

General Description of the Topics Covered in Gail's Genealogy Class

Beginners:

- Hand out Family Group Sheets & Family Charts
 - Discuss how to use these to get started on your trees/research
- Talk about "How to Get Organized"
 - What to do with all the little notes, pieces of paper, obituaries, pictures, etc.
- Should I put my family tree on software or Ancestry or Family Search?
 - Discuss Pros and Cons of each

Class 1:

- Find a Grave – the Website
 - How to use variations of names, locations, spelling to find graves
 - Students try to find their own families on Find a Grave
 - Discuss issues, pros and cons of the website
- Billion Graves
 - How to use the website
- Ellis Island & Immigration Ports
 - Learn when and how it started
 - Struggles of immigrants, where they migrated
- Stephen P. Morse website
 - Students are made aware of the mass of information regarding immigration and other information at this website.

Class 2:

- Rootsweb (when available)
 - How to use the vast amount of information on this website
 - Cautions students about the lack of accuracy
- County Websites
 - How to access the information online made possible by volunteers in various counties
- Three pages handout of FREE Websites for students to use for research at home

Class 3:

- Family Search
 - Tom Floodeen teaches an extensive class on how to use, do research, upload your family tree, manage your family tree and overall use of the Family Search Website Obituaries
 - Where can I find them and how do I keep them organized?
- Newspapers
 - Should I pay for these Newspaper websites?
 - Where can I find free newspaper websites for articles and obituaries?
- Libraries
 - What information is available at other state libraries & how do I access that?
 - What information is in the Federal Archives in Denver
 - Is it worth my time to drive down to the Denver Public Library?
- Censuses
 - Learn about Federal, State and Special Censuses
 - Do you know about the 1890 census that burned?

Class 4:

Death Indexes

Social Security Indexes

Courthouses

What can I find in other states and how do I access that information

Google

What can I expect to find on Google?

Adding Stories

Where do I find stories about my ancestors? Why do I want them?

Cemeteries

Learn how to inventory and do research in a cemetery.

How to take pictures of an old gravestone. Who takes care of these graves?

Military

General information on how to access pension files, archives, draft cards, etc.