



Programs & tours

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Learning Opportunities – Online and Onsite at American Ancestors

Your family history journey never stops—there are always new records to explore, skills to learn, and stories to uncover. American Ancestors offers hundreds of educational events each year, online and in person, featuring expert instructors and access to research experiences at our headquarters and repositories across the country. Learn more at AmericanAncestors.org/events.

August

- 8/1 | **Tour** Family Heritage Experience Docent-Led Tour \$
- Starting 8/3 | **Online Seminar** Tides of History: Tracing Family History in Atlantic Canada, 5 classes \$
- 8/4 | **Open House** August Adventures at American Ancestors **FREE**
- 8/5 | **Online American Inspiration Author Event** *This Land is Your Land: A Road Trip Through U.S. History* with Beverly Gage \$
- 8/7 | **Online Art & Architecture Lecture Event** A Room with a View: A Tour of Merchant Ivory's English Movie Locations \$
- 8/8 | **Tour** Brim-DeForest Library Tour **FREE**
- 8/8 | **Hands-On History** Preservation Roadshow, Boston, MA \$
- 8/11–8/15 | **Research Tour** Come Home to New England \$ (see opposite page)
- 8/15 | **Online Lecture** Conscience and Conflict: The Quaker Experience in the American Revolution \$
- 8/18 | **Online American Inspiration Author Event** *The Bright Edges of the World: Willa Cather and Her Archbishop* with Garrett Peck **FREE**
- 8/20 | **Online Lecture** Women in the Workforce: 19th– and 20th–Century America **FREE**
- 8/21 | **Online Art & Architecture Lecture Event** Lost Mansions of Philadelphia's Main Line **FREE**
- 8/27 | **Lecture** "Have a Cheap Day": Remembering the Golden Age of Building 19 Advertising, Boston, MA **FREE**

September

- Starting 9/1 | **Online Seminar** Tracing Women in Your Family Tree, 5 classes \$
- 9/9 | **Online Art & Architecture Lecture Event** *Why We Talk Funny: The Real Story Behind Our Accents* with Valerie Fridland **FREE**
- 9/10 | **Online Lecture** Court Records 101: Finding Family Stories in the Legal Record **FREE**
- 9/11 | **Online American Inspiration Author Event** *Glorious Country: How the Artist Frederic Church Brought the World to America and America to the World* with Victoria Johnson **FREE**
- 9/12 | **Tour** Brim-DeForest Library Tour **FREE**
- 9/12 | **Hybrid Lecture** Tracing Loyalist Lineages: Sources and Strategies \$
- 9/13–9/20 | **Research Tour** FamilySearch Library Tour, Salt Lake City, UT \$ (see opposite page)
- 9/19 | **Tour** Family Heritage Experience Docent-Led Tour \$
- 9/22 | **Online Lecture** Travel with American Ancestors **FREE**
- 9/23 | **Online American Inspiration Author Event** *Freedom Lost, Freedom Won: A Personal History of America* with Eugene Robinson **FREE**
- Starting 9/30 | **Online Seminar** Unlocking Court Records for Family History: Cases, Conflicts, and Connections, 5 classes \$

October

- 10/1 | **Online American Inspiration Author Event** *Small Town Girls: A Writer's Memoir* with Jayne Anne Phillips \$
- 10/3 | **Open House** Discover Your Revolutionary Roots, Boston, MA **FREE**
- 10/3 | **Tour** Brim-DeForest Library Tour **FREE**
- 10/3 | **Tour** Family Heritage Experience Docent-Led Tour \$
- 10/8 | **Online Lecture** Applying to Colonial Lineage Societies **FREE**
- 10/9 | **Online Art & Architecture Lecture** Creating Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library **FREE**
- 10/13 | **Online American Inspiration Author Event** *Stealing America: The Hidden Story of Indigenous Slavery in U.S. History* with Linford F. Fisher **FREE**
- 10/15 | **Hybrid Lecture** Jewish Patriots in the American Revolution \$
- 10/17 | **Hands-On History** Home Movie Day, Boston, MA **FREE**
- 10/22 | **Hybrid American Inspiration Author Event** *Two Ships: Jamestown 1619, Plymouth 1620, and the Struggle for the Soul of America* with David S. Reynolds \$
- 10/27–10/29 | **Research Tour** Fall Research Getaway, Boston, MA \$ (see opposite page)
- 10/30 | **Online Art & Architecture Lecture** Portraits of Patriots: Colonel John Trumbull and Five Fellow Patriots from Connecticut in the American Revolution **FREE**

