
Zoom Chat Transcript - 2023 Genealogy Workshop

00:36:10 Benita Gibbs: Hello from North Carolina.

00:36:38 CALS Zoom: 🙋

00:36:39 Kymara Harris: Hello from Little Rock

00:36:52 CALS Zoom: 🙋

00:37:07 Leslie Johnson: Hello from Akron, Ohio.

00:37:18 CALS Zoom: 🙋

00:37:28 Regan Richardson: Good morning from Minnesota

00:37:38 CALS Zoom: 🙋

00:37:43 Kathy Chambers: Hello from Jacksonville, Arkansas

00:37:47 Vernita Morgan: El Dorado, AR on the Zoom.

00:37:51 Leslie Johnson: Is there a handout for those attending virtually?

00:37:58 CALS Zoom: 🙋🙋

00:38:04 Nicki Walker: Hello from Sheridan

00:38:26 CALS Zoom: There is and it'll be added to the chat soon.

00:38:31 CALS Zoom: 🙋

00:38:38 Sheila Duncan: Hello, from Sheila Duncan West Palm Beach, FL

00:38:44 CALS Zoom: 🙋

00:39:22 Jackie Stawitz: Jackie Stawitz Hello from Little Rock

00:39:25 janis kearney: Hello to CALS and to my old friend Ronnie Nichols. So happy to join you, virtually.

00:39:37 CALS Zoom: 🙋🙋

00:40:17 Jim Shirey: Hi, Jim from Michigan.

00:40:24 CALS Zoom: 🙋

00:40:33 Hazel Cooksey: Hi Hazel from GA

00:40:40 CALS Zoom: 🙋

00:44:19 Heather Zbinden: Here is the link to the handout page for today's program.
<https://robertslibrary.org/23genwkhand/>

00:45:55 Gabi Fair: Heather Thank You! Good morning all!

00:46:17 Kymara Harris: Thank You for the handout link.

00:53:46 Joyce Warren: Good morning everyone!

00:54:07 CALS Zoom: 🙋

00:57:44 Jodi Morris: Having audio trouble at Millie Brooks. Working on it

00:58:09 June Douglas: My audio is good

01:05:09 Jodi Morris: Thank you. Double checking all myconnections

01:06:06 Stephanie Grassi: Good morning from Ohio. Is there a handout?

01:06:53 CALS Zoom: Here is the link to the handout page for today's program. <https://robertslibrary.org/23genwkhand/>

01:07:07 Hazel Cooksey: Will we be able to get the link for these documents

01:13:50 Heather Zbinden: Please type your questions here.

01:15:44 Brenda Brown: Hello from Forrest City, Arkansas

01:16:33 CALS Zoom: 🙋

01:21:23 Sheila Duncan: What information does the Freedmen Bureau offer that other sources do not?

01:21:56 Kathy Chambers: I have not been able to locate a birth certificate for my mother. I do not have any records from her, not even a bible. We are having difficulty locating what state she was born in because we are not sure of her birth name. We have looked for her birth certificate in all the states that bordered Arkansas. It appears she used several aliases. Also we are not sure of my grandmother's real surname or my mother's father's name. What is the best place to start?

01:27:36 Janice Sellers: @Sheila, one of the most important pieces of information you can learn from Freedmen's Bureau records is the former slaveholder's name.

01:29:19 Sheila Duncan: Janice, how do ask for that specific information by using Ancestry.com?

01:35:34 Hazel Cooksey: Any Suggestions on locating data on my Great grandfather? The only data I've been able to locate was his marriage to GGM in AR during late 1880's in Prairie County AR & census of 1880, 1870 in MS & TN with his family prior to marriage. It's as if he dropped off the planet. Help?

01:36:52 Antoinette Young: @Sheila, Freedmen's Bureau records also include marriage records, labor contracts between the former enslaver and the freed people; ration records; records of complaints and disputes; records of schools established by the bureau; and freedmen bank records. It's a great resource

01:39:03 Jim Shirey: Use Ancestry DNA Matching to build DNA trees. That is much more useful in genealogical research than the ethnicity estimates.

01:39:17 Kathy Chambers: The birth year that she told us was actually different from the year that SSA said she was born 😞. My mother died in 2013.

