

Course Title: Genealogy and Family History, Basics

Spring 2021

Class Sessions:

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Short Description of Course:

Join us on this exciting journey into yesteryear! Methods and techniques to explore your ancestral family, who they were and how they lived will be presented. You may find why you are who you are.

Everyone has family stories and legends but are they true? Are you really descended from royalty? Was great-grandpa really a banker or a bank robber? We will through practice exercises, explore the possibilities, in the USA and sometimes 'clues' for the 'old country'.

The study of genealogy and family history is exciting and can be surprising. Come join the adventure! Students are encouraged to apply course information to locate and expand their own family history and genealogical tree.

Goals or Objectives

- 1. Use of the genealogy research process to assure accuracy and validity of your family history.**
- *2. Enhance skills for methods and resources to find the facts about family.**
- *3. Identify types of records including governmental and legal types of records as well as family and historical sources and artifacts that have your family information.**
- *4. Evaluate validity and accuracy of information one finds.**
- *5. Explore ways to present information found for family and YOU to enjoy and appreciate you lineage .**

Materials to be used:

1. Lectures supplemented with Power Points, internet sites, practice exercises.
2. No books required.
3. Handouts will be available on-line.

Class meetings will include:

1. Short overview for the Day's Session
2. Lecture with visuals and discussion about finding your family.
3. A short summary and wrap-up of that week's topic(s)
4. Participants are encouraged to take break as needed.
5. You can bring your laptop but we will not have web assistant available.

I will also have some **practice exercises**, and will **be available** to answer questions and guide participants in answers for the exercises and suggest hints for his/her own family before and after sessions.

Instructor:

Margaret LOUIS

Bio – Many years of experience searching family history in the Midwest USA and Western Europe with focus on Germany. She has traced family lines to 1600's. Has taught classes on genealogy topics and published 2 family history related books. Holds National Certification from National Genealogical Society.

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Spring 2021 OLLI SEMESTER - Schedule

GENEALOGY and FAMILY HISTORY BASICS

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2 February to 16 April 2021

Wk	Date	Topics for Sessions Subject to modification
1	2 Feb	Overview of Sessions Standards & Conventions (name, date, place) Research Process for Genealogy and organization suggestions
2	9 Feb	Keeping Track, Goal Setting, Where Search Sources and techniques (databases)
3	16 Feb	Census
4	23 Feb	Vital Records (including cemetery-non military)
5	2 Mar	Immigration
6	9 Mar	Naturalization
7	16 Mar	Spring Break
8	23 Mar	Land and Court Records*
9	30 Mar	Military Records Mil. Cemetery Records
10	6 Apr	Validate: Fact vs Fiction (accuracy)
11	13 Apr	Present Story: Scan it, Save it, Share it - Wrap-up