



Online Chat Dialog

Ari Hello!
 Janice Hi Ari!
 Maria Hello Christa and Nicka :-)
 Lori Good evening from Tarpon Springs, Florida!
 Denyce Hello everyone
 Janice Can't wait to hear this!
 Renate Good evening, everyone!
 Melissa Hello Everyone! The Archive Lady is in the house! Looking forward to this!
 Gayle Hi Ari,
 Margaret Good Evening from western NY!!
 Maria Bucks County, Pennsylvania!
 Adriana Alphabetical works for me!
 Robbie Hi! Looking forward to this talk!
 Becky Hello from Dallas, Texas
 Karen Hi! Checking in from Willow Grove, PA (near Philadelphia)
 Ricki Hello from Iowa.
 Johnna Hi everyone from Lexington KY
 Nancy Hello from Noblesville, Indiana
 Shelley Good evening everyone! Central Virginia in the house..
 Gayle Hello from Parker, Colorado!!
 Melissa Southern Oklahoma here
 Sylvia Good afternoon from Bainbridge Island, WA! Looking forward to this.
 Gayle Hi Everyone Gayle from Columbus, Ohio
 Charlie Hello. I am joining from Decatur, GA.
 Carla Crista, you don't look old enough to remember Romper Room
 Shelley Richmond-804
 Maria Hi Matt!
 Nona Hi from Tennessee
 Paula Hello again from Atlanta GA
 Gina Hi from Pennsylvania
 Michelle Hello from San Antonio, Texas!
 Jill Hello from Allentown, PA
 Linda Hello, Linda Owens from Raleigh, North Carolina
 Lori Hello from western Massachusetts!
 Patricia Hi from Kentucky
 Dywana Hello from Bon Air VA
 Joseph Hi from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
 Evelyn Hello from Mississippi
 LeShelle Hello from Cleveland, Ohio
 Robin Good evening from Peru, Massachusetts
 Shawn Hello from Florida
 Stella Hello from Beverly, MA
 Brian Hello from British Columbia
 Shelley Hello to Nicka and Crista! You two look lovely tonight.
 Renate Oh, from Newport News, VA by the way. :)

Janet from Great Falls, Montana!
 thomas First time from Portland, OR
 Kristi Hi, from Bakersfield, California!
 Anne Hello from Glen Allen VA. Crista, you are one of my DNA matches back to the Lippincotts in PA!
 Tammy Hi from Atlanta
 Brenda Hello from Washington, DC !
 Janet Denver, Colorado
 Noreen Hello from Baltimore, MD
 Cheryl Hello everyone. Greetings from Michigan
 Kathy Hello from Austin, Texas
 Deborah Hello from St. Louis, MO!!
 Linda Hello Everyone from Capitol Heights, Maryland
 Susan hi from Westchester County, New York
 JEANNINE Hello from Ponchatoula Louisiana!
 Paul Hello from Baton Rouge!
 Heather Hello from sunny Phoenix, Arizona!
 Teresa Hello from Boston!
 Charlotte Charlotte Los Angeles
 LORI greetings from Portsmouth, VA.
 Amanda Hello from Los Angeles!
 Cindy Hello from Oakland CA
 Stacy Hi from Brunswick, Georgia!
 Selma Hello from Lanham, MD
 Gayle Hello from Cleveland, Ohio
 jeff Hello from Aurora, CO
 Michele Hello from Ann Arbor, MI. Hey Nicka!!
 Cary Greetings from Houston, TX
 Sheryl Hello from Sheryl Brooklyn, NY
 Karin Hi from Redondo Beach, CA
 Nicka Hi y'all! Welcome!
 Phyllis Hi Everybody from Chicago, IL!!
 Donna Hello from Clemson, SC!
 Cynthia Hi from northern CA foothills - a little warm here!
 Roberta Hello, from Danville, IL
 Maria Very Exciting!
 Benita Hello from Apex, NC
 Richard Platteville, Wisconsin hoping to get some leads to Robert Hawkins Spague whose son married the daughter of Frederick Douglass.
 Maria Awesome!!
 Melissa That's exciting!!!!
 Robbie Coolness
 Stanton Hello from NYC
 Alexandria That's so exciting!
 Lori Awesome, Matt!

Adriana Very exciting!

