

Family Research Group Lectures and Classes

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Biography:



Carter L. Wilson III was born in Washington, D.C. Son of a career naval officer; he has traveled the world, including every state and territory of the United States. A veteran of the U.S. Air Force (1966 - 1970), he retired after 36 years of service with the Federal government and is currently involved full-time as a family and historical researcher.

With more than 30 years of research experience, Mr. Wilson is an author, publisher, educator and lecturer. Appointed by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne to the Idaho State Historical Records Advisory Board, Mr. Wilson is Vice President of the Idaho Genealogical Society where he is a life member.

He also holds life membership in the Eastern Washington Genealogical Society, and memberships in numerous other societies. He serves as SW Idaho Chapter Coordinator and webmaster for the Idaho Chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists and is a former member of the Advisory Board of Everton's Family History Magazine.

He proudly sits on the executive board of the Ore-Ida Council of the Boy Scouts of America as international council representative. He is a member of the Boy Scout's Honor Society and holds numerous awards and honors.

Carter is married to the former Gail Buehler of Spokane, Washington, has three grown children, and is the owner and director of Family Research Group of Boise, Idaho. His specialties include military records, Mayflower and Plymouth Colony records, Northwest and Southern states as well as Scottish and United States records and research.

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Lecture Title: Edit and Restore Old Photographs and Documents

Lecture Description: Basic techniques of digital repair of photographs and documents. We'll use Adobe Photoshop Elements® but the same techniques can be used with other programs. Repair a torn or damaged photograph, remove stains and water spots, make an unreadable document readable, compensate for over or under-exposures – all from your computer desktop.

Audience Skill Level: Beginner - Intermediate

Class Length: 1 or 2 hours

Presentation Medium: PowerPoint presentation and lecture; or alternative: live demonstration of Adobe Photoshop Elements and lecture

Audio/visual or computer equipment required: If necessary, I have a laptop with both wired and wireless LAN capability and a digital projector, but will need a screen.

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Lecture Title: Care and Storage of Photographs

Lecture Description: Nothing binds the members of a family together like family's photographs. Whether it's a wedding photograph of your great grandparents, or last year's school pictures of the children, nothing brings the past to life like photographs. Come explore common concerns and solutions, including the proper care, display, and storage of these precious pieces of paper and ink.

Audience Skill Level: Beginner to Intermediate

Class Length: 1 hour

Presentation Medium: PowerPoint presentation and lecture

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Lecture Title: What Will Be In Your Obituary?

Lecture Description: Have you ever located an obituary, only to discover critical information is inaccurate or missing? For many, a well-written obituary is their only opportunity to leave their life story to future generations. Will your obituary be published the way you would want to see it? If you're not sure of the answer, why not write it yourself? This class will show you how.

Audience Skill Level: Beginner

Class Length: 1 hour

Presentation Medium: PowerPoint presentation and lecture

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Lecture Title: Cemetery Research and Surveys

Lecture Description: Cemetery records and headstone inscriptions are often the only evidence left behind by our ancestors, sometimes providing dates, places, maiden names, occupations, evidence of military service, ethnic, church and fraternal affiliations. Join us as we investigate safe methods of searching cemeteries, recording inscriptions, and interpreting cemetery and headstone data.

Audience Skill Level: Beginner - Intermediate

Class Length: 1 or 2 hours

Presentation Medium: PowerPoint presentation and lecture

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Lecture Title: Headstone Symbology

Lecture Description: Headstone inscriptions and symbols are often the only evidence left behind by our ancestors; often providing dates, places, maiden names, occupations, military service, ethnic, church and fraternal affiliations. Join us as we investigate headstone inscriptions and symbols.

Audience Skill Level: Beginner

Class Length: 1 hour

Presentation Medium: PowerPoint presentation and lecture

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Lecture Title: Military Records of the American Revolution

Lecture Description: Locate the official records of the American Revolution and discuss how to obtain the official Service and Pension Records of our patriot ancestors. We will also discuss alternatives to the records of the National Archives, including the Family History Library, DAR Library, state archives, and other sources.

Audience Skill Level: Beginner

Presentation Medium: PowerPoint presentation and lecture

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Lecture Title: Military Records of the American Civil War

Lecture Description: Civil War era military records frequently contain a wealth of family information. Learn what is available and how to use it in your research, while we guide you through the systematic process of requesting Service and Pension Files. We'll also look at alternative sources, including the holdings of the Family History Library.

Audience Skill Level: Beginner - Intermediate

Class Length: 1 or 2 hours

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Lecture Title: Military Records of the Confederate States

Lecture Description: This class will explore the availability of Confederate Military Records; military personnel and pension records at the National Archives and various state archives; and records available through the Family History Library. Also explore official and alternative records available free on the internet.

