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14-17 APRIL



BRINGIN' IT HOME 2021

OGS CONFERENCE

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WE'RE GOING VIRTUAL!

Greetings and welcome to the Ohio Genealogical Society 2021 Conference!

The theme “Bringin’ It Home” has a special meaning this year. Because of the pandemic, this year’s conference will be virtual. That being said, the Conference Committee has made every effort to make your conference experience feel as “in person” as possible. There will be opportunities to listen to and interact with well known speakers on a range of subjects that will interest you and, hopefully, help you in moving your research forward. And although we will not be able to gather as usual for the luncheons and dinners, there are opportunities to share your meals with well-known speakers, as well as recognize the newest members of our lineage societies. There will also be opportunities to interact with vendors and take advantage of conference discounts being offered.

So, while this year’s conference is in a totally different format, there are still numerous opportunities to learn and grow your family history research and interact with fellow genealogists. We look forward to “seeing” you at conference April 14–17, 2021.

Dot Martin • OGS President



Conference Committee Welcome

When the slogan “Bringin’ It Home” was selected as the theme for the 2021 Ohio Genealogical Society Conference, we had no idea we would be doing it... literally!

Welcome to our first ever Virtual Conference experience. While we will not be able to meet in person, we look forward to having you, our regular attendees, join us. We are also excited at the prospect of welcoming new attendees from around the globe, who would normally not have the opportunity to join us.

We have assembled an outstanding group of presenters and engaging topics that we are confident will be informative. We kick off the conference Wednesday with an afternoon of workshops followed by a who’s whom of professional genealogists who take us behind the camera, sharing their experiences of working on television’s most popular genealogy shows. Perennial favorite Peggy Clemens Lauritzen opens the door in our keynote session, share lunch with D. Joshua Taylor and Ari Wilkins, help us usher in newest lineage society inductees and participate in a unique vendor experience.

So, cozy up to your computer in your comfy clothes and allow us to bring an exciting conference experience to your home.

Cheryl Abernathy & Stacey Adger • 2021 Conference Committee

IMPORTANT DETAILS



Live sessions



Pre-recorded sessions

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Early Bird Registration Ends

• March 01, 2021

Online Registration Ends

• April 02, 2021

Last Day for Refunds in writing

• March 05, 2021

WORKSHOP RULES

In order to attend any Wednesday workshops an attendee must be registered for the annual conference. Please note space is limited so please register early as it is first come first serve.

SPECIAL SESSIONS

All special sessions are separate events and require registration and payment (where applicable).

REFUND RULES

Refunds on paid registrations will be issued up until March 05, 2021, but a \$35 administrative fee will be charged. No refunds will be issued after March 05, 2021. All refunds must be requested in writing and can be done so via a letter to OGS or via email to ogsconference@gmail.com.

SYLLABUS & PIN PURCHASE

Conference attendees will receive an e-mail within 1 week prior to start date of the conference that will provide a link and password code to access the complimentary digital version of the syllabus. A printed version of the conference syllabus can be pre-purchased for a fee of \$40 which includes shipping and handling via USPS as media mail with an arrival date just before the start of the conference. All syllabi must be pre-ordered by March 12, 2021 as there will be no after-conference sales of a printed syllabus.

Conference Pins can also be pre-ordered for a fee of \$10 which includes shipping and handling via USPS and will be mailed out just prior to the start of the conference. All conference pins must be pre-ordered as supplies will be limited.

WEDNESDAY WORKSHOPS

\$20 Each • Must be registered for the Conference

B=Beginner I=Intermediate A=Advanced

1–3 pm

W01 The Web, the World and You! Advanced Internet Researching

Sponsored by Lisa Louise Cooke's Genealogy Gems

D. JOSHUA TAYLOR

Tired of using the same Internet sites over and over without any success? Frustrated because you are unable to find exactly what you want? Learn how evaluate websites and use free tools on the Internet to enrich your experience while surfing the web! **I/A**

