

Friday October 20

- 8:00 a.m. Registration
- 8:45 a.m. Welcome and Announcements
- 9:00 a.m. **Facts, Photos and Fair Use: Copyright Law for Genealogists**
Understanding what is and isn't copyrighted and what genealogists can and can't use is the key to staying out of trouble and to protecting our own work. Learn about what copyright is, and what it isn't.
- 10:15 a.m. Break
- 10:45 a.m. **Living with Legal Lingo** -The language of the law is part Greek, part French, part Latin, even part Saxon - and all confusing. Every family's records are chock full of legal lingo that can appear utterly baffling to even an experienced genealogist. But whether it's for a family as famous as Daniel Boone's, or one as ordinary as yours or mine, understanding the legal lingo in the records is a critical part of understanding the records themselves.
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. **What's new at the State Historical Society of Iowa Library & Archives?** Shari Stelling - will talk about new resources, some you may not have heard about, and new avenues to old resources at the SHSI library and archives that will further your genealogical research.
- 2:15 p.m. Break
- 2:30 p.m. **"No Person Shall ... Gallop Horses In the Streets"** – Using Court Records to tell the Story of our Ancestors' Lives Early court records give color and meaning to the lives and times of our ancestors. County courts often functioned as both judiciary and legislature, and appeals courts published fact-filled opinions. While the records often establish relationships to help build a family tree, they offer so much richness and depth to help tell a family's story.
- 3:45 p.m. Break
- 4:15 p.m. Annual Meeting

Saturday October 21

- 8:00 a.m. Registration

- 8:45 a.m. **Mothers, Daughters, Wives: Tracing Female Lines**
The law as it affected women and how to find their records,
- 10:00 a.m. Break
- 10:30 a.m. **Dowered or Bound Out: Records of Widows and Orphans**
An orphan in the early days wasn't a child whose parents had died, but rather a child whose father had died. The law didn't care much about the mother. Learn more of the way the law treated widows and orphans, and what the records may tell us about them.
- 11:45 a.m. Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. **US Homestead Records** - Robert Marcell
Homestead files consist of unbound documents that include final certificates, applications with land descriptions, affidavits showing proof of citizenship, register and receiver receipts, notices and final proofs, and testimonies of witnesses. Find out how to access your family's homestead records and learn about the information these records contain."
- 2:15 p.m. Break
- 2:45 p.m. **Rogues, Rascals and Rapsallions: The Family Black Sheep**
Playing detective in court records can unmask those black sheep every family has – and it's fun! Learn to understand the criminal process in both federal and state courts and how to find the records to put meat on the bones of the skeletons in your family's closet.

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