

RGS Meeting
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Short Talk: “How to Organize Your Roots” - Marian Henry

Description: A pile of papers on your desk is not a filing system. What do you do when sources do not agree? What's the best genealogy software? Have you looked at this source before? In this talk Marian will illustrate efficient research practices and offer suggestions for creating order out of your genealogical chaos.

Bio: Marian Henry holds a Ph.D. in physical chemistry from the University of Minnesota. After post-doctoral fellowships at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Oxford University in England, and Boston University, she worked for over twenty years in the research laboratories of Eastman Kodak Company. Dr. Henry retired from Kodak in order to devote more time to genealogy and calligraphy. Currently she serves as President of the Rochester Genealogical Society. Her essays on New York State genealogy, written for the web site of the New England Historic Genealogical Society, have been published under the title *New York Essays*. She is a member of the Advisory Council of the New England Historic Genealogical Society. Dr. Henry is a member of the Genesee Valley Calligraphy Guild and is the editor of their monthly newsletter. She serves as treasurer of the Rochester chapter of the American Recorder Society. Genealogically, Dr. Henry is one half Pennsylvania Dutch, one quarter Yankee (Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Maine), and one quarter Scotch-Irish. There's just a splash of some crazy Irish to make the mix really interesting.

Long Talk: “Using DNA to Explore Your Ancestry” - Blaine Bettinger

Description: Together we will learn more about the different types of DNA ancestry testing and how it can be used to learn more about your ancestry, including how you can use DNA testing to examine and even answer specific research questions.

Bio: Dr. Bettinger is an intellectual property attorney at Bond, Schoeneck & King in Syracuse, NY. He has been exploring his genealogy using traditional methods for over 20 years, and has been using DNA testing for over 8 years. He is the administrator of several DNA projects, and blogs about genetic genealogy at www.thegeneticgenealogist.com.