

“Finding Out More About Your Ancestors Through Newspapers”

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This is a different type of newspaper presentation. The purpose is to introduce the audience to the wealth of information they can obtain about the everyday lives of their ancestors. The talk will begin with a look at primary uses of newspapers for genealogists: obituaries, marriage announcements, and birth announcements. The talk will continue with a look at additional uses of newspapers for genealogists: education, occupations, political affiliation, community involvement, military service, and rattling the skeletons in the family closet. It ends with a few suggestions of online sources for newspapers, some free and some subscription.

Biography

Kathy graduated from Florida State University with undergraduate and graduate degrees. She has been researching her family for 28 years. Kathy's family traces back from Alabama to England (her father's side) and from Indiana to England and Germany (her mother's side).

She is a graduate of The National Institute on Genealogical Research in Washington, D.C. and The Institute of Genealogical & Historical Research. She has had numerous articles published in genealogical and historical magazines.

Kathy is a member of her local genealogical society and Roots and Branches Genealogical Society in Deland. She is also a member of the Florida State Genealogical Society and serves on the FSGS Pioneer Descendant Certification Committee as a reviewer. Kathy has proven several family lines such as First Families of Ohio and First Families of Pennsylvania.

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