

## Montgomery History Genealogical Society 2021 Spring Schedule

**Wednesday, January 27 at 7:30pm**

### **Holiday Party and Show and Tell**

While we can't get together in person to celebrate, we can still meet and share our new genealogical discoveries or a brick wall. Provide your own snacks and libations. And don't worry if you can't make it, we'll do it again in June hopefully in person!

**Wednesday, February 24 at 7:30pm**

### **Headstones & History: Black Lives Matter(ed) by Lisa Fager**

Ms. Fager is the Executive Director of the Mt Zion – Female Union Band Historic Memorial Park Foundation, the nonprofit that oversees Mt Zion and the Female Union Band Society Cemeteries, the oldest African American cemeteries in Washington DC (active 1809-1950) and located in Georgetown. Learn the history of these sacred grounds that also once served as refuge to freedom seekers on the Underground Railroad and of those interred. Ms. Fager will be joined by Dr. Garrett Lowe and Mr.

Thomas Dunkenfield, III Esq to present and discuss their research from last summer's 4-week student research project, called Headstones & History: Black Lives Matter(ed) and plans for the next class this summer.

**Wednesday, March 24 at 7:30pm**

### **Finding Your Ancestors in Unindexed Records in FamilySearch** by Carol Kostakos and Gary Petranek

FamilySearch is close to completing its digitization and publication of

all available microfilms in the Granite Mountain Records Vault. However, the records are being digitized faster than they can be indexed -- thus, millions of records with valuable information are viewable, but not easy to navigate. So, how do you find your ancestors? This session will give specific instructions to access the records "hidden" in the Catalog and "Unindexed Historical Records" sections of the FamilySearch website.

**Wednesday, April 28 at 7:30pm**

### **Road to Publication** by Nancy Waters

The road to publication is full of congestion, roadblocks, dead ends, detours, wrong roads, forks in the road and a sundry of obstacle's to impede your research. Don't let your research scatter to the four winds. You have toiled for years researching and documenting your family's history. You have left your footprints on cemeteries, courthouse steps, and spent millions of hours in dark, dusty microfilm rooms. Now it is time to preserve your work for family, friends, and future generations.

**Wednesday, May 26 at 7:30pm**

### **Using DNA to Solve Adoption and Unknown Parentage Mysteries** by Michelle Leonard

There are some mysteries traditional research can never solve. DNA testing, however, has revolutionized the options available to adoptees and those with unknown parentage or other unknown ancestors. This pre-recorded webinar will explain how to use DNA results to solve these previously unsolvable mysteries. Michelle will outline how to use DNA

cousin matching when you have no known family history to draw upon and give a practical demonstration of the most important techniques and best practices for successfully identifying birth parents or other unknown ancestors.

**Saturday, June 26 at MH annual Meeting at 10:00 AM and GenSoc Show and Tell 12:00pm**

Montgomery History Annual Meeting and then Genealogy Show and Tell. Hopefully, we can get together in person to celebrate and we can share our new genealogical discoveries or a brick wall. Potluck of your favorite ethnic recipe.