

Heritage Education Commission

Presents

Hidden...Finding Our Female Ancestors



44th Annual Family History Workshop

September 28, 2019

Horizon Middle School

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Moorhead, Minnesota

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Enjoy the Heritage Education Commission's Family History Workshop, and then relax for the evening at the Travelodge & Suites of Moorhead. Closest hotel to Horizon Middle School.

Free Breakfast

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Workshop Schedule

8:00 – 8:30	Lobby: Registration and Refreshments					
8:30 – 8:45	Welcome					
8:45-10:00	Room 108 Alice Hoyt Veen Feminine Mystique: Finding Female Ancestors	Room 101 Jackie Marler Hidden No More: How to do basic family history research	Room 102 Mica Anders The Positive and Negative Effects of using DNA- Part I	Room 105 Dave Gaboury Understanding French- Canadian Parish Records	Room 6A Trista Raezer- Stursa Beyond Ancestry.com: Genealogy Resources in the Archives	
10:00 – 10:30	Genealogical Exhibits					
10:30 – 11:45	Room 108 Alice Hoyt Veen Land Records to the Rescue!	Room 101 Erika Johnson Creating Your Family Health History	Room 102 Mica Anders The Positive and Negative Effects of using DNA- Part II	Room 105 Dan Haglund Norwegian Research	Room 6A Steve Penick Taking the Ball into Their Own Hands: Women and the Road to Title IX	
11:45 – 1:15	Luncheon – Awards					
1:15 – 2:30	Room 108 Alice Hoyt Veen Prairie Patchwork: Iowa's Ethnic Heritage	Room 101 Art Williams FamilySearch Research Wiki	Room 102 Rob Flanagan- Steglitz DNA in Genealogy	Room 105 Rick Crume How to Find Your Family History in Online Newspapers	Room 6A Jamee Larson How to share your story through writing	
2:30 – 3:00	Genealogical Exhibits and Refreshments					
3:00 – 4:15	Room 108 Alice Hoyt Veen Documentation & Citation: Buckle up and Cite Your Sources!	Room 101 Luana Gilstrap Tracing Women and Men Through City Directories	Room 102 Rob Flanagan- Steglitz DNA Painter/Building Your Genetic Family Tree	Room 105 Rick Crume British Genealogy Online: The Top English & Welsh Family History Websites	Room 6A Michael Swanson Getting the Most Out of Ancestry.com	

Workshop Registration Information

Cost: \$49 includes luncheon for those whose registration and payment are received by Friday, September 20, 2019. Walk-ins are welcome; however, the luncheon is not guaranteed for registration fees paid after Friday, September 20.

Workshop Location

Horizon Middle School
3601 12th Ave. S., Moorhead, Minnesota
From Interstate 94 take EXIT 2B [34th St.] to Moorhead; turn right onto 34th St. S. and go north; turn right onto 12th Ave S.; turn right on 40th St. S. The second right on 40th St. will take you directly to the larger parking lot on the south side of Horizon Middle School. Please enter from the south door #16 adjacent to the parking lot.

How to Register:

Online:

Go to <https://communityed.moorheadschools.org>.

Pay with Visa, MasterCard or Discover.

Call: 218-284-3400

Pay over the phone with Visa, MasterCard or Discover.

Mail or Walk In:

Bring or mail your registration form and payment to:

Moorhead Community Education
2410 14th St. S., Moorhead, MN 56560

Family History Workshop Registration Form FHW10A

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Registration Fee: \$49/Person _____ (Qty) X \$49 = _____ (Total)
(\$49 includes conference, materials, refreshments, luncheon)

Make checks payable to **ISD 152** or charge to:

_____ VISA _____ MasterCard _____ Discover

Card No. _____ Exp. Date: _____

Please indicate special dietary needs: _____

* List additional registrations on a separate sheet.

Steve Penick

Steve has worked in the history field for nearly thirty years as a freelance researcher, writer, and museum professional. He is presently the Head Archivist at the Stearns History Museum in St. Cloud. His varied interests include genealogy, libraries/archives, local Minnesota history, and helping people make connections to the broader world. His workshop is: **Taking the Ball into Their Own Hands: Women and the Road to Title IX** How do communities' foster leaders? This session highlights how mentors utilize education and public involvement to develop the next generation of role models. The presentation's theme focuses on the evolution of women's leadership positions, especially through sports, beginning in the Progressive Era (1890's) and through the implementation of Title IX (1972).

