

## **Dawn Carson Genealogy Lectures**

### **Uncovering Your Family History**

This six-part course is designed to challenge your brain while having fun learning about the resources and documents needed for family history research. The course is taught in six ninety-minute sessions. Fifteen minutes of Q&A will follow each session.

1. Session One~ The Genealogical Hunt: Where to Begin?
2. Session Two~ The Genealogical Hunt: Where is Your Money Best Spent
3. Session Three~ FREE, FREE, FREE: Where are those FREE online sites?
4. Session Four~ Proof: The Must Have Genealogical Resources
5. Session Five~ Writing a Research Plan
6. Session Six~ Road Trippin' iT; Taking Your Research on the Road

### **Speed Up Your Search and Find Your Ancestors Faster**

This sixty-minute discussion is designed to educate genealogists on some of the methods and techniques genealogists use to get more accurate results while speeding up their searches. A Q&A session will follow.

*Some of the topics covered in this course include:*

1. More accurate Ancestry.com searches
2. The Ancestry.com Card Catalog
3. Using Familysearch.org successfully
4. The Familysearch Wiki
5. Becoming Better Equipped to Take Your Research Onsite
6. Creating and Using a Research Plan
7. Creating and Using a Research Log

### **Using FREE Online Resources to Grow Your Family Tree**

This sixty-minute discussion is designed to educate genealogists about a variety of useful and FREE online genealogical resources. A Q&A session will follow.

*Some of the topics covered in this discussion include:*

1. FREE Genealogy Websites
2. FREE Genealogy Blogs
3. FREE Maps
4. Using Google Effectively
5. Search Tips and Tricks

## **Becoming a Probate Detective: Rejoicing in the Probate Files of Our Ancestors**

This sixty-minute lecture is designed to educate genealogists in the basics of probate and what invaluable clues and information they may find in a probate file. A Q&A session will follow.

*Some of the topics in the discussion include:*

1. The Will: "Who are the people in the will?"
2. What does the Probate process entail?
3. Where to locate probate files for research purposes
4. What clues and information may be located in a probate file
5. Potential will problems

## **Keys to Successful Genealogical Research at the Historical Society of Pennsylvania**

This sixty-minute lecture is a *how-to* for genealogists interested in researching online or in person at the Historical Society of Pennsylvania.

*Some of the topics in the discussion include:*

1. Using HSP.org as a starting point
2. HSP's databases: Discover, Encounters, Digital Library, and Patron Access Link
3. Finding Aids
4. On-site research
5. Parts of the historical society
6. Genealogy goodies Included in the collection