Welcome to the Ninth Annual Charlottesville Family History Conference

PRESERVING YOUR FAMILY’S HISTORY

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## 2015 Family History Conference Schedule

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BOYD-BRAGG, Dorothy A.

Dorothy A. Boyd-Bragg, Ph.D., is a Professor of History, Emeritus, James Madison University. She received her doctorate in history from Temple University; the M.A. from Ohio State University; and the M.A.T. and B.A. from Temple University.

She is the author of fourteen history and genealogy books and numerous articles and reviews. She is a former president of the Virginia Genealogy Society. In addition, she has edited and indexed extensively. She is currently at work with her husband, Captain Robert L. Bragg, on One Hundred and One Aviation Stories I Tell my Friends: More, Much More, Than the Tenerife Crash.

BRANHAM, Barbara

I am the current director of the Family History Center in Charlottesville, Virginia, but I have served as a consultant and assistant director for about 8 years prior to becoming director. I have been interested in genealogy since I was about 18 years old, but really started working on it when I went to Brigham Young University as an undergraduate. That was a really long time ago—we won’t mention exactly how long. I have been fairly successful with my family’s history, primarily because a lot of my family was either famous or infamous. I really love helping other people search for their ancestors.

Reading Lousy Old Handwriting: So What Does It Say?

You have worked hard to locate, copy, and study information and documents relating to your family. Now that you have them, what do you do with them? First of all, you need to read them carefully. That’s easier said than done. Early handwriting is often a real challenge. The more you know about it, the more likely you are to be able to utilize fully all that you’ve collected. Join me for a glimpse at some horrible, early examples.

Genealogy 101

This is a class that is intended for any one just getting started working on their family history. It will cover how to discover what you and your family already know, how to set up an organizational system for your research, and how to select resources that can help you in your research. Handouts will give you some reference points as you start on your own journey. (See next box for additional class description.)

Family Search: A genealogy program for all people

This class is designed for anyone who wants to become conversant in Family Search/Family Tree, one of the most innovative programs on the web. It is designed to help you record more than ancestors and memories—it will also be one of your primary research tools. It will include how to register, how to enter information, how to do research on family search and cite sources for your information, and how to put in pictures and memories to be recorded for your descendants. There will be handouts to help you as you begin to work on FamilySearch yourself.

BUTLER, Dr. John M.

My career has involved working in forensic DNA analysis for the past 20 years — first at the FBI Laboratory and now at the National Institute of Standards and Technology. I have a B.S. in chemistry from BYU and a Ph.D. in analytical chemistry from the University of Virginia. I have spoken four times (2008, 2010, 2012, and 2014) at BYU Campus Education Week on the topics of DNA and the Book of Mormon, Genetic Genealogy, Forensic DNA, and Science and Religion. My wife and I are the parents of six children -- all of whom have been proven to be ours by the power of DNA testing.

Genetic Genealogy: What Can DNA Testing Tell Me About My Ancestry?

We inherit DNA from our parents. This genetic material defines our physical characteristics but can also be used to understand our heritage and to connect family lineages. My presentation will review what can and cannot be done with DNA testing and review the basics of genetic markers used today in genetic genealogy tests by companies such as Ancestry, FamilyTree DNA, and 23andMe.

COLEMAN, Sonya

Sonya Coleman has worked in Digital Collections at the Library of Virginia for four years. She studied art history and psychology at Hollins University. After working in museums and galleries, she discovered her niche at the intersection of special collections libraries and new technology while at Historical Collections at UVa Health Sciences Library. Her primary interests are accessibility, innovation, and preservation of and around historical objects.
COOPER, Jean L.

Jean Cooper has had many roles as a librarian at the University of Virginia Library since 1983. Currently, she works in the Content: Access and Discovery unit of the Library, and serves as Genealogical Resources Specialist. She is the author of "A Guide to Historic Charlottesville and Albemarle County, Virginia" (History Press, 2011), "Index to Records of Ante-Bellum Southern Plantations. 2nd ed." (McFarland Publishing, 2009), and most recently, "Index of Students of the University of Virginia, 1825-1874" (Shortwood Press, 2011). Her blog (uvastudents.wordpress.com) gives short biographies of U.Va. students listed in the Index. Jean received the Virginia Genealogical Society's Virginia Records Award in 2009 for her work in indexing the Records of Ante-Bellum Southern Plantations microfilm collection.

Cooper has received her Bachelor of Arts in History from Alma College and her Master of Librarianship for her work in indexing the collection. Jean received the Virginia Genealogical Society's Virginia Records Award in 2009 for her work in indexing the Records of Ante-Bellum Southern Plantations microfilm collection.

She lives in Culpeper, Virginia, with her husband and five children.

DERBY, Katie (Keynote Speaker)

Katie Derby is a professional Genealogist with a BA degree in Family History/Genealogy from Brigham Young University. She interned in the Local History/ Genealogy reading room of The Library of Congress. She currently serves as the director of the Culpeper Family History Center and is an adjunct faculty member at BYU-Idaho in the Family History/Genealogy Department. Katie has directed and taught at several regional and national conferences. You can find her online at GenQuery.com and CornersPast.com. She lives in Culpeper, Virginia, with her husband and five children.

Creating a Heritage Scrapbook

This class will give you the opportunity to learn how best to preserve your family's memories in a beautifully different and interesting format. We will talk about the materials needed to properly preserve your memories, some important information on how to collect, categorize, and identify your photos, and tips for getting started in this exciting and creative adventure.

