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# TELLING YOUR ANCESTORS' STORIES BY USING SOCIAL CONTEXT CLUES

Austin Genealogical Society  
Annual Spring Seminar

Featuring  
Dr. Michael Lacopo  
Friday and Saturday, May 17-18, 2019

Hours of diligent searching of official documents often leaves empty holes and frustration, as you feel like there is nowhere else to look for your ancestors. Becoming more aware of the social context of the world your ancestors were living in leads to a new perspective, and often fresh sources to dig for those missing relatives.

Join us in Austin at the sleek and modern conference facilities at the University of Texas at Austin's north research campus, UT Commons, on Friday afternoon and a full day on Saturday, May 17 and 18 for six exciting topics.

**Friday 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

- Incorporating Social History into Your Research
- Medical Genealogy: A Primer of Diseases That Killed Our Ancestors and Epidemics They Lived Through

**Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

- Deconstructing Your Family Tree: Re-Evaluating the Evidence
- I Am Poor, Obscure, Plain and Little: Researching the Invisible Ancestors
- Magnificent, Magical, Mesmerizing Manuscript Collections
- She Came from Nowhere ...: A Case Study incorporating Social History

**Registration Fees: \$45 for Friday, \$80 for Saturday,  
\$15 box lunch optional.**

**To register, please visit the Austin Genealogical Society's website  
[www.austintxgensoc.org](http://www.austintxgensoc.org) or phone 512-470-0860.**



Although a budding genealogist in the 1980s, Michael completed his doctorate in veterinary medicine in 1991, while still spending time honing his research skills. As befitting a doctor, Michael treats his genealogical research as he would medicine – carefully, methodically and completely. Several genealogical journal articles and publications appeared along the way. In 2013, Michael retired from his medical career to pursue genealogical research full-time as a profession. A rising star on the genealogy speakers circuit, Michael has lectured internationally and written for numerous periodicals and journals. A self-described “all-American mutt,” his research skills cover a broad range.





## BAY AREA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS

### DANA LEEDS

Creator of the Leeds Method of DNA Color Clustering and TSGS Speaker, to provide a seminar on methods to analyze your DNA results and identify your common ancestors.

**FRIDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 27 from 6:30pm to 8:00 pm**

Free and open to the public

**“AN INTRODUCTION TO DNA BASICS**

**Working with your matches: A DNA Toolkit”**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2019 from 10:00am to 2:00pm**

\$25 per person registration required

**4-Hour Seminar “DNA Match Clustering: The Leeds Method, Automated Adaptations, and Working with Clusters”**

You will learn

- How to create a chart to help identify and analyze DNA Match Clusters
- Using the Shared cM Tool
- Creating and analyzing AutoClusters at Genetic Affairs and MyHeritage
- Using Ancestry’s ThruLines and applying their custom DNA match labels
- and more...

There will be a 30-minute break for lunch. Order yours on the registration form or bring your own

**Dana Leeds Bio:** While working on an adoption case in May 2018, Dana Leeds developed an innovative method for sorting DNA matches. The Leeds Method, which is useful to both traditional genealogists and those working with cases of unknown parentage, creates genetic networks—groups of DNA matches who likely share a common ancestor. The Leeds Method also became the basis for automated tools such as Genetic Affairs’ AutoCluster and DNAGedcom’s Collins’ Leeds Method.



**Dana Leeds**



**Both sessions held at the University Baptist Church,  
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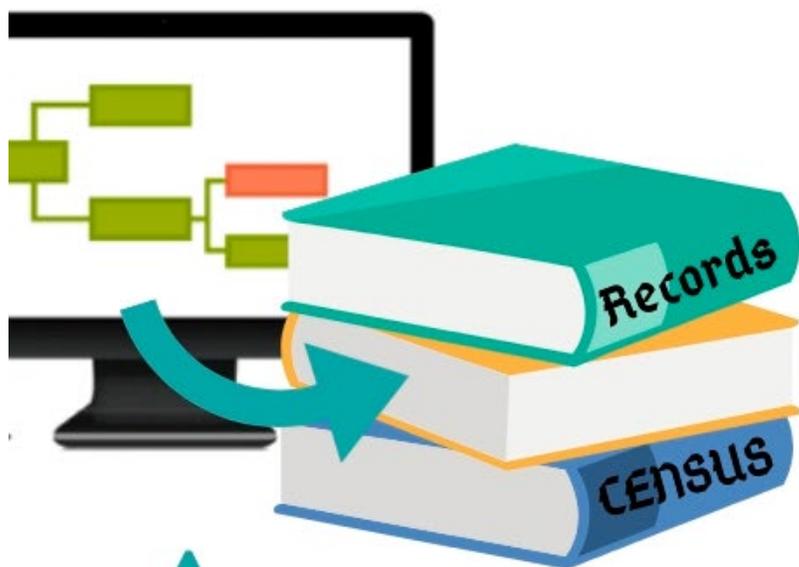
**You may register online at [www.TxBayAreaGen.org](http://www.TxBayAreaGen.org) , beginning August 1, 2019.**

