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Credentials:

- MA in Political Science, University of Colorado
- Insurance Career
- Member Pike's Peak Genealogical Society (PPGS) past 25 years
- Past President Pike's Peak Genealogical Society (PPGS)
- Past PPGS Delegate to Colorado Council of Genealogical Societies
- 12th Generation New Englander

AV / Equipment: Projector and screen for power point presentations

Fee: \$100 - plus mileage outside El Paso County.

Travel Restrictions: Will travel within 100 miles radius in most weather except snow and ice. Flexible schedules. In post-Covid world, I have not done any live presentations. Still available to do that, but prefer virtual webinars

Webinars: Available upon request. I can present any of my programs virtually using Zoom. I have my own Zoom subscription, so I am not dependent on whether a society has this software.

Presentations:

New England Series

- ***Untangling Your New England Roots***. An introductory presentation that introduces the audience to the history and genealogy of New England from its settlement to the French & Indian War

- ***Peopling Colonial New England***. An intermediate presentation describing the migration patterns in early New England and the forces driving our ancestors to move up to the eve of the American Revolution.

- ***The Salem Witchcraft Hysteria***. This program chronicles the causes, events, and aftermath of the Salem Witch incident in which the speaker's ancestors played a part on both sides of the polarized villagers.

- ***New Englanders Become Americans***. Part two of the Untangling Your New England Roots, which discusses the genealogy and history of New England from the French and

Indian War to the 1800s.

-Change and Industrialization in Ante Bellum New England. Part Three of the New England series. Did your ancestors live in New England between the Revolution and the Civil War? Did they live there throughout this period, or did they emigrate to a Western state or to a developing New England urban area? This presentation will share the many mini-revolutions they had to navigate during this era of New England history. Like most historical timeframes, change was constant and disruptive, culminating in a very deadly Civil War.

-War and Change in the Post-Civil War Era until World War 1. The era following the Civil War created the most change in two or three generations that New England had seen in its previous history. The economic, demographic, social, and political changes during this period accelerated the change process, which helped to create the world in which the greatest generation (our parents) grew up. This presentation is designed to share some of those changes with the participants to provide more context for their genealogical research.

-17th Century Origins of Colonial Connecticut. This presentation features a more detailed look at the settlement and people of Connecticut in the 17th century.

-The Pilgrims: Persistent and Resilient. This talk discusses the challenges and successes of Plymouth Colony from its settlement until its merger with the Massachusetts Bay Colony in 1692.

-Roots and Ridges: Families' Journeys Through Western Massachusetts Hill Towns. Although this talk focuses on four hilltowns in Western Mass, it is a case study of the importance of the towns where our ancestors lived. This program traces the presenter's quest to learn more about the historical times and geographical places where his ancestors lived in the 19th century.

Colonial America Series

This series is based on talks given to the Pikes Peak Genealogical Society's Colonial America Special Interest Group (SIG). They are designed to give historical and social context to their individual topics. They are essentially a survey presentation that lasts approximately 30 minutes each. If you would like to do one of these presentations, the presenter suggest that you pick two for a full hour presentation. These presentations cover all the 13 colonies

- **Colonial Agriculture**
- **Colonial Non-Agricultural Occupations**
- **Colonial Militias and Wars**
- **Colonial American Religion**
- **Colonial American Domestic Relationships**
- **Colonial American: Hardships, Diseases, and Disasters**
- **Early Republic and Colonial Transportation**

English Genealogy

-***Beginning English Genealogy***. A basic introduction into researching your English ancestors and jumping across the pond.

-***Connecting Putnam Family Branches in Medieval and Early Modern England***. A case study into planning and organizing an English research project.

Miscellaneous Genealogical Presentations

- ***What's Your Story?*** Basic introduction to family history stories and their importance to your descendants.

- ***Teaching Grannies: Changing Farm Girls into School Marms*** This talk chronicles five of my six grandmothers and great grandmothers from their rural upbringing into the Massachusetts Normal Schools ...a process that continued in late 19th century America as many farms no longer employed women.

- ***Historical Colorado Disasters & the Impacts on Family History***. This presentation will focus on the importance of telling stories on how our ancestors surmounted the occasional disasters, pandemics or economic hardships and survived to give their heirs life. (Available in early 2021)

- ***Genealogical Preparedness, Preservation & Resilience***. This talk discusses the importance of having strategies and procedures in place to preserve your genealogical treasures from disasters, downsizing, or premature passing.

-***Applied Process for Writing Your Family History Using Traditional and AI Research and Writing Strategies***. This presentation is more of a workshop, where the presenter encourages using limited AI before the program and demonstrates the same prompts for his ancestors. Using these prompts and traditional genealogy research, he shares with the audience how this process has facilitated the writing of his family history.