

## [2 Free Local Family History Resources with “Hands-On” Instruction for Beginning, Intermediate & Advanced Levels Including DNA](#)

As complicated as family history research can be, we are fortunate that we live in the Denver area because there are many resources that can make a world of difference in locating records that are not as easily accessible as others can be for you. If you have some particularly challenging needs in researching your family history, I suggest you consider some of the other local resources outside of the church that may be shortcuts to best meet some of your individual needs. The first-line of resources are the stake family history center at the Jewell building and utilizing our ward consultants for Temple and Family History. During my 50 years of doing family history, I have met difficult challenges and continue to experience them today, I've learned to seek expertise from anybody and everybody that is available to make a difference for me. And successes have come. The 21<sup>st</sup> century is indeed a century of networking.

### **Meet The Colorado Council of Genealogical Societies**

To start your networking, **The Colorado Council of Genealogical Societies** is a network of family history organizations throughout the State of Colorado and mostly along the Colorado Front Range. Check out their different affiliations as they also cover many areas of special interest at:

<https://cocouncil.org/membersocieties.html>, such as Hispanic, Black, Palentine and Jewish genealogy.

### **Two Well-Planned Series of Family History Workshops**

Here are two excellent local resources here in the Denver area that offer a series of courses with hands-on experience that warrant opportunities of consideration. These workshops are part of the umbrella of **The Colorado Genealogical Society** and are both free and provide hands-on experience from experienced genealogists as community services open to the general public. The course descriptions are well organized and delivered by experienced genealogists. Their URL is <https://cogensoc.us/classes.php>

### ***Beginning Classes 2019-20***

**2nd Saturdays from 10:00 am - Noon.**

**Gates Room, 5th Level, Downtown Denver Public Library**

**Presented by Carol Darrow, CG**

**Next class 12 October 2019**

**Check out Carol's videos below for more information!**

There is hands-on practice for 2 hours after the initial class hours. Advance registration and reservations are not required. The classes are free and open to the public.

Pick the date you can attend. This is a one-time basic course for the beginner, repeated each month. However, feel free to come for a refresher as desired. Attendees will be introduced to thinking genealogically through the exploration of the following:

- Introduction to the census using Ancestry.com
- Pedigree Charts and Family Group Sheets
- Other Major Record Groups

Attendees should dress comfortably. Consider bringing a seat cushion and bottled water.

1. A short video of Carol explaining her beginning class for *50 Plus News*.
2. Here is Carol talking about [Researching Unique Individuals](#), also done by *50 Plus News*.

3. Carol's video on genealogy, also done by *50 Plus News*, is available at Vimeo: [Do It Yourself Genealogy](#)

4. Carol's video on genealogy volunteers, done by *50 Plus News*, is available at Vimeo: [Genealogy Volunteers to the Rescue](#).

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The second series of workshops is also located at: <https://cogensoc.us/classes.php> but you need to click on the Englewood Library tab for its own course descriptions.

## ***CGS and Englewood Public Library Beginning and Intermediate Genealogy Classes***

**Sundays, 1:30 - 3:30 pm (see schedule below)**

**Englewood Public Library, 1000 Englewood Parkway**

**Classes are free**

**Contact for sign up: Englewood Library at 303-762-2555 or download the following pdf to get email links.**

[Informational pdf download here](#)

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Have you ever wondered how to start your family tree, how to use DNA testing or gather information? Join Professional Genealogist, Leah Klocek for an introduction to genealogy and family history. All dates are Sundays and all times are 1:30 to 3:30 pm.



**5 January 2020 - Beginning Genealogy - new times for all 2020 classes - 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.**

**12 January 2020 - Beginning Genealogy**

**15 March 2020 - Intermediate Genealogy**

**22 March 2020 - Intermediate Genealogy**

**3 May 2020 - Advanced Techniques**

**17 May 2020 - Advanced Land and Military Records**

**Beginning Class:** Session 1 covers the basics of starting your own family tree, the different types of sources (original, derivative), the different types of information (primary, secondary), and the main types of records that students will be using in their research. Session 2 examines the main online and offline record repositories they will use in their research and includes brief demos of both Ancestry and FamilySearch.

**Intermediate Class:** Session 1 is an in-depth look at the most common mistakes people make in their family history research and how to avoid them. This includes straightforward errors, like not knowing about the Julian/Gregorian switch, as well as more abstract ones, like fishing for the famous or implicitly believing whatever they find online. Session 2 is an introduction to DNA testing, the three big testing companies, and what each test can and cannot do; this class also includes an introduction to medical pedigrees

**Advanced Genealogical Techniques:** You've got the basics down -- you know the main record sets and the big websites to use to build your family tree -- but the low-hanging fruit is gone and you're banging your head against a wall. Join professional genealogist Leah Klocek for a discussion of some advanced genealogical techniques and tools you might not know about to help you past those obstacles, including strategies for dealing with same-name problems and using DNA testing to identify ancestors.

**The Instructor:** Leah Klocek is the owner of Crossroads Historical Research, a small business specializing in genealogical research. Leah Klocek has been working as a professional genealogist for three years and a teacher of genealogy for two years.

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