



Rebecca Koford  
*The Dead and  
The Dying*



Kimberly Powell  
*Mining Tax Records for  
Genealogical Gold*



Sara Cochran  
*Where There's a Will*

## About the Speakers

**Sara Cochran**, The Skeleton Whisperer, uses her 28 years of experience to assist clients in their genealogical research and preserve their photographic legacy. Her research has taken her across the U.S. and into Ireland. She is an alum of the ProGen Study Group and holds a Boston University Genealogical Research certificate.

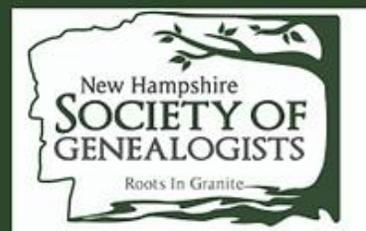
**Rebecca Whitman Koford** holds credentials as a Certified Genealogist® and as a Certified Genealogical Lecturer<sup>SM</sup>. She focuses on Maryland, Upstate New York, Virginia, District of Columbia, military records from the Revolution through the Civil War, federal records at the National Archives (D.C.), as well as land records of all types. She has published articles in the *NGS Magazine*, *APG Magazine*, *SAR Magazine*, and the Maryland Genealogical Society *Journal* and is co-author of the recently released *NGS Research in the States* series book on Maryland. She regularly speaks at national conferences and has been an instructor at the Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh (GRIP) and the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy (SLIG). She is a graduate and former mentor of the *ProGen* Study Group and served as the *ProGen* Administrator from 2015–2020. She is the Executive Director of the Board for Certification of Genealogists®. In 2021, she became Director of the Genealogical Institute on Federal Records (Gen-Fed) in Washington, D.C. She takes clients and runs her business under the name Rebecca Whitman Koford Genealogical Research, LLC.

**Kimberly Powell** is a professional genealogist, author, and educator specializing in genealogical writing, land and property records, DNA, and solving complex problems. She is a past President of the Association of Professional Genealogists and served as the Genealogy Expert for About.com for sixteen years. Kimberly is on the faculty at the Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh (GRIP), the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (IGHR), and the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy (SLIG), as well as Boston University's online genealogy programs. She teaches genealogy enthusiasts who want to level up their writing, research, or business skills through her website, Level Up Genealogy (<https://www.levelupgenealogy.com>).

## Agenda

- 9:30 – 10:00 Check-in and Chat
- 10:00 – 11:00 The Dead and the Dying – Rebecca Koford  
A rich source of genealogical information can often be found at the end of a person's life. We will investigate a variety of records about death that may surprise you, discuss the records at funeral homes, and end with cemetery iconography and how to properly record a memorial monument and the value of cemetery office records. There are at least a dozen more places to look for death information than just the death certificate, headstone, or obituary.
- 11:00 – 11:15 Break
- 11:15 – 12:15 Mining Tax Records for Genealogical Gold – Kimberly Powell  
Tax records are a valuable but often overlooked resource for family historians. Tax lists often pre-date available federal census records and help fill the gaps between them. They can be used to help track individuals in and out of a community, locate age evidence during the crucial pre-1850 census period, prove parentage, and identify non-residents with property in a locality. Learn how to access and interpret tax records to uncover essential details about your ancestors' lives and gain insight into the social and economic conditions of the time and place in which they lived.
- 12:15 – 1:00 Lunch
- 1:00 – 1:30 Door Prizes
- 1:30 – 2:30 Where There's a Will – Sara Cochran  
Wills and Probate records can be genealogical goldmines. We start with an overview of these records, the probate process, and tips for finding and using these records. This interactive class will show ways to turn a New Hampshire will into a starter family tree.

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**SATURDAY, APRIL 20**

**9:30AM-2:30PM**

**Via Zoom**

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