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SGS Fall Mini-Seminar



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In-Person

Saturday, 24 Oct 2026, 1:00-4:00 pm

Palm Harbor Library

\$10 for Members - \$25 for Non-Members

All walk-ins \$25

FINDING TREASURES IN THE NATION'S ATTIC: Tips and Tricks for Navigating the Catalog of the National Archives

The National Archives and Records Administration ("NARA") has been nicknamed the Nation's Attic and contains a treasure trove of genealogical gold. But a researcher may need a treasure map to conduct searches in its catalog to uncover the records buried in its stacks. This presentation will explain the importance of identifying the record groups and record series that might hold items of interest. It will cover how the catalog is organized and how to choose effective search terms. The presentation will conclude with case studies to demonstrate how these strategies can be applied to solve genealogical research problems and uncover valuable historical records.

Intermission: Snacks & Prizes

STRAPPED FOR CASH: Records of Poor Ancestors and the Stories They Tell

Researching ancestors who had financial struggles often requires a strategic approach and unfamiliar records. Whether they were born poor or fell upon hard times, we'll explore their stories through town minutes, records of almshouses, sheriffs, and charities, legal and financial documents, and more. We'll also consider indirect evidence, such as changes in crop prices and the value of wages, that may suggest reasons for our ancestors' struggles.



Pam Vesta
Live on Zoom

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