

Alabama Genealogical Society August Webinar 2021



The Legal Genealogist **Judy G. Russell, JD, CG, CGL**

Over, Around, and Through Genealogical Problems

Four webinar sessions will be prerecorded especially for our audience. The webinars will be available for all registrants for 30 days, starting August 28, 2021.

Sessions:

- **After the Courthouse Burns: Rekindling Family History through DNA (is a Cherokee County Alabama case study, by the way)**

Catastrophic records loss due to fires and disasters at courthouses is a fact of life for genealogists. When a disaster takes out birth, marriage, death, court, land and probate records all in one fell swoop, it may still be possible to light our family's research fires — to rekindle our interest in our ancestral roots — using DNA evidence.

- **Roadblocks, Red Lights and Detours: Records Access for Genealogists**

This was supposed to be the Age of the Information Superhighway. Instead, even as so many records are coming online, doors are being slammed shut on so many more — often records that aren't and won't be online, now and perhaps ever. As a community and as individuals, learn what we can do to protect records access.

- **No Vitals? No Problem! – Building a Family through Circumstantial Evidence (A Family for Isabella-- tracing a woman married before the 1850 census)**

When there's no birth, marriage or death record, what's a genealogist to do? Learn how to use circumstantial evidence to build a family.

- **Polls, Personalty* and Property - Making Sense of Tax Lists**

Somebody had to pay government's bills, and they did it through the law by imposing taxes on polls, personal property and real property. The records of those taxes offer some of the best clues available to our ancestors, their families and their neighborhoods.

* From Black's *Law Dictionary*, 1891 1st edition, p 894: **PERSONALTY.** Personal property; movable property; chattels.

Program Cost

Nonmembers may register for this event for \$25 using this link: [Non-member Registration](#).

If you would like to join AGS and attend for \$15, instead, you may join the organization here: [AGS Member Application](#). Then you may register at our member site: [Member Registration](#)

About

Judy Russell, JD, CG, CGL, is a lecturer, educator, and writer with an international reputation. She is a professional genealogist with a JD (Juris Doctor) degree based in central New Jersey. She has a bachelor's degree in political science and journalism from George Washington University and a law degree from Rutgers School of Law-Newark. She has deep roots in the American South on her mother's side and has entirely German roots on her father's side.