

Finding Family

Spring 2009 Genealogy Workshops at the National Archives–New York

3/10 **Finding Family: Using U.S. Federal Census Records**

Census records can provide the building blocks of your research, enabling you to both confirm information about your family history and to learn more. This workshop provides an overview of census records, including tips for researching the 1790–1840 and 1850–1930 Federal census schedules. Discover what clues on the census can lead you to other types of records.

4/14 **Finding Family: Using U.S. Passenger Arrival Records**

Immigration records, also known as ship arrival records, and/or vessel crew lists can provide genealogists with information including a person's nationality, ship name and date of entry into the United States, physical characteristics, place of last residence, intended destination in the United States, and more. Come learn about immigrant arrivals in the port of New York from 1789–1957 and how to search them.

5/12 **Finding Family: Using Federal Naturalization Records**

Naturalization is the process by which an alien becomes an American citizen. These records can provide a researcher with an ancestor's birth date and location, occupation, immigration year, marital status and information on the spouse, the names and addresses of witnesses, and more. NARA–New York only has records for persons naturalized in a Federal court (with an additional reference collection of local naturalization records for New York City, pre-1907). Come learn about this genealogical treasure.

6/9 **Finding Family: Using Newspapers and Mug Books: Unusual Sources for Family Historians**

Newspapers are the day to day (or week to week) diaries of community and national events. Many types of genealogical information can be found in newspapers (not limited to birth, marriage, and death notices), and our presenter will show examples. He will also discuss county histories or “mug books” (over 5,000 have been described by P. William Filby) and indicate the use and cautions associated with these publications. This lecture will be presented by genealogist and NARA volunteer, Art Sniffin.

All workshops are 12:30–1:30 P.M. Feel free to bring your lunch.

****This lecture series is open to the public, free of charge.****

Space is limited, so registration is recommended at newyork.archives@nara.gov.

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