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Hello! I've been referred to your organization as a possible venue for genealogy lectures in the near or even far-off future. You may be unfamiliar with my work and my lectures in the genealogy community, so I've put together some information for you to review as you prepare for speaking events over the next few months.

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So, what if I told you that a Baby Boomer guy with a love of punk rock music but also Renaissance Art, somehow “fell” into the technology industry almost 40 years ago, and then left a lucrative career in information technology to pursue his love of family history and genealogy?

And that his passion for tracing his roots began over 45 years ago when he was watching the mini-series Roots on ABC Television at his great-grandparents' house in February 1977?

While some might think these two elements - technology and historical research – are opposites. The truth is, “tech people” like Thomas are needed to guide today's genealogists through the maze of options so they can deploy the best

apps and devices as they break down those research brick walls.

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Webinar Request Form

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Rates and Speaking Formats

I am a nationally known speaker on the genealogy circuit, familiar to many through over 80 webinars at Legacy Family Tree Webinars and lectures at national conferences. Typically, I present close to 100 lectures each year and have done so since 2010.

Webinars, Virtual Workshops and Fees

I am available to present lectures “virtually” to your society via Zoom. Webinars have become standard within the genealogy community and these virtual education platforms allow attendees to see me via webcam before and during the lecture.

Webinars

- **On site at the meeting or event**, your society will need to provide items such as a) computer; b) a projector hooked up to the computer; c) a screen to project on to; d) speakers hooked up to the computer – so that the audience would be able to hear the presentation; and e) an Internet connection – WiFi will work but it has to be a strong signal. Direct connection (broadband or DSL is better)
- **From home**, attendees simply register for the webinar, receive reminders and handouts via email.

And then I provide the following:

- A handout – minimum four pages
- Webinar recording
- A copy of the registration/attendance report (for “from home” events only).

Currently, speaking fees begin at \$150 USD for a single webinar and vary for half-day and full-day online workshops.

Schedule and Speaking Contract

My schedule is available at <https://genealogybargains.com/upcoming-genealogy-webinars-online-classes/>. It lists dates when I am booked – if a date is not listed, it is safe to assume that I am available.

Finally, I do use a speaking contract that outlines various provisions and provides for cancellation in case of technical difficulties, rescheduling etc. This contract protects the society as much as it does me.

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I look forward to working together in the future – and please don't hesitate to contact me with questions or even request customized lectures. I am easy to work with and I know I can help you plan a successful event for your organization!