

# 2009 Charlottesville Family History Conference

Saturday, March 28th  
8:30am - 4:00pm



## RENCE DAY BROCHURE

### Class Schedule, Descriptions & Presenter Biographies

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Time	Room A CHAPEL	Room B CULTURAL HALL- FRONT	Room C CULTURAL HALL- BACK/STAGE	Room D RELIEF SOCIETY	Room E PRIMARY
8:30	Registration and Set-Up Displays				
9:00	Welcome & Instructions Keynote Address: <b>Dr. Scot French, UVA Center for Digital History</b>				
TRACK	GETTING STARTED	TECHNOLOGY	INTERNET RESEARCH	SHARING YOUR HISTORY	SPECIAL INTERESTS
10:00	Genealogy 101 – The Basics <i>Ralph Tobias, Guest</i>	<u>Genealogy Gadgetry New Tools To Assist</u> <i>Bob Roberts, FHC/CVGA</i>	<u>Subscription Genealogy Resources Internet</u> <i>Susan Emert, CVGA/FHC</i>	<u>Your Journals &amp; Self-Publishing</u> <i>Sheila Blight, Guest Lorraine Quillon, FHC</i>	<u>Virginia's Genealogy In History</u> <i>Dr. Scot French, Guest</i>
11:00	The Great Ancestor Hunt – Getting Started <i>Lorraine Quillon, FHC</i>	<u>Family History Software</u> <i>Bob Roberts, FHC/CVGA</i>	<u>Navigating FamilySearch</u> <i>Kelia Rader, Guest</i>	<u>Heritage Scrapbooks</u> <i>Susan Emert, CVGA/FHC Susan DuBar, CVGA</i>	<u>Land Records &amp; Their Role In Genealogy</u> <i>Jenny Greenwood, CVGA</i>
12:00	Welcome: Charlottesville Family History Center, CVGA, ACHS, & AAHS <b>Lunch (Bring Your Bag Lunch)</b>				
1:00	Genealogy 101 – The Basics <i>Ralph Tobias, Guest (Repeat of 10:00 class)</i>	<u>FamilySearch INDEXING</u> <i>Erin Reed, Guest</i>	<u>USGenWeb Tombstone Inscription Project</u> <i>Kelia Rader, Guest</i>	<u>Cooperative Genealogy</u> <i>Katie Derby, FHC</i>	<u>A Land Records Case Study</u> <i>Lorraine Quillon, FHC</i>
2:00	<u>Genealogy Resources In Our Area</u> <i>Margaret O'Bryant, AHS</i>	<u>Reunion 9.08 - Put Your Apple MAC to Work</u> <i>Peter M. Sweeny, Guest</i>	<u>The Price Is Right!! Free On-line Internet Resources</u> <i>Katie Derby, FHC</i>	<u>You Say It's FREE!?!? Free Online Tools</u> <i>Bob Roberts, Guest</i>	<u>Researching Your WW-II Military Ancestors</u> <i>Shelley Murphy, CVGA/AAGG</i>
3:00	<u>African-American Research – Getting Started</u> <i>Shelley Murphy, CVGA/AAGG</i>	<u>What's In Your DNA?</u> <i>Sergio Sanchez, Guest</i>	<u>Making Sense of the Census</u> <i>Kelia Rader, Guest</i>	<u>Tracing My Military Ancestors All The Way To 1776</u> <i>Peter M. Sweeny, Guest</i>	<u>From Across the Pond - Immigration Research</u> <i>Bob Roberts, FHC/CVGA</i>

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## CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

**KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Connecting Family and Community Through Digital History** – Dr. French will discuss how family historians can draw information and insight from community-based digital history projects, such as those developed at the Virginia Center for Digital History. He will also demonstrate a new application, called the HistoryBrowser, that can integrate family and community history through map-based visualizations. (Dr. Scot French, PhD, UVa)