Elizabeth Hello from Grand Rapids, Michigan

Emmaline Hello from WikiTree's US Black Heritage Project. So excited about these records and the searchability!

Mary Anne Hello from Tallahassee, Florida

Thom Roberta, I'm from Normal, IL!

Linda Hello from Phoenix, AZ

Maria lol

Thom 😊

Iris Greetings from Denver, CO. Iris

Lynne Hello from Oak Park, IL

Renate Ha ha.... eating mine right now

Mark Hi, I am not sure if my real name shows up, but I am Mark..., father to Suzannah..., one of Nicka's college friends and amateur genealogist.

Emmaline Wow!

Maria Yes it is.

Shelley Interesting they identified whites as "war refugees"

Melissa Very interesting.

Matt If you have questions for the panelists, please enter them using the Q&A function.

Jill what was the full title again please

Amy I feel like there are always more people included in a record group than are initially thought, haha

Matt Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands

Melissa Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands

Matt Often BRFAL

Jill Thank you

Matt If you open the Q&A tab, you can also vote up questions to bring them to the speakers' attention by clicking the thumb up.

Lori What Christa is describing happened in Florida, too. Cedar Key and Key West were Union sympathizer areas, Tampa Bay area was Confederates. There weren't a lot of military battles as the local citizens terrorized each other

Matt ancestry.com/freedmens

Maria lol

LeShelle LOL, yep

Emmaline You guys are the best!

Melissa I'm still here!

Thom You know we left!!!

Melissa Just trying to keep up.

Adriana You are both terrific. We're still here!

LeShelle Can you give an example of the asterick use?

Aungelic I'm still here (eating dinner lol)

Gayle I was disconnected

Lori Yes - can do 2 things at 1 time! Check your diagnostics lol

Shelley cousins

Amy 🤪 I wasn't expecting to be laughing so hard lol

Matt SOoooooooo glad you're all still here ;-)
 Maria awesome!!!
 Aungelic Woooooooooow
 Thom I'm listening AND searching. Gotta solve a mystery for a man I've been helping
 lately. 😊
 Shelley He already said he was your friends father, lol
 Dawn It says the page no longer exists
 Lori It's spelled with an "e" - Freedmens.
 Lori I did the same thing.
 Melissa Y'all broke it search all migrating over there! 😊
 Renate I just ran across two letters a couple of days ago where fathers of the children of a
 formerly enslaved woman were named. There is a lot of that in these records!
 Maria Ancestry is going to crash, lol
 Dawn Got it
 Shelley James Madison died in 1836-bureau is later.
 Dawn Thank you
 Deborah Wow!
 Amy such a great reminder that all of this was not actually very long ago!
 Megan Shelley - Hi Sista! ❤️
 Shelley Hello Megan-Sista! Xoxox
 Mottie hello everyone
 Shelley What are the dates of the bureau?
 Nicka Example of asterisk: John Sm* could bring up John Smyth, John Smith, John Smeth
 LeShelle Thank you
 Shelley "Perfect"
 Adriana Amazing story!
 Shelley 95lbs of bacon love the story!
 LeShelle Wow
 Thom Tell it, Nicka!!!!
 Robbie Fabulous story!!!!
 Deborah Wow!
 Emmaline Such an amazing find!!!!
 Amy 🙄🙄🙄
 Michele great story Nicka
 Liz Fantastic story!!
 Shelley Genealogy is: Time, Place and Asking Questions! Whahoo...
 Margaret Thank you for sharing!!
 Melissa That is amazing. I thought my ancestor's will was insane where he willed his wife a
 bedroom in the house he willed his son.
 Cynthia Great!!
 Roberta Wow!
 Linda Great story and very encouraging.
 Celina Only 1/2 hour in this webinar and LOTS of Great Stories and helpful search
 information! Thanks!

Melissa Rosenwald schools, we have them here in Houston County, Tennessee and I have records in the archives where I am the archivist. Great program!

Thom Didn't have to.

Mark I did not know there was a TEST!

Amy aaaahhhh that's so sad!!

Michele We should discuss this tonight-pension

Shelley Just look at it all.

Heather Where do we find this guide?

Gary I use the guides to develop my research plan

Shelley Description of each roll within the pamphlet.

Margaret Where can we find the guide?