**Limited Seating Available at Saturday session.**

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**August 2 & 3, 2019**



**Friday, August 2  
10 a.m. to 8 p.m.**

Lock-in with light supper provided

**Saturday, August 3  
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

Silent auction ends

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**“BELIEVE IT OR NOT? —  
How to Verify Research”**

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Speaker: Marynell Anderson Bryant

Date: April 6, 2019

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Location: Plainview Country Club  
2902 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Plainview, Texas

Cost: \$50 (includes snacks and catered lunch)

#### TOPICS

- Relatively Speaking: Don't Neglect the Collateral Lines
- Quill and Scrawl: Ease the Pain of Early Handwriting
- Counting Cousins in the County: Sorting Out Family Names
- War of 1812 Records and Resources

Registration opens February 1, 2019.

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## SUMMER SEMINAR

Saturday, August 17, 2019

FEATURING

## DEBBIE DUAY

### “Researching Your Family Tree”



**DEBBIE DUAY** received her Ph.D. in Adult Education from Florida Atlantic University (FAU) in 2007. She has 20 years of experience in genealogy, and she has taught numerous workshops throughout the United States on researching early American ancestry.

Debbie is the Florida State NSDAR Vice Regent and the National Vice Chairman of Lineage Research for the French Task Force. She is the immediate past State Chairman of the Chapter Development and Revitalization Commission and State Chairman of the Volunteer Genealogists Committee. From 2013 - 2015, she served as the State Organizing Secretary, and she served as the Lineage Research Chairman from 2009 - 2013.

Debbie has helped over 500 people join the DAR, and her websites receive more than 1,000 visitors each day.

#### TOPICS:

- \* How to Find a Provable Patriot in DAR in 90 Minutes or Less
- \* Documenting Lineages Before the 1850 Census
- \* I Know It's There, But I Just Can't Find It! - Debbie's "Secret" Search Strategies
- \* Non-Military Sources of Revolutionary War Service

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# How I Discovered a Long-Kept Secret in My Family

by Gay Fallin

My paternal grandmother, whom we called “Mimaw,” was Mildred Henry Rucker Maynard. Even though she passed away when I was 15 years old, I was very close to her. Mildred had five sons; her oldest was my father. All of her children have passed.

Two years ago, my mother told my sister that our Mimaw had a baby girl when she was 17 and gave her up for adoption. We had never heard anything about this baby! According to Mom, Dad told her about the adopted baby years ago and said he would never speak of it again. It was a big secret, but all the boys knew. I have been working on our family tree for years through Ancestry. I began looking for information on the baby girl but came up empty handed.

Then, in February 2016, my husband went to Austin for a convention and I tagged along. While he was gone during the day, I went to the Texas State Library and Archives building just to see what they had to offer. They were very helpful, and I found a birth index listing that showed that my Mimaw had a baby girl on 18 May 1931 in Dallas. I was over the moon excited that I had found proof of this baby.

The index provided the baby’s birth date and birth location along with the birth certificate number. Unsure of what to do next, I remembered an article that discussed adoption research. According to that author, when a baby was put up for adoption, the new birth certificate naming the adoptive parents was given the same number as the

original birth certificate, sometimes with an “A” added.

I had all this information, but still didn’t know how to proceed. One night after I had returned home, I was laying in bed watching the TV show, Long Lost Family. They were looking for a boy born on a certain day. All they knew was his birthplace and his birth date. They searched for all males born on that day in that city and came up with a list of names. By analyzing the list, they identified the correct birth certificate.

