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Mid-Atlantic Chapter Wins 2024 Excellence Award

At last month's APG Board of Directors meeting APG president Suzanne Hoffman presented the 2024 Chapter/Special Interest Group Excellence Award to the **Mid-Atlantic Chapter**. The chapter was singled out for several strong achievements in 2024, including:



- Broadening the chapter's reach by rebranding Greater Philadelphia area to the more representative Mid-Atlantic area
- Growing chapter membership by 38.9%
- Holding 69 events in their first year, including chapter meetings, board meetings, in-person tours, weekly chats, and study groups
- Expanding educational programs to include a monthly lunch & learn, tech study group, and a forensic book study group
- Streamlining chapter governance processes such as board meetings, elections, leadership roles, and policies
- Adopting APG website functionality to assist with chapter signups and events
- Creating chapter merchandise and a regional cookbook



"The board of directors of the Mid-Atlantic Chapter of APG is thrilled to receive the honor of the Chapter Excellence Award for 2024," said chapter president Sarah Dobson Fullem. "Our board collaborated well as a team and worked diligently to bring exciting and fulfilling programming to our membership. We hope to continue this tradition into 2025 and beyond."

The Mid-Atlantic Chapter's current board includes Alaine Keisling (Vice President), Kristin Kaercher (Treasurer), Hope Glidden (Secretary), and Kris Jackson (Chapter Representative). The board also acknowledges the efforts of former members Joseph Roby and Lori Flynn for their assistance in 2024.

APG Professional Management Conference 2025 Updates and News

APG will hold its annual Professional Management Conference (PMC), entitled **Build Your Skills, Grow Your Business**, virtually from 18–20 September 2025. Since 1998, the PMC has provided excellence in business education for career genealogists and this year's conference will be no different.

When you attend APG's PMC, you can expect several information-packed days of sessions with experienced genealogists, industry experts, and other leaders in the genealogy community. Join us for in-depth explorations of topics like marketing, business management, speaker training, writing and publishing, client relationships, time management, DNA analysis, forensic genealogy, and technology.

Pricing information and registration will be available soon. Check www.apgen.org for the latest information.



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Call for Presentations

The Call for Presentations is still open for a short time! Submit your proposal at https://www.apgen.org/2025_pmc_call_for_proposals.php by 3 May 2025 at 11:55 P.M. EDT. We are looking for diverse and creative presentations geared towards helping members stay informed about trends within the world of professional genealogy and helping them to grow their business.

Sponsorship Opportunities

APG would like to thank FamilyTreeDNA and Vivid-Pix for their support of the 2025 PMC as Gold Sponsors. Looking to reach genealogy professionals with your company's products and services? There are a few sponsorship opportunities still available for the 2025 PMC at a variety of levels. View our sponsorship prospectus (<https://bit.ly/44LnTDt>) or contact Sponsorship Manager Pamela Israel at admgr@apgen.org for more information.

2025 PMC Committee Members

The following members are on the PMC committee: Michelle Dwyer Cohen (Executive Director), Pamela Moore (APG Board member), Regina Roberts, Torhild Shirley, AG, and Lisa Weaver.

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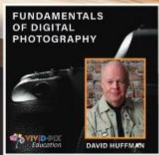
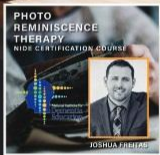
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APG to Attend National Genealogical Society Conference

APG is preparing for **Tales and Trails**, the National Genealogical Society conference in Louisville, Kentucky, 23–26 May 2025. APG is a bronze sponsor and will have a booth at the Expo Hall.


An impressive number of APG members will be speaking at the conference. We are so proud every time we see "APG Member" listed in the bios of so many of these talented conference speakers!

If you are attending NGS, there are two things that should be on your radar.


1- APG is planning an informal gathering on Saturday, 24 May, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at The Conservatory Bar, which is located in the skyway between the two buildings of The Galt House (<https://galthouse.com/the-conservatory>). Please note that no food is served in this venue.

