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NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
FAMILY HISTORY CONFERENCE

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Early bird registration closes 31 March
VIRGINIA
DEEP ROOTS OF A NATION

Virginia is home to the Powhatan Confederacy, Chickahominy, and other indigenous tribes. In the seventeenth century, it also became the place where the ancestors of many enslaved, indentured, or immigrant Americans began their North American story. The settling of Jamestown in 1607 brought the first Europeans to Virginia. Since then, immigrants from many countries have made Virginia their home. Some remained for generations while others moved on to new frontiers to expand, populate, and build a nation.

In 1619 Virginia’s first Africans arrived as captives at Point Comfort. The transcontinental slave trade continued for more than two hundred years often separating families. Early Virginians of European descent traveled westward into the Valley of Virginia and southward into the Carolinas. Germans and Scots Irish from New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Maryland migrated into the valley as well. As the frontiers opened, migrants moved south to the Carolinas and Georgia and then west, ever searching for new land and new frontiers. This migration displaced many Indigenous People, including the federally recognized Virginia tribes of the Pamunkey, Chickahominy, Upper Mattaponi, Rappahannock, Nansemond, and Monacan. A vast and diverse number of Americans can trace their roots back to the Old Dominion. We encourage you to return to Richmond to discover and explore the records, history, and origins of your ancestors.

NGS 2023 FAMILY HISTORY CONFERENCE

The National Genealogical Society 2023 Family History Conference gives genealogists and family historians the chance to learn from, and connect with, leaders in the field of genealogy. Through lectures from outstanding speakers and face-to-face conversations with colleagues who share your passion for family history, you will gain invaluable insights that will take your research and writing to new heights.

Enjoy the camaraderie of networking with fellow genealogists. Connect with people from genealogy societies and organizations throughout the United States. Discover what genealogy companies are bringing to market. Attend your choice of more than 110 lectures and special luncheons. Relax and have fun at the SLAM! Idea Showcase reception and Expo Hall opening. Celebrate Virginia’s deep roots and build new friendships at a special Friday evening event sponsored by the Virginia Genealogical Society.
**REGISTER BY EARLY-BIRD DEADLINE AND SAVE**

Discounted, early-bird conference registration runs from open registration through 11:59 p.m. eastern time 31 March 2023. Register online at [conference.ngsgenealogy.org](http://conference.ngsgenealogy.org). Attendees may also register for the conference, tours, luncheons, workshops, and social events until 11:59 p.m. eastern time 15 May 2023 or until the event is full. We encourage you to register before the deadline since many events have limited seating.

Onsite registration opens on 30 May 2023 at 12:00 p.m. at the Greater Richmond Convention Center.

**ATTENDEE CHECK-IN HOURS AND INFORMATION DESK**

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**GREATER RICHMOND CONVENTION CENTER**

Let’s come back together in Richmond for the forty-fifth annual NGS Family History Conference which offers an exciting learning experience for genealogists with a choice of excellent hotels and outstanding research facilities in the area.

The conference will be held at the Greater Richmond Convention Center (GRCC), 403 N. Third St., Richmond, VA. Parking is available adjacent to the GRCC for $7 a day. Overnight parking is NOT allowed. Parking adjacent to the Marriott Hotel and convention center is $20.00 per day. Valet parking is available for $38 per day.

**TRAVEL**

The Richmond International Airport has flights daily from both major and economy airlines. See [flyrichmond.com/airline-information/](http://flyrichmond.com/airline-information/). For details about parking and transportation in and around Richmond, see [venturerichmond.com/explore-downtown/parking-and-transportation/](http://venturerichmond.com/explore-downtown/parking-and-transportation/)

**CONFERENCE HOTELS**

Information about booking reservations at conference hotels will be sent to you in your registration confirmation email. Please check your spam folder if you do not see the email in your in-box. The conference hotels include the Richmond Marriott and Hilton Richmond Downtown which are across the street from the convention center as well as the Omni Hotel which is a few blocks away. The Visit Richmond Convention and Visitors Bureau will provide daily bus transportation between the Omni Hotel and the Convention Center.

**ONLINE AT HOME**

In addition to the in-person Family History Conference, ten lectures will be live-streamed from the conference (five each day) on Friday and Saturday 2–3 June 2023. Check page 19 in this brochure for the Online at Home program highlighted in blue. For those registering for Online at Home, see the member and non-member pricing [here](http://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/registration-and-information/).

Everyone who registers for the full in-person conference receives complimentary access to Online at Home available through 15 August 2023.

**CONFERENCE NEWS**

Check [conference.ngsgenealogy.org/news](http://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/news) for information about speakers, exhibitors, tours, social events, nearby research facilities, and things to do in Richmond. Members can also find information and ask questions about the conference in the “Family History Conference” community on [FORUM](http://forum.ngsgenealogy.org). FORUM is a great place to connect with conference attendees for tips on choosing lectures, learning where to do research in Richmond, and more.
GENERAL INFORMATION

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS
Registrants with special needs as outlined in the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) should notify NGS at 6400 Arlington Blvd., Suite 810, Falls Church, Virginia 22042-2318 or email registrar@ngsgenealogy.org by 31 March 2023. Special meals are available upon request by checking the Special Meal box on the conference registration at conference.ngsgenealogy.org.

YOUTH REGISTRATION
A youth conference registration is available for all full-time students up to the age of twenty-four. Please contact registrar@ngsgenealogy.org for details and to register for the conference.

