

## Speakers for April, May and June 2021

looking forward

April 28th, 2021: Michael Lee Stills: Myths, Legends, and Lies: The Dangers of Family History.

Can you handle the truth?

Family history is a burgeoning pursuit thanks to TV programs like "Who Do You Think You Are", "Genealogy Roadshow," and "Finding your Roots." But before you jump in, have you asked yourself if you're fully prepared for what you might discover.

Together we will be opening closets to expose skeletons, peeking under the lid of Pandora's Box, and shining light on the ethical dilemmas you may encounter in the quest to find your missing ancestors. They have good reasons why they're hiding from you.

May 26th, 2021: Jerri McCoy: " Mayflower 400 Years-Finding Potential Mayflower Ancestors."

Do you have any Mayflower ancestors? This presentation will walk you through several shortcuts methods to help you determine if you might have Mayflower Ancestors? Print your own 10 generation ancestral fan chart prior to the presentation if you would like to follow along using your own family.

June 23, 2021: Mary Kircher Rody: Fraktur und Fremwörter: Hacks for Reading Foreign Books & Newspapers(Foreign Words).

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.