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Registration Opens for APG 2025 Professional Management Conference

The complete program for the APG 2025 Professional Management Conference (PMC) is now available and registration is open! This year's conference, entitled "Build Your Skills, Grow Your Business," will be held from 18–20 September 2025 virtually. Go to <https://www.apgen.org/pmc2025.php> to read the full schedule and to sign up.



Whether you are beginning your career or a seasoned professional, this year's PMC offers practical content to help your business. Over three information-packed days, participants will be able to choose from 18 presentations and four workshops presented by experienced genealogy professionals, industry experts, and other worldwide leaders in the genealogy community. Speakers include Kelley Conner Lear, Rhonda Lauritzen, J. Mark Lowe, Allyson Maughan, Cathie Sherwood, Drew Smith and George G. Morgan, Catherine B.W. Desmarais, Nicole Dyer, Andrew Redfern, Douglas Klein, CPA, and many more.

The program includes in-depth exploration of topics such as marketing, business management, speaker training, writing and publishing, client relationships, organization and time management, forensic genealogy, technology, and social media. Sessions will be 60 minutes each, allowing for in-depth exploration of the topic, followed by a question-and-answer period. Closed Captioning will be available via live Zoom captioning.

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New this year are “Tip Talks,” short, focused sessions providing practical advice on topics, including getting started in podcasting and using business organization apps and software. There will also be dedicated times for socializing and networking, including a virtual scavenger hunt sponsored by the National Genealogical Society, virtual bingo sponsored by Goldie May, and as well as the fun of speed networking.

The PMC will also feature four workshops on Saturday 20 September. For an extra fee, PMC attendees can choose from two workshops in the morning and two in the afternoon sessions:

Morning Workshops

- Practical Tools for Your Forensic Genealogy Practice - Part 1 with Michael Ramage, JD, CG, and Catherine B.W. Desmarais, CG
- Organizing Big Projects with Rhonda Lauritzen, MBA

Afternoon Workshops

- Practical Tools for Your Forensic Genealogy Practice - Part 2 with Linda M. Hunter, M.S., and Kelvin Meyers, FTxSGS
- Design Smarter: Reimagining Reports, Courses and Presentations with Cathie Sherwood

Each workshop will be two and a half hours long, providing plenty of time for interactive and actionable learning. There is a nominal fee per workshop in addition to the PMC registration fee. To participate, workshop attendees must be registered for the PMC. Seats will be limited, so sign up today.

Lectures, tip talks, and panel discussions will be recorded and available to all paid attendees until 31 January 2026. Workshops are not being recorded. View the schedule and register at <https://www.apgen.org/pmc2025.php>.

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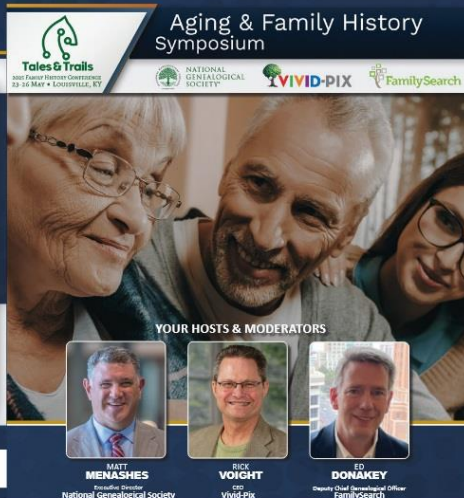


The family history and aging communities held an important symposium at the recent National Genealogical Society conference. We professionally videoed the event. The 1-hour video on the page encapsulates the event. Each panel discussion is available, too. Please take a break from Netflix and view this important video.

Available on a screen near you!

During the NGS Conference, FamilySearch, Vivid-Pix, National Genealogical Society, and experts in home and facility healthcare, AgeTech, healthy aging, and the family history community conducted a symposium to identify and understand areas where the two communities can assist America's aging population and its caregivers.

Vivid-Pix.com/NGS-Symposium



Thank you in advance for any and all advice, collaboration and help you can provide as we activate this initiative.

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Winners of the 2025 APG New Professional Scholarships

Congratulations to Kendra Gaede, PLGCS, BJ, BFA of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, and Laurel Haas of Charlestown, Rhode Island, USA, as the winners of APG's 2025 New Professional Scholarship.

The APG New Professional Scholarship was established in 2008 to recognize and support new professionals who have a strong interest in developing a career in the genealogical field. To be considered, an applicant must have five years or less of professional service in the field. Both scholarship winners receive complimentary registration to APG's Virtual Professional Management Conference, to be held 18–20 September 2025.

