

Marian Pierre-Louis ~ Lecture Topics

🕒 **Pirates and Prisoners: The Registry is more than just Deeds**

Deeds are an important research tool. But a trip to the Registry of Deeds can provide much more than just deeds. A deposition can reveal biographical information about your ancestor or provide the names of the men who worked at the local mill. You can even find information about pirates and prisoners. Learn about using deeds, depositions, mortgage deeds, land plans, certificates and much more. These often forgotten records might be just what you need to solve genealogical mysteries.

🕒 **Two chairs and a pair of spectacles: Discovering your ancestors in Probate Records**

Probate records can reveal more than who inherited the house. They can provide the names of children and grandchildren as well as offer a window into the lives of your ancestors through estate inventories. Probate records can reveal land owned in far away states that you never knew about. There can be records for those who died without wills as well. This lecture explains the benefits of using probate records such as wills, guardianships, estate inventories and administration.

🕒 **Deeds & Probate: A Powerful Combination**

Did you know that all the members of a family may be named in an old deed? Have you ever tried to get a close-up view of what your ancestors wore and the tools they used from an estate inventory? Learn how to use the records of the Registry of Deeds and Probate Court to further your genealogical research. Deed and probate records can help resolve brick walls as well add breadth to your ancestor's personal story.

🕒 **Looking After the Poor: Finding Your Ancestors in New England Poverty Records**

Discover how your not so wealthy New England ancestors may have left behind a wealth of information found in town poverty records. Come find out about "strangers taken in", "warning out" and settlement law. Marian Pierre-Louis will take you into the depths of New England town records to reveal the hard to find information about your elusive ancestors. This is one of my most popular lectures.

🕒 **Finding the Gems in New England Cemeteries**

Get the most out of your trip to a New England cemetery. This talk compares traditional methods of cemetery research with new online methods. Learn how to combine the two to maximize your research efforts. Also, discover how to use online satellite photos as an aid, locate maps and the latest technology available.

🕒 **Don't Call Your Relatives, Let Them Call You!**

How genealogical smarts and a little web savvy can send your distant cousins right to your inbox

Learn how to create a well thought out website that will provide enough genealogical data to attract your distant cousins without giving away your future manuscript. You don't have to have a fancy website to have an effective website. Discover the recipe for success that balances design and content. Note: This lecture requires use of a digital projector.

🕒 **Organizing & Dating your Old Photographs**

Learn what to do with all those boxes of old photographs. Understand what you have and how old it is by learning to identify the type of photo it is. Learn other clues that help identify photos such as hairstyles, clothing and props in the photos. Then learn how to organize the photos by date and type and how to best archive them

African American

🕒 **Poor, Black and Landless in New England: The Story of Ishmael Coffee**

Ishmael Coffee was the son of a former slave. He was poor and never owned property. Discover how this African American left behind a wealth of records for his ancestors to find. Through this case study learn to trace your New England African American ancestors.

🕒 **Early African American Communities in New England**

An overview of early African American communities in New England, their unique characteristics, and strategies for getting the most out of your research. Timeline discussion important dates in New England African American research.

House Histories

🕒 **Researching the History of Your House**

You can research the history of your house whether it is 20 years old or 150 years old. Marian Pierre-Louis will introduce where to find the deeds to your house, how to chain a deed, and locating other sources of information such as the US Federal Census records. Come learn some tricks to get the most out of your house history research. This talk is appropriate for both beginners and those who have some research experience. Note: This talk can be altered as either a beginner or an advanced research talk. It will also be customized to your town/county.

🕒 **Discovering Immigrant Voices through House History Research**

House history research in larger urban areas provides for fascinating results. Two-family and multi-family homes often provide a microcosm of the waves of immigrants that have passed through a city in different generations. Learn to celebrate different types of housing and all the secrets they can reveal. Similar to the house history talk above but more appropriate for cities with an emphasis on the immigrants who lived there. Note: This talk will be customized for your city/region.

🕒 **House History Workshop**

This workshop is a hands-on session to get your audience researching their old homes right away. A classroom setting with computers and internet connection is ideal. The workshop can be 2-4 hours in length depending on your requirements.

To schedule a lecture please contact Marian Pierre-Louis as indicated below.



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