### 10:00 Classes

**Genealogy 101 – The Basics In Family History Research** – everything you need to launch your own quest of personal discovery in the world's most popular hobby. See the *Family History Research for Dummies* in the Syllabus. (Ralph Tobias)

**Genealogy Gadgetry - New Tools To Assist** – How technology and economy have made interesting teammates in bringing the latest “stuff” to Genealogy applications. Special attention is paid to Oral & Video History, Scanner & Digital capabilities, and Speech Recognition technology. (Bob Roberts, FHC/CVGA)

**Subscription Genealogy Internet Resources** - Today there are hundreds of online Genealogy resources that are available. Some of the most comprehensive require search fees or subscriptions ranging from a few dollars to a few hundred dollars. A demonstration of some of the most popular will be given to help you decide if being able to find those missing pieces of information is worth the convenience and price. (Susan Emert, CVGA/FHL)

**Your Journals & Self Publishing Journals** - A discussion and demonstration about how you can take that journal, story or stack of photographs and create a professional, quality book at a reasonable costs using a variety of printing options. (Sheila Blight, Guest & Lorraine Quillon, FHC Asst Director)

**Digital Storytelling: Reconstructing the Lives of African American Property Owners** – Dr. French will use his studies of African-American property ownership in Charlottesville and Albemarle County to highlight the wide variety of sources available to family historians and strategies for transforming those documents into compelling narratives. (Dr. Scot French, UVa)

### 11:00 Classes

**The Great Ancestor Hunt – Getting Started** – More exciting than a safari. A better mystery than any Sherlock Holmes ever solved. Come begin the search for your ancestors in the cold light of reality. This isn't fiction – it is all about you! (Lorraine Quillon, FHC Asst Director)

**Family History Software** – Not just the usual stuff!! What is the fate of PAF? Have you seen the latest versions of Legacy, FamilyTreeMaker, TMG, and others? Who's winning the race for features and capabilities. Finally, what is AniMap, and a whole lot of others. (Bob Roberts, FHC/CVGA)

**Navigating FamilySearch** – FamilySearch.org is the gateway to the largest genealogical collection in the world. Kelia will give a live demo of the site and explain the databases, research guides, and other valuable information available online. She will also discuss some of the newest additions to the FamilySearch site and what lies on the horizon as it continues to expand. (Kelia Rader, Guest)

**Heritage Scrapbooks – Your Family History In Pictures** - This presentation will show how you can properly preserve your old photographs and memorabilia while creating a beautiful pictorial history of your family. (Susan Emert CVGA/FHL & Susan DuBar, CVGA)

**Land Records & Their Role In Genealogy** – Families often looked to the land as their second most prized possession. Their very livelihood depended on the land. Learn how to understand surveys, deeds, and other related records you will find in courthouses and old drawers. (Jenny Greenwood, CVGA)

### 1:00 Classes

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**FamilySearch Indexing** – Learn about this new program with the goal to create a vast Genealogical and history database equal to 132 times the contents of the Library of Congress. Then join and become one of over 100,000 volunteers around the world that are participating and have already indexed more than 300 million records. (Erin Reed, Guest)

**USGenWeb Tombstone Inscription Project** – Kelia will explain how you can participate in this nationwide volunteer effort to record and preserve the information found in our local cemeteries. She will give standards and techniques for transcribing and photographing tombstones for submission to the project, or for your own family history research. (Kelia Rader, Guest)

**Cooperative Genealogy: Working Together on Research** – Coordinating with family members on shared research can be challenging. We will discuss how to divide up the work, focusing on individual interests and talents, and how to exchange and evaluate others contributions. Of course there is more to Family History than just research and we'll talk about how everyone can participate, from tech support, to photo preservation, to oral histories. (Katie Derby, FHC)

**A Land Records Case Study** – Dusty, dry, dull, defeating deeds! Who in the world would want to spend a lot of time looking through them? *You would* if you knew how to reconstruct the drama that unfolded in those old records. (Lorraine Quillon, FHC Asst Director)

