

# FAMILY HISTORY COURSES AND EVENTS

## FALL 2016

Co-sponsored by the Toronto Branch, Ontario Genealogical Society and the Toronto Public Library

### **Hands-On Ancestry.ca Library Edition**

**Instructor: Carol Nichols**

Dates: Wednesdays, September 21, 28, and October 5, 2016, 2:00pm to 4:00pm

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Uncovering your family history can sometimes be difficult. This three-week daytime course is designed to show you how to use one of the largest databases of Canadian and International records. Discover how to search the complete collection or narrow your focus to just one census. You will learn how to evaluate your results, look for clues for further searches and build your family tree.

### **Hands-On Early Ontario Land Records**

**Instructor: Jane E. MacNamara**

Dates: Thursdays, October 6, 13 & 20, 2016, 4:00pm to 7:00 pm

Archives of Ontario, 134 Ian Macdonald Blvd.

This three-session course, designed for both family and local historians, will provide an introduction to the land granting process and the main types of Crown Lands records. You'll learn how to use the various finding aids and collections at the Archives of Ontario (including those on microfilm from Library and Archives Canada) to document a person's acquisition of (or attempt to acquire) land in Upper Canada

### **Basic Genealogy and Family History**

**Instructor: Jane E. MacNamara**

Dates: Eight Wednesdays, from October 19 to December 7, 2016, 2:00pm to 4:00pm

Eglinton St. George United Church, South Studio

This 8-week daytime course is designed for those just beginning to research or looking to upgrade basic research skills. The course will cover terminology, types of sources, the use of on-line resources, libraries and archives, including LDS Family History Centres, and record-keeping – to help you “think like a genealogist”

### **Introduction to Genetic Genealogy**

**Instructor: Linda Reid**

Dates: Wednesdays, October 12, 19 & 26, 2016, 6:15pm to 8:15pm

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This new evening course is for genealogists with well-researched family trees who wish to confirm and expand them with genetic evidence. There will be a brief overview of the different types of DNA tests available to genealogists (autosomal, Y-chromosome and mitochondrial) and the different companies offering autosomal DNA tests. The emphasis will be on how to use Family Finder, the autosomal DNA test from Family Tree DNA, and participants will benefit the most if they have already taken this test. We will also look at GEDmatch, a third-party website where researchers can compare their data with others who have tested at a different company.

### **Putting Your Family Tree On-line**

**Instructor: Marian Press**

Dates: Tuesdays, October 25, November 1 & 8, 2016, 6:15pm to 8:15pm

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There are many choices for how to put your family information online for others to find and for them to respond to what they find. This 3-week evening course will cover the various options available for family historians to choose from: the use of major genealogy sites like [familysearch.org](http://familysearch.org) or Ancestry; wiki sites such as WikiTree; blogs; or building your own website. The simpler and free options will be emphasized. In addition to a full exploration of these options, the course will also describe what can happen to your online information when you die and what you should do to plan for this eventuality.

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## CONTACT INFORMATION

All enquiries about courses and other educational events should be sent by e-mail to [courses@torontofamilyhistory.org](mailto:courses@torontofamilyhistory.org).

**For course and workshop details, and for registration information, go to:**  
<http://torontofamilyhistory.org/learn>

## ACCESSIBILITY

The venues for all of our courses are wheelchair accessible. If you are a person with a disability and you need a support person to accompany you, he or she is welcome to attend the course at no charge. Please contact us at [courses@torontofamilyhistory.org](mailto:courses@torontofamilyhistory.org) if you wish to register a support person or if you have any other accessibility questions or concerns. Also, to learn more about our policies, go to our web site at: <http://torontofamilyhistory.org/learn/policies>

## INTERESTED IN YOUR FAMILY HISTORY?

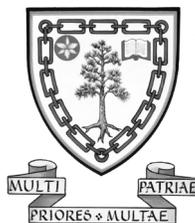
Members of the **Toronto Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society** range from beginners to those with years of experience and professional researchers. Some have roots in Toronto or Ontario, but some have all their research interests in other countries. What they have in common is a passion for family history, a desire to learn about new techniques and sources, and to share that knowledge and passion with other researchers. For more information about joining the Society, please visit <http://torontofamilyhistory.org> or contact us at:

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## CO-SPONSORSHIP

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