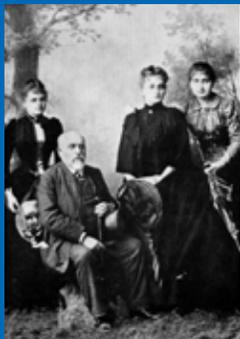
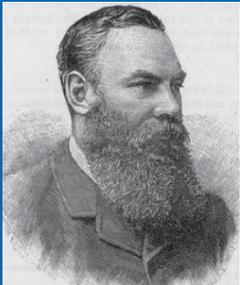


# Discover Your Family History at the Library

**January – June 2016**

**Saturdays, 10:30 am–12:30 pm**



## **Getting Started in Family History**

**Saturday, January 9, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm**

**Saturday, March 12, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm**

Join the Special Collections Division for an introduction to genealogy for new family historians. This class includes an overview of genealogical sources available at the library, suggestions for getting started, and tips for organizing your research. This class meets in Meeting Room 1, High Street Level, Main Library. Registration requested.

## **Researching Your Immigrant Ancestors 1820-1892 NEW!**

**Saturday, January 23, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm**

Immigration records changed a great deal between the “Act to Regulate Passenger Ships and Vessels,” which took effect in 1820, and the opening of Ellis Island in 1892. Focusing on European arrivals to the eastern seaboard, this class will discuss historic background as well as sources and strategies commonly used in researching immigrants during this era. This class meets in Computer Lab 2, First Floor, Main Library. Registration requested.

## **Branching Out: U.S. Vital Records and Obituaries**

**Saturday, February 6, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm**

This class focuses on the types of genealogical information and sources researchers encounter, what to expect when working with U.S. vital records and obituaries, and basic strategies for finding these records. As we will be using electronic resources, basic computer skills are recommended. This class meets in Computer Lab 2, First Floor, Main Library. Registration requested.

## **Finding Your Family in the U.S. Census**

**Saturday, February 20, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm**

United States Census records are rich sources of genealogical information. Join us as we learn more about using these valuable records for your family research. As we will be using electronic resources, basic computer skills are recommended. This class meets in Computer Lab 2, First Floor, Main Library. Registration requested.

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## Internet Genealogy

**Saturday, March 5, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm**

There are an overwhelming number of websites for genealogy research. This class will provide tips for locating online resources for family history research and allow participants some class time to explore websites. The focus will be on finding free online genealogy resources and brief introductions to the library's genealogy databases. This class does not cover Ancestry Library Edition as there is a separate class for this resource. This class meets in Computer Lab 2, First Floor, Main Library. Registration requested.

## Using Ancestry in Your Genealogy Research

**Saturday, March 26, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm**

With almost 9,000 databases and billions of images, Ancestry is the premier online genealogy resource--and it's available to you for free within any ASCPL location. This class will introduce you to the many features of Ancestry Library Edition and show you how to do efficient and effective searches. As we will be using electronic resources, basic computer skills are recommended. This class meets in Computer Lab 2, First Floor, Main Library. Registration requested.

## NEW CLASSES! Dig Into Databases

Go beyond Ancestry and discover other genealogy databases the Library has to offer. Join us to learn more about these great resources, including what they contain, how to access them, and how to do effective searches. Sessions will include an hour of demonstration and another hour of practice time with staff on hand to help. Main Library. Registration requested.

**Access NewspaperArchive:** Digitized newspapers from the U.S. and abroad.

**Saturday, April 16, 2016, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm,** Main Library, Computer Lab 2

**HeritageQuest:** Revolutionary War pension files, Freedman's Bank records, books and more.

**Saturday, April 30, 2016, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm,** Main Library, Computer Lab 2

**Fold3:** Military records, city directories, naturalization records and more.

**Saturday, May 7, 2016, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm,** Main Library, Computer Lab 2

## My Heritage – World Vital Records:

A variety of indexes and digitized records from the U.S. and overseas.

**Saturday, May 21, 2016, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm,** Main Library, Computer Lab 2

## Identifying Your Family Photographs

**Saturday, June 4, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm**

A picture may be worth a thousand words, but unlocking the stories of unidentified photographs requires some sleuthing. This class includes tips and techniques for identifying historic photographs. Learn to read clues, such as the type of photograph, clothing and hairstyles, and even whether or not subjects are smiling, to reveal the stories behind every photograph. This workshop will also take a look at how genealogy databases and local history resources can be used to identify your family photographs. This class meets in Meeting Room 1, High Street Level, Main Library. Registration requested.

## Getting Started in African American Genealogy

**Saturday, June 18, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm**

Do you want to trace your African American family tree? Not sure how or where to begin? The Special Collections Division presents a two-hour session for genealogy beginners who have a specific interest in African American ancestral research. This class meets in Meeting Room 1, High Street Level, Main Library. Registration requested.

These FREE classes require registration. For more information and to register, contact the Special Collections Division, 330-643-9030 or [speccollections@akronlibrary.org](mailto:speccollections@akronlibrary.org). Visit our website at <http://sc.akronlibrary.org/>



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