

Family History: Beyond the Basics A Two Day Mini-Course



**Friday and Saturday
September 7-8, 2012**



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The Mini-Course Concept

The Genealogy Center mini-courses are an exciting series of educational workshops featuring an invigorating combination of expert lectures, individual consultations and assisted research in the vast resources available at the Allen County Public Library. The compact, two day mini-courses are offered quarterly, and cover a variety of topics of interest to the family historian. Researchers have the opportunity to benefit from top-notch instruction and then immediately apply what they have learned in the extensive collections of The Genealogy Center. Attendees begin each day with classroom instruction presented by experts on the subject. A guided tour of The Genealogy Center rounds out the first day and both days feature time for assisted research and consultations with the instructors and Genealogy Center staff. Students receive a packet of instructional materials, and are provided with snacks during morning and afternoon breaks to help keep everyone energized! Lunch is on your own, so attendees may choose to brown bag or eat at one of the many local restaurants within a short walk of the library. The mini-course format offers genealogists a quality educational experience at a very modest price. Attendance is limited, so please register early to avoid disappointment.

Family History: Beyond the Basics

Margery Graham and Steve Myers are presenting a **Family History: Beyond the Basics** mini-course on Friday and Saturday, September 7th and 8th, 2012. This workshop is an excellent way for beginners and intermediate researchers to build on what they know or to review important concepts and sources. Of course, attendees are free to bypass any individual session to take advantage of additional research and consultation time. Marge and Steve say you'll learn lots and have fun too! Program details are included in the schedule on the facing page. Information about other educational programs offered by The Genealogy Center is posted on our Web site at www.GenealogyCenter.org/Events.aspx

Meet Your Instructors

Margery Graham has 31 years of genealogy research experience. She is past president of the Allen County Genealogical Society of Indiana and a 29 year member of ACGSI. She has been an instructor of the Elderhostel genealogy classes for the Allen County Public Library Foundation and previously for the University of Saint Francis. Marge also worked several summers as a reference assistant in The Genealogy Center of the Allen County Public Library. She continues to volunteer there, having surpassed 2000 hours. In May 2006, she accepted the position of Allen County Genealogist representing the Indiana Genealogical Society. The vital records office of Allen County also benefits from Marge's volunteer time spent filling requests for birth and death records.

Steven W. Myers has been a reference librarian and assistant manager of The Genealogy Center at the Allen County Public Library for the past 26 years. An avid genealogist since 1973, he has served on the boards of several national genealogical organizations, and in 1991 received the Federation of Genealogical Societies' "Distinguished Service Award." Besides his genealogical publishing projects, Steve enjoys lecturing at national, state and local seminars. He has taught an Irish genealogical research course periodically over the last 14 years and was co-leader of the National Genealogical Society's Research Trip to Ireland in 2001. Steve has conducted on-site research in 66 county courthouses in 7 states, as well as in record offices in Canada, England, Ireland and Scotland.

Local Information

You may wish to contact the Fort Wayne Visitors Center for information about local accommodations for your visit. The Visitors Center is located at 927 S. Harrison Street in downtown Fort Wayne, just one block from the Allen County Public Library. They can be reached toll-free at 800-767-7752 or online at www.visitfortwayne.com

Mini-Course Schedule

Friday, September 7, 2012

9:00 a.m.	Library Opens
9:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Course Introduction
9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Problem Solving: Breaking through Brick Walls in Your Research – Every family historian eventually encounters obstacles in their research that seem insurmountable. Learn some basic strategies for tackling these so-called “brick walls” that can lead you to genealogical breakthroughs.
10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	Break
10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	Probate Records – Learn how to find and use wills, administrations and guardianships, as well as the other “goodies” contained in probate records.
11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.	Lunch on Your Own (A map of local restaurants will be provided.)
12:45 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.	Land Records and Tax Lists – Learn the basics of land descriptions and how deed and land grant records, as well as associated tax lists, can all help advance your research.
1:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Break
2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Tour of Genealogy Center
2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Assisted Research / Consultations
6:00 p.m.	Library Closes

Saturday, September 8, 2012

9:00 a.m.	Library Opens
9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	Military Records – Following an overview of military record sources, learn the basics of researching ancestors who served in the American Civil War (1861-1865) and in the American Revolutionary War (1775-1783).
10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Break
10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Church Records – Learn how to identify, locate and use these important sources of early birth, marriage and death information for a time period that pre-dates government registration of so-called “vital records.”
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Lunch on Your Own (A map of local restaurants will be provided.)
12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Tracing Your Ancestors Across the Atlantic – Learn how to find and use the many sources that bear on this crucial research step. Naturalization records, passenger lists, European emigration records and other sources will be discussed.
1:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.	Break
1:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Assisted Research / Consultations
6:00 p.m.	Library Closes

Registration for: Family History: Beyond the Basics on Fri. & Sat., September 7-8, 2012

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Registration fee: \$50 (Please make check payable to: “ACPL Foundation”)

Send registration fee & this form to: Genealogy Center, Allen County Public Library
P.O. Box 2270, Fort Wayne, IN 46801-2270

Parking in library lots is \$7 per day. Cancellation after August 24, 2012 will incur a \$20 administrative fee.

The Genealogy Center of the Allen County Public Library

The Genealogy Center of the Allen County Public Library houses a world-renowned genealogical collection of more than 419,000 printed volumes and more than 660,000 pieces of microfilm and microfiche. Founded in 1961 as one of the first public library departments in the nation devoted to serving the needs of genealogists, the collection has grown to include many thousands of published family histories, local histories, directories, and local records from across the United States and Canada, as well as holdings for Great Britain, Ireland, and Western Europe. Its collection of English language genealogy and local history periodicals is the nation's largest. Each year the Center draws to its door thousands of visitors who welcome its central location in the Midwest, the ease of access to its collection, and the depth of its holdings.

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- **MODERN** research facility conveniently located in the Midwest
- **EXPERIENCED** professional staff providing exceptional research assistance
- **FREE IN-HOUSE INTERNET ACCESS** to major, online, fee-based, genealogy resources including: Ancestry.com, HeritageQuestOnline.com, AmericanAncestors.org, fold3.com, and Origins.net
- **FREE SEARCHABLE ONLINE DATABASES** at www.GenealogyCenter.org
- **FREE WIRELESS** Internet access throughout the facility
- **MICROFILM** borrowing privileges with FamilySearch in Salt Lake City
- **QUICK TIPS** and **RESEARCH HELP** available online at Genealogy@ACPL.Info
- **SPECIALIZED SERVICES** provided by our Research Center for remote users
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