

Land Records & Genealogy Symposium 2011

Friday & Saturday
July 15 & 16, 2011



Southeast Community College
Beatrice Campus
4771 W. Scott Road, Beatrice, Nebraska

This event is a partnership between Homestead National Monument of America and Southeast Community College.

▶▶▶▶▶ **Registration Deadline: July 2**
or when enrollment limit is met

**This symposium is for anyone interested in
Genealogy, Homesteading, Pioneer History,
and Records Research**

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Free Land!

The Homestead Act of 1862 had a profound affect on the United States and throughout world. Under the provisions of this law, the U.S. government gave away 270 million acres of land to 1.6 million individuals and families for the purposes of settlement and cultivation. Today there may be as many as 93 million descendants of homesteaders. Come learn how to find your ancestor using Land Records!

Homestead National Monument of America, a unit of the National Park Service, and the Beatrice campus of **Southeast Community College** are proud to partner to bring this Land Records and Genealogy Symposium to Beatrice, Nebraska. Participants will gain a greater understanding of the uses of all different types of records and strategies for successful historical and genealogical research.

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Friday, July 15, 2011

7:45 a.m. Doors open / Continental Breakfast

8:30 a.m. Speaker presentations begin

Speakers:

Sylvia Murray "Genealogy: You Can Do This!"

Carla Anders "Introduction to Land Platting"

Gail Blankenau "Breaking Through Using Land Records 1"

Gail Blankenau "Breaking Through Using Land Records 2"

Saturday, July 16, 2011

7:45 a.m. Doors open / Continental Breakfast

8:30 a.m. Speaker presentations begin

Speakers:

Thomas MacEntee "Social Networking: New Horizons for Genealogists"

Sylvia Murray "Finding Women Homesteaders"

Gail Blankenau "Dating and Identifying Your 19th Century Photographs"

Thomas MacEntee "Google for Genealogists"

Susan Petersen "Blogging: Share What You Know"



Introduction to Land Platting

Understanding the legal land system that our ancestors operated on can be a daunting challenge to a genealogist when doing land record research. Carla Anders will prepare you to take on this complex issue in an easy to understand presentation.

Carla Anders

Carla M. Anders is the sole proprietor of Collecting Missing Ancestors. She has more than 30 years of experience as a genealogist in the Midwest region of the United States; with specialties in Missouri, Kansas and Iowa. Carla was the vice president and educational director of the Warren County Genealogical Society (2008-2010). In 2011 she became their chief financial officer. Since 2009, Carla has been the educational director for the Missouri State Genealogical Society and she is the first vice president and educational director for the Iowa State Genealogical Society.



Breaking Through Using Land Records 1

This introductory course will provide important information to genealogists looking for their ancestors in land records. Land records can oftentimes seem overwhelming, but this course will equip you with the necessary skills that you will need to navigate these important records. Gail Blankenau will guide you through the different kinds of land records and help you to prioritize and identify what she calls "high-value targets."



Breaking Through Using Land Records 2

This higher-level course will provide a more in-depth understanding of how to interact with land records. The information in this course will prepare you for the nuances of land records and the benefit they will provide your research. Blankenau says that she has solved more brick walls using land records than any other method.



Dating & Identifying Your 19th-Century Photographs



If you have a drawer or box full of old family photos, "Dating & Identifying Your 19th-Century Photos" will bring your ancestral images into focus. Learn how to use power combinations of image type, fashions, photographers and your family tree to reveal the who, when and sometimes even the where in those intriguing faces.

Gail Blankenau

Gail Blankenau is an experienced genealogist and photo historian who shares her research and advice in such well-known periodicals as the New England Historical and Genealogical Register, Everton's Genealogical Helper, and Family Chronicle magazine. Genealogists who crave unique perspectives and a fresh point of view will find new inspiration and ideas in her engaging and high-energy presentations. She has been the featured speaker at various genealogical conferences, including the Iowa State Genealogical Conference and the Nebraska State Genealogical Conference.

▶▶▶▶▶ Google for Genealogists

Most genealogists are only using 10% or less of the resources behind Google when it comes to genealogy research. Learn from professional genealogist Thomas MacEntee about the other 90% and how these Google components can be leveraged for better search results. Google is more than just a search engine – it is a wealth of information, much of which goes unnoticed by the average genealogist. Besides search, Google allows you to access maps, books, journals, abstracts, patents and much more. These components may be what you need to advance your genealogy research.



