

SYLLABUS

Infamy in the Family: Online Tools to Help Identify Family Members of Ill Repute RT1816

“The most striking tangible alteration in American social life in the Progressive era was the decline of the traditional red light or segregated district in American cities.”
—John C. Burnham, historian, 1973.

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I. Rationale

Not too long ago, criminals in the family were expunged from the records. As the decades have passed, things have changed. Have you ever found yourself laughing at jokes that are so gruesome you were embarrassed to be laughing? Today, such dark humor, finds criminality, and all anti-social behavior, a popular form of comedy. For genealogists, such use of other people’s private information is unthinkable. How then do we balance the needs of the larger culture with our need to respect the private information we are entrusted with? Whether we are researching our family or that of another, documenting the life of the infamous—such as murderous gunslingers, shameless prostitutes or sadistic slave overseers—we have a responsibility to present well documented and complete evidence for all the persons on a family tree. Today, with countless online databases now available, the tools exist to help the genealogist overcome the prudery of the past and the exploitative temptations of the present.

II. Aims and Outcomes

Aims

This session will add more advanced research techniques to your genealogical skills so that you can identify information that makes your ancestor more than just the limits of their infamous reputation and so you can confidently include them on your family tree without embarrassment. Learn which professional genealogical formats are the most appropriate for inputting such information into online family trees, offline family tree software, and for formatting family history reports when infamous ancestors are present.

Specific Learning Outcomes

By the end of this session, you will be able to:

Quantify your ancestor's infamy by inputting any known data about your ancestor into the NEW Infamy Index	INFAMY INDEX
Identify new online collections, both FREE and subscription, which are the most reliable for your infamous individuals.	ONLINE DATABASES
Familiarize yourself with old-school archives and special collections that are vital, but have yet to be made accessible online.	OLD-SCHOOL ARCHIVES
Synthesize collections of unlike data into a custom Infamy Research Guide or use the online version to extract all the data you need.	INFAMY RESEARCH GUIDE
Input infamous ancestor data into a family tree, with on- or offline software, using a Context Snapshot to make their behavior understandable, even if you find it unacceptable.	CONTEXT SNAPSHOT

III. Format and Procedures

This one-hour session includes a brief introduction, three in-depth case studies, followed by a 10-minute Q&A. Due to time, questions are answered at the end of the session only.

Please be prepared to privately write down your questions during each case study.

If your question remains unanswered at the end of the case studies, you will have the opportunity to ask it at the end of the session, so hold onto your questions.

Opportunities will be provided to try out all the techniques that will be introduced.

IV. Research Standards

Case studies and associated research have been conducted using the Genealogical Proof Standard of the Board for Certification of Genealogists as explained in Christine Rose's *Genealogical Proof Standard: Building a Solid Case*, Fourth Edition. Source citations follow Elizabeth Shown Mills' *Evidence Explained: Citing History Sources from Artifacts to Cyberspace*, Second Edition. For more information, see section VI below.

V. Tentative Presentation Agenda: (May change to accommodate conference needs)

TOPICS	RESEARCH GUIDE	ONLINE TOOLS
1:30pm Introductions		
1:35 Overcoming the Modern Researcher's Paradox: Is Vice in the Past the Same as Infamy in the Present?	[IRG]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • worldcat.org • sanborn.maptcha.org • http://trees.ancestry.com/tree/30617119/family/familyview
1:45 <i>The Case of the Hidden Slave Overseer in 18th Century Tidewater Virginia</i>	[IRG] Slave Overseer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • historiccourtrecords.org • binnsgenealogy.com • loc.gov/pictures/collection/hh/ • worldcat.org
1:55 <i>The Case of the Welcome Murderer on the Osage River in 19th Century Missouri</i>	[IRG] Insanity Murder	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • historicmapworks.com • glorecords.blm.gov • digital.library.umsystem.edu • worldcat.org
2:05 <i>The Case of the Philanthropic Prostitute Among the Ruins of 20th Century San Francisco</i>	[IRG] Prostitution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • photos.legendsofAmerica.com • sfgenealogy.com/sf/sanborn/sanborn.htm; • edrnet.com/environmental-services/sanborn-maps [map key] • worldcat.org
2:15 Online Tools Review	[IRG]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • bdouglasconley.com
2:20 Questions		

IRG=Infamy Research Guide

VI. Additional Resources

General Research

Rose, Christine. *Genealogical Proof Standard: Building a Solid Case*, Fourth Edition. CR Publications. 2014.