W02 Get Paid For Your Passion: Becoming a Professional Genealogist

Sponsored by Great Lakes Chapter, APG

ELISSA SCALISE POWELL

Many genealogists, hooked on the thrill of the chase, would like to know more about what it takes to become a professional and get paid for their passion. This lecture explores psychological, educational, and physical requirements for achieving that goal. Since many businesses fail within one to three years; tips are provided to help the attendee evaluate whether this is for him/her and what it takes to be successful. **A**

W03 Create a Website in an Afternoon

Sponsored by Richland-Shelby Chapter, OGS

CHRISTINA YETZER DRAIN

Learn to create a chapter or personal website in a two-hour workshop. No experience needed! **B/I/A**

3:15–5:15 pm

W04 Unique African American Records

ARI WILKINS

This presentation will discuss the variety of unusual records that can be used for African American research. Many of these documents can be used to identify parents, dates of birth and names of former slave holders. **B/I/A**

W05 Organizing Your Genealogy Files

DREW SMITH

Genealogical research produces an overwhelming amount of paper and electronic documents. Learn how to organize this information in order to find quickly what is needed. **B**

W06 Solving 18th Century Genealogical Dilemmas with Autosomal DNA

Sponsored by Lisa Louise Cooke's Genealogy Gems

MICHAEL D. LACOPO

Autosomal DNA analysis is critical when solving genealogical problems utilizing the Genealogical Proof Standard. It can be very effective at identifying ancestors several generations in the past when the paper trail is meager. **I/A**

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SOCIAL \$15

6–8 pm

W07 Behind the Scenes on Genealogy TV Programs

Ever wonder what it's like to work on a genealogy TV show, helping someone reconnect to unknown ancestors? Here is your chance to ask questions and find out! We have assembled an outstanding cast, including **D. Joshua Taylor, Tony Burroughs, Peggy Clemens Lauritzen** and **Richard Venezia** to share their experiences working on some of the top-rated shows like "Who Do You Think You Are," "Genealogy Road Show" and "Long Lost Family." This will be a live question and answer session about the ins and outs from some of the experts!



REGIONAL

TECHNOLOGY

RECORDS

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METHODOLOGY

DNA

SHOEBOX

8:30 AM

T01 Keynote Session

Peggy Clemens
Lauritzen

*Let's Leave 'em
Something
to Talk About*

This lecture focuses on important techniques used in interviewing our living relatives who may be a bit skittish in talking about the past. It also encourages us to leave a legacy for our own posterity that will make it just a bit easier for them to find us.

Included in your conference registration fee, but you must register for this session.

Sponsor: Franklin Co Chapter, OGS

9:15 AM

Vendor Hall
Grand Opening

Open until 6:00 pm

Join OGS chapters and other vendors in the virtual exhibit hall to see the latest wares for genealogists.

Please refer to the syllabus in the exhibitor section or the virtual vendor hall to network with our virtual exhibitors.

10:00 AM

T02 Research Your Revolutionary Roots

SHELLEY BISHOP

Is there a Revolutionary War patriot in your lineage? Discover resources and tips for researching and documenting your connection to this exciting era. **B/I/A**
Sponsor: Franklin Co Chapter, OGS

T03 Effective Use of England's National Archives

PAUL MILNER

Learn how to find guidance, resources and original documents about individuals, places and topics in England's National Archives website. **B/I/A**

T04 Genealogical Treasures in Military Files

LORI BERDAK MILLER

See what genealogical treasures can be found in the military collection at NPRC/NARA-St. Louis. **B/I/A**

T05 Identifying Slave Owners

TONY BURROUGHS

Identifying the last slave owner is essential to researching slave genealogy. Many records indicate the names of former owners if you know where to look. **A**

T06 Are You Your Own Brick Wall: Common Genealogy Mistakes and How to Overcome Them

BETH TAYLOR

This class will discuss some common mistakes and introduce ways to overcome them. **B/I/A**
Sponsor: FamilySearch

T07 Before You Test: DNA Basics You Need to Know

DREW SMITH

Learn about the different kinds of DNA and how each is inherited, and the pros and cons of the different DNA testing companies. **B/I/A**
Sponsor: Holmes Co Chapter, OGS

T08 More Than a Program: Let's Talk About Society Event Planning

ELISSA SCALISE POWELL

Successful events help societies increase membership, their volunteer base, and revenue, along with benefiting all participants. Success stories examples show which events made a difference. **B/I/A**

11:30 AM

T09 Luncheon

*D. Joshua Taylor
Finding the Roots of Your
Family Legends*

No, actually, our ancestors didn't behave any better back then than we do today, and the records they left behind documenting their missteps and misdeeds are among the priceless – and hilarious – gems for genealogists to find.