ORGANIZATION REGISTRATION
Each NGS member organization can have up to three officers, volunteers, or employees of the organization attend the full conference as well as FOCUS for the member rate. The member rate is per person for either the Early Bird or Regular registration. The FOCUS program is an additional $100 per person and includes the luncheon. Your organization’s delegate or administrator should contact registrar@ngsgenealogy.org for details and to register for the conference.

CANCELLATION POLICY
NGS must receive refund requests in writing, in an email, or postmarked by 30 April 2023, for a full refund less a $50 service fee. No refunds after 30 April 2023.

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS
Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society (AAHGS)
Ancestry®
Association of Professional Genealogists (APG)
Board for Certification of Genealogists (BCG)
BCG Education Fund
FamilySearch
International Commission for the Accreditation of Professional Genealogists (ICAPGen)
Mid-Atlantic Germanic Society
MyHeritage
New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS)
New York Genealogical and Biographical Society (NYG&B)
North Carolina Genealogical Society (NCGS)
National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR)
Palatines to America
Virginia Genealogical Society (VGS)

COVID-19 POLICY FOR THE NGS 2023 FAMILY HISTORY CONFERENCE
NGS is committed to protect the health and safety of our attendees, speakers, exhibitors, sponsors, volunteers, and staff. We have updated our COVID-19 policies for 2023 as follows:

For all in-person participants, upon initial conference check-in NGS will require

a. identification and proof of COVID-19 vaccination and applicable boosters (following CDC guidelines found at https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/stay-up-to-date.html)

OR

b. proof of a negative COVID-19 rapid-result test taken within twenty-four hours of entry into the convention center each day.

Masks are recommended but not required except for lecture rooms for specific speakers who require masks. Information about sessions requiring masks will be inserted in the program grid and on the doors of those sessions.
PRE-CONFERENCE EVENTS, WEDNESDAY, 31 MAY 2023

DELEGATE COUNCIL | 8:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m. | Invitation Only

The NGS Delegate Council meets Wednesday morning for a leadership update followed by the FOCUS luncheon and society collaboration breakouts. If your NGS Member Organization does not have a delegate or if you have questions, contact Kate Smith, organization and communities manager at ksmith@ngsgenealogy.org.

FOCUS | 12:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m. | Member Price: $100 | Non-Member Price: $125

Anyone interested in genealogy society or reference services/library needs are invited to register for FOCUS. Join us for the luncheon with speaker Kris Rzepczynski and an afternoon program with a choice of society or library tracks.

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SLAM! IDEA SHOWCASE RECEPTION | 5:30–6:30 p.m.

The complimentary SLAM! Idea Showcase Reception highlights creative and innovative projects or programs from genealogy societies, libraries, archives, and museums. Included in registration for FOCUS and conference attendees.

EXPO HALL | 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

The Expo Hall provides an opportunity to reconnect and socialize with fellow genealogists while visiting booths hosted by vendors, organizations, and societies. Included in registration for FOCUS and conference attendees.

Wednesday, 31 May 6:30 p.m.–8:30 p.m.
Thursday, 1 June 9:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.
Friday, 2 June 9:00 a.m.–5:30 p.m.
Saturday, 3 June 9:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m.
RICHMOND TOURS AND EXPERIENCES, WEDNESDAY, 31 MAY 2023

Richmond tours, offered Wednesday morning and afternoon, allow you to increase your understanding of the critical role Virginia played in the history of our nation and the history of your family. Buses will take participants to the American Civil War Museum and the Virginia Museum of History and Culture. All the other tours require participants to walk from the convention center. Each tour and special event must meet a minimum number of registrations by the early bird deadline of 31 March or the event will be canceled and your payment for the event refunded.

AMERICAN CIVIL WAR MUSEUM | 9:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. | $55

The American Civil War Museum tells the story of the war through the experiences of diverse Americans. You can immerse yourself on a human level in the chaos and complexity of these war years and their aftermath. A quarter-mile optional walk along the James River is also available to delve more deeply into the story of Richmond women and children who worked on Brown’s Island to produce ammunition and other military supplies. The price includes bus transportation and museum admission.

VIRGINIA STATE CAPITOL TOUR | Two options: 9:45 a.m.-11:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m.-3:15 p.m. | $20

A walking tour of the Virginia State Capitol, which is located a few blocks from the convention center, will be offered in both the morning and the afternoon. The Capitol building was designed by Thomas Jefferson and was first occupied in 1788. It is the second oldest working statehouse in America. In addition to the underground Capitol Extension and Rotunda, Jefferson Room, Old House Chamber, and Old Senate Chamber, the tour will visit the present-day legislative chambers located in the 1906 wings. Participants can visit the monuments located on the grounds of the Capitol after the tour if they wish.

VIRGINIA MUSEUM OF HISTORY AND CULTURE | 1:00 p.m.-4:15 p.m. | $55

Tours at the newly renovated and expanded Virginia Museum of History and Culture (VMHC), formerly known as the Virginia Historical Society, cover the two permanent exhibits: The Story of Virginia, a linear history that lets you focus on the time periods when your ancestors lived in Virginia, and Our Commonwealth, an in-depth, multi-sensory journey which focuses on the culture of the state. The VMHC collections include a wide range of objects—among them are genealogical materials, maps, glass plate negatives, and photographs, which will be of particular interest to family historians. The price includes bus transportation and museum admission.

