

19TH ANNUAL GENEALOGY MARATHON

FREE ADMISSION – Bring your genealogy and your questions & get one-on-one assistance. Bring a lunch & stay for the LIVE-Streamed Sessions.

WHEN

October 18th, 2019
9am – 8:30pm

WHERE

**Trinity Valley
Community College**

622 S. Prairieville Street, Athens, TX
(Old National Guard Armory Bldg. – Corner of Prairieville & Park Drive)

Getting Started with Family History · Finding Elusive Records · DNA Results & GEDmatch · Discover Dates for your Photos · Records from Mexico · Finding Military Records · Technology Enabled Collaborations · & More



FEATURING:

- **One-on-One Research Assistance**
- **8 Live-Streamed Sessions from Genealogy Experts**
- **Beginner's Class at Noon – 1:30pm**
- **Snacks & Drinks**

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9:00 - 9:50 am – FREE One-on-One Research Assistance

Knowledgeable Consultants

Bring your genealogy and we will get you started, or come with your road blocks and research problems and we will assist you. We will provide you with FREE resources to do your family history.

10:00 - 10:50 am – Technology Enabled Collaborations for Genealogists

Tony Hanson, Family Historian

This presentation will examine three relatively new capabilities enabling collaborative family research: The Family Search Family Tree, Ancestry.com's ThruLines DNA tool, and self-publishing family history using a blog or a website. Attendees will learn the benefits of each and learn how to incorporate them into their own personal research.

11:00 - 11:50 am – Finding Elusive Records on FamilySearch.org

John Huff, FamilySearch Experience Manager

Learn the search skills and features of FamilySearch.org to take you to a new level of access of this 2 billion image database. This tutorial will take you step-by-step through the process of how to utilize the FamilySearch catalog, unindexed image collections and more.

Noon - 1:30 pm – Genealogy Basics: Getting Started on Your Family Tree

Carl Smith, Genealogy Librarian, Montgomery County Memorial Library System

Budding researchers will learn the basics they need to get started researching their family tree. We'll cover the first steps to take to begin your research, starting with home sources. We'll also cover the types of records that are useful for genealogical research and where they can be found. We'll also cover ways to stay organized by utilizing paper charts and forms or computer software.

1:40 - 2:40 pm – Probate: More Than a Will

Kelvin Meyers, Ancestry ProGenealogists, Researcher

Most persons in America, who lived to adulthood, left some type of an estate to be administered. Some left wills, some did not; either way if there was land or large amounts of personal property, their estate had to be disposed of. The records of probate can be some of the most fruitful for the genealogist.

2:50 - 3:50 pm – Roll Call: New Sites and Sources for Military Records and Research

Curt B. Witcher, MLS, FUGA, IGSF Manager, The Genealogy Center Senior Manager, Special Collections, Allen County Public Library

This presentation explores the growing number of websites for the researcher interested in military history and military ancestors. From bibliographic databases to sites that provide copies of first-hand accounts and images of actual records, this provides key sites and strategies for locating increasing amounts of meaningful military data on the Internet.

4:00 - 5:15 pm – Introduction to GEDmatch

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

Once you have taken a DNA test, you may be urged to upload your results to GEDmatch. What is GEDmatch and why should you use it? GEDmatch is a free third party website that you can use to compare your DNA results with people who have taken the autosomal DNA test from all the major testing companies. You can also use a variety of tools and utilities (some free, and some subscription only) that help analyze your DNA results. Learn more about GEDmatch at this session.

5:15-6:10 pm Dinner Break or One-on-One Research Assistance

6:15 - 7:15 pm – Finding Your Ancestors in Mexico

Nick Cimino, Professional Genealogist, AncestorPuzzles.com

Nick Cimino will provide case studies demonstrating the types of records used to trace ancestors from the United States into Mexico. There is a breadth of information available for researchers including census, border crossing records, immigration, civil records, and church records.

7:25 - 8:30 pm – Dating Family Photos by Photo Process, Apparel, Hair Styles and More

David Coleman, Director, the Wittliff Collections, Texas State University

Do you possess photos that you wish you could at least date? Learn what resources are available. Follow David's process as he takes us through samples and learn how to apply his technique to your own photos.