\$15

Sponsor: Franklin Co Chapter, OGS

1:00 PM

T10 Dissecting a 20th Century Military File

LORI BERDAK MILLER

NPRC/NARA-St. Louis is home to millions of military files. We will look at the archival military files available to view. **B/I/A**

T11 Mobile Technology for Genealogy

JUDY NIMER MUHN

Utilize mobile apps and technology to simplify your research. You don't have to take your notebooks! There are tools on your computer, tablet, smartphone! **B**
Sponsor: Vivid-Pix

T12 Yearbooks: Are They Important for Genealogists

THOMAS STEPHEN NEEL

The Ohio Genealogical Society maintains the largest collection of Ohio high school and college yearbooks available to researchers. We will take a hard look at school records and especially yearbooks and how they might be utilized in your genealogical research. **B/I/A**
Sponsor: Vivid-Pix

T13 Think Like a German: How to Recognize Name Variations in Records

KATHERINE SCHOBBER

In the past, scribes spelled words as they sounded to their ears. Learn how to recognize all variations of your ancestor's name in genealogical records.. **B/I**
Sponsor: Ohio Chapter of Palatinates to America

T14 Society of Friends: Quakers and African Americans

ARI WILKINS

Thousands of Quakers migrated to Ohio in the 19th century. Learn about their: ties to African American communities, stance on slavery, and the Underground Railroad. **B/I/A**

T15 A 5 Company Comparison of DNA Ethnicity Results

DIAHAN SOUTHARD

Learn a bit about how ethnicity estimates are made, and how each of our five major DNA testing companies are doing things a little bit differently. **B/I/A**

T16 Society Operations: Marketing, Communications and Publicity in the 21st Century

REED POWELL

Bulletin boards and posters are the past – how do we use current technology to advertise our society's activities and exist in a virtual online world? **B**