01:40:06 Leslie Johnson: Questions: Is DNA testing prevalent in African nations? If not, how has the speaker used the Ancestry ethnicity estimates in his genealogy research?

01:40:44 Antoinette Young: @Sheila, you can do a catalog search for Freedmen's Bureau Records on Ancestry

01:41:07 Shearee Jones: Were do you go to find out if you're family was Indian

01:42:19 Mary Evans: Heather, did y'all already do the memorial for Bill ADams?

01:43:53 Gabi Fair: The Doss Rolls..I think that is how it is spelled..let me check

01:44:17 Arlene Rose: I am having difficulty finding death records on my maternal grandfather. He appears to have moved to several times to different states. I have tried various spellings of his name to no avail. How would you suggest that I proceed to find where and when he was buried?

01:46:06 Regan Richardson: Dawes Rolls for Native American ancestry

01:46:09 Leslie Johnson: @Shearee Jones - You can use DNA testing to determine whether or not you have Native American ancestry. The information will be listed under the ethnicity estimates. Here is a link to researching the Dawes Rolls: <https://www.archives.gov/research/native-americans/dawes/tutorial/intro.html>

01:46:50 Gabi Fair: The Dawes Rolls is the correct spelling for Indian or tribal roll information an additional resources

01:47:05 Gwen Meah-Richardson: Could you please provide Ronda's information so I may contact her?

01:47:48 Mary Evans: Dawes Rolls are not the only Roll. It is not for all tribes. Just "do genealogy" it will lead you where it goes. Records for southeastern tribes are at National Archives in Fort Worth

01:48:43 Mary Evans: Dep[ending on the tribe, DNA might not help.

01:49:02 Leslie Johnson: @Mary Evans - Can you provide some links for the records you are referring to?

01:50:06 Gabi Fair: @Shearee Jones.. Dawes Rolls exactly not the only place but a reference or other tool to research

01:52:30 Mary Evans: Look on Ancestry under censuses for specific "Indian Censuses."

01:58:04 Leslie Johnson: @Sheila Duncan - Here is a link to researching the Freedmen's Bureau records on the Smithsonian Online Virtual Archives (SOVA): <https://>

sova.si.edu/record/NMAAHC.FB. You can download the finding aid for instructions on using this record set. On Ancestry, do a title search for "Freedmen's Bureau" to access the record collections available on Ancestry. You can also access the records by setting up a free account on FamilySearch.org. Once there do a catalog search using the title "Freedmen's Bureau".

02:04:30 Heather Zbinden: RE: Freedmen's Bureau... Here is the link to Ancestry's page on Freedmen's Bureau records - [https://www.ancestry.com/cs/freedmens?](https://www.ancestry.com/cs/freedmens?o_iid=116301&o_lid=116301&o_sch=Web+Property)

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02:04:41 Heather Zbinden: And National Archives page - <https://www.archives.gov/research/african-americans/freedmens-bureau>

02:06:50 Heather Zbinden: Rhonda Stewart's contact information is rstewart@cals.org or 501.320.5700. The Roberts Library Research Room is open Monday through Friday 9 to 6 and Saturday 12 to 4.

02:08:19 Heather Zbinden: The In Memoriam for Bill is on the slides that plays between sessions.

02:08:51 Mary Evans: will we be able to see it on zoom?

02:12:08 Gabi Fair: I can't see his presentation only audio?

02:12:40 Leslie Johnson: I can see and hear fine.

02:13:30 Millie Brooks: Brooks library has audio and visual now

02:13:43 CALS Zoom: check how many windows you may have open

02:13:55 Jennice Haynes: Did you slide your screen over to view the presentation?

02:15:56 Heather Zbinden: If you have just joined us, here is the link to the handouts page - <https://robertslibrary.org/23genwkhand/>

02:16:24 Millie Brooks: We can't hear Ronnie when he stands up and moves away from table

02:17:16 Gabi Fair: yes I did but will not return..

02:19:03 Heather Zbinden: Please type your questions for Ronnie here and I will read off during the break.

02:23:21 Susan Lasley: Can you show the image of the black women in the Navy? I missed what they were called.

