

[Need Motivation for 2020 Family History New Year Resolutions With a Head Start?!!!](#)

Do you need motivation to either start up or finish on-going genealogy assignments that are presently eluding you? In my 50+ years of conducting family history research, the two best motivational things I generally do are by networking with others: 1) talk to other knowledgeable people by phone or in person & 2) attend conferences, workshops and/or at family history centers. It can be amazing how others can provide a simple clue that stimulates you to network further with others which is the real secret ingredient. Sometimes we just have to get outside of ourselves when we are frustrated and lacking motivation to pursue your family roots research or to obtain memories of photos, historical documents and/or family stories. The “Five Second Rule” was outlined in these three postings below which can effectively alter bad habits quickly!!!! Especially it is invaluable when you are dealing with daily procrastination.

- [Family History Success Requires Spiritual Motivation: Here's My Story, Part 3:](#) or see December 2 posting
- [Family History Success Requires Spiritual Motivation: Here's My Story, Part 2:](#) or see November 30 posting
- [Family History Success Requires Spiritual Motivation: Here's My Story, Part 1:](#) or see November 29 posting

However, the ultimate way to alter bad habits is through “Praying and Fasting” with a sincere purpose for long-term goals and equally important, “live up” to those prayers because “Faith Without Works is Dead.”

Below are three upcoming workshop presentations in January sponsored by the Foothills Genealogical Society right here in Golden, Colorado as a small suburb of Denver. If you live outside our area, do a Google search on family history organizations in your area and you may be pleasantly surprised of the number of genealogical organizations awaiting your attention or in specific geographical areas where you need genealogical assistance and don't have any contacts there. Click [here](#) for quick overview for Golden and click [here](#) for the entire Denver area with links and descriptions.

Mark Your Calendar!

Here are three upcoming January workshops cited below as excellent networking opportunities for your consideration.

Remember: the “Spirit of Elijah” can occur in many different ways in which you can always not anticipate. In fact, the least expected ways might be consider the “Norm” in life's pursuits. The Lord moves in many mysterious ways and never under estimate your potential.



FOOTHILLS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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Purpose: to support genealogical research in the Colorado Foothills Counties of Clear Creek, Gilpin, Jefferson and Park by providing educational programs, classes and field trips and by preserving and publishing historical records.

Contact: <http://www.foothillsgenealogy.org>; or P O Box 150382, Lakewood CO 80215-0382

Meetings: 1:00 p.m., 2nd Wednesday, September through May

Location: Applewood Valley United Methodist Church, 2035 Ellis St., Golden, CO 80401

Guests are always welcome. There is ample parking with accessible entrance.

Wednesday, Jan. 8

Applewood Valley United Methodist Church, 2035 Ellis St., Golden
Guests are welcome! Ample parking and accessible entrance.

11:30 – 12:30 p.m. Beginning Genealogy

Round Table Discussion with Kathy Tarullo, Professional Genealogist

Unlike other hobbies, you do not have to start at the beginning when you “begin” genealogy. Your research starts where others have left off. Discuss how to find what has already been done, set research goals, find records and evaluate sources. Simple guidelines can help you enjoy your que

1:00 – 2:30 p.m. Revolutionary Ancestors

Presented by James Jeffrey, Genealogy Specialist, Denver Public Library

Yes there is more than one John Smith or William Hudson who served in the American Revolution. Discover techniques to ensure that you have the correct ancestor’s right military service. James Jeffrey has been helping researchers to discover their roots for over a third of a century.

Thursday, Jan. 30

*Lakewood Public Library, 10200 West 20th Ave., Lakewood
Guests are welcome! Ample parking and accessible entrance.*

1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Sensational Citations!

Presented by Kathy Turullo, Professional Genealogist

Citations need to be included with every genealogical find but they can be intimidating and difficult to construct. Learn about the elements of citation in a fun hour of interactive learning. Suggestion Donation: \$5.00

Closing Comments

Nobody ever said life was going to be easy. In fact, we learn more by our trials and challenges than we do if we were on automatic pilot and everything was presented to us in a simple straightforward manner. Temple and family history pursuits are special because they are of your very own family and ancestors. Sometimes the more we are challenged, the more we can accelerate our learning and that is what family history is all about for me. I started family history pursuits 50 years ago with nothing. I had to go 5,000 miles away to get baptized in Florence Italy. My Eastern European roots where a figment of my imagination because Eastern Europe before World War I was not anything like it is now with many separated countries. And without language skills and without computer technology being available, I was completely lost. But I took it one step at a time and did it every week. This course of action over time was monumental to me by doing first my USA family history when I could not pursue my Eastern European Roots. And once I was blessed with sufficient information of where my family roots originated from in specific locations of today’s Eastern Europe, I multiplied my talents and finances. And by now, you are well aware of **my patriarchal blessing** which has become the divine inspiration for me and eventually for my entire family as well. And

now for me to have the opportunity to share my experiences and testimony with you in assisting others really warms my heart because everybody can succeed in some proportion. I pray that you can continue to be motivated by the many “how-to” articles that have been posted in the Facebook group and the abundant resources at [FamilySearch.Org](#), [The Family History Guide](#) and many other web locations that are now readily available through technology in the 21st century. May the Lord bless you in your genealogical pursuits and be sure to share your successes freely with both your family and your extended families because the “Spirit of Elijah” can and will motivate others in unique ways to help you acquire even more successes. And together, we are all one family!!!!!!