2:20 PM	3:40 PM	6:00 PM
<p>T17 I Have a Civil War Ancestor...Now What? BRIAN RHINEHART  Civil War soldiers often left a rich genealogical paper trail. Learn what records are available for these soldiers at the National Archives and online. B/I</p>	<p>T24 Before Rosie: The Women of the Great War DANNELL ALTMAN-NEWELL  When the men were called to war, what was a girl to do? Roll up her sleeves and show the world the power of women! B/I/A Sponsor: Muskingum Co Chapter, OGS</p>	<p>T31</p> <p><i>Amy L. Wachs</i> Bogart and Bacall: Myths, Mysteries, and Family Histories </p> <p>This presentation will provide guidance for genealogy research using the family histories of movie stars Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall as examples. B/I/A Sponsor: Lake Co Chapter, OGS</p>
<p>T18 Meet PERSI, and Discover Treasures in Genealogy Periodicals SUNNY JANE MORTON  Learn how the Periodical Source Index can point you to invaluable ancestral stories, genealogical clues and historical background in journals, magazines and newsletters. A Sponsor: Cuyahoga Valley Genealogy Society</p>	<p>T25 OMG the OGS Website LINDA SWANSON  Learn tips about the OGS Website and discover what kinds of information can be found in its digital collections. B/I</p>	
<p>T19 Unsung Immigration Records of NARA: Contextualizing Recent Immigrant Ancestors RICH VENEZIA  The National Archives holds various records that can provide a treasure trove of information on twentieth-century immigrant and alien ancestors that made America their home. I/A</p>	<p>T26 Beyond Belief: The Wealth of Genealogical and Historical Societies D. JOSHUA TAYLOR  There are thousands of genealogical and historical societies across the United States, each containing records that are not available anywhere else! Learn how to find historical societies, and get the most out of their records. Learn what records are unique to historical societies that can further your research. B/I/A Sponsor: Vivid-Pix</p>	
<p>T20 After You Identify the Slave Owner TONY BURROUGHS  After proving the last slave owner most genealogists then search for primary records which is reinventing the wheel. Learn the efficient way of researching. A</p>	<p>T27 Researching Free People of Color in the Antebellum South: 1800 – 1865 RENATE YARBOROUGH SANDERS  America has always been home to free people of African descent. This presentation sheds light on antebellum documentation of the lives of this unique population. B/I/A</p>	
<p>T21 Bridging the Decades: Little-Used Clues From the Census ELISSA SCALISE POWELL  You've found the census records, now what? Did you find all the hidden pointers to other records? Explore methods and pitfalls when using census records. B/I</p>	<p>T28 House History Research KIM S. HARRISON  Researching the family home may provide clues to the family's life in the community they live in. B/I/A Sponsor: Vivid-Pix</p>	
<p>T22 What Are the Odds? Using DNA Painter's WATO Probability Tool DEBRA SMITH RENARD  Come learn how to use DNA Painter's WATO probability prediction tool to solve unknown birth family cases. B/I/A</p>	<p>T29 Introduction to DNA Reconstruction KEVIN BORLAND Attendees learn a four-step DNA reconstruction workflow and gain familiarity with the tools and techniques required to mathematically reconstruct DNA kits for their ancestors. I Sponsor: Borland Genetics</p>	
<p>T23 Restructuring Societies for a Healthy, Active Membership LADONNA GARNER  Is your society waning? Restructuring the group may encourage and motivate growth in membership and volunteers. B/I/A Sponsor: Vivid-Pix</p>	<p>T30 Society Membership Management - A Little TLC Goes a Long Way REED POWELL  A society's greatest resource is its members. From publicity & newsletters to meeting announcements to special "deals", we'll cover methods for keeping everyone feeling welcome. B</p>	