November

- Starting 11/3 | **Online Seminar** Conflict and Community in Colonial America: A Genealogist's Guide, 5 classes \$
- 11/5 | **Online American Inspiration Author Event** *Not Your Founding Father: How a Nonbinary Minister Became America's Most Radical Revolutionary* with Nina Sankovitch **FREE**
- 11/6 | **Online Art & Architecture Lecture** The Restoration of Bart's Hospital, London **FREE**
- 11/7 | **Hybrid Seminar** Puritans in the 21st Century: Politics, Myths, and the Future \$
- 11/7 | **Tour** Family Heritage Experience Docent-Led Tour \$
- 11/12 | **Online Lecture** The World Turned Upside Down: New York During the American Revolution **FREE**
- 11/14 | **Tour** Brim-DeForest Library Tour **FREE**
- 11/20 | **Online Art & Architecture Lecture** Inking History: Charles Schulz's Peanuts and the American Revolution **FREE**
- 11/21 | **Hybrid Lecture** No Battlefield Service Required: Uncovering the Patriotic Service of Your Ancestors During the American Revolution \$
- 11/23 | **Online American Inspiration Author Event** *The American Revolution and the Fate of the World* with Richard Bell \$

*Schedule is subject to change.

Upcoming Research Tours & Programs*

Your next great family history discovery may be waiting *beyond* the computer screen. Archives, libraries, and repositories across the country hold a wealth of records and resources you won't find online. Let American Ancestors help you unlock these collections with expert guidance, special orientations, tutorials, one-on-one consultations, lectures, and more—whether you're just starting out or taking your research to the next level. Explore upcoming opportunities at AmericanAncestors.org/events.

Research Tour to the FamilySearch Library, Salt Lake City, UT September 13–20, 2026

Research ancestors from any region or period at the FamilySearch Library. With more than 45 years of experience leading researchers of all levels to Salt Lake City, American Ancestors will open doors—and new research avenues—for you at the world's largest genealogy library.

Members: Single \$2,325; Double \$1,775/each; Double with non-researching guest \$2,475; Commuter \$1,200; **Non-Members:** Add \$150.

Allen County Public Library, Fort Wayne, IN March 17–19, 2027

Join experts from American Ancestors for a series of lectures, one-on-one consultations, and assisted research at the Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center—one of America's preeminent family history research centers.

Early bird pricing before November 30, 2026!

Members: \$875; **Non-Members:** Add \$150. **Add \$100 if registering after the early bird deadline.**

Connecticut Research Tour, Hartford, CT April 7–9, 2027

Uncover your Nutmeg State roots on a trip to the Connecticut State Library and archives. Access city directories, town records, newspapers, probate records, special genealogy files, published resources, and much more.

Early bird pricing before December 31, 2026!

Members: \$875; **Non-Members:** Add \$150. **Add \$100 if registering after the early bird deadline.**

Wisconsin Historical Society, Madison, WI May 17–19, 2027

The Wisconsin Historical Society is one of the top institutions for genealogy research in the United States. Examples of nearly every type of genealogical resource can be found—from vital and military records to passenger lists and census records.

Early bird pricing before January 31, 2027!

Members: \$875; **Non-Members:** Add \$150. **Add \$100 if registering after the early bird deadline.**

Nova Scotia Research Tour, Halifax, NS June 20–27, 2027

Home to more than three centuries of history, the Nova Scotia Archives holds a wealth of records that can

illuminate the lives of ancestors across the province. Explore historic collections, receive expert guidance, and discover the documents that bring your family stories to life.

Early bird pricing before February 28, 2027!

Members: Single \$3,500; Double \$2,995/each; Double with non-researching guest \$3,750; Commuter \$1,750. **Non-Members:** Add \$150. **Add \$100 if registering after the early bird deadline.**

Research at American Ancestors in Boston!

Research Getaways at American Ancestors, Boston, MA Fall: October 27–29, 2026 | Spring: June 3–5, 2027

Escape to Boston for three days of research, one-on-one consultations, orientations, lectures, and social events. You will explore the rich offerings at American Ancestors and benefit from the knowledge and assistance of our expert genealogists.

Early bird pricing before February 28, 2027, for the Spring session!

