

Family History Month 2022



Welcome to The Genealogy Center's Family History Month 2022! We have an activity every day to encourage you to use this month to pursue, preserve, and present your family stories. The registration links for the virtual programs can be found on the bottom left of the Genealogy Center's page at www.GenealogyCenter.org under "Genealogy Events."

There are a number of special events to note this year.

- We are highlighting the importance of storytelling by having "Storytelling Sundays." Each Sunday we are posting a question for you to answer and post back to the Genealogy Center's Facebook page.
- Family History Month (FHM) videos will highlight our staff's favorite things from the Genealogy Center collection. Look for these short takes throughout the month on our Genealogy Center Facebook page. The library's executive director, Susan Baier, will lead off on October 3.
- "Wednesdays with Witcher" is returning this year. This series of thirty-minute virtual presentations will represent brief musings on important topics in the genealogy and family history space.

October 1, Saturday – Facebook Brick Wall Question Day. Use this day to post your brick-wall challenges to our Facebook page, and we will learn together as we address them throughout the month.

October 2, Sunday - Storytelling Sundays Question - Who is your favorite ancestor and what makes that person special? Share on the Genealogy Center's Facebook page.

October 3, Monday – FHM Video – Susan Baier, ACPL Executive Director – Welcome to Family History Month.

October 4, Tuesday, 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. – Virtual Program
Florida Genealogy, Matthew Storey

Hear about doing successful genealogical research in the southeasternmost state in the country, a state that has a rich history of settlement from pre-colonial times to present day.

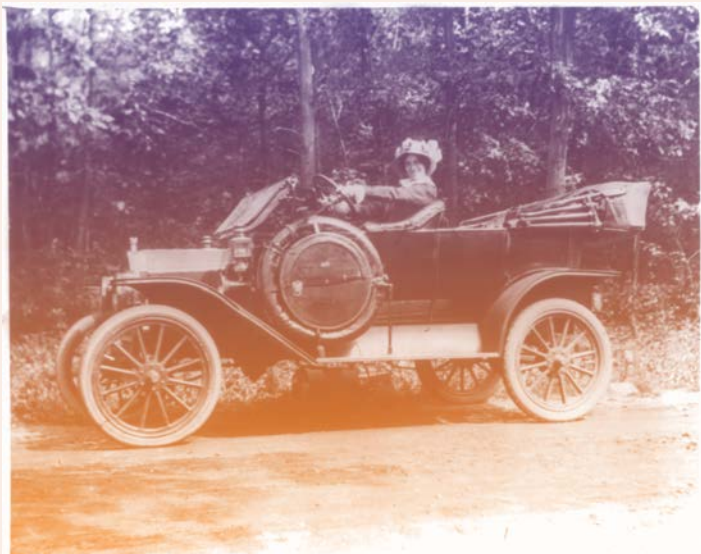
Matthew Storey is a reference archivist for the States Archives of Florida. He earned his BA from Mississippi State University and graduated from FSU with a MA in 2017. He has a deep appreciation for history and enjoys assisting others with their historical research.

October 5, Wednesday, 2:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., – Wednesdays with Witcher program series
The Power of Story, and Why it Matters.

Genealogy is all about finding our stories. Hear how what we do might be more important than we may think.

October 6, Thursday, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. – Virtual Program
My DNA Results Are In! What Do They Mean? Sara Allen

Start the journey to learn more about your autosomal DNA with your results from AncestryDNA, FamilyTreeDNA's Family Finder, MyHeritage, or 23andMe's DNA test. Learn the basics of each company's website and some basic interpretation of results, both ethnicity and DNA family matches.



October 7, Friday – FHM Video – Curt Witcher – Honoring Our Families by Sharing Their Stories

**October 8, Saturday, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. – Virtual Program
Best Sources and Techniques for African American Research**

Roberta Ridley and members of the African American Genealogical Society of Fort Wayne and Genealogy Center staff provide tips and answer questions in an open forum.

October 9, Sunday – Storytelling Sundays Series

What is the most memorable (for whatever reason) story you have heard from a family member? Share on the Genealogy Center's Facebook page.

October 10, Monday – FHM Video – Allison Singleton – Our Military Heritage

**October 11th, Tuesday, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. – Virtual Program
Vivid-Pix and Photo Reminiscence Therapy, Rick Voight**

So many photographs have been passed down through the generations of our families. Currently, nearly two trillion pictures are being taken around the world every year. Hear how Vivid-Pix can assist one scan, repair, enhance, and preserve photographic images. And then learn how using those images in photo reminiscence therapy can be life changing.

Rick Voight is a lifelong shooter who's been in the imaging business for a few decades. He is the CEO of Vivid-Pix, a company that invents and harnesses technologies, making it simple to relive memories. Rick and his company have partnered with the National Institute for Dementia Education in doing pioneering work with photo reminiscence therapy.

