

Identifying your Catholic Ancestors

Fall 2020 Genealogy Workshop Series

Presented by The City Archives & Special Collections at New Orleans Public Library (NOPL), The Office of Archives and Records of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, and New Orleans Catholic Cemeteries (NOCC)

Join the Archives of the Archdiocese of New Orleans' Kimberly Johnson and Katie Vest, NOCC's Heather Veneziano, and Amanda Fallis of the City Archives & Special Collections at NOPL for a 6-week Zoom series about researching your New Orleans Catholic ancestors.

We are excited to share these webinars with our Southeast Louisiana neighbors every Saturday at 11am from Sep. 12th to Oct. 17th. They are free and open to everyone, with a maximum capacity of 300. Register for the Zoom here: <https://bit.ly/2G4CXms>. Digital handouts will be available before each session at archives.nolalibrary.org, and recordings posted after each session airs.

- **Session 1 -- Basics of Genealogical Research - September 12th, 11a-12:15p**

Join us for short introduction to genealogical research, followed by an overview of the Archdiocesan records—what is available, what isn't available, and what can be requested.

- **Session 2 -- Requesting Genealogy Records - September 19th, 11a-12:15p**

Learn how to order records, what forms to use, and all about where to find the information you will need on-hand ahead of placing a request.

- **Session 3 -- Navigating Newspaper Databases for Obituaries - September 26th, 11a-12:15p**

Use your regional Public Library cards to access newspaper databases and find obituaries, which are often the starting point for locating and researching Catholic ancestors.

- **Session 4 -- Archdiocesan Indexes and Digital Resources - October 3rd, 11a-12:15p**

Explore the available indexes and digital resources offered by the Archdiocese and NOCC.

- **Session 5 - Cemetery Research - October 10th, 11a-12:15p**

Learn about cemetery research and care, including where to start, different tablet and tomb types, and also about the Perpetual Care and restoration programs of New Orleans Catholic Cemeteries.

- **Session 6 - Cemetery Exploration: Identifying Burial Locations - October 17th, 11a-12:15p**

Experience virtual examples of working with archival records to identify burial locations within a number of cemeteries, complete with visuals and sample searches!

About the Presenters

Kimberly Johnson is the Senior Processing Archivist/Records Analyst for the Office of Archives and Records at the Archdiocese of New Orleans, where she helps manage conservation and preservation of historic and current records. She holds a Masters of Arts in History and is a Certified Archivist.

Heather Veneziano is the Director of Public Engagement and Development for New Orleans Catholic Cemeteries, as well as an architectural historian and cultural heritage advisor with the preservation firm of Gambrel & Peak. She holds a Masters of Fine Art and a Masters of Preservation Studies.

Katie Vest is the Research Archivist for the Office of Archives and Records at the Archdiocese of New Orleans; in addition, she researches and translates genealogy requests in French, Spanish, Italian, and German. She holds a Masters of Arts in History with an emphasis in Public History.

Amanda Fallis is a librarian and archivist in the New Orleans City Archives & Special Collections at NOPL, where she works with genealogical and municipal government records. She holds a Masters of Library and Information Science and is a Certified Archivist.