

### *NARA Mythbusters: Your Family IS in the Archives*

“All the military records were burned in the fire.” “There isn’t any birth, marriage or death information in federal records.” “There aren’t any details about ordinary families at the National Archives.” These kinds of myth-statements stop genealogists from breaking down all kinds of brick walls using the wealth of information in NARA records. Join the mythbusters with the treasures the National Archives holds for your family.

### *“Disabled or Deceased in the Line of Duty” – Military Pensions and the Civil War*

Union blue or Confederate gray, Civil War veterans sought pensions in record numbers, and the laws of both federal and state governments granted them. The war even impacted benefits for service in earlier wars. Learn who was eligible and what can be found in pensions records created during and after the Civil War.

### *When Worlds Collide: Resolving Conflicts in Genealogical Records*

The Genealogical Proof Standard says to resolve conflicts in data... but like so many things that sound good, it’s easier said than done. What exactly are we supposed to do when we encounter conflicting evidence? What are the basic types of evidence conflicts and the methods – and tips and tricks – we can use to resolve them?

### *After the Courthouse Burns: Rekindling Family History through DNA*

Catastrophic records loss due to fires and disasters at courthouses is a fact of life for genealogists. When a disaster takes out birth, marriage, death, court, land and probate records all in one fell swoop, it may still be possible to light our family’s research fires – to rekindle our interest in our ancestral roots – using DNA evidence.

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