2- Please consider volunteering at the APG booth! It is such a fantastic way to network with colleagues and learn more about what APG has to offer. Sign up for a shift at the following link: <https://bit.ly/NGSbooth>

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Jen Shaffer at theformidablegenealogist@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you there!


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Speakers subject to change; check the official schedule for the most up-to-date information.



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



FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Michelle Dwyer Cohen



Thanks to all who completed our recent membership survey! The winners of the gift card drawing have been notified of their prizes. A lot of useful data was collected, and our membership committee is hard at work analyzing the results. However, I saw some concerns in the written comments that we can handle immediately:

- 1) If you have a specific issue with anything regarding your membership, please feel free to contact me at admin@apgen.org, or the listening committee at listening@apgen.org. We are here to help! If you reported a problem that is specific to you through the survey, those answers are anonymous, so please reach out directly.
- 2) If the problem is website-related, please use our website feedback form for assistance:
<https://apgen.wufoo.com/forms/r1fnsbj40be626v/>.
- 3) Several members mentioned that they didn't know how to find our message boards. Please use this link:
https://members.apgen.org/members/forum/board_list.php.
- 4) Chapters and SIGs are for everyone, no matter where they are located, with most meetings online. Time zone challenges might make it difficult, but watching recordings may be an option (like Australia-New Zealand). To check out all the options available, visit these pages on our website: <https://www.apgen.org/chapters.php> and https://www.apgen.org/special_interest_groups.php. If there isn't a chapter in your area, perhaps there is a chapter or SIG that shares your research interest? If not, please consider starting one!
- 5) Our webinar library is available at https://www.apgen.org/webinar_library_lms.php.

There were a few comments asking how we advertise APG and its members. We promote APG at conferences in many locations throughout the year, through booths at in-person conferences (sometimes in partnership with chapters), through advertising in genealogical publications, and through paid social media campaigns. We are looking at marketing in other places, and welcome the suggestions received through the survey.

Another effective way to raise awareness of our brand is to advertise that you are part of APG! Please use the member logo on your website, and in your speaker, author, or researcher biography. Over 50% of our members who answered the survey said they were not yet using the logo.

Let's keep the feedback going! There's a hard-working team of contractors and staff, plus all of our volunteers on the Board and in the committees, working to make APG the best that we can be. With member help, APG will continue to grow our influence in the genealogical community, and increase brand awareness.

Kaye Ford, AG, Joins APG as Assistant to the Executive Director

APG is pleased to announce that Kaye Ford, AG, of New Castle, Indiana, USA, has been hired as Assistant to the Executive Director, a new part-time staff position within the organization.

As Assistant to the Executive Director, Ford will oversee administrative functions related to member communication, financial reporting, association procedures, and document management. She will also represent APG in interactions with the public.

An experienced genealogist and speaker with a focus on Indiana genealogy, Ford has been the Executive Director of the Henry County (Ind.) Historical Society and Museum since 2017. She currently serves as recording secretary of the Indiana Genealogical Society's Board of Directors and chairs the organization's Membership and Publications committees. Additionally, Ford is chapter vice regent of the Sarah Winston Henry Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution.

Ford holds a B.S. in Professional Studies with an emphasis on Family History Research from Brigham Young University-Idaho. In 2024, she earned the Accredited Genealogist designation from International Commission for Accreditation of Professional Genealogists (ICAPGen).



"I am very pleased to have Kaye join our high-performing APG team," said APG Executive Director Michelle Dwyer Cohen. "With her strong background in nonprofit management, she will bring new ideas that will benefit the association."

Ford can be reached at assistance@apgen.org.

New Webinar Recording Available: Writing Clear and Concise Reports

Looking to get a refresher on writing a great client report or learn what it takes to present your research in a deliverable format? Our April 2025 webinar, **Writing Clear and Concise Client Reports**, presented by Kate Townsend, CG, takes a step-by-step look at the elements that make up a clear and concise client report.