I jumped out of bed and went to my computer to search all the baby girls born in Dallas on that day. A list of birth records appeared; and when I opened the file, I found a record that matched the five-digit birth certificate number from the original birth certificate. There she was!

I have since found more information that makes me believe I found my Mimaw’s baby girl. When I started finding photos of her it was amazing—she looked like my grandmother. Mimaw’s baby girl passed in 1990; but I found her two daughters who would be my cousins, and we are getting to know each other. We still don’t know who the father was. I don’t know if we will ever know.

I had taken my DNA test through Ancestry several years before. My new cousin sent in her DNA test, and it confirmed we are cousins. They came to Texas this past August to meet me. It was incredible!! This has been an emotional and amazing journey, and I just wanted to share the story. ★

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Journey of Discovery



Your family member may appear in their application as a sibling. The Guion Miller roll is a genealogy gold mine for Cherokee research. It may do nothing for getting a family enrolled as a Cherokee citizen, but it's a treasure for leafing out the family tree with great information. Over 30 Texas libraries have these books in their collections.

The Choctaw Roll of 1885 is also very useful. It combines the information usually found on a US Census with an agriculture census. The result is a listing of family members with their ages as well as how many hogs and bushels of corn the family raised. The Choctaw Roll is divided by districts in the Choctaw Nation. Taken in 1885, it provides information on family units ten years before the Dawes Roll, a time period when information is scarce in Indian Territory.

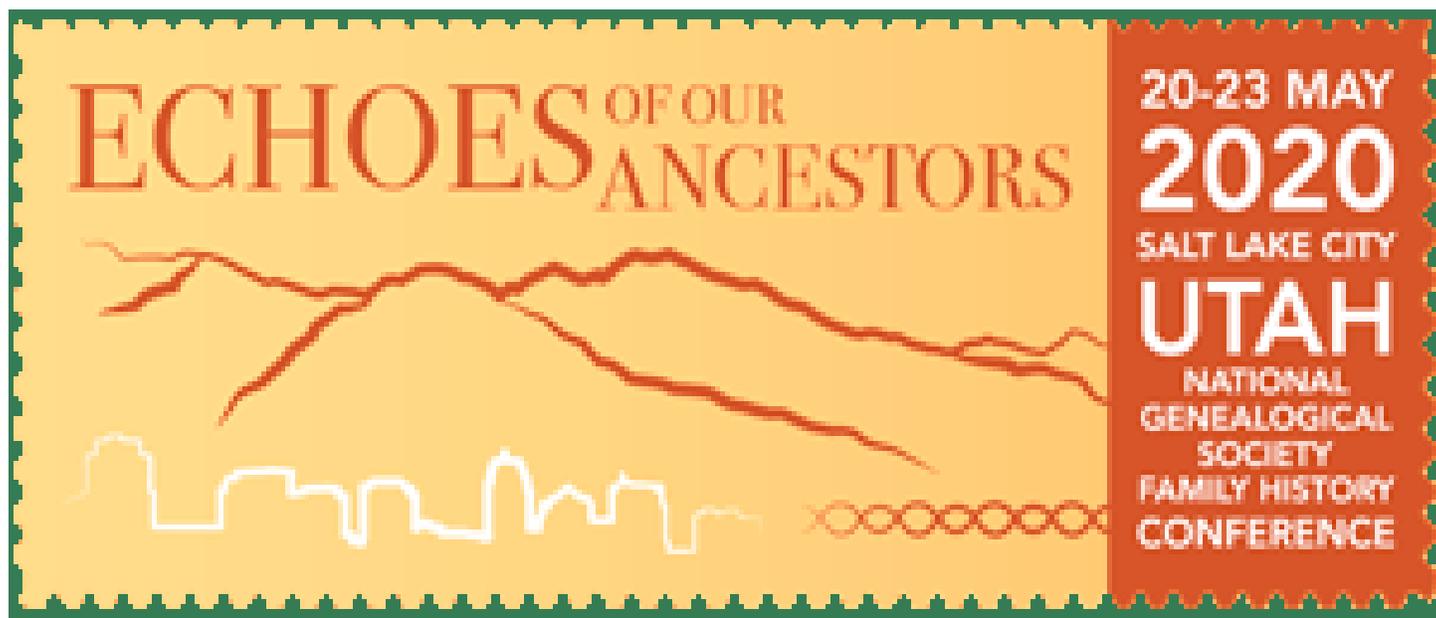
Check land records. Since land was held in common until land allotments were made a short time before statehood in 1907, land records usually begin about that time. If a person received property as an allotment, then land records begin with the allotment record. If property was purchased, then the records will reflect that transaction. These land records appear in the county where the property is located.

