

Course Title: Genealogy and Family History

Fall 2019

Class Sessions:

Room: TBA

Short Description of Course:

Join us on this exciting journey into yesteryear! Methods and techniques to explore your ancestral family, who they were and how they lived will be presented. You may find why you are who you are

Everyone has family stories and legends but are they true? Are you really descended from royalty? Was great-grandpa really a bank robber? This course will show you, through practice exercises, how to explore the possibilities, in the USA and sometimes 'clues' for the 'old country'.

The study of genealogy and family history is exciting and can be surprising. Come join us on this adventure! Students are encouraged to apply course information to locate and expand their own family history and genealogical tree.

Goals or Objectives

- 1. Use of the genealogy research process to assure accuracy and validity of your family history.
- 2. Gain skill to interpret the information you find.
- 3. Learn to develop a strategies to accomplish your objectives, evaluate the results, and share that information with others
- 4. Identify where to look, who to contact, and how to make your family history come alive.
- 5. Identify ways to extend your family tree.

(Includes: Lectures, Exercises both in class and take-home.)

Instructor:

Margaret LOUIS

Bio – Many years of experience searching family history in the Midwest USA and Western Europe with focus on Germany. She has traced family lines to 1600's. Has taught classes on genealogy topics and published 2 family history related books. Holds National Certification from National Genealogical Society.

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Materials to be used:

1. Lectures supplemented with Power Points, internet sites, practice exercises both in class and take home.
2. No books required
3. Handouts will be available both in hardcopy and on-line. Personal e-mail access is helpful. And please 'print' your e-mail clearly.

Classroom Procedures

'Break' about half-way in session

Usually open to ask questions but lecturer will indicate when to Hold Questions.

Please use microphone for Questions.

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GENEALOGY and FAMILY HISTORY BASICS

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| Wk | Date | Subject |
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| 1 | Sept 18 | Introduction Standards & Conventions (name, date, place) Research Process for Genealogy (Exercise in class) |
| 2 | Sept 25 | Search Engines (Free) with demos a. Family Search b. Heritage Quest |
| 3 | Oct 2 | Census |
| 4 | Oct 9 | Immigration |
| 5 | Oct 16 | Naturalization |
| 6 | Oct 23 | Vital Records |
| 7 | Oct 30 | Legal/Court Records |
| 8 | Nov 6 | Cemetery Records |
| 9 | Nov 13 | Military Records |
| 10 | Nov 20 | Organizing materials, Choosing Computer Programs Wrap-up |

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