



Pikes Peak Family History Fair

November 5, 2016 • Library 21c, Colorado Springs • 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

“Celebrating the Stories that Bind Us Together as a Community”

Sponsored by

Colorado Springs North Family History Discovery Center, strengthinourfamily.org

Pikes Peak Genealogical Society, www.ppgs.org

Pikes Peak Library District, www.ppld.org

Speaker Bios and Class Descriptions

(Keynote lectures will be given in Venue@21c, the main auditorium.)

10:30 a.m.

- **Venue@21c, Welcome and Keynote: Katherine Scott Sturdevant, “Triaging* Your Family Back into History: Urgent Steps Anyone Can Take to Research, Record, and Preserve”**



***Triage: to assign degrees of urgency to tasks so that one can decide the order of addressing those tasks.**

Do you wonder where to start or where best to continue your genealogy research, collecting, and writing so that all of your efforts will have been worthwhile, your stories and treasures saved? Learn how to set priorities, build context and connections, and develop projects that will give you more gratification and your family history more historical appreciation and permanence.

Katherine Scott Sturdevant, Professor of History at Pikes Peak Community College, has led PPCC U.S. history teaching and has also taught family history classes for almost 30 years. Her books, *Bringing Your Family History to Life through Social History* and *Organizing and Preserving Your Heirloom Documents*, indicate her emphasis on applying historical context, sources, and methods to family history research, organization, preservation, and writing. An award-winning, passionate teacher, she has been a popular lecturer locally, regionally, and on the national genealogy circuit. Kathy currently teaches family history methods and writing classes for the public through the PPCC Community Education Program.

- **Room J: John Putnam, “What’s Your Story?”**

Genealogy is more than pedigrees and family trees. More importantly, stories are an important part of preserving your genealogy because it provides your descendants with a narrative of WHO you were and how you related to the expanded family. This presentation helps you write and save these rich genealogical nuggets for the future.

John Putnam is a twelfth-generation descendant of New England settlers. He is the first in his direct lines that has lived west of the Hudson River. In his early life, his



grandmothers told him family stories which he wants to preserve for future generations and to write the stories that he has shared with his descendants about events which shaped his life. John is a past president of the Pikes Peak Genealogical Society and gives genealogical/historical presentations about the Salem Witchcraft Trials, New England History, and New England Revolutionary History.

- **Room L: Kirk Woosley-Patton, “Genealogical Research with Estate Records: Where There’s a Will, There’s Probably a Way”**

Genealogical research almost always is incomplete without consideration of estate records. This presentation will explore research strategies which family historians often employ when working with wills and related estate settlement documents.

Kirk Woosley-Patton, J.D., is a native and longtime resident of Kentucky, who now divides his time between his homes in his native state and Castle Pines, CO. He is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of Kentucky, having earned there his B.A. in history and his J.D. from the U.K. College of Law. Kirk practiced law in Kentucky full-time for 18 years before becoming a professional genealogist in 2011, when he founded Fincastle Ancestry Research, providing services as a genealogical researcher, writer, and lecturer with a specialization in estate settlement and land records.



Kirk is an eighth-generation Kentuckian, and a first cousin seven-times removed of Daniel Boone. His genealogical experience includes more than 30 years researching his family’s deep English and Scots-Irish roots in the Bluegrass State and in the Appalachian Mountains region in Pennsylvania, Virginia, and North Carolina. www.fincastleresearch.com

- **Room D: Courtney Smith, “The Search Is ON!”**

Are you looking for ways to enhance your family history research? Are you unsure of the best way to perform Google searches and then wonder what to do with all those results? We will discuss how to become more proficient in your searches and find those family history clues!

Courtney Smith is a math and computer science major from Colorado School of Mines. She worked as a computer programmer for Lockheed Martin. Family history is her a passion, and she applies her computer skills to teach advanced computer search methods.

- **Room B2: Rowan Reynolds, “Family History from a British Perspective”**

A presentation on the main records we use in Britain for genealogy. These include the Domesday Book, manorial records, parish records, civil registration, and the census. Historical background will be covered, and how to find them. The main emphasis is on England.

Rowan Reynolds lived in England most of her life, moving to Colorado in 2009. Her earliest recollections are of her mother telling her stories about her family and her dad taking her on tours of castles. This sparked an interest in history that led Rowan to major in history in college. She is especially interested in social history and how world events affect ordinary people.

- **Room B6: Kirk Woundy, “Capturing Life Stories”**

Even simple personal history projects can profoundly benefit you, your family, and future generations. In this interactive session, we will explore some of those benefits, talk about how to determine what story you want to tell, and identify some tools to make the process easy and—dare we say it—enjoyable.