Trista Raezer-Sturza

Trista has been an archivist for 11 years, spending the last year as the university archivist at Minnesota State University Moorhead. Previously she has worked at the North Dakota State University Archives, Santa Clara County Archives, and Santa Clara University Special Collections. She received her master's degree in Library and Information Science from San Jose State University. She loves to work on her own genealogy in her spare time. Her workshop is: **Beyond Ancestry.com: Genealogy Resources in the Archives** Archivists and genealogists from around the world have worked hard to make genealogical records, indexes, and family histories available online. However, this work is far from done, and some of the best resources are still ready to be found in archives across the country and right here in the Fargo-Moorhead area. This session will cover how to do archival research, hidden gems that are available locally, and what you can do for other genealogists who will follow in your footsteps

Family History Research Award Entries

The Heritage Education Commission, in order to promote family and regional history research, offers several book/research awards. They are listed below. The Entry Form and the book/research must be submitted by September 1, 2019. They may be submitted in printed or digital form. Award winners will be notified by September 19 and presented at the workshop luncheon. For more information visit www.heritageed.com and select Workshop and Research Awards on the top banner or email info@heritageed.com.

Regional History Book Award: Formalizing research into a book allows others to enjoy and benefit from your hard work and adds to the collected knowledge of a town, county, state, or region.

Family History Book Award: The Heritage Education Commission wishes to encourage family historians to take "the last step" in their research effort by creating and sharing a compilation of their family history.

Historical Preservation Award: This award is designed to encourage local genealogists to submit printed or duplicated documents such as diaries, journals, memoirs, family reunions, or scrapbooks.

Advancing Genealogical Skills Award: This award recognizes projects that improve the skills of genealogical researchers.

Creating Genealogical Sources Award: This award recognizes projects that create or increase the accessibility of source materials useful to genealogical research.

Family History Youth Award: This award is designed to encourage young people to research their family history and to prepare a document in printed or digital form which will be of interest to their family members and/or members of their community. All entries must have been completed before the applicant's 19th birthday.

2018 Family History Workshop Presenters

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Alice Hoyt Veen, CG is a Board-certified genealogist, professional researcher, and educator whose specialties include Midwestern and territorial research, land and military records. She serves as a trustee for the BCG Education Fund, an independent non-profit charitable trust, advancing the educational aims of the Board for Certification of Genealogists®. She has spoken at national, regional, and state conferences. Her website, prairierootsresearch.com, includes a blog dedicated to Iowa and Midwestern genealogical and historical topics.

Her workshops include:

Feminine Mystique: Finding Female Ancestors Who was she? Who were her people? Identifying and understanding female ancestors is often a challenge. Thoughtful research strategies reveal these hidden lives. Content includes: using legal and historical context to develop a research plan; locating relevant records that provide clues to identity; strategies for determining kinship: who were the men in her life; case-study examples.

Land Records to the Rescue! Many genealogists avoid land research, but identifying and understanding the documents associated with your ancestor's real property is an essential step in understanding your family and can help solve genealogical puzzles. Learn techniques for getting the most from land records research and see how they contribute to the breakthrough of a typical genealogical "brick wall." This presentation provides a broad introduction to land records research. Content includes: differentiation between public land grants and private sales; basic terminology; resources for finding land records; tips and techniques for effective land records research.

Prairie Patchwork: Iowa's Ethnic Heritage Iowa's history is patterned with a colorful patchwork of ethnic immigration & settlement. These diverse groups have been instrumental in the development of Iowa from its earliest years to the present. Content includes: who were Iowa's early immigrants; what motivated them to choose Iowa; where did they settle; what resources are available for exploring Iowans' ethnic heritage.

