

March 25th, 2020 Program

Fraktur and Fremdwörter: Hacks for Reading Foreign Books & Newspapers (* Foreign Words) with Mary Kircher Roddy

Many 19th- and early 20th - century German language newspapers were printed in a Fraktur font. And not only that, they were written in a foreign language! This combination of an archaic font and a foreign language creates two significant hurdles for the 21st century genealogist, perhaps with limited foreign language skills, to overcome. But don't despair. Modern technology has provided solutions. Learn how to "crack the code" and discover where your favorite newspaper sites have hidden the Optical Character Recognition (OCR) text. Translation tools will quickly make those foreign words readable for even the most die-hard English-only speaker.

April 22nd, 2020 Program

Pledging Allegiance-The paper trail to Naturalization with Evelyn Roehl

Naturalization records are known to be a gold mine of information about ancestors. Evelyn will also talk about research techniques and tips; finding records; historical information about naturalizations and citizenship; changes in laws and practices and court systems.

May 27th, 2020 Program

Preservation Principles for Genealogists with: Megan Churchwell

In the course of your genealogical research, you'll likely uncover important pieces of family history, including photo albums, handwritten letters, and other keepsakes. It's never too early to think about how to preserve these items for generations to come. The right storage materials and an optimum storage environment will help ensure that these items are protected from harm for as long as possible. Join Megan Churchwell, curator of the Puget Sound Navy Museum, to learn more about caring for your photographs, documents, and three-dimensional heirlooms.