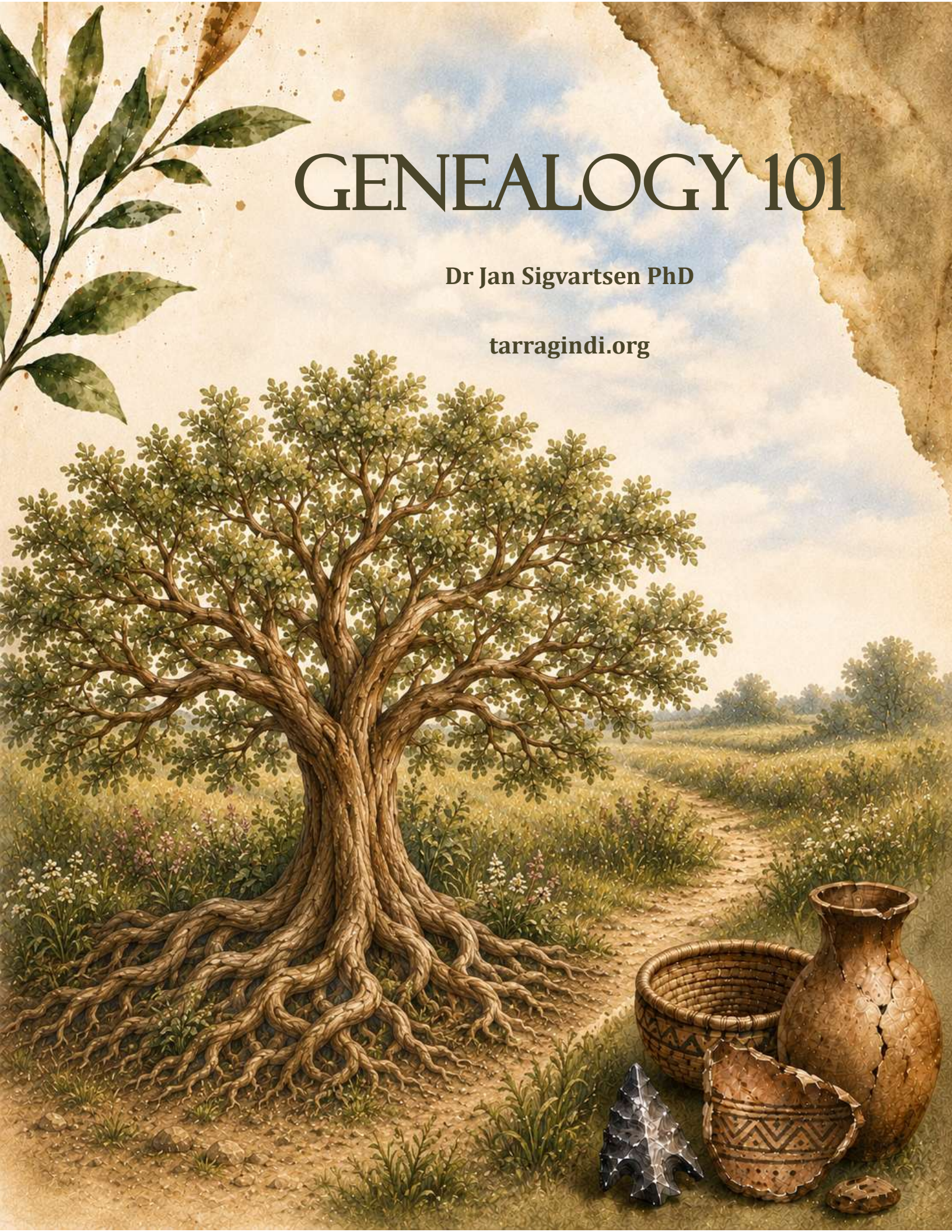


GENEALOGY 101

Dr Jan Sigvartsen PhD

tarragindi.org



Genealogy 101

CLASS TITLE: Genealogy 101 (ages 8 – 20)
TOTAL REQUIRED HRS: 16
ADDITIONAL TIME POSSIBLE: Yes, if needed.
TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS: 16
LOCATION (address): 6161 Pheasant Court, Berrien Springs, MI 49103
PRIMARY INSTRUCTOR: Dr Jan A. Sigvartsen PhD
CONTACT INFORMATION: 269-363-3968 – info@tarragindi.org – tarragindi.org

LOCATION REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS, IF REQUIRED:

- Orientation for all of Dr Sigvartsen's 12 History, Archaeology, and Genealogy classes will be held on: September 1 **OR** September 3, 6pm – 8pm, 6161 Pheasant Court, Berrien Springs, MI 49103
- Your Local History Tour that gives context to your program will be held on: September 12 **OR** September 13, 3pm – 5pm.
- This class is then held every Wednesday from 6.30-8.30pm, October 14 – November 18.

