

GENEALOGY LECTURE

TOPICS OFFERED

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Currently offered presentations programs with brief topic summaries. Presentations are minimum of 1 hour in length, and provided using PowerPoint and laptop. LCD projector and screen are required, plus table to display sample resources. If possible, not required, Wi-Fi internet access highly desirable (FYI this may add to length of presentation). Master-copies of lecture handouts provided in advance. Speaking services provided for flat rate of \$45.00 per hour locally, or as negotiated for non-local groups, plus reimbursement for additional expenses: copying, traveling, parking, mileage, etc. Minimum two months advanced scheduling desired, last minute requests possible.

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY

Robert M. Wilbanks IV, B.A. [History], professional genealogist and speaker since 1989. Interested in history when very young, became interested in genealogy at 12. Member of many local and professional organizations, holding offices as editor, president, commander and historian. Currently President, Arizona Council of Professional Genealogists, and Chief Genealogist & Historian for The Caledonian Society of Arizona. Attended Samford University's IGHR 1990 to 1993. Led research groups to Family History Library SLC. Published: family history, U.S. Military Records, two books on Virginia genealogy, two family newsletters. Former writer of genealogy column for *Desert Shamrock* -- Arizona Irish bi-monthly newspaper. Founded *Ancestral Pride: Professional Genealogy Services* in 2009.

Currently offered presentations:

UNITED STATES MILITARY RECORDS: A GENERAL OVERVIEW

[Special Topic; Intermediate-Advanced] (60 minutes)

General overview of U.S. military history and records from colonial period to present as tool for furthering family history. Learn about America's military history, how records created, how to obtain them, and other general publications and sources regarding military history and records.

UNITED STATES CIVIL WAR HISTORY & GENEALOGY RESEARCH

[Special Topic; Intermediate-Advanced] (60 minutes)

Presentation about researching Civil War ancestor; emphasizing importance of military records as research tool for furthering genealogical research in general, and obtaining more details regarding Civil War ancestor in specific. Includes historical facts about the Civil War in relationship to the common Civil War soldier, providing research tips and analytical approaches.

THE MARCH OF THE VIRGINIANS

[Special Topic; Intermediate-Advanced] (75 minutes)

Migration through and out of Virginia, from the earliest Colonial period to just prior to 1900. Discussing migration patterns into, within, and out of Virginia, eventually showing the states that have strong Virginia ties.

LESSER KNOWN GENEALOGICAL RESOURCES: GREAT NEW POTENTIAL

[Special Topic; Intermediate-Advanced] (60 minutes)

Where do you go when you think you've exhausted your research?

UNDERSTANDING RESEARCH FACILITIES: GENEALOGY RESEARCH ANYWHERE

[Foundational Knowledge; Beginner-Intermediate] (60 minutes)

How Libraries, Archives and other research facilities work, store, organize and make resources available, empowering you to do genealogical research anywhere. Even explains Dewey Decimal and Library of Congress classification in closer detail.

RESEARCHING THE PASSED: DEATH RECORDS & CEMETERIES

[Foundational Knowledge; Beginner-Intermediate] (60 minutes)

General overview of various death records, cemeteries and cemetery records, including mortician and funeral home records.

FAITH OF OUR FATHERS: CHURCH RESOURCES IN GENEALOGY

[Special Topic; Beginner-Intermediate] (60 minutes)

This presentation gives a basic overview of Church records for genealogists, including understanding denominations, church history, records, resources and unique research facilities.

GENEALOGY IN CHAOS: GETTING & STAYING ORGANIZED

[Foundational Knowledge; Beginner] (60 minutes)

Before getting started, or before getting too far along, have an effective and efficient organization system in place, from filing cabinets to software, from researching to a presentable sharing end product.

ROCKY ROADS TO FRONTIER LANDS: MIGRATIONS OF OUR ANCESTORS

[Special Topic; All Levels] (60 minutes)

Since before the Revolutionary War, an ever-growing population required an ever-expanding frontier. As western lands opened up, opportunities brought a flood of people from the eastern U.S., and lands beyond the seas. Geography and history play an integral part of why, when, where and how our ancestors travelled and settled the new lands.

