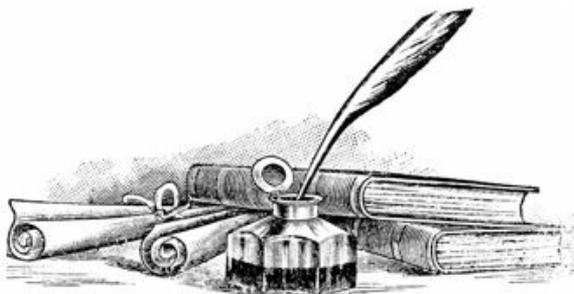


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Records to discover our ancestors

42nd Annual Family History Workshop September 23, 2017

Horizon Middle School East Campus
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Enjoy the Heritage Education Commission's Family History Workshop, and then relax for the evening at the Travelodge & Suites of Moorhead. Closest hotel to Horizon Middle School.

Free Breakfast

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Family History Workshop Schedule

8:00-8:30	Lobby: Registration and Refreshments			
8:30-8:45	Welcome			
	Room 108	Room 101	Room 102	Room 105
8:45-10:00	Paula Stuart-Warren New Englanders in the Midwest: Key Resources	Teri Raiche Using PRDH for French-Canadian Research	Gary Ball-Kilbourne Redeeming Family Heirlooms & Finding Genealogical Artifacts Online	Barbara Witteman Story Writing
10:00-10:30	Genealogical Exhibits			
10:30-11:45	Paula Stuart-Warren The Farmer in the Dell ... and in Many U.S. Records	Jackie Marler Beginning to Gather Your Family History	Jeremiah Moerke Genealogy and DNA 101	Rick Crume A Guide to FamilySearch.org
11:45-1:15	Luncheon – Awards - Carol Knodle: It's Not Your Grandparent's Family Bible			
1:15-2:30	Paula Stuart-Warren Research Rewards in County Courthouse and Town Hall Records	Rick Crume Online Genealogy: A Quick Tour of the Best Sites	Daniel Sauerwein Civil War & Military Records: Uncovering your Ancestor's Service	Michael Swanson Getting the Most out of Ancestry.com
2:30-3:00	Genealogical Exhibits and Refreshments			
3:00-4:15	Paula Stuart-Warren Controlling Chaos: Organizing Your Genealogical Materials	Michael Harvey Preserve your Legacy	Janet L. Holaday The Major Hereditary Societies and Documenting Lineage for their Membership Applications	John Beving 19th Century Military Records from lesser known sources
				Verlyn Anderson Norwegian Genealogy Research – Online Resources
				Room 114 Jackie Marler Gathering the News for Family Histories

2017 Family History Workshop Presenters



Paula Stuart-Warren, Certified Genealogist™, is an internationally recognized genealogical educator, researcher and consultant focusing on unusual resources, manuscripts, methodology, and analyzing records. She is a long-time course coordinator and instructor for the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy and the Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh and has been an instructor for Ancestry Academy and Family Tree University. Her lecturing experience includes national conferences and seminars in many states and Canada. She is a member of the Board of Directors of the Federation of Genealogical Societies and a former officer of the Association of Professional Genealogists (APG), former board member of the Minnesota Ge-

nealogical Society, and past President of the Northland Chapter of the APG. She is descended from eight ancestral countries and has researched family connections across the U.S. and Canada. She has researched onsite from coast to coast and has written for many genealogical publications and has her own educational website and blog at <http://genealogybypaula.com>.

Paula Stuart-Warren: New Englanders in the Midwest: Key Resources: Many branches of New England families migrated to the Midwestern and Plains states. With them they brought their personal libraries, family bibles, photographs, diaries, journals, stories, and more. Once in their new locality they participated in other aspects of life. Many of these activities generated records that are often overlooked. **The Farmer in the Dell . . . and in Many U.S. Records:** This session and accompanying handouts demonstrate the extensive records and places for learning more about ancestral farmers and farms. No matter the present status of the property, there are ways to learn more about farmers, farms, and related activities. **Research Rewards in County Courthouses and Town Hall Records:** Courthouses and town halls are treasure troves of records for family history research. Learn what these records hold, and how to find and access them. This lecture focuses on historical rather than current records on the county and town level. **Controlling Chaos: Organizing Your Genealogical Materials:** How should you store your important materials? Just starting your research? Why not organize sensibly from the beginning? Too far past the beginning? This session will help you deal with these questions, and provide easy tips to help keep you on top of your organization. Whether you use electronic, paper, or a combination of methods, consistency is the clue.

