

FAMILY HISTORY EDUCATION PROGRAM – Winter 2018

Co-sponsored by the Toronto Branch, Ontario Genealogical Society
and the Toronto Public Library

Introduction to Genetic Genealogy

Instructor: Linda Reid

Location: Toronto Reference Library, Learning Centre 1

Level: Intermediate

Cost: OGS Members - \$55, Non-members - \$65

This hands-on course is for genealogists with well-researched family trees that they wish to confirm and expand with genetic evidence. **Participants must bring autosomal DNA results from one of the major companies**, as the focus will be on interpreting these results. We also cover the other types of DNA tests (Y-chromosome and mitochondrial) and the companies that offer them, as well as GEDmatch, a third-party website where researchers can compare their data with others who have tested at a different company.

Due to high demand we are offering this course twice:

Course 1: Wednesdays – Jan 10, 17 & 24
10:00am to noon

Course 2: Saturdays – Jan 13, 20 & 27
10:00am to noon

Hands-On Early Ontario Land Records

Instructor: Jane E. MacNamara

Dates: Thursdays - Feb 1, 8 & 15

Time: 4:00pm to 7:00pm

Location: Archives of Ontario

134 Ian MacDonald Blvd.

Level: Beginner/Intermediate

Cost: OGS Members - \$85; Non-members - \$100

This course provides an introduction to the land granting process and the main types of Crown Lands records. You'll learn how to use the various finding aids and collections at the Archives of Ontario (including those on microfilm from Library and Archives Canada) to document a person's acquisition of (or attempt to acquire) land in Upper Canada.

Participants will work in small groups following case histories through the records. Registrants must have e-mail and Internet access, and will be expected to do some assigned background reading before each class. **It is very important that participants commit to attending and participating in all three sessions.**

Putting Your Family Tree Online

Instructor: Marian Press

Dates: Wednesdays – Jan 31, Feb 7, Feb 14

Time: 6:15pm to 8:15pm

Location: Toronto Reference Library, Learning Centre 1

Level: Beginner/Intermediate

Cost: OGS Members - \$55; Non-members - \$65

There are many choices for how to put your family information online for others to find and for them to respond to what they find. This course will cover the various options available, including: major genealogy sites like FamilySearch or Ancestry; wiki sites such as WikiTree; blogs; or building your own website. The emphasis will be on simpler and free options. In addition to a full exploration of these options, the course will cover what can happen to your online information when you die and what planning you can do for this eventuality.

Introduction to Genealogy and Family History

Instructor: Linda Reid

Date: Saturday, February 10

Time: 10:00am to 4:00pm

Location: Toronto Reference Library, Learning Centre 1

Level: Beginner

Cost: OGS Members - \$50; Non-members - \$60

This fast-paced course introduces some of the records and techniques needed to research your family tree. It highlights vital records (civil and church), census records and probates (wills), showing how to extract and evaluate data. Secondary sources are touched on, and examples are shown of how to use online newspaper indexes as finding aids and how to use newspaper accounts of events to flesh out other data.

CONTACT INFORMATION

All enquiries about courses and other educational events should be sent by e-mail to courses@torontofamilyhistory.org.

For course and workshop details, and for registration information, go to:
<https://torontofamilyhistory.org/learn>

ACCESSIBILITY

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INTERESTED IN YOUR FAMILY HISTORY?

Members of the **Toronto Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society** range from beginners to those with years of experience and professional researchers. Some have roots in Toronto or Ontario, but some have all their research interests in other countries. What they have in common is a passion for family history, a desire to learn about new techniques and sources, and to share that knowledge and passion with other researchers. For more information about joining the Society, please visit <https://torontofamilyhistory.org> or contact us at:

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CO-SPONSORSHIP

Most of our courses are co-sponsored by the **Toronto Reference Library**, part of the Toronto Public Library System, which houses extensive family history resources. For more information visit www.torontopubliclibrary.ca