HONORING BLACK-OWNED BUSINESSES

NGS, VGS, and AAHGS encourage attendees to patronize Black-owned restaurants in nearby Jackson Ward to experience southern comfort and soul food at its best including Southern Kitchen and Mama J’s Kitchen.

REGISTER FOR THE CONFERENCE AT conference.ngsgenealogy.org/registration-and-information/
Deep Roots of a Nation | Richmond, Virginia

RICHMOND TOURS AND EXPERIENCES, WEDNESDAY, 31 MAY 2023 (CONTINUED)

WALKING TOUR OF HISTORIC JACKSON WARD | 9:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. | $25

A short walk to historic Jackson Ward will be led by an eighth-generation Virginian and fourth-generation Jackson Ward resident, Gary L. Flowers. This one-mile tour includes stops at twenty historic educational, economic, religious, and social institutions that inspired the recognition of “Black Wall Street” and the “Harlem of the South.”

BLACK HISTORY MUSEUM AND CULTURAL CENTER | 1:45 p.m.-4:00 p.m. | $20

Just a short walk from the convention center, a guided tour of the Black History Museum and Cultural Center of Richmond will highlight inspirational untold and forgotten stories illustrating the lives and contributions of generations of African Americans.

BCG EDUCATION FUND WORKSHOP
PUTTING SKILLS TO WORK | 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. | Price: $120

Two presenters, Robbie Johnson, CG and Teresa Steinkamp McMillin, CG, will be conducting their Putting Skills to Work sessions with the same goal in mind, but from two different perspectives and with two different case studies. Registrants will have access to both programs and a luncheon. Sign-up early; space is limited to sixty participants.

MENU Herb-crusted chicken with a white wine sauce, mashed potatoes and roasted vegetable medley.

**Research Insider: The Whole Story!**

Robbie Johnson, CG, a writer and editor for over forty years, focuses her research on England, Canada, Indigenous North America, Mexico, and genetic genealogy.

This workshop reveals how writing, editing, and storytelling skills inform each step of the genealogist’s journey and helps demystify “reasonably exhaustive research” from research question to final report.

**Research Insider: Putting the Puzzle Together**

Teresa Steinkamp McMillin, CG, has taught at IGHR and SLIG Academy for Professionals. She specializes in helping people discover their German ancestry and Midwest and Chicago area research.

This workshop addresses strategies for tracking evidence in complex cases, while conducting “reasonably exhaustive research” to arrive at a conclusion.
FEATURED CONFERENCE EVENTS

KEYNOTE: OPENING SESSION | Thursday, 1 June 2023 | 8:00 a.m.

Christy S. Coleman, executive director, Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation

Incorporating the conference theme, Virginia: Deep Roots of a Nation, Coleman will discuss the often forgotten or ignored contributions of all the early people in Virginia including African Americans and Indigenous People. She will also share a few examples of the recent progress in Richmond and across the state to tell the full story of Virginia’s history. See page 13 of the program schedule for more information.

DOCUMENTARY FILM: CLAY 1613 | Thursday, 1 June 2023 | 4:00 p.m.

Leontyne Clay Peck will present her documentary film about the Clays of Virginia, West Virginia, and Kentucky. Following the film Peck will answer questions about discovering her African American branch of the Clays and how they became included in the Clay Family Association, now the Clay Family Society.

JAMES DENT WALKER MEMORIAL LECTURE SERIES | Saturday, 3 June 2023 | 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

NGS and the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society (AAHGS) will present the James Dent Walker Memorial Lecture series on Saturday. African American family history researchers encounter many brick walls and the methodology used to solve such research quandaries benefits all researchers. The lecture series honors James Dent Walker, the founder of AAHGS. Walker was elected to the National Genealogy Hall of Fame in 1999 and was a fellow and second vice president of NGS. For more information about James Dent Walker see en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Dent_Walker.
The Book in Your Family Tree: Weaving Your Genealogical Search into a Compelling Book on Your Family History

Meryl Frank

Genealogists know fascinating stories are buried in our family history that deserve to be told. Moving beyond the family tree to a compelling story is often difficult and intimidating. Using her experience as a genealogy enthusiast and author of *Unearthed: A Lost Actress, a Forbidden Book and the Search for Life in the Shadow of the Holocaust*, Meryl Frank will walk us through the process of sifting through the data, the family tales, and the history of time and place to find the story you were meant to tell. See page 18 of the program schedule for more information. The luncheon will celebrate select NGS award winners.

VGS HOST EVENT
“CELEBRATE! VIRGINIA IS FOR FAMILY HISTORY LOVERS!” | 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. | Richmond Marriott Hotel | Price: $75 | Cash Bar and Buffet Dinner

Friday evening, the Virginia Genealogical Society will host a cash bar cocktail hour and buffet dinner which will feature Virginia cuisine. Costumed interpreters representing the three cultures of early Virginia will mingle with guests. This informal event will allow you to meet others doing research in the same geographic area of Virginia. If your research is outside of Virginia, this can be your chance to find attendees who share a particular area of interest such as in Jewish records, African American research, or DNA while you enjoy regional beverages and cuisine.

Following the meal, a speaker from the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation will discuss the *Convergence of Cultures*, beginning in seventeenth-century Virginia. The founding of Jamestown brought people from three distinct cultures together: Powhatan (an Eastern Woodlands tribe), West Central Africans, and English. The presentation will examine how interactions between these three groups shaped the new Virginia colony, and how their legacies live on in twenty-first-century America.

