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OHIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

# Come to OGS 2024!

The next Ohio Genealogical Society Conference will be April 10-13, 2024. Once again we will be at the Kalahari Resort and Convention Center in Sandusky, Ohio. Conference Chairs Deb Deal and Karen Cydrus, Conference Coordinator Marleen Applegate and the entire Conference team have been hard at work procuring top-notch speakers (local to international) who will cover a variety of interesting topics.

The conference theme is "Rockin' Around Your Family Tree." DNA topics include finding a female ancestor, using ethnicity results in your research, adoptee success using DNA, and organizing a DNA interest group in your society. Military topics include military unit histories, the Selective Service System, and military maps. You can avail yourself of a variety of sessions on ethnic groups (British, Scottish, German, Dutch) as well researching your French and Indian War ancestor, and your Hessian Revolutionary War soldier. Sessions will cover forensic genealogy, researching like a 1950s genealogist, the Greatest Generation, identifying photos, and telling your own story. What do you know about creating a locality guide, urban research, naming conventions, or how to organize and pass on your family history? Come find out.

This year we have also included sessions to assist societies and OGS Chapters in managing their groups. There will also be a number of sessions on "techie" subjects, such as Trello, Evernote, using Microsoft Excel, Canva, social media, and spreadsheets in your research. We will be spanning the gap from good old fashioned paper and pencil research to UFO's and Cyberspace. Please join us and be a part of it all. We also encourage attendees to think about planning some family reunion activities as part of their conference experience.

We will once again be presenting the Chapter Awards and Book Awards at the Saturday business luncheon. New members of our six OGS lineage societies will be recognized and awarded their medals. And as always, there will be a number of vendors offering all kinds of genealogical books, charts, software, and other fun and interesting things for purchase. Mark your calendar and plan to join us in April at Kalahari. I can't wait to see you there!

**Dot Martin** • OGS President

## IMPORTANT DETAILS

### *Early Bird Registration Ends*

• February 23, 2024

### *Last Day for Refunds in Writing*

• February 23, 2024

### *Last Day for Mail-in Registration*

• March 22, 2024

### *Online Registration Ends*

• March 29, 2024

### *Refunds*

Refunds will be issued until February 23, 2024, minus a \$75.00 fee. No refunds will be issued after February 23, 2024. All refunds must be requested in writing, via letter to OGS or via email to [ogsconference@ogs.org](mailto:ogsconference@ogs.org).

### *Workshops*

Wednesday workshop attendees must be registered for at least a one-day conference registration (Thurs-Sat) AND pay each workshop fee, if applicable. Society enhancement sessions are free to OGS chapter members but advance registration is required.

### *Meals and Banquets*

These must be purchased separately. See individual prices and menu options. Special menu requests available with advance notice.

## Stay at Kalahari Resort

**Kalahari Resort & Convention Center, 7000 Kalahari Drive, Sandusky, Ohio**

Your hotel reservation—which you need to book separately from conference registration—includes admission to the "world's coolest indoor waterparks:" 173,000 square feet of wet, wild fun! Reserve your rooms using the following link: <https://book.passkey.com/e/50653407> to get a room rate of \$150.00 per night+tax on available rooms in the room block, or call 877-525-2427 (please anticipate long wait times). Indicate you are with the OGS 2024 Conference to get the \$150 room rate. The last day to book reservations in the OGS room block is March 9, 2024.



## GENERAL WORKSHOP SESSIONS

### 1:00–3:00 pm

#### **W01 How to Overcome Brick Walls in German-American Research \$20**

**MICHAEL D. LACOPO, DVM**

Several case studies will be presented showing lesser-utilized research tactics, repositories and resources used to find information about our German-speaking ancestors. **B/I/A**

#### **W02 Investigate the Clues: Date and (Hopefully) Identify Your Vintage Photos \$20**

**PHYLLIS CODLING MCLAUGHLIN**

Clothing, hairstyles, and other clues—along with old fashioned sleuthing—can pinpoint the date of a photo and identify who is (or isn't) in the picture. **B/I/A**

#### **W03 Law and Order: Forensic Genealogy \$20**

**MICHAEL BROPHY**

Forensic genealogy is an emerging field involving cases with legal ramifications. Explore this fascinating area of heir research, adoption, citizenship and immigration casework and military repatriation involving living people. **I/A**

### 3:15–5:15 pm

#### **W04 Using Advanced DNA Tools to Understand Your MyHeritage DNA Matches \$20**

**DANIEL HOROWITZ**

*Sponsored by MyHeritage*

MyHeritage's revolutionary DNA technologies Theory of Family Relativity, One to Many Chromosome Browser and AutoClusters reveal valuable information helping you understand your relationships to your DNA matches. **A**

#### **W05 Called to Serve: Military Research and Methodology \$20**

**MICHAEL L. STRAUSS, AG**

This workshop approaches a variety of genealogical sources commonly used to discover clues on a military ancestor, including looking at historiography and methodology by examining multiple war periods. Once the sources are examined the remainder of the time is spent applying that knowledge to practical exercises using the records discussed in hands on exposure by using original primary documents. **B/I/A**

#### **W06 Evaluate an AncestryDNA ThruLines Using Documentary Research and DNA Analysis \$20**

**DIANA ELDER, AG**

ThruLines can suggest ancestors that seem to include DNA evidence but are based on faulty family trees. You'll choose an Ancestry ThruLine and follow a specific process to evaluate that connection. We'll discuss considerations and limitations for ThruLines and key DNA methodology of pedigree triangulation. We'll look at how to use ThruLines with other tools, such as the Shared cM project on DNA Painter and diagramming programs.

