

MGS SPRING WORKSHOP
APRIL 20TH, 2024, 8:30AM TO 4:30PM
JEFF'S CATERING, 15 EVENTCENTER WAY
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A Day of Military Research



With...Michael L. Strauss, AG

Mr. Strauss is a historian and forensic investigator with specialties in the colonial era, Civil War, court and federal records, and U.S. wars up to Vietnam. He serves as the military specialist at Ancestry.com and is a genealogical lecturer and faculty member at the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy, the Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh and the Institute of Genealogical and Historical Research. He has published numerous articles in his field, and participates in Civil War and Mexican War reenactments. He comes to us from Utah. You may find more about his work at: <https://genealogyresearchnetwork.com>.



Schedule

8:30 to 9:15AM-Registration

Greeting and Introduction

9:30 to 10:45AM-Introduction to Military History Research

Beginning military research can be challenging and rewarding, especially when learning what records exist, where to look, and connecting the historiography to locate details of prior military service. This lecture focuses on a wide variety of records, strategies, and methodology to begin researching our military ancestors.

10:45 to 11:00AM-Break

11:00 to 12:15PM-Researching Your Colonial War Ancestors

Participation in the local militia units was an important part of the life of your ancestors. The militia provided for the common defense and brought families together in times of crisis. Numerous armed conflicts, including King Philip's War, King George's War and the War of Jenkins Ear are some that are highlighted. Genealogical sources will include muster rolls, militia lists, pay documents, published books and manuscripts, and other related materials.

Lunch-12:15 to 1:00PM

1:00 to 2:15-The Road to Independence: Revolutionary War Research

The Revolutionary War was fought partly over tensions between England and her colonies that escalated over time into violence in April 1775 at Lexington, Massachusetts. Some of the records examined will include compiled military service records, pensions, state and federal bounty land, and militia, along with records from the Continental Navy and Marine Corps.

2:15 to 2:30PM-Break

2:30 to 3:45PM-A House Divided: Research in the Civil War

Sectional differences tore apart the United States between 1861 and 1865. This lecture examines a variety of military records used to document the lives of soldiers, sailors, and marines who served on both sides during the late war. Some records include service files, conscription records, pensions, census, photographs, and other documents covering both sides in multiple military branches during the war.

3:45PM-Door Prizes and Wrap-Up