KEYNOTE: Preserving Your Family's History

Whether you have inherited boxes of treasures or have spent years filling boxes of your own, the question of how to preserve these efforts is likely to cross your mind. Family History preservation ranges from the physical upkeep of items, to the storage of digital files, with special considerations needed for preparation, planning, sharing and long-term storage. Much like other Family History work, caring for heirlooms or a body of research is a labor of love and with some tips and resources, you can ensure that your love is passed on to many generations to come.

Pitfalls and Brick Walls: Tips the Professionals Use

Many research pitfalls can be sidestepped and brick walls broken down with just a little insider knowledge. Katie will help you avoid the most common research mistakes and let you in on some of the most successful tips for overcoming those frustrating dead ends.
INMAN, Diane

Diane Inman has been a family genealogy researcher since the 1980s. She currently serves as treasurer of the Central Virginia Genealogical Association and is the Regent of Jack Jouett Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). She has completed the four classes in genealogy offered by the DAR to its members earning her Volunteer Genealogist pin. Diane has also been a Find A Grave volunteer for over six years, adding more than 13,000 memorials and 1600 pictures. She entered the names in the 15-volume set of “Cemeteries of Albemarle County,” published about 1980 by her chapter.

HER-STORY: Those Elusive Female Ancestors

Techniques and ideas for finding our hidden female ancestors

MORRIS, Victor

Victor Morris has gladly served as a full-time instructor for the LDS Church Educational System with Seminaries & Institutes of Religion for 23 years. He is glad to be in his home state of Virginia where he was born and raised. He has been the Director of the Charlottesville Institute since 2006 and is currently the US East Area Coordinator for the online seminary program that serves over 1,000 students. He was graduated from Brigham Young University with a Bachelors Degree in History and received an advanced degree in Law Concord University.

Brother Morris and his wife Lucy are the proud parents of three children. Perhaps one of the best-known facts about Victor is that he was raised in the remarkably sizeable family of fourteen children—eleven boys and three girls. This has left a distinct mark in his personae, which has proven magnificent for his job, as it seems that he never runs out of tales to tell, and he can also get along with just about anybody.

Family History Apps

A review of apps that help with family history.

MURPHY, Dr. Shelley

Dr. Shelley Murphy, aka “familytreegirl,” is a native of Michigan residing in Central Virginia, a daughter to Calvin and Verna (Worden) Murphy, a proud mother of two adult children and a sister to four brothers. Dr. Murphy has been an avid genealogist for over 25 years and is known for her inspiring and interactive Methods and Strategies for genealogy research. Shelley currently has 20+ publications with “Charlottesville Genealogy Examiner” and the “Central Virginia Heritage,” a publication of the Central Virginia Genealogical Association. She hosts her own blog at www.familytreegirl.com. Dr. Murphy is also known by her tagline, which is “Know your roots, they are long and strong.”

Challenges of African American Genealogy Research

This is session is not just for persons who are researching African Americans; it is for all. Learn how to set up a timeline and develop a research plan. Where to locate resources and records for African American research and how to combat the challenges you are faced with when dealing with African American genealogy.

Thinking of Joining the DAR or SAR? Understanding the Process!

This session will provide a history and background information on the Daughters of the American Revolution & Sons of the American Revolution as lineage organizations. Learn the process for applying, steps in completing the application, viewing and understanding what documents are accepted and locating a chapter.

RAINVILLE, Dr. Lynn

Lynn Rainville is a research professor in the humanities and the founding director of the Tusculum Institute for local history, located at Sweet Briar College. Although her PhD is in Near Eastern archaeology, she has spent the last two decades studying historic American cemeteries, conducting oral interviews with descendants of enslaved communities, and developing on-line history databases. Her grant-funded research has produced numerous articles and a recent book titled “Hidden History: African American Cemeteries in Central Virginia” (University of Virginia Press, 2014).

Veterans of the Great War: Studying Virginians Who Served in World War I

I will share information about how to research your ancestor’s WWI service, tell some stories about Virginians who served during the Great War, and discuss commemoration activities for the upcoming centennial of the outbreak of the war.

What We Can Learn from God’s Acre: The Role of Historic Cemeteries in Genealogical Research

We will discuss how to locate old cemeteries, what we can learn from the gravestones, and how to protect your family cemetery.

SOMER, Dick

Family historian dating back to Jamestown and the Mayflower including Pennsylvania Dutch and Knickerbocker Dutch.

Naming Patterns

Naming patterns—a way to break down brick walls. Do you know how many ancestors you are named for? And how many people in your family have your name?
TYCHONIEVICH, Dr. Luther

Luther teaches computer science at the University of Virginia and chairs the Technical Standing Committee for the Family History Information Standards Organisation. A frequent presenter at RootsTech and other family history technology conferences, his specialties include the under-the-hood design of family history software and data, the research process itself, and the dynamics of collaborative genealogical research.

Researching with Others (Without Getting Angry)

Collaboration on your family history offers many benefits in productivity and availability of information, but collaboration in any space is never easy (the entire field of management is based on this difficulty). With anonymous unmoderated collaboration in shared tree websites, it becomes potentially very frustrating. This talk will explore why it is hard and some principles and tips for having productive, pleasant collaboration experiences in genealogy and family history.