Kendra Gaede is a professional genealogist, writer, and former journalist with a research speciality in Western Canadian genealogy. She has Professional Learning Certificates Genealogical Studies (PLGCS) in Methodology and English Records from the International Institute of Genealogical Studies.

A graduate of the University of Regina, she is the current chair of the Manitoba Genealogical Society's Research Committee and is a contract genealogist with AncestryProGenealogists.

Laurel Haas passed the ICAPGen Four Generation project for accreditation and looks forward to achieving full AG accreditation soon. Her speciality research is in the Upper South region of the United States, including Kentucky, North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia.

She is currently providing contracted research services for Family Locket, with a focus on the Southern United States. She holds an MBA from Walden University.

"Congratulations to Kendra and Laurel on their selection," said APG President Suzanne L. Hoffman. "We look forward to watching their careers develop and the contributions they will make to the genealogy profession." For more information about APG's awards, visit https://www.apgen.org/apg_awards_and_scholarships.php.



Kendra Gaede, left, and Laurel Haas, right.

Tanya Teat Foreman Receives 2025 Kenyatta D. Berry African American Research Scholarship

APG is pleased to announce that Tanya Teat Foreman of Richlands, North Carolina, USA, has been selected as the winner of the organization's 2025 Kenyatta D. Berry African American Research Scholarship.

The scholarship, which recognizes an aspiring professional with a significant interest in developing a career in African American genealogy, is named for former APG President Kenyatta D. Berry, in recognition of her extensive contributions to the field of genealogy, especially African American genealogy and enslaved ancestral research.

The owner of Family Matters Genealogy, LLC, Foreman is an experienced genealogist, historical researcher, educator, and writer with a deep passion for uncovering ancestral stories. She specializes in African American genealogy, with expertise in New England, Northeastern, Southeastern, and Caribbean regions. Foreman has earned certificates in Genealogical Principles and Genealogy Research from Boston University as well as a Master of Arts in Public History from the American Military University.



"Genealogy is important to never forget our ancestors," Foreman said upon learning she was the recipient of this year's scholarship. "An African proverb says, 'We die once when the last breath leaves our body. We die a second time when the last person speaks our name.'"

Foreman is currently developing presentations on African American patriots of the American Revolution for the U.S. Semi-quincentennial Commission's America 250 Planning Committee.

She is a member of both the Onslow County (NC) Museum Advisory Board as well as the Onslow County Genealogy Club & Historical Society. She has delivered genealogy-focused talks for local libraries' Juneteenth and Black History Month events. Foreman is also a member of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. with leadership roles in financial management and chapter governance.

The scholarship includes complimentary registration to APG's Virtual Professional Management Conference, to be held 18–20 September 2025. For more information about APG's awards, visit https://www.apgen.org/apg_awards_and_scholarships.php.

APG Board Meeting in July

The next APG Board meeting will be held 23 July 2025 at 2:00 p.m. ET via Zoom (for worldwide time equivalents please visit <https://www.timeanddate.com>). All current APG members are welcome to attend.

Closed Captioning will be available. Register for the event [here](#).



FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Michelle Dwyer Cohen



It feels as though time has flown by, as we begin the second half of 2025. I am hoping that members are busy helping clients, taking speaking engagements, writing articles or books, or engaging in any other projects that you do in your professional genealogy work. There are so many examples, they are too numerous to list!

It's also a great time of year to look at where you are in your continuing education plan. You will see that our hard-working committee has shared some of what members told us they had done last year, to get you inspired (see page 10), and on track for reporting in January 2026.

In the main office, this is the month that we roll out the budget request forms for next year. These forms allow our committees, contractor team, and our chapters/SIGs to request funding for projects in the following year. The evaluation of these project requests takes us into the fall, when a budget is finalized and approved by the Board.

July is also when the nominations committee begins their work, and soon after, members will be able to nominate themselves, or someone else, for Board service. Our Board is a working one - their jobs are busy but rewarding. We rely on their dedicated volunteer hours and their business expertise to keep APG moving forward.

If running for a Board seat seems too much, please consider volunteering for a committee (see <https://www.apgen.org/committees.php>). It's a great way to meet fellow members, learn the inner workings of APG, and gain experience that would make you a strong candidate for a future Board nomination.

Committee spots are usually assigned at the start of the year, but we do have vacancies and like to know about interested candidates at any time. Please let me (admin@apgen.org) or Kaye Ford (assistance@apgen.org) know of your interest in volunteering with us.

