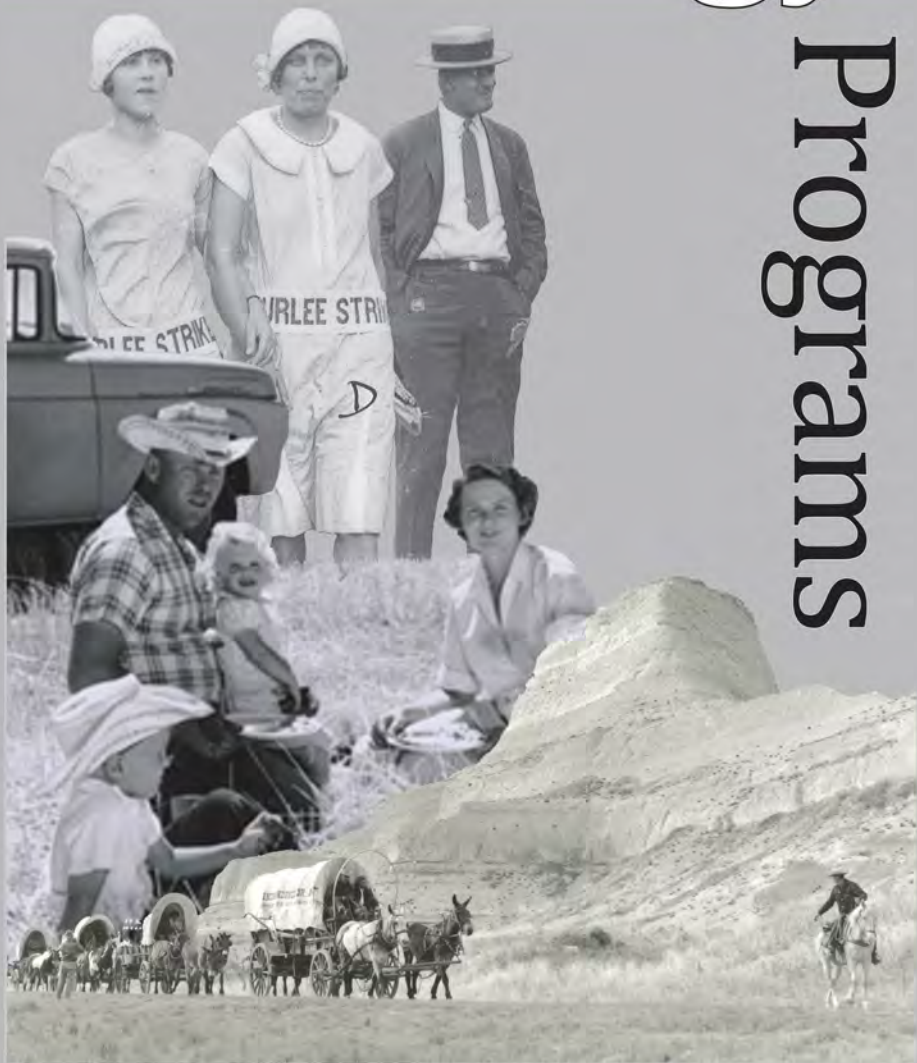

Genealogy

Programs



July - December 2012

National Archives at Kansas City

July

14 – Navigating the National Archives Website at 10:00 – 11:30 AM

Given the volume of records available at the National Archives, it can be difficult to know where to look for resources. Our website, www.archives.gov, is a treasure trove of information. This course will highlight portions of the site, including researching our records, locating veterans' records, and ordering online.

21– Researching African American Genealogy at 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Join researcher and author, Dr. Dorothy Witherspoon, as she teaches about genealogy research strategies and resources to help explore African American family history. The class will explore online resources, case studies, and use hands-on examples.



Beginners and experienced family historians are welcome. Participants will have an opportunity to share information, conduct independent research, and consult with specialists in African American genealogy. Dr. Witherspoon will sign copies of her book, *Researching Slave Ancestry*, from 12:00 to 12:30 PM. Books must be pre-ordered prior to the event.



August

3 – Building Your Genealogy Toolbox: Exploring National Archives Online Resources at 10:00 – 11:30 AM

This fast-paced class will provide an introduction to the National Archives' Online Public Access (OPA), and Access to Archival Databases (AAD). Participants will gain familiarity with these tools and the resources they provide. This class builds on the information taught in class on July 14.



August

9 – *Introduction to Genealogy: Where to Begin?* at 10:00 – 11:00 AM

Starting a genealogy research project can be a daunting task. Come learn how to begin this exciting journey. This course covers what information you need, where you can find it, what resources are available to assist, and how original records help tell your family's story.