October 12, Wednesday, 2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Wednesdays with Witcher Program Series

Finding the Things We Are Not Looking For: GPS, FANs, Preponderance of the Evidence, and Researching in 4-D.

How successful researchers find so many stories about their families, including ones they are not seeking.

**October 12, Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. –
In-person & virtual program.**

The Allen County Genealogical Society will be offering a program in the Genealogy Center's Discovery Center. Come in person to enjoy the program or register at www.ACGSI.org for the Zoom link.

Endangered Ephemera: Rescuing Evidence of Our Endeavors, Adam Barrone

Since the printing revolution, ephemera has been a long-standing element of everyday life. Many see it as disposable almost by its very nature. However, ephemera has long been collected by the likes of families, hobbyists and curators. Hear how an expert values ephemera in documenting our families' histories.





October 13, Thursday, 6:30 p.m. – Virtual Program
I Have a Civil War Ancestor... Now What? Brian Rhinehart

Civil War soldiers often left a rich genealogical paper trail. Many of these records are tucked away at the National Archives in Washington DC. Learn what records are available for your ancestors only at the National Archives, what records are online already, and how to access all of them. These records may unlock some of the family stories that have been forgotten over time, as well as break down a brick wall or two!

Brian Rhinehart is a professional genealogist and speaker and is the owner of CivilWarRecords.com. He is a graduate of Boston University's Certificate of Genealogy Research and the Genealogical Institute on Federal Records (GenFed) in Washington DC. A direct descendant of six Civil War soldiers, Brian specializes in research and record retrieval for Civil War and War of 1812 soldiers at the National Archives in Washington DC and has retrieved military files for hundreds of clients there.

October 14, Friday – FHM Video – Curt Witcher – The New WorldCat

October 15, Saturday, 2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. – Virtual Mini-Program

Ask the Experts: Genealogy Software, Cynthia Theusch & Elizabeth Hodges

Are you considering trying out a genealogy software, but you aren't sure where to start? If so, join senior librarians Cynthia Theusch and Elizabeth Hodges for a half hour Ask the Experts Session all about software!

October 16, Sunday – Storytelling Sundays – When was your favorite ancestor born, and what was significant about the time period? Share on the Genealogy Center's Facebook page.

October 17, Monday – FHM Video – John Beatty – “The Great Migration” series

October 18, Tuesday, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. – Virtual Program

Using Maps for Genealogy Research, Phillip Sutton

This presentation will describe how maps in the collections of The New York Public Library and elsewhere can be used in genealogical research. We'll look at fire insurance maps and atlases, military and topographical maps, county maps and atlases, and other types of map to locate records, discover where our ancestors lived, and what their lives were like.

Philip Sutton is a reference librarian at New York Public Library's Irma and Paul Milstein Division of United States History, Local History, and Genealogy, where he also teaches and writes about genealogy and building history research. Sutton is a visiting Assistant Professor at the Pratt Institute, where he teaches a class in Genealogy and Local History.





October 19, Wednesday, 2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Wednesdays with Witcher Program Series
“It’s All Really Well Organized:” The Truth About What We Are Passing On.

Many think the organization of their family history materials is darn near perfect. Hear some tips in passing records and stories along to younger generations that may be a little different than what you might think.

October 20, Thursday, 6:30 p.m. – Virtual Program

Beyond Civil and Church Records: Digging Deeper into Mexican Research, Lisa Medina

Catholic parish records and Mexican civil registration records are incredibly rich in genealogical information - and extend back well into the 16th century. But there are still more records to uncover in Mexican research! In this lecture, we will explore many of these other sources, from original records to indexes and published works.

Using professional genealogical research methodologies, Lisa Medina provides accurate, substantiated genealogical research services and compelling family histories. As a daughter, sister, wife, and mother, she believes there is an incredible depth to the value of learning family history, and for this reason, Lisa also endeavors to bring the past to life with historical context and the narratives of our ancestors.

Lisa believes in this work not only because it provides opportunities to venture into the past, but also because it often reveals a glimpse of how we came to be. By examining your family's past, you uncover a new understanding of self and of the people who helped you become you.

October 21, Friday – FHM Video – Cynthia Theusch – Microtext Treasures



October 21, Friday – The Genealogy Network of Texas Daylong Virtual Program
Email Genealogy@ACPL.info for the registration link.

9:00 a.m. – Deciphering Handwriting in Genealogical Records,

Joseph B. Everett, MLS, AG, Family & Local History Librarian (BYU Library)

In this age of technology, reading handwriting is becoming a lost skill, but it is essential for success in genealogical research. It is not enough to rely on computer indexes, when they exist, to find and interpret records, as these only include a portion of the information and often contain errors. Learn about techniques and tools for improving your skills in deciphering handwritten documents. Information about developments in handwritten text recognition will also be included.

10:10 a.m. – Improve, Expand, and Enrich your Family Tree – With Tax Records!