Military records are another valuable resource. Oklahoma has a strong tradition of military service by its residents, including its Native American population. Tribal members served in both the Confederate and Union armies during the Civil War, and records of service and pensions exist. A large percentage of Native Americans have served in all later wars.

Residency in Indian Territory does not automatically mean one has Indian ancestry. By 1900, Indian Territory was swamped by people from the "States" eager to acquire land and a new start. Land allotted to tribal members often immediately changed ownership. Non-tribal members made their way into Indian Territory even before this time. Records of these illegal visitors, often called intruders, can sometimes be found in tribal record entries, reporting their presence and removal from the nation. Persons having legal difficulties in "the States" would seek sanctuary in the I.T. Their names may be included in the records of Judge Parker's court.

Research on the Five Tribes may seem extremely complicated, but there is a "method to the madness." Knowing what records are available is the first step in a successful search for Native American ancestors. ★

**About Nancy Calhoun:** For Nancy, genealogical research and speaking are a perfect combination of her bachelor degrees (history, English, and vocational home economics with a minor in photography) and her master's in curriculum and instruction. With a teaching background and 20 years in newspaper work and publishing, she often used her research skills in the classroom and in writing. The Department Head of Genealogy and Local History at Muskogee Public Library in Muskogee, Oklahoma, Nancy is a board member of the Oklahoma Genealogical Society. Speaking opportunities take her all over Oklahoma and into Arkansas and Texas. She recently submitted documentation for the Mayflower Society, a task that only took her 40 years.



when encountering this kind of listing is that if the opportunity to buy for a specified price before the end of the auction seems reasonable, I will bypass the auction and go ahead and get it. Be sure to check the seller's performance by looking at the feedback percentage. I rarely consider buying from anyone whose percentage is not at least 98.5% positive feedback.

One final wrinkle on the auction website is the "Or Best Offer" option which is being seen more and more on the non-auction listings. Usually the dealer has some kind of minimum figure in mind that he would like to get. An offer which comes to him at somewhere in the vicinity of 80% to 90% of the asking price will often be accepted. One should not be offended if an offer for less than half of the asking price is declined. The dealer, after all, must also make a living.

If any of these suggestions have grabbed your interest, you have my best wishes for a successful shopping trip. Just don't start bidding me up on the auction site. Happy hunting, and



*Confirmation Certificate for Hazel Myrtle Means of Schofield, Wisconsin, image courtesy of the author ("Pruning the Family Tree," Stirpes, June 2018, vol. 57, no. 2, p. 18)*

good luck with your purchases.

### Acknowledgement

I would like to thank my ever-patient wife, Marion, for proofreading this article and discovering what would have been some embarrassing typos, and for her continuing support of my interests in this hobby. ★

**About Russell A. Rahn:** Born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Russell moved to Texas 37 years ago with his wife and four children. After a 40-year career teaching junior high school science, he is now retired and pursuing his lifetime interest in genealogy. Besides genealogical pursuits, the Rahns enjoy traveling, spending time with their family, reading, and listening to classical music.

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August 3, 2019



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# DNA

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# Michael D. Lacopo, DVM

*A METHOD TO OUR MADNESS:  
Sound Methodology for Successful Research*

April 13, 2019



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- ✔ It is amazing what a simple Google search will find.

*Ronald T Nelson*

- ✔ Look for your ancestor's children, those other than your direct line such as your great-grandmother. Also, research your ancestor's siblings.

*Mary Esther Escobedo*

- ✔ Watch for surname spelling changes as well as changes in the order of surnames.

*Sandra "Sandy" Stockwell Cox*

- ✔ Get as much info as possible from your family elders such as grandparents. Be aware that a lot of records are handwritten, and mistakes can be made in spelling.

*Shirley Evans*

- ✔ It is very important to find the name of your ancestor's village in US records before you can find records in the home country. The best places to search are home sources, church records, and newspaper obits.