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES AT THE LIBRARY OF VIRGINIA AND ARCHIVES

The Library of Virginia and Archives, 800 East Broad Street, is just a few blocks from the convention center. The facility will be open Tuesday through Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. the week of the conference. On Thursday night the library will be closed between 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to give staff a dinner break and to reshelve books used during the day. The library will then be open until 9:00 p.m. The library website defines its collection as “the most comprehensive resource in the world for the study of Virginia history, culture, and government.” For more information see lva.virginia.gov.
## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER, MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE—31 MAY 2023

12:00 p.m. **FOCUS LUNCHEON AND SHOUT-OUT | ALL | FS11**
  *Preservation and Access: Digital Initiatives at the Archives of Michigan*
  *Kris Rzepczynski, Senior Archivist, Archives of Michigan*
  Learn the collaborative process for a society, library, archive, or museum to prioritize, develop, maintain, preserve, and provide user access to a digital collection.

  **MENU:** Herb-crusted chicken with a white wine sauce, mashed potatoes and roasted vegetable medley
  **PRICE:** Members $100 and Non-Members $125 | Includes FOCUS Program and Luncheon

  Each organization member can have up to three officers, volunteers, or employees attend FOCUS (as well as the full conference) for the discounted member rate. The organization delegate or administrator should contact registrar@ngsgenealogy.org to obtain a discount code for your organization.

### SOCIETY AND MEMBERSHIP GROWTH

2:00 p.m. **FIVE WAYS TO OFFER YOUR SOCIETY QUALITY PROGRAMMING | ALL | FS01**
  *Cheri Hudson Passey*
  Learn five ways to build and support membership with quality programming from assessing the needs of your society to finding and working with a speaker.

3:00 p.m. **MINDING THE FUTURE: THE KEY TO OUR COMMUNITY’S SUCCESS | ALL | FS02**
  *Matt Menashes, CAE, Executive Director NGS*
  Hear about foresight and how genealogy societies can benefit from the practice. Also, learn how genealogy organizations can improve education and strengthen diversity by working together.

4:00 p.m. **USING TECHNOLOGY TO SUPERCHARGE GENEALOGY SOCIETIES | ALL | FS03**
  *Ron Arons*
  Get tips on how to use technology to supercharge the operation and management of genealogy societies.

### SOCIETY PROJECTS AND PROCEDURES

2:00 p.m. **PRACTICALLY PERFECT PARTNERSHIPS: CREATING COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN YOUR SOCIETY AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS | ALL | FS04**
  *Kathleen Kaldis*
  Behind every thriving organization are collaborative relationships among many organizations. Discover how engaging and collaborative projects become a win-win for your society.

3:00 p.m. **CONSIDERING THE CONSEQUENCES: WHEN YOUR SOCIETY IS OUT OF ORDER | ALL | FS05**
  *Kristi L. Sexton*
  This session reviews the repercussions of not having a succession plan within the society and its board, with recommendations to ensure the future succession of your society.

4:00 p.m. **YOUR SOCIETY’S MANAGEMENT: NONPROFIT FUNDAMENTALS | I | FS06**
  *Judy Nimer Muhn*
  This presentation for board leaders and members includes the “four buckets” of nonprofit management and how they apply in the genealogy community.
## LIBRARIES AND ARCHIVES

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**Christy Coleman**

Diverse from the Beginning
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Coleman has served as the chief executive officer of some of the nation’s most prominent museums. She is a tireless advocate for the power of museums, narrative correction, diversity, and inclusiveness. Coleman is an innovator and leader in the museum field having held leadership roles at the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, and the American Civil War Museum. She now serves as the executive director of the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation.

Coleman is the recipient of numerous awards for her decades of positive influence, including three honorary doctorates. In 2018, Time magazine named her one of twenty-nine of the 2019 Worth article, she was named one of twenty-nine

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### EXPO HALL HOURS

**Wednesday, 31 May**
- 6:30 p.m.–8:30 p.m.

**Thursday, 1 June**
- 9:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

**Friday, 2 June**
- 9:00 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

**Saturday, 3 June**
- 9:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

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### REGISTER FOR THE CONFERENCE AT
conference.ngsgenealogy.org/registration-and-information/
### Luncheons | 12:30 p.m.

**T131**

**Germans in Virginia—The First Three Hundred Years**  
John Treadway, PhD  
A discussion of German immigration in Virginia—from Jamestown to World War I—with an emphasis on Richmond.

**T132**

**Do Not Forget Us—The Women and Children of Seventeenth Century Virginia**  
Connie Lapallo  
The story of the women and children of Jamestown, the first permanent English settlement in North America.

**T133**

**Just Three Generations: New York Style**  
Judy G. Russell, JD, CG, CGL  
Oral family history can be completely lost in three generations. Following genealogy’s best practices, prevent those losses in your own family—record your family stories.

### 2:30 p.m.

**DNA | B | T142**

**Getting Your DNA Bearings: Understand Your Results Before Chasing the Next Big Thing**  
Paula Williams  
Don’t get overwhelmed! There’s much to explore at each of the DNA testing sites before—and after—we try the hottest third-party tools.

**BCG SKILLBUILDING | I | T141**

Nicole Gillisson LaRue, CC  
There’s more out there than pensions! Let’s dig deeper to find women of the Civil War period in federal records created outside the pension system.