APG members can now view the recording of this webinar in the webinar library along with dozens of other informative webinars. To view the recording, please go to www.apgen.org, and then navigate to **Members > Continuing Education > Webinar Library**. Closed captioning is available.

We would like to thank Goldie May for underwriting this event.

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Events Featuring APG Members as Speakers

We're proud to highlight APG members presenting at recent or upcoming conferences, institutes, and more. Are you speaking at an upcoming event? Send an email with the details to communications@apgen.org.

Nebraska State Genealogical Society Annual Spring Conference, Virtual, 25–26 April 2025

- Christine Cohen
- Alina Khuda
- Cynthia K. Patton
- Kate Penney Howard
- Allyson Maughan, AG
- Brian Rhinehart

Illinois State Genealogical Society's Regional Spring 2025 Workshop, Carterville, Illinois, USA, 26 April 2025

- Rick Allen
- Laura Chaplin
- Suzanne L. Hoffman

Ohio Genealogical Society Spring Conference, Sandusky, Ohio, USA, 30 April–3 May 2025

- Katy Bodenhorn Barnes
- Lauren Kuntzman, MA, MLIS
- Judy G. Russell, JD, CG, CGL
- Kelli Jo Bergheimer
- Michael D. Lacopo, DVM
- Sandra Rumble
- Michelle Chubenko, AG
- Peggy Clemens Lauritzen, AG, FOGS
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- Rev. David McDonald, DMIN
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APG Quarterly Going Digital in 2026 – What You Need to Know

At the 23 April 2025 quarterly meeting, APG’s Board of Directors voted to transition the *APG Quarterly* (APGQ) journal to a fully digital format, beginning with the March 2026 issue. The preliminary results of last month’s member survey indicate that the *APGQ* is one of our most valued benefits, and the Board of Directors made the decision after considering several factors.

The costs of printing and mailing the *APGQ* is one of the Association’s largest budget line items. As in other areas of the economy, costs for printing and postage are rising. Over the last five years, we have seen a 30% increase in the cost of printing and postage combined, and we are anticipating a 9% increase in postage in July 2025 for magazines, as the U.S. Postal Service recently proposed. The cost savings created by this decision will allow us to reinvest the funds into other areas of APG to improve member benefits and create new services in 2026. By going completely digital and removing the limitations of specific page counts, the *APGQ* will have more flexibility for additional content.

Over the coming months, we will provide you with information on the transition process and will share tips on making the most out of your digital publication. The December 2025 issue of the *APGQ* will include much of this content. Members may have already noticed some improvements we have made to the *APGQ* web pages, including updating the searchable index, clearer organization, tables of contents, and more.

What do you need to do to prepare for the digital transition? Nothing! We will send reminders to all members and subscribers for the rest of the year to keep you up to date with the changes. If you would like to be proactive and opt out of your mailed copy now, please notify Kaye Ford at assistance@apgen.org.

Many of our library subscribers already have solutions in place for digital-only publications. We will be reaching out to these subscribers to ensure they can accommodate their users. We will be here to help support members through this transition; please stay tuned for more information.

The Latest *APGQ* is now available!

The March 2025 edition of *APG Quarterly* includes the following:

- “Build a Path to Enhance the Client Experience” by Jeremy Verduco
- “Coordinate an Institute Course: Conception to Completion” by Annette Burke Lyttle, CG
- “Manage Your Business with Notion” by Taneya Koonce, MSLS, MPH, and Julie Cahill Tarr, AG
- “Long-Term Storage Considerations” by Cyndi Ingle
- “Level Up Your Marketing: Ideas for 2025” by Joy Curtiss
- “Experiment with Your Productivity” by Drew Smith, MS, MLIS
- “Improve Your Public Speaking Skills” by Amanda E. Perrine, MSLIS

Access the issue at www.apgen.org by logging in and selecting **Members > Publications > APG Quarterly**.



A Busy Month for APG's Advocacy Efforts

Rich Venezia updates on the Advocacy Committee's latest activities.

