

LECTURE SUMMARY:

Title: Avoiding "Self-Defeating Behaviors" in German Family History Research

Level: All

Duration: 45-60 minutes

Description:

Novices as well as experienced family history researchers tend to commit pattern errors ("self-defeating behaviors") and thus hinder or stymie their own progress. Such errors include over-estimating one's capabilities, relying without question on research done by others, fear of or over-reliance on computer technology, and believing family legends that may well be inaccurate. This presentation features examples for each of the "self-defeating behaviors" in an attempt to assist the audience in recognizing and overcoming these problems. This presentation also lends itself as a banquet or luncheon speech.