**RECORDS AND REPOSITORIES | I | T145**

**Was My Virginia Ancestor a Hessian?**  
Craig R. Scott, CC, FGEDA  
Examines the resources available for verifying that a Virginian was a Hessian soldier during the Revolutionary War in the U.S. and Germany.

**RECORDS AND REPOSITORIES | ALL | T146**

**Let Your Fingers Do the Walking: Exploring City Directories, Telephone Books, and Criss-Cross Directories**  
Ari Wilkins  
Explore the history and usefulness of city directories, telephone books, and criss-cross directories along with the variety of information included.

**FAMILIES | ALL | T152**

**Clay1613: An American Family in Black and White**  
Leontyne Clay Peck  
A film about the Black and White, known and unknown, rich and poor descendants of ancient planter, John Clay, who arrived in Jamestown between 1612-1613.  
**Note:** A thirty-minute question and answer session follows the film. Session ends at 5:30 p.m.

### 4:00 p.m.

**BCG SKILLBUILDING | ALL | T151**

**A Dozen Names for Alcina: An Identity Case Study**  
Margaret K. Fortier, CC  
Alcina was known by a dozen names, but none was her baptismal name. Family reconstruction, along with deeds and Catholic records, leads to her identity.

**RECORDS AND REPOSITORIES | ALL | T155**

**The Road to Freedom in the Mid-Atlantic**  
Judy G. Russell, JD, CG, CGL  
Freedom for enslaved people was purchased in Washington D.C., narrowly voted for in Maryland, and delayed in Delaware. Everywhere, it created records for today’s genealogists.

**TECHNOLOGY | I | T156**

**Connecting with Cousins: Using Tools & Technology for Genealogical Collaboration**  
Jennifer Zinck, CG  
Delve into the unique challenges and ethics of working with living people and learn practical tips for using online resources to identify and locate individuals.

**VIRGINIA AND HER NEIGHBORS | A | T147**

**The Law of the Land: Inheritance in Early Virginia**  
Vic Dunn, CG  
Understanding colonial law, basically modified British common law, and the changes brought by the Revolution may help resolve ancestral issues. Primogeniture and entailment are explained.

**FAMILIES | ALL | T154**

**Were They Bachelors, Roommates, or Spinsters? Accurately Depict LGBTQIA+ Ancestor Stories with Pride**  
Francine Crowley Griffis, CG  
Accurately depicting LGBTQIA+ ancestors and documenting their relationships entails understanding the law, discovering rich resources, and using terminology of the times.

**VIRGINIA AND HER NEIGHBORS | ALL | T157**

**South of the Border: Virginia Genealogical Manuscripts in North Carolina Repositories**  
Eric G. Grundset, M.S.  
Manuscript resources of Virginia families are in North Carolina repositories by family migration to the south, by researcher donations, and by NC libraries collecting them.

**WRITING | ALL | T158**

**Converting a Bunch of Information into A Credible Conclusion**  
Thomas W. Jones, PhD, CG, FASG, FGAPA, FNGS  
Thorough research often yields disparate evidence items. Genealogists can organize the mixture, assess it as a whole, and convert the assemblage into a provable conclusion.

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**Conf. Luncheons & Luncheon Ad**

**Luncheons**

- T131
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**MENU | $45**

Mediterranean salad with grilled chicken breast including chopped romaine and iceberg lettuce, kalamata olives, crumbled feta, diced onion, cherry tomatoes and pesto with balsamic dressing.

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Mrs. Simmons’ Father: A Case Study of Indirect Evidence in Colonial Maryland  
Rebecca Whitman Koford, CG, CGL  
Colonial research can be difficult when researching females. Land records are the basis for the success of this indirect evidence case study in Maryland. |  

**AFRICAN AMERICAN | ALL | F202  
Researching Enslaved Persons in Virginia Records  
Melanie McComb  
Go beyond the 1870 census and discover how to find an enslaved person in Virginia probate records, bill of sales, slave registers, and more. |  

**DNA | ALL | F203  
Ethnicity Estimates Are Not Always Useless: Learn What They Are (and Aren’t) Telling You  
Paula Williams  
Ethnicity estimates are intriguing, frustrating, and often misunderstood. Learn how to understand what the results can teach us and the limitations we should respect. |  

**LAND AND MAPS | I | F204  
Squatters on George Washington’s Land —Pennsylvania and Virginia’s Overlapping Colonial Land Claims  
Megan Clark Young  
Learn the history of the land dispute between Pennsylvania and Virginia, including an ejectment suit by the most famous man in America. |  

**MIGRATION | ALL | F205  
Pennsylvania’s Launching Pads into Virginia  
James M. Beidler  
Virginia long predated Pennsylvania, but once Philadelphia became the top port, families came through the Keystone State to the South. Learn about records and routes. |  

**SOUTHERN STATES | ALL | F206  
After Appomattox: Researching Confederate Veterans in State-Awarded Pension Files  
David Allen Lambert  
This lecture will cover in detail the various Confederate Pension files and where to find them state by state. |  

**AFRICAN AMERICAN | ALL | F207  
Virginia’s Wetary World: Maritime Sources for Virginia Genealogical Research  
Eric G. Grundset, MLS  
Virginia was settled from the ocean, and ever since has had a major connection to it. In this lecture, learn about its maritime records. |  

**FAMILIES | B | F208  
Conducting a Family History Interview: Communication that Counts  
Michael Buckley  
Interviewing family members can be fun and rewarding. It’s not always easy, but stories can be preserved for future generations. |  

