

NATIONAL ARCHIVES FIFTH ANNUAL GENEALOGY FAIR

Identity at the Crossroads: Discovering Who You Are

DAY 1 – WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 9:30 A.M.–4:30 P.M.

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| Room G-24 Track A | <i>Introduction to Genealogy</i> by Katherine Vollen This very basic introduction to the records held at the National Archives will be helpful in building your family tree. The lecture covers census records, immigration records, and military records. |
| 9:30–10:30 A.M. Researcher Lobby Track C | <i>Death in the Civil War: Records from the National Archives</i> by John Deeben This lecture will explore death records created during and after the Civil War by the War Department, examining how they documented personal circumstances of a soldier's death in various situations, including deaths on the battlefield and in military hospitals and prisons. |
| 9:30–10:30 A.M. Library Track B | <i>Government Documents</i> by Jeffery Hartley The session covers use of government publications for genealogical research, including the <i>Congressional Serial Set</i> and the <i>American State Papers</i> . |
| 10:30 A.M. Room 105 | EXCELLENCE IN GENEALOGY AWARDS |

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| 11:30 A.M.–12:30 P.M. | TRACKS A, B, and C |
| 11:30 A.M.–12:30 P.M. Room G-24 Track A | <i>Census: Population & Nonpopulation Schedules</i> by Constance Potter The speaker will explain Federal population census records from 1790 to 1930, as well as non-population censuses from 1850 to 1880. The non-population schedules include those documenting social statistics, mortality, agriculture, industry, and “defective,” dependent, and delinquent individuals. |
| 11:30 A.M.–12:30 P.M. Researcher Lobby Track C | <i>Mrs. Kaney and the Philadelphia Immigration Business, ca. 1882–1909</i> by Marian Smith Using detailed records surviving at the National Archives in Philadelphia and in Washington, DC, the speaker will discuss immigrant processing operations in Philadelphia in the late 19th century, and introduce persons and personalities involved. |
| 11:30 A.M.–12:30 P.M. Library Track B | <i>Finding Aids</i> by Claire Prechtel-Klusens There are billions of records in the National Archives that are not online and not on microfilm. They are locked in our stacks waiting for you! This lecture will explain how to find records useful for your research. |
| 2:00 P.M. | LUNCH |

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| 12:30–2 P.M. | LUNCH |
| 2–3 P.M. | TRACKS A, B, and C |
| 2–3 P.M. Room G-24 Track C | <i>DC Emancipation, 1862</i> by Damani Davis This presentation focuses on the official Washington, DC Emancipation of April 16, 1862. Additional records relating to African Americans in the DC area to be discussed include U.S. Circuit Court records relating to slaves, Habeas Corpus case records (relating to alleged runaways), Free Negro registers, compensation petitions made by owners of emancipated slaves, Freedman’s Bank records, and Freedmen’s Bureau marriage records. |
| 2–3 P.M. Researcher Lobby Track A | <i>Anatomy of a Civil War Pension File</i> by Claire Prechtel-Klusens Pension files are invaluable sources of information about Civil War soldiers and their families. They are also useful for researching local history and other individuals in the soldier’s community. |
| 2–3 P.M. Library Track B | <i>Access to Archival Databases (AAD) for Genealogists</i> by Lynn Goodsell and Daniel Law The National Archives’ Access to Archival Databases (AAD) resource provides online access to a selection of our electronic records, specifically those that contain records identifying specific persons, events, or activities. This presentation will demonstrate how to access records of particular interest to genealogists and how these records can lead to other sources of genealogical information. |
| 3–3:30 P.M. | BREAK |

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| 3:30–4:30 P.M. | TRACKS A, C, and C |
| 3:30–4:30 P.M. Room G-24 Track C | <i>Federal Land, Records at the National Archives (Federal Land Records 101)</i> by Claire Bettag This overview covers the most valuable Federal land records at the National Archives for genealogists. It will focus on land entry papers with brief discussions of bounty-land records and private land claims. |
| 3:30–4:30 P.M. Researcher Lobby Track C | <i>Headstones and Burials</i> by Trevor Plante The speaker will discuss veteran headstones and military burial records from 1861 to 1985, held at the National Archives. |
| 3:30–4:30 P.M. Library Track A | <i>Passenger Arrival Records: Bureau of Customs 1800–1897</i> by Rebecca Crawford This lecture provides a basic overview of records of arrivals into the United States beginning in 1820. The speaker will examine information on the ships’ manifests and give advice on searching for ancestors’ arrival records. |

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