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REGIONAL	F02 Maryland Repositories and Internet Sites NANCY LEE WATERS Maryland was a primary port of entry for hundreds of immigrants, who left paper trails housed at the Maryland Archives which are being electronically uploaded daily. B/I/A	F09 Show Me the Buckeyes! LADONNA GARNER If your Ohio ancestors headed west, they likely stopped in Missouri for a spell. Explore migration of Ohioans who traveled through the Show Me state. B/I/A	F16 I'm Warning You! The Poor and Impoverished in New England Colonial Times PEGGY CLEMENS LAURITZEN In the colonial period there was no social system to help those who fell on hard times. Much of New England relied upon the warning out system to shift the burden of care back to the hometown, often resulting in splitting up family members. B/I/A Sponsor: Lorain Co Chapter, OGS	F23 Brown Bag Luncheon Ari Wilkins <i>Fostering a Genealogical Curiosity</i> See how elements of my childhood shaped me into the genealogist that I am today. <hr/> \$15 Sponsor: Franklin Co Chapter, OGS
TECHNOLOGY	F03 Finding Hidden Gems on FamilySearch.org BETH TAYLOR FamilySearch.org works to preserve and share the largest collection of genealogical and historical records in the world. Come learn how to find and use its hidden records, resources, and tools. B/I/A Sponsor: FamilySearch	F10 Finding More Great Resources in Less Time: ArchiveGrid for Genealogists ANDI CUMBO-FLOYD In this interaction session, Cumbo-Floyd will demonstrate how to use ArchiveGrid, a database that provides access to many of the world's archival collections. B/I/A Sponsor: Stark Co Chapter, OGS	F17 Researching Italian Civil Records in the Atenati Portal ROSLYN I. TORELLA Learn how to use Italy's Ancestor Portal to locate civil birth, marriage and death records, even if you are not fluent in Italian. I	
RECORDS	F04 I've Been Working on the Railroad... Research DANNELL ALTMAN-NEWELL Changing the country forever, railroads fueled westward expansion...and with it, created records. Learn about a few of the resources available to discover your railroad ancestors. B/I/A Sponsor: Tuscarawas Co Chapter, OGS	F11 Serving Genealogical Researchers at Public Libraries ARI WILKINS Librarians and volunteers: learn some tips for researching all of our genealogical patrons and providing them with the best experience. B/I/A Sponsor: Vivid-Pix	F18 Ship Manifests: An In-Depth Look RICH VENEZIA Ship manifests are the "go-to" record to find immigrant arrivals in the 1800s and 1900s. Discover all the different information they can tell us. B/I/A	
ETHNIC	F05 Introduction to Tracing Your Roots in Eastern Europe AMY L. WACHS This presentation will provide an overview of historical records and changing borders of Eastern Europe that affected the types of genealogical records available to researchers today. B/I/A Sponsor: Cuyahoga Valley Genealogical Society	F12 Finding Calvin: Following My Formerly Enslaved Ancestors through Multiple Owners RENATE YARBOROUGH SANDERS In this case study, the presenter shares her step-by-step approach to determining an ancestor's status as enslaved and, using exhaustive research, documents multiple ownership changes. B/I/A	F19 Freedmen's Bureau Research TONY BURROUGHS Freedmen's Bureau records bridge the gap from freedom to slavery by revealing the former slave owner's name and are a hidden source for other genealogists. I/A Sponsor: Franklin Co Chapter, OGS	
METHODOLOGY	F06 Ohio Deed Research Dana Palmer Did you know early marriages can be found in deeds? Come learn where to find Ohio deeds and what's in these useful records. B/I/A Sponsor: Hamilton Co Chapter, OGS	F13 Building Context and Making Connections: Using JSTOR for Family History D. JOSHUA TAYLOR Thousands of potential discoveries await you at JSTOR, an online collection of scholarly publications from across the world. Discover how JSTOR can help your research during this guided, step-by-step view of the database and its search functions. I/A Sponsor: Guernsey Co Chapter, OGS	F20 On the Road Again: Traveling the World Doing Genealogy Research JUDY NIMER MUHN Planning in advance is the key! With checklists, recommendations for travel planning and equipment to take with you, research BEFORE you go, learn helpful hints. B/I/A	
DNA	F07 What's in a Name? An Incredible Birth Family Reunion Story Debra Smith Renard A birth certificate with Russian parents...a private adoption with no files...only one close match and a private tree. Impossible? DNA brings us an unbelievable ending! B/I/A	F14 DNA is Digital: Understanding Blocks and Segments KEVIN BORLAND Attendees will learn the basic scientific framework of genetic genealogy through a systematic explanation of answers to some of the field's most frequently-asked questions. B Sponsor: Borland Genetics	F21 Ask the Wife: A DNA Analysis Story DIAHAN SOUTHARD We will focus on all things female from mtDNA, XDNA and especially the wives of your ancestors who can help identify your autosomal DNA matches. B/I/A Sponsor: Lili McCutchan	
SHOEBOX	F08 Escaping Presentism in Your Family History Research Janet Hovorka If your post-Edwardian ancestors lived "Downton Abbey" lives and your antebellum ancestors were like in "Gone with the Wind," you may need some perspective. Sponsor: Lisa Louise Cooke's Genealogy Gems	F15 Where is the Book with My Family In It? DREW SMITH Learn to do an exhaustive search for books, journal/magazine/newsletter articles, and other material that may save you time as you research. B	F22 Your Ancestor Was a...Occupations of Our Ancestors NANCY LEE WATERS So, you found the occupation of your ancestor: now what? Ancestral occupations can give clues to who our ancestors were, how they lived, where they lived, and most importantly, give them individual identity and personality. B/I/A	

