

Ask the Experts with Kenyatta Berry, Angie Bush, and D. Joshua Taylor

Welcome!

Ask the Experts is a live, interactive panel involved RootsTech's onsite attendees as well as those unable to attend in person (i.e. the #NotatRootsTech crowd). Now is the chance to ask a panel of expert genealogists about your toughest research problem, ideas about the future of family history, and other topics related to genealogy.

How to Participate?

Beginning Monday, February 25, 2019, you can begin submitting questions online in a few simple steps:

1. Navigate to <http://www.slido.com> on your laptop, tablet, or smartphone
2. Enter the event code #RT2019AsktheExperts
3. Click "Ask" and type your question (you can add your first name, if you wish)
4. Click "Send" to submit your question during the panel

Please note: The question portal will be open beginning Monday, February 25, 2019 and remain active until the end of the session (Friday, March 1, 2019 at 4:00pm MT).

Meet the Experts

Kenyatta Berry

A Professional Genealogist, Lecturer, Writer, Attorney and Television Personality, KENYATTA "ignites the genealogy" world with a bigger than life personality and illustrious career spanning over 20 years of data collection, in-depth genealogical research and historical content in the discipline of Genealogy. KENYATTA's vast knowledge in the areas of African American Genealogy, Slave Ancestral Research and DNA has made her an invaluable "go to" source for information from all parts of the world. From her Features in publications as *Black Enterprise* and the *Wall Street Journal*, to KENYATTA'S on-air TV Host jobs on *Genealogy Roadshow* (PBS) (which received over 1.5 million viewers per episode) is generating enormous buzz surrounding her in-sight, understanding and expertise by colleagues, genealogist organizations, experts, media and supporters alike.

Passionate about her work, KENYATTA'S sharp wit, cool demeanor and smart fashion choices invite fans and followers across the globe as she sparks the desire in others to connect to their pasts in order to find out who they really are. As demand grows for people to learn more about their lineage and DNA, KENYATTA continues to innovate, transforming the world of Genealogy by making it more accessible to the masses, and personal to each individual's quest to educate, inspire, enlighten, inform and most importantly help everyone to understand "who they are". KENYATTA is the author of *The Family Tree Toolkit* released on November 6, 2018.

Areas of expertise and interest:

- African American Genealogy
- Domestic Slave Trade
- Enslaved Ancestral Research (Southern States)
- Reconstruction
- Technology
- Universities and Slavery

Angie Bush

As one of the most sought after genetic genealogists and internationally recognized educators in the field, Angie Bush combines years of experience in biotech with a passion for genealogical research and a unique ability to solve seemingly impossible cases. Her primary research interests include cases of unknown parentage, such as recent adoption and donor conception; triangulating answers to tough genealogical questions using traditional records and genetic evidence; non-traditional families and the LGBTQ community.

Currently Region 1 Director for the National Genealogical Society and chair of its Genetic Genealogy Committee, Angie is an active player on the national stage, presenting frequently on new trends in genetic genealogy. Behind her passion for research lies the belief that genealogy is an opportunity to connect with people from around the world and to enable them to connect with each other. Angie is a Utah native and lives in Sandy, Utah with her husband and two descendants.

Areas of expertise and interest:

- Intersection of DNA and genealogy
- Adoption, donor conception, etc.
- 20th Century Research
- Uncovering previously unknown stories

D. Joshua Taylor

D. Joshua Taylor, MA, MLS is a nationally known and recognized speaker and author on genealogy and family history. Passionate about the diverse and dynamic field of genealogy, Joshua is the President of the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society (NYG&B). He also served the genealogical community as the President of the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) from 2013-2016 and has been a member of the FGS Board of Directors since 2007. Joshua is the recipient of numerous awards and honors, including RootsTech's Distinguished Presenter Award, the Federation of Genealogical Societies Award of Merit, and the Rubincam Youth Award from the National Genealogical Society. In 2017, Joshua was named as one of *Library Journal's* Movers and Shakers. He is also a coordinator for courses at the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy and the Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh.

He holds an MLS (Archival Management) and an MA (History) from Simmons College and has been a featured genealogist on *Who Do You Think You Are?* with Sarah Jessica Parker, Kelly Clarkson, Ashley Judd, Reba McEntire, and Rob Lowe. Joshua can also be seen taking America through their past as a host on the popular PBS series *Genealogy Roadshow*.

Areas of expertise and interest:

- New England and New York
- Midwestern states
- Unusual and unique sources
- The future of family history
- Technology
- The Federal period (1780-1840)