02:23:57 S. McKinnis: Is there a list or database of those the CSA forced to serve?

02:24:49 Benita Gibbs: I had several ancestors who served in the Civil War.

02:25:10 Brenda King: What is the site again for searching people who served in the Civil War?

02:25:28 Mary Evans: "Soldiers & Sailors" National Park Service

02:27:24 Mary Evans: 1st & 2nd Kansas got their revenge at Jenkins Ferry

02:28:25 Mary Evans: Soldiers & Sailors you can also search by unit & get unit histories

02:28:53 Vernita Morgan: The Expulsion Act forced my FPOC relatives out of AR.

Ironically, they enlisted and fought with the 1st and 2nd Kansas and ended up fighting in Poison Springs, AR, close to their original home.

02:28:54 Leslie Johnson: Here is the link to the National Park Service Civil War Database: <https://www.nps.gov/civilwar/soldiers-and-sailors-database.htm>

02:29:53 Tanya Canada: <https://www.nps.gov/civilwar/search-soldiers.htm>

02:29:58 Jim Shirey: I transcribed a Civil War Journal of James B Lockney, Wisconsin 28th and have it online at: jshirey.brinkster.net/CivilWar. His regiment spent a great majority of the War camped at Pine Bluff and Little Rock. He often talked about the Black soldiers, the locals, slavery, and other related and pertinent info that you all might find interesting. Much of the Journal is routine, but is still pretty interesting.

02:31:33 S. McKinnis: Enslaved men forced to serve body servants etc.

02:32:03 Gabi Fair: Heather, Can you copy or make available the chat transcript of today? I had to totally get out of the zoom and sign back in so I can get a full detail of all the rich information mentioned here today?

02:32:50 Vernita Morgan: How can we receive a copy of the chat which contains very resourceful sites? My cell phone does not have a "save chat" feature.

02:32:58 Heather Zbinden: Yes I will have a transcription available after.

02:33:55 Gabi Fair: @Vernita mine either @Heather Thank You! 🙏

02:34:08 Keshea Wilson: Same

02:36:10 Leslie Johnson: Here's the link to ordering Civil War records for your ancestors from the National Archives (NARA): <https://www.archives.gov/research/military/civil-war#:~:text=Request%20Copies%20of%20Records,Form%2085%20for%20pension%20records>. Instead of ordering from the NARA, I have also used a company called CivilWarRecords.com which is owned by a genealogy researcher named Brian Rhinehart. He visits NARA monthly and will send you pdfs of your ancestor's Civil War records for a fee that is much less expensive and much faster than ordering from NARA. Golden Arrow Research will also retrieve and send you pdfs of your soldier's records for multiple wars other than the Civil War for a fee. Here is the link to their website: <https://www.goldenarrowresearch.com/>. I have used them both with much success.

02:37:12 Mary Evans: Many photos on the Library of Congress sight. www.LOC.gov

02:37:12 Benita Gibbs: Can you make the chat savable?

02:37:58 Tanya Canada: Death Certificates are another good source of info such as parents names, place of burial and funeral home names. I have happened on gems by purchasing them which afforded me names ancestors that I didn't know!

02:38:02 Bonda Mo: Brian Rhinehart is doing the program for Heritage Seekers Monday night.

02:38:26 Mary Evans: www.HeritageSeekersAR.com

02:38:38 Mary Evans: Bonda beat me to it... HA!

02:40:19 Leslie Johnson: Thanks @Bonda Mo. Here is the link to the webinar: <https://heritageseekersar.com/event/i-have-a-civil-war-ancestor-now-what/>

02:40:59 Mary Evans: Brian will be doing Civil War pension records. he also goes to Washington DC. IN January he will do War of 1812 Pension records for us.

02:41:30 Hazel Cooksey: Fold 3?

02:43:45 CALS Zoom: I don't think I can while recording

02:44:47 Gabi Fair: Thank You!

02:44:51 Hazel Cooksey: You're still recording

02:45:07 Mary Evans: Sorry sent the info to Heather only! www.HeritageSeekers.com

02:47:46 June Clark: Is there anyway I could pickup a copy of the information in the packet?