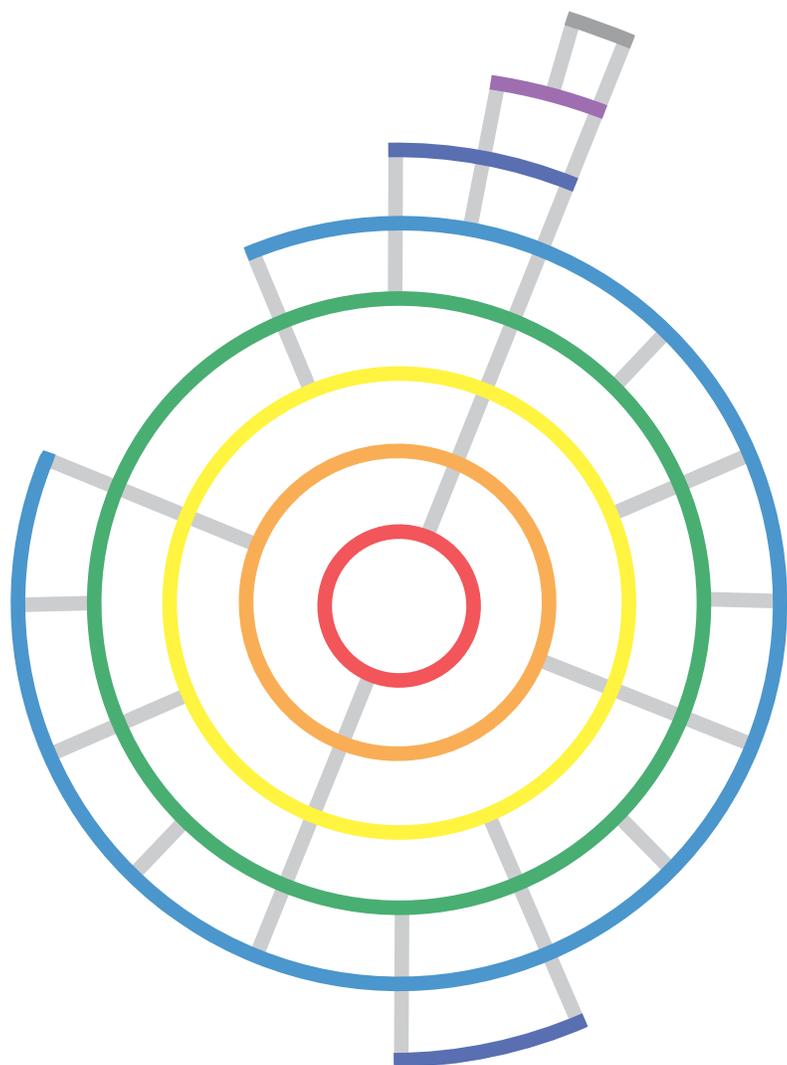
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<p>F24 Western Reserve in Northeastern Ohio: History and Genealogy KIP SPERRY  This presentation will describe family history records in the Western Reserve in Northeast Ohio and how to locate records. B/I/A Sponsor: Anonymous Donor</p>	<p>F31 Did Your Ancestor Marry at a Gretna Green? ROSLYN I TORELLA  If you can't find your ancestors' marriage records, perhaps that ran away to a "Gretna Green." Learn how to find eloping couples. B/I/A</p>	<p>F38 Where Did They Go When They Left Ohio? LAURIE HERMANC-MOORE  As the Northwest Territory opened for settlement, many passed through Ohio but eventually moved west. Where did they go, and why? B/I/A Sponsor: Franklin County Chapter, OGS</p>	<p>Induction Ceremonies: FFO, SCWFO, SBO, CFO, SFONT</p> <p>Join us as we honor those individuals who have worked diligently to prove their ancestors for membership in all five different lineage societies. This year, we are combining all five lineage groups into one award ceremony for the first time. We hope you will join us. This is always a highlight of the conference experience.</p> <p>You do not need to be a lineage inductee or previous inductee to join us, just an interest in the lineage societies.</p> <p>Included in your conference registration fee, but you must register for this session.</p>
<p>F25 Google Docs and Google Sheets for Genealogists AMY CARPENTER  Google's word processor and spreadsheet programs are accessible anywhere, and offer amazing features, including: live collaboration, customizable templates, charting capabilities, document translation, and more. B/I/A Sponsor: Stark Co Chapter, OGS</p>	<p>F32 Utilizing the HathiTrust Digital Archive for Family History Research COLLEEN ROBLEDO GREENE  This robust digital repository is packed with digitized publications from academic and research institutions. Learn about HathiTrust's discovery and access tools, US/ international collections relevant to genealogists, and search strategies to help you find those valuable sources. B/I/A</p>	<p>F39 Google Photos: Your Digital Family Archive AMY CARPENTER  Utilizing the various aspects of Google Photos to maximize your photo storage and preservation: basic editing, labeling, facial recognition, album creation, sharing, collaboration, etc. B/I/A Sponsor: Vivid-Pix</p>	
<p>F26 Criminals in the Family Tree KIM S HARRISON  Their story needs to be told. This is a review of some of the records that exist that will tell the path of the lawbreaker. I Sponsor: Fulton Co Chapter, OGS</p>	<p>F33 How to Wring a Record Dry NANCY LEE WATERS  Examine multiple types of records such as birth, death, census, etc., to help glean all the information contained within, as well as those often-overlooked gold nuggets. B/I/A</p>	<p>F40 Book of Clues: Using County Histories as a Resource KIM S HARRISON  County histories can provide clues to the FAN club. B</p>	