**RECORDS AND REPOSITORIES | A | F210  
Scholarly Resources/Platforms Invaluable to Genealogists—Expand Your Research  
Diane L. Richard  
Academics do deep dives into topics that are genealogically relevant. Most genealogists don’t take advantage of this already done research— we should! |  

**9:30 a.m. | BCG SKILLBUILDING | A | F211  
Incorporating DNA Evidence in a Kinship-Determination Project (KDP)  
Angela Packer McChesney, CG, FUGA  
Genetic evidence can help prove family relationships in a KDP. This type of project balances documenting each generation with telling the story of the family. |  

**AFRICAN AMERICAN | ALL | F212  
Civil War Confederate Slave Payroll Records  
Claire Klauskens, JD  
This lecture discusses information provided by Confederate Slave Payroll records, how to access them, and why the CSA used enslaved persons as weapons of war. |  

**DNA | A | F213  
The Nitty Gritty of Autosomal DNA  
Blaine T. Bettinger, PhD, JD  
Together we will examine the science behind DNA buzzwords like “sticky segments” and “pile-up regions”! |  

**LAND AND MAPS | I | F214  
Tracing Land Ownership Over Time: Forwards, Backwards, and from the Middle  
David M. McCorkle  
Reconstruct historical communities by following land ownership over time. Records can be traced backwards from today, forwards from the original owner, and points in between. |  

**JEWISH | I | F215  
Jewish Genealogy in the “Old Country”—New Collections and Where to Find Them  
Miriam Weiner  
Identifying newly-discovered document collections and a discussion of how best to discover and acquire family documents in the former USSR. |  

**MILITARY | I | F216  
Military Records: What is a Reasonably Exhaustive Search?  
Craig B. Scott, CG, FUGA  
Most researchers stop too soon when researching military records. They limit themselves to compiled military service records and pensions. There is much more. |  

**MIGRATION | ALL | F217  
The Cumberland Gap and the Wilderness Road  
Lori Thornton, MLS  
The Cumberland Gap and Wilderness Road served as a gateway to the West. A Civil War battle brought soldiers there in the 1860s. |  

**RECORDS AND REPOSITORIES | A | F218  
Scholarly Resources/Platforms Invaluable to Genealogists—Expand Your Research  
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**11:00 a.m. | BCG SKILLBUILDING | ALL | F219  
Certification Seminar  
Rick Sayre, CG, CG, FUGA  
LaBrenda Garrett-Nelson, JD, LLM, CG, CGL, FASG  
In this interactive forum, current associates share various pathways to certification and how to begin. |  

**AFRICAN AMERICAN | I | F220  
Researching Virginia Ancestors in Virginia Untold: A Library of Virginia Digital Project  
Lydia Neuwirth  
Explanation of the Virginia Untold project, a digital portal providing access to the Library of Virginia’s collections that document enslaved and free Black people pre-1865. |  

**DNA | ALL | F221  
Integrating DNA and Family History Research at MyHeritage  
Daniel Horowitz  
Discover how MyHeritage DNA integrates your family tree information with your DNA information to help you gain a deeper understanding of your family history. |  

**LAND AND MAPS | ALL | F222  
Exploring Family Records and Maps for Your Ancestral Journey  
David Allen Lambert  
Learn about the heightened significance of researching family, associates, and neighbors of Freedmen. |  

**METHODOLOGY | I | F223  
An Enslaved Person’s FAN Club  
LaBrenda Garrett-Nelson, JD, LLM, CG, CGL, FASG  
Learn about the heightened significance of researching family, associates, and neighbors of Freedmen. |  

**SOUTHERN STATES | ALL | F224  
Helen F. Leary Distinguished Lecture Research Stalled? Leads Might Be Lurking in Land Records  
Herald H. Smith, CG  
Land Records may solve often-difficult genealogical problems: questions of identity, relationships, and migration. |  

**TECHNOLOGY | A | F225  
Advanced Airtable Techniques: Sorting, Grouping, and Filtering a Research Log  
Nicolle Elder Dyer  
Find relevant entries in your Airtable research log by using advanced features in Airtable. Write more efficiently by keeping your evidence organized. |  

**AFRICAN AMERICAN | I | F226  
Virginia’s Family History in the Beginning through the Civil War  
LaBrenda Garrett-Nelson, JD, LLM, CG, CGL, FASG  
Geography, economics, and war played a role in the migratory patterns of Virginians from its beginning through the Civil War. |  

**WRITE | ALL | F227  
A Beginner's Guide to Family History Books  
Kate Townsend  
This workshop will guide you through the process of creating a family history book. It doesn’t need to be a novel to be effective! Learn how to get started. |
### FRIDAY SCHEDULE—2 June 2023

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### VGS Host Event

**“Celebrate! Virginia Is for Family History Lovers!”**

6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

RICHMOND MARRIOTT HOTEL

**Price:** $75

**Cash Bar and Buffet Dinner**

Enjoy Virginia cuisine and socialize with fellow genealogists. Costumed interpreters representing the three cultures of early Virginia will mingle with attendees. Following the meal, a speaker from the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation will discuss the Convergence of Cultures, beginning in seventeenth-century Virginia. See page 3 for more details.

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### Deep Roots of a Nation | Richmond, Virginia

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8:00 a.m.