02:49:28 Mary Evans: Heather, Can you tell them to look in their tote bags to see our flyer about Monday night? We have a Civil War pension records program at Heritage Seekers.

02:58:31 Gabi Fair: Thank You @Mary

03:04:26 Mary Evans: Hi Gabi!

03:05:35 Mary Evans: @ Hi Gabi.... I remember you working with Bill Adams at one of our Research Days at Butler.

03:13:44 Leslie Johnson: Question: Can Mr. Nichols give reading suggestions (books, articles, etc.) that he has found to be useful for African American Civil War research?

03:43:45 Heather Zbinden: The chat has been set up to save automatically as part of the recording. Once the program is over, I'll compile it into a PDF and add a link to the YouTube video.

03:50:55 Susan Lasley: Thanks, Heather. There is a lot of great info and some good links in this chat.

03:52:26 Vernita Morgan: Will the chat be sent to the attendees/registrants? There have been so many valuable links shared.

03:54:32 Vernita Morgan: Also, a couple of my friends are in-person attendance. Do you have any extra bags? I would like one and can ask them to get me one if there are any extras. Thank you.

03:57:42 Vernita Morgan: Ny friends in attendance from El Dorado, AR are Mrs. Dorothy Boulden and Mrs. Carolyn Williams.

04:01:55 Gabi Fair: @Mary Yes I did! Thanks for reaching out!

04:02:38 Leslie Johnson: We're not seeing the slides.
04:02:38 Mary Evans: we are NOT seeing the slideshow
04:05:14 Leslie Johnson: Thank you. We can see them now.
04:05:28 Mary Evans: Yay!
04:05:56 Mary Chittenden: no pics for me
04:06:41 Mary Evans: I'm seeing it fine
04:07:05 June Douglas: I see it as well
04:11:37 Leslie Johnson: She gave that speech in Akron, Ohio, which is where I live. Here's a link to info about the speech: <https://www.nps.gov/articles/sojourner-truth.htm>
04:13:23 Heather Zbinden: Please type your questions for Ronnie in this text box.
04:16:14 Mary Evans: Heather- could you please specify that the Monday night meeting is about Civil War pension records?
04:17:32 June Douglas: When you get a chance could you please repost the link to the handout site? Thank you in advance!
04:18:38 CALS Zoom: Here is the link to the handout page for today's program. <https://robertslibrary.org/23genwkhand/>
04:18:58 Leslie Johnson: Please show the slide at the beginning of the presentation that explains the types of photographs. We couldn't see the slides at the beginning of the presentation, so it won't be on the recording.
04:19:32 Mary Evans: Yeah, we missed the first couple slides....
04:22:54 Vernita Morgan: <https://www.culturalheritage.org/>
04:24:52 Vernita Morgan: Thank you, Heather! Mrs. Dorathy told me that you gave her a bag for me.
04:25:42 Leslie Johnson: Here's a link to several resources about Sojourner Truth for those interested in learning more about her life: <https://www.truthstatue.org/resources>
04:33:00 Heather Zbinden: Please type any questions for any of the session topics that I missed here and I'll ask them at the end of the program.
04:33:23 Heather Zbinden: Zoom keeps cutting me off.
04:44:57 Vickie Cook: I am so sorry to have to leave early. I hope this recording will be available for later. Thank you so much!
04:45:31 Mary Evans: alot became cowboys! ANd Buffalo Soldiers.
04:45:50 Arlene Rose: I wrote a question earlier that wasn't answered. I have been trying to locate death records for my maternal grandfather to no avail. He moved several times and I've tried different spellings of his name. How should I proceed to find death records, burial location, etc.?
04:46:09 Heather Zbinden: @Vickie the recording will be available on CALS YouTube.
04:46:33 Heather Zbinden: I'll make sure to ask you question at the end.
04:54:43 Heather Zbinden: Oh I might be able to get those slides and splice it in.
05:01:31 Carolyn Kent: Where can you find out about the colored troops land grants?
05:03:36 Mary Evans: There is no bounty land for the Civil War. You can find homesteads on the BLM GLO database. Bureau of Land Management.
05:03:40 Hazel Cooksey: Is anyone else's screen stuck on John Alexander photo
05:03:44 June Douglas: Thank you for these presentations they have been great!
05:04:29 Dr. Martha Flowers: How can I find out more about Van Duza, AR, a community organized for Blacks trying to return to Africa. It's now known as Harmony Grove, located 9 miles from Camden.
05:07:13 Leslie Johnson: Here are links to land records available on the U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management website: <https://glorerecords.blm.gov/default.aspx> and <https://glorerecords.blm.gov/search/default.aspx>
05:07:33 Carolyn Kent: Great program. Thanks to everyone.
05:07:34 Leslie Johnson: Thanks @Mary Evans.
05:09:58 Beth Currie: @Dr. Martha Flowers. Vanduzer, AR <https://arkansas.hometownlocator.com/ar/ouachita/vanduzer.cfm>