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Explore the APGQ web pages at **apgen.org**, where you will find:

- **Full issues** of APGQ in PDF format (from 1979-2025)
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Check out APGQ today at apgen.org! **Members > Publications > APG Quarterly**

Great News from New York – but the United States' National Archives is Still in Trouble

Rich Venezia provides the latest news on APG's advocacy efforts.



In last month's *eNews*, I discussed the new legislation in New York State that had passed the Senate regarding the lifting of privacy restrictions on records of patients who had been deceased for more than fifty years. Click on this [link](#) for APG's letter of support. The bill is currently with the Assembly, and you can keep updated on its progress here:

<https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2025/S4713/amendment/A>.

Another exciting piece of legislation in New York State that has passed both the Senate and the Assembly is a bill that requires the Department of Health to digitize and index their state's genealogical vital records and make them available to the public. They have also lifted some restrictions on what is considered "genealogical." See [here](#) for the text of the bill. APG's letter of support for this bill is available at <http://bit.ly/45uLk4n>, and we are hopeful that the Governor will sign the bill into law.

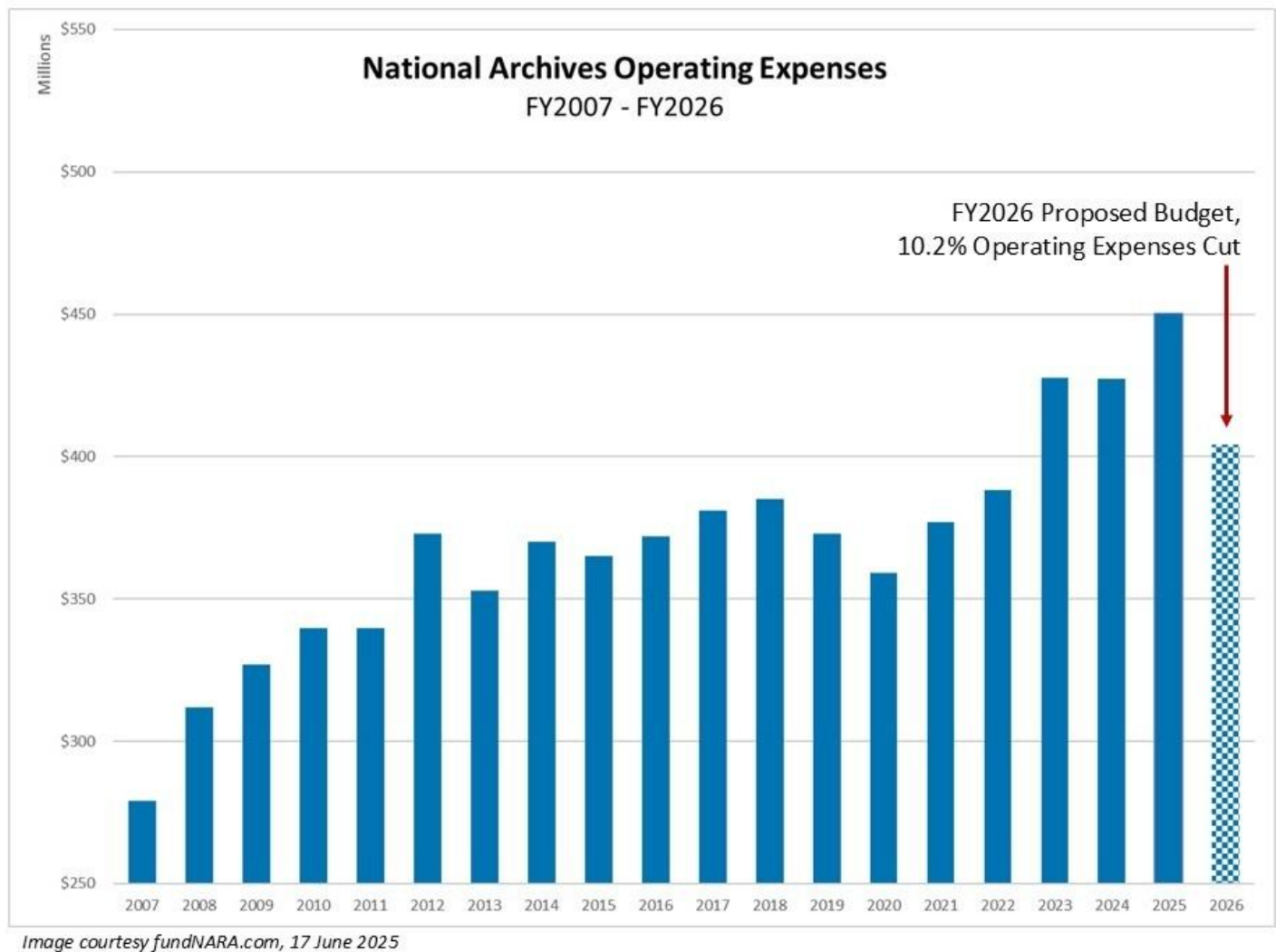
APG has called on the District of Columbia (DC) Council and DC's Mayor Bowser to work together to reinstate funding for the DC State Archives Building on the University of DC's campus, funding which the Mayor proposed to be eliminated. DC's records need and deserve to be in a world-class facility; the alternative proposed in the FY26 Budget puts the District's valuable collection at risk and would ensure that the records of the history of DC remain inaccessible. The project warrants full funding and no further delays, especially during a period in which access to history and archival records are under threat. Read APG's full letter at <http://bit.ly/44nH0Tu>. The lead organizations fighting this proposed cut are the DC Archives Foundation (<https://www.dcarchivesfoundation.org>) and Friends of the DC Archives (<https://www.dcarchives.org>). Check out their websites to keep up to date on the best ways to advocate.

