



Imperial Polk Genealogical Society

Newsletter Spring 2024

Welcome new officers

Our 2024 directors have hit the ground running under energetic Pres. Gale Pinkston—a lawyer, master social worker, and certified genealogist! They have arranged for us to resume hybrid meetings, are assembling the 2024 calendar, and updating the IPGS presence online. Stay tuned at ipgs.org!

Our Mission

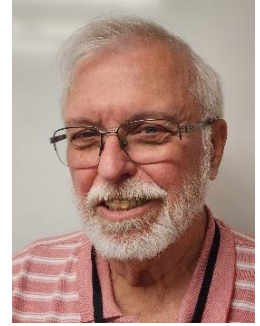
The Imperial Polk Genealogical Society's mission is to encourage and promote the study of genealogy and to bring together people who have an interest in family history.



Pres. Gale Pinkston



Sec. Lynn Hice



Treas. Jim Bowers

Vice Pres. Wanda Owens, Trustee Steve Schultz

Our members care

Many thanks to our caring members and their recent acts to make our attendees welcomed and enriched.

Susan Dion brought books concerning genealogy research and resources, to be adopted by other enthusiasts. For example, *Managing a Genealogical Project: A complete manual for the management and organization of genealogical materials*. Thanks, Susan!

In March, Melony McAuley gave out clever, embroidered wall plaques no doubt loved by aficionados. Some examples:

- *Genealogists specialize in cold cases*
- *Shake any family tree and a few nuts are bound to fall*
- *I collect dead relatives and the occasional live cousin*



April Program: *in person or by Zoom* *Getting the Most Out of Roots Tech, Even After the Conference is Over!*

Join us at 1 p.m. April 13, 2024, to discover great resources and strategies by accessing nationally recognized specialists who presented at the 2024, online RootsTech conference. Replays are numerous, varied, and FREE!

Speaker Jeana Allen promises a hands-on session, so bring your electronic device to learn with guided practice and explore while she is there to answer questions.

IPGS programs are the second Saturday of each month. Through June, we will meet at the LDS center that houses its Family Search library, 5850 Lakeland Highlands Rd, Lakeland, north entrance under the canopy. Those not already on our distribution list may request a Zoom link at ipgs1981@gmail.org.

Smile for the directory

We need your gorgeous mug! The 2024 directory will be printed for all IPGS members. We will include photos of all who consent. Newer members have requested pictures to help us learn names. The images will appear only in the printed booklet and be distributed only to paid members.

You may send your favorite shot to membership chair Marcia Ford at marciaford@hotmail.com, or to ipgs1981@gmail.com. Also, Marcia has volunteered to take pictures, or to snip your smile from online if you send a link. The deadline is the April 13 meeting.

Plus, are you willing to answer questions, suggest strategies, or offer coaching for others? If you will take requests for help, we will list your favorite skill or talent.

Don't miss this opportunity!

Do you enjoy snooping through family records and deciphering stories from old church and business files? There is such a project coming up to organize and scan oodles of documents and photos at the historic L.B. Brown House and museum.

Yes, you can do it! We will start with a brief training session and supervised practice. Stay tuned!

Other local programs

True Grit and Determination: Finding Your Female Ancestor

10 a.m. March 30, by Amber Oldenburg, Family History Research instructor from BYU. Join in person at the Polk History Center or get the Zoom link from ShannonGraham@polk-county.net or (863) 534-4604. From the Polk County History Center Genealogy series.

The Generators

An ad hoc discussion group led by Lakeland Library archivist Luann Mims where you can get answers in an informal setting. April 25, 5:30-7:00 p.m. Register [here](#) through the Lakeland Library History Center.

Cyndi's List—Genealogy Resources

There is huge potential in this free, exhaustive bank of indexed resources for genealogists and history buffs. Learn what and how. April 25, 5:30-7:00 p.m. Register [here](#) through the Lakeland Library History Center.

Not the Biological Ancestor

Clermont's genealogy group, Pastfinders, invites us to visit pastfindersslc.org for free Zoom programs. At 5 p.m. April 11, hear Allison Ryall tell how DNA revealed a surprise about her paternal grandparent. Also see more programs and special interest groups. Visit in person or register to Zoom [here](#).

❖ *From the president* ❖

Join Us! Whether you are a family history hobbyist or an aspiring professional genealogist, our genealogy society is open for new members year 'round. I began my interest in genealogy when I created a family history scrapbook for my oldest grandchild. That was about twelve years ago. The potential benefits of belonging to and participating in a genealogy society cannot be overstated for the person in search of genealogical and historical information.

As a member of IPGS enjoy

- Networking with those with common interests
- Meetings, workshops, and occasional field trips or conferences
- Special projects such as records preservation
- Volunteer opportunities with community impact

Learn to

- Improve your research and story-telling skills
- Preserve and share your family history

Please visit our website ipgs.org for additional information. Membership is not limited to Polk County residents. All are welcome!

~ Gale