This month, the Advocacy Committee wishes to highlight the work of several organizations in the United States who are fighting hard against various reductions or elimination of agencies, as well as threatened cuts, in the hopes that our members may get involved with these various efforts.

1) The American Library Association (ALA) has started a petition to urge the House of Representatives to fund libraries after the Trump administration's elimination of the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). Many libraries provide free access to databases like Ancestry.com, and many libraries nationwide have unique local history sections or manuscripts that are crucial to genealogical research. You can read more and sign on to the petition here: <https://bit.ly/3RUVpQh>. (Only US residents can sign on to this petition.)



2) The National Humanities Alliance is working to save the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), which among many other things, supports access to and preservation of local archives, as well funding newspaper digitization projects. They have put together two action alerts which can be viewed here: <https://bit.ly/4INXzPb>. (Again, it appears that these action alerts are mainly for US residents.)

3) The Director of the Syracuse University Press put together a comprehensive but concise overview of the fights to save IMLS and the NEH, both of which are battling for survival. Read more here: <https://bit.ly/4jOvwNG>.

4) The Center for Bibliographical Studies and Research (CBSR) at the University of California Riverside maintains the California Digital Newspaper Collection (CDNC). The CDNC will go offline without funding, which has been cut from the 2026 state budget. The Director of the CBSR urges California residents to write to the members of the Senate's Budget and Fiscal Review Committee's Subcommittee No. 1, and the State Assembly's Subcommittee No. 3 on Education Finance. Sample text and more information is provided on the APG Advocacy message board in the Members Area of the APG website (**Communication > Message Boards**).

5) The Council of State Archivists provides frequent posts to keep people up-to-date about various issues across the country. Follow them on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/CouncilOfStateArchivists>), Twitter/X (<https://twitter.com/StateArchivists>), or LinkedIn (<https://bit.ly/LinkedInCSA>).

If you see something, say something! The Advocacy Issues message board exists so members can alert each other about important and time-sensitive issues related to records preservation and records access advocacy.

We have one piece of good news to share out of New York State! The proposal to restrict access to vital records is completely dead in the water and will not be included in the final budget. Thanks to all who took action on this, especially the Advocacy Committee's chair, Alec Ferretti!


We continue to implore our US-based members to contact their elected officials to discuss the importance of additional funding to NARA. NARA is on life support and needs our help. Members of Congress almost never hear about the National Archives, so even a few phone calls can make a significant difference. Our elected officials only know about what's important to us if we tell them! You can read the formal letter from APG about NARA funding here: <https://bit.ly/4llx4e9>, and you can find guidance on how to contact your representatives to



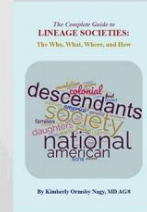
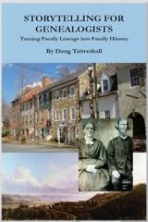

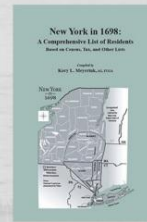
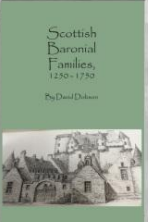
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express the importance of increasing NARA's funding here: <https://www.congress.gov/members/find-your-member>. Please also encourage your genealogical societies, clients, and colleagues to contact their Senators and Representative. Visit <https://fundnara.com> for more information.

Stay tuned for more ways to advocate, and do let us know if you come across issues you think we should be aware of. You can reach us at advocacy@apgen.org or post to the Message Board, linked above. If interested in joining the Advocacy SIG, please fill out the application here: <https://bit.ly/4cNGDUR>.



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The *Code of Ethics* serves to promote (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.

For details on the code please visit https://www.apgen.org/code_of_ethics.php

Next Members-Only Webinar Tackles Reparative Genealogy

APG is pleased to announce the next webinar in our "New Voices" series for members. Join us on 18 May 2025 for **Reparative Genealogy: A Discussion on Ethics and Healing**. This event is open to APG members only.

