

# York County Library Genealogy & Family History Expo

**Saturday, October 18, 2025**  
**Courtyard by Marriott, Fort Mill, S.C.**  
**8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

Register beginning September 22 at [yclibrary.org/events](https://yclibrary.org/events)  
or email [reference@yclibrary.org](mailto:reference@yclibrary.org) or [john.skardon@yclibrary.org](mailto:john.skardon@yclibrary.org)



**Judy G. Russell**  
*The Legal Genealogist®*



**Rebecca Whitman Koford**



**Ari Wilkins**



**Kelli Berghheimer**



**Lisa T. Lisson**



**Cheri Hudson Passey**

- ❖ **FREE** event sponsored by the York County Library.
- ❖ 13 informative presentations by professional genealogists.
- ❖ Catered complimentary luncheon.
- ❖ Exhibitors and vendors from local and regional genealogical societies.
- ❖ Fantastic door prizes, including DNA testing kits, free subscriptions to genealogy websites and software, genealogy books, and more!
- ❖ Plus, a variety of free genealogical resources and gifts to enhance your family research.



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8:30 - 9:30	Check-In / Exhibits & Vendors											
9:30 - 9:45	Welcome: John W. Skardon, YCL Genealogy Librarian											
9:45 - 11:00	Keynote Address: <b><i>From Blackstone to the Statutes at Large: How Knowing the Law Makes Us Better Genealogists</i></b> <i>Judy G. Russell</i>											
11:00 - 11:15	Break / Exhibits & Vendors											
		Lecture Hall A			Lecture Hall B			Lecture Hall C			Lecture Hall D	
11:15 - 12:30	Methodology	<b>How I Built My Own Brick Wall and the Sledgehammer of Experience</b> <i>Rebecca Whitman Koford</i>		Methodology	<b>Putting Those Records to Work</b> <i>Judy G. Russell</i>		African American	<b>Finding the Last Slave Owner</b> <i>Ari Wilkins</i>		Organization	<b>How to Clear the Mess on Your Desk</b> <i>Kelli Bergheimer</i>	
12:30 - 1:45	Luncheon / Exhibits & Vendors											
1:45 - 3:00	Record Groups	<b>Military Pension Records: Revolution to the Civil War</b> <i>Rebecca Whitman Koford</i>		Evidence Analysis	<b>The Discriminating Genealogist: Telling Good Evidence from Bad</b> <i>Judy G. Russell</i>		African American	<b>Unique African American Records</b> <i>Ari Wilkins</i>		Methodology	<b>Collateral Research: the Secret Sauce to Finding Family Records</b> <i>Cheri Hudson Passey</i>	
3:00 - 3:15	Break / Exhibits & Vendors											
3:15 - 4:30	DNA	<b>DNA Success: Understanding Genetic Networks</b> <i>Kelli Bergheimer</i>		Law & Records	<b>"Don't Forget the Ladies" A Genealogist's Guide to Women and the Law</b> <i>Judy G. Russell</i>		Methodology	<b>From Name Collection to Name Confirmation: Adding Leaves to the Right Branch</b> <i>Cheri Hudson Passey</i>		Record Groups	<b>Don't Miss a Beat! Unlocking Ancestral Clues in Newspapers</b> <i>Lisa T. Lisson</i>	
4:30 - 5:00	Door prize drawings and closing remarks											



**The York County Library  
Genealogy & Family History Expo will be at the  
Courtyard by Marriott located at  
1385 Broadcloth Street, Fort Mill, S.C. 29715.  
(803) 548-0156**

**From Charlotte** take I-77 South to exit 85. Turn left onto Highway 160. At the second traffic light (Kingsley Springs) turn left, then a second left onto Broadcloth Street. The hotel is at the end of the street.

**From Columbia** take I-77 North to exit 85. Turn right onto Highway 160. At the first traffic light (Kingsley Springs) turn left, then a second left onto Broadcloth Street. The hotel is at the end of the street.



## PLEASE REGISTER

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