



Family History Conference

Discover Your Ancestors

Saturday, March 29th / 9am - 4pm

Charlottesville LDS Family History Library
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SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

Time	Room A CHAPEL	Room B RELIEF SOCIETY	Room C SCOUTS	Room D YOUNG WOMEN	Room E PRIMARY
8:30	Registration and Set-Up Displays				
9:00	Welcome: Charlottesville Family History Center & Central Virginia Genealogical Society Keynote Address: <i>Granny Possum's Pointers</i> by Barbara Vines Little				
10:00	Using ALL the Census Data <i>Barbara Vines Little, CG</i>	Using FamilySearch <i>Ralph Tobias, Guest & Barbara Branham, FHL</i>	Self-Publishing Your Journals & Photographs <i>Larry Sidewell & Seth Roberts, Guests</i>	The Great Ancestor Hunt – Getting Started <i>Lorraine Quillon, FHC</i>	What Technology Did To Family History <i>Bob Roberts, FHL/CVGA</i>
11:00	Teasing the Silent Woman from the Shadows of History <i>Barbara Vines Little, CG</i>	And They Came In Waves - Immigration Research <i>Bob Neihaus, CVGA</i>	Personal Ancestral File 5.2 <i>Jackie Layton, FHC</i>	Genealogy 101 – The Basics <i>Ralph Tobias, Guest</i>	FamilySearch INDEXING <i>Bob Roberts, FHL/CVGA</i>
12:00	Lunch (Bring Your Bag Lunch) & Genealogy Jeopardy!				
1:00	Photographic Treasures – Bringing Focus <i>Mike Strauss, Guest</i>	Take That Family History and Scan It! <i>Bob Roberts, FHL/CVGA</i>	African-American Research Basics 101 <i>Shelley Murphy, CVGA</i>	Heritage Scrapbooks – Your Family History In Pictures <i>Susan Emert & Susan Dubar, CVGA</i>	Shoestring Research: Free Internet Genealogy Resources <i>Katie Derby, FHL</i>
2:00	Military Ancestors – How To Find Them <i>Mike Strauss, Guest</i>	Genealogy Resources In Our Area <i>Margaret O'Bryant, AHS</i>	African-American Research Basics 102 <i>Shelley Murphy, CVGA</i>	<i>Paleography</i> - Deciphering Old Handwriting <i>Katie Derby, FHL</i>	Subscription Genealogy Resources on the Internet <i>Susan Emert, CVGA/FHL</i>
3:00	Genealogy Research in Washington DC <i>Mike Strauss, Guest</i>	Bringing Home History: A Case Study In Internet Search <i>Katie Derby, FHL</i>	Researching the African-Americans at Monticello during Levy Ownership <i>Sam Towler, CVGA</i>	Sharing Your Family History <i>Norm Carlson, FHC</i>	DNA & Genealogy Research <i>Matthew Orton, Guest</i>

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SIMILAR TO 2007 CLASS

CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

***Granny Possum's Pointers (Keynote Address)** - Draws from the speaker's thirty years of experience in research. Discusses pitfalls and false trails how to avoid them and how to uncover new leads. (Barbara Vines Little, CG)

10:00 Classes

***Using All the Census Data: Agricultural, Manufacturing, Population, Slave, Social** - In addition to the makeup of family groups, the census provides information on, among other things, local churches, schools, and newspapers; diet and lifestyle; health, wealth and occupations. (Barbara Vines Little, CG)

***Using FamilySearch** – A demonstration of the LDS Church's free website which includes indexed databases of more than 250 million names. FamilySearch also includes online training classes and other references to assist you in tracking down your ancestors. (Ralph Tobias, Guest & Barbara Branham, FHL)

Self Publishing Journals & Photographs - A discussion and demonstration about how you can take that journal, story or stack of photographs and create a professional, quality book at a reasonable costs using a variety of printing options. (Larry Sidwell & Seth Roberts, Guests)

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 Quillon)

What Technology Did To Family History - An overview of the hardware and software advances that have most benefited Family History and Genealogy. What the most recent trends will do to your capabilities. (Bob Roberts, FHL/CVGA)

11:00 Classes

***Teasing the Silent Woman from the Shadows of History** - The silent woman is often a truism; identifying her is usually difficult; discovering who she was is frequently considered impossible. Women rarely functioned in society in ways which generated records. This lecture explores ways in which records generated by others can be used to provide windows into women's lives and help us discover what they and their lives were really like. (Barbara Vines Little, CG)

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. (Robert Neihaus, CVGA)

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

***Genealogy 101 – The Basics In Family History Research** – everything you need to launch your own quest of personal discovery in the world's most popular hobby. (Ralph Tobias)

FamilySearch Indexing – Learn about this new program with the goal to create a vast genealogical and history database equal to contents of 137 Library Of Congress. Then join and become one of 130,000 volunteers around the world that are participating and have already indexed more than 300 million records. (Bob Roberts, FHL/CVGA)

1:00 Classes

Photographic Treasures – Bringing Focus – A look at the history of photographic techniques and methods used to capture our ancestors. Also some of the internet resources where you might find the image of one of your ancestors just waiting to be found. (Mike Strauss, Guest)

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 various images are given to show the effects on computer resources and appearance. (Bob Roberts, FHL/CVGA)

African-American Research Basics 101 & 102 - A two-part "how to get started" class designed for the person who is new to genealogy and African American research. Class will cover the basics of conducting genealogy research, tips on how to manage your files, learn where to obtain birth, death, will information, etc. Learn about popular online research data bases and specific research tips for African-American research. (Shelly Murphy, CVGA)

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 CVGA/FHL & Susan DuBar, CVGA)