**B/I/A**

## SOCIETY ENHANCEMENT SESSIONS

**FREE to OGS Chapter Members**

### 1:00 pm

#### **W07 Finding and Working with Genealogical Speakers for Your Society**

**JUDY NIMER MUHN**

In the search for quality Programs and speakers for family history societies, learn about ways to proceed and find what your members want too!. **B/I/A**

### 2:15 pm

#### **W08 Create a Locality Guide**

**CHRISTINA YETZER DRAIN**

*Sponsored by Richland-Shelby Chapter, OGS*

Locality guides are essential for research in an area. Learn to create a guide for personal research or for those researching your chapter location. **B/I/A**

### 3:30 pm

#### **W09 Genealogy Society Management: The Four Buckets of Nonprofit Management**

**JUDY NIMER MUHN**

Utilizing experience in the nonprofit sector, Judy offers the four "buckets" of nonprofit management that assist a society board to manage for a successful future. **B/I/A**

### 4:45 pm

#### **W10 How to Start, Grow, and Maintain a DNA Interest Group for Your Society**

**KELLI J. BERGHEIMER**

Learn how to start, maintain and grow a DNA Interest Group at your society. **B/I/A**

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT SOCIAL

### **W11 Twist and Shout Dinner \$30**

One, two, three o'clock four o'clock rock.... Hey guys and gals! For this year's Wednesday Night Social, let's go back to a time when sock hops and soda fountains were all the rage! Join us for classic soda fountain cuisine, a night of games and fun and if you want to break out your poodle skirt or leather jacket, that's up to you! Kick back, relax and meet old and new friends before the conference begins.

Hamburger and Hot Dog Sliders; Mini Grilled Cheese Sandwiches; Tomato Soup Shooters; Pub Potato Chips; Cream Sodas; Milk Shakes.

# Thursday

	8:00 AM	9:15 AM	10:00 AM	11:30 AM
MILITARY	<b>T01</b> <b>Keynote Session</b> <b>Rocking the Relatively Recent Relatives</b> <b>Sunny Jane Morton</b> Whether it's your own generation or that of your parents and grandparents, rocking the stories and facts of your 1950s relatives is foundational for accurate, meaningful genealogy. We'll talk about stories and storytelling, 20th century records that rock and the obstacle of objectivity for recent generations (because who is really objective about their own parents? Nobody). Sponsor: East Cuyahoga Co Chapter, OGS	<b>Grand Opening:</b> <b>Exhibitor Hall</b> Please visit with representatives of many organizations and companies in the Exhibitor Hall who are there just to meet YOU!	<b>T02 Researching Your Colonial War Ancestors</b> <b>MICHAEL L. STRAUSS, AG</b> Before the Revolutionary War several wars between France and England and Native-American supporters have been fought on this continent generating historical records of our ancestors. <b>B/I</b>	<b>T08 Speaker Luncheon</b> <b>James M. Beidler</b> <i>Genealogy's Lighter Side</i> Anecdotes and cautionary tales of the people and situations one encounters during three decades of searching for roots on both sides of the Atlantic Ocean. <hr/> <b>Lunch: \$37</b> <b>Regular Meal:</b> Bibb Lettuce Salad, Garlic Herb and Apple Brined Pork Chop with Bourbon Glaze, Butter Whipped Potatoes, Braised Red Cabbage and Charred Carrots, Rolls and Butter. Coffee, Iced Tea, and Water <b>Vegetarian Meal:</b> Bibb Lettuce Salad, Three Cheese Ravioli, Rolls and Butter. Coffee, Iced Tea, and Water.
TECHNOLOGY			<b>T03 Top 10 Secrets to Using MyHeritage</b> <b>DANIEL HOROWITZ</b> Daniel Horowitz will pull back the curtain on some of the lesser-known features and settings on MyHeritage that will add new dimensions to your research. <b>B/I/A</b> Sponsor: MyHeritage	
RECORDS			<b>T04 Find A Grave Ins and Outs</b> <b>CHERYL BROWN ABERNATHY</b> A look into the ins and outs of using Find A Grave, posting pictures and correcting information. Find A Grave can be a great tool, especially if you don't live in the area: however, like everything else, you must take the information with a few grains of salt. <b>B/I/A</b> Sponsor: Holmes Co Chapter, OGS	
ETHNIC			<b>T05 Erin in the USA: Irish Research on This Side of the Atlantic</b> <b>MICHAEL BROPHY</b> You have found a place name for your Irish ancestor in the Emerald Isle. Now it is time to explore Irish Records and Resources available here in the United States. <b>B/I/A</b>	
METHODOLOGY			<b>T06 Not in the Census? Try Again!</b> <b>DREW SMITH</b> Not everyone recorded in a census is easy to find on first inspection. Learn tips and techniques to locate those ancestors who require additional effort. <b>I</b>	
HAPPY DAYS			<b>T07 Improving Your Talent as a Genealogy Speaker</b> <b>PEGGY CLEMENS LAURITZEN, AG, FOGS</b> All eyes are on you when you step up to the podium to deliver a genealogy talk. The audience is expecting to be taught and instructed. Can you deliver what they need and want? <b>I</b>	

