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Credentials:

- Genealogical and family history researcher for over 25 years
- Author of *Fortune's Frenzy: A California Gold Rush Odyssey* (a family history) and *What Lies Beneath Colorado Cemeteries and Graveyards*
- Degrees in accounting and environmental biology (minors in GIS, chemistry)
- Former real estate broker
- Family history articles published in *Latah Legacy* and *Michigan History* magazines
- Experienced public speaker

AV / Equipment: Screen, projector, cordless or clip-on microphone; will provide own laptop.

Fee: \$125 per Lecture plus travel over 1 hour each way

Travel Restrictions: None, if expenses covered

Webinars: Can provide a remote presentation upon request. Society must provide high-speed internet and platform (e.g. Zoom)

Presentations:

Dear Diary: Using diaries, letters, and memoirs, even if your ancestors left none Even if your ancestors left no personal papers, their contemporaries did. You might be surprised how much can be revealed about your family's past.

Eureka! How to find your California Gold Rush ancestors Tips for uncovering those who went to California but didn't stay, including a case history.

Question everything: Breaking through the brick walls we've built Sometimes we do not realize that a brick wall is of our own making. Learn how to find the keystone that will bring it tumbling.

Road trips: Digging deep in the archives before you hit the gas Prepare for research trips by digging into archive sites to create an organized plan. Expand your definition of archive to ensure you get the most from your time on the road.

The Price of Pacifism: Philadelphia Quakers in the Revolution

Leading Philadelphia Quakers suffered persecution in the Revolutionary War, including imprisonment, fines, and, for some, exile to Virginia.

Finding and using property records Deeds can reveal much more than just a transfer of title to a property. You can also use them to develop maps for your family history.

The “Bounty” in bounty land records Like pension records, bounty land records can provide genealogical clues.

Overlooked records: What you can learn from lawsuits Our ancestors relied heavily on Justices of the Peace and local courts to settle disputes, even more so than today.

Death in 19th Century America Some of the diseases and conditions that killed your ancestors before modern medical “miracles” made them a thing of the past.

Immortal words: Keep your family history alive with a lively blog Best practices to make your family history blog successful.

Case Study: Capt. E. D. Pierce, the man who made Idaho Born in (West) Virginia, E.D. Pierce served in Mexico, went to California with the 49ers, served in the California legislature, made the first summit of Mt. Shasta, then went on to spark the Idaho gold rush. Though he wrote a memoir, he never revealed his family history.

Extra! Extra! Using newspaper research to develop a family history story Newspapers have a unique ability to bring the past alive. Be sure to include the news in every family history.

Get Organized: Compiling a large research and writing project Using Zotero, Scrivener, and Word to organize your research and write your book.

John Annable: United Empire Loyalist Annable arrived in America just before the start of the Revolution. Naturally, he fought for the British, and wound up in Canada.

Immersion: Developing a FAN-based local history Understanding local history and focusing particularly on your ancestor’s friends and associates will enrich your understanding of their lives and help you build compelling family history stories.

My DNA matches have completely different trees. What now?! Non-parental events are a common discovery when doing DNA research. How to follow the leads presented in your matches.