

John Philip Colletta, Ph.D., FUGA



John Philip Colletta, Ph.D., FUGA, is one of America's most popular genealogical lecturers! Dr. Coletta's background in European languages, literature and history, as well as his work at the Library of Congress, were perfect precursors for a career in genealogy.

A favorite at both NGS and FGS conferences, Dr. Coletta is also a faculty member of the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (University of Georgia, Athens) and the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy. He conducts programs for the Smithsonian Institution's Resident Associate Program and has taught workshops at the National Archives.

His publications include numerous articles and two manuals—*They Came in Ships: A Guide to Finding Your Immigrant Ancestor's Arrival Record*, and *Finding Italian Roots: The Complete Guide for Americans*.

Only a Few Bones: A True Account of the Rolling Fork Tragedy and Its Aftermath is a popular "murder-mystery-family-history" that tells the story of Dr. Colletta's great-great-grandfather, Joe Ring, who moved his family from Buffalo, New York, to Rolling Fork, Mississippi, after the Civil War, only to lose his life in a suspected arson. The book has recently been republished with instruction on how to write narrative family history.

Wherever you hear him discussing research techniques—conferences, classes, podcasts, radio or television—you will agree: Dr. Colletta is knowledgeable, experienced and entertaining, and not to be missed!

***Searching and Sharing
Our Ancestors' Stories***

Clover Hill High School

9:00 am **Registration**

9:30 am **Welcome**

9:45 am ***Library of Congress: An Introduction and Overview***

Are you intimidated by the idea of researching at the Library of Congress? This lecture takes the mystery and trepidation out of using our national library and demonstrates the tremendous benefits of making a research trip to Washington.

11:15 am ***Using 19th Century Newspapers for Family History***

Newspaper research transforms ancestors from disembodied names into real people living in a real world. Using many examples, this lecture examines much more than birth, marriage and death notices.

12:15 pm **Lunch**

1:30 pm ***The County Courthouse: "Your Trunk in the Attic"***

County courthouses may be congenial or dismal places to do research. They may be modern and organized or old and totally chaotic. They may have burned down once or twice. But courthouses are chock full of family information. You may get tired and dirty at the courthouse, but you will reap a rich harvest of information almost like discovering a trunk in the attic.

3:00 pm ***Principles of Good Writing and Good Storytelling***

An ancestor's life is an engaging true story. Tell it using the elements of setting, action, characters and theme. Learn to portray an ancestor's personality, temperament or character, using literary techniques that hook the reader's interest, evoke the five senses, and keep the ancestor always "at center stage."

Vendors will be present all day!

Door prizes! Bring your return address labels!

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Notes:

1. Pre-registration is highly recommended. Registrations will be received at the door, but lunch cannot be guaranteed.
2. A box lunch and beverage are included in the registration fee.
3. Not a GRIVA member? Include \$15 (\$20 for a family) for your 2017-2018 membership.
4. Confirmation will be sent by e-mail. To receive confirmation by USPS mail, include a self-addressed, stamped postcard.
5. See GRIVA's website (GRIVA.org) for additional registration forms.
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(Remember to complete surname exchange on reverse.)

FIND A COUSIN Surname Exchange

Members and friends can make their research interests known during the conference. Please contribute three family lines you are researching. A printout will be available at registration. You'll have all day to find your cousin!

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Saturday, 14 October 2017

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Midlothian VA 23112

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