

Talks By Carol Prescott McCoy, Ph.D.

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Dr. McCoy will be pleased to give talks or workshops for your group. She can give presentations of one hour to one and one-half hour as well as longer workshops given individually or in a series. She has an informative, engaging and motivating style and uses many examples to enliven her talks. Some of her topics are listed below.

Making the Most of Census Research. Learn tips and tactics to make the most of your census research. Learn how to avoid common pitfalls and use a variety of censuses to learn about your ancestors and track down those elusive relatives. Get beyond the census indexes and broaden your focus beyond a specific relative to get the whole story.

Strategies for Finding Your Family Roots in New England. Learn tips and tactics for locating your ancestors with New England roots. Find ways to maximize traditional resources, historical societies, family mementos, and the internet to learn about your family heritage. Create a solid research plan and avoid common pitfalls in genealogical research.

Enriching Genealogy with Memorabilia and Pictures. There is only so much excitement that can be generated from ancestor charts and family group sheets. Pictures are indeed worth a thousand words. Find out types of memorabilia that can enrich your family history and become inspired to locate them! Share ideas of what others have done to enliven their stories to give people a feel for what their ancestors' lives were like.

Tracing Your Ancestors—Getting Started. This talk presents the fundamentals of genealogy and family research to help people get started on a solid foundation. Learn how to unravel family mysteries and avoid common pitfalls in genealogical research.

Creative Ways to Solve Genealogical Problems. Have you hit the proverbial brick wall or road block in your genealogical research? Is an ancestor or two eluding you and hiding from the census taker or the town clerk? Learn some solid strategies and ways to take a fresh look at what you've tried and what else you can do to find those pesky hidden ancestors.

The Maine-Canada-Ireland Connection —Seeking Rogers' Roots. An intriguing and entertaining case study shows how we discovered the Canadian and Irish roots of the Rogers' family who lived in Brewer Maine in 1850. Learn how US and Canadian census, land, probate, historical, cemetery, and newspaper records as well as archival material, online sites and databases and internet contacts can bring a complex family history to life.

Finding Treasures in Deeds—Why Use Deeds in Your Research? Deeds are a valuable research tool especially when early probate records have been destroyed as in Cumberland County Maine. Carved from York in 1760, early Cumberland County covers areas which later became Oxford, Androscoggin and other counties. This lecture will clarify ways to use deeds effectively and inspire people to use them to discover family relationships, locations, and other key information.

Testimonials

Carol McCoy spoke at the MSOG-Worcester Chapter on September 9, 2007 in Auburn, MA. She gave a wonderful, stimulating lecture on Strategies to use on New England Research! Her lecture was organized, detailed and beneficial to both new and experienced researchers. I would like to hear her lecture again in the near future. Carol is an enthusiastic speaker!

Karen Trearchis

I so thoroughly enjoyed your presentation on Strategies for New England Research at Auburn. Through your enthusiasm and humor, you have given me a fresh perspective to my research. I was particularly in need of your suggestions on organizing my research. Through my family lines I seem to find myself

jumping around and often lose my focus. Your topic was especially valuable to me as 99% of my ancestors are New England based. I was really encouraged by your presentation and look forward to hearing you speak again. Thank you.

Elaine H. Benjamin

Carol's presentation to our chapter was excellent! She facilitated a discussion on the often-intimidating subject of public speaking, entitled "Keys to Successful Presentations." Not only was it interesting and helpful; it was fun! She has a real talent for drawing people into a discussion.

Diane Florence Gravel, CG, President, New England Chapter, Association of Professional Genealogists

Thank you for doing your talk on Sound Strategies for New England Genealogy Research for our historical society. It was a lot of fun and very informative. Your enthusiasm is contagious! You can really tell you thoroughly enjoy what you do. The response from the group after the meeting was very positive. Thanks again for a wonderful afternoon!

Mary Anderson, Program Committee Member, Limerick (Maine) Historical Society

We were pleased to have Carol McCoy as a speaker at our 2007 conference [Maine Genealogical Society 2007 Annual Conference]. She is a dynamic speaker whose enthusiasm in genealogical research is readily apparent and contagious. Carol's delivery of material, no matter its complexity, is well-grounded and straightforward. Her presentations are very easy to relate to because she makes extensive use of real-life experiences and examples to illustrate the subject matter. I have sat in on a couple presentations by Carol at other events and would pretty much sum up the experience as "Exciting and Motivating!"

Dale W. Mower President, Maine Genealogical Society

Dr. Carol McCoy was the main speaker at our Sixth Annual Genealogy Conference in August 2007. She also did a workshop in the morning. All the comments from participants were very positive with no negatives — they said they learned a lot and that the handouts were extremely helpful. Carol was very organized, easy to talk to, on time and very prepared. Our Chapter would not hesitate to ask her to speak again.

Marilyn Dennis, Regent Silence Howard Hayden Chapter DAR

Hi Carol, Just wanted to say how much I enjoyed your talks today (Making the Most of the Census and Enriching Genealogy with Memorabilia.) You are so enthusiastic! Just makes one want to go home and get started on new things. I always learn something new at each conference. As always, I appreciate that you think 'outside of the box' and talk about some of the less used sources. You make it very clear that good documented research is not completed overnight, but takes a lot of well thought out work. So many thanks for all your work.

Janice Gower, Frequent contributor to Maine Families in 1790 and a member of the MGS Exec. Com.

Course: Finding Your Roots--Unpuzzling Your Past.

A wonderful experience which generated new information as well as new findings. I have taken a course with Carol before. She has "ways to wonder" that are most helpful. - *Deborah Goss*

Thumbs up for this course. The instructor was well prepared! - *Harold E. Leland*

Carol is a very knowledgeable instructor. She brings her passions and sense of humor to every class. Great tips and ideas on how to get started. This course is great for beginners and anyone who's been working for years in the field. I'm more focused after taking her class. - *Cindy Legassie*

This course helped me better understand possible resources and where to look. It is rich in case studies so it brings a good sense of reality. - *Barb Hager*

Dear Carol,

I wanted to send this note as a way of thanking you for the many benefits that I received from your genealogy class. You guided me toward the appropriate research tools and infused my research with an energy and excitement that I had not felt before. I will recommend your classes and professional services whenever the opportunity arises.

Thank you so much, *Deb Goss*