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43rd Annual Family History Workshop

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Workshop Schedule

8:00 – 8:30	Lobby: Registration and Refreshments				
8:30 – 8:45	ROTC Color Guard - Welcome				
8:45-10:00	Room 108 Curt Witcher Roll Call: New Sites and Sources for Military Records and Research	Room 101 Pamela Burkhardt Who are the Germans from Russia?	Room 102 Daniel Sauerwein World War I Research	Room 105 Rob Flanagan-Stieglitz Irish Genealogy: Finding Irish Ancestors and Irish Cousins	Room 114 Jackie Marler Beginning to Gather Your Family History
10:00 – 10:30	Genealogical Exhibits				
10:30 – 11:45	Room 108 Curt Witcher Effective Use of the Allen County Library Genealogy Center	Room 101 Jane Cumber Homestead and Land Records - Online resources	Room 102 John Beving 19 th Century US Army – Regulars, Volunteers & Militia	Room 105 Rob Flanagan-Stieglitz Genetic Genealogy: A search for Past and Present	Room 114 Jackie Marler Newspaper Research
11:45 – 1:15	Luncheon – Awards - Red River Valley Veterans Concert Band			Genealogical Exhibits Opens - 12:45	
1:15 – 2:30	Room 108 Curt Witcher German Migration into the American Midwest	Room 101 Rick Crume A Guide to FamilySearch.org	Room 102 Mark Peihl / Markus Krueger WW I Source Information Supporting Cass County Historical Society Display	Room 105 Michael Swanson Getting the Most out of Ancestry.com	Room 114 Luana Gilstrap US Church Records
2:30 – 3:00	Genealogical Exhibits and Refreshments				
3:00 – 4:15	Room 108 Curt Witcher Passenger and Immigration Research	Room 101 Rick Crume Tree-Keeping	Room 102 Markus Krueger Clay County Historical Society – WWI Display Tour	Room 105 Michael Swanson Essentials of Swedish Genealogical Research	Room 114 Erika Johnson Ask a Librarian (the ORIGINAL search engine)

2018 Family History Workshop Presenters

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Curt Witcher is the Senior Manager for Special Collections at the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, IN. In that capacity he manages the widely acclaimed Genealogy Center as well as the Lincoln Financial Foundation Collection of Abraham Lincoln related research materials. Curt is the project lead on the library's digitization initiatives--initiatives that include partnerships with FamilySearch International, the Internet Archive, Ancestry.com, ProQuest, Fold3, and WeRelate. He also coordinates a growing number of free, searchable data files at GenealogyCenter.org. He is in his thirty-eighth year of service at the Allen

County Public Library.

Curt is a former president of both the Federation of Genealogical Societies and the National Genealogical Society, and the founding president of the Indiana Genealogical Society. He currently serves as the Federation of Genealogical Societies' 2018 co-conference chair. Curt also serves on the Indiana State Historical Records Advisory Board and the publications committee of the Indiana Historical Society.

Curt was distinguished in 1995 as a fellow of the Utah Genealogical Association (FUGA) and received the Federation of Genealogical Societies' Rabbi Malcolm H. Stern Humanitarian Award, in 1997. Curt was recognized in 2006 by being named the first fellow of the Indiana Genealogical Society. He was honored in May of 2007 with the National Genealogical Society's P. William Filby award for outstanding, life-time contributions to genealogical librarianship. Indiana's lieutenant governor recognized Curt's work in the summer of 2016 with a Hoosier Hospitality Award, and the Dallas Genealogical Society awarded him the Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck Distinguished Service Award in December 2016 for outstanding contributions to the genealogical community on a national level.

Curt Witcher: Roll Call: New Sites and Sources for Military Records and Research

This presentation explores the growing number of consequential 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 talk provides one with key sites and strategies for locating increasing amounts of meaningful military data on the Internet. **Effective Use of the Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center:** Providing a detailed description of the holdings of the Historical Genealogy Department of the Allen County Public Library, this lecture folds research methodology into an exploration of the resources of the nation's second largest genealogical research facility. Consideration is given not only to materials available for research on-site but also to how researchers can access data about the collection remotely. **German Migration into the American Midwest:** This presentation provides a basic strategy for uncovering information about why Germans migrated to the Midwest and the various routes they took to their destinations. Migration and settlement patterns are explored through published sources. Careful research into local history data and sources is emphasized as well as the use of unusual sources. **Passenger and Immigration Research** This lecture challenges the student of genealogy to view an ancestor's travel to this continent as a three step process -- leaving, arriving, and settling down -- with each of these steps containing the possibility of record generation. Sample documents are viewed and suggestions provided on how to access immigration related data.

