

Family History Conference

Discover Your Ancestors

Saturday, March 24th / 9am - 4pm

Charlottesville LDS Family History Library
2975 Hydraulic Road, Charlottesville, Virginia

Located at the corner of Hydraulic, West Rio & Earlysville Roads

A Variety of Classes, Seminars, & Displays

Tentative Schedule On Back - Subject to Change

Genealogy 101:
How to Getting Started

Personal Ancestral File,
Legacy, Family Tree Maker

African-American
Genealogy Resources

Heritage Scrapbooking for
Beginners & Experts

Internet Research for
Family History

Authoring & Publishing
Family History & Journals

Genealogy Resources
in the LDS Church

Preserving Family Records,
Documents & Photographs

Genealogy Resources
in Our Area

Immigrant & Military Ancestors
Research & Sources

Computers & Technology
for Family History

Tours of Local LDS
Family History Center

For Additional Information,
Please Email Your Questions To FAMHISTCONF@aol.com

Free Admission / Public Invited

Spend The Day - Bring a Bag Lunch / Beverages Provided

Sponsored by
Charlottesville Family History Library, Waynesboro Virginia Stake of
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

CLASS SCHEDULE

(Subject To Change)

Classes will begin on the hour and last 50 minutes. Be sure to visit the displays of Family History and Genealogy Information during the hours of the conference. Please be sure to stop in the Family History Library which will be open during the conference.

Time	Room A	Room B	Room C	Room D	Chapel
8:30	Registration and Set-Up Displays				
9:30	Welcome & Keynote Address				
10:00	What Has Technology Done To Family History?!	Biographies & Personal Histories	Heritage Scrapbooks – Your Family History In Pictures	Military Ancestors – How To Find Them	Genealogy 101 – Getting Started
11:00	Take That Family History and Scan It!	Personal Ancestral File 5.2	How To Create A Heritage Scrapbook-Demonstration	Genealogy Research in Washington DC	Whispers from the Dust – African-American Family History
12:00	Lunch (Bring Your Bag Lunch) & Brief Presentations Your Local Family History Library, Historical Society & Genealogical Association				
1:00	Bringing Order to Your Family History	Legacy & Family Tree Maker Overview	Restoring Family Photographs	Using The Internet For Genealogy Research	Whispers from the Dust – African-American Family History
2:00	Optical Character Recognition	Genealogy Resources In Our Area	Paleography - Deciphering Old Handwriting	And They Came In Waves - Immigration Research	Silver Children – The African American Family of Henry Clay
3:00	Family History Reunions	Sharing Your Family History	DNA & Genealogy	Genealogy Resources In The LDS Church	Genealogy 101 – Getting Started

Special Thanks

Our presenters include LDS Family History Librarians, patrons, and members of the Albemarle Charlottesville Historical Society and the Central Virginia Genealogical Association. Others include members of the LDS Church, professional genealogists and those that have a love for Family History and Genealogy. Thanks also to the many support staff.

CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

An Introduction To Legacy & Family TreeMaker - Family TreeMaker is one of the top selling consumer genealogy programs. Legacy Family Tree is an excellent and highly rated genealogy program that is very user-friendly and offers numerous features. Both will be demonstrated to give an overview of the main features of each program, and discuss the pros and cons of each. Participants will be able to examine the multiple charts and reports each can generate. (Melissa Kennedy & Dottie Sullivan)

And They Came In Waves - Immigration Research - Millions of our ancestors came to America on the seas. Learn how to search ship and immigration records for your immigrant relatives. Ellis Island and Castle Garden will be highlighted. (Jenny Greenwood)

Biographies and Personal Journals - A discussion of various types of personal histories from daily journals to biographies of ancestors, and an overview of various publishing options for the personal history keeper or historian. This class will also explore personal journal writing, and motivate you to either start or improve your "letters to the future". The Personal Historian computerized journal program will also be demonstrated. (Shiela Blight, Larry Sidwell, Barbara Branham)

DNA and Genealogy Research - This class will answer basic questions about DNA and its current and possible contributions to genealogy work. Topics to be discussed are: What is DNA? How is it used to identify individuals? How can it be used to find my ancestors? What options are currently available to use DNA in genealogy? What is the potential for DNA and genealogy?(Matthew Orton)

Genealogy 101 – The Great Ancestor Hunt – Getting Started - More exciting than a safari. A better mystery than any Sherlock Holmes ever solved. Come begin the search for your ancestors in the cold light of reality. This isn't fiction – it is all about you! (Lorraine Quillion)

