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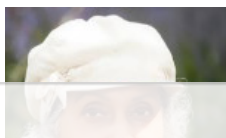
On Tuesday, April 19, the public is invited to the Davis Genealogy Club’s popular encore program, “British Roots: 4 Colonial Migrations as Clues to British Ancestry” by researcher and retired professor Martha Teeter. She will speak at 1 p.m. at the Davis Senior Center, 646 A St.

This free program was enthusiastically received in 2013 when it was first developed, and Teeter has agreed to reprise her talk as the club focuses on migration this year.

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Martha Teeter will speak April 19.
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Many people know they are of British descent, but tracing their origins “across the pond” is a challenge unless one knows the parish of their ancestors in the United Kingdom. Fortunately, history can help us.

The British moved to America in colonial times in four distinct waves, including the East Anglia Puritans, the Cavaliers, the North Midland English Quakers and the Scots-Irish.

Surprisingly, what we know today as typical New England, Southern and Appalachian character came from cultural transplantation from these distinct British regions to America. Thus, knowing where your family lived in colonial times in America can greatly aid in finding one’s British origins.

Teeter will describe the results of this cultural history research and list local resources that can help others. She will show maps of the regions of emigration and immigration and discuss how these can help pinpoint one’s British origins.

Teeter has been doing genealogical research for more than 40 years, following in the footsteps of her father and brother. After uncovering her New England and Scots-Irish roots, she developed an interest in cultural migrations. A retired professor, she has lectured extensively in her scientific discipline and still teaches at the UCD Medical Center.

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The Genealogy Library at the Davis Senior Center continues to remain open to the public each Wednesday and Friday from 1 to 4 p.m. A volunteer is available during these hours to help with questions.

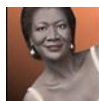
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