

National Archives at Kansas City
July - December 2013

FREE

Genealogy Programs



JULY

Saturday, July 13 – Who We Are: A Genealogist’s Introduction to the National Archives at 10:00 – 11:00 AM

Ever wonder what the National Archives is and how it can help you discover your family’s past? This course will give an overview of the mission of the National Archives, its holdings, and Federal records of particular interest to family historians. Learn what to expect when researching at the National Archives.

Friday, July 26 – Not Over There: Finding Records on Your Great War Ancestors on the Home Front at 10:00 - 11:30 AM

Have you ever wondered what role your ancestor played during the First World War? Come learn what records at the National Archives can help uncover the involvement of everyday citizens during this critical period of U.S. history.



AUGUST

Friday, August 9 – Navigating Ancestry.com at 10:00 – 11:30 AM

Through a partnership with subscription-based genealogy website Ancestry.com, the National Archives is able to provide access to select digital records. The website contains a wealth of information, but unless you understand its structure and depth, your search results will be limited. Come learn about the different databases and effective search strategies to uncover more about your ancestors. Follow along on your WiFi enabled device.

Friday, August 16 – Exploring Fold3.com at 10:00 – 11:30 AM

Fold3.com takes its name from the “third fold in flag-folding ceremony [honoring and remembering] veterans for their sacrifice in defending their country and promoting peace in the world.” This subscription-based website provides digital access to select military records held in the National Archives. Learn what resources are available for various military engagements and how to search them. Bring a WiFi enabled device to follow along.

AUGUST

Friday, August 23 - Googling Your Genealogy at 10:00 – 11:30 AM

Searching online can be a powerful tool when seeking historical documents and resources. One of the biggest challenges is knowing how and where to start looking for them. Learn to harness the power of the internet through the use of simple tools and tricks for finding websites and useful genealogy resources. This is a methodology course.

SEPTEMBER

Thursday, September 12 – Solving Genealogy Problems with Timelines with Genealogist Beth Foulk at 10:00 - 11:30 AM

When you create a personal timeline of an ancestor's life, it is easy to see facts, relationships, and stories emerge that were never before apparent. This class discusses how to create a timeline and their many uses in genealogy research and analysis. Visit Foulk's website at <http://www.genealogydecoded.com/index.html>.

Save the Date!

OCTOBER

Saturday, October 5 – Preservation Matters: Dos and Dont's, Digital Records, and Disaster Response at 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Our popular "Preservation Matters" event returns! "Preservation Matters: Dos and Don'ts, Digital Records, and Disaster Response" will feature workshops from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM, providing practical preservation techniques to protect family records. Reserve your time slot from 12:30 to



2:30 PM, to bring a single item to the "Preservation One-on-One" clinic. Receive personal advice on how to best preserve it for years to come. Watch for more information in our upcoming e-newsletters!

Did you know?

The National Archives at Kansas City maintains over 70,000 cubic feet of historically significant Federal records!

OCTOBER

Thursday, October 17 – More Than Just Ship Passenger Arrival Lists at 10:00 – 11:30 AM

The breadth of immigration records available online and in archives can seem overwhelming. Come learn what original records you can find at the National Archives and what you can discover online. Records range from passport applications, naturalization documents, passenger arrival lists and more!

NOVEMBER

Wednesday, November 6 – Dawes Rolls Decoded: Understanding Records of the Five Civilized Tribes at 10:00 – 11:30 AM

Dawes Records, created between 1898 and 1914, provide detailed information regarding tribal citizenship for members of the Five Civilized Indian Tribes: Cherokee, Chickasaw, Creek, Choctaw, and Seminole. Learn about the history of these records, how to search for them, and how to avoid common assumptions and pitfalls. Explore resources related to Dawes Records prior to class at <http://www.archives.gov/research/native-americans/dawes/intro.html>.

NOVEMBER

Saturday, November 16 – Counting Everyone: Using Federal Census Records to Find Your Ancestors at 10:00 – 11:30 AM

Everyone counts! The census documents people from all walks of life: immigrants and store clerks to celebrities and everyday people. This course will introduce beginning genealogists to the U.S. Federal Census, 1790-1940, while providing direction on how and where to start researching your family history. Learn to discover clues, codes, and other telling details about your ancestors' lives.

DECEMBER



Wednesday, December 4 – Patently Amazing: Finding Your Family in Patent Records at 10:00 – 11:30 AM

Patent case files offer a unique genealogical perspective, as they contain biographical information, show intellectual pursuits, and detail the products your ancestors created or improved upon. Learn what information is available and how to access the over 3.5 million case files held by the National Archives.

Friday, December 13 – Duty and Honor at 10:00 – 11:30 AM

From the Revolutionary War to the Vietnam War, the National Archives maintains service and pension records for the men and women of the armed forces. Learn where the records are located, what information is necessary to order the file, and how to place an order. This class will also address privacy and access restrictions. Learn about the free resources available online and how they can benefit your research. Learn more about Veteran's records prior to class at <http://www.archives.gov/veterans/>.



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Hours of Operation

Tuesday – Saturday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Closed Sunday, Monday, and Federal Holidays

Computer and WiFi Access

Patrons of the National Archives at Kansas City are welcome to access many subscription-based genealogy websites using one of ten public computers or their personal WiFi devices.

Directions:

From I-35N Take I-35 North to Southwest/Pennway exit (1C). Turn right (East) on Pennway to Broadway St. Turn right (South) on Broadway St. to Pershing Rd. Turn left (East) on Pershing Rd. At the first stoplight, turn left (North).

From I-70W, I-670, and I-35S Take I-70 West to I-670 to the Downtown Loop. Exit to I-35 South. Exit at 20th Street. At 20th, turn left (East) to Broadway St. Turn right (South) on Broadway St. to Pershing Rd. Turn left (East) on Pershing Rd. At the first stoplight turn left (North).

