



Imperial Polk Genealogical Society

MULBERRY'S STUDIO 37

Free Beginning Genealogy Course

If you're putting together your family tree or have had to take a break because it's been too frustrating, you're not alone. This course is perfect for anyone just starting out with their family history or who has taken some time off from it. We'll dive into the ups and downs of discovering your roots together.

Every Tuesday from January 14 – February 18

6:00 PM

Studio 37 400 N. Church Ave, Mulberry, FL 33860.

Lesson 1 - Where Do I Begin, and Ten Rules of Genealogy. In the first lesson, you'll learn how to gather family information, discover the best sources, and explore standard collection methods, interview techniques and learn ten Rules that will help you overcome your research challenges.

Lesson 2 – How do I keep it? This lesson will cover the best methods for organizing your records. Being organized enables you to gather and compare sources effectively, evaluate their reliability, and identify discrepancies for sound conclusions. Investing time in an organization ultimately saves you time.

Lesson 3 - Genealogy Tools, Sources, and Software In this lesson, you'll explore genealogy tools, sources, and software. This lesson will show you the best genealogy software programs and review each. Using a software program lets you discover how easy it is to put it all together.

Lesson 4 - Vital Records (Birth, Death and Marriage) In this lesson, you'll organize your findings using research timelines and logs and then determine which records will be the most helpful as we analyze vital records such as Birth, Death, and Marriage.

Lesson 5 - Why Can't I Find My Ancestors? In this lesson, you'll hear some of the reasons why you may not be able to find an elusive ancestor. You'll also learn how to analyze old handwriting.

Lesson 6 – All About You In this lesson, you'll bring your questions, problems, and success stories.



About your instructor

Peter DuFresne is a Senior Instructor, Web Manager, and Chair of the Technology Committee for the Imperial Polk Genealogical Society. For over 40 years, Mr. DuFresne has been an active instructor in the public and private sectors. He is a genealogist specializing in British Isles heritage. He is an Honor Code Signatory and an active participant in the England Project for WikiTree, and he has spoken on many Genealogy subjects.