

Connect the Dots with a Migration Study

Using a case study approach, connecting the dots will show how to trace your family's migration to solve your research questions. By starting with what you know and a creative use of traditional and new sources, filling in those blanks often reveal more than just your family's movements.

Proof or Consequences: Change How You Approach Evidence

Quantity or quality? Once upon a time, genealogists said three documents that answered the research question was the standard. Now, we know that numbers do not matter. Effective document analysis is the key.

Learn how to interrogate a document, find further information, and weigh and compare evidence. These solid techniques will help you to take your research to the next level.

Who is Hiding in Your Drawer? Date and Identify 19th Century Photographs

You will learn how to bring your ancestral images into focus with power combinations of image type, fashions, photographer's marks, family trees and resemblances. These techniques can help you to recover the identity of those intriguing faces from the past.

Probe Those Probates for Hidden Clues

Probate records document a court's decisions regarding the distribution of an estate. However, there is more to a probate record than meets the eye. Whether or not the records name the heirs, they often contain valuable clues that help to establish likely relationships and recover information about that all-important family.

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Iowa Genealogical Society 2018 Spring Conference

April 14, 2018

Images of Our Ancestors



With **Gail Blankenau**

West Wing of the IGS Library

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Conference Schedule April 14th

8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. - Registration

9:00 a.m. - Announcements

9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

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Break

10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

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11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. - Lunch

1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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