After 10 years at the *Colorado Springs Independent* newspaper, the last 2½ as editor-in-chief, **Kirk Woundy** started Time Capsule Memoirs in 2015. His goal as a personal historian is to use the best aspects of good feature writing—thoughtful interviewing, skillful information-gathering, and above all, evocative storytelling—to



help individuals and families preserve their stories in formats that are unique and enduring. Visit his Time Capsule Memoirs booth at this fair. www.timecapsulememoirs.com

- **West Windows Upstairs: Janilee Nader, “Finding Your Family Story”** [west of Room J]

Join us as we share how we discovered our family stories and encourage you to find your own family story.

11:45 a.m.

- **Venue@21c, Keynote: Bob Taylor, “The Family History Guide”**

The Family History Guide is a premier learning site with links to over 1,000 articles and videos, all organized in a step-by-step learning approach that helps you find what you need, when you need it. It is featured on the front page of the FamilySearch portal site for nearly 5,000 Family History Centers worldwide, with visitors from over 150 countries. www.thefhguide.com

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- **Room J: J Richards, “U.S. Military Records”**

U.S. military records can be one of the most lucrative sources of genealogical information, not only providing details on an ancestor’s military service, but also specifics about their later life and family structure. This brief overview will address the types of information these records typically offer and specifically how to access them, including the extremely useful books and free contract databases available within the Pikes Peak Library District.

J Richards is a retired Air Force intelligence officer and former Harvard Fellow. He is a past president of the Pikes Peak Genealogical Society, currently serving as its education chairman and having taught genealogy classes for both the society and Pikes Peak Library District over the past 18 years. J has spent the past four decades conducting family history research, traveling throughout the U.S. and Europe in search of his roots.



- **Room L: Ed Storey, “Using City Directories and Sanborn Maps to Locate Relatives”**

City directories are important documents to help understand the lives of our ancestors. They were annual, printed for legibility, and provided both addresses and professions. Sanborn maps were produced to assist those selling insurance and they show details of houses, including construction materials. When the two are used together, they can provide an understanding of the yearly changes in the lives of our ancestors.

Ed Storey is a retired General Motors employee. He has been working on his ancestors from England, Germany, and India for about 10 years. He has been writing articles on genealogy for magazines for several years. Ed lives with his wife, Nancy, in Falcon.



- **Room D: Stephanie Moore, “Timelines”**

Stephanie Moore comes from a long line of genealogists. She has taught classes on digital fan charts and website timelines, volunteered at the Colorado Springs North Family History Discovery Center, and served as cochair of the Family History Fair for the past three years. She follows in her mother’s, grandmother’s, and aunts’ footsteps, continuing what they started.

- **Room B2: Vint Atkinson, “RootsMagic, Ancestral Quest, and Legacy Family Tree”**

This class will explain personal genealogy software and compare the major features and benefits of the three major software applications: RootsMagic, Ancestral Quest, and Legacy Family Tree. Discover why personal genealogy software is essential for your individual family tree and family history research.

Vint Atkinson was born in Idaho with a deep pioneer heritage. His father was a librarian, so being in a library and doing research is in his blood. He has loved family history for as long as he can remember. He has extensive experience with Ancestry.com and personal genealogy software. He is a retired architect and serves as a consultant at the Colorado Springs North Family History Discovery Center.



- **Room B3: Paris Neal, “Shoebox to Story Book”**

We have often been challenged to find a way to convert all of our photos, memories, articles, group sheets, and important documents from our “storage boxes” into a family history that can be understood, appreciated, added to, and passed along to the next generation. This class will show how to make that conversion into an “electronic family history scrapbook” that can include art, hotlinks, stories, and all of the other priceless collectibles that will culminate into a real time story book.

Paris Neal is a professor in the physics department at the U.S. Air Academy. He has extensive experience digitizing and cataloging family heirlooms to share with his large extended family. He also enjoys building computers, audio equipment, listening to music, and working in his yard.

- **Room B6: Marlo Schuldt, “New and Emerging Technologies to Share Family History Among Young and Old”**

Marlo Schuldt, of LifeStory Productions Inc. and creator of Heritage Collector Software, will help you gather, organize, find, prepare, and share your family history.

www.heritagecollector.com



- **West Windows Upstairs: Mariah Hudson, Steve & Joni Brandt, “Free Genealogy Resources in the Pikes Peak Area”** [open space west of Room J]

Learn about the many free family history resources at the Pikes Peak Library District and the seven Family History Centers in the Pikes Peak area.

1:00 p.m.

- **Venue@21c, Keynote: Deena Coutant, “DNA Testing: Discover Who You Are”**

Have you seen the TV ads about DNA testing and wondered how it all works? Discover how DNA testing (genetic genealogy) is now a major puzzle piece to help solve family mysteries and connect with cousins. Learn about the three DNA test types (autosomal, mitochondrial, and Y-DNA) and what kind of results to expect from the three major testing labs. Understand the ethics and limitations of DNA testing so that you can feel confident adding this exciting new tool to your family history toolkit.