Documentation & Citation: Buckle up and Cite Your Sources! Keeping track of information sources contributes to the success of any family history project and it's not as difficult as you might think. Geared to beginners, this presentation seeks to de-mystify the process by addressing the basics of documenting and citing sources. Presentation includes simple, practical examples and step-by-step practice. Content includes: definition of a "source"; why source documentation is necessary; when a source citation is needed; strategies for keeping track of sources; key elements to collect for sources; hands-on practice with commonly-used sources.

Art Williams

A retired IT professional, he has been doing his family history for the last several years. He served as a Family History Missionary in Micronesia setting up Family History Centers, worked with governmental agencies getting vital records and taught genealogical research to college and civil agencies. His workshop is: **FamilySearch Research Wiki** The Wiki is a free, online genealogical guide created and maintained by FamilySearch. It contains links to genealogy databases and online resources, research strategies, and other genealogical guidance to assist you in the search of your ancestor. This will show you the resources from free and paid sites as well as information on how to read text in different languages. Access to the Wiki is free.

Dan Haglund

Workshops to be announced!

Dave Gaboury

Dave has 100% French-Canadian ancestry and was born in the French-Canadian town of Woonsocket, Rhode Island. He started working on his family history in the mid-1990s and has spent a substantial amount of time using French-Canadian genealogical research materials. Dave is a graduate of Minnesota State University, Moorhead and a retired software developer from Great Plains Software and Microsoft. Like most French-Canadian researchers, he can trace his ancestry to many famous French-Canadian cousins such as Celine Dion, Madonna, Hillary Clinton, Marie-Anne Gaboury, and Louis Riel.

His workshop is: **Understanding French-Canadian Parish Records** For four hundred years, the Catholic Churches

in Quebec Province have recorded the births, baptisms, marriages, deaths, and burials of its members. These primary records are a wealth of information for genealogists today and can be easily understood even though they're in French. This session will give you all the tips you need to understand the parish records, including: where to find them, understanding the structure of the records, getting translation assistance, and how to decipher town and parish names. We'll also look at a wide array of secondary sources that will allow you to locate primary source records quickly. Finally, we'll review selected web sites and books that will help you understand the rich collection of French-Canadian parish records.

Erika Johnson

Erika is the Clinical Campus Librarian at the Fargo Campus of the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences. She has been with UND for nearly three years. Prior to working as a medical librarian, Erika was a reference librarian at Concordia College for 14 years, working with science departments such as biology, nursing, and psychology. Erika has an undergraduate degree in biology and a master's degree in library and information science. Erika's father spent his career as a wildlife biologist and her mother as a librarian she likes to say she is the perfect combination of the two of them.

Her workshop is: **Creating Your Family Health History** If your doctor asked you, "Has anyone in your family been diagnosed with heart disease?" would you know the answer? Many of us could provide information about our immediate family, but what about extended family? Did you know that experts recommend compiling a family health history that includes three generations? Led by a medical librarian from the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences, this session will provide information about gathering and documenting your family health history and using that information to communicate with health professionals to improve your health and the health of your family.

Jackie Marler

Jackie became a family historian in 1982 as a result of attending that year's Family History Workshop. She is currently newsletter editor and volunteer researcher for the Red River Valley Genealogical Society; the Genealogist for the Hallinglag of America; a Norwegian heritage group, and a genealogy resource person for the West Fargo Public Library West Fargo Historical Center. Her workshop is: **Hidden No More: How basic family history research techniques help you when pursuing your female lines.** Family history research at its most basic is a process. Learn how the process equips you to solve your family mysteries, including your "hidden" female ancestry.

James Larson

James Larson is currently a composition and creative writing instructor at North Dakota State University. She received a MFA degree at Minnesota State University, with an emphasis in creative nonfiction. James is currently working on finishing her first memoir entitled Hey, Mrs. When she is not teaching or writing, she enjoys watching sports and doting on her nieces and nephews. James is married and lives in Moorhead with her dog, Setimone, and her cats, Winslow and Smoke.

Lana Gilstrap

Lana began working on her family history in college. She earned her B.A. in English from UCLA and remained there to earn her Masters in Library Science. She has worked as a genealogical librarian in two different libraries. Over the years she has taught family history courses at colleges, been a presenter at numerous genealogy seminars, and for five years was an instructor in the training program at the Los Angeles Regional Family History Library. Currently she is the Director of the Fargo LDS Family History Center. Her travels have taken her into courthouses, libraries, and archives across the United States and in England and Ireland. Her workshop is: **Tracing Women and Men Through City Directories.** City directories help us follow people between census years and after our last available U.S. census in 1940. This presentation will cover what to expect from city directories and how to use them, with an emphasis on women.