Members: \$600; **Non-Members:** \$750. **Add \$100 if registering after the early bird deadline.**

Genealogy Skills Boot Camp, Boston, MA February 18–20, 2027

Take your research skills to the next level! This intensive three-day program will set you on the right path to getting the most out of your family history research and teach you how to tackle genealogical problems like a pro. Topics include strategies for analyzing records, online research, breaking down genealogical brick walls, and more.

Early bird pricing before October 31, 2026!

Members: \$600; **Non-Members:** \$750. **Add \$100 if registering after the early bird deadline.**

Come Home to New England, Boston, MA August 11–15, 2026, and August 10–14, 2027

Devote almost a full week to leveraging resources and expertise at American Ancestors. Join fellow family historians for a unique opportunity to explore remarkable collections, access records not available online, attend daily lectures, and receive one-on-one consultations.

Early bird pricing before April 1, 2027, for 2027 session!

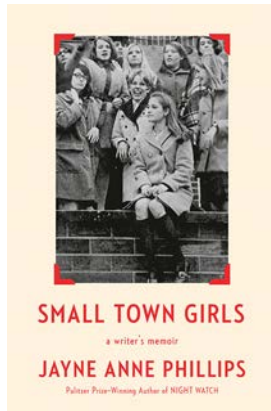
Members: \$1,200; **Non-Members:** \$1,350. **Add \$100 if registering after the early bird deadline.**

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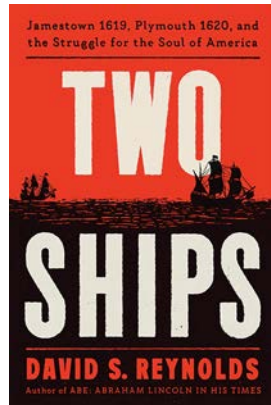
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Visit AmericanAncestors.org/inspire to learn about upcoming events and view our video archive, including:

- *A Fate Worse Than Hell: American Prisoners of the Civil War* with W. Fitzhugh Brundage and moderator David Allen Lambert
- *COMBEE: Harriet Tubman, the Combahee River Raid, and Black Freedom during the Civil War* with Edda L. Fields-Black and moderator Kendra T. Field
- *Grandma Joy and Me: A Journey of Healing, One National Park at a Time* with Brad Ryan

Hosted by Director of Literary Programs Margaret M. Talcott, our American Inspiration speaker series presents engaging discussions on newly published histories, biographies, and memoirs from renowned authors.

Our fall book talks will explore American history and identity through literature, biography, journalism, and historical scholarship. On September 11, author Victoria Johnson will introduce us to *Glorious Country: How the Artist Frederic Church Brought the World to America and America to the World* in a virtual illustrated talk. Curator of Fine Art Curt DiCamillo will moderate this event co-presented with our Art & Architecture series.

On September 23, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Eugene Robinson will discuss *Freedom Won, Freedom Lost: A Personal History of America*, in which he traces the arc of his familial lineage through repeated cycles of discrimination against African Americans. This virtual event will be co-presented with 10 Million Names and the Museum of African American History. Robinson will be joined by moderator and fellow journalist Lee Hawkins, author of *I Am Nobody's Slave: How Uncovering My Family's History Set Me Free*. (Visit our online archive to watch Hawkins's April 2025 American Inspiration talk.)

On October 1, Jayne Anne Phillips, winner of the 2024 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction, will take us back to her rural Virginia hometown with *Small Town Girls: A Writer's Memoir*. Knopf Doubleday Vice President and Executive Editor Diana Miller will moderate this virtual event. Brown University historian Linford D. Fisher will reveal a darker side of America's past in his October 13 online presentation of *Stealing America: The Hidden History of Indigenous Slavery in U.S. History*.

In a special hybrid event hosted at our American Ancestors headquarters on October 22, President & CEO Ryan J. Woods will talk with David S. Reynolds about *Two Ships: Jamestown 1619, Plymouth 1620, and the Struggle for the Soul of America*. This compelling conversation will explore the process of historical research and writing.

Our 2026 presenting partners include the following anchor cultural organizations: the Boston Public Library, Museum of African American History, Grub Street, Peabody Essex Museum, 10 Million Names, and GBH Forum Network. Thanks also to Porter Square Books and series sponsors Susan K. and John D. Thompson.

See American Inspiration events in our calendar listings on [page 8](#).