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June is Caribbean American Heritage Month

"In the United States, June is National Caribbean American Heritage Month. From America's earliest days, Caribbean Americans have contributed to the success, spirit, and character of our nation. For generations, they have enhanced and advanced many aspects of American society."

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BGS Meetings and Annual Report

BGS did not hold a Board or General meeting in May as the fourth Saturday fell on Memorial Day weekend. Our 2022 BGS Annual Report is now available. Please check our website, Facebook, and Instagram for information about our June meeting.

Caribbean Research Resources Available at the National Archives

Non-population Census Records: Puerto Rico
Records of the Spanish Governors of Puerto Rico
Guide to Puerto Rican Records in the
National Archives at New York
Records of the Government of the Virgin Islands
Records of the Provisional Government of Cuba,
1906–1909

www.archives.gov

Planning, Techniques, and Strategies for Preserving Family Collections and Stories

by Sara Holmes

"Learn how professionals preserve records with surveys to create a plan, use archival techniques, and select storage strategies. Surveys help you create a plan of action to determine record treatment, housing, and storage. Archival techniques can be used on your own personal collections of paper-based materials, photographs, and objects. Strategies include how to identify storage needs for papers and photographs. We will tie this all together and show you how significant documents and records help to tell family stories."

June 14, 2023 --- 12:00 Noon CDT

www.archives.gov --- Free

Familytreewebinars.com

The Top 10 DNA Features on MyHeritage

FREE

"Author and speaker Richard Hill, founder of the DNAFavorites.com website, will review his ten favorite DNA features included with the MyHeritage DNA test. He will show how these features support the basic functions of genetic genealogy, including (1) finding previously unknown relatives, (2) identifying the common ancestors responsible for our genetic matches, and (3) estimating the mix of ethnicities inherited from our ancestors. Using examples from his personal account, Richard will demonstrate these features and show how they can be used productively by genealogists, adoptees, and anyone curious about their family history or ethnic background."

Tue, Jun 13, 2023 ----- 1:00 PM CDT

A Fresh Light on Old Newspapers

FREE

"Researching in old newspapers no longer means sitting at a microfilm reader for hours on end, winding through a seemingly endless string of news stories and advertisements. Today, the results we seek could be a matter of minutes away, thanks to the many digitization projects that have placed millions of newspaper pages on the Internet. But what are the pitfalls? This presentation takes you through the digitization process, from hard copy to your computer screen. It is designed to help you achieve the best results from your work." (Note: "Dave Obee has worked in newspapers for 50 years, has researched with them for 50 years, and has been behind a major digitization project. This talk draws from real experience.")

Wed, Jun 28, 2023: 1:00 PM CDT



"Kamala Harris, Vice President of the United States, is the first woman to hold the office of Vice President. Her parents immigrated to the U.S. Her mother is from India and her father from the Caribbean nation of Jamaica."

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