Doug Waggoner, Family Historian Sponsored by Waco-McLennan County Library

With some simple techniques, you can use tax records to expand your knowledge of your ancestors. You will discover new relatives, differentiate between people with similar names, and break through brick walls. You will also learn far more about where and how they lived.

11:10 a.m. – Choosing Genealogy Services & Software

Tony Hanson, Family Historian

This presentation will provide a high-level overview of the capabilities offered by 'online genealogical services,' 'genetic DNA testing services' and 'family tree software providers' with the goal of helping participants make informed choices from the wide range of products and services that are currently available. **12:25 p.m. – Building and Researching Your Family Tree**

Bill Buckner and Hannah Kubacak, Genealogy Center (Waco-McLennan County Library)

Budding researchers will learn the basic concepts, skills, search strategies and resources needed to get started researching their family tree. Join us as we walk through the process of recording what you already know, getting organized, collecting, and evaluating the information you find. Learn to navigate online and print resources for records of 'genealogical value' – vital, cemetery, obituaries, census, immigration records and more!

1:45 p.m. – Citing Sources Without Stressing Out

Amy Johnson Crow, MLS, founder and lead educator at Generations Connection, host of Generations Café.

Citing sources is one of those things in genealogy research that tends to make us kind of twitchy. We know we should be doing it and we want to do them right... so we tend to stress out about it. But there is a key to thinking about citing sources—and it won't raise our blood pressure.

2:45 p.m. – Making the Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center Your Research Assistant

Curt B. Witcher, MLS, FUGA, IGSF, The Genealogy Center Manager

This presentation will provide one with an up-close look at the resources of this national family history collection, emphasizing the many resources that are free from anywhere. Participating in this presentation will help one truly make the Genealogy Center in Fort Wayne, Indiana their research assistant.

3:45 p.m. – How to Approach and Solve Brick Wall Problems with DNA

Sara Allen, Senior Librarian, Allen County Public Library, Genealogy Center

Learn steps to take to evaluate your brick wall problem, learn best DNA tests to use for different problems, and how to work with the DNA results and genealogical research to solve the problem. We will also go over several case studies that utilize these strategies.

5:10 p.m. – United States Migration Patterns: Why They Left, Where They Went, and the Stories They Left Behind

LeAnne McCamey, professional genealogist, publisher, author, and owner of American Genealogical Res.

This program provides a broad overview of migration touching on the reasons to study migration and the keys to understanding migration. The four distinct migration time periods are briefly addressed in addition to the reasons people migrated and finding the documents and records they left behind during their migration. Instruction is given in the methodology of developing a migratory tracing of an individual or family.



October 22, Saturday, 2:00p.m. – 3 p.m. – Virtual Program

Mexican Genealogy in the Midwest. Nicole Martinez-LeGrand

Learn more about the history of Mexicans, Mexican Americans in Indiana and the Midwest through genealogical records. Nicole will show you the basics of Mexican genealogy in the United States and in Mexico. More importantly, how to interpret the lived experiences through historical context. Suitable for family researchers who are at a beginner or intermediate skill level.

Nicole Martinez-LeGrand considers herself a community collaborator first and a museum professional second. Since 2016 she has been working

on bolstering the Indiana Historical Society's Latino, Hispanic and Asian collections beginning with oral history interviews and genealogical research into both ethnic communities, and adding manuscripts, books, photos, and other paper-based items to a growing and rich collection. Her research into both communities were presented in two IHS exhibits in 2018 and 2019. These explore themes of international history, labor history, and U.S. immigration law. In 2021 she was awarded the Outstanding Community Leader award by La Plaza, Inc., the City of Indianapolis' oldest Hispanic and Latino serving institution. She is the co-author of IHS Press publications about Latino and Asian communities in Indiana.

October 23, Sunday – Storytelling Sundays – Where is your favorite place to do research and why? Share on the Genealogy Center's Facebook page.

October 24, Monday – FHM Video – Sara Allen – Roger Minert's "German Immigrants in American Church Records"

October 25, Tuesday, 2:30 p.m. -- 3:30 p.m. – Virtual Program

The Salem Witchcraft Trials of 1692: History and Sources, John Beatty

The trials and executions of the men and women charged with witchcraft at Salem, Massachusetts, in 1692 has become an iconic event in American history. Many genealogists today are descendants of one of these unfortunates or one or more of their accusers. Join our Salem Witch Trial expert, senior librarian John Beatty, for a chance to ask questions and learn more about this fascinating event.

October 26, Wednesday, 2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Wednesdays with Witcher Program Series

Telling the Stories: Taking Advantage of the Boundless Opportunities around Us.

Hear how every month, and often more frequently, we have opportunities to share our stories and encourage other family members to do so as well.

October 27, Thursday, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.– Virtual Program

What does that say? Deciphering Handwriting in Genealogical Documents, Elizabeth Hodges