BCG SKILLBUILDING | A | S301
Whose John Goleman Was Jacob’s Father? Solving a Southern Case of Identity and Membership
Nancy A. Peters, CG, CGL
Puzzled by multiple, same-named men in an area? Learn how applying evidence analysis and correlation techniques resolved a similar kinship problem in antebellum South Carolina.

AFRICAN AMERICAN | J | S302
Black Homesteaders: Steps Toward Self-Reliance
Bernice Alexander Bennett
The presentation will emphasize community genealogy and the impact of the 1862 Homestead Act on African Americans in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

DNA | ALL | S303
Shared Matching vs. Segment
Triangulation: Round 1
Blaine T. Bettinger, PhD
The war between shared matching and segment triangulation rages on, but this is the first lecture to compare and contrast the two approaches.

9:30 a.m.

BCG SKILLBUILDING | ALL | S311
Within the Union Lines: Correlating Evidence to Locate Former Plantations
Amy Larson Goines, PhD, CG, CGL
This case study correlates evidence from pensions, estate records, and more to trace a group of formerly enslaved people back to their North Carolina plantations.

AFRICAN AMERICAN | J | S312
The Intersection of Antebellum Property Rights and Slavery
Labrenda Garrett-Nelson, JD, LLM, CG, CGL, FASG
Records relating to the property rights of slaveholding families provide genealogically relevant information about the enslaved.

RECORDS AND REPOSITORIES | ALL | S315
Decoding the National Archives to Find Genealogy Treasures
Claire Klawe, JD
This lecture will explain how to find records and information in the National Archives Catalog and related websites.

10:00 a.m.

BCG SKILLBUILDING | ALL | S321
Finding Thomas’s Father Through Records, Land Flattening, and DNA
Pam Stone Eagleston, CG
Records, patent surveys, and DNA solve a thirty-year quest to identify parentage of Thomas Stone who died in 1791 in Prince William County, Virginia.

AFRICAN AMERICAN | J | S322
Finding the Ties that Bind: Strategies for Descendant Research and Engagement
Dr. Shelley Viola Murphy
The genealogists from the University of Virginia and William and Mary will share their strategies for researching descendants of enslaved laborers.

WESTERN EUROPE | B | S323
Shamrocks in Cyberspace: Irish Genealogy Databases
Michael Brough
Information about our Irish ancestors is exploding on the internet. The best websites for Irish research are explored and analyzed.

11:00 a.m.

METHODOLOGY | J | S304
Off the Boat: Finding Your 20th Century Immigrant’s Ancestral Hometown
Alex Ferretti, CG
Learn how to use records in the United States to identify from where your immigrant ancestors originated.

RECORDS AND REPOSITORIES | ALL | S316
The Albemarle Sound Region of North Carolina and Virginia: Genealogical Resources and Research
David M. McCorkle
When many descendants of the original settler inherit his name, diagramming and careful analysis of land, tax, and probate records can reconstruct families.

WESTERN EUROPE | J | S317
Scotland’s Old Parish Registers: How to Access, Use, and Interpret
Paul Milner, MDiv, FPG, FUGA
Learn to search the indexes at FamilySearch and Scotland’sPeople, access the originals, and interpret the results using case studies.

RECORDS AND REPOSITORIES | ALL | S325
Beyond the Obituary: Finding “Out of The Ordinary” Death Sources
Shannon Combo-Bennett
What do you do when there is not a usual death record? Learn how to find those unusual sources of course!

VIRGINIA AND HER NEIGHBORS | J | S318
Bringing Family Photos to Life on MyHeritage
Daniel Horowitz
Learn how MyHeritage’s wildly popular photo tools can breathe new life into family photos, including animation with DeepStory, Deep Nostalgia™, enhancement, colorization, and much more.

12:00 p.m.

EASTERN STATES | ALL | S328
DNA | ALL | S319
It’s All About RESPECT: Clinical Tips to Manage Uncomfortable Conversations about Unexpected DNA Results
Karen Stanbary, CG
Karen offers tips to change the outcome of difficult conversations about unexpected DNA results. The cognitive frame emphasizes strength, respect, and resiliency.

RECORDS AND REPOSITORIES | ALL | S326
Separating Multiple Generations of Virginians with the Same Name
Diana Elder, SC
When many descendants of the original settler inherit his name, diagramming and careful analysis of land, tax, and probate records can reconstruct families.

RELIGIOUS RECORDS | ALL | S327
Quakers in the Northern Shenandoah Valley: Their History, Migrations, and Records
Annette Burke Lytle
Quaker settlements in the northern Shenandoah Valley were at the crossroads of Quaker migration. Learn about the history and records of Quakers in this region.

1:00 p.m.

WESTERN STATES | ALL | S308
From Grey to Blue: Galvanized Yankees Taming the West
Judy G. Russell, JD, PhD, CG, CGL
They fought under the Stars and Bars, but turned their costs to save their lives. Learn how 6,000 Galvanized Yankees helped tame the West.

TECHNOLOGY | ALL | S318
MyHeritage
Learn how MyHeritage’s widely popular photo tools can breathe new life into family photos, including animation with DeepStory, Deep Nostalgia™, enhancement, colorization, and much more.

1:30 p.m.

VIRGINIA AND HER NEIGHBORS | J | S306
Out of State, Out of Mind? Finding the Answers in Virginia’s Neighbors’ Records
Vic Dunn, CS
Numerous Virginians left records outside of the state in sources such as newspapers, marriages, church, probate, court, and others. Specific geographical migrations are discussed.