We continue to implore our US-based members to contact their elected officials to discuss the importance of additional funding and resources to the US-based National Archives (NARA). NARA is on life support and needs our help. A Reduction in Force (RIF) started Monday 16 June at NARA. NARA claims it will be a 3% cut in workforce, but according to our calculations, their math is wrong; the 2025 cuts to NARA's workforce total nearly 14%. As of 5 February 2025, the "National Archives by the Numbers" webpage reported 2,891 employees. Since that date, 151 employees accepted the "Fork in the Road" buyout — these are positions which cannot be backfilled. Forty-three took VERA (Voluntary Early Retirement Authority) and VSIP (Voluntary Separation Incentive Payment). Another 110 have left NARA since 5 February 2025 for other reasons. About 100 RIFs are anticipated. In all, that totals 404 employee departures or dismissals since February! This is an indescribable loss for NARA. Senior archivists who had planned a long off-ramp to retirement in order to train the next generation are now abruptly gone. The impact of this loss of institutional knowledge cannot be quantified.

In addition, the newly released Operating Budget for NARA continues to underfund an agency that has already been underfunded for decades. Among other cuts, a 33% reduction in the Electronic Records Initiative is included, at a time when federal agencies are generally only allowed to keep electronic records. As well, the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) is cut entirely. While NHPRC funding did not support NARA or federal records, it has been an essential support for state and local records since its inception

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in 1934, the same year NARA was created. Additionally, between FY24 and FY26, the decrease in repairs and restoration totals a reduction of 82%.

Friends, these numbers are chilling. We must speak up for our National Archives before it's too late. Find your member of Congress here: <https://www.congress.gov/members/find-your-member>. You can also visit <https://fundnara.com> for more information.

Remember that the Advocacy Issues message board exists so members can alert other members about important and time-sensitive issues related to records preservation and records access advocacy. Once logged into the APG website you can find that board and post on it here: <http://bit.ly/404HBHa>.

If you are interested in joining the Advocacy SIG, please fill out the application at <http://bit.ly/460id9e>.

Please stay tuned for more ways to advocate, and be sure to let us know if you come across issues you would like us to be aware of and/or for which we can help advocate.

The Advocacy SIG can be reached at advocacy@apgen.org or you can post to the Message Board.

In Memoriam

James L. Hansen, FASG (1948-2025)



James “Jim” L. Hansen, FASG, longtime Wisconsin genealogical reference librarian and a past president of APG, died 22 June 2025 at the age of 76.

Born in 1948 to Leonard Hansen and Theresia St. Louis Hansen of Turtle Lake, Wisconsin, Hansen earned a BA from Marquette University and his MLS from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. From 1974 to 2014, he was the reference librarian and genealogical specialist at the library of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, assisting thousands of researchers each year with genealogical and historical research.

Throughout his career, Hansen was an active lecturer, writer, and editor of genealogical books and periodicals. He spoke at more than twenty National Genealogical Society (NGS) conferences and was program co-chair in 1989 and 2002.

Hansen served as President of the Association of Professional Genealogists from January 1994 until December 1995, during which time the organization celebrated its 15th anniversary. In 1995, he was named a Fellow of the American Society of Genealogists and in 2002 was awarded the Filby Prize for Genealogical Librarianship by NGS. His articles appeared in publications such as the *New York Genealogical and Biographical Record* and *The American Genealogist*.

He is survived by his wife of fifty years, Jane Johnson Hansen, two sons, a granddaughter, two brothers, and many friends and loved ones. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to Agrace Hospice in Madison or to the Wisconsin State Historical Society.

