

March Madness: Genealogy Style

March 18-24, 2012

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Researching Your Polish Ancestors

SUNDAY MARCH 18, 2012 1:00PM – 2:00PM, MEETING ROOM A, KRIS RZEPZYNSKI

Researchers interested in their Polish roots are faced with a unique set of challenges, from the language to the infinite spelling variations and the shifting boundaries on the map. This program will explore these challenges, important American sources, both print and online, and research strategies that can shed light on your ancestral town in Poland.



French Canadian Research at The Genealogy Center

MONDAY MARCH 19, 2012 2:00PM – 3:00PM, MEETING ROOM A, CYNTHIA THEUSCH

This program will highlight various French Canadian and Quebec resources within The Genealogy Center. Besides learning about our collection of books, microfilm, and databases, this lecture will include an overview of common abbreviations, French phrases and keywords to help translate records, as well as include various Internet sites pertaining to French-Canadian genealogy.

The Riches of First Nations Heritage: Beginning Native American Genealogical Research

TUESDAY MARCH 20, 2012 2:00PM – 3:00PM, MEETING ROOM A, CURT WITCHER

This lecture is an introduction to beginning First Nations/Native American genealogical research. Emphasis will be placed on the importance of historical and geographic contexts, the major differences between Euro-American and Native American societies, identifying the records of intruders, and developing a research strategy. Major record groups will be defined and a substantial bibliography provided. Some consequential first steps in engaging in any type of Native American research will be enumerated and discussed.

Daughters of the American Revolution Research Assistance for Membership

WEDNESDAY MARCH 21, 2012 10:00AM – 4:00PM, THE GENEALOGY CENTER

DAR members provide assistance to anyone working on a Revolutionary War line with a goal of DAR membership.

Shadowed Roots: Antebellum Era Records for African-American Research

THURSDAY MARCH 22, 2012, 10:00AM – 11:00AM, MEETING ROOM A, MELISSA SHIMKUS

Discover the "hidden" and "buried" genealogical and historical records that are available to research the lives of African Americans before the Civil War.

Irish & Scots-Irish Genealogy: Part 2 – A Two-Day Mini-Course - FEE

FRIDAY & SATURDAY MARCH 23-24, 2012, 9:00AM – 4:00PM, MEETING ROOMS A&B, STEVE MYERS

This workshop is an excellent way for researchers with some experience in using basic Irish records to learn about additional sources and techniques that lead to success. Sessions include: Irish Local History Publications: An Untapped Source; Irish Probate Records, Deeds & Biographical Sources; Using Irish Landed Estate Records and Other Manuscript Sources; and Personal Consultations. Attendance is limited, so please register early to avoid disappointment.

Registration required for all programs.
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