05:12:31 Arlene Rose: Thanks for asking my question. I didn't think of these alternative methods to get information but will try these out. The presentation was EXCELLENT! Thanks so much!

05:13:42 Leslie Johnson: @Dr. Martha Flowers: <https://news.asu.edu/20221209-asu-anthropologist-shines-light-erasure-black-history-arizona#:~:text=A%3A%20Despite%20the%20dominant%20narratives,African%20American%20and%20immigrant%20alike>.

05:15:08 Kim Scott: How do I access information from the African American funeral home in Little Rock that was mentioned earlier?

05:15:28 Leslie Johnson: Question: Can Mr. Nichols give reading suggestions (books, articles, etc.) that he has found to be useful for African American Civil War research?

05:16:00 Stephanie Grassi: Where on YouTube can I find this workshop?

05:18:27 Carolyn Kent: I have Cherokee/African American cousin that was in colored troops and listed as Mul on the census.

05:18:52 Susan Lasley: Bernice Bennett is the one doing the work on Black Homesteaders.

05:19:11 Antoinette Young: Bernice Bennett Alexander - Black Homesteaders

05:20:23 Leslie Johnson: Bernice Alexander Bennett has done multiple presentations on Black homesteaders that you can watch on YouTube. Just put her name in the search. She also wrote a book on the topic: <https://www.amazon.com/Black-Homesteaders-Bernice-Alexander-Bennett/dp/1467152307>

05:20:31 Stephanie Grassi: Were there Blackfoot Indians in North Carolina? My grandmother said she was from the Blackfoot Tribe and she was born in NC.

05:22:15 Leslie Johnson: Here's the link to the Central Arkansas Library System (CALs) YouTube page where you can find multiple videos: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCc-Gxv8NWtkou3VupUv9DjQ>

05:22:29 Kathy Michael: Thank you!

05:22:31 Susan Lasley: great presentation!

05:22:36 Leslie Johnson: Thank you for hosting this. It was very informative.

05:22:38 Antoinette Young: This was wonderful! Thank you

05:22:46 June Clark: Yes, this was great. Thank you!

05:22:47 Stephanie Grassi: Thank you for a GREAT workshop. Very informative and interesting!!!

05:22:48 Beth Currie: Than you so much!!

05:23:05 Gwen Meah-Richardson: Thank you so much for your knowledge that you shared with us.

05:23:33 Kathy Chambers: Great presentation! Ms Rhonda is very informative and supportive.

05:25:26 Frank Skinner: Thank you for a great presentation

05:25:27 Vernita Morgan: Loved this conference! Thank you! It has been so resourceful!

05:25:34 Millicent Fowler: Thank you for the information.

05:25:36 Gabi Fair: Can we receive a certificate or is a certificate of attendance offered for attending this workshop? Professional Development or just for attending?

05:26:09 Leslie Johnson: Central Arkansas Library System(CALS) website: <https://cals.org/>

05:26:09 Kim Scott: THANK YOU FOR OFFERING THIS INFORMATIVE PROGRAM!!!!!!

05:26:49 Dr. Martha Flowers: Fantastic program. Great information.

05:26:52 Gabi Fair: Very informative! Thank you all! How do we sign up for any of these historical societies to join, volunteer,etc?

05:26:53 Barbara Williams: Thank you I did learn something new. I will take advantage of the recording studio.

05:27:42 Gabi Fair: Will this conference or many workshops be held throughout the year?