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Nicole Dyer
Document Transcription, Summarization, and Adaptation
Explore AI tools for document transcription, including Transkribus, ChatGPT and Claude. Learn how AI can help with accurate transcription of handwritten documents, error detection, summarization of results, and adapting complex topics for varied understanding levels.
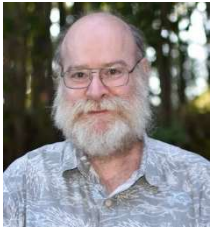
Roberta Estes
Native American Y-DNA
Native American ancestors can be identified by specific Y and mitochondrial DNA haplogroups. Using a wide variety of sources, I've compiled comprehensive maps for both ancient and modern Native American DNA. Where is it found? What does it tell us? Where is the oldest Native American DNA for each haplogroup found? Are there surprises?

J. Mark Lowe, FUGA
Discover Your North Carolina Historic Agricultural Story
Farming is a proud and honorable occupation. Since land is the key to many family discoveries, land records and descriptions often give us information about the size of the property, the adjoining landowners, water courses, and often information about crops, wooded areas, and sink holes. We often can determine possible migration strategies from listening to these records. North Carolina has a rich history of farming from before its beginning. Let's look at the remarkable stories and resources, while we develop a rich profile of our Carolina farming ancestors and their community.

David M. McCorkle
Using AI for Land Records
The goal of this presentation is to show how to use Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools to process genealogical evidence from land records in a more comprehensive and less time consuming manner. These tools can simplify complicated records like deeds, summarize large groups of records, and extract details such as metes and bounds, public land descriptions, and geographic features. Advanced uses include drawing land plats, handwriting recognition, and tracing land ownership.

Bernard Meisner, PhD
Lost in Your Genealogy Research? Perhaps You Need a Map to Find Your Way
Discover how maps can help determine where your ancestors lived, where their records might be found, how they migrated there, and who their neighbors were. Learn about the many types of maps available that can help genealogists discover where maps can be found and see case studies of how maps can be used in genealogical research.

Judy G. Russell, JD, CG®, CGL®
From 1619 to Juneteenth – Slavery and the Law Before the Civil War
No issue more bitterly impacted early America than slavery. Defended by some, decried by others, slavery left its mark on the laws of the nation and all the states, enslaved or free. The records created by those laws provide critical clues for genealogists, whether descended from enslaved or enslaver.

Craig R. Scott, MA, CG®, FUGA
Locality Guides are a Must-Have: Maybe You Should Write One?
One of the first resources that should be searched for is the locality guide. The lack of one can result in missed opportunities. Of course, maybe you should write one and share it with others. It will provide the opportunity to really understand what is available in a given location.

Michael L. Strauss, AG®
Women's Suffrage: Their Rights, Roles, and Limitations
Life for early American woman was often burdened with setbacks. Limited by society without voting rights, limited educational opportunities, and virtually no legal identity, woman sought to be equals in society. This lecture focuses on the history of woman and the Suffrage Movement from the colonial times to the early twentieth century. Numerous genealogical records are examined in this lecture from the Anti-Slavery movement, to the Temperance Movement, military service, and later as woman gained the right to vote.