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**Exhibitor Hall will be open 9:15 am–6:00 pm**

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<p><b>T09 Finding Your Elusive Ancestor through Military Records: A Case Study</b>  <b>DEB KITKO, MLS, PLCGS, CPL</b>            According to oral history, John Stryker went to war and never returned home. A Homestead Act and his Civil War pensions papers assisted in discovering his whereabouts. <b>B/I/A</b></p> <p>Sponsor: Wayne Co Chapter, OGS</p>	<p><b>T15 The Draft and the Selective Service System</b>  <b>MICHAEL L. STRAUSS, AG</b>            Conscripting men for military services dates back to the days of the Revolutionary War. Draft records provide evidence of military age men who never served. <b>I</b></p>	<p><b>T21 Land for Revolutionary War Veterans in Ohio</b>  <b>SANDRA RUMBLE</b>            Changing laws, challenging rules and military districts complicated the efforts of Revolutionary War veterans to claim their “free” land in Ohio. <b>B/I/A</b></p>	<p><b>T27 Speaker Dinner</b></p> <p><b>Michael D. Lacopo, DVM</b>  <i>Top Ten Things I Have Learned in Four Decades of Genealogical Research</i>            Join your speaker on a trip down memory lane and share his tales of serendipity, woe, discovery and frustration...with a touch of humor. Put away your notebooks and prepare to nod in agreement at things that only fellow genealogists would understand!!</p> <hr/> <p>Sponsor: Ashland Co Chapter, OGS</p> <p><b>Dinner: \$48</b>            Regular Meal:            Wedge Salad, Sauteed Chicken Breast, Garlic Smashed Potato, Green Beans Roasted Tomato, Wilted Spinach, Parmesan and a Cream Sauce. Rolls and Butter. Old Fashioned Chocolate Mousse Cake. Coffee, Iced Tea, and Water.</p> <p>Vegetarian Meal            Wedge Salad, Vegetarian Jambalaya, Rolls and Butter. Old Fashioned Chocolate Mousse Cake. Coffee, Iced Tea, and Water.</p> <hr/> <p><b>T28 Trello: A Tool to Manage Society Projects</b></p> <p><b>Drew Smith</b>            Societies often manage projects involving any number of volunteers. Trello is a free tool that can keep track of what’s done and what remains. <b>B/I/A</b></p> <p>Sponsor: MyHeritage</p>
<p><b>T10 Using FamilySearch to Find Genealogical Records</b>  <b>DREW SMITH</b>            FamilySearch.org is the world’s largest repository of free genealogical records. Learn how to search and browse, how to save results and how to get help. <b>B</b></p>	<p><b>T16 Organizing Your Genealogical Education and News Alerts</b>  <b>KELLI J. BERGHEIMER</b>            With so many conferences, events and webinars, learn how to organize your genealogical education. <b>I/A</b></p>	<p><b>T22: Michigan Online: Tools for Genealogists</b>  <b>KRIS W. RZEPZYNSKI</b>            This session will explore free Michigan online genealogy resources, including both popular and lesser-known sites, as well as effective search strategies for Michigan research. <b>B/I/A</b></p> <p>Sponsor: Archives of Michigan</p>	
