

## TITLE

## DETAILS

### General Topics

Centuries of Censuses: What  
Census Instructions Can Teach Us

Instructions to census takers differed every ten years and can tell us a lot about what was going on in the country. Understanding the details hidden in the census can help us take advantage of the information gathered, and help us understand the context of our ancestors times.

Family Tree Squabbles

How do you convince your family, or extended family, your family tree is accurate? Proof, evidence, and documentation - sounds like the Genealogical Proof Standard (GPS)

Gretna Greens - Where our  
American Ancestors Went to  
Marry (and perhaps why)

Historically marriage was tightly controlled by the family, the community, and the church. Couples who disagreed with the prescribed plan for their life had to find someone who would officiate. North America had their own Gretna Greens and unlike Las Vegas, what happened there did not stay there.

Hook 'em & Reel 'em In: Getting  
Your DNA Matches to Respond

How do we get our family tree or DNA relatives to bite when we cast a hook into their genealogy pond? Giving them enough information to show you are worth their time, but not so much that you get nothing in return is a balancing act.

Johnson, Jones or James, English  
Ancestry is All Around Us

As a result of the Revolutionary War our ancestors often identified less as English and more as American patriots. Yet, over half of the 100 most common surnames in America could be English. Let's look at the hidden history of being English in America and unravel why

New Leaf Workshop: The Right  
Tool for the Job

Each website and database has its own genealogical offerings. Knowing the right site for your particular research needs will save you time and frustration. Sylvia will help you pinpoint which site, or sites, will help advance your research. This is a workshop course and can be one or more hours based on your group's needs.

Vitaly Important: Vital Records  
and Their Substitutes

Vital records are integral for good genealogical research. Learn more about why they are so valuable, and how to find vital records and their substitutes.

## Culture & Its Influence on Records

19th Century America - Cultural Changes and Their Effects on Records

America in the 19th century saw geographic, cultural, and historic changes that affected the records that were created. While this was true for all Americans, it was especially true for women, African-Americans, and immigrants. We'll take a broad look at the 19th century to understand these changes.

Faith of Our Forefathers

Churches were an anchor for many of our ancestors. A general understanding of the role faith played in the lives of our ancestors and the effect on communities, states, and our nation will aid your understanding and may guide you to unexpected records.

Saying Goodbye: Our Ancestors Traditions of Death and Dying

What can we learn about our families by observing their traditions on death and dying. Faith, culture, and community exerted their influences on our ancestors death traditions. How can their surviving records help us understand their lives?

Tracking Ancestral Beliefs: Where Our Ancestors Chose to Belong

Many of our ancestors belonged to more than one culture. They chose, perhaps more than once, to identify as one specific culture. This could be based on faith, language, or social standing. Fitting in while becoming American was a transition that all navigated and their records may reflect that acculturation.

## Language Tools & Surname Research

Leveraging Language Tools for Your Genealogical Brick Wall

Discover linguistic tips, tricks and resources that can help you find your most elusive ancestors. Brick walls can sometimes be an obstacle that has more to do with language than anything else. We will explore how the language of our ancestors, as well as the language of the area they settled in, can affect our research results.

Linguistic Tools for Genealogists: Forvo

Forvo is a site which provides modern pronunciation of words from all languages, cultures, and countries. As a research tool it can help you understand the way your ancestors spoke and apply that knowledge to the way they would have pronounced their names. This will help you search more effectively as they migrated to, and through other regions. **Available Spring 2022**

Linguistic Tools for Genealogists:  
Google Translate and other  
Google Tools

Google translate can help you search more effectively for your ancestors. Other Google tools can help you monitor discussions that are happening now about records, articles, or books which may apply to your ancestry. Learn more about the tools that Google offers.

Linguistic Tools for Genealogists:  
One Name Studies

One-Name.org is a website that has the potential to not only advance your research, but connect you to other researchers who can provide insights into your ancestry. Other resources are available for those who want an in-depth study into a surname.

Who Said What in America: The  
Effects of Language and Spelling  
changes

Regional differences in language and culture affected how our ancestors names were heard and therefore recorded. We'll explore how the prevalent culture(s) in an area might have affected your ancestors names and help you research more effectively.

Migration Research

Beeline to the West: Migration  
Pulls for Immigrants

Immigrants who settled in the "West" had their own reasons for coming. Compared to immigrants into the Colonies, those who came directly west had different pushes and pulls. This presentation focuses on the pulls of the West and who was attracted by them.

Homesteading in America: Men &  
Women, Immigrants & Native  
Born

Homesteading in America was a way to coax people to settle and hold land that could be lost. Anyone who was willing to brave the frontier and relinquish their loyalty to another nation could apply. It was not for the faint of heart!

Research Methodologies

Genealogy Basics, including DNA

Basics of genealogical research getting you started with the best practices so you don't make the mistakes which many of us did when getting started. This includes the basics of DNA research and how to spend your DNA dollars wisely.

Genetic Genealogy - What will  
DNA Testing Do for Me?

Learn about the various DNA tests, and how each can be used in conjunction with traditional research to increase what you know about your family.

British Research Methodology:  
How, What & Where to Search

British research differs from American research in a variety of ways. Sylvia will highlight the best places to search, plus quickly cover the major differences in terminology, language, and records. Extra Q&A time is built into this presentation for those new to the topic.

### Irish Research Methodology: How, What & Where to Search

Irish research is challenging due to record loss, poor record keeping, and the turmoil that is so well documented within Ireland. Specific techniques and methods of researching can streamline your quest for your Irish ancestors.

### Lutheran Research Methodology: How, What & Where to Search

Martin Luther wanted to change the Catholic Church. Instead he launched a movement that built on Catholic tradition while adapting to the languages used by its followers. As Lutheranism expanded through migration it continued to adapt to meet the needs of its parishioners and spawned other groups.

### Women in America

#### Women and the Records They Created

American women in the 17th, 18th, and 19th centuries left records, none of which are unique to women. But, these records can provide unique insights when looked at through a historical lens as American women's lives changed.

#### Women on the Move: Changing Migration in 19th Century America

During the 19th century women's lives changed in myriad ways. This presentation focuses on the historic timeline of the 19th century and the events that impacted women's lives the most.



Ready to book a presentation?

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