years to come? We'll talk about how to organize, identify and gather new research clues from the photos in your collection. Those old photos can tell some great stories about your family. Don't have a photo collection? No worries, we'll also talk a bit about how to find photos of your ancestors.



Sharing Your Research with the Non-genealogists in Your Family

Learn how to creatively pass down your genealogical research and heirlooms to your family, including the reluctant ones!

NEW

Steps to Researching Your German Roots

Learning exactly where your family came from in the "Old Country" is the first and sometimes most challenging step to researching back in your family tree. Learn some of the powerful on-line tools that can help you overcome these challenges. Get ready to explore your German roots step by step!

NEW

Swedish Genealogy Basics

Got Swedish roots? Learn how to get started finding out about them. Swedish records can be tricky with the surnames changing at every generation. Come learn how to begin the research and overcome those surname changes. It's amazing what you might find in these records!

NEW

Try FamilySearch. . . You'll be glad you did!

FamilySearch is a great website for exploring your family history. You can build your family tree, collect historical records and photos, network with cousins around the world and get a better understanding of the places your family came from. Come learn about the "hidden gems" within this powerful FREE resource.

Presentations are one hour in length, including time for Q&A.

An informative handout accompanies each presentation.

Don't see a topic that fits your group's needs? Let's talk about your topic idea!

I also offer several other services, including:

- In-depth Workshops

- Family History Camps for Kids (and parents / grandparents)

- Genealogy Coaching

- Conducting Personal Family History Research

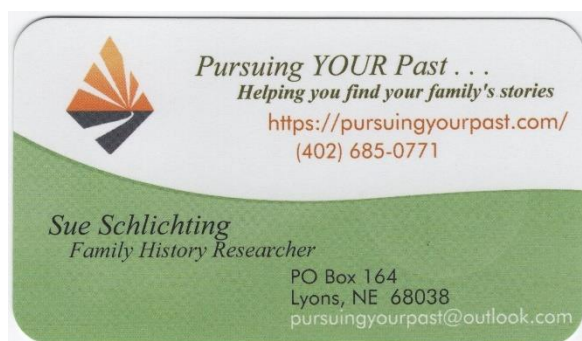
Specializing in German, Swedish, DNA and midwestern research

- Family Artifact Investigation

Have a family artifact / heirloom (letter, diary, household item, farm implement) and would like to know more about it and its significance in your ancestor's life?

We can help you learn more about it and why it was valued and preserved.

- Research Planning and Organizing Findings



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