<p><b>T11 Mitten Roots: Family History Research in Michigan</b>  <b>KRIS W. RZEPZYNSKI</b>            This state overview session will explore Michigan’s migration patterns and the abundant geographical resources available in print and online. <b>B/I/A</b></p> <p>Sponsor: Archives of Michigan</p>	<p><b>T17 Exploring Early Land Transactions in the Northwest Territory and Ohio</b>  <b>SANDRA RUMBLE</b>            The Ohio Land sales include cash and credit sales, bounty lands and homesteads. Patents and deeds were recorded using different measurement systems, creating a hodge-podge, a daunting task to unravel. <b>B/I/A</b></p>	<p><b>T23 Exploring Pennsylvania’s State Archives and State Library</b>  <b>JAMES M. BEIDLER</b>            The Pennsylvania States Archives and State Library of Pennsylvania are well worth a researcher’s attention, online and in person, especially given the new archives building! <b>B/I/A</b></p>	
<p><b>T12 British Resources at Findmypast</b>  <b>MAUREEN BRADY</b>            Findmypast has an extensive library of British databases and images. This presentation will include a website review and suggested search techniques. <b>B/I</b></p>	<p><b>T18 Robert Jefferson: A Mulatto Son of Thomas Jefferson</b>  <b>PHYLLIS CODLING McLAUGHLIN</b>            Genetic genealogy provides evidence that Robert Jefferson, who died in Indianapolis in 1882, may be a son of our third president and an enslaved woman named Millie. <b>B/I/A</b></p>	<p><b>T24 Scottish Family History Research in Your Own Backyard</b>  <b>MAUREEN BRADY</b>            Learn the strategies of Scottish family history research, including its historical and geographical background. Discover that Scottish research can be “in your own backyard.” <b>B/I</b></p>	
<p><b>T13 The Great Migration Northward</b>  <b>PEGGY CLEMENS LAURITZEN, AG, FOGS</b>            Word spread quickly through southern communities as families migrated northward towards better jobs and education. Follow a case study of a Kentucky/ West Virginia family as they traveled to central and northeast Ohio to join relatives. <b>B/I/A</b></p>	<p><b>T19 UFO Ancestors: Locating the Mother Ship</b>  <b>MICHAEL JOHN NEILL</b>            Your ancestor did not appear out of thin air. We will look at strategies for people who seem to appear as a fully-functioning adult. <b>B/I/A</b></p>	<p><b>T25 Research Planning: Next Steps for Breaking Down Brick Walls</b>  <b>DIANA ELDER, AG</b>            Fruitful research begins with a plan. Learn the steps and how to harness the power of thought before action. <b>B/I/A</b></p>	
<p><b>T14 Pop Culture of the 1950s</b>  <b>CHERYL BROWN ABERNATHY</b>            A look into the 1950s through music, television, fashion, sports and cars; the Civil Rights Movement, the Cold War and Korean War, moving to the suburbs. <b>B/I/A</b></p> <p>Sponsor: Tuscarawas Co Chapter, OGS</p>	<p><b>T20 Going Beyond the Internet: How to Research Like a 1950s Genealogist</b>  <b>JUSTIN K. HOUSER</b>            Learn how to methodically research records beyond the “low hanging fruit” of the Internet. <b>B/I</b></p>	<p><b>T26 Successful Online Genealogical Searching</b>  <b>KELLI J. BERGHEIMER</b>            Learn tips for successful searching online. Learn about browsers, search engines and Boolean operators. Find some gems in WorldCat, Google books, PERSI and more. <b>B/I/A</b></p>	



