

Researching Family in Pennsylvania 2020
Historical Society of Pennsylvania
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Kimberly F.B. Bucklaw is an historian, educator, and professional genealogist. Kim has a master’s degree in history from Temple University with a concentration in archival studies and is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists. With over 15 years research experience, she specializes in county government records and property research. Kim’s personal interests are African American social history and genealogy. After an extremely fulfilling decade-long career as an archivist in Chester County, Pennsylvania, Kim has recently made the exciting decision to pursue her goals of writing and building her own historical research and consulting business.

Sara Butson is a researching genealogist who has always had a passion for genealogy. She found her love for it through heirloom photos and family lore (mostly told by her mom). Sara is an alumna of ProGen 43, the current Treasurer of the Greater Philadelphia Area Chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists, and a member of various local and national genealogical organizations.

Dawn King Carson Dawn is a professional genealogical researcher and instructor at heart who specializes in the Southeastern Pennsylvania and the Southern New Jersey regions of the United States. She is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists and the National Genealogical Society. She is the Vice President of the Greater Philadelphia Area Chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists. Dawn holds a certificate in genealogical research from Boston University and is a member of ProGen 24. She is a volunteer genealogist at the Camden County Historical Society, Camden County, NJ and teaches a variety of genealogy classes at local repositories and libraries.

Sydney F. Cruice Dixon, MBA, is the President of the Greater Philadelphia Area Chapter, Association of Professional Genealogists and a member of the planning committee for the Main Line Genealogy Club. She conducts genealogical research for clients as well as providing genealogy coaching for those clients who prefer to do their own family research.

Sue Long, Ph.D. completed her graduate work at Cornell University and received a PhD in 1975 in experimental psychology. Her area of genealogical expertise is in measures of wealth, land ownership, and biographies of the people on Thomas Holme’s map (the ultimate cluster genealogy for the early settlers).

Judy G Russell, CG, CGL, The Legal Genealogist, is a genealogist with a law degree, dedicated to helping folks understand legal concepts and terminology encountered when studying family history. Russell now serves on the faculty at the Institute for Genealogy and Historical Research (IGHR), at the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy (SLIG), at the Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh (GRIP), and at the Genealogical Institute on Federal Records (Gen-Fed) at the National Archives.

Frank Southcott, MBA, is the Researching Family in Pennsylvania program coordinator and is a professional genealogist who specializes in historic Chester County, Pennsylvania, research and family history. He is the President, International Society for British Genealogy and Family History, which conducts the annual British Institute in Salt Lake City.

Rich Venezia is a New Jersey native who now calls Pittsburgh home, with roots in Italy, Ireland, England, Wales, and Prussia. He founded Rich Roots Genealogy in 2013. He was a member of the research team of Genealogy Roadshow (PBS) for two seasons, and also consulted on Follow Your Past (Travel Channel). Rich specializes in 20th-century immigrant ancestry. His main areas of focus include Italian, Irish, Pittsburgh and New Jersey/New York City research. A proud Italian dual citizen himself, he also assists clients with dual citizenship applications for Ireland and Italy. He holds a Certificate in Genealogical Research from Boston University, and is the Immediate Past President of North Hills Genealogists. He spoke about "How to Grow Empathy From Uncovering Your Roots" at TEDx Pittsburgh 2017.