

APRIL 22, 2017

*Full Day Conference Presented by Pamela Vittorio*



**Pamela Vittorio** is an Associate Teaching Professor in the Dept. of English Language Studies at the New School University in NYC but hails from central New York. She refined her methodologies and research skills in an interdisciplinary MA/Ph.D. program in Near Eastern Literature, Languages, and History at NYU. Current interest and specialty areas include U.S. and Canadian history/genealogy, the Civil War, Revolutionary War-Loyalists, Woman Suffrage, and North American Canals (Erie Canal). Currently, she is a member of the Board of Trustees and the editor of *From the Boatyard* newsletter at Chittenango Landing Canal Boat Museum. Pamela received a certificate from Boston University's Genealogical Research Certificate program and is a member of APG,

CNYGS, NEHG, NYG&BS, NGS, Ontario Genealogical Society, and several other genealogical and historical societies in the U.S. and Canada.

**9:00 – 10:30am** *Bust Walls or Break Ground: Tips & Techniques for Solving Genealogical Problems in the mid-1800's*

In this presentation, we look at some sources in print and online that may help with 19<sup>th</sup> century brick walls, and some research strategies. Tips and techniques also include deciphering names, handwriting tips, and evaluating 19<sup>th</sup>-century photos. The presenter will be doing some “on the spot” searches for the audience.

**10:30am – 12:00pm** *Early Irish Immigrants to Canada & the U.S.: The Peter Robinson Settlers (1823 & 1825)*

In the early 19<sup>th</sup> century, the Ottawa Valley in Canada became a center of “resettlement” for over 2,000 impoverished Irish families, mainly from County Cork, Ireland. Find out more on how and where to search for your Irish ancestors who may have come from Ireland to Canada, and perhaps later, to northern NY State.

◆ **12:00 – 1:15pm** **Lunch – bring your own or visit a local restaurant** ◆

**1:15 - 2:45pm** *The U.S. Sanitary Commission Records: Tracing Women's Roles During the Civil War.*

The U.S. Sanitary Commission Records contain many documents from the Women's Central Association of Relief (WCAR)– often called, The Union's ‘Other Army.’ Records from the WCAR and the Women's Relief Association are housed at the NY Public Library and the Brooklyn Historical Society. These records contain diaries, donor lists, scrapbooks, subscription lists, and other documents vital to discovering more on women's roles during the Civil War

**2:45 – 4:00pm** *Was Your (Great) Grandma a Suffragette? Records for the Women's Rights Movement: 1848-1920*

This workshop provides a brief background and strategies/tips on how to find records pertaining to women's suffrage from the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries, such as scrapbooks and membership lists, and repositories where these documents might be found.

Meetings (unless posted otherwise) are held at the  
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