Mills, Elizabeth Shown. *Evidence Explained: Citing History Sources from Artifacts to Cyberspace*, Second Edition, Revised. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co. 2012.

Virginia

Slave Overseer:

Bassett, John Spencer and James K Polk. *The Southern Plantation Overseer as Revealed in His Letters*. New York: Negro Universities Press. 1968, ©1925.

Kamoie, Laura Croghan. *Irons in the Fire: The Business History of the Tayloe Family and Virginia's Gentry, 1700-1860*. Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press. 2007.

Levy, Andrew. *The First Emancipator: The Forgotten Story of Robert Carter, the Founding Father who Freed His Slaves*. New York: Random House. 2005.

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Missouri

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Beam, Alex. *Gracefully Insane: The Rise and Fall of America's Premier Mental Hospital*. New York: Public Affairs. 2001.

Hoyt, F. C. (1889) Original Department. "Report on the Insane Asylums of Missouri." *The St. Joseph Medical Herald*, VII(9), 265+. Retrieved from (Nineteenth Century Collections Online) <http://tinyurl.galegroup.com/tinyurl/Nen20>.

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Tuke, Samuel. *Description of the Retreat: an institution near York, for insane persons of the Society of Friends, containing an account of its origin and progress, the modes of treatment, and a statement of cases*. York [Eng]: Printed for W. Alexander. 1813.

Whitaker, Robert. *Mad in America: Bad Science, Bad Medicine, and the Enduring Mistreatment of the Mentally Ill*. Philadelphia: Perseus Books Group. 2002.

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Spencer, Thomas M., editor. *The Other Missouri History: Populists, Prostitutes, and Regular Folk*. Columbia, Missouri: University of Missouri Press. 2004.

Williams, Walter, editor. *A History of Northeast Missouri. In Three Volumes*. Vol. 1. Chicago, New York: The Lewish Publishing Co. 1913.

Wood, Larry. *Desperadoes of the Ozarks*. Gretna, Louisiana: Pelican Publishing Co. 2011.

Wood, Larry. *Murder and Mayhem in Missouri*. Charleston, SC: The History Press. 2013.

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California

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Barnhardt, Jacqueline. *Fair but Frail: Prostitution in San Francisco, 1894-1900* (Nevada Studies in History & Political Science). Nevada: University of Nevada Press. 1986.

Benson, Tong. *Unsubmissive Women: Chinese Prostitutes in Nineteenth-Century San Francisco*. Norman: University of Oklahoma Press. 1994.

Butler, Anne M. *Daughters of Joy, Sisters of Misery: Prostitutes in the American West, 1865-90*. University of Illinois Press. 1987.

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Gentry, Curt. *Madams of San Francisco*. Sausalito, CA: Comstock Editions. 1996.

Hurtado, Albert L. *Intimate Frontiers: Sex, Gender, and Culture in Old California* (Histories of the American Frontier series). University of New Mexico Press. 1999.

Jaschok, Maria and Suzanne Miers, editors. *Women and Chinese Patriarchy: Submission, Servitude, and Escape*. Atlantic Highlands, NJ: Zed Books. 1994.

Kazuhiro, Oharazeki. "Listening to the voices of "other" women in Japanese North America: Japanese prostitutes and barmaids in the American West, 1887-1920." *Journal of American Ethnic History* 32 (Summer 2013) Online archives. JSTOR www.jstor.org: 2014.

Seagraves, Anne, *Soiled Doves. Prostitution in the Early West*. Wesanne Publications. 1994.

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Barker, Malcolm, compiler. *San Francisco Memoirs, 1835-1851: Eyewitness Accounts of the Birth of a City*. San Francisco: Londonborn Publications. 1994.

Benemann, William, editor. *A Year of Mud and Gold: San Francisco in Letters and Diaries, 1849-1850*. University of Nebraska Press. 1999.

Richards, Rand. *Historic Walks in San Francisco: 18 Trails Through the City's Past*. San Francisco: Heritage House. 2008.

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