Genealogy Research in Washington DC - From the Archives, and Library of Congress, to a myriad other resources, Washington DC is a treasure trove for researching your ancestry. (Mike Strauss)

Genealogy Resources In Our Area - A look at the resources available to the genealogist and family history buff within the state and nations capital. Especially appropriate for those with family roots in the state. (Margaret O'Bryant)

Genealogy Resources In The LDS Church Family History Center - Accessing and using the family history databases, collections, and reserves of the LDS Church, including Ancestral File, International Genealogical Index, the Family History Library system, and others. (Katie Derby)

Heritage Scrapbooks – Your Family History In Pictures - This presentation will show how you can properly preserve your old photographs and memorabilia which creating a beautiful pictorial history of your family. (Susan Emert & Susan DuBar)

How to Create a Heritage Scrapbook - Learn how to display your old family pictures and memorabilia safely in a Heritage Scrapbook. When you add facts, stories, or favorite recipes, you can create a beautiful family history book which can be passed down for generations. (Susan Emert & Susan DuBar)

Military Ancestors – How to find them? - Primary focus will be on military records available on the internet for the Revolution, War of 1812, and Civil War. Lineage worksheet will be discussed along with the proper proofs necessary to prove your Patriot Ancestor. (Barbara Konat & Sharon Steo)

Optical Character Recognition - Your Great-aunt Tilly just gave you a box of newspaper clippings, documents and books – now what? Don't spend your time re-typing that stuff – scan and OCR it! OCR and its application in family history will be discussed and demonstrated in this seminar. (Bob Roberts)

Organization Your Family History Collection - One of the challenges that face anyone doing family history using technology is how to organize the files, documents and images. This seminar explores one of the methods that can be applied to both computer and hardcopy records. (Bob Roberts)

Paleography – Deciphering Old Handwriting - Learn techniques to aid in transcribing early American documents including word patterns and letter structure. (Katie Derby)

Personal Ancestral File 5.2 - PAF 5.2 is free genealogy software provided by the LDS Church. This class will demonstrate the latest version of the software and PAF Companion. (Jackie Layton)

Restoring Family Photographs - This seminar will focus on the capabilities of both entry level and professional software and hardware that repair and improve damaged and faded photographs. (David Hungate)

Sharing Family History and Genealogy Information - Sharing your research with others is a great way to connect with lost relatives, tap into the fruits of the efforts of others, and reduce duplication of effort. We'll look at several ways of getting your research out there for others to use. We'll also examine ways to meaningfully share what you've found with your family. (Norm Carlson)

Silver Children – The African American Family of Henry Clay - West Virginia native and Charlottesville resident and author, Leontyne Clay Peck, who will tell the thrilling story of finding her “lost” family (both deceased and living) in Central Virginia. Her journey resulted in publishing *“The Silver Children – The African American Family of Henry Clay”*. (Leontyne Clay Peck)

Take That Family History and Scan It - This seminar will explore the use of digital technology for family history records, photographs, and documents. Examples of storage methodology are explained with examples showing the effects on computer resources. (Bob Roberts)

Technology Advances in Family History and Genealogy - An overview of the hardware and software advances that have most benefited Family History and Genealogy. (Bob Roberts)

Using Internet Tools and Services To Do Family History Research - The Internet with its indexing and search technology has revolutionized Genealogy research. Live demonstrations will show some of the most popular websites and techniques for finding your ancestors. (Katie Derby)

Whispers from the Dust - Virginia will be the first state in the nation to participate in a historic project to extract, index and digitize Freedmen's Bureau records, allowing historians and descendants of emancipated slaves, freed Blacks, and Black Union soldiers to access historical data, much of which was never before available. Learn about how you can participate in this exciting project. (Roice Luke)

Presenter Biographies

Please recognize and thank our speakers who are voluntarily participating in the Conference because of their love of Family History and Genealogy. They serve as volunteers and patrons of the Family History Center, and they are members of the LDS Church, The Albemarle-Charlottesville Historical Society and The Central Virginia Genealogy Association founded right here in this building almost 40 years ago. Some are members of our local and extended community who are seeking their Ancestors. You have are thanks and gratitude for sharing your talents and spirit of Family.

SHEILA BLIGHT is a grandmother who has been writing or keeping a journal of some kind or another since she was 13 years old. She enjoys tracing her own family tree and has worked as a Family History Library volunteer.

BARBARA BRANHAM is the Assistant Director of the Family History Center in the Charlottesville LDS Church. She has been working on genealogy for the past thirty years.

