Class Descriptions

RootsTech - Track (These are Rebroadcasts from RootsTech)

Censational Census Strategies
Are you finding everyone you're looking for in the census? Learn about some tried and true tips for finding missing ancestors.

Don't Just Be a Searcher, Be a Researcher
Searching or researching? There is a difference. Join Crista for a look at how to be a better searcher and a thorough researcher.

Big 4: Comparing Ancestry, Findmypast, FamilySearch and MyHeritage
See a side-by-side comparison of Ancestry, Findmypast, FamilySearch and MyHeritage, highlights/challenges of each and access options.

Mothers, Daughters, Wives: Tracing Female Lines
Finding the women in our family can be challenging—but not impossible! Learn more about Mothers, Daughters, Wives.

European Track (This Track is taught by Daniel Jones)

Finding your European Ancestors: Although research is different in every country, there are similarities among much of continental Europe. Come and learn the basic record types and strategies of tracking your family in European records.

Foreign Language Research: Most people have ancestral families who spoke a foreign language. However, you don't need to be fluent! We'll talk about resources that can help you read a foreign-language record, and we'll read a record together.

At Home with German Records: The golden age of German research is just dawning. From FamilySearch and Ancestry to German archives websites, come find out how to access the array of German records available online.

Nordic National Archives: Family history in Sweden, Norway, and Denmark has gotten much more accessible thanks to each country's National Archives. Together we'll explore the wealth of information available at the archives' websites.

Research How To's Track (This Track is taught by Deanna Bullock)

Starting your Family History Research: Interested in where your family came from, the lives your ancestors lived and how you ended up living in Canada? Come learn the basics of starting your family history or genealogy research.

Using FamilySearch Wiki and Records Collection to Research your Family Tree:
FamilySearch is one of the Big 4 genealogy websites and is the run by the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. It is free to use and available to everyone. Learn to how find and access its millions of free records (many of which have been digitized and available for viewing

for free at a local Family History Centre), build a family tree online and attach historical records to ancestors in your family tree.

Using Databases to Find Women's Maiden names and Lost Children in England and Wales Post-1837: Civil Registration began in England and Wales in 1837. Two websites - FreeBMD and the recently updated General Registrars Office website-can be used together to help you break down brick walls around women's surnames and children you may not have known about, or who just simply disappeared from the records. This class is specific to England and Welsh research.

Organizing and Collaborating your Research using Personal Software: RootsMagic is a desktop personal genealogy software program which allows you to keep a "Master" database of your genealogical research and move and correlate your information with FamilySearch, Ancestry, MyHeritage and FindMyPast. Come learn how to use this powerful tool.

Stories, A Case Study and FamilySearch Indexing

Our Ancestors' Stories Matter - How to Bring Them to Life: Come learn several methods of bringing your ancestors and their stories to life in easy, shareable ways.   (Taught by Candice Fisher)

Ontario, Ireland, Canada, Ireland, England and Back Again!: Join Cassie as she goes through her journey through various databases in her search for the origins of her mother's maiden name.

FamilySearch Indexing Lab: If you've ever used FamilySearch and wondered what the little blue boxes beside your ancestor's name are and what to do with them – they (like Ancestry.com's shaky leaves) are hints attached to historical documents that the computer's search algorithms have determined may be records that belong to you ancestor specifically. These records may include documents such as church or government records for birth/baptism, marriage, death/burial, land records, immigration, census, etc. In FamilySearch, these records' hints are created by volunteers reading online digitized copies of historical documents and "indexing" what they are reading. FamilySearch then searches these indexed records and finds possible matches in your tree. **Come learn how to read these historical records and "index" so more records and hints can be made available for you and other researchers just like you**. This is a great way to "pay it forward." Historical records available for indexing come in many languages. A personal laptop will be required for this class. Max size is 10 people/session. A FamilySearch account must be created prior to the lab, please let us know if you'd like help to create one. Please Register on Library Website. (Both sessions of this lab led by Myrna Hunt)