

Finding Their Roots Genealogy Workshop

Saturday, April 13, 2019

Join professional genealogist Pamela Vittorio to learn about the many ways to find your roots using traditional and hidden resources including photos, heirlooms, and other artifacts. Bring your curiosity and your questions!

Cost: \$10.00 OCHC Members/\$15.00 Non-Members

Location: Oneida County History Center- Main Gallery

Date: Saturday, April 13, 2019

Time: 11:00 am- 1:30 pm

Registration/Questions: Mail in the registration form (reverse) or contact Rebecca McLain at rmclain@oneidacountyhistory.org or 315-735-3642. On-site registration also available.

Registration includes 2 presentations, door prizes, and light refreshments.

Schedule:

11:00 am-12:00 pm - *Unlocking the Mystery in Your Family History: Using Newspaper Articles and Hidden Collections to Find the Facts in Photos, Heirlooms, and Artifacts.* Unlock the story behind artifacts as the presenter tracks and traces the origins of various family heirlooms—a clock, pocket watch, a locket with a mysterious photograph, some family photos, glass bottles and ephemera—to discover the stories behind them. Find out how you can correlate newspaper articles and family stories to make the most of what's in that box your grandma left behind. The truth may be hiding in plain sight!

12:00-12:30 pm - *Break: Mix and mingle with light refreshments, genealogy research raffle, plus optional tour of the OCHC library.* Enter to win 4 hours of free research (\$300 value) and other prizes.

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm - *Fantastic Records and Where to Find Them.* If your ancestors lived in a town along the Erie Canal or one of the lateral canals, there may be wealth of information on them just waiting to be discovered. This presentation covers cadastral (land ownership) maps, canal survey maps, city directories, canal land appropriation records, and other records that are hidden in various archives but could reveal information about your ancestors. Your ancestors do not have to be boatmen for you to find a canal connection!

Instructor Bio: Pamela Vittorio is a professional genealogist and an Associate Teaching Professor in the Department of English Language Studies/Parsons School of Design at The New School University, in NYC. She holds an MA from NYU in Languages and History. Pamela frequently conducts workshops and programs on the social and cultural history of U.S. canals, women's studies, the Civil War, Colonial period Canada/U.S. connections. She is the author of several books on English language learning, and has published articles on history and genealogy related to the Erie and NY State Canals. Her background includes a certificate in genealogical research from Boston University. She is enrolled in the Canadian Studies and Librarianship programs at Toronto University's National Institute of Genealogical Studies. Pamela attends the Salt Lake City Institute of Genealogy (SLIG), and the Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh (GRIP) yearly, and has taken coursework in Advanced Genetic Genealogy/DNA, Land Records, and Advanced Genealogical Research Methods, and the Genealogical Proof Standard.

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