Speaker Programs

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Dynamic and Educational Programs for Your Society

Looking for energetic presentations that immediately deliver insights into solving genealogy mysteries and family history challenges? You have found a source.



Thank you for attending.

I have conducted countless presentations and classes for local and regional genealogical and historical societies; appeared at leading national conferences including NGS, FGS, and RootsTech; and conduct classes to distant places using internet-based training.

In addition, I have published over a dozen books covering vintage photographs, historical accounts, and writing family history. Every topic stems from in-depth experience covering years if not decade.

Presentations – Learning Opportunities

Each hour-long presentation unleashes surprising tips not known by most family sleuths. Easy to grasp, the material shows genealogists and family historians new research pathways and offers unique ideas for telling their family stories.

- Solving 19th Century Photo Mysteries! Identifying and Dating photographs from 1840 to 1900.
- Understanding Your 20th Century Photographs. Though recent, many 1900 - 1950 photos are still misunderstood.
- Can I Save My Damaged Photos & Documents? Restoration: What is possible? Digital techniques bring photos back to life.
- What is Best Care & Preservation of Photographs? Preserve those heirloom items from further ravages of time.
- What is a Tintype and other Cased Images? Study of earliest photos and how to date and preserve them.
- Digitize Those Vintage Photos & Documents NOW! Your insurance against original loss and sharing with others. Scanning & camera copying techniques & demonstrations.
- Adventures in Writing Family History. See how to easily start and write a memorable family history.
- How Do I Publish a Family History Book With No Costs? Learn how to create a real book with no upfront costs.
- Bring Key Facts into Your Family History from Old Publications! News reports, many times covering your ancestors, help build a compelling history of how they lived.

Presentation summaries and outlines are available on request. And new programs are continually added — check www.phototree.com for the current lineup.

The Stay-Awake Programs

No dry presentations here. I engage the audience, get out in front of the podium, wander the aisles, and share real physical examples of the topic. Whether you have a roundtable group of twelve or a conference audience of one hundred and more, you won't be disappointed.

A single presentation is typically one hour, which includes questions and answers. Multiple presentation can be scheduled, with breaks in between. The presentations include original photos, documents, and examples of the topic that allow close-up inspection.

Workshops, lasting up to two hours, involve interactive work with the audience in analyzing items, scanning, copying, conducting research, or other tasks. These could be in conjunction with a presentation on the subject beforehand. Some workshops encourage participants to bring their photos and documents.

Coming to Your Area

I am based in Wichita, Kansas, and travel throughout Kansas and the mid-west giving presentations. Travel to other locales for conferences, including multi-day events, is available also. Send me an email with your needs and thoughts – I would love to be on your program.



Ready for a Road Trip!

Gary W. Clark Biography

I have pursued many aspects of genealogy for more than 25 years and applied a lifetime of professional communications expertise to several areas including vintage photographs and family history writing.

My career as a photographer and years of studying the pairing of unidentified photographs with known people has produced a series of books and classes that solve many of the perplexing mysteries trapped inside dusty boxes of old photos.

With skills honed from business communications, I'm now applying those experiences to writing engaging historical books. These include an autobiography, family histories, and pure historical works that were inspired by genealogical research. With these successes, I've also wrote books and created classes on *how to write* compelling family histories.

Along the way, I share this accumulated knowledge with others of inquisitive nature who are found in genealogical and historical organizations around the country. I love to see others get excited about the topics as I have.

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