### 2:00 Classes

**Genealogy Resources In Our Area** - A look at the resources available to the genealogist and family history buff within the state and the nation's capital. Especially appropriate for those with family roots in the state of Virginia. (Margaret O'Bryant, ACHS)

**REUNION 9.08 — Put Your Apple MAC To Work!** – Reunion is the premier Genealogy software for users of Apple Computers. Learn the features of this comprehensive software which contains features for the LDS and non-LDS family history researcher. Learn how to import GEDCOM files, attach photographs, movies and audio content, produce family trees, web cards and more. And with the 2009 update, learn how you can load your Reunion family history on to your iPhone for ultimate portability! (Peter Sweeny, Guest)

**The Price is Right: Free Online Research** – First as a poor college student and now as a busy mother of three girls, Katie has become an expert in what is available online for free to the Genealogy researcher. She will give demonstrations of some of the most useful sites online

and discuss techniques for evaluating the accuracy of information found on the internet. (Katie Derby, FHC)

**You Say It's FREE!?!? – Creative Online Tools** – Learn how to use free multimedia tools to your genealogical work. In this class, you will learn how to start your own simple web site using blogging software and how to add photos, videos, slideshows, and interactive maps that will enhance collaboration and help excite the younger generation about family history. (Rob Roberts, Guest)

**Researching Your WW-II Military Ancestors** – This session will provide an overview of "getting started" with military research and what questions to ask. Participants will view the types of records available and where to obtain the records. Online resources will be shown, including the research tracking Tsgt. Calvin Clark Davis service in WWII. Tsgt. Davis, a Negro, joined the military in May of 1941, with the military assuming he was white. Davis flew over 50 missions in the Pacific, then on to Europe completing 16 missions before being shot down on November 30, 1944. (Shelley Murphy, CVGA/AAHS)

### 3:00 Classes

**African-American Research – Getting Started** - A "how to get started" class designed for the person who is new to Genealogy and African American research. Class will cover the basics of conducting Genealogy research, tips on how to manage your files, learn where to obtain birth, death, will information, etc. Learn about popular online research data bases and specific research tips for African-American research. (Shelly Murphy, CVGA/AAHG)

**What Is In Your DNA ??** - This class will answer basic questions about DNA and its current and possible contributions to genealogical work. Question we will answer include: What is DNA? How is it used to identify individuals? How can it be used to find my ancestors? What options are currently available to use DNA in Genealogy? (Sergio Sanchez, Guest)

**Making Sense of the Census** – Kelia will cover the history and availability of the US Federal Census schedule and the information that each year's schedules contained. She will help reveal some of the "hidden" value of the statistics and information available about your ancestors in the census. (Kelia Rader, Guest)

**Tracing My Military Ancestors All The Way To 1776** – The class will recount a novice's journey along multiple paths to develop often detailed information regarding the military history of his ancestors spanning the American Revolution, the War of 1812, the War Between the States, World War II and Korea. The focus will be on methods of finding historic details of family military history. (Peter Sweeny, Guest)

**From Across The Pond – Immigration Research** – Finding those elusive footprints across the ocean is much harder than across the sands of time. Find out what resources are out there to assist you on the search. (Bob Roberts, FHC/CVGA)

*Most classes have Presentation and/or Syllabus material included on the CD-ROM. You may check the website after the conference to see if additional material has been made available.*

## PRESENTER BIOGRAPHIES

*Please recognize and thank our speakers who are voluntarily participating in the Conference because of their love of Family History and Genealogy. They include volunteers and patrons of the Family History Center, many are members of the LDS Church, The Albemarle-Charlottesville Historical Society, or the Central Virginia Genealogy Association which was founded at the Charlottesville FHCenter almost 40 years ago. They all have our thanks and gratitude for sharing their talents, interests, and, above all, the spirit of Family.*

**Dr. SCOT FRENCH**, our 2009 Keynote Speaker, is Director of the Virginia Center for Digital History and Associate Professor of History at UVa. A scholar of race and slavery in American history and culture, he directs a number of community-based research projects and field learning experiences exploring the theme of "Race and Place." His book, *The Rebellious Slave: Nat Turner in American Memory* (Houghton Mifflin, 2004), received honorable mention in the 2005 Gustavus Myers Award competition, issued annually for works "which extend our understanding of the root causes of bigotry and the range of options we as humans have in constructing alternative ways to share power." Last year, in partnership with VCDH Director of Technology Bill Ferster, he received an NEH Digital Humanities Start-Up Grant for "Jefferson's Travels: A Digital Journey Using the History Browser."

