



National Capital Area Chapter

PROGRAM

Saturday, 18 July 2015

2:00pm

Webinar on-line and in person at the National Archives

Program: Estate and Probate Records: What's In Those Files?

Speaker: Carol Kostakos Petranek

Descriptions: State Archives are the official repository of estate and probate records which have been received from the County Clerk Offices. These records, which are rich in genealogical information, are often overlooked by researchers. This class will review a sampling of various documents that can be found in estate files, and the various types of information which can be extracted by researchers. The focus will be on records found in the Maryland State Archives.

Biographical Information:

Carol Kostakos Petranek serves as a Co-Director of the Washington, D.C. Family History Center where she coordinates classes, conferences and community outreach projects. She is a Citizen Archivist at the National Archives in Washington, D.C. and volunteers on the Civil War Widow's Pension Project and as a Genealogy Aid in the Research Room. Carol is affiliated with FamilySearch.org, and is the Volunteer Coordinator for a FamilySearch/Maryland Archive digitization project of Probate and Estate Records. Carol researches her Greek ancestry and helps her husband with his Czech and northern European research. She writes a monthly family history column, *Turning Hearts*, for *Meridian Magazine* online, and writes and edits personal and family histories. Carol is a graduate of the University of Maryland. She and her husband, Gary, reside in Silver Spring, Maryland, and are the parents of 4 children and 15 grandchildren.