



MEET SARA COCHRAN

Sara is a full-time professional genealogist who started climbing her family tree in 1994.

Her research has taken her to nearly every state in the USA and Ireland.

She holds a Boston University Genealogical Research Certificate, a Bachelor's Degree in Library Science, is an alumna of the ProGen Study Group. She has completed multiple GRIP, SLIG, and IGHR courses.



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“If you cannot get rid of the family skeleton, you may as well make it dance.”

George Bernard Shaw



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- Let's Meet DNA Painter!
- Preparing for 3rd Party DNA Tools

Researching Planning & Analysis

- Hopping Down the Paper Trail
- Two Steps Forward, One Step Back: Is this Genealogy or the Cha-Cha?
- Shaky Leaf Syndrome
- What's in a Name?

Ethnic Research

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- Shamrocks, Leprechauns, and Harps: Researching your Irish Roots

Genealogical Records

- Intro to U.S. Naturalization
- Where There's a Will...
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Organization & Other

- Disaster Proofing Your Research
- There's a Lineage Society for That!

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From a Box in the Closet to a Treasured Family Heirloom

If you're overwhelmed by the collection of photos your family has accumulated, you're not alone! After a brief history of photography, we look at organizing techniques, digitization basics, and options/ideas on what to do with your photos so they can be enjoyed by generations to come, instead of collecting dust in the box.

Who Needed it Anyway? Getting Around the Missing 1890 Census

The loss of the 1890 Federal census is a source of great frustration for American genealogists, but all hope is not lost! Learn strategies and gather tips for success in locating your family in other records between the 1880 and 1900 federal censuses.

Irish Eyes Are Smiling: Finding Vital Records in the land of Saints and Scholars

Get to know the Irish Civil Registration records! These Birth, Marriage, and Death records began country-wide in 1864 and contain a wealth of information about our ancestors. Learn how to access these records right from your own home through multiple websites.

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- Genealogy 101
- Networking for Genealogists
- Let's Meet DNA Painter!

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