Schedule

10:00-10:15 AM, Great Hall, 2nd floor
Browse the exhibitors in the Great Hall.

10:15-10:25 AM, History Reference Room, 2nd floor
Opening remarks: Jacob Speer, State Librarian, and Gvido Burgis, Indiana State Library Foundation

10:30-11:30 AM, History Reference Room, 2nd floor
Katherine Willson, Military Record Research
How can you determine which major conflict your ancestor might have served in? Which records may have been generated during that time, and where are they held?

11:40-12:40 PM, History Reference Room, 2nd floor
Kathleen Brandt, Finding Your Revolutionary War Soldier
Finding your Revolutionary War soldier among 200,000+ participants can be daunting. Anyone 16 to 53 years old during this time living in the original 13 colonies may have participated in some capacity.

12:40-2:00 PM, Lunch
See program insert for more information. Also browse the exhibitors in the Great Hall.

2:00-2:30 PM, History Reference Room, 2nd floor
Katherine Willson, Q&A session
Bring your questions to this open-forum session.

2:30-3:30 PM, History Reference Room, 2nd floor
Kathleen Brandt, Finding the Elusive Civil War Ancestor
Many family researchers have given up on finding information on their Civil War ancestor. This presentation provides the researcher with hints and hidden resources to uncover Union and Confederate soldiers and women who served or supported the troops.

3:30, History Reference Room, 2nd floor
Raffle
Must be present to win. See program insert for list of prizes.

About the Speakers

Katherine R. Willson, a highly acclaimed and nationally-known public speaker, has been a genealogical instructor and professional researcher in Ann Arbor, Michigan, since 2001. She gives keynote addresses and conference presentations (including ICAPGen 2014, RootsTech 2015, RootsTech 2016), and facilitates workshops and seminars.

Kathleen Brandt, an international genealogy consultant, speaker, and writer, has over 10 years experience as a professional genealogist and is a licensed private investigator. Her clients include NBC’s Who Do You Think You Are? and PBS’s Finding Your Roots. She has extensive experience in international and nationwide documentation retrieval, military record reconstructions, and tracing slaves, as well as European records. As a freelance writer, her genealogy articles have been published through Archives.com and AARP magazine, and on the a3Genealogy blog.

Information

Restrooms are located on the first floor near the Education Center. Take the Great Hall stairs down to the first floor and turn right. You may also use the elevator located on the north side of the Great Hall balcony next to the Young Readers’ Center.

Please do not take food or drink into other parts of the library.

The Indiana Historical Bureau Bookshop on the first floor near the Ohio Street entrance will be open from 10:00 AM to 1:30 PM. All books are 30% off. The shop features books on Hoosier interest topics as well as many Indiana-made goods.

Please join us next year for the Genealogy & Local History Fair: “Digging Up the Dead” as we examine, decipher, and interpret death records, death research, and other interesting facets of mortality in history. October 27, 2018 at the Indiana State Library.