

# Local Genealogical Society Hosts Founder of Cyndi's List

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Cyndi Ingle is the creator of [cyndislist.com](https://cyndislist.com), a free list of more than 320k links to resources for genealogical research.

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The Walker County Genealogical Society hosted a very special guest speaker on March 16 at the Huntsville Public Library. Cyndi Ingle is the creator and innovator behind the award-winning and globally recognized [CyndisList.com](https://CyndisList.com), a free categorized list of more than 320,000 links for genealogical research.

Her specialty is research in the United States with a particular focus on homesteaders, the Civil War, the Plains States, the Midwest, the Old Northwest, and beyond. Ingle is a columnist for the Association of Professional Genealogists Quarterly and the Executive Director for the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research. She has lectured for Brigham Young University, the Federation of Genealogical Societies, the National Genealogical Society, the American Library Association, and numerous state and local genealogical societies and libraries in the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, New Zealand, and on the high seas.

Ingle is also the recipient of the 2018 Society of Genealogists Prince Michael of Kent Award, the 2016 National Genealogical Society President's Citation, and many other awards and honors. She has coordinated courses for the Genealogical Institute of Pittsburgh and the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy.

Her site, founded in 1996, is known as the oldest and best known site for genealogical research in the world. Ingle just celebrated 28 years of helping people learn their lineage on March 4.

She has been a genealogist for 44 years, and has written three books on how to use the internet for genealogy. Ingle has been the guest speaker at more than 280 genealogical society meetings, conferences, seminars, institutes, and webinars around the world, educating people on the use of technology and methodology for personal research.

This love of research and connecting the dots to the past began as a homework assignment in a high school civics class. She also loved to listen to her elders tell stories. Her ancestors are from the Midwest, but she grew up in

the Pacific Northwest. Since she could not easily travel such a distance to access records and interview relatives, access to the internet allowed her more freedom and resources.

Her first article was one page, published in 1995 by the Tacoma-Pierce Genealogical Society in Tacoma, Washington. In 1996, she turned the article into a web page and has grown it from there.

“I’m good at finding things and I like to help people,” said Ingle, who has dedicated her life to providing a wealth of information at no charge, assisting the public in finding their family roots. The WCGS was honored to have her as a speaker, helping them promote her as a person and a resource who has been pivotal to their work in Walker County.

Huntsville Public Library is located at 1219 13th Street. For more about events and activities visit [www.huntsvilletx.gov/171/Public-Library](http://www.huntsvilletx.gov/171/Public-Library). To learn about genealogical research in Walker County, go to <https://www.wcgstx.org/>. To book Ingle for a speaking engagement, view her calendar at [www.cyndislist.com/speaking-calendar/](http://www.cyndislist.com/speaking-calendar/).