22 – *Counting Everyone: Using Federal Census Records to Find Your Ancestors* at 1:00 – 2:30 PM

The census documents people from all walks of life: immigrants, store clerks, celebrities, inmates, and everyday people. This course will explore the clues, codes and other telling details found on the census. Learn how and where to continue your research using information learned from census records.

September

8 – *Township, Section, Range: Looking at Land Records* at 10:00 – 11:30 AM

Township 1, Range 43 West, Section 2. Have you always been curious about the “secret language” of land records? Come learn about Federal land records and the difference between what you will discover at the National Archives versus the county or state archives. Topics include locating information about bounty land warrants, homestead files, land tract books, and other great land resources.

14 – *Order in the Court: Finding Your Family in Federal Court Records* at 1:00 – 2:30 PM



Federal court documents are an underutilized set of records in genealogy research. Depending upon the type of case, documents can include lists of property, family members, testimony, and other insightful glimpses at events that may not be documented elsewhere. Come learn about the types of cases you can find at the National Archives and how to begin your research.

October

6 – Annual Fall Genealogy Symposium: *What is Old is New: Rediscovering Records for Genealogy Research* at 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM



This day long workshop will provide opportunities for patrons to hear about records, both old and “new.” Sometimes we miss clues the first time around and need to rediscover others that are tucked between the lines. Come learn about “new” ways to access old records. Watch for more details about this exciting event!

25 – *Coming to America: Ship Passenger Arrival Lists* at 1:00 – 2:30 PM

Ship passenger arrival lists have been created for different purposes throughout history and can be of immense benefit when seeking information related to the arrival of your ancestors to the United States. This course will cover types of ship passenger arrival lists, dates, forms, and search techniques.

November

2 – *Introduction to Bureau of Indian Affairs Records* at 10:00 – 11:30 AM

The National Archives holds an assortment of government-created records detailing the lives of American Indians on reservations. Each tribe has a unique set of documents pertaining to its members ranging from records related to annuity, land, census, school, and more. Learn what records are available and how to begin this type of genealogy research at the National Archives.



8 – *Accessing Current Military Records: How to Use eVetRecs* at 12:00 – 1:00 PM



The electronic veterans’ records requests (eVetRecs) system creates a customized order form that allows you to request information from your or your next of kin’s military personnel record file from the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis. This step-by-step class explains how to make a request. Feel free to bring your lunch to enjoy during class.

November

9 – *Bureau of Indian Affairs Records: Student Case Files* at 10:00 – 11:30 AM

Did your ancestor attend a government-run boarding school on or near an Indian reservation? For each student in attendance, administrators maintained a file containing applications, correspondence, grades, teacher notes, and more. Come learn about the potential these records hold and how to search for your ancestor in them.



14 – *Remembering 18th and 19th Century Veterans* at 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

This three-part class will cover records related to Veterans of early American wars, 1770 - 1860; Civil War Provost Marshal Records, 1860 -1865; and U.S. National Homes for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, 1866 -1938. Learn how to search these records using online tools on Archives.gov, Ancestry.com, Fold3.com, and more.



December

8 – *Introduction to Genealogy: Where to Begin?* at 10:00 – 11:00 AM

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12 – *Why Can't I Find It?!: Ways to Search More Effectively through Online Resources* at 10:00 – 11:30 AM



With so many online resources, the World Wide Web is a sea of information waiting for you to set sail. Learn how to avoid common pitfalls to ensure that you successfully find, sort, and evaluate websites for genealogy research. This course will highlight a mix of Federal, state, local, and subscription-based websites with unique information.

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<https://www.facebook.com/nationalarchiveskansascity>

<https://twitter.com/#!/KCArchives>

Hours of Operation

Research Room: Tuesday – Saturday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Exhibits: Tuesday – Saturday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Computer and WiFi Access

Patrons of the National Archives at Kansas City are welcome to access many subscription-based genealogy websites using one of ten public computers or their personal WiFi enabled laptop. A researcher card is required for use.

Directions:

From I-35N Take I-35 North to Southwest/Pennway exit (1C). Turn right (East) on Pennway to Broadway St. Turn right (South) on Broadway St. to Pershing Rd. Turn left (East) on Pershing Rd. At the first stoplight, turn left (North).

From I-70W, I-670, and I-35S
Take I-70 West to I-670 to the
Downtown Loop. Exit to I-35
South. Exit at 20th Street. At 20th,
turn left (East) to Broadway St.
Turn right (South) on Broadway
St. to Pershing Rd. Turn left
(East) on Pershing Rd. At the first
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