

# Genealogy

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## **NGSQ Study Group**

West Oaks Branch

*Wednesday, November 16, 6:30 p.m.*

Interested in furthering your genealogical research skills? Then the NGSQ Study Group is for you! Each month we will select one article from the National Genealogical Society Quarterly that we will study and discuss. The NGSQ is available in the library's collection at the West Oaks Branch Library and Genealogy Center. November's article will be Thomas W. Jones, "Two Few Sources to Solve a Family Mystery? Some Greenfields in Central and Western New York," National Genealogical Society Quarterly 103 (June 2015): 85–103.

## **Craftin' In: A Holiday Genealogical Craft Spectacular**

West Oaks Branch

*Saturday, November 19, 10:30 a.m.–Noon*

Come learn how to make that perfect holiday gift with a unique family history twist for the loved ones in your family.

# Branching Out To Find Your Roots

## **Genealogy, The Very Basics**

West Oaks Branch

*Thursday, November 17, 10:45 a.m.*

This event will introduce you to genealogical terms and techniques. Learn how to complete an ancestor chart and how to garner information from living relatives and household sources. A discussion on sources that can be used for family history research will also be held.

## **Discovering U.S. Census Records**

West Oaks Branch

**Thursday, November 17, Noon**

The United States Federal Census has been conducted every 10 years beginning in 1790. Uncover what information is contained in each of the censuses and discover how to use the information from the census as clues to further your research.

## **Using Vital Records**

West Oaks Branch

*Thursday, November 17, 2:30 p.m.*

Births, marriages and deaths are important pieces of information for your family history. Become familiar with the key sources for locating your ancestors' vital records and discover a few workarounds when the records you need aren't available.

## **Digging Up Land Records**

West Oaks Branch

*Thursday, November 17, 3:45 p.m.*

Land records are often an underutilized resource for genealogy. Come learn about deeds, mortgages, platting and surveys. Discover the difference between metes, bounds, states and public land record states. Uncover how land records can help you jumpstart your research.

### **Estates, Wills and Probate Records**

West Oaks Branch

*Friday, November 18, 10:45 a.m.*

Learn what these records are, where they are located and how to best utilize them in your family history research. Topics to be discussed will include wills, indexes, estate inventories, newspaper notices, bonds, settlements and guardianships.

### **Journey Through Immigration Records**

West Oaks Branch

*Friday, November 18, Noon*

Immigration records are an incredibly rich source of information for the family historian. Learn how to find out more about your family's history by using passenger lists, passports, alien registration cards and naturalization records. A brief overview of the laws that caused the creation of these records will also be presented.

### **Exploring Church and Cemetery Records**

West Oaks Branch

*Friday, November 18, 2:30 p.m.*

Church and cemetery records are a strong source of information for births, marriages and deaths especially in the period before the civil registration of vital statistics. Discover what type of information is contained in these records, how to access them and how they can help enhance your family history research.

### **Marching Through Military Records**

West Oaks Branch

*Friday, November 18, 3:45 p.m.*

Military records have been created throughout our history regardless of whether or not there was a war being waged. Learn how these records can help you uncover information on your ancestor see how they can provide evidence into family relationships.