Deena Coutant is passionate about creating family legacies that connect past, present and future

generations through stories, photos, research, or by uncovering the DNA of those ancestors who were previously lost to history. She combines her skills as a full-time professional researcher, genetic genealogist, and photo organizer to offer unique services through her company, DigiDeena Family Heritage Solutions. She provides education and strategies to help her clients successfully discover, celebrate, share, and properly preserve their families' memories. www.digideena.com

- **Room J: Carol Darrow, CG, “Immigration and Naturalization Records”**

Leaving your home country to travel to the United States was a frightening experience, and the new country was not always welcoming. But those that came took up land, established homes and families, and often became citizens of their new country. Passenger lists identify those that came to the U.S. and naturalization records often give us details of their former lives.

Carol Cooke Darrow has been a Certified Genealogist since 2005. She teaches beginning genealogy classes at the Denver Public Library and volunteers at the National Archives branch in Broomfield.



- **Room L: Candice McKnight, “Basic Genealogy Skills”**

Learn how to get started with basic genealogical terms and tools such as vital records, home sources, how to conduct oral history interviews, filling out pedigree charts, and how to find antebellum records.

Candice Rucker McKnight is a third-generation Colorado native. She founded the African American Genealogy Society of Colorado in 2000, and at the same time, the Negro Historical Association, founded in 1981 by some of the region's most noted members of the community, was losing its leader, Lu Lu Pollard. Because the two organizations shared many of the same goals, objectives, as well as members, the decision was made to join the two organizations and name McKnight as its president and CEO. aahgscs@aol.com



- **Room D: Vint Atkinson, “Using Ancestry.com to Tell Your Family Stories”**

This class introduces you to Ancestry.com and demonstrates how to find your family's stories using the search tools of this powerful family history research partner. Included are basic website navigation, starting your family tree, and techniques to assemble and tell your family stories.

Vint Atkinson was born in Idaho with a deep pioneer heritage. His father was a librarian, so being in a library and doing research is in his blood. He has loved family history for as long as he can remember. He has extensive experience with Ancestry.com and personal genealogy software. He is a retired architect and serves as a consultant at the Colorado Springs North Family History Discovery Center.



- **Room B2: Karl Young, “What’s New in FamilySearch”**

Learn what's new and useful at www.familysearch.com, a free genealogy website invaluable to genealogists worldwide.

Karl Young has been director of the Colorado Springs North and Broadmoor Family History Centers. He is currently a regional family history trainer.

- **Room B6: Tom Perry, “Celebrating Stories from *Extreme Genes* Podcast”**

Extreme Genes Family History Radio, www.extremegenes.com

As a youth, **Tom Perry** was deeply interested in family preservation and documentation, working with his mother doing genealogical research and assisting in his



father's love of photography. In 1973, he launched TMP Productions, now know as www.TMCPlace.com, which provides audio, video, and film transfer services to digital. He enjoys sharing with listeners his expertise and loves helping them to do what they can on their own to preserve their treasures.

- **West Windows Upstairs: Mariah Hudson, “Housekeeping for the FamilySearch Family Tree”**

Ideas and tools to get, and keep, the FamilySearch Family Tree tidy! We will briefly discuss the structure of “The Tree” and how to manage conflicting information before applying the concept of “low-hanging fruit” to the tree for things like identical names, incomplete or missing entries, nonstandardized dates and places, duplicate people, problems, and more! In addition to FamilySearch Record Hints, we will also introduce and leverage Find-A-Record on our journey to get, and keep, the FamilySearch Family Tree accurate and useful.



Mariah Hudson works at Special Collections, Pikes Peak Library District.

2:15 p.m.

- **Venue@21c, Keynote: Janet Havorka, “Why Family History Strengthens Families and 10 Great Ideas on How to Do It”**

Studies have shown that greater knowledge about family history strengthens your relationships and creates a core identity that empowers your current family. In this session you will learn to use the technology your family members already access every day to create a strong family narrative together. You'll leave with a plan for making your family history fun and strengthening your current family relationships.

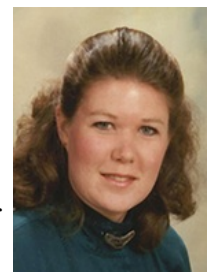


Janet Havorka is the author of the *Zap the Grandma Gap* books and workbooks to help family historians engage the youth in their family with their history. Janet is passionate about the nutrition family history brings to the souls of all family members and how it creates stronger relationships in modern families.