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HAPPY DAYS	<b>F01 Researching the Ohioans Who Went to Illinois</b> <b>MICHAEL JOHN NEILL</b> This lecture will provide an overview of researching families in the State of Illinois: a brief overview of vital records in Illinois; typical records offices at the county level in Illinois; collections overviews of the Illinois State Archives and the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library. <b>I</b>	<b>F07 The Ohio-Michigan War: How Michigan Became a State</b> <b>SANDRA RUMBLE</b> The Toledo Strip, or the Michigan Survey, resulted in a standoff between armed militias, one death and the creation of Michigan, all due to a Congressional mistake! <b>B/I/A</b>	<b>F13 The Old Northwest: Researching the Great Lakes States</b> <b>MAUREEN BRADY</b> Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin were formed from the Old Northwest Territory. Resources and strategies for the territorial period and after will be discussed. <b>B/I</b>	<b>F19 Speaker Luncheon</b>  <b>Daniel Horowitz</b> <i>The Family History of Food Brands</i>  It's no coincidence that some of the world's favorite food brands were named after the families that founded them. Explore their stories with Daniel.  <b>Sponsor: MyHeritage</b>
TECHNOLOGY	<b>F02 Pilgrims, Puritans and Irishmen in Cyberspace: Massachusetts Genealogy Databases</b> <b>MICHAEL BROPHY</b> Massachusetts contains some of the best online resources in the country. The ever changing landscape of databases explored will include offerings of national databases and to lesser known, local gems. <b>B/I/A</b>	<b>F08 How to Use Canva for Creating and Sharing Family History</b> <b>ROSLYN I. TORELLA, MBA</b> Canva is an online easy to use graphics site with tools and templates that you can use to create professional looking graphics for print, posting to social media or creating printable items like T-shirts, and even websites! <b>B/I/A</b>	<b>F14 Evernote for Genealogy: Capturing Notes and Ideas</b> <b>DREW SMITH</b> Evernote can capture, organize, preserve and synchronize (across multiple devices) information, including ideas, notes (typed, handwritten and audio) photos, online articles, web pages and URLs. <b>B/I/A</b>	<b>Lunch: \$37</b> <b>Regular Meal:</b> Caesar Salad, Grilled Flank Steak, Kalahari Scalloped Potatoes, Baby Spinach Roasted Tomato and Bordelaise Sauce, Rolls and Butter. Coffee, Iced Tea, and Water.
RECORDS	<b>F03 Archives and Special Collections: An Introduction</b> <b>DREW SMITH</b> Archives and special collections may contain unique material about your ancestors. Learn how to make the best use of what they offer online and in person. <b>I</b>	<b>F09 Chasing a Scandalous Ancestor: A Case Study</b> <b>JUSTIN K. HOUSER</b> Learn how to research ancestors who don't want to be found! <b>I</b>	<b>F15 Estate Files: Are You Getting the Most Out of Them?</b> <b>MICHAEL D. LACOPO, DVM</b> Genealogists live to find wills and probate records for their ancestors, but are you reading between the lines? How can you milk the most information out of a boring accounting of an estate? What gems are you missing by just stopping at the will book? <b>B/I/A</b>	<b>Vegetarian Meal:</b> Caesar Salad, Roasted Tomato Lasagna, Rolls and Butter. Coffee, Iced Tea, and Water.
ETHNIC	<b>F04 Finding German Records Using FamilySearch</b> <b>DANA PALMER, CG, CGL</b> Many German records can be found on FamilySearch. Come and learn how to find and unlock these treasures and connect your family. <b>B</b>	<b>F10 Dutch Not Deutsch: The Forgotten Dutch in Cleveland and Cincinnati</b> <b>MARY RISSELUW</b> Three Dutch emigration waves affected Ohio: Colonial Dutch, the 19th Century and the refugee migration from the Dutch East Indies after World War II. <b>B/I/A</b>	<b>F16 Spanish Documents for Non-Spanish Speakers</b> <b>KATY BODENHORN BARNES</b> A lack of language fluency doesn't have to deter you from being able to read and interpret documents from Spanish-speaking cultures. <b>B</b>	
METHODOLOGY	<b>F05 The Largest Census of American Women You've Never Heard About</b> <b>AMBER OLDENBURG</b> In 1917, Council of National Defense ordered the registration of women as a domestic defense. In all over 4,000,000 women answered the call. <b>B</b>	<b>F11 Finding Your Family History in U.S. Church Records</b> <b>SUNNY JANE MORTON</b> Church records are a vastly underappreciated genealogical resource. Learn what's in them, tips and tools for identifying ancestral congregations and finding and understanding records. Great Ohio examples! <b>I</b>	<b>F17 Urban Research Strategies and Methodology</b> <b>MICHAEL L. STRAUSS, AG</b> Urban research looks at a wide variety of records to document our city dwelling ancestors and learn how they fit into the historiography of their time. <b>I</b>	
MILITARY	<b>F06 Following the Armies: Using Military Maps in Research</b> <b>MICHAEL L. STRAUSS, AG</b> Military maps are an invaluable resource to gain an understanding of where an ancestor served on the battlefield and follow their regiment, brigade or division. <b>B/I</b>	<b>F12 Finding Military Unit Histories</b> <b>CHERYL BROWN ABERNATHY</b> Was one of your ancestors in the military? Do you have a picture, but don't know what unit? Or know the unit, but don't know where they fought? Some tips on finding those military units. <b>B/I/A</b>  <b>Sponsor: Stark Co Chapter, OGS</b>	<b>F18 Researching Your French and Indian War Ancestor</b> <b>CRAIG R. SCOTT, CG, FUGA</b> The French and Indian War affected all the colonies and had a far-reaching impact on the future and the creation of the United States. <b>I</b>	

