

August 20, 2023

TO: Gerald Rinehart

FR: Craig Swan & Lynn anderson, UMRA Family History co-chair

RE: Annual Report

The Family History Interest Group met 5 times during 2022-23 via zoom. There were 4 presentations by FHIG members and 1 general open discussion. Attendance varied from 15 to 40. All sessions were recorded and are on the UMRA FHIG website and the 4 presentations are also on UMAA's Gold Mind.

On October 19, 2022, Kevina and Lee Munnich gave a presentation on "Family History Tourism" and shared information about 4 different sites and insights into their family's history.

On December 7, 2022, John Anderson, Larry Rudnick, and Craig Swan shared information about tracing family history using DNA testing and tools including Ancestry DNA, 23andMe, and GEDmatch which uses the GEDCOM files generated by those companies to connect across platforms.

On February 15, 2023, Donna Weispfennig, Jan Morlock, and Jerry Morlock presented ideas on "Ways to Engage Family Members in Family History."

On April 12, 2023 Larry Rudnick and Vicki Gaylord shared how they have worked with living family members to gain more information and insight into their family trees.

On May 17, 2023 we had a general open discussion with questions, ideas, and topics for future meetings.

We expect to be hosting 5 meetings via zoom in 2023-24, on October 4, December 6, February 7, April 3 and May 8, topics to be determined.

Lynn C. Anderson and Craig Swan, co-chairs