<p>F27 Scottish Emigration to North America: Before and After the Rebellion Paul Milner  Examines migration patterns from Scotland to the US and Canada, looking at the push and pull factors, and how to find the place of origin. B/I</p>	<p>F34 All about Compgen.de JAMES M BEIDLER  A great Europe-based website offers researchers of German-speaking ancestors a bounty of online resources: everything from background to links to European genealogical societies to searchable records. B/I/A Sponsor: Ohio Chapter Palatines to America</p>	<p>F41 Irish Maps and Tools for Finding the Right Place PAUL MILNER  Learn what maps and finding aids are available for use in Irish research to make sure you are searching in the correct place. B/I/A</p>	
<p>F28 Ohio Probate Records DANA PALMER  Ohio probate records are invaluable to genealogists and can be key to proving kinship. Come learn how to benefit from using these records. B/I/A Sponsor: BCG Education Fund</p>	<p>F35 Finding Agnes Jones MARGARET LANCE CHENEY  Sorting out online family trees that perpetuate the wrong family lines. B/I/A Sponsor: Lorain Co Chapter, OGS</p>	<p>F42 Bringing It Home with City Directories DANIEL EARL  Our ancestors lived between census years and city directories are the way to bring your ancestors home between the decades. This lecture will cover everything you need to know to effectively use the whole city directory to learn even more about your ancestors. B/I/A</p>	
<p>F29 Using Y-DNA Testing for Advanced Genealogical Problem Solving MICHAEL D LACOPO  How can Y-DNA testing bring success in genealogical research? How do you interpret those confusing results? And is Big Y worth it? Learn to make Y-DNA testing work for you. I/A Sponsor: Lili McCutchan</p>	<p>F36 A Look at Ethics in Genetic Genealogy DIAHAN SOUTHARD  When an unexpected discovery is made, we first need to verify the findings, determine your role, and decide what you might want to do next. B/I/A</p>	<p>F43 The 2020s Vision for AncestryDNA--New Tools for New Test Results DEBRA SMITH RENARD  Learn what's new at AncestryDNA, what your test results include and what they mean. Get familiar with the innovative features the site provides. B/I/A</p>	
<p>F30 Fraternal Organizations: The Original Social Network DANNELL ALTMAN-NEWELLI  Social networks have existed since before the digital age. Fraternal organizations were among the original social networks and can add flavor to your ancestor's story. I/A Sponsor: Ottawa Co Chapter, OGS</p>	<p>F37 Problem in Cemetery Research: Headstone Materials and Preservation Concerns LADONNA GARNER  What materials are your ancestors' headstones made of? Learn to identify the materials used for common burial markers and the preservative care for their longevity. B/I/A</p>	<p>F44 Striking Gold: Using Cluster Research to Identify an Unknown Father DANA S PALMER  Blended ethnic families can be tough to trace. Be successful finding your German ancestor's parents by using cluster research techniques and free online tools. I Sponsor: BCG Education Fund</p>	