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<b>F20 Tracking the Fire Sufferers</b> <i>THOMAS STEPHEN NEEL, MLS, FOGS</i> This in-depth examination of the physical records involving the Fire Sufferers of Connecticut and their effort to settle north central Ohio supplements general Firelands history. <b>I</b>  <b>Sponsor: Firelands Genealogical Society</b>	<b>F26 Riding the Rails: Discovering the Hobos in Your Family History</b> <i>AMBER OLDENBURG</i> Beginning in the late 19th century, itinerant workers traveled America's railroads and it is possible your ancestor was one of these men. <b>B</b>	<b>F32 Researching the Scots Irish of Pennsylvania</b> <i>JUSTIN K. HOUSER</i> Learn how to trace 18th century Scots-Irish ancestors in Pennsylvania. <b>I</b>	<b>F38 Lineage Banquet</b>  Celebrating Ohio ancestors! Join us as we welcome the newest inductees into OGS' lineage societies.  <hr/> <b>Dinner: \$48</b>  <b>Regular Meal:</b> Field Greens Salad, Stuffed Herb Bone-In Chicken Breast with Boursin Cheese and Sun-Dried Tomatoes, Garlic Whipped Potatoes, Asparagus, Rolls and Butter. Buckeye Bars. Coffee, Iced Tea, and Water.  <b>Vegetarian Meal:</b> Field Greens Salad, 3 Cheese Mac and Cheese, Rolls and Butter. Buckeye Bars. Coffee, Iced Tea, and Water.  <hr/> <b>F39 Twenty Questions Trivia Game: Genealogy Edition</b>  <b>Daniel Horowitz</b> Do you like games? Come and play the old twenty questions trivia game and win prizes with your knowledge of genealogy and family history research. <b>B/I/A</b>  <b>Sponsor: MyHeritage</b>
<b>F21 Finding Your Roots in the Digital Age</b> <i>JUDY NIMER MUHN</i> Beginning research in genealogy is made easier with digital resources and access from home. Where to look, how to find more and checking for reliability. <b>B/I/A</b>	<b>F27 How Microsoft Excel Can Help with Your Genealogical Research and Organization</b> <i>NANCY B WATERS</i> Use Microsoft Excel to manage research logs, land records, census records, wills and deeds, etc. Learn how to use features such as sorting and filtering to save time, rework and efficiency. <b>B/I/A</b>	<b>F33 Shamrocks in Cyberspace: Irish Genealogy Databases</b> <i>MICHAEL BROPHY</i> Information about our Irish ancestors is exploding on the internet. The best websites for Irish research are explored and analyzed. <b>I/A</b>	
<b>F22 Burned Courthouses and Flooded Churches</b> <i>DIANA ELDER, AG</i> Learn the strategies to deal with records loss, such as exploring alternate jurisdictions, studying the locality for additional repositories and carefully analyzing any remaining records. <b>B/I/A</b>	<b>F28 GLO'ing with the BLM Records</b> <i>SANDRA RUMBLE</i> General Land Office records contain information about the early settlers of Ohio and the GLO website is your gateway to finding these records. <b>B/I/A</b>	<b>F34 Surprises in the Federal Census Schedules, 1790-1940</b> <i>ROSLYN I. TORELLA, MBA</i> The census is more than just a list of inhabitants. Learn about the secrets in the census and other non-population schedules. <b>B/I/A</b>	
<b>F23 Finding Your Family in the U.K.</b> <i>DANA PALMER, CG, CGL</i> Come and learn the abundance of genealogy records in the U.K. and be successful connecting your family. <b>B/I</b>	<b>F29 German Immigrant Waves: Contrasts and Sources</b> <i>JAMES M. BEIDLER</i> The 1700s "Pennsylvania Germans" contrasted with "German Americans" who immigrated in the 1800s. Learn the differences in geography, economic class, religion and aspirations of the immigrants. <b>B/I/A</b>	<b>F35 Eleutherian College and the Neil's Creek Anti-Slavery Society</b> <i>PHYLLIS CODLING McLAUGHLIN</i> New Englanders and others who became frontier pioneers in southern and central Indiana understood that the key to freedom for those fleeing slavery was education. <b>B/I/A</b>	
<b>F24 The 1950s: The Golden Age of Family</b> <i>PEGGY CLEMENS LAURITZEN</i> Family togetherness became the new and warmer way of life. It became an ideal, with newspapers, advertisers, and ministers pointing the way to achieve that goal. The "baby boomer" generation would come to an end, with a new generation ready to take its place. <b>B/I/A</b>	<b>F30 Boring Farmers No More</b> <i>MICHAEL JOHN NEILL</i> Harvesting all the records on your farming ancestors will reveal they aren't as "boring" as some think. See how to get a complete picture of your farming ancestors. <b>I</b>	<b>F36 Tracking a Migrating Ancestor through Land and Tax Records</b> <i>DIANA ELDER, AG</i> Discover how tracking land and tax records can place an individual in a county in between census years, even if the location was temporary. <b>B/I/A</b>	
<b>F25 Seeing the Greatest Generation in Vivid Color</b> <i>JUSTIN K. HOUSER</i> Piece together the service and life details of mid 20th century veteran relatives. <b>I</b>	<b>F31 Researching Your Hessian American Revolutionary War Ancestor: Case Study</b> <i>CRAIG R. SCOTT, CG, FUGA</i> Creates an understanding of how to efficiently research a Hessian soldier. <b>B/I/A</b>	<b>F37 German POWs in the US: Was Your Family Affected?</b> <i>MARY RISSEUW</i> How did thousands of German POW's end up in farm fields, canning factories and at someone's dinner table? Your family may have worked with them. <b>B/I/A</b>	

