

# Webinars and Streaming and Podcasts, Oh My!

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In today's electronic age, news travels fast, technology changes quickly, and information is flowing constantly, challenging genealogists to keep up to date. Webinars, podcasts and streaming broadcasts facilitate the flow of news and information right to your home or to a device you can carry with you. These electronic resources are numerous, easy to use and frequently free of charge. With a little effort, an interested user can find high quality genealogical content on the internet.

In a [blog](#) post from August 8, 2014, Randy Seaver documented several genealogy education events he found in a single week. This talk will cover these and several other sources of genealogical new, information, and education.

## Webinars

**Definition:** **Web conferencing** refers to a service that allows conferencing events to be shared with remote locations. These are sometimes referred to as **webinars** or, for interactive conferences, **online workshops**.<sup>1</sup>

- [Ancestry.com Webinars](#)
- [Mesa FamilySearch Library](#)
- [Illinois State Genealogical Society](#)
- [Legacy Family Tree Webinars](#)
- [Utah Genealogical Association](#) (Virtual Chapter)
- [Southern California Genealogical Society](#)
- [Roots Magic Webinars](#)
- [Association of Professional Genealogists](#) (login required)

Where to find more webinars:

- [GeneaWebinars Calendar](#)
- [Marian Pierre-Louis's Webinar Roundup](#)

## Streaming

**Definition:** **Streaming media** is multimedia that is constantly received by and presented to an end-user while being delivered by a provider.<sup>2</sup>

- Typically "Live" or the recording of a live event
- Some recent conferences made some of their sessions available for live streaming and for viewing at a later time
- [RootsTech 2016](#) made some sessions and the entire syllabus available for free.

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<sup>1</sup> "Web Conferencing," *Wikipedia* (<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Webinar> : accessed 2 July 2014).

<sup>2</sup> "Streaming," *Wikipedia* ([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Streaming\\_media](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Streaming_media) : accessed 2 July 2014).

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- In 2014 and 2015 National Genealogical Society Conference offered 2 tracks (of 5 lectures each) that were available to watch live or view online for three months. The charge was \$65 for one track or \$115 for two tracks (\$80/\$145 for non-members) and included a PDF copy of the entire syllabus.

Watch conference announcements for notice of streamed sessions and “virtual” conference options.

## Podcasts

Definition: A **podcast** (or *netcast*) is a digital medium consisting of an episodic series of audio, video, PDF, or ePub files subscribed to and downloaded through web syndication or streamed online to a computer or mobile device.<sup>3</sup> Merriam Webster defines Podcast: a program (as of music or talk) made available in digital format for automatic download over the Internet.<sup>4</sup> Although podcasts may be videos or other media, they are most often audio presentations. Podcasts may be downloaded to a computer or to portable listening device (e. g. iPod, smart phone) from either the supplier’s website or through iTunes.

- [Genealogy Guys](#)
- [Family Tree Magazine Podcast](#)
- [Genealogy Gems](#)
- [Genealogy On Demand](#)
- [Extreme Genes Radio Show](#)
- [Research at the National Archives and Beyond](#)
- [National Archives Podcast Series \(UK\)](#)
- [Tracing Your Roots \(BBC\)](#)
- [The Genealogy Professional](#)
- [My Society](#)

Learn more about listening to podcasts and get a list of more to listen to:

- [Caroline Pointer’s blog post](#) from January 19, 2014
- [Lois Mackin’s blog post](#) from August 12, 2012
- [Cyndi’s List - podcasts](#)

YouTube Videos

- [Ancestry.com Channel](#)
- [FamilySearch Channel](#)
- [National Archives Channel](#)

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<sup>3</sup> “Podcast,” *Wikipedia* (<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Podcast> : accessed 2 July 2014).

<sup>4</sup> “Podcast,” *Merriam-Webster* (<http://www.Merriam-webster.com> : accessed 25 August 2014).