

2018 Family History Discovery Day

Beginning Genealogy and Beyond



*Have you ever wondered just who you are related to?
Whose descendent you may be?
Whose picture that is in the old family album?
What your ancestors were actually like?
Have you ever wondered how to REALLY find out?*



- What?** Since 1988, the Columbus Georgia Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has periodically partnered with the Muscogee Genealogical Society to present seminars and workshops on various topics related to genealogy and family history research. For our 30th anniversary of this event we're back – bigger and better. And it's all FREE!
- During the day there will be five 50-minute sessions, with multiple topics being presented in different classrooms throughout the building. Through your pre-registration you will be able to choose the sessions of most interest to you, and you will receive your schedule during the Check-In on the day of the event.
- When?** **Saturday 10 November 2018** (8:45 – 3:30). Check-In is from 8:45 to 9:15 for those that have pre-registered.
- Where?** Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 4400 Reese Road, Columbus, Georgia (North of Macon Road).
- Cost?** Registration is free – just please attend, since your seat is reserved for you. Lunch will be on your own and sack lunches are welcome. Bottled water will be provided to everyone.
- Who?** The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints maintains the largest collection of genealogical and family history information in the world. The Family History Library in Salt Lake City is known world wide for its collection of books, microfilm records, and other genealogical information. A branch Family History Center, which can obtain almost anything available at the Salt Lake library, is available right here in Columbus and is open to the public. Founded in 1976, the Muscogee Genealogical Society is a local organization devoted to furthering genealogical research in general, with special emphasis on this area of the country. The Society sponsors 3 to 4 programs a year and publishes a journal, *Muscogiana*, twice a year.
- How?** There is limited seating capacity. It is anticipated that pre-registration will fill all available seats. To reserve a seat, the registration slip must be received not later than 3 November 2018. No registrations will be accepted after that date. Be sure to arrive during the Check-In period to receive your personalized class assignments. At 9:15 any unclaimed seats/class assignments will become available for any registrations on the waiting list, and after that for any unregistered walk-ins. Again – it is highly recommended that you get your registration in as soon as possible to ensure a seat. We want this to be a good experience for all.

===== CUT HERE and mail registration slip to address shown below =====

SEND REGISTRATION TO: Chris Schmink (Due to postal regulations, **do not** address to "Family History Discovery Day")
(PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY) P.O. Box 333
Fortson, GA 31808-0333

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

From the list on the other side of this brochure, enter your first 10 choices of sessions in order BY SESSION NUMBER:

Your Choices: 1st _____ 2nd _____ 3rd _____ 4th _____ 5th _____ 6th _____ 7th _____ 8th _____ 9th _____ 10th _____
(We will provide as many of your top choices as possible. The sooner we receive your registration the better your chances!)

ALL REGISTRATIONS **MUST** BE RECEIVED NOT LATER THAN 3 NOVEMBER 2018

Available Sessions (list your choices by number on your registration slip & return it by 3 November 2018)

1. **Getting started in Genealogy** – An introduction to the basic tools and steps in genealogical and family history research.
2. **Basic FamilySearch** – How to begin setting up and using FamilySearch, the free Family Tree web site.
3. **Using Census Records** – Primarily focusing on United States Census records – what's available, what can we learn?
4. **Exploring the Courthouse** – Knowing how to find records in the courthouse can help you document your family history.
5. **Cemetery Research** – What you can learn from cemeteries, and what sources are available.
6. **Advanced FamilySearch** – How to use FamilySearch to find records that seem unavailable.
7. **Web Resources for Genealogy** – Online sources (other than Ancestry and FamilySearch) – including Google.
8. **Local Resources** – The main focus of this session will be the Columbus Public Library and Columbus State Archives
9. **Ancestry.com** – Basic overview of the renowned fee-based resource (free at Family History Centers & Georgia public libraries) .
10. **Using Family Trees at Ancestry.com** - Create & manage your own family tree as a Registered Guest or Ancestry.com member.
11. **Your Family Story** – Every family has a story to tell! This session will explore ways to document and publish your family history.
12. **DNA and Genealogy** – An introduction to DNA and its use in solving genealogical puzzles.
13. **FamilyTreeDNA Test Results** – An introduction to the types of FTDNA tests and interpreting test results.
14. **Interpreting Your Ancestry.com DNA Results** – What you can learn and how you can use Ancestry's DNA results.
15. **Your Revolutionary War Ancestor** – How to research your ancestor and join a patriotic society.
16. **Latter-day Saint Family History Youth Session** – Designed specifically for Latter-day Saint youth and their leaders.
17. **African American Research** – Specifically oriented to finding family information for those with African-American ancestry.
18. **Finding and Using Unindexed Records** – There is a wealth of unindexed information available online – here's how to access it .

Further details with names and backgrounds of presenters will be available at: <http://www.muscogeegenealogy.com/>

If there are questions or concerns, you may contact the Family History Center during operating hours at 706-563-7216 (Tues/Thurs 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m). Alternately, you may email questions to: familyhistoryday2018@mindspring.com

Please keep this top portion of the sheet as a reminder of the date, time and location.

Other important information:

While at the event it is requested that no alcohol or tobacco products be used on the property or in the building.

Out of respect for other participants, it is requested that younger children not be registered or brought to the event. The exception of course will be for infants that are not able to be cared for except by a parent participating in the event. In that instance, it is merely requested that they be taken out of a meeting room if they become excessively noisy or disruptive.

Please turn off cell phones or place them in vibrate mode during the event in order to minimize disruption for presenters as well as fellow guests.

It is planned that the Family History Center will be open throughout the day for questions as well as for use as desired.

Please do not attempt to register for this event by phone or email – **registrations will only be accepted by mail using the registration form on the front of this flyer.** Preferences for classes will be by the order in which registrations are received.

On the day of the event the large door at the back of the building will be used – it will enter directly into the registration area.