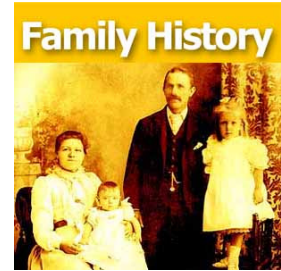


Family History: Genealogy Made Easy

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Welcome to this step-by-step series for beginning genealogists—and more experienced ones who want to brush up or learn something new. I first ran this series in 2008. So many people have asked about it, I'm bringing it back in weekly segments.

Episode 22: Legend Seekers: A Genealogy TV Classic

Did you ever catch the PBS documentary *Legend Seekers*? It aired in 2009 and is now classic genealogy TV. Executive producer Ken Marks joins us on this episode of the podcast. He talks about the unique approach of this show for its time: the family history stories he brought to life were from everyday folks (not movie stars or rock stars) who have some very extraordinary stories in their family tree. Ken talks about the Lively Family Massacre in Illinois, which he recreates in the show, and how he went about helping the TV execs understand the mass appeal of the show.

Then Ken talks about the genealogical serendipity that he and his crew found themselves tapping into throughout the production. That's something we can all relate to! So sit back and enjoy this sneak peek behind the scenes of a genealogy television classic.

Updates and Links

Legend Seekers: The Legend of the Lively Family Massacre was meant to be a pilot in a new series. The series didn't pan out but the show was nominated for a regional Emmy award in the documentary category, received two Telly Awards (2008) and the Award of Superior Achievement from the Illinois State Historical Society, according to a press release posted at Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter. Click here to watch the show:

<http://www3.wsiu.org/television/infocusarchive/detailinfo.php?record=272>.

Other genealogy TV shows you might enjoy:

Finding Your Roots with Henry Louis Gates, Jr

<http://www.pbs.org/wnet/finding-your-roots/>

Genealogy Roadshow

<http://genealogyroadshow.org/>

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Who Do You Think You Are? (WDYTYA?)

<http://www.tlc.com/tv-shows/who-do-you-think-you-are>