Continuing Education: APG Members Share Inspiring Experiences

Jenifer Kahn Bakkala, Chair, Continuing Education Committee, summarises members' learning from 2024



For many of our APG members, 2024 was a year of challenge, growth, and success—especially in the area of Continuing Education (CE). In response to APG's mandatory reporting of 12 hours of CE in January 2025, many members took the time to describe their most helpful 2024 educational experiences. Their descriptions read like a handbook of inspiration for those who are contemplating new educational opportunities in the remainder of 2025 and into the future.

In keeping with the breadth of options for CE that qualifies for inclusion on the yearly reporting form, APG members not only reported taking formal classes and webinars, but also participating in discussion groups, APG chapter meetings, and mentorships. Many professionals also pointed to the fact that teaching and mentoring other genealogists were learning experiences in themselves.

Self-directed study was a frequent inclusion, with members focusing on individual learning through reading and other personal initiatives. And genealogical skills were not the only areas of growth: many members improved their business skills or delved into areas such as publishing, library work, executive management, or society leadership.

Below is just a sampling of some of the educational experiences that APG members reported in 2024. For even more inspiration, visit: www.apgen.org/docs/2024_CE_Response_Samples.pdf.

"I really enjoyed the APG chapter meetings, as you have the opportunity to network and ask questions."
—Justine Welburn

"Discussion groups give me the opportunity to ask questions and share information. I like my Writing Accountability Group the best as it is small (4 members) and we have been together for a few years now." — Yolanda Campbell Lifter

"Teaching absolutely makes me a stronger genealogist. Explaining concepts in a clear, constructive way compels me to revisit the bedrock of my own genealogical education and think about it more critically, helping me attain an even deeper understanding...." — Michael Traynor

"Working in forensic genetic genealogy to identify both decedents and perpetrators, I found webinars on utilizing a new platform with advanced algorithms for degraded samples to be particularly informative."
— Deborah Carl

Are You Keeping Track?

It's July already!

APG's 2025 Continuing Education reporting period is halfway over, which makes it an excellent time for you to review and track your CE experiences so far.

All APG members will be required to report at least 12 hours of Continuing Education in January of 2026.

Growing in your career and recording your Continuing Education hours is an important part of any professional routine—and an important part of being a member of APG!

Don't forget that self-directed education counts toward the 12-hour total.

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"Webinars were probably the most helpful activities for me this year because I was able to search for and listen to ones that met a specific need or that supported my research needs and skill development for the military repatriation work I do." — Constance Shotts

"I focused most of my formal educational activities on one skill: Writing. That approach created a synergistic effect, in part because I received some of the same tips more than once during the year and thus remember them better, and in part because I was regularly reminded of my goal of improving my writing skills." — Lene Draeby Kottal

For more on APG's Continuing Education requirements please visit <http://bit.ly/4e9cakF>.

New Member Discount

APG's newest member discount is Noodle Journal (<https://noodlejournal.com>), a voice-based journaling service that helps users keep a consistent journaling habit through scheduled phone calls.

With Noodle Journal each call is transcribed and saved to a private virtual journal, allowing users to preserve memories to share with future generations.

Members can sign up for a 6 month free account + 60% off future subscriptions by using the codes on our Member Discounts page (login required) at apgen.org, then **Members > Discounts**. Learn about the many other discounts and services that our vendors offer!



MEMBERS' NEWS

Newly Accredited Genealogists

Congratulations to Claudia Gibb Sudweeks and Bonnie Anderson on receiving their Accredited Genealogist (AG) credentials from the International Commission for the Accreditation of Professional Genealogists (<https://icapgen.org>).

Board for Certification of Genealogists' New Application Guide

The Board for Certification of Genealogists New Application Guide takes effect from 1 July 2025. For further details on the new certification process please visit <https://bcgcertification.org/new-application-guide-2025>.

APG at the National Genealogical Society Conference

From 23–26 May 2025 APG attended the National Genealogical Society conference in Louisville, Kentucky. APG was a bronze sponsor and had a booth in the Expo Hall. Many thanks to everyone who assisted at the event!



Top: APG Forensic Special Interest Group members meet up at NGS. Bottom left: Booth Coordinator Jen Shaffer and member Aimee Rose-Haynes greet attendees. Bottom right: APG members exploring Louisville.

CHAPTER AND SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP (SIG) NEWS

Colorado Chapter



At its May 2025 Quarterly Meeting, the Colorado Chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists proudly awarded Kathleen W. Hinckley, CG a Lifetime Membership in recognition of her extraordinary service, leadership, and lasting impact on the chapter, APG, and the wider genealogical community.