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REGIONAL	S01 Moravian Trails and Records: Early Settlers of Ohio <i>ELISSA SCALISE POWELL</i> Eighteenth-century Moravians, originating in Pennsylvania, created Ohio settlements Gnadenhütten, Dover, and Sharon. Their detailed records are not just for Moravians, filling in early record shortages. B/I/A Sponsor: Tuscarawas Co Chapter, OGS	S08 Buckeye Expansion: Migration into Ohio <i>DANA PALMER</i> Many people moved to Ohio or passed through it. Where did they come from and where did they settle? Come learn about Ohio's early expansion. B/I/A	S15 A Million Ways to Die in Colonial America <i>DANIEL EARL</i> Death was a part of life for our ancestors. This lecture will help you understand colonial attitudes toward death and burial from Newfoundland to Jamaica, and cover burial practices of major religious groups. B/I/A Sponsor: Muskingum Co Chapter, OGS	S22 OGS Business Meeting The OGS Annual Meeting provides the members of the society a report of the past year, installs newly elected board members, recognizes chapter anniversaries, and may present winners for various awards, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OGS Fellow; • Outstanding OGS Chapter; • Outstanding OGS Chapter Officer; • Outstanding OGS Chapter Volunteer; • the Thomas A. Edison Award for Outstanding OGS Chapter Website; • the Frances Dana Gage Award for Outstanding OGS Chapter Newsletter; • the Simon Kenton Award; • the Salmon P. Chase Award; • the US Grant Award; • the Tecumseh Award; • the Henry Howe Award; • the William H. and Benjamin Harrison Award; • the Lida Flint Harshman Award; • the Governor Thomas Worthington Award; • and the Oliver Hazard Perry Award. Visit www.ogs.org for further information on these awards. All nominations and entries must be received at OGS Headquarters by 31 December. For questions, specific judging, and book submission criteria, please contact the awards chair at awards@ogs.org . Included in your conference registration fee, but you must register for this session.
TECHNOLOGY	S02 Cemetery Crowdsourcing <i>MICHAEL CASSARA</i> Cemeteries frequently provide genealogists with clues that exist nowhere else. This talk explores the future of cemetery research, highlighting the most efficient techniques. B/I/A	S09 Secure Your Research with a Digital Will <i>JANET HOVORKA</i> Avoid a digital dark age in this generation by ensuring that your records are accessible in the future with attention and a plan. B/I/A	S16 Facebook Groups for Genealogy: Now I'm a Believer <i>MICHAEL CASSARA</i> In this age of social media, Facebook Groups offer an exciting way for family historians to connect with relatives near and far. B/I/A	
RECORDS	S03 "An Average Ancestor" Seen through Newspaperst <i>JAMES M. BEIDLER</i> "Everyone dies famous in a small town," but you can expect a fair number of other references to even ordinary ancestors with the research plan. B/I/A Sponsor: Ottawa Co Chapter, OGS	S10 Mixing Online and Offline Resources <i>TONY BURROUGHS</i> Billions of records are online, but not all records are on the web. Integrating online sources with physical resources doubles your chances of genealogical success. B/I/A Sponsor: Stacey Adger	S17 Online Resources for Colonial America <i>D JOSHUA TAYLOR</i> Discover websites, online databases, university projects, online archives, and other resources for researching your Colonial American ancestors online. Learn how to use Early American Imprints, JSTOR and other resources. B/I/A Sponsor: Holmes Co. Chapter, OGS	
ETHNIC	S04 Polish Immigration to America: When, Where, Why, and How <i>STEVE SZABADOS</i> Get insights into your Polish ancestors by analyzing their immigration to America. They may have been poor but they contributed to American history. B/I Sponsor: Holmes Co Chapter, OGS	S11 Interlocking Stories: Recovering the Names and Stories of Enslaved Communities <i>ANDI CUMBO-FLOYD</i> Learn the processes for recovering genealogical information about enslaved communities at plantations, using the presenter's own research as a model. B/I/A Sponsor: Trumbull County Chapter, OGS	S18 The Magic of German Church Records <i>KATHERINE SCHOBER</i> German church records are the go-to source for German genealogists. Learn how to extract your ancestor's information from these records--without needing to speak German. B/I	
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