*Lisa Gorrell*

- ✔ Be open to surprises and research them. Use fourth cousins or others to help learn more about your family. One great-grandfather was an only surviving child. His aunt's tree solved all my research problems and then some. They have been the gift that keeps on giving.

- ✔ Be meticulous and examine/think about every bit of information you see on your source materials. They may lead to additional resources to investigate.

*Rodney F. Witcher* ★

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particularly useful links to learning how to trace your Norwegian immigrant: <https://www.arkivverket.no/en/find-your-ancestors/tracing-your-ancestry>.

Using this admittedly basic history and cultural introduction, you will be able to use standard US genealogical resources, for example the 1850 Federal Census, to trace one of Texas' proudest ethnic groups. ★

**About Lisa Reed:** Lisa is a professional genealogist based in Northeast Texas. She has performed research for an episode of "Who Do You Think You Are?" and given lectures at the New England Regional Genealogical Society, the Arkansas State Library, and for numerous genealogical societies and libraries in Texas. Lisa is a writing contest winner for the Texas State Genealogical Society and the Dallas Genealogical Society. Her new focus is coaching individual clients who want advanced-level research but who also want to have a hand in the process. Lisa has a master's degree in liberal arts from SMU and is working on her Ph.D. at Texas A&M at Commerce. Her children are descendants of Texas pioneer Collin McKinney, a drafter and signer of the Texas Declaration of Independence.

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**Location:**  
403 Main St., Spring TX

**Hours:**  
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The Spring Historical and Genealogical Society established the Spring Historical Museum in Old Town Spring in 1995 to preserve the rich heritage of this area originally settled in the mid-1800s by German farmers. The area also has the oldest African-American community in North Harris County, founded 1887.

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### Debbie Parker Wayne, CG®, CGL<sup>SM</sup>

Debbie Parker Wayne is a board-certified genealogist experienced in using DNA analysis and traditional techniques for family history research. Debbie edited the book and authored one chapter of *Advanced Genetic Genealogy: Techniques and Case Studies*; coauthored the award-winning DNA workbook, *Genetic Genealogy in Practice*; and developed the online, self-paced course *Continuing Genealogical Studies: Autosomal DNA* offered by the National Genealogical Society. She is the DNA Project Chair for the Texas State Genealogical Society and the Early Texans DNA Project. Her publications include a column on using DNA analysis for genealogical research in *NGS Magazine* and in the *Stirpes* journal of Texas. Debbie was the course coordinator for the first beginner and intermediate DNA courses offered at four major US genealogy institutes. See <http://debbiewayne.com/> for more information and for archived versions of many of her articles.



### Ari Wilkins

A graduate of Louisiana State University, Ari has been actively researching family history since 1998. Ms. Wilkins worked with the esteemed genealogist, Dr. James Rose, for many years on his final project *Generations: The WPA Ex-Slave Narrative Database*. She is the owner of the genealogical consulting company, Black Genesis, and also works as a contributor for Proquest's African American Heritage database. A Library Associate at Dallas Public Library since 2007, Ari teaches a series of basic research classes using popular genealogical websites. Specializing in African American research, Ari has presented topics at national and state genealogy conferences as well as the Institute of Genealogical and Historical Research, the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy, the American Library Association, and RootsTech.



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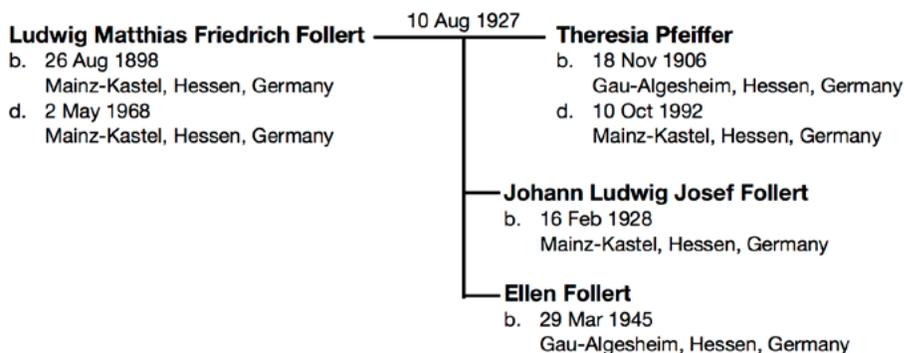
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### About Russell

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## 19th Annual Genealogy Lock-In

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