

The Special Collections Division of the Akron-Summit County Public Library presents:

Church and State: Genealogy Research in Religious and Government Records

Featuring
Sunny McClellan Morton and Chris Staats

**Saturday, April 1, 2017
9:30 am - 4 pm**

**Main Library Auditorium,
60 South High Street,
Akron, Ohio 44326**



Program Schedule:

- 9:30–9:45 am** Introductions
9:45–10:45 am Why We Care Where Grandma Went to Church
10:45–11:15 am Break
11:15 am–12:15 pm They Once Were Lost but Now Are Found: Using U.S. Church Records to Solve Genealogical Mysteries
12:15–1:30 pm Lunch on your own
1:30–2:30 pm Order in the Court! A Brief History of Ohio Courts and the Records They Created
2:30–3 pm Break
3–4 pm Buried Treasure: Finding Your Ancestors in Ohio's Local Government Records Collection

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/locations/main-library/special-collections>



Sunny McClellan Morton teaches genealogy for local, state, national and international audiences. She

is Contributing Editor and Genealogy Insider columnist for *Family Tree Magazine*, as well as Editor of *Ohio Genealogy News*. She has been an instructor for Family Tree University, and is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists and the International Society of Family History Writers & Editors.

Why We Care Where Grandma Went to Church

U.S. church records can reveal ancestors' vital events, family relationships and prior/subsequent residences (including overseas birthplaces). Learn what various types of church records look like, how to identify an ancestral church, locate extant records and access them.

They Once Were Lost but Now Are Found: Using U.S. Church Records to Solve Genealogical Mysteries

When are church records worth your while? When you're trying to answer specific kinds of questions. Lively case studies show how church records from various time periods, denominations and ethnic groups were located and used to address different research questions.



Chris Staats regularly presents and writes on genealogical topics including methodology,

resources, and technology. He has written articles for many publications including *Family Tree Magazine* and *Association of Professional Genealogists Quarterly*. He is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists and Seminar Chairperson for the Western Reserve Historical Society's Genealogical Committee.

Order in the Court! A Brief History of Ohio Courts and the Records They Created

Ohio's court system has undergone numerous revisions since its Northwest Territory days. This lecture will describe the evolution of different courts, their jurisdiction, and their records.

Buried Treasure: Finding Your Ancestors in Ohio's Local Government Records Collection

Ohio's Local Government Record Program has preserved a wealth of records that can't be found elsewhere. This lecture will cover what they are and how to access them.