

Course Title: Genealogy and Family History, Basics

Spring 2020

Class Sessions: Tues. 11:00AM- 12:45PM

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 banker or a bank-robber? This course will show you through practice and 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 joins the 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 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 & guided 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. Student's 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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3 Feb to 14 April 2020

Wk	Date	Subject
1	Feb 4	Introduction Standards & Conventions (name, date, place) Research Process for Genealogy (Exercise in class)
2	Feb 10	Search Engines (Free) with demos: a. Family Search b. Heritage Quest
3	Feb 17	Census
4	Feb 24	Vital Records
5	Mar 3	Immigration
6	Mar 10	Naturalization
7	Mar 17	Spring Break
8	Mar 24	Legal/Court Records
9	Mar 31	Cemetery Records
11	Apr 7	Military Records
12	Apr 14	Organizing materials, Choosing Computer Programs Wrap-up

Subject to modification