Matt I'll mention before we get off, but you can also check out a 9pp article by Sharon Batiste Gillins in the April-June 2021 NGS Magazine. Available online to members.

Pamela Crista, the link didn't come through.

Amy *random* I'm loving those pictures on your wall behind you, Nicka.

Matt Navigating Freeman's Bureau Records for Research Success by Sharon Batiste Gillins

Barbara Interesting topic ladies. But I've got to leave. Thanks.

Ari Great article!

Shelley Pamphlets are on Archives.gov, mapping the freedmen bureau site by state

Crista <https://www.archives.gov/research/african-americans/freedmens-bureau>

Celina Thanks for the Link! Excellent

Charlotte Sharon Batiste Gillins will do a lecture on Saturday October 16, 2021 through www.lapl.org for the links. They use Facebook Live and YouTube Live.

Matt Charlotte thanks for that tip!

Bernice Sharon Batiste Gillins is an excellent presenter.

Charlotte You are welcome.

Deborah Yep! I am!

Renate Yes, she absolutely is!!! (Sharon)

Amy headed out but thank you guys so much!!

Shelley Oh yes, will tune in to Sharon!

Thom That was a give me

Guy looking at a contract for an Arkansas ancestor... would this make him a sharecropper?

Rosalyn Very interesting & informative. Love Nicka & Crista's enthusiasm! Thank you!

Sheri The two of you are the BEST!! Thank you so much for this presentation.

Pamela This was great - educational and a lot of fun!

Emmaline You two are so awesome. I'd love to have more presentations from the two of you together!

Cynthia Such a motivating presentation:)

Dawn What was the Freedmen's bank?

Charlotte Hi, you can repair part of the savagery of enslavement by doing the genealogies of the enslaved people your people enslaved.

Shelley Amen!

Maldine Very informative. Thanks

Nancy Very informative and helpful! Love the enthusiasm! Thank you for putting this together!

Phyllis What a dynamic duo the 2 of u are!! I'm so grateful I was able to attend this very informative & fun webinar. Thank u so much. (smile)

Christina You are a dynamic duo. Please present together again soon! Thank you!

Nancy Great discussion and motivational stories! Thanks Nicka and Christa!

Carla Thank you so much for this. This area of genealogy has made us all be very frank and honest about this period in US history and how it has continued to shape our history.

Margaret This has been great - very informational and a LOT of FUN!!!! Thank you Nicka and Crista!!

Denyce This has been a great presentation - information and delivery of it all!

Terri You guys are a super Cool team! Please do more of these. I know there must be a boat load of more information.

Benita Wonderful!

Theresa Great presentation, stories and education, thank you!

Maria Thanks Ladies very educational!!!!

Jill great!!

Robbie Thank you so much! Excellent!!!!

Shelley Great job you two!!!

Michele Thank you ladies! Enjoyed this!

Lori Ladies, You rocked this! Thank you, NGS, for sponsoring.

Mottie Thank you, this was amazing

Donna Thank you for this valuable presentation!

Marilyn You two are so encouraging. This presentation is so informative. Thank you so much.

Teresa Wow! Thank you so much!

Shawn Thanks --- Very interesting and I loved the stories!!

Bernice Thank you

Brenda Thank you both so much! Very informative!

Joseph Thank you

Renate Great job, ladies. Thank you!

Cheryl Fantastic you're hired

Maria 🙌🙌

Gary Thanks!

Stacy Thank you!!

Denyce Great article!

Susan thanks so much

Linda Great session and article.

Shelley Thank you ladies!!!

Cathie Thank you Nicka and Crista - great presentation!

Anne THANK YOU!!!! So grateful for you two sharing your knowledge and stories!

Nancy thanks

Robin Thank you!

Charlotte Thank you very much.

Charlie Thank you for all of the interesting info.
Gayle 🙌
Maria goodnight!
Melissa Thank y'all!!!!
Miyamoto Thank you, Crista & Nicka!!!
Connie Wonderful!!!
Margaret 🙌
Charlotte 👍
Theresa Any topic!
Emmaline Yes to the show!
Nancy yes!
Christina Any topic is welcome!
Celina I would tune in weekly if you both do a show!
Margaret Yes, definitely do another one!! A lot of great energy!
Dawn Yes, start a show!
Kristi Thanks so much!!
Megan Clapping and confetti 🎉! Thanks