

York County Library Genealogy & Family History Expo

Saturday, October 18, 2025
Courtyard by Marriott, Fort Mill, S.C.
8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Register beginning September 22 at yclibrary.org/events
or email reference@yclibrary.org or john.skardon@yclibrary.org



Judy G. Russell
The Legal Genealogist®



Rebecca Whitman Koford



Ari Wilkins



Kelli Berghmeier



Lisa T. Lisson



Cheri Hudson Passey

- ❖ **FREE** event sponsored by the York County Library.
- ❖ 13 informative presentations by professional genealogists.
- ❖ Catered complimentary luncheon.
- ❖ Exhibitors and vendors from local and regional genealogical societies.
- ❖ Fantastic door prizes, including DNA testing kits, free subscriptions to genealogy websites and software, genealogy books, and more!
- ❖ Plus, a variety of free genealogical resources and gifts to enhance your family research.



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8:30 - 9:30	Check-In / Exhibits & Vendors											
9:30 - 9:45	Welcome: John W. Skardon, YCL Genealogy Librarian											
9:45 - 11:00	Keynote Address: <i>From Blackstone to the Statutes at Large: How Knowing the Law Makes Us Better Genealogists</i> <i>Judy G. Russell</i>											
11:00 - 11:15	Break / Exhibits & Vendors											
		Lecture Hall A			Lecture Hall B			Lecture Hall C			Lecture Hall D	
11:15 - 12:30	Methodology	How I Built My Own Brick Wall and the Sledgehammer of Experience <i>Rebecca Whitman Koford</i>		Methodology	Putting Those Records to Work <i>Judy G. Russell</i>		African American	Finding the Last Slave Owner <i>Ari Wilkins</i>		Organization	How to Clear the Mess on Your Desk <i>Kelli Bergheimer</i>	
12:30 - 1:45	Luncheon / Exhibits & Vendors											
1:45 - 3:00	Record Groups	Military Pension Records: Revolution to the Civil War <i>Rebecca Whitman Koford</i>		Evidence Analysis	The Discriminating Genealogist: Telling Good Evidence from Bad <i>Judy G. Russell</i>		African American	Unique African American Records <i>Ari Wilkins</i>		Methodology	Collateral Research: the Secret Sauce to Finding Family Records <i>Cheri Hudson Passey</i>	
3:00 - 3:15	Break / Exhibits & Vendors											
3:15 - 4:30	DNA	DNA Success: Understanding Genetic Networks <i>Kelli Bergheimer</i>		Law & Records	"Don't Forget the Ladies" A Genealogist's Guide to Women and the Law <i>Judy G. Russell</i>		Methodology	From Name Collection to Name Confirmation: Adding Leaves to the Right Branch <i>Cheri Hudson Passey</i>		Record Groups	Don't Miss a Beat! Unlocking Ancestral Clues in Newspapers <i>Lisa T. Lisson</i>	
4:30 - 5:00	Door prize drawings and closing remarks											



**The York County Library
Genealogy & Family History Expo will be at the
Courtyard by Marriott located at
1385 Broadcloth Street, Fort Mill, S.C. 29715.
(803) 548-0156**

From Charlotte take I-77 South to exit 85. Turn left onto Highway 160. At the second traffic light (Kingsley Springs) turn left, then a second left onto Broadcloth Street. The hotel is at the end of the street.

From Columbia take I-77 North to exit 85. Turn right onto Highway 160. At the first traffic light (Kingsley Springs) turn left, then a second left onto Broadcloth Street. The hotel is at the end of the street.



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