Teri Raiche: Teri Raiche has been interested in genealogy since about age nine, when her family acquired an old family history book tracing one male line back to France in about 1600. She has visited the ancestral grounds twice and personally examined the original documents. With the advent of the internet, she became convinced the female line information must be available to some extent. She has since authored one book for each of her five French-Canadian great grandparents. Teri holds a Master of Science degree and has enjoyed turning her research skills into this personal endeavor. **French-Canadian Genealogy: Finding all Those Lost Grandmothers:** This class will explore Le Programme de recherche en démographie historique (The Research Program in Historical Demography). We will learn what the PRDH is and how to use it strategically to fast forward your research. The presenter will include ancillary resources and base the presentation on actual cases.

Gary Ball-Kilbourne, PhD, PLCGS, has been exploring family history for forty-plus years. After a career as a pastor and editor, he started Prairie Genealogy to help persons find their family roots, especially in the Northern Plains. He has conducted local research for the Who Do You Think You Are television show and currently helps teach Boston University's online course in genealogical research. **Redeeming Heirlooms and Finding Genealogical Artifacts Online:** Not every family has passed cherished heirlooms down the generations. Yet, a family's precious artifacts might still exist and show up in an antique store or auction house, or be offered for sale online. If you only knew how to find them, they might help you overcome a long-standing brick wall. As you research an heirloom's background, new and surprising insights might come to light. This lecture will show you some of the secrets to finding those heirlooms.

Dr. Barbara Witteman has a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership from Miami (OH) University and teaches in the Education Department at Concordia College, Moorhead, MN. She is active in her community of Fargo-Moorhead. **Story Writing:** Every family has a story to tell. This accomplished biographer and published author of juvenile literature shares her tips on successful story writing.

Jackie Marler: Jackie Marler's interest in family history research was sparked attending the Family History Workshop in 1982. She has won two G. K. Haukebo awards in 1992 and 2007 and has been a presenter at numerous Family History Workshops. She currently is newsletter editor for Red River Valley Genealogical Society, the genealogist for the Hallinglag of America and is on staff at the West Fargo Historical Center. **Gathering the News for Family Histories:** A short history of newspapers, how technology affects newspaper resources, places to look for newspapers and gathering family history information from the newspapers. **Beginning to Gather Your Family History:** Understanding the steps in the process of accomplishing your family history.

Jerimiah Moerke: Jerimiah Moerke has a degree in journalism and history from the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities. Moerke began researching his ancestors nearly two decades ago. Much of this work has focused on his ancestors in Minnesota, colonial America, the Netherlands, Germany and Poland. Most recently, he has become very interested in using DNA in his research. **Genealogy and DNA Testing 101:** This session will cover the basics of using DNA testing in genealogy research. DNA testing is a relatively new tool for the family history researcher. The presenter will outline the basics of DNA, why it's useful for genealogy research, the types of DNA testing available for researchers and an overview of the testing services available. The session will also include success stories and pitfalls of using DNA testing in your family tree project.

Rick Crume: A contributing editor for *Family Tree Magazine*, Rick has also written for *Family Chronicle*, *Internet Genealogy*, *Discovering Family History*, the *National Genealogical Society's NewsMagazine* and the *Minnesota Genealogist*, as well as genealogical journals in Canada and Great Britain. He is the author of "*Plugging Into Your Past: How to Find Real Family History Records Online.*" He specializes in online research, genealogy software and British genealogy. **Online Genealogy: A Quick Tour of the Best Sites and A Guide to FamilySearch.org.**

Tony Tilton: Tony Tilton is the morning director for Valley News Live and General Manager of Moorhead Community Access Media and Television. He is a graduate and on-call adjunct professor of film and music at MSUM and is a founding chairperson of the Fargo Film Festival as well as the chairman of the annual popular culture festival Valley Con and Fargo-Moorhead Comic-Con and several other local and regional events and non-profit organizations. **Make Mine Digital:** If you have a collection of audio cassettes and VHS tapes that are gathering dust, attend this session and learn how you can convert them into useful computer files that can be edited, put on CDs or DVDs or saved to an iPod or MP3 player or loaded on the internet.