Genealogy is a powerful tool for uncovering the past, deepening our understanding of history, and fostering connections across generations. Reparative genealogy aims to shed light on difficult histories—including enslavement and colonialism—and bring a better understanding of America's history and its resulting systems.



Through storytelling and examples from various perspectives, panelists (pictured above, left to right) **Jennifer Hadlock, Lotte Lieb Dula, Briayna Cuffie, and Katie MacMurray** will explore how genealogical research on the family trees of both enslavers and the enslaved, colonizers and colonized can lead to healing and repair. What are the best ways to approach this work? How do we best present this information? Why is it important for families of enslavers to provide access to records from the enslavement era? What are the ethical considerations? The panelists do not claim to have all the answers to these questions, but they are initiating the conversation.

The event will take place on 18 May 2025 from 3:30–5:00 p.m. ET (please visit <https://www.timeanddate.com> for worldwide time equivalents); closed captioning will be available. To register to attend, please visit <https://bit.ly/435vP15>.

APG's **New Voices** series was created to diversify the narrative in genealogical research by providing a platform for emerging voices in the field, particularly those focusing on under-represented communities. The goal is to create a series of educational webinars which aim to enrich the knowledge base of APG members, fostering a broader understanding of historical and cultural issues impacting genealogical research. The New Voices series presents views of speakers that are not necessarily the opinions of APG.

New Members Meeting

For members who have just joined APG, you are welcome to join APG President Suzanne Hoffman and other members as we discuss all that your membership has to offer! A New Members Meeting will be held on 16 May 2025 at 2:00 p.m. ET (please visit <https://www.timeanddate.com> for worldwide time equivalents).

Register at <https://members.apgen.org/Calendar/moreinfo.php?eventid=167292>.

Family History Hill Day in Washington D.C.

On 9 April 2025 members and supporters of The Records Preservation and Access Coalition (RPAC) participated in **Family History Hill Day**. The goal of the event was to encourage our federal legislative representatives in Washington, D.C. to support “robust” funding for the National Archives and Record Administration (NARA) and The National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC). We also added our voice to support the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). Loss of grants and funding from various federal organizations will have a serious impact on these organizations’ ability to deliver the records and digital images that we need, and that the government needs to provide services.

APG was well-represented by Suzanne Hoffman (IL), President, and Alec Ferretti (NY), Board Member and Advocacy Committee Chair. Other participating APG members, representing a variety of organizations, included David Rencher, Jen Zinck, Adrienne McQuillan, and Susan O’Connor. Each of our participants had a meeting with their state’s legislators to encourage them to sign the bipartisan House and Senate “Dear Colleague” letters urging their peers to support NARA. Meetings were held with 11 different state senators and representatives.

The meeting held with Sen. Warren’s office (D-MA) was with her Special Advisor in charge of drafting the bipartisan letter. As a result of our efforts, we received a draft of this letter and had the opportunity to contribute to the content for the Senate version. We are also hoping to receive an early review of the House version.

We encourage APG members to take advantage of our Advocacy events to learn more about how to support our requests for record access, increased digitization, and increased funding. You can still get involved by writing to your Congress and House representatives and ask them to sign on to these letters when they are published in the next two weeks.



Left side of table: David Rencher, president of NGS and Chief Genealogical Officer of FamilySearch; Jennifer Zinck, BCG’s rep. to RPAC; Adrienne McQuillan, a local genealogist and APG member; Susan Yockey, NGS Member Services; Jan Alpert, RPAC chair; Elana Bloch; Janelle Hilleary; and J. Bradley Jansen. Right side: George McGomery; Alec Ferretti, APG rep. to RPAC; Suzanne Hoffman, APG President and rep. to RPAC; Andre Kearns, chair of the NGS DEI Committee; Michele McEvoy, New York Biographical and Genealogical Society’s Communications Director; and Susan O’Connor, MGC President. Image courtesy of Mark Doherty, MGC Treasurer.