Janet writes the Chart Chick blog and the Zap the Grandma Gap blog. She is past president of the Utah Genealogical Association and teaches library science, business, and genealogy at Salt Lake Community College. www.zapthegrandmagap.com

- **Room J: Dina Carson, “Hiding in Plain Database: Tips and Tricks for Finding Exactly the Records You’re After”**

Searching in databases can produce gold mines of information. They can also be frustrating and inefficient if you do not know how to conduct an effective search. It's important to learn the lingo of databases to take advantage of the advanced search features. You will discover how to: narrow the results, broaden the results, and use bread-crumbs navigation. You will learn how the most common typing mistakes can fool even the best searches. Sometimes you must stop looking for people and start looking for data points. As databases become more sophisticated, you will learn how to master the sliders and bring on the browse. If you have searched a database and not found what you were looking for, after this talk, you will want to look again.



Dina Carson has been involved in genealogy for more than two decades, and is currently the coordinator of the Boulder Pioneers Project, a comprehensive look at the original source documents for Boulder County during the Territorial period (1859–1876). She is the author of more than a dozen annotated indexes of Boulder County source materials and owns Iron Gate Publishing. When she's not at a computer working on a publishing project, you can find her photographing the pioneer cemeteries of Colorado. www.irongate.com

- **Room L: Andy Likins, “Locating Images of Ancestors”**

Seeing images of our ancestors makes them more than just a collection of names and dates. We’ll learn about how you can locate images of your ancestors—some in unexpected places.

Andy Likins has been interested in family history for as long as he can remember, and has been actively researching for over 30 years. *Ancestry Magazine* and Archives.com have published articles he has written on topics relating to American and Scandinavian research. His memberships include the Swedish Colonial Society and the Association of Professional Genealogists. Andy is a professor at Pikes Peak Community College and also does genealogical research for clients. Collecting images of family members is one of his favorite aspects of genealogy. LikinsGenes@aol.com



- **Room D: Bob Taylor, “The Family History Guide”**

Explore shortcuts to find records quickly and resources for learning how to do family history with *The Family History Guide*, www.thefhguide.com.

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- **Room B2: Kim Young, “Land Records”**

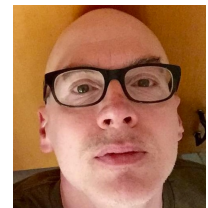
Land records can often be key to solving genealogical problems. Learn how to use these valuable resources.

Kim Young has been involved with genealogy for almost 40 years. Her experience ranges from digging through her own German and American roots to helping others with their German, French, Scandinavian, and American research. In locating ancestors’ property transactions, Kim has worked with the distribution and platting of U.S. land. Kim is passionate about finding her family and uniting generations through records and stories.

- **Room B3: Patrick McConnell, “The Story Project: How to Craft a Memorable Family Story”**

Explore the mechanics of and gain insights on presenting a winning story including how to outline, strengthen, garner additional details, have a strong opener, keep the action moving, memorize, and have a strong stage presence. Beneficial for writers as well as public presenters.

Patrick McConnell is a master storyteller, writer, host, and associate producer of *The Story Project* radio show, sponsored by the Smokebrush Foundation (airs next on Sunday, Nov. 6, at 7 p.m., 91.5 KRCC). <https://thestoryprojectsoco.wordpress.com/>



- **Room B6: Gordon Taylor, “Gathering Family History Using Mobile Devices”**

How can the latest innovations in technology advance your family history research?

Gordon Taylor has 50+ years of genealogy experience. He is vice president of the Joseph Taylor Sr.

Family Association, managing a descendants program using technology to gather histories. He is assistant director of a Family History Center in Denver, moderates a senior genealogy club, teaches technology for the Colorado Genealogical Society Computer Interest Group, and is a member of the Highlands Ranch Genealogy Society. A retired USAF colonel, he has degrees in business and online learning from USU and GWU.

- **West Windows Upstairs: Adri Murdock & Lexie Borg, “Family History for Families and Children”** [open space west of Room J]

It can sometimes seem overwhelming to carve out time to teach your children about their roots, but incorporating family history into your family’s life can be fun and is completely doable. Find out how two moms make family history come alive for their children through games, family traditions, home decor, and incorporating family history into everyday life.

Adri Murdock is a busy wife and mom of five kids, ages 3-13. She enjoys art, reading, taking pictures, sewing an occasional quilt or costume, and hiking.

Lexie Borg has loved pictures and stories for as long as she can remember, and her five kids can vouch that she takes WAY too many pictures! In between the normal duties of being mom, she can be found reading picture books with her boys, singing something silly with her kids, planning some kind of trip, and enjoying “ice cream o’clock” with her husband once the kids are in bed.

3:30 p.m.

- **Awards and Closing, Venue@21c: Dr. Nicholas Gledich, District 11 Superintendent, “The Link Between Education and Family History”**

Awards will be presented to children and teens who participated in Family History Fair coloring and writing contests. Also, drawings for Pikes Peak Family History Fair Passport participants.

