

The Special Collections Division of the Akron-Summit County Public Library and the Summit County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society present:

Our Ancestors from Europe: How to Discover Their Individual Stories



Featuring John Philip Colletta, Ph.D.
Saturday, August 27, 2016, 9:30 am - 4 pm
Main Library Auditorium
60 South High Street, Akron, Ohio 44326

Program Schedule:

- 9:30 – 9:45 **Introductions**
- 9:45 – 10:45 **Passenger Arrival Records, Colonial Times to Mid-20th Century**
- 10:45 – 11:15 Break
- 11:15 – 12:15 **Naturalization Records, Colonial Times to Mid-20th Century**
- 12:15 – 1:30 Lunch on Your Own
- 1:30 – 2:30 **Re-discovering “La Famiglia:” Accessing and Using the Records of Italy**
- 2:30 – 3 Break
- 3 – 4 **Discovering the REAL Stories of Your Immigrant Ancestors**

The program is free and open to the public, and parking is free in the High-Market Parking Deck. To register or for more information, contact the Special Collections Division at 330-643-9030 or speccollections@akronlibrary.org. Visit us on the web at <http://www.akronlibrary.org/SpecialCollections>.

John Philip Colletta is one of America’s most popular genealogical lecturers. Knowledgeable, experienced and entertaining, he resides in Washington, D.C. For twenty years, while laying the foundation for his career in genealogy, he worked half-time at the Library of Congress and taught workshops at the National Archives.



Today Dr. Colletta lectures nationally, teaches at local schools, and conducts programs for the Smithsonian Institution’s Resident Associate Program. He is a faculty member of the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research at Samford University (Birmingham, Ala.), the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy, and Boston University’s Certificate in Family History program.

He has also been an instructor and course coordinator for the National Institute on Genealogical Research (Washington, DC), the Genealogical Institute of Texas (Dallas), and the Genealogical Institute of Mid-America (Springfield, Ill.).

His publications include numerous articles, both scholarly and popular, two manuals — *They Came in Ships: A Guide to Finding Your Immigrant Ancestor’s Arrival Record* and *Finding Italian Roots: The Complete Guide for Americans* — and one “murder-mystery-family-history,” *Only a Few Bones: A True Account of the Rolling Fork Tragedy and Its Aftermath*. It tells the story of Colletta’s great great grandfather, Joe Ring, who moved his family from Buffalo, New York, to Rolling Fork, Mississippi, after the Civil War. When Joe Ring’s country store burned to the ground with five unfortunate victims sleeping upstairs, the incident was investigated as mass murder, robbery and arson.

Dr. Colletta appears frequently on podcasts and local and national radio and television. He is featured in Episode Four of “Ancestors,” the ten-part KBYU-TV series, as well as its sequel. He has received many professional honors, including fellowship in the Utah Genealogical Association and distinguished service awards from the Dallas Genealogical Society and the National Society, Daughters of Colonial Founders and Patriots. He is the creator and professor of “Discovering Your Roots,” a 15-lesson “Great Course” available on CD, DVD or streaming from The Teaching Company.



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