Kathy Hinckley has been a Certified Genealogist since 1984 through the Board for Certification of Genealogists. Throughout her distinguished career, she has earned national recognition as a genealogist, author, lecturer, and artist. As the founder of The Family Detective, Kathy has provided professional research services to clients and is an approved genealogist for the U.S. Army and Air Force, helping identify DNA-qualified family members of missing service members from World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. Additionally, she serves as a court-approved expert witness in Colorado, Texas, Kansas, Florida, and Rhode Island.



From 1995 through January 2023, Kathy served as the Executive Director of the Association of Professional Genealogists, where she guided the organization through significant growth and professional development. Her dedication, expertise, and mentorship have left an indelible mark on the field of genealogy. The Colorado Chapter is honored to recognize her outstanding contributions with this well-deserved lifetime membership award.



On Saturday, 2 August 2025, at 10:00 a.m. MT (please visit <https://www.timeanddate.com> for worldwide time equivalents) we will welcome former APG president Annette Burke Lytle to present "Answering the Call: Crafting Successful Presentation and Course Proposals."

In this presentation Annette will demonstrate the secrets behind writing dynamite proposals for genealogical speaking and teaching. She will cover finding calls for proposals, analyzing them to understand what the organizers want, and turning that understanding into exciting proposals that program committees for conferences and institutes will want to say yes to.

This Zoom presentation is open to all, but you must register at <https://coloradoapg.org>.

Further details on our chapter, and how to join, can also be found on our website.

Southeast Chapter



The APG Southeast Chapter will host a virtual meeting entitled “Records Access & Advocacy” on Thursday, 24 July 2025, at 7:30 p.m. ET (please visit <https://www.timeanddate.com> for worldwide time equivalents). The talk will focus on records access and genealogical advocacy at both the regional and national levels.

The panel includes Alec Ferretti, Judy Russell, JD, CG, CGL, J. Mark Lowe, FUGA, and Susan Court, JD, who will share insights and strategies for effectively engaging with county and state repositories. To register, please visit <https://us06web.zoom.us/join/9tYGTGryKR0movzoSXQyeJQ>. Have a question for the panel? Submit it here: <https://airtable.com/appziugc5FnA36pi5/pagog4GDRolGelTMU/form>

Also this month, there will be a Southeast Chapter Board Meeting on 10 July 2025 at 2:00 p.m. ET and a General Meeting on 17 July 2025 at 7:30 p.m. ET.

To join our chapter, please complete the membership application at <https://bit.ly/SoutheastAPG>. No dues are required. If you have any questions, please contact us at apgsoutheast@apgen.org. And don't forget to check our box on your APG profile page if you join!



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Mid-Atlantic Chapter



On Wednesday, 11 June, Mid-Atlantic APG members gathered for breakfast in Dover before touring the Delaware Public Archives. Joe Sullivan, public services supervisor, led the group through the facility, sharing highlights of its history and collections. Many thanks to local host Michael Gallagher for helping coordinate the visit—nothing beats a day of research and connection with fellow genealogists!

Pictured from the left: Stephanie Gaboriaul, Joe Sullivan of the Delaware Public Archives, Alaine Keisling, Julie Bono, Andreo Bono, and Michael Gallagher. (Image courtesy Luann Taylor)



We still have two more in-person gatherings this year (email midatlanticapg@gmail.com with questions):

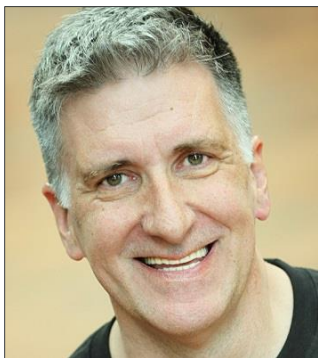
- Wednesday, 20 August: Philadelphia City Archives in the morning, with an optional tour of nearby Yards Brewery in the afternoon
- Co-hosted with the New Jersey Chapter: Tuesday, 21 October: New Jersey State Archives in morning, possibly with the New Jersey State Library in the afternoon

July Activities

Second Tuesday: Genealogist or Detective?

Tuesday, 8 July, at 12:00 noon ET

Register: <http://bit.ly/4kM5F9Y>



Sometimes genealogy feels more like detective work—and the twists and turns can be astonishing. Join us for

“Genealogist or Detective?”, a talk led by Paul Campbell-Trimbur of Stone Barn Research. A retired U.S. Postal Inspector, Paul brings his investigative expertise to the world of genealogy and he’ll share surprising cases from his research.

Don’t miss this fascinating look at the intersections between genealogy and investigation!