▶▶▶▶▶ Social Networking: New Horizons for Genealogists

Thousands of genealogists and family historians have discovered new ways to expand and improve their genealogy endeavors using social networking, also called social media networking. Learn the basics of blogging, Twitter, Facebook®, wikis and more in an easy-to-follow session that cuts through all the hype and the lingo.

Thomas MacEntee

Thomas MacEntee is a genealogist specializing in the use of technology and social media to improve genealogical research and as a means of interacting with others in the family history community. Utilizing more than 25 years of experience in the information technology field, Thomas writes and lectures on the many ways social networking can be leveraged to add new dimensions to the genealogy experience.

▶▶▶▶▶ Finding Women Homesteaders

Homesteaders, in general, are a group of ancestors that are difficult to find, but women homesteaders offer unique challenges to researchers. Come learn how to navigate these records and discover techniques that can be employed to enhance and streamline your research.

▶▶▶▶▶ Genealogy: You Can Do This!



This fun, upbeat presentation by Sylvia Murray can provide just the right inspiration and motivation for your genealogical aspirations. Researchers often encounter obstacles, dead-ends, and barriers that can be discouraging, but learn how to overcome these setbacks in this unique program.

Sylvia Murray

As an Accredited Genealogist, Sylvia Murray has taught genealogy classes at the college level for more than 25 years. She has been the director, consultant and trainer at various Family History Centers since 1982. She specializes in Midwest United States research. She has been lecturing at seminars and workshops for 30 years. Her other specialties include solving dead ends, researching female lines, on-site research, locating farms, homes, graveyards, homesteads, and the Internet.



Blogging: Share What You Know!

Susan Peterson's 30 years of research left her wanting to share this information with other people who might be looking for the same family members. She turned to the Internet to connect with those who would benefit from her research, now she wants to show you how. This fun, straightforward introduction to blogging will show you how easy it is to share your research.



Susan Petersen

Susan Petersen is a genealogist, writer and journalist who manages several Web sites and blogs. She began researching her family history more than 30 years ago. Her longlostrelatives.net blog began as a tool to connect with others researching the same family members. Her blog also includes tips for genealogists, success stories and anecdotes about some of her colorful ancestors.

Tuition includes lunch.

Please choose your meal selection on the registration form.

Unmarked forms will receive the hot meal.



Dinner Event

July 15, 6:30 p.m.

\$19 per person

Enjoy a relaxing evening at Homestead National Monument of America in Beatrice. The evening will include dinner, entertainment, and an opportunity to visit with symposium presenters.



The Homestead Heritage Center, the monument's new museum and interpretive facility, will be open. The Heritage Center is intended to eventually serve as a repository and public research center for copies of all homestead records.

Space is limited and pre-registration is required. The dinner event is separate from the symposium activities. There is no charge for visiting Homestead National Monument of America, but to attend the dinner and entertainment, participants must pre-register and pay \$19 per person. (SCC staff tuition waiver does not apply.)

Use attached form to register.

Event speakers and topics subject to change without notice.

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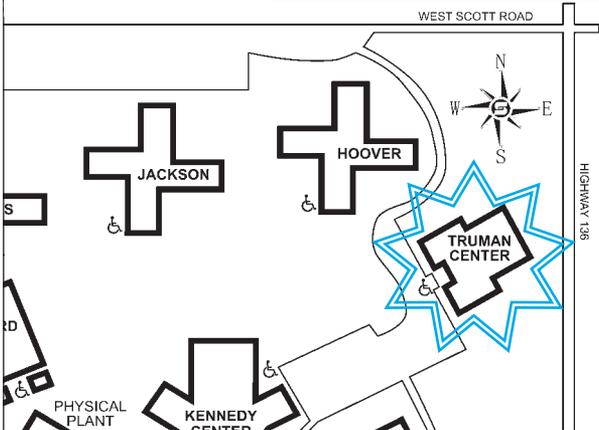
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**1-Day and
2-Day
Registration
Available!**



**Space is limited and pre-registration
is required for all events.**

<p>2-Day Symposium (July 15 & 16) Course #: HIST-3000-BEUA Tuition: \$99</p>	<p>1-Day Symposium (July 15) Course #: HIST-3001-BEUA Tuition: \$69</p>	<p>1-Day Symposium (July 16) Course #: HIST-3001-BEUB Tuition: \$69</p>	<p>Dinner Event (July 15) Course #: BBBX-1987-OCUA Tuition: \$19</p>
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Lunch choices for Friday and Saturday are as follows:

Friday

- Lasagna
- Chef Salad

Saturday

- Taco Bar
- Chef Salad

Please mark your selection on the registration form.

Lodging Facilities

For a list of lodging facilities, visit
www.visitbeatrice.com

