

Genealogical Society of Marion County

2016 Annual Conference

Saturday, October 8, 2016
Wayne Branch Public Library,
198 S. Girls School Road, Indianapolis

Featuring Tina Beaird

10:00-10:30 am Registration and Welcome

10:30-11:30 am **Session A: Mapping your Migrating Ancestors**

11:30-11:45 am Break

11-45 am-12:45 pm **Session B: Free Land: Homesteading on the Frontier**

12:45 pm-2:00 pm Lunch—on your own

2:00 pm-3:00 pm **Session C: Cyber Sleuthing Your Family Tree**

3:00-3:15 pm Break

3:15 pm-4:15 pm **Session D: Advanced Genealogy Workshop**

4:15-4:30 Closing Comments

Conference Pre-Registration

Please indicate how many people will be attending the conference:

_____ **GSMC Member (\$30 each) = \$ _____ Total**

_____ **Non-Member (\$35 each) = \$ _____ Total**

Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

Name of Attendee(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Register online at the GSMC website
(www.genealogyindy.org/) or mail this completed
registration form and your check or money order
(payable to GSMC) to: **Genealogical Society of
Marion County, 9370 E. Washington St.,
Indianapolis IN 46229.**

**NOTE: All registrations received after October 1,
2016 (including at the door) will be \$35 each.**

Description of Sessions for GSMC's 2016 Annual Conference:

Session A: Mapping your Migrating Ancestors

Our ancestors traveled as much, if not more, than we do today. Explore what types of maps and property records exist for pinpointing your ancestor's whereabouts across the United States, from plat maps to Sanborn Fire Insurance maps to Google maps!

Tina will discuss the usefulness of different types of maps including aerial and birds-eye maps as well as cadastral, enumeration, and fire insurance maps. She will give suggestions on how to trace your ancestors using land records available through multiple government agencies such as local and county tax assessors, county clerks, circuit court offices, and land use departments.

Tina will also provide suggestions on how to track down records using non-governmental sources like libraries, archives and historical societies.

Session B: Free Land: Homesteading on the Frontier

The Homestead Act of 1862 allowed any qualified individual to claim up to 160 acres of free land. Over 1.6 million people rose to the challenge and claimed 270 million acres of land of which an estimated 17 million Americans are descendants.

Original homestead claims are a fantastic collection of documents, including applications, land descriptions, citizenship affidavits and more. Learn how to access these great records and how they can fill in the gaps to your research.

Session C: Cyber Sleuthing Your Family Tree

There is a colossal amount of information available on the Internet. Tina offers methods for evaluating web sites to find the most reliable sources of information. Learn how to use subscription databases in tandem with free genealogy websites to trace your family tree.

Plus, find out what's new in the online genealogy community

Session D: Advanced Genealogy Workshop

Time to start utilizing the information you have collected while tracing your family tree. This course will show you how to interpret records for more accurate results. Plus, learn about lesser-known family history resources, like city directories, yearbooks and more.



Speaker Biography:

Tina Beaird is the Genealogy & Local History Librarian at the Plainfield Public Library, IL. She holds a Masters of Library and Information Science degree with a specialization in Archives/Preservation from Dominican University. Tina has won multiple research and digitization grants to preserve and digitize historic documents and photographs.

Currently, Tina is an active member of the Society of American Archivists and the American Library Association. Tina lectures at the national, state and local level on topics including genealogical research, photo preservation and archival preservation. Tina has offered professional assistance to researchers for over 12 years and occasionally, still finds time to conduct her own family research, which she has been pursuing for over twenty years.