Carol Knodle: A native of Moorhead, Carol Knodle has been a member of the Saint John's Bible Exhibit steering committee, working on the logistics and coordinating events for this exhibit for the past three years. She has given talks on the exhibit and promoted the exhibit at several events in the area. Carol has also done family history research for several years. Her other interests include leading seven mission teams to Bolivia and the Dominican Republic. She is a member of Altrusa International of Fargo, ND Inc. **It's Not Your Grandparent's Family Bible:** Learn about the Saint John's Bible, the process and the final product. The Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County is bringing in the largest exhibition in its history to Moorhead. This is also the largest traveling exhibition of the Saint John's Bible, featuring 68 original pages from all seven volumes. There will also be tools, sketches, materials, and rare books. It is a gift of art, history, and faith to the millennium and a new call for our commitment to community, hospitality, justice, and transformation. This exhibition will run from Oct. 1 to Dec. 31, 2017.

Daniel Sauerwein: Daniel is a Reference Specialist with the North Dakota State Archives in Bismarck, where he assists patrons with accessing materials, including genealogically significant materials. He previously worked in the Elwyn B. Robinson Department of Special Collections at UND's Chester Fritz Library at the University of ND in Grand Forks where he is a Ph.D. candidate in

History. Originally from Jerseyville, IL, Sauerwein earned a BA in History from Illinois College and his MA from the University of North Dakota, where his thesis explored camps of instruction in Illinois during the Civil War. His historical interests include American military history, North Dakota history, and local history. Sauerwein specializes in researching U.S. military records. He is a member of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. He enjoys Civil War living history and reenactment and is active in the community as a member of Civil Air Patrol and the Sons of the American Legion.

Civil War and Other Military Records: Uncovering Your Ancestor's Service: This session is for those who have an interest in the military history of their family, or are attempting to assist veterans in their lives with getting records for benefits or awards. It is also for those seeking to uncover their connection to some of the pivotal conflicts in American history. Have you ever wondered if you are descended from a veteran of the Civil War or Revolutionary War? If so, this session is for you. We will discuss the various records (both governmental and personal) available for research into the men and women that fought in our nation's wars, with emphasis on the Civil War and World Wars I and II, including the problems and limitations present in some record groups and the methods for ordering records and the costs. Finally, I will briefly discuss the various organizations open to descendants of veterans of the various conflicts in American history and what some offer.

Michael Swanson: A native of Fulton, Illinois, Michael is an archivist in the Elwyn B. Robinson Department of Special Collections at the University of North Dakota. He graduated in 2007 with a MSI degree from the University of Michigan, specializing in archives and records management. His current responsibilities include managing the Arne G. Brekke Bygdebok Collection and conducting genealogical and historical research on behalf of remote patrons. Michael is president of the Minnkota Genealogical Society in Grand Forks and has been a regular speaker at the annual Moorhead Family History Workshop. **Getting the Most Out of Ancestry.com:** Ancestry.com continues to be a worldwide leader in fee-based access to genealogical information and currently has about 2.6 million personal subscribers. Not considering its affiliated services such as Fold3, Newspapers.com, and AncestryDNA, the flagship website has a collection of 20 billion records organized into thousands of databases along with 90 million family trees. With this quantity of information, navigating the website and obtaining relevant results can be challenging. This session will demonstrate how the website is organized and provide tips and tools to conduct effective searches on Ancestry.com.

Linda Westrom: Linda has worked on her family history off and on for about 30 years, researching German ancestry and Yankee/New England ancestry. In 2013, she wrote and published a Bollmann family history. Linda is currently president of the Minnesota Genealogical Society which has as its mission education for those interested in pursuing the history of their family. Counting Noses – Census Records: Census records are one of the first sources we use in researching our family history. Often, upon finding the name, we stop there. However, there is so much more information that we can glean from the US Federal censuses and from state censuses.

Michael Harvey: Michael Harvey is a retired computer programmer who has been helping people preserve their legacy by publishing a book. Harvey is also researching his family history. **Preserve Your Legacy:** In this short course you will learn the basics of preserving your legacy with a printed book. So far Harvey has helped about 25 people publish at least one book. Bring pen and paper.

Janet Holaday: Janet L. Holaday began researching her own ancestry in the late 1970's and was voluntarily researching and preparing applications for DAR by the late 1980's. Since 2009 she has also done volunteer research and application preparation for DCW and DAC. She is a member of nine hereditary societies. She is past state registrar and honorary state regent of DAR. She currently is state registrar of both DCW and DAC, state lineage research chairman of DAR, national lineage research advisory chairman of DCW, and national co-chairman of the special committee to assist the national registrar of DAC. **The Major Hereditary Societies and Documenting Lineage for Their Membership Applications.**

John Beving: is currently President of the Red River Valley Genealogical Society. He has been an RRVGS officer for the past 17 years. For over twenty-five years, John has been actively involved in genealogical research with an emphasis on military records. **19th Century Military Records from Lesser Known Sources:** For most people, obtaining the military service records for their 19th

century ancestors from the National Archives is the climax of their research. Instead, it should be the beginning. This session will examine official Army Records, Medical/Surgical History and other federal and state records.