Erika Johnson: Clinical Campus Librarian, UND School of Medicine & Health Sciences.

Erika has been an academic librarian since 2001, beginning her career at Concordia College in Moorhead, MN, and currently working as a medical librarian for UND. Although she hasn't had a lot of opportunity to dive into her own family history, she knows a fair amount about research in general. She will share her super-secret librarian tips and hopes to give you some new strategies and ideas for beginning or continuing your research. **Ask a Librarian (the ORIGINAL search engine):** Perhaps you have heard the British author, Neal Gaiman's famous quote, "Google can bring you back 100,000 answers, a librarian can give you the right one." When investigating your family's history, you may not be looking for one right answer, but chances are you have felt overwhelmed by the results of a Google search. Certainly the internet is a treasure trove of historical information, but "everything" is still not available through Google. Libraries and librarians can definitely be useful in your quest for information. This session will provide information about

the types of resources and tools available at your local libraries and give you some strategies for making your internet searches more efficient.

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. **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. **Essentials of Swedish Genealogical Research:** The most populous of all the Scandinavian countries, Sweden boasts several types of excellent records for genealogical research. Of particular note are the ecclesiastical records (baptisms, confirmations, marriages, etc.) prepared by officials in the individual parishes. In addition, land/tax records, probates, and emigration records, among others, can yield important details about Swedish ancestors. This presentation will describe the organization of available records, explain the information found in them, and provide options for accessing these valuable resources.

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. **Genetic Genealogy: A search for Past and Present:** Heritage presentations from previous years provided understanding of DNA, the different tests companies, and how to interpret the results. This presentation will demonstrate how you use your "cousin" matches to help search for missing ancestors in your tree and to connect with living cousins. **Irish Genealogy: Finding Irish Ancestors and Irish Cousins:** This presentation is a step by step approach on tracing your Irish ancestors to their origin in Ireland. All the tools that are available including DNA will be discussed. Also, a new way to look at Genealogy, as "A search for Past and Present". The Irish Times; April 27, 2018; "research finds, every Irish person has more than 14,000 relatives."

Jane Cumber: Jane started family history research in the early 1970s by documenting records from elderly relatives both oral and written. She has done family research in ND, MN, WI, Norway, Germany, and Poland. She was a member of the Heritage Education Commission from 2009 - 2016., President from 2012-2015, Treasurer in 2015-16 and past workshop presenter. She has been employed at NDSU since 1974. **Homestead and Land Records - Online resources:** According to your family stories, did your ancestors homestead? This session will review the eligibility for the following types of federal land acquisition: (1) Preemption Act of 1841 [also known as Cash Entry], (2) Homestead Act of 1862 and briefly on the (3) Timber Culture Act of 1877. What on-line resources are available to determine the legal description of homestead land using the Bureau of Land Management website and plat map resources. What documents may you receive from the federal land entry files with examples from two land entry files. How to order on-line the federal land entry files from the National Archives. Information on how to search the digitized Family History Library for county land indexes and records which may or may not be part of the homestead process.

Pam Burkhardt: Pam has worked in the historical museum field for over 35 years, working for 24 years at the Clay County Historical Society Museum [now the HCSCC] in Moorhead. She is currently Collections' Manager at the Germans from Russia Heritage Collection at The Libraries, NDSU in Fargo. **Who are the Germans from Russia?** In 1763, Germans were invited to colonize parts of Russia by a former German Princess now a Russian Czarina. Given free land, protections for them, and their descendants, for their language and culture as well as exemption from military service, they thrived. About a century later, reforms were instituted in Russia that threatened their traditional German way of life. Many left to seek a better life

in North and South America. Learn about the Bessarabian, Black Sea, Crimean, Dobrudscha and Volhynian Germans and their descendants in North Dakota and the Northern Plains. Wherever they settled worldwide, the German Russians preserved their distinctive identity, rich culture and heritage across borders and generations.