CHAPTER AND SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP (SIG) NEWS

Britain, Ireland and the Isles Chapter



On Wednesday 7 May we will be holding an informal chat event from 3:00 p.m. BST (please visit <https://www.timeanddate.com> for worldwide time equivalents). A link will be emailed to members who are signed up to the Chapter on the APG website.

For more on the chapter please visit https://www.apgen.org/britain_ireland_and_the_isles.php.

Puget Sound Chapter



The following are details for the chapter's April talk, as part of our theme this year on building community:

Date: 26 May 2025
 Time: 7:00 p.m. PT (please visit <https://www.timeanddate.com> for worldwide time equivalents)
 What: Member-driven event
 Virtual: See the chapter website for sign up information at <https://psapg.wordpress.com/meetings/>.

A link for members to attend the session is available from Nancy Cordell at nancy.cordell@gmail.com.

Southeast Chapter



The newly formed Southeast Chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists is now accepting new members. The Southeast Chapter includes the following states: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, West Virginia, and Virginia.

To join, 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!

Australia and New Zealand Chapter



The followings are the dates for forthcoming meetings of the Australia and New Zealand Chapter this year (please visit <https://www.timeanddate.com> for worldwide time equivalents):

- Thursday, 22 May 1:00 p.m. QLD
- Thursday, 26 June 1:00 p.m. QLD
- Thursday, 24 July 1:00 p.m. QLD
- Thursday, 28 August 1:00 p.m. QLD
- Thursday, 25 September 1:00 p.m. QLD
- Thursday, 23 October 1:00 p.m. QLD
- Thursday, 27 November 1:00 p.m. QLD

For more on the chapter please visit https://www.apgen.org/australia_and_new_zealand_chap.php.

Hiring Genealogist



Position	Genealogist
Company	Limmi AI Inc.
Brands	EuroPassport JustDocs
Location	Remote (USA only)
Start Date	Immediate

You can find more details at europassport.ca/blog/hiring-genealogist

ABOUT US

Limmi AI Inc., a leading Canadian legal-tech startup, is the innovative force behind EuroPassport and JustDocs—platforms revolutionizing the way individuals access European citizenship and legal documentation. With a growing client base across North America and Europe, we combine legal expertise with cutting-edge technology to streamline the path to dual citizenship.

THE ROLE

We are seeking a dedicated and experienced Genealogist to join our team. This position is crucial in helping our U.S.-based clients trace their European ancestry to support citizenship-by-descent applications. You will conduct genealogical research within the United States and coordinate with our expert network of genealogists across Europe.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Conduct in-depth genealogical research using historical records, databases, and archives within the U.S.
- Collaborate and coordinate with our genealogical partners in Europe.
- Prepare research summaries and documentation to support European citizenship applications.
- Communicate with clients to clarify goals and share progress updates.
- Maintain high standards of client service and confidentiality.

If you're passionate about family history and helping others reconnect with their European roots, we'd love to hear from you. Please send your resume to jobs@europassport.ca

Mid-Atlantic Chapter



Mid-Atlantic APG offers a welcoming, supportive network of professionals and enriching activities. Connect with fellow genealogists who share an understanding of the region's unique historical and genealogical landscapes. We provide opportunities for professional development, collaboration, and mentorship—along with engaging events designed to spark fresh ideas and sharpen your skills. Join us to grow your network, share your expertise, and stay at the forefront of the field.

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>.

You're welcome to visit our award-winning chapter, or email questions to midatlanticapg@gmail.com.

The following are our May events (please visit <https://www.timeanddate.com> for worldwide time equivalents):

Tech Exchange: Creating Flexible and Innovative Research Reports with AirTable

Sunday, 4 May, at 6 pm ET

Register: <https://bit.ly/3Gs45uK>

A hands-on workshop with Alaine Keisling on using AirTable to create research reports and affiliated documents. Alaine owns Keisling Research and is vice president and program chair of Mid-Atlantic APG. She's been using AirTable for about four years.

