

# 2024 Annual Genealogy Seminar

## Featuring Sunny Morton



**November 9, 2024 - 9am to 4pm**  
**Christ United Methodist Church**  
**3440 Shroyer Road, Dayton, Ohio 45429**

Sunny Jane Morton is a longtime Contributing Editor at Family Tree Magazine and the Content Director at YourDNAGuide.com. She blogs for [FamilySearch](#), the world's biggest free genealogy website, and is past Editor of Ohio Genealogy News. She has twice received awards from the National Genealogical Society, most recently for her book [How to Find Your Family History in U.S. Church Records](#), co-authored with Harold Henderson, CG. Her other book, [Story of My Life: A Workbook for Preserving Your Legacy](#), is now in its 2nd edition. She is known for delivering presentations packed with try-this-now strategies, humor, humanity, and plenty of motivating examples and stories.

### Sunny will present the following four classes:

- ◆ **Comparing the U.S. Newspaper Giants**  
Over a billion digitized newspaper pages are now searchable at online historical newspaper archives, but which should you use? My tips, encouragement, and comparative analyses will help you more confidently choose and use newspaper websites.
- ◆ **Born to be Filed: A Story of Civil Birth Registration in the United States**  
Ever wonder why you can't find infant birth records for relatives even when they should exist? Or what delayed birth records are and whether they are worth finding? Follow with me the fascinating story of how infant and adult civil birth records came about in the U.S.
- ◆ **Help! There's No Class on Researching My Ancestral Homeland**  
If you haven't been able to learn how to research your roots in a specific ancestral homeland, this class is for you. Learn about strategies for building your family tree in far-flung places.
- ◆ **Fable or Fact? Verifying Old Family Stories**  
Though you may never be able to fully prove (or disprove) some stories, this lecture demonstrates how to "de-mythify" handed-down tales.

### Bonus Presentation!

During lunch, Sunny will give a 30-minute presentation on **Ohio River Adventures**.



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This event will be  
in-person only.

DAY OF EVENT - SHOP



To register online with a credit card go to

<https://Genealogy-Seminar-Nov-9-2024.eventbrite.com>

To register by mail, complete the form below, detach and return with your check.

**Early Bird Registrations must be postmarked by November 1, 2024**

**Mail registration form and check to:**

**Montgomery County Chapter OGS, P. O. Box 1584, Dayton, OH 45401-1584**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

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**EARLY BIRD - BY NOVEMBER 1**

\_\_\_\_\$40 - Member, Montgomery County Chapter OGS

\_\_\_\_\$50 - Non-member

**REGULAR - Member or Non-member**

\_\_\_\_\$55 - Postmarked November 1 or later, or Walk-in

**OPTIONAL BOX LUNCH - ORDER BY NOVEMBER 1**

Sandwich, pickle, fresh fruit, chocolate chip cookie, drink.

Select your sandwich choice (all come with lettuce & tomato):

\_\_\_\_\$15 Black Forrest Ham      \_\_\_\_\$15 Chicken Salad (with pecans)

\_\_\_\_\$15 Garden Fresh Turkey      \_\_\_\_\$15 Black Angus Roast Beef