



PRESERVE & ORGANIZE YOUR FAMILY HISTORY CONFERENCE

Gale Family Library
Minnesota History Center
Saturday, February 16
10 am–4:30 pm



KEYNOTE ADDRESS:

A Bakers Dozen: Easy Ways to Begin Writing Your Family History

Learn ways to get your family history and family stories in print (or online) without a lot of strain. Sharing and preserving the family stories, both the joyous times and the tough times, can enhance your understanding of yourself and the greater family.

Paula Stuart-Warren, CG®, FMGS, FUGA, is an internationally recognized genealogical educator, researcher, and consultant.

SESSIONS:

Scanning for Genealogists

Learn the right way to create digital images of records, photographs, negatives, newspaper articles, and even artifacts using your scanner. Learn what file type, resolution setting, and color adjustments to use. See examples of different scanning software and learn about books and websites that offer good scanning information.

Tom Rice, PhD, CG®, is a professional genealogical researcher, lecturer, and writer. He is director of the Irish Genealogy Society International and a past director of MGS.

Using Family Tree Maker 2017 Software

Learn about using the Family Tree Maker genealogy software program for organizing and keeping track of your family information. Get tips and tricks on using the software and how it interfaces with Ancestry.com and Family Search.org.

Cathi Weber has been researching her family for over 40 years and started her business, NorthStar Genealogy, to help others with their research and teach classes.

Organizing Your Genealogy

We will look at the relationship between work habits and genea-clutter and explore ways to create systems that enable us to keep track of our materials and information and make our research more efficient and productive.

Lois Abromitis Mackin, PhD, is a professional genealogist who writes for several genealogical publications and teaches about genealogical records and methods.



Creating a Family History That Your Friends and Relatives Will Want To Read

Starting a family history or a memoir can be overwhelming. Which stories and photos should I include? What kind of genealogy information do I need? Learn answers to these questions and more, and receive the tools to get started on your memoir or family history as soon as you leave the room.

Linda Coffin discovered the Association of Personal Historians in 2004 and decided to combine her genealogy hobby with her publishing profession under the business name HistoryCrafters.

Why the Heck Can't I See That? Accessing Restricted Records at the Minnesota Historical Society

School, prison, or hospital records in the MNHS collections can be labeled "restricted." What does this mean, and how can researchers navigate restrictions to find what they're looking for? Learn about the kinds of restricted records and find out how to access records relevant to your family history.

*Anjanette Schussler is a government records archivist in the MNHS State Archives.
Ellen Jaquette is a reference librarian for the Minnesota Historical Society.*

Oral History: Sharing Stories

Oral history is one of the most exciting tools available for collecting and preserving family history. In this workshop you'll discover what oral history is and how to use it to record family history, including information on preparations, legal realities, ethics, and equipment.

Ryan Barland is the oral historian for the Minnesota Historical Society.

Caring for Grandma's Diaries: How to Preserve Family History on Paper

So much of our family history is recorded on paper: in diaries, photographs, scrapbooks, albums, letters, and newspaper clippings. Learn how to best care for these cherished mementos so that you can pass them on.

Saira Haqqi is the book and paper conservator for the Minnesota Historical Society.

Intro to Personal Digital Archiving

Make sure that your most important digital belongings are preserved for years to come. Learn how to identify, select, organize, store, and manage your prized digital archives using common-sense strategies and simple tools.

Sarah Barsness is a digital archivist working for the Minnesota Historical Society.

Extra! Extra! Where and How Can You Read All About It? Your Guide to Historic Newspaper Research Online and Elsewhere

Historic newspapers contain a wealth of useful information, and are more accessible than ever before. But digital research can also be confusing. How do you know if a newspaper is available digitally? What do you do when your newspapers are still on microfilm? Learn how to quickly navigate what's where and how to access it.

Jennifer Kleinjung is a librarian and educator who has worked at the Gale Family Library since 2015.

