# October 2018

## Family History Month

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Registration Recommended for all Events
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Monday, October 1, 2018, 6:30 p.m., Discovery Center

**Basics of Scanning** - Kay Spears

Learn about scanning, one of the ways to save your family photographs, documents, letters, diaries, etc. This program will cover the basics of scanning, from how to handle your different artifacts to the file format in which your family treasures should be saved. There will be a demonstration with a flatbed scanner, and you are invited to bring a few photographs to scan and save to your USB drive.

Tuesday, October 2, 2018, 6:30 p.m., Discovery Center

**City Directories: More than Basic Facts** - Melissa Tennant

City directories provide more than just a name and address for a particular year. Discover the stories held within these volumes.

Wednesday, October 3, 2018, 6:30 p.m., Discovery Center

**Researching the History of Your House** - Cynthia Theusch

Discover the various resources available to learn about the history of your house and the people who lived there. This session will help you with ideas for researching houses both in the city and rural areas.

Thursday, October 4, 2018, 6:30 p.m., Discovery Center

**DNA Interest Group Meetings** - Sara Allen

Have you done a DNA test for genealogical purposes? Do you completely understand the results you received? Do you need advice in interpreting your results? Are you interested and wonder what the best test is for you? Come to the DNA & Genealogy Interest Group Meetings on the 1st Thursday of the month from to share and learn from each other! Beginners meet at 6:30 p.m., more advanced researchers gather at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, October 5, 2018 - Closed for Staff Day

Saturday, October 6, 2018, 10:00 a.m., Discovery Center

**Sharing Your Story – Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow** - Rick Voight

Would you like to relive treasured memories and share your story with kids and grandkids? We will show you fast and easy ways to digitize and revive photos of friends, family, and adventures that are gathering dust in closets and digital shoeboxes. Learn how to digitize pictures, restore them to original quality (with as little as one click), and how to tell your story to future generations. In one webinar session, you can begin the enjoyable pastime of organizing, digitizing photos, and storytelling.

Sunday, October 7, 2018, 1:00 p.m., Discovery Center

**Tracking Your Illinois Ancestors** - Sara Allen

Learn about the essential websites and important physical repositories for Illinois genealogical research.

Monday, October 8, 2018, 6:30 p.m., Discovery Center

**Beginning Tennessee Research** - Delia Cothrun Bourne

The sixteenth state admitted to the Union, Tennessee’s rich history is one of contrasts as pioneers settled or passed through to points west. Learn about the wide variety of sources available to researchers of the Volunteer State!
Tuesday, October 9, 2018, 6:30 p.m., Discovery Center

**Genealogical Research in Maryland** - John Beatty
As one of the original thirteen colonies, Maryland is a pivotal state for exploring ancestors who later moved into the Midwest and Deep South. It has some of the most complete extant records of early America, many of which are published. This session, intended for the beginner, will explore the many records available in this state and how to find them both in books and online.

Wednesday, October 10, 2018, 7:00 p.m., Meeting Room A

**Non-population Schedules** - Randi Richardson
Join the Allen County Genealogical Society of Indiana for their monthly meeting. All are welcome!

Thursday, October 11, 2018, 6:30 p.m., Discovery Center

**Empire State Genealogy** - Sara Allen
New York ancestral research can be challenging, due to record loss and lack of civil marriage records prior to 1880. Fortunately many other valuable types of genealogical resources exist. Attendees will learn about the records that are available for New York State and New York City, and where to find these great resources.

Friday, October 12, 2018, 2:30 p.m., Discovery Center

**Hoosier Hospitality: Immigrating to Indiana** - Allison DePrey Singleton
Indiana is considered the Crossroads of America. Numerous families passed through Indiana on their way west but many stayed. Join us as we look at immigration to the Hoosier State and some uniquely Hoosier resources for family history.

Saturday, October 13, 2018, 10:00 a.m., Discovery Center

**Basics of Adobe Elements** - Kay Spears
A walk through Adobe Elements. What’s new? What’s exciting? What’s useful? Discover some techniques, tips, workarounds, which may be used when restoring, enhancing, and retouching scanned documents, photographs, and family artifacts in Adobe Elements.

Sunday, October 14, 2018, 1:00 p.m., Discovery Center

**Unlocking the Past with Digital African American Collections** - Melissa Tennant
Learn about the amazing African American collections that are freely available online and the best ways to access them.

Monday, October 15, 2018, 6:30 p.m., Discovery Center

**School Work – Finding & Using School Resources in Family History** - Delia Cothrun Boume
Education in the United States has been a fluid process from colonial days to the present. Discover what education-based resources you can utilize when finding your ancestors!

Tuesday, October 16, 2018, 6:30 p.m., Discovery Center

**“The Douglas Has Come!” Stephen A. Douglas and the Presidential Campaign of 1860 in Fort Wayne** - John Beatty
This talk will discuss the presidential election of 1860 particularly as it relates to Fort Wayne. It will focus especially on the appearance of Stephen Douglas in Fort Wayne on October 2, 1860, and the racial hatred that was expressed during that visit as well as the social divide that existed in the community at that time.
Naming Practices and Genealogy - John Beatty

What were the names your ancestors gave to their children? The choice of names can tell us a lot about a family, sometimes one of only a few clues he or she may have left us. This talk will explore naming systems used by various cultures in Europe and America, and will show examples of how you can sometimes break through brick walls in your research by understanding naming patterns.

ACGSI Computer Interest Group

Join the Allen County Genealogical Society of Indiana’s Computer Interest Group for tips for using your computer for family history!

PERSI Help Session - Adam Barrone

Unsure of how to use the Periodical Source Index (PERSI)? We’ll help you jump into PERSI to find resources you may have missed. Bring a laptop or tablet which you can connect to the library’s wireless internet along with a list of surnames and geographic locations of interest to you. (Don’t have a laptop or tablet? We will have a few computers to use on a first come, first serve basis.)