Verlyn Anderson: A retired Library Director and Professor of Scandinavian Studies at Concordia College, Verlyn and his wife, Evonne, have escorted more than 40 genealogy and study tours to Norway and the Baltic region for Concordia College, the Smithsonian Museums in Washington, D.C. and the Hadeland Lag of America. He has edited the *Brua*: the Newsletter of the Hadeland Lag for 25 years and has worked extensively in the development of the *Hadeland Immigrant Identification Database* which currently contains extensive genealogical information about the more than 11,500 people from Hadeland who emigrated to the United States and Canada. Verlyn was born and raised on the farm that his great-grandparents homesteaded in 1870 in rural Rothsay, Minnesota. Growing up in that environment at an early age “sparked” his interest in Norwegian emigration to America.

Norwegian Genealogy Research – On-Line Resources: There are many Norwegian genealogy-rich resources available on the Internet. This session introduces you to some of those major sites, including (1) the Norwegian National Archives: www.arkivverket.no/en which now contains access to ALL the Norwegian parish records, Norway’s national census and much more! (2) www.norwayheritage.com – a valuable source of information about Norwegian emigrant ships and their passenger lists, including information about individual crossings. If you know when your immigrant family left Norway, you will be able to find information about their journey on their immigrant ship to America. (3) <http://digitalarkivet.uib.no/sab/howto.html> “How to trace your ancestors in Norway” is a basic and valuable guide to researching information about your Norwegian ancestors that is available on-line. (4) www.fellesraad.com. How to access the valuable information that the Norwegian-American lags have about your Norwegian ancestors. Bring your questions about your Norwegian immigrant ancestors and we will attempt to answer them.

Family History Research Award Entries

The Heritage Education Commission, in order to promote family and regional history research, offers several book/research awards. They are listed below. The Entry Form and the book/research must be submitted by September 1, 2017. They may be submitted in printed or digital form. Award winners will be notified by September 18 and presented at the workshop luncheon. For more information visit www.heritageed.com and select Workshop and Research Awards on the top banner or email info@heritageed.com.

GK Haukebo Award: This award is designed to recognize the projects of merit, which assist family history researchers in locating genealogical materials or in expanding their research skills.

Audrey Zobel Jones Award: A major consideration in judging the submitted work will be its future usefulness to family, local or regional historians as well as to family descendants.

Bev Paulson Award: This award is designed to encourage local genealogists to submit printed or duplicated documents such as diaries, journals, memoirs, family reunions or scrapbooks.

Bernard Gill Youth Award: This award is designed to encourage young people to research their family history and to prepare a document in printed or digital form which will be of interest to their family members and/or members of their community. All entries must have been completed before the applicant’s 19th birthday.

Workshop Registration Information

Cost: \$49 includes luncheon for those whose registration and payment are received by Friday, September 15, 2017. Walk-ins are welcome, however, the luncheon is not guaranteed for registration fees paid after Friday, September 15.

Workshop Location:

Horizon Middle School East Campus
3601 12th Ave. S., Moorhead

From Interstate 94 take EXIT 2B [34th St.] to Moorhead; turn right onto 34th St. S. and go north; turn right onto 12th Ave S.; turn right on 40th St. S. The second right on 40th St. will take you directly to the larger parking lot on the south side of Horizon Middle School. Please enter from the south door #16 adjacent to the parking lot.

How to Register:

Online:

Go to <https://communityed.moorheads.k12.mn.us>.
Pay with Visa, MasterCard or Discover.

Call: 218-284-3400

Pay over the phone with Visa, MasterCard or Discover.

Mail or Walk In:

Bring or mail your registration form and payment to:
Moorhead Community Education
2410 14th St. S.,
Moorhead, MN 56560

Family History Workshop Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **E-mail:** _____

Registration Fee: \$49/Person _____ **(Qty) X \$49 =** _____ **(Total)**
(\$49 includes conference, materials, refreshments, luncheon)

Make checks payable to ISD 152 or charge to:

VISA MasterCard Discover

Card No. _____ **Exp. date:** _____

Please indicate special dietary needs: _____

*List additional registrations on a separate sheet.



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