Other projects at the Virginia Center for Digital History include *The Valley of the Shadow: Two Communities in the American Civil War*, *Virtual Jamestown*, and *the Dolley Madison Project* as well as latest initiatives like the HistoryBrowser. Dr. French and his associates are applying the latest advances in technology to historical projects which can support genealogical and family history research efforts.

**SHEILA BLIGHT** is a grandmother who has been writing or keeping a journal of some kind or another since she was 13 years old. She enjoys tracing her own family tree and has worked as a Family History Library volunteer.

**KATIE DERBY** received her Bachelor's Degree in Family History/ Genealogy from Brigham Young University. She interned at the Library of Congress in the Local History/ Genealogy Reading Room. She has been a speaker at regional and national level Genealogy conferences and societies. She served as a volunteer librarian and teacher for the Charlottesville Family History Center, but now spends most of her time with her growing family. For this conference, Katie served as Curriculum Director.

**SUSAN DUBAR** is an officer in the Central Virginia Genealogical Association and has been engaged in Genealogical research for ten years or more, and has been presenting programs on various aspects of Genealogy.

**SUSAN EMERT** has been researching her Family History for over ten years, and began her first Heritage Scrapbook in 1999. She has taught classes in scrapbook construction, and she and Susan DuBar teach a course in Beginning Genealogy for OLLIE. Susan is President of the Central Virginia Genealogical Association and volunteers in the Family History Center as a Librarian.

**JENNY GREENWOOD** has lived in Charlottesville since 1969 and has been a member of the Central Virginia Genealogy Association since 1990 serving as Recording Secretary and Vice President for several years. She has been a presenter at several CVGA Genealogy seminars in the area.

**SHELLY MURPHY**, a native of Michigan residing in Charlottesville, daughter to Calvin and Verna (Worden) Murphy, proud mother of two adult children and sister to four brothers. Shelley has been an avid genealogist for nearly 25 years and a member of the CVGA. She holds a Masters in Organizational Management from the University of Phoenix. She works as a Director of Program Services with Piedmont Housing Alliance routinely educating citizens on family financial literacy and the benefits of homeownership. In addition, she is a federal grant reviewer and grant writer, volunteers with Central VA Chapter of the American Red Cross, and conducts team building and leadership development training for Evolution Consulting Group.

**MARGARET M. O'BRYANT**, Librarian/Head of Reference Resources, Albemarle Charlottesville Historical Society since 1988 is a native Virginian having grown up in Franklin County. She holds an AB degree in classical languages from the College of William & Mary and a graduate library degree from University of North Carolina. She has 12 years previous experience in academic & public libraries and 10 years at UVA's Alderman Library.

**LORRAINE QUILLON** - After four decades of following her ancestors' trail, Lorraine knows some of the best tools to use to trap that elusive progenitor. The one she really wants (a fourth great-grandfather) continues to evade her (she is getting closer), but you should see some of the other interesting characters she has collected along the way. She actually maintains that doing family history research keeps you young! Lorraine is a volunteer librarian at the Charlottesville LDS Family History Center and also operates a home business which focuses on assisting family historians in their documentation and publication efforts.