Mid-Atlantic Chat

Thursdays, 8 May and 22 May, at 12 noon ET

Register: 8 May via <https://bit.ly/4jQuAIN>; 22 May via <https://bit.ly/3S6BgXi>

Second Tuesday with Michael Mantooth

Tuesday, 13 May, at 12 noon ET

Register: <https://bit.ly/4cOOdyF>

Conestoga-Susquehannock Tribal Historian Michael Mantooth will take us deeper into the hidden history found in genealogical documents. He'll offer insights into researching Indigenous ancestry in states without currently recognized tribes, and how shifting classifications—where indigenous people were often recorded as black, white, or colored—complicate the search.

Michael will share examples that challenge the widely accepted story of his people's extinction, backed by over 175 years of efforts to reclaim their treaty land. He'll also highlight some lesser-known resources that can reveal genealogical clues traditional methods often miss.



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Michael, who has a degree in Native American Studies from Dartmouth College, currently serves as the Tribal Historian for the Conestoga-Susquehannock Tribe. His talk will feature case studies, stories of altered census records, and a look at the unique challenges eastern tribes still face today.

Mid-Atlantic Board Meeting

Wednesday, 14 May, at 7:00 p.m. ET

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

FORGEN study group

Sunday, 18 May, at 7:00 p.m. ET

Topic: **Chapter 11: Evidence and Proof**

Check your email for the zoom link.

Happy Hour with Hope! chat

Monday, 19 May, at 7 pm ET

Register: <https://bit.ly/4cRtoT5>



Mid-Atlantic General Meeting with Suzanne Hoffman

Wednesday, 28 May, at 7:00 p.m. ET

Register: <https://bit.ly/3RCIDqq>



After a brief business meeting, APG President Suzanne Hoffman will share her vision for APG’s future and the critical role advocacy plays in ensuring genealogists continue to have access to the records we need. In addition to serving as APG’s president, Suzanne leads the Forensic Genealogy SIG, represents APG in the Record Preservation and Access Coalition, and chairs the Advocacy Committee of the Illinois State Genealogical Society, where she also serves as secretary. A forensic genealogist and long-time FamilySearch Center volunteer, Suzanne brings a wealth of experience to this important conversation.

Delaware Public Archives Tour

Wednesday, 11 June, 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. ET

Register: <https://bit.ly/4IT6Aqq>

An exclusive behind-the-scenes tour of the Delaware Public Archives in Dover. The day includes a networking breakfast, a guided tour of the archives, and time for personal research. This is a great opportunity to connect with fellow APG professionals while exploring one of the region’s most valuable genealogical resources. Open to all APG members. Register by Tuesday, 3 June.

APG Committees

APG has sixteen committees currently serving the organization. You can find details on their members and work at <https://apgen.org/committees.php>.

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Jessica Dascott, last seen April 1901

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A Marketing Toolkit for Members can be found in the APG website Members Area, under Business Resources.

Writers SIG



The APG Writers SIG continued its stellar lineup of speakers in April with Wesley Pippenger who spoke on “Reconstructing the Past: Three Case Studies.”

Our next meeting is on 21 May 2025 at 2:00 p.m. ET when Ian Watson will speak on **“Genealogical Writing and Publishing in the 2020s: Thoughts from Ian Watson, Editor of the *NYG&B Record*.”**

Ian Watson will share his thoughts about how the environment for genealogical writers and publishers is changing. He will talk partly about the New York Genealogical and Biographical Record (now in its 156th year) and what kind of material it publishes, and partly about the broader landscape of genealogical writing and publishing.

For example, what is the best way to bring your work to the public and ensure that it has the effect that you want? How can you make sure that rare knowledge and one-of-a-kind documents are preserved? Should you sell your writing or give it away? How can we integrate the print and online worlds? How can we cite sources in an efficient, helpful, and durable way?