INSTRUCTOR QUALIFICATIONS: BA, MA, PhD

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

1. Do you know where you came from, or how your family landed in Michigan? Did they come here from Europe, or the Underground Railway, have they always been here, or did they move more recently? Dr Jan Sigvartsen PhD, can show you how to find out and trace your family tree back as far as you can go. He followed his own family's family line back to the 800's and is a direct descendant of the Viking King, Olaf the Holy.
2. In this class we will use online genealogy tools to trace our ancestors and discover their stories.
3. Research shows that when we know our past, we feel a sense of place and belonging, even if that past isn't that good. Knowing one's family tree has been associated with improved academic performance and overcoming trauma and adverse childhood experiences. We want to encourage students to dive into their ancestors' stories that they will be able to find in newspapers, and piece together through historical documents.

SYLLABUS/OUTLINE: Weekly approximate breakdown of activities:

Week 1 – 2 hours

Orientation: at the Tarragindi Archaeology Dig site: 6161 Pheasant Court, Berrien Springs, MI 49103.

You will be required to sign a waiver and choose if you want to participate in photographs or not during this program. We will go over expectations, requirements and goals. We will talk about how Dr Jan's programs endeavor to use local history and archaeology as a catalyst to build belonging and a sense of place, and they both can have very advantageous effects on your school work, your potential for success, and your future career.

Week 2 – 2 hours

History Tour: This semester we are going to Fernwood Botanical Gardens for our local history tour – our treat for you and one parent/guardian, if they want to join us. Siblings not registered in the program or additional parents/grandparents/guardians are welcome, but are responsible for paying for their own discounted entry fee.

They are located at: 13988 Range Line Rd, Niles, MI 49120. Park in the carpark, wait on the patio outside for Dr Jan.

This tour gives context to your program. Did you know that a Native American trail went right through this area and its landscape in the St Joseph river valley makes it almost perfect for settlement both now and 10,000 years ago. We will walk around this historic garden and hear stories of how this beautiful space came about in our community over the past 200 years and was developed by different people over time.

Week 3 – 2 hours

Genealogy 101 – 6161 Pheasant Court, Berrien Springs, MI 49103

We will write down your family tree for as far back as you can go. Then we will start to fill in the blanks. Start asking relatives for stories and photographs of your ancestors.

Week 4 – 2 hours

Genealogy 101 – 6161 Pheasant Court, Berrien Springs, MI 49103

We will keep going back in time and discover more relatives. If you hit a wall, don't worry. We can start researching the stories of the people you have.

Week 5 – 2 hours

Genealogy 101 – 6161 Pheasant Court, Berrien Springs, MI 49103

We are going to look at Newspapers.com and use this tool to discover stories about our ancestors.

Week 6 – 2 hours

Genealogy 101 – 6161 Pheasant Court, Berrien Springs, MI 49103

We are going to look at other resources like census records, church records, military records etc.

Week 7 – 2 hours

Genealogy 101 – 6161 Pheasant Court, Berrien Springs, MI 49103

You can do your house's history too. Who lived in your house before you did? You can find out using online tools from the Berrien County Registrar of Deeds office.

Week 8 – 2 hours

Genealogy 101 – 6161 Pheasant Court, Berrien Springs, MI 49103

This week we will put it all together so you have a good start to your family tree. Now you can keep going using the tools we have shown you how to use.

STUDENT ASSESSMENT - In addition to the 2 items below, what will be used to evaluate student progress and/or end of semester pass/fail status?

- 1) Students agree to attend at least 80% of class sessions/lessons offered. Attendance is kept online and tracked by Partnership staff. Unexcused absences resulting in failure to meet 80% threshold may result in program discontinuation.
- 2) The Partnership Student Assessment is filled out by the teacher and turned in to Partnership staff. The rubric is found on the teacher's online attendance sheet. Failing marks for lack of participation, behavior issues, excessive absences, etc. may result in program discontinuation.

- 3) Other class-specific assessment: Engagement in the program, follow through with instruction, and asking good questions.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES: (online, books, video, etc.):

www.tarragindi.org/resources - page on our website giving links to local history resources.

CLASS-SPECIFIC POLICIES:

- Attendance: Students are to attend each week. If they cannot make it one week, we are happy to reschedule or have them attend one of our other archaeology or history classes that has some crossover content.
- Behavior: To be careful, listen to instructions, identify everything you like about others (not what you don't like about them – ancient and settler communities succeeded through team work), zero tolerance of bullying, report bullying, have fun!
- Weather: This is an indoor class, but will be canceled if there is significant snow forecast. All students will be emailed. Dr Sigvartsen will still go down to the Tarragindi property to ensure everyone got his email message.
- Other: Be kind to the neighbors by parking in the designated areas, being courteous, and keeping the noise down.