



Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society Presents Evan R. Wilson, PhD

You Are Invited

WHEN: Monday, March 14th, 2022
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

WHERE: Preregister via ZOOM below:

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COST: No Charge - Visitors welcome



Migrations in the Southeastern U.S. Prior to 1900

One of the most common challenges in Southern genealogy is tracing your ancestors to an earlier home. That census record reports a birthplace in South Carolina or Virginia—but where in those states? Before 1850, we often don't even have that information, just a cluster of neighboring households—assuming the returns weren't alphabetized. In this talk, you will learn some of the specific migration patterns that can help you cross back over the mountains, the Mississippi River, or the county line into the area where those elusive ancestors were born. We will look at the South, not as a group of *states*, but as a collection of *regions* and *communities* that each have a distinctive history, geography, and culture. By understanding your ancestors in their cultural and geographic context, you will be better able to trace them to the places that they might have called home in an earlier generation.

Evan Wilson is a professional genealogist based in Oakland, California who specializes in Southern research, genetic genealogy, land records, and American migration. A California resident since 2012, he has migrated a number of times himself: from Birmingham, Alabama, where he grew up, to St. Louis and New York City. His accent is unplaceable to most people, but he'll probably never get rid of the pin-pen merger (Google it) or the word "y'all." His education includes a PhD in English and Medieval Studies from UC Berkeley and a Certificate in Genealogical Research from BU.

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