# Saturday

	8:15 AM	9:30 AM	10:45 AM	12:00 PM
REGIONAL	<b>S01 Wild and Wonderful: West Virginia Archives and Repositories</b> <b>AMBER OLDENBURG</b> As the only state to form by separating from a Confederate State, West Virginia has a rich and vibrant history. We will explore the wide array of federal, state and regional archives that hold the records that tell the story of West Virginia and its people. <b>B/I/A</b>	<b>S07 Michigan, Iowa and Wisconsin: Dutch Colonies in the Mid-1800s</b> <b>MARY RISSEUW</b> Learn about the establishment of three major Dutch colonies in the 1800s: what shaped and sustained them. <b>B/I/A</b>	<b>S13 Maryland Repositories and Internet Sites</b> <b>NANCY LEE WATERS</b> Maryland was a primary port of entry for hundreds of immigrants, who left paper trails housed at the Maryland Archives that are being electronically uploaded daily. <b>B/I/A</b>	<b>S19 OGS Business Luncheon</b>  <b>OGS Business Meeting and Awards</b>  <hr/> Join us for the Annual OGS Business Meeting! This is where we recognize our annual OGS Chapter award winners, writers' awards, induct new board members, and present other recognitions. This is also when we announce the next annual OGS Conference details. You do not need to be a member of OGS to join us at this annual Business Meeting!
TECHNOLOGY	<b>S02 Reimagine Your Family with MyHeritage Mobile App</b> <b>DANIEL HOROWITZ</b> Learn how to use the MyHeritage app to keep documenting and improving your family photos even when you are away from your desk. <b>B/I/A</b>  Sponsor: MyHeritage	<b>S08 Facebook as a Tool to Break Thru Brick Walls</b> <b>DREW SMITH</b> Learn to use Facebook successfully to find living relatives to share your questions, problems and brick walls with other genealogists. <b>B</b>  Sponsor: Lorain Co Chapter, OGS	<b>S14 Using Social Media for Genealogy</b> <b>ROSLYN I. TORELLA, MBA</b> Social media sites can help you break down brick walls, connect to others who share your interests and serve as a platform to learn about and share family history with other family members. <b>B/I/A</b>	
RECORDS	<b>S03 American Citizen: Family History Research with Naturalization Records</b> <b>KRIS W. RZEPZYNSKI</b> This program will explore the many resources available, whether online or in print and successful research strategies to locate naturalization records. <b>B/I/A</b> Sponsor: Archives of Michigan	<b>S09 How to Turn Boring Statistics into Meaningful Stories: Must-Use Strategies</b> <b>SUNNY JANE MORTON</b> Learn the step-by-step process of turning record discoveries into sentences and sentences into stories. Learn about finding story elements, digging into meaningful details, finding record types that tell stories and researching the backstory. <b>B</b>	<b>S15 Civil War Prisoner of War Records</b> <b>CRAIG R. SCOTT, CG, FUGA</b> POW records from during the Civil War and after can be an interesting resource. Learn what records exist in and outside of the CMSR. <b>I</b>	<b>Lunch: \$37</b> <b>Regular Meal:</b> Mixed Greens and Spinach Salad, Country Style Braised Beef, Loaded Mashed Potatoes, Roasted Baby Carrots, Rolls and Butter. Coffee, Iced Tea, and Water.
ETHNIC	<b>S04 Sons Named George: Naming Conventions of Our Ancestors</b> <b>NANCY LEE WATERS</b> Naming conventions used by our ancestors can explain why families have children with the same name and how to identify and differentiate between the multiple George's. <b>B/I/A</b>	<b>S10 The Ways Things Weren't: Common Historical Misconceptions and Their Consequences</b> <b>KATY BODENHORN BARNES</b> Incorrect assumptions about our ancestors' practices and motivations can cause research headaches. Context allows you to avoid those mistakes. <b>B/I/A</b>	<b>S16 FAN Breeze Expansion: Using Spreadsheets to Power Cluster Research</b> <b>CECELIA MCFADDEN</b> Participants will create F.A.N. databases using personally owned technology. Database automation skills will be presented and live case studies will be explored. <b>I</b>	<b>Vegetarian Meal:</b> Mixed Greens and Spinach Salad, Stuffed Peppers, Rolls and Butter. Coffee, Iced Tea, and Water.
METHODOLOGY	<b>S05 Taking a Peek through the "Window Tax"</b> <b>JAMES M. BEIDLER</b> Pennsylvania has the most returns from the 1798 U.S. Direct Tax, although fragments remain of other states' returns from this wonderfully detailed levy. <b>B/I/A</b>	<b>S11 Genealogy Beginnings: How-Tos, Thinking Like and Digging Deep</b> <b>JUDY NIMER MUHN</b> Beginning research in genealogy calls for specific skill sets. Where to look, how to think and how to find more and more. <b>B/I/A</b>	<b>S17 Perilous Assumptions: Revisiting Those First Finds</b> <b>KRIS W. RZEPZYNSKI</b> This program will explore examples of false assumptions we may make initially, revisiting those mistakes and the amazing family history discoveries that may await. <b>B/I/A</b>  Sponsor: Archives of Michigan	
HAPPY DAYS	<b>S06 Testing an AncestryDNA ThruLine Hypothesis for Finding a Female Ancestor</b> <b>DIANA ELDER, AG</b> When no records name a father, discover how documentary records, a migration study and new DNA evidence can confirm a hypothesis in this pre-1850 case study. <b>B/I/A</b>	<b>S12 Hidden Roots in Your DNA: Adoptee Success and Surprise Discoveries</b> <b>RICHARD HILL</b> Learn how adoptees and others find biological parents and siblings. View examples of surprise discoveries and see the tools used to identify relationships. <b>B</b>	<b>S18 AncestryDNA: Click on Everything</b> <b>KELLI J. BERGHEIMER</b> Learn how to figure out who the matches are in your AncestryDNA match list. <b>B</b>	