Please visit <https://www.timeanddate.com> for worldwide time equivalents for this session (and for other sessions held by our chapter this month).

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Mid-Atlantic Board Meeting

Wednesday, 9 July at 7:00 p.m. ET

Open to all Mid-Atlantic members, check your email for the link.

Tech Exchange: Comparing DrawIO and Lucidcharts

Sunday, 13 July, at 7:00 p.m. ET

Register: <http://bit.ly/4n8jKAn>

Join us for an interactive demonstration comparing DrawIO and Lucidchart, two powerful tools for creating research diagrams, timelines, and relationship charts. We'll walk through key features of each and discuss their pros and cons for genealogical work. Come share your own tips, experiences, and suggestions!

General Meeting: All Things Newspapers with Beth Sparrow

Wednesday, 23 July, 7:00 p.m. ET

Register: <http://bit.ly/3SUuzYW>



Whether you're digging through old headlines or following breaking news, newspapers are a goldmine for genealogists—and no one knows that better than Beth Sparrow. A lifelong Nebraskan, former NSGS president, and current newspaper owner, editor, and publisher, Beth brings a unique perspective to newspaper research. In this talk, she'll share her insights on finding, using, and understanding newspapers in genealogical work—both as a researcher and as someone who lives the newspaper life every day. Come learn from her deep experience and discover how newspapers can breathe life into your family history!

FORGEN study group

Sunday, 27 July, at 7:00 p.m. ET

Topic: Chapter 2: Real Estate Issues

Check the FORGEN Facebook group for the zoom link.

Happy Hour with Hope! chat

Monday, 28 July, at 7:00 pm ET

Register: <http://bit.ly/4nabobc>

Come chat about all things genealogical.



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To join Mid-Atlantic, complete our membership form at <https://bit.ly/42u4l51>. Annual dues are US \$20, payable via the following link: <https://bit.ly/4jqXlq9>.

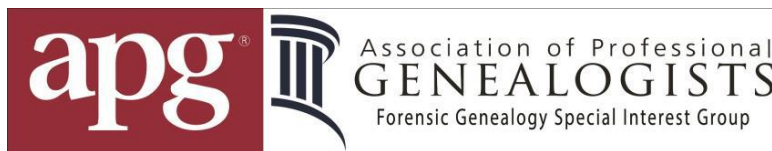
Britain, Ireland and the Isles Chapter



Britain, Ireland and the Isles Chapter will next be meeting on Tuesday, 15 July, 7:00 p.m. BST via Zoom (please visit <https://www.timeanddate.com> for worldwide time equivalents). A link to join an informal virtual chat will be emailed to members who are signed up to the Chapter on the APG website.

For further details on our chapter please visit https://www.apgen.org/britain_ireland_and_the_isles.php.

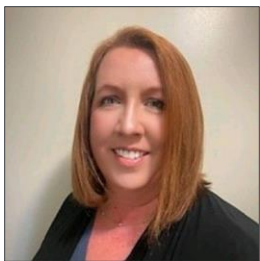
Forensic SIG



There will be no meeting of the Forensic SIG in July, but the following event will take place in August.

Military Repatriation, presented by Amanda Gonzales, CG

26 August 2025, 8:00 p.m. ET (Please visit <https://www.timeanddate.com> for worldwide time equivalents). Doors will open at 7:30 p.m. for networking.



Amanda Gonzalez is a Board Certified Genealogist who has spent 12 years as an active-duty military wife. With 30 plus years of research experience, she has completed numerous family history projects, authored two historical transcription books, worked as a Forensic Investigative Genetic Genealogy practitioner, and conducted genealogical research for hundreds of military repatriation cases for the US Army. Although her geographic specialty is Delaware, her research has extended nationally across the United States, and internationally as well.

Amanda will discuss military repatriation, her role as an SNA International genealogist, and involvement in identifying First Lieutenant Myles W. Esmay, Missing In Action (MIA) from World War II.

Forensic SIG Membership Meeting Dates for 2025

- 26 August 2025—"Military Repatriation"—Amanda Gonzalez from SNA International
- 16 September 2025—"Contingency Fees in Europe"—Marcus Schönherr & Hector Birchwood. (Note: this program will be held at 2:00 p.m. ET to accommodate international members)
- 28 October 2025—"Forensic Investigations – Case Study"—Robert Taft from Moxxy
- 9 December 2025—"Dual Citizenship: Italian, Polish, Irish"—Franchesca Werden, Michal Petrus, David Ryan. (Note: this program will be held at 1:00 p.m. ET to accommodate international members)

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Annual APG Forensic SIG Dues:

APG Forensic SIG dues should be paid when you renew your APG membership. Dues are no longer collected on a calendar year basis. Everyone who paid in 2023 or 2024 for the calendar year 2024 is considered paid until their renewal, even if that renewal is in the first half of 2025.