Audience Skill Level: Beginner - Intermediate

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Lecture Title: Military Records of the Older Era, 1775 to pre-World War I

Lecture Description: From the American Revolution to about 1916, older military records often contain a wealth of family information. Learn what is available and how to use it in your research, while we guide you through the step-by-step process of requesting your ancestor's Service and Pension Files. We'll also look at alternatives to official sources.

Audience Skill Level: Beginner - Intermediate

Class Length: 1 or 2 hours

Presentation Medium: PowerPoint presentation and lecture

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Lecture Title: Military Records of the Modern Era, 1916 – present

Lecture Description: Modern military records may break down brick walls! We will discuss what information may be available, and how that information can be used to help in your family research. Follow an easy to understand, systematic process, to obtain your, or your ancestor's Military Service Record, DD Form 214 *Report of Separation*, or requesting duplicate medals and awards.

Audience Skill Level: Beginner

Class Length: 1 or 2 hours

Presentation Medium: PowerPoint presentation and lecture

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Lecture Title: Military Records of the United States, 1775 - present

Lecture Description: An all-day seminar covering U.S. military records from the American Revolution to the present day. Military records often contain a wealth of family information. Learn what is available and how to use it in your research, while we guide you through the step-by-step process of requesting your ancestor's Service and Pension Files. We'll also look at alternatives to official sources.

Audience Skill Level: Beginner - Intermediate

Class Length: 6 hours

Presentation Medium: PowerPoint presentation and lecture

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Lecture Title: The Freedom of Information Act: A Tool for Genealogists

Lecture Description: The FOIA has been used by many to request Social Security applications, but is otherwise little used by family researchers. Many records held by government agencies may only be obtained using the FOIA. Learn how to utilize the Freedom of Information Act to your advantage, how to properly submit a request, and the agency's responsibilities.

Audience Skill Level: Beginner - Intermediate

Class Length: 1 hour

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Lecture Title: The 51st State – The Lost State of Franklin

Lecture Description: Situated at the confluence of North Carolina, Virginia and Tennessee, and comprising the current Tennessee counties of Green, Hawkins, Sullivan and Washington, the original settlers established the State of Franklin from 1784-1788, with a constitution, officers and militia. Information sources and Record Repositories will also be discussed.

Audience Skill Level: Beginner, Intermediate, Expert

Class Length: 2 hours

Presentation Medium: PowerPoint presentation and lecture

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Lecture Title: Strictly for Beginners - Tips for Beginning Genealogists

Lecture Description: An overview of how to get started on the right track in your genealogical research. Strictly for the beginner who doesn't know where to start, this class will provide tips on how to get started locating, collecting, organizing, and storing information. We'll also discuss research techniques and resource availability.

Audience Skill Level: Beginner

Class Length: 1, 2 or 6 hours

Presentation Medium: PowerPoint presentation and lecture

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Lecture Title: Our Vanishing Records – or – Where has all our history gone?

Lecture Description: Have any of us not run into a brick wall because a record had disappeared through carelessness, natural disaster, or unknown causes? Records disappear daily at an astonishing rate, and we rarely hear about it until it is too late. This frank discussion will look behind the scenes at the disappearance of public records; where they are going, and what you and I can, or cannot do about it.

Audience Skill Level: Beginner – Intermediate – Advanced

Class Length: 1-2 hours

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Lecture Title: Creating a Professional PowerPoint® Presentation

Lecture Description: Learn how to create a professional looking presentation using Microsoft PowerPoint.® Create a classroom presentation, a kiosk display show, or a slide show of family photographs, add background music or voice narration. Format shows to play on a computer or television.

Audience Skill Level: Beginner

Class Length: 1 or 2 hours

Presentation Medium: PowerPoint presentation and lecture

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Lecture Title: Turn Your Family Photo Album into a “Made for Television” Movie

Lecture Description: Learn how to create a professional looking DVD using your own family photographs and/or video recordings. Learn how to create and edit images; add background music, old voice recordings, or narration. How to use special video effects, create a Title page, credits, and finally, format it to play on a computer, video CD, or DVD player.

Audience Skill Level: Beginner

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Lecture Title: The Official Records of Scotland - ScotlandsPeople

Lecture Description: Explore the official Scottish website for genealogical records and learn what records are available, and how to search the indexes of the Census, Statutory, and Old Parish Records for images as early as 1513.

Audience Skill Level: Beginner

Class Length: 1 or 2 hours

Presentation Medium: PowerPoint presentation and lecture; 2 hour class has live, on-line look-up session if high-speed internet connections are available.

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