Jumping the Pond: Beginning to Research Your European Immigrant Ancestors - Allison DePrey Singleton

You found your immigrant ancestor, now what? Let’s look at the different types of records that may help you find out more about your immigrant ancestors and their families.

Indiana Avenue - Life and Musical Journey from 1915 to 2015 - Aleta Hodge

A book talk that shares the 100-year history of an African American family and the music legacy of Indiana Avenue in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Cemeteries Are Not Just for Ghosts - Allison DePrey Singleton

This program designed for ALL ages will take place in Greenlawn Cemetery. Come learn basic cemetery etiquette, participate in a scavenger hunt to search for unique gravestone carvings and symbolism, and learn how cemeteries can be helpful for family history research. Meet at the Greenlawn Parking Lot, 6750 Covington Rd, Fort Wayne, IN 46804. Please dress comfortable for walking outside.

Native American/First Nations Research - Curt Witcher

This presentation provides an overview for the person beginning Native American genealogical research. Emphasis is placed on paying close attention to historical details, the major differences between Euro-American and Native American societies, and conducting research within the proper historical and geographic contexts. Major records groups are defined with an extensive bibliography provided.

Days with Diahan Southard - DNA Workshop

A fun and interactive, no-computers-required genetic genealogy workshop that will have you actually DOING genetic genealogy. Registration is required. To register, go to https://www.acgsi.org/.

DNA Testing Techniques for Adoptees

Sara Allen

Thursday, October 25, 2018, 6:30 p.m., Discovery Center

Discovering Our FANs and Collaterals

Melissa Tennant

Wednesday, October 24, 2018, 6:30 p.m., Discovery Center
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**Discovering Our FANs and Collaterals** - Melissa Tennant

This session will show how exploring the Friends, Acquaintances, Neighbors (FANs) and relatives of your direct ancestors can help demolish the genealogical brickwall.

Thursday, October 25, 2018, 6:30 p.m., Discovery Center

**DNA Testing Techniques for Adoptees** - Sara Allen

Have you sought your birth family through traditional genealogical research, but had no luck? Adding DNA testing to your tool box can break down that brick wall and help find biological family members. This session is applicable to anyone with unknown close biological family members, including those with an unknown father or unknown grandparents.

Friday, October 26, 2018, 9:30 a.m. - 12 noon, Discovery Center

**Days with Diahan Southard - DNA Workshop** - Diahan Southard

A fun and interactive, no-computers-required genetic genealogy workshop that will have you actually DOING genetic genealogy. Registration is required. To register, go to https://www.acgsi.org.

Friday, October 26, 2018, 6:00 p.m. – 12:00 midnight, The Genealogy Center

**Midnight Madness Extended Research Hours**

Have you ever wished to be locked in the library at night with all of the genealogical goodies at your fingertips? Well, stay up late with The Genealogy Center Staff for extra research time and a little bit of learning! Plus, three 30-minute sessions will be offered in the Discovery Center:

6:30 p.m.: **Last Seen: Finding Family after Slavery** - Delia Cothrun Bourne

After the Civil War, divided African American families began to place advertisements in black newspapers across the country hoping to gain a clue to discovering their lost loved ones. “Last Seen” was created to promote crowdsourcing to transcribe and post these inquiries. Come learn about this fabulous source.

7:30 p.m.: **What’s in the Collection? Tour and Introduction to The Genealogy Center Collection** - Allison DePrey Singleton

Join us on a brief tour of The Genealogy Center where you will be introduced to our massive physical collection. This tour will give you a better idea of where to look for that fantastic book you located in our catalog. *Please be prepared to stand and walk for half an hour.

8:30 p.m.: **Beyond Google: Conducting a Reasonably Exhaustive Search** - Curt Witcher

This presentation is a quick look at locating materials for one’s research that may not be immediately obvious.

Saturday, October 27, 2018, 9:15 - 5:00 p.m., Meeting Rooms A,B, & C

**Days with Diahan Southard** - Diahan Southard

“Three Powerful Ways to Find Your Best Matches,” “Organizing Your DNA Results,” “Genetic Genealogy Advanced,” and “Three Ways to Get Your Children and Grandchildren Involved in Genealogy.” Registration is required. To register, go to https://www.acgsi.org/event.php.

Sunday, October 28, 2018, 1:00 p.m., Discovery Center

**I am Hilda Schrader Whitcher: Social Security History** - Allison DePrey Singleton

The Social Security Death Index and Applications are invaluable to family historians but why was it created? Sometimes to understand every aspect of a great resource, you need to know the history. This presentation will look at the history of Social Security and the identity of Hilda Schrader Whitcher.
Monday, October 29, 2018, 6:30 p.m., Discovery Center

Finding Fort Wayne Photographs - Delia Cothrun Bourne
There are many visual sources for Fort Wayne and Allen County, showing streets, buildings, people and more. Learn about some of the sources available for locating old photographs of your town!

Tuesday, October 30, 2018, 6:30 p.m., Discovery Center

Using Tax Records in Genealogical Research - John Beatty
Tax records are an underutilized source in genealogical research, and yet they are absolutely crucial for finding familial connections, especially in states like Virginia where many other records are lost. This talk will explore the various ways our ancestors were taxed and how to locate and interpret those records in our family history research.

Wednesday, October 31, 2018, 2:30 p.m., Discovery Center

Genealogy of the Tragedies: Death and Sorrow in America - Allison DePrey Singleton
Every family has at least one tragedy in their family narrative. Let's explore the process of researching some of these tragedies and how you can apply these same methods to your family history research.

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