NORM CARLSON is a staff consultant at the Charlottesville Family History Center. He has been doing Family History research off and on for years, primarily in Kentucky and New England. Norm and his family have been in the Charlottesville area for the past 20 years.

KATIE DERBY holds a bachelor's degree in Genealogy/ Family History from Brigham Young University. She interned at the Library of Congress in the Local History and Genealogy Department. She and her husband are also entrepreneurs in the field of online Genealogy and are currently developing their business, GenQuery.com.

SUSAN DUBAR is an officer in the Central Virginia Genealogical Association and have been engaged in Genealogical research for ten years or more, and has been presenting programs on various aspects of genealogy.

SUSAN EMERT began her first Heritage Scrapbook in 1999, and in now working on a sixth one. She has taught classes in scrapbook construction. She is President of the Central Virginia Genealogical Association.

JENNY GREENWOOD has lived in Charlottesville since 1969 and has been a member of the Central Virginia Genealogy Association since 1990 serving as Recording Secretary and Vice President for several years. She has been a presenter at several CVGA genealogy seminars in the area.

DAVID HUNGATE is a professional commercial photographer located in Roanoke. His clients include many Fortune 500 companies. He is a former Emmy-nominated television news photographer for NBC News assigned to Capitol Hill and the White House. In college, he majored in Photojournalism and is a member of the National Association of Photoshop Professionals

Dr. ROICE LUKE is a professor in and past Chairman of the Department of Health Administration at Richmond's Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU). Aside from his professional life, Dr. Luke has a deep interest in post-civil war genealogy and history. He has been actively involved in the historically significant Virginia Freedmen Indexing and Extraction Project, currently being conducted by the Black History Museum and Cultural Center of Virginia and the Genealogical Society of Utah.

BARBARA KONAT is Vice Regent and **SHARON STEO**, Registrar, and members of the Montpelier Chapter, NSDAR. Both Barbara and Sharon area avid researchers with many years of genealogy experience.

MELISSA SMITH KENNEDY has been an avid genealogist for about 15 years. Her Virginia roots reach back to 1621 and she has yet to visit any place in the state where she was not eventually discovered a relative. She is a Family History Consultant in the Charlottesville First Ward.

JACKIE LAYTON has worked as a librarian and assistant director in the Family History Library of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints off and on for almost 20 years. She would spend all of her time doing genealogy if she could, but unfortunately has to sleep, eat and work. She has discovered many of her ancestors along the way and is thrilled each time another one is found.

MARGARET M. O'BRYANT, Librarian/Head of Reference Resources, Albemarle Charlottesville Historical Society since 1988 is a native Virginian growing up in Franklin County. She holds an AB degree in classical languages from the College of William & Mary and a graduate library degree from University of North Carolina. She has 12 years previous experience in academic & public libraries and 10 years at UVa's Alderman Library.

MATTHEW ORTON is a third year medical student at the University of Virginia School of Medicine. He is married to his wife Melissa and they have a one year old son Kyle. While attending BYU he majored in microbiology and worked in a molecular genealogy laboratory for three years.

LEONTYNE CLAY PECK is an author, speaker and entrepreneur with more than 20 years in a diversity of business endeavors. She received her education from Potomac State College, American University, American University of Rome, and West Virginia University. She is also the founder of Afritique, an educational consulting company.

LORRAINE QUILLON - After four decades of following her ancestors' trail, Lorraine knows some of the best tools to use to trap that elusive progenitor. The one she really wants (a fourth great-grandfather) continues to evade her, but you should see some of the other interesting characters she has collected along the way.

BOB ROBERTS spent 25 years in Information Technology as a software designer and corporate executive running the company he founded in 1975. He teaches Family History classes and volunteers in the Charlottesville Family History Center.

LARRY SIDWELL has published his own personal history, has published a book of stories about his wife, and will show other styles and options for the family history keeper available today.

MICHAEL L. STRAUSS, AG. Our *Keynote Speaker* is a Professional Genealogist, author & lecturer. He is an Accredited Genealogist for the Eastern States Region. A native of Pennsylvania and a resident of Virginia Beach and has been an avid genealogist for nearly 30 years. He holds a BA in History with a Civil War concentration and is a US Coast Guard veteran. Strauss is a scholarly research grant recipient from the Foundation for Coast Guard History and the General George C. Marshall Foundation in Lexington, VA. He works as a research archivist with the Coast Guard Station Museum in Virginia Beach, VA and has spoken at several national and regional genealogical conferences over the last decade.

DOTTIE SULLIVAN who has been using Legacy Family Tree for approximately ten years. It is a very versatile program and has all the features needed in a genealogy program.