Ian Watson, PhD (www.ianwatson.org), is the editor of the *New York Genealogical and Biographical Record* and author of various articles and books about New York and New England genealogy.

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. ET, and we will begin to join at 1:30 p.m. for visiting in breakout rooms this month. Please visit <https://www.timeanddate.com> for worldwide time equivalents.

Save the dates for our future speakers:

- 18 June – Dan Bouk, Ph.D., “The Census is a Fascination and a Flawed Record of Doorstep Conversations.”
- 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.”

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.

Forensic SIG



The following is our next monthly program event:

Law Enforcement Use of Forensic Investigative Genetic Genealogy (FIGG), with Kevin Smith
 27 May 2025, from 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. (Please visit <https://www.timeanddate.com> for worldwide time equivalents.)



Kevin Smith will give an overview of how the Cold Case Team/ FIGG team of Indiana State Police (ISP) developed in-house, and how it uses genealogy as another tool to help solve cases. He will discuss efforts worldwide to establish in-house FIGG units and will speak about their in-house FIGG team at Indiana State Police.

First Sergeant Kevin Smith is a Cold Case Team Leader with the Indiana State Police (ISP). He has 37 years with ISP starting in 1987 including 15 years as road trooper, two years as a crime scene investigator, 11 years as a field detective, three years as a detective commander, and five and a half years as an area captain. He has been Cold Case Team Leader since April 2024. He is an Adjunct Professor in Criminal Justice at Trine University in Angola, Indiana. Kevin is also a presenter for the International Homicide Investigators Association on Cold Case investigations and FIGG, including ISP's in-house FIGG team.

Upcoming Book Signing

The next book signing for *Forensic Genealogy: Theory and Practice* will be held at the National Genealogical Society's 2025 conference in Louisville, Kentucky, from May 23 – May 26, 2025. Specific dates and times for the signing will be announced closer to the event.

Membership meeting dates for 2025

- 24 June 2025
- 26 August 2025
- 16 September 2025
- 28 October 2025
- December (TBA)

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.

APG Welcomes New Members

APG is committed to fostering an inclusive community in which all participants are treated with dignity and respect, regardless of (but not limited to) ethnicity, sexual orientation, sex, gender, marital status, disability, age, religion, socioeconomic status, nationality, or political affiliation.



The following new members have joined APG between 22 March and 18 April 2025:

Jo Callaghan, Canberra, ACT, Australia; **Sheree Laursen**, Strathfieldsaye, Victoria, Australia; **Sheila Hobeck**, Oakville, Ontario, Canada; **Kelsey Tomasini**, Killaloe, Ontario, Canada; **Padraic Grennan**, Dublin, Ireland; **Alessandra Mencarelli**, Narni, Italy; **Marie Croot**, Hamilton, New Zealand; **Elizabeth Pearce**, Goodwick, England; **Amy Larkin**, Granbury, Texas, USA; **Anne Gardner**, Greenville, Rhode Island, USA; **Efren Melena**, Long Beach, California, USA; **David Use**, Glenwood Springs, Colorado, USA; **Lisa Kerr**, Branchburg, New Jersey, USA; **Anna Phillips**, Brighton, Colorado, USA; **Kim Jenkins**, Mapleton, Utah, USA; **Heather Haurert**, Dearing, Georgia, USA; **Kate Blankenship**, Pawtucket, Rhode Island, USA; **Lisa Bullins-Gladney**, Killeen, Texas, USA; **Shannon Hillard**, Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA; **Aurora Paterson**, Washington, DC, USA; **Matthew Rhodes**, Warwick, New York, USA; **Jamie Middleton**, North Little Rock, Arizona, USA; **Scott Erickson**, Marana, Arizona, USA; **Mary Rogers**, Purcellville, Virginia, USA; **Claudia Sudweeks**, Highland, Utah, USA; **Kate Baroni**, Meridian, Idaho, USA; **Julie Weisz**, Gillette, Wyoming, USA; and **Laura Olmsted**, Carbondale, Illinois, USA.

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