



# Ancestry Reality Show:

## Exploring Images and Data to Make Our Ancestors Real

When: Saturday, August 2, 2008 • 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Where: New Location this Year!  
Norman Community Church of the Nazarene  
1804 North Porter (South of IOOF Cemetery) in Norman

Speaker: Pat Gordon

Pat holds a master's degree in journalism from Texas Christian University and is a former newspaper reporter, now teaching journalism at the University of Texas at Arlington. Grounded in a variety of family research techniques, she is especially interested in placing her ancestors in context to the social setting in which they lived. As a professional writer and photographer, she often lectures at genealogy seminars on how to make the most out of using digital cameras and scanners as well as editing software.



### Session 1:

#### Going Digital: Using Digital Cameras and Scanners for Family History

Chances are you have barely tapped all you can do with your digital camera and scanner, so learn more about those unused features as well as ways to solve problems you may encounter when shooting photos under less than perfect conditions.

### Session 2: Using Editing Software: Getting the Most from Your Digitized Images

Now that you have all those digital photographs and documents in your computer, what do you do with them? Start by improving them with even the most basic photo editing software. It's easy to digitally repair damaged areas and even improve readability of almost illegible documents. Even the most inexperienced computer user will find how simple digital editing programs are to use.

### Session 3: Beyond Vital Statistics: Just Who Are These People Anyway?

Now that you know when your ancestors were born, married and died, don't you really want to know who they were in between vital statistic entries? Countless sources exist, some on the Internet, that help researchers learn more about their 19<sup>th</sup> century relatives. Discovering how to place your ancestors in context with their time is easy for even the most amateur history sleuth as the lives of three ordinary men are revealed through church records, newspapers and Civil War documents.

### Session 4: Earning a Living: Your Ancestors at Work.

Learning that your 19<sup>th</sup> century ancestor was a farmer or merchant or wagon maker on the federal population census is just a teaser for what you can really discover about him. Special federal censuses taken in conjunction with the population censuses hold a wealth of information for discovering how successful your ancestor was at earning a living. These censuses may also help you find answers to other questions, including why they went from rags to riches or from riches to rags.



## Cleveland County Genealogical Society 2008 Summer Seminar

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### Seminar Registration

On or before July 15th

Early Registration – \$35.00

After July 15th

Late Registration – \$40.00

• Registration Fees include Lunch •

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## Directions to the CCGS Seminar

