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Genealogy Author and Researcher Sunny Morton to Present Free Seminar at Defiance College

DEFIANCE, OHIO – Genealogy enthusiasts and family historians are invited to a free seminar featuring author and genealogist Sunny Morton on Saturday, September 26, at the Serrick Center, 202 E. Sessions Ave., on the Defiance College campus.

The program is presented by Defiance Public Library.

Morton will present two sessions offering practical strategies for researching family history and overcoming common genealogy challenges.

The first session, "Fable or Fact? Verifying Old Family Stories" will begin at 10:30 a.m. and will explore ways researchers can evaluate family stories and determine whether long-held traditions are supported by historical evidence.

Following an hour-long lunch break, Morton will present "Using U.S. Church Records as a Brick Wall Strategy" at 1 p.m. The session will examine how church records can provide valuable clues when traditional genealogical research reaches a dead end.

Morton is the author of "Searching for Sisters: A Guide to Researching Catholic Nuns in the United States" and co-authored "How to Find Your Family History in U.S. Church Records: A Genealogist's Guide."

Both sessions are free and open to all adults. Registration is required, and attendees can register at defiancelibrary.org/seminar or by calling 419-782-1456. The

registration deadline is 5 p.m. Friday, September 25.