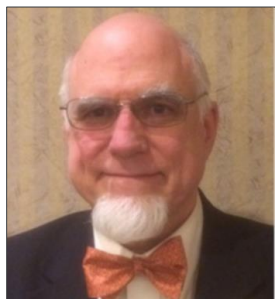
If you have any questions about the Forensic Genealogy SIG, please contact us at apgforensic@gmail.com.

Writers SIG



The next APG Writers SIG meeting is on 16 July 2025 at 8:00 p.m. EST, Craig Scott when will speak on "Procrastination: Friend or Foe?"

Once you overcome the problems associated with becoming a writer, like putting ink on paper or its equivalent, there are several things that will interfere with your ability to *keep* putting ink on paper. Procrastination is a major cause of failing to complete writing projects in a timely manner. It is important to identify how you deal with procrastination and its impact on your writing.



Craig Roberts Scott, MA, CG, FUGA is the President and CEO of Heritage Books, Inc., a genealogical publishing firm with more than 10,000 titles in print. A professional genealogical and historical researcher for more than thirty-eight years, he specializes in records of the National Archives, especially those that relate to the military.

Craig has coordinated the Military tracks at IGHR, SLIG, and GRIP in years past. He is currently the Coordinator of the SLIG Consultation Track, helping students solve their brick wall problems.

Meetings are normally held monthly on the third Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. Eastern time. However, this month's meeting will be at 2:00 p.m. Eastern Time. We begin to join at 1:30 p.m. for visiting in breakout rooms this month.

Save the dates for our future speakers:

- 16 July – Craig R. Scott, CG, FUGA, "Procrastination: Friend or Foe?"
- 20 August – Sharon Hoyt, MLIS, CG, "Refocus! When New Research Changes the Article You Planned to Write"
- 17 September - Pam Anderson, CG, "The Art of Self-Editing for Genealogists: Overall Written Products"

The Writers SIG dues are US \$20 per calendar year. Membership benefits include access to a closed Facebook Group, recorded meetings, an optional Peer Review Group, and networking opportunities.

For more information on the Writers SIG, log into www.apgen.org, and visit Writers SIG under the "About" tab.



Members of APG's New England Chapter gather at the recent National Genealogical Society Conference 2025, at Louisville, Kentucky, USA.

Do you have news to share?

If you have news that you would like to share with APG colleagues, please drop a note to eNews Editor Chris Paton at enews@apgen.org, and copy Executive Director Michelle Dwyer Cohen at admin@apgen.org

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- (1) a truthful approach to genealogy, family history, and local history;
- (2) the trust and security of genealogical consumers;
- (3) careful and respectful treatment of records, repositories and their staffs, other professionals, and genealogical organizations and associations.

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APG Welcomes New Members

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The following new members have joined APG between 27 May and 17 June 2025:

Jared Moore, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada; **Laurianne Schell**, Chestermere, Alberta, Canada; **Francisco Limón**, San Pedro Garza García, Nuevo León, Mexico; **Rosa MacGregor**, Liverpool, England; **Keith Windsor**, Corral de Tierra, California, USA; **Joseph Tritchler**, Whitsett, North Carolina, USA; **Dominique McCafferty Snapp**, Wildomar, California, USA; **Matthew Morgan**, Fayetteville, North Carolina, USA; **Shannon Hartlep**, Walnut Grove, California, USA; **Jennifer Pardi**, Gray, Maine, USA; **Jari Honora**, New Orleans, Louisiana, USA; **Julie Hamilton**, Germantown, Maryland, USA; **Kelli Evans**, Upland, California, USA; **Tatiana Counts**, Summerville, South Carolina, USA; **Jackie Ventimiglia**, Seaside, California, USA; **Sage Singleton**, Atlanta, Georgia, USA; **Justin Charles**, Bowie, Maryland, USA; **Aldona Dye**, Madison, Virginia, USA; **Shelby Bender**, Plant City, Florida, USA; **Bette Elsdon**, Florence, Massachusetts, USA; **Barbara Lagasse**, Bowling Green, Kentucky, USA; **Carla Stancil**, Raleigh, North Carolina, USA; **Tanya Thornton**, Eugene, Oregon, USA; **Denise Levenick**, Pasadena, California, USA; **Tenielle Oldham**, Beverly Hills, California, USA; and **Thomas Simonds**, Vero Beach, Florida, USA.



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