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1:30 PM	2:45 PM	4:00 PM
<p><b>S20 Tragedy of the Phoenix: A Ship Disaster in Lake Michigan</b>  <b>MARY RISSEUW</b>  151 Dutch emigrants perished. This disaster temporarily halted emigration from areas of the Netherlands and changed the side and structure of the Wisconsin colony. <b>B/I/A</b></p>	<p><b>S26 Beyond the Usual Suspects: Genealogy at the Historical Society of Pennsylvania</b>  <b>KATY BODENHORN BARNES</b>  A wealth of resources lay hidden in the Historical Society of Pennsylvania and other archives like it. Learn why genealogists shouldn't skip them. <b>I</b></p>	<p><b>S32 The Sun Shines Bright: Beginning Your Kentucky Research</b>  <b>PEGGY CLEMENS LAURITZEN, AG, FOGS</b>  This presentation concentrates on researching in this state which neighbors us just beyond the Ohio River. Its beginnings were in Virginia and were part of its rich history before becoming a state of its own. <b>B/I/A</b></p>
<p><b>S21 Around the World in 10 Billion Records</b>  <b>DANIEL HOROWITZ</b>  Discover the latest records from around the world on the MyHeritage Search Engine and learn how to take advantage of them to trace your ancestors. <b>B/I/A</b></p> <p>Sponsor: MyHeritage</p>	<p><b>S27 German Genealogy on the Internet: Beyond the Basics</b>  <b>MICHAEL D. LACOPO, DVM</b>  Learn about websites that all German genealogists should be aware of. While U.S. sites will be discussed, the focus will be on lesser-used German sites, as we are missing vital clues by not being truly "international" in our Internet research endeavors. <b>I/A</b></p>	<p><b>S33 More Than Scanning: What to Include in Digitized Photos</b>  <b>MICHAEL JOHN NEILL</b>  Discover the key details that should be added to digital photographs to enhance their genealogy use and preserve more than the picture. <b>B/I</b></p>
<p><b>S22 Unlock the Mysteries of the Nonpopulation Census Schedules</b>  <b>NANCY LEE WATERS</b>  Census records are a mainstay of genealogical research. However, few are aware of or use the wealth of information found in the various nonpopulation schedules. Learn to use these valuable resources to their fullest advantage. <b>B/I/A</b></p>	<p><b>S28 US Probate Research</b>  <b>MICHAEL BROPHY</b>  Probate research is an often underutilized resource that can add depth and knowledge of your ancestors' lives. <b>B</b></p>	<p><b>S34 "Having Their Say:" 1950 Census Forms P12A and 12C</b>  <b>CECELIA MCFADDEN</b>  Population growth made census cost-reduction a priority. Learn about Bureau forms and procedures used in a few Ohio counties that made self-enumeration a national success. <b>B/I/A</b></p>
<p><b>S23 How to Organize and Pass On Your Family History</b>  <b>KELLI J. BERGHEIMER</b>  You have spent thousands of hours compiling and archiving your family story. Come to this workshop and leave with the beginnings of a preservation plan. <b>B/I</b></p>	<p><b>S29 Your Most Powerful Legacy is Your Story</b>  <b>SUNNY JANE MORTON</b>  Family history begins with YOUR history. Learn what stories you have that are worth telling. Learn to turn your faded, fragmented memories into good stories. Consider what you should leave out, privacy issues and more. <b>B/I/A</b></p>	<p><b>S35 Paint Your Chromosomes and More: Introductions to DNA Painter's Online Tools</b>  <b>PHYLLIS CODLING McLAUGHLIN</b>  Jonny Perl and others in the Genetic Genealogy community are providing new and evolving tools for getting more out of commercial DNA tests for genealogy. <b>B/I/A</b></p>
<p><b>S24 A Revolutionary War Ancestor Case Study: An Exhaustive Search</b>  <b>CRAIG R. SCOTT, CG, FUGA</b>  Learn the process of Revolutionary War military research in order to be efficient and effective in identifying your ancestor and avoiding pitfalls leaving no record behind. <b>I</b></p> <p>Sponsor: BCG Education Fund</p>	<p><b>S30 Back in the Old Country: Finding a Foreign Ancestral Village</b>  <b>ROSLYN I. TORELLA, MBA</b>  Learn how to find your family's original ancestral village using records created in the United States. <b>B/I/A</b></p>	<p><b>S36 Mining Local Records: Villages, City and Township Records</b>  <b>THOMAS STEPHEN NEEL, MLS, FOGS</b>  Villages, cities and townships recorded our ancestor's interactions with local government. These resources are generally not found online and often ignored by genealogists. <b>I</b></p> <p>Sponsor: Ashland Co Chapter, OGS</p>
<p><b>S25 DNA Ethnicity Testing: Challenges, Comparisons and Recommendations</b>  <b>RICHARD HILL</b>  Learn why DNA ethnicity tests yield unexpected results and why siblings can have different ethnicities. Compare one person's ethnicity reports from the major DNA tests. <b>B</b></p>	<p><b>S31 Using Ethnicity Results to Shed Light on a DNA Project</b>  <b>DIANA ELDER, AG</b>  While working through a DNA research project, biogeographical estimates can inform locality research, providing clues for ancestor origins and new places to explore. <b>B/I/A</b></p>	<p><b>S37 DNA Basics You Need to Know</b>  <b>DREW SMITH</b>  Learn about the different kinds of DNA and how each is inherited, and the pros and cons of the different DNA testing companies. <b>B</b></p>

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