

Exploring your Greek Heritage: A Genealogy Workshop



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live on ZOOM

10 am – 1 pm PST

presented by

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in collaboration with

**Greek Heritage Society
of Southern California**



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WORKSHOP INFORMATION

Since 2015, an unprecedented interest in Greek genealogy has grown exponentially with over 31,000 members active on the Hellenic Genealogy Geek [Facebook page](#). This enthusiasm gained further momentum in 2020 with the launch of two websites with Greek records online: [GreekAncestry.net](#), the first genealogy website to host name-indexed records from Greece, and the Greek record collection available at [MyHeritage](#).

This seminar will present information and show examples of the records that can be accessed online, and on-site in Greece. Participants will learn how to use these records to reconstruct their ancestors' family histories, and ways to share those histories with their families.

SCHEDULE

10:00-10:30 am Carol Kostakos Petranek

“How to Use U.S. Records to Prepare for Research in Greece”

Census, Civil & Church, Passenger Ship Manifests, Naturalization, Military

10:30-11:00 am Gregory Kontos

“Online Research: Finding Records from Greece Using the GreekAncestry and MyHeritage Websites”

11:00-12:00 am Carol Kostakos Petranek and Gregory Kontos

“Finding and Accessing Civil and Church Records in Greece”

Archives, Dimharchion, Lixarchion, Village Churches, Metropolis

12:00-12:30 pm Gregory Kontos

“Using Greek Records to Reconstruct Your Family History”

12:30-1:00 pm Open Discussion

*There will be an opportunity for Q&A during the last 10 minutes of each segment

PRESENTERS



Active in the Greek genealogy community, Carol Kostakis Petranek shares her knowledge with Greek online associations in articles and local and national conferences. With ancestry from Sparta, she writes about Greek research at [SpartanRoots](#) and [Agios Ioannis, Sparta](#) and volunteers to preserve at-risk and historic records in Greece, digitizing marriage records at the Metropolis of Sparta. She is a graduate of the University of Maryland and serves as Assistant Director of the Washington, D.C. Family History Center and at the National Archives in Washington, D.C.



The founder of Greek Ancestry, Gregory Kontos contributes to record preservation and accessibility through digitization and indexing projects. Gregory focuses on educational initiatives, such as the International Greek Ancestry Conference, webinars, articles etc. He has led all Greek projects for MyHeritage and has collaborated with companies such as Trace.com, Legacy Tree Genealogists, and AncestryProGenealogists. He has worked with “Finding your Roots” PBS,”and “A House Through Time” BBC, among others. Gregory holds a BA in History, a ResMA in Migration History and is a PhD student at the University of Athens.