Mica Anders

Mica Anders is a professional genealogist, researcher, and oral historian with over 15 years of experience. Her special interests include African-American genealogy and families from Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska, & Alabama. Mica has worked with private clients from around the United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom.

She has also worked with institutions such as the Minnesota Historical Society, Olmstead County Historical Society, Hennepin County Libraries, St. Paul Public Library, and the City of Waterloo. Mica holds an MFA in studio art. She enjoys combining her two passions—genealogy and art—to create visual displays representing the personal and/or community histories of her clients.

Her workshop is: **The Positive and Negative Effects of Using DNA in Genealogical Research** The tie between genealogy and genetics has been getting a lot of attention lately as DNA kits, like AncestryDNA and 23andme, have become more popular. There are a lot of things to be learned from testing your DNA. Come learn more about the basics of DNA kits, how to use the results to further your genealogical research, and what to do when you receive matches that you never expected.

Michael Swanson

A native of Fulton, Illinois, Michael is an archivist in the Elwyn B. Robinson Department of Special Collections at the University of North Dakota. He graduated in 2007 with a MSI degree from the University of Michigan, specializing in archives and records management. Among his responsibilities are management of the Arne G. Brekke Bygdebok Collection, a collection of more than 1700 local history books from Norway, and conducting genealogical and historical research on behalf of remote patrons. Michael has been a regular speaker at the annual Moorhead Family History Workshop.

His workshop is: **Getting the Most Out of Ancestry.com** Ancestry.com continues to be a worldwide leader in fee-based access to genealogical information and currently has about 2.6 million personal subscribers. Not considering its affiliated services such as Fold3, Newspapers.com, and AncestryDNA, the flagship website has a collection of 20 billion records organized into thousands of databases. With this quantity of information, navigating the website and obtaining relevant results can be a challenge. This session will demonstrate how the website is organized and provide tips and tools to conduct effective searches on Ancestry.com.

Rick Crume

Rick is a contributing editor for Family Tree Magazine; he has also written for Family Chronicle, Internet Genealogy, Discovering Family History, the National Genealogical Society's NewsMagazine, and the Minnesota Genealogist, as well as genealogical journals in Canada and Great Britain. The author of "Plugging Into Your Past: How to Find Real Family History Records Online," Rick specializes in online research, genealogy software, and British genealogy. His workshops include: **British Genealogy Online: The Top English & Welsh Family History Websites** Researching your family history in England and Wales has never been easier. Many digitized church records, census records, and wills are online. Now that newspapers dating back to the 1600s are online, you can search for a name and find it anywhere in millions of pages instantly. Rick will demonstrate some of the key sites for British genealogy, many of which are free.

How to Find Your Family History in Online Newspapers Newspapers rank among the top sources for information on key events in our ancestors' lives. Birth and marriage notices, anniversary celebrations, and obituaries all provide facts that form the framework of our family trees. But newspapers also reveal biographical insights you won't find anywhere else. Rick will cover free sites, including Chronicling America from the Library of Congress and the Minnesota Historical Society's Minnesota Digital Newspaper Hub, as well as subscription sites, such as GenealogyBank and Newspapers.com.

Rob Flanagan-Stieglitz

Education includes degrees in Education, Chemistry, and Pharmacy. Member of the National Genealogical Society with Certificates in Genealogical Studies, Twenty years of personal genealogy research. His workshops include: **DNA in Genealogy** This class is for newbies, those that need a refresher, those that have tested and need an overview of what my results tell me, or those still on the fence about testing and want to choose which testing company is best for me. **DNA – DNA Painter/Building Your Genetic Family Tree** This presentation consists of 2 parts, for those who have some knowledge of DNA (or just participated in the previous presentation). The first is using website DNA Painter and the second Building Your Genetic Family Tree. The two topics complement each other and help one visualize the uniqueness of your genome.