**KEILIA RADER** acquired a love for Genealogy research from her paternal grandfather. Keila Murfin Rader has been researching and discovering her roots for more than 30 years. She has served as assistant family history center director in Enterprise, Alabama, and as a family history consultant in both Culpeper and Charlottesville, Virginia for the LDS Church, and as a Genealogy instructor for the Department of Recreation in Orange County, Virginia. In addition to her work in Genealogy, Keila has an extensive background in public affairs and media, and continues to serve as a member of the American Red Cross national Rapid Response Team responsible for national and international press during disaster and emergent events. Keila serves as the CEO for the American Red Cross Regional Chapter headquartered in Charlottesville, which provides programs and services to 14 central Virginia counties.

**ERIN REED** is currently a third year graduate student studying Aerospace Engineering at the University of Virginia. Just a few months after being introduced to the FamilySearch Indexing project, she has already indexed over 1500 names. Erin feels indexing is a meaningful contribution to Family History work and enjoys the glimpse into the lives of people in the past.

**BOB ROBERTS** spent 25 years in Information Technology as a software designer and corporate executive running the company he founded in 1975. He has been teaching Family History classes with a specialty in technology for over a decade. Besides being a cattle farmer, and grandpa to 2½ grandsons, he is a volunteer librarian in the Charlottesville Family History Center and is the Conference Director.

**BOB ROBERTS** is a Senior Video Editor at USA TODAY in McLean, Virginia. Prior to working at USA TODAY, he worked as a multimedia producer at the News & Observer in Raleigh, NC where he covered the Duke Lacrosse scandal, the 2008 Presidential primaries and ACC sports.

He is a graduate of the University of Utah and earned a masters degree in Journalism at the University of North Carolina. He previously worked in disaster response for the Federal government, working in the aftermath of the World Trade Center tragedy as well as at numerous floods, tornadoes, hurricanes, and ice storms.

**SERGIO SANCHEZ** is a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Microbiology, Immunology and Infectious Disease at the University of Virginia. As a cellular and molecular biologist, his research focuses on dissecting the mechanisms of cancer onset. Prior to coming to Charlottesville, he completed a degree in Microbiology with a minor in Molecular Biology from Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. He is married to Sarah and has three wonderful children.

**PETER M. SWEENY** is an attorney who has been doing family history since 1974. He has done extensive research at the National Archives and regional libraries as well as the Naval History Center. Peter has always used Apple Computers so he is uniquely familiar with the capabilities of Apple software for genealogical research and family history.

**RALPH TOBIAS** is a Pennsylvania native whose roots run 10 generations deep in the Keystone State and before that to Germany. For the past 16 years, Ralph has taught classes on various Genealogy-related topics at conferences in PA, MD and VA. He is employed as manager of programming, promotions and production by WVIR-TV in Charlottesville and currently resides with his wife and two of their three daughters in Scottsville, VA.

#### **CHARLOTTESVILLE LDS FAMILY HISTORY CENTER**

Charlottesville LDS Family History Center located on Airport Road in Charlottesville is open on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9:00am until 12:00 noon and again from 6:00pm until 8:30pm. The Center is closed during the month of August and on all major holidays. During inclement weather, the Center follows the policies of Albemarle School system. If in doubt about whether the Center is opened, please contact the Center at 434-965-1715 or check with the website at [www.charlottesville-fhc.org](http://www.charlottesville-fhc.org).

**Special Thanks and Appreciation** to all those people including our Family History Consultants for helping to bring this conference together. This was an especially heroic effort since only a week earlier many of these same people were involved in four open house events celebrating the completion of our new Chapel and home of the Family History Center. Many hours have been spent by those gathering and assembling the Family History displays found in each foyer of the building. They are to be commended for bringing their precious mementos of their families to be shared with the conference.

Even the labor in setting up and taking down tables, chairs, audio and video equipment has been significant and shows a "can do" attitude of those involved. Many of these have been members of our Single Adult Ward who have a lot of things they could be doing on a Friday and Saturday night!

Finally, thanks to the entire staff of the Family History Center and especially, its director, Doneitta Quillon for her coordination and enthusiasm for this worthy activity.

**We Hope You Enjoy The 2009 Conference  
Our 2010 Conference Is In The Works  
Please Stay Tuned To The Website  
For Further Details**