GENEALOGY OVERVIEW: FUN, PHILOSOPHY, DISCOVERY

[Introduction; Pre-Beginner] (flexible length of time)

An introduction to the hobby of genealogy, discussing the purpose, practice, processes and philosophy. With simple basics for getting started. Great for Clubs & Societies, Church groups, fraternal organizations, various groups.

GENEALOGY ON THE INTERNET: AN INTRODUCTION

[Introduction; Beginner – can be in a workshop style] (flexible length of time)

An introductory overview to known and unknown genealogy helpful websites. In real time on the internet using wi-fi.

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: AN HISTORICAL OVERVIEW

[Special Topic; All Levels] (50 minutes)

Historical background of the creation of the U.S. Constitution, including events leading up to the Constitutional Convention, with key players, debates and topics of discussion, proposals, followed by the results and legacy.

Speaker Presentation History:

Family History Society of Arizona since 1989: East Valley Chapt, Jun 1997, May 1999, Dec 2008, Aug 2014, Jun 2017; Paradise Valley Chapt, Sep 1997, Jun 1999, Apr 2008, Oct 2012, Apr 2013, Feb 2014, Mar 2018; Fountain Hills Chapt, Nov 1997, Mar 1999, Nov 2013, Apr 2018; Scottsdale Chapter, May 1998, Feb 2000, Aug 2013, Feb 2014, Aug 2017; Tempe Chapt, Jun 1999, Apr 2009, Nov 2009, May 2014; Maryvale Chapt, Apr 2000; Glendale Chapt, July 2012, May 2013, Apr 2016. Family History Society of Arizona Annual Meeting, March 2010. Other organizations: City of Phoenix Parks & Recreation, 8 week Beginner course, Fall 2011, Winter 2012, Summer 2012, Fall 2012, Spring 2013, Fall 2013, Spring 2014; Barry M. Goldwater Chapt, S.A.R., Jan 2014; Oury Camp, S.C.V., Oct 2013; Dixie Chapt, U.D.C., Sep 2013; Four Peaks Chapt, D.A.R., Sep 2013, Apr 2018; Gila Butte Chapt, D.A.R., Oct 2017; Arizona Genealogical Computer Interest Group; Northern Arizona Genealogical Society, Mar 1997, Aug 1998; Genealogy Society of Pinal County, Oct 1994; Arizona State Genealogical Society, Jan 1998; Green Valley Genealogical Society, Jan 1998, Jan 2016, Mar 2017; Yuma Genealogical Society, Oct 1998; Genealogical Workshop of Mesa, Jan 1999, Nov 1999; California African American Genealogical Society Conference, Oct 1999; 2nd Annual Mesa Genealogy and Family History Fair, Jan 2000; Arizona Council of Professional Genealogists, Annual Meeting June 2014; Black Family Genealogy and History Society, Aug 2014, Apr 2017, Jun 2017, Jul 2017; West Valley Genealogical Society, Oct 2014, Nov 2017; Sunflower Genealogical Society, Mar 2017; Pinal County Genealogists Annual Workshop, Jan 2015, Jan 2016, Jan 2017, Jan 2018; SaddleBrooke Genealogy Club, May 2015; Viewpoint Genealogy Club, Jan 2015, Feb 2015, Feb 2016, Mar 2016; Annual Mesa FamilySearch Family History Conference at ASU, Oct 2015, Oct 2016, Oct 2017; Bi-Annual Mesa FamilySearch Family History Conference: Red Mountain, Feb 2016, Feb 2017, Peoria, Mar 2016, Glendale, Mar 2017; Trilogy at Power Genealogy Club, Feb 2016, Jan 2018; The Caledonian Society of Arizona, Jul 2016, Aug 2017, Jul 2018; Irish Cultural Center, Beginning Irish-American Genealogy Class, Spring 2014, Winter 2016; Beginning Irish Genealogy Class, Fall 2014; Phoenix Genealogical Society, Aug 2017, Mar 2018; Red Mtn Mesa Public Library, Outlander Event, Oct 2017, Oct 2018; AzGenBuds, Oct 2016, Nov 2017, Mar 2018, Apr 2018; Valle del Oro Genealogy Club, Feb 2018; Sun City Vistoso Gen Society, Apr 2018; Mayflower Society, Apr 2018; Trilogy at Vistancia Genealogy Club, May 2018.