Daniel Sauerwein: Daniel is a Reference Specialist with the North Dakota State Archives in Bismarck, where he assists patrons with accessing materials, including genealogically significant materials. He previously worked in the Elwyn B. Robinson Department of Special Collections at UND's Chester Fritz Library. He is a Ph.D. candidate in History at the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks, ND, where his fields included North American History, Rural History, and Public History. Originally from Jerseyville, IL, Sauerwein earned a BA in History from Illinois College and his MA from the University of North Dakota, where his thesis explored camps of instruction in Illinois during the Civil War. His historical interests include American military history, North Dakota history, and local history. Sauerwein specializes in researching U.S. military records, including assisting others in navigating ordering copies of records for genealogical research. He is a member of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, as two of his great-great-great grandfathers served in the Union army and has had family serve in World Wars I and II, Korea, Vietnam, and the Gulf War. He enjoys Civil War living history and reenactment and is active in the community as a member of Civil Air Patrol and the Sons of the American Legion. **Genealogy and the Great War: What Records Tell Us** This session is for those who have an interest in the military history of their family, specifically records and collections related to World War I. As we near the conclusion of the centennial of this world-changing event, research on how World War I influenced society and individuals is at the forefront of the historical understanding on the conflict. Family history is no different, as the war brought about massive changes globally that intersect with many people's genealogy. I will discuss the various records (both governmental and personal) available for research into the men and women that fought in this war, including the problems and limitations present in some record groups. I will note some collections available at archival facilities in the region and what information they may have, including the Elwyn B. Robinson Department of Special Collections at UND, the North Dakota State Archives, Institute for Regional Studies at NDSU, and the Minnesota History Center. I will also discuss the methods for ordering records and the costs associated with them. In addition, I will discuss some of the issues the influenza pandemic of 1918-1919, which was affected by the war, have on genealogical research today.

Rick Crume: A contributing editor for Family Tree Magazine, Rick 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. He specializes in online research, genealogy software and British genealogy. **A Guide to FamilySearch:** A free site, FamilySearch.org has a large, growing collection of records, books, photos and family trees. Rick will share search strategies and power user tips, such as how to use the FamilySearch Catalog to find online databases, how to browse unindexed record collections and how to do searches from the FamilySearch Family Tree. **Tree-Keeping:** If you're very serious about genealogy, you need tools to help you record names, dates, places, relationships and sources, not to mention family stories and photographs. You'll also want to take advantage of huge collections of online records and family trees and share your family history online. Genealogy software, an online tree or a combination of the two can help you accomplish those tasks. Rick will compare the most popular options, including RootsMagic and Family Tree Maker software, Ancestry Member Trees and the FamilySearch Family Tree. He'll also describe how you can synchronize your family trees on your computer, mobile devices and online family trees.

Luana Gilstrap: Luana 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. Recently she was asked to be 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. **Introduction to U.S. Church Records** Church records are a valuable genealogical source because they were kept before governments started keeping vital records.

During this presentation their value will be demonstrated and you will learn the kinds of records you can expect to find and ways to determine the religion of an ancestor. You will see samples of records from different churches and receive tips for locating them (online, microfilmed, transcribed, and originals). Coverage will include Roman Catholic and major protestant churches.

Jackie Marler: Jackie Marler's interest in family history research was sparked attending the Family History Workshop in 1982. She has won two G. K. Haukebo awards in 1992 and 2007 and has been a presenter at numerous Family History Workshops. She currently is newsletter editor for Red River Valley Genealogical Society, the genealogist for the Hallinglag of America and on staff at the West Fargo Historical Center.

Basic to the Bone: Beginning Family History Research Steps to learn in the process of building your family tree. **Old News is Good News: Using Newspapers in your Family History Research** If you were allowed to have only one source for your family history research, it would have to be newspapers. History, categories, techniques and a special emphasis on using Chronicling America will be discussed.

John Beving: John is currently the president of the Red River Valley Genealogical Society. He has been interested in military history for over 45 years and has concentrated on researching the Civil War and post Civil War military for the last 20 years. **19th Century US Army: The Regulars, The Volunteers and the Militia** The American Army in the 19th Century was composed of three distinct and separate parts. The full-time regulars, state volunteer units raised in time of crisis and the militia of the several states. This session will explore the differences and similarities between them, the type of records they generated, and where to find the records.

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, 2018. They may be submitted in printed or digital form. Award winners will be notified by September 18 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.

GK Haukebo Award: This award is designed to recognize the projects of merit, which assist family history researchers in locating genealogical materials or in expanding their research skills.

Audrey Zobel Jones Award: A major consideration in judging the submitted work will be its future usefulness to family, local or regional historians as well as to family descendants.

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

Bernard Gill 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.

Workshop Registration Information

Cost: \$49 includes luncheon for those whose registration and payment are received by Friday, September 21, 2018. Walk-ins are welcome; however, the luncheon is not guaranteed for registration fees paid after Friday, September 21.

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:

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Go to <https://communityed.moorheadschoools.org>. Pay with Visa, MasterCard or Discover.

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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

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