Shoestring Research: Free Internet Genealogy Sources - First as a poor college student and now as a busy mother of three girls under the age of four, Katie has become an expert in what is available online for free to the genealogy researcher. She will give live demonstrations of some of the most useful sites online and discuss techniques for evaluating the accuracy of information found on the internet. (Katie Derby, FHL)

2:00 Classes

Military Ancestors – How to find them? – Where do I look and what can I find out about my ancestors' military service all the way back to the Revolutionary War. (Michael Strauss, Guest)

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)

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

Subscription Genealogy Internet Resources - Today there are hundreds of online genealogy resources that are available. Some of the most comprehensive require search fees or subscriptions ranging from a few dollars to a few hundred dollars. A demonstration of some of the most popular will be given to help you decide if being able to find those missing pieces of information is worth the convenience and price. (Susan Emert, CVGA/FHL)

3:00 Classes

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

Bringing History Home: A Case Study in Internet Research Techniques - Follow Katie as she explores the resources available online that help to uncover the remarkable history of a 19th century home in Charlottesville. She traces the history of the land and its owners and then the home and its occupants and gives insight into what is possible to reconstruct using only free online sources. (Katie Derby, FHL)

Researching the African-Americans at Monticello during Levy Ownership – The Levy family of New York owned Monticello from the 1830s to 1920s. Starting with family knowledge of the farm manager family but not the African-Americans, Sam will go over the sources of information he used in researching the African-Americans at Monticello during the Levy ownership. The emphasis will be on the pre and post civil war era. (Sam Towler, CVGA)

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, FHL)

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)

** Syllabus and Handouts for these classes are included in the Supplemental Materials provided on the Conference CD-ROM. The actual presentations are not included on the CD-ROM – note taking is encouraged!*

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 include volunteers and patrons of the Family History Center, many are members of the LDS Church, The Albemarle-Charlottesville Historical Society, or the Central Virginia Genealogy Association which was founded in this building almost 40 years ago. They all have our thanks and gratitude for sharing their talents, interests, and, above all, the spirit of Family.

BARBARA VINES LITTLE, Certified Genealogist, is our 2008 keynote speaker. She is a noted author and lecturer, and immediate past president of the National Genealogical Society and former president and current governor of the Virginia Genealogical Society. She is the editor of the quarterly Magazine of Virginia Genealogy and bimonthly Virginia Genealogical Society Newsletter. Barbara holds a M. Ed., University of Virginia and has worked with land platting since 1976 and has been a professional researcher since 1982.

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. Katie is a volunteer librarian at the Charlottesville LDS Family History Center.

SUSAN DUBAR is an officer in the Central Virginia Genealogical Association and has 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 is now working on a sixth one. She has taught classes in scrapbook construction. She is President of the Central Virginia Genealogical Association and volunteers at the Family History Center as a Librarian.

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.

SHELLY MURPHY, a native of Michigan residing in Charlottesville, daughter to Calvin and Verna (Worden) Murphy, proud mother of two adult children and sister to four brothers. Shelley has been an avid genealogist for nearly 25 years and a member of the CVGA. She holds a Masters in Organizational Management from the University of Phoenix. She works as a Director of Program Services with Piedmont Housing Alliance routinely educating citizens on family financial literacy and the benefits of homeownership. In addition, she is a federal grant reviewer and grant writer, volunteers with Central VA Chapter of the American Red Cross, and conducts team building and leadership development training for Evolution Consulting Group.

ROBERT NEIHAUS has researched and written of family history data for his and his wife Joanne's families since 1996. He has been a member of the Central Virginia Genealogical Association since 2001, and served as president of the Association for three years until 2008. He is also a member of the Hamilton County, Ohio Gen. Society and the TriCounty Indiana Gen. Society, Batesville, IN. He is a chemical engineer, Univ. of Cincinnati, 1953 and has an M.B.A. from Xavier University in Cincinnati in 1960. They moved to Charlottesville in 1983.

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 fourth 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.

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 (she is getting closer), but you should see some of the other interesting characters she has collected along the way. Lorraine is a volunteer librarian at the Charlottesville LDS Family History Center and also operates a home business which focuses on assisting family historians in their documentation and publication efforts.

BOB ROBERTS spent 25 years in Information Technology as a software designer and corporate executive running the company he founded in 1975. He has been teaching Family History classes with a specialty in technology for many years. He is a volunteer librarian in the Charlottesville Family History Center and is the Conference Director.

SETH ROBERTS is a graduate of James Madison University with a degree in International Relations. He is a

professional photographer specializing in wedding, nature and travel photography. He also works in website design and layout. Seth and his wife, Emily, their son, Dylan live in Richmond.

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. He directs Public Affairs for the LDS Church in the local area.

MICHAEL L. STRAUSS, AG. 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.

RALPH TOBIAS is a Pennsylvania native whose roots run 10 generations deep in the Keystone State and before that to Germany. For the past 16 years, Ralph has taught classes on various genealogy-related topics at conferences in PA, MD and VA. He is employed as manager of programming, promotions and production by WVIR-TV in Charlottesville and currently resides with his wife and two of their three daughters in Scottsville, VA.

SAM TOWLER – a native of Albemarle, one branch of his mother's family lived at Monticello during the civil war/reconstruction era. Sam is employed at a downtown law firm in Charlottesville and does research on my lunch hour often found looking through the old courthouse records. Sam is a member of the Central Virginia Genealogical Association and is the editor of the CVGA Heritage quarterly booklet.

CHARLOTTESVILLE FAMILY HISTORY CENTER WILL BE MOVING THIS SUMMER

This summer the Family History Center will relocate to the new LDS Church currently under construction on Airport Road north of Charlottesville. The new Center will be approximately three times larger than the present facilities. Please watch for announcements of an Open House when the new building is completed. An e-mail notice will be sent to all those that sign-up for the event alerts on the Conference Evaluation Card.

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