RECORDS AND REPOSITORIES | ALL | S327
Shenandoah Valley: Their History, Migrations, and Records
Claire Kluskens, JD
This lecture will explain how to find records in Virginia and its Connection to the Mayflower

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RECORDS AND REPOSITORIES | ALL | S305
Researching a Union Civil War Soldier
Craig R. Scott, CG, FUGA
An in-depth look at all the records of a Union Civil War soldier.

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WESTERN EUROPE | J | S307
Irish Research—Maps and Jurisdictions
Rick Stack, CG, CGL, FUGA
Understanding jurisdictions and finding locations is key to Irish research. The latest resources on Findmypast, Irish Ancestors, and free websites are discussed and demonstrated.

RELIGIOUS RECORDS | ALL | S327
Quakers in the Northern Shenandoah Valley: Their History, Migrations, and Records
Annette Burke Lytle
Quaker settlements in the northern Shenandoah Valley were at the crossroads of Quaker migration. Learn about the history and records of Quakers in this region.

EASTERN STATES | ALL | S328
Tennessee Valley Authority and Its Records
Lori Thornton
When Tennessee Valley Authority built reservoirs and dams, it forced relocation for persons, businesses, churches, and cemeteries. Learn about records created.
2:30 p.m.

AFRICAN AMERICAN | ALL | $342

Institutional Bondage: Researching Enslavers and the Enslaved in Churches, Schools, and Industry
Leslie Anderson, MLS
Attendees learn to locate and access records associated with slavery as practiced by nonprofit educational and religious organizations and for-profit companies.

MILITARY | I | $343

The Old Line: Maryland's Colonial and Revolutionary Military Records
Rebecca Whitman Koford, CC, CG
Maryland's nickname, “The Old Line State,” dates from the Revolution. From the Colonial period through the 1790s, we review various state military records.

METHODOLOGY | ALL | $344

Following an Evidence Trail Through Five Countries to Find Irish Ancestors: A Case Study
Thomas W. Jones, PhD, CC, FASG, FUGA, FNGS
A cryptic note in Missouri triggers a path through records in the United States, Northern Ireland, Canada, New Zealand, and Ireland to identify Irish ancestors.

RECORDS AND REPOSITORIES | I | $345

Revolutionary War Records in the Library of Virginia: Part One
Bevin Creel
Exposition of genealogically significant records in LVA documenting, or deriving from, military service during the Revolution

VIRGINIA AND HER NEIGHBORS | ALL | $346

Virginia's Colonial Wars and Military: Sources for Genealogists
Eric G. Granthet, MLS
Virginia’s colonial history is full of wars and military events. The sources are limited for some of these but plentiful for others.

SOUTHERN STATES | I | $347

Carolina On My Mind: Researching in the Palmetto State
Cheri Hudson Pusey
South Carolina is rich in history but poor in records. Learn strategies to find those that are extant and what to do if they aren’t.

FAMILIES | ALL | $348

He Wasn’t a Captain! Strategies to Correct Myths and Mistakes Using Modern Methods
Megan Clark Young
Genealogists frequently encounter myths and mistakes. Learn creative strategies using the Genealogy Proof Standard to identify them, correct them, and share your results with others.

4:00 p.m.

AFRICAN AMERICAN | ALL | $352

“From This Day Forward” – Documenting Marital Unions of Enslaved and Emancipated Persons
Renate Yarborough Sanders
Despite the illegality of marriages of enslaved persons in America, unions were established, and couples considered “husband and wife,” as evidenced by many extant documents.

DNA | ALL | $353

Understanding SideView and Other Tools at AncestryDNA
Blaine T. Bettinger, PhD, JD
Learn about the new SideView tool at Ancestry that separates your DNA matches into Parent #1 and Parent #2.

METHODOLOGY | A | $354

DNA Evidence Identifies Barshaba Tharp’s Mother in Early Tennessee and Virginia
Nicole Elder Dyer
Autosomal DNA matches with multiple descendants of Barshaba Tharp help extend her proposed mother’s tree two generations in Fauquier County, Virginia.

RECORDS AND REPOSITORIES | I | $355

Revolutionary War Records in the Library of Virginia: Part Two
Bevin Creel
Exposition of genealogically significant records in LVA documenting, or deriving from, military service during the Revolution

VIRGINIA AND HER NEIGHBORS | ALL | $356

Demystifying Virginia’s Religious Landscape: Exploring Faith Communities and Their Records
W. Samuel Williams, MSW
Religious freedom in Virginia created diversity and records. Discover denominational “genealogy” in Virginia and how to find ancestors in their records.

SOUTHERN STATES | I | $357

Many Arrive – Early Migration In, Across, and Out of North Carolina
Diane L. Richard
Until the Civil War, many migrated into NC spending a few years or longer before leaving. Let's explore their motivations, challenges & resulting records.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT | ALL | $358

Applying Online Game Theory to the Levels of Genealogy: Understanding our Game Achievements
Suzanne L. Hoffman
Identifying the learning curve and path to becoming a professional genealogist using current terms of gaming and social interaction, better understood by up-and-coming NexGen genealogists.
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<td>atDNA</td>
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<td>BA</td>
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<td>DNA</td>
<td>Deoxyribonucleic acid</td>
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<td>FASG</td>
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<td>Federation of Genealogical Societies</td>
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<td>FIGRS</td>
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<td>KDP</td>
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<td>LGBTQA+</td>
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<td>SLAM</td>
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