

RECORD OF BIRTHS, PROBATE COURT, VINTON COUNTY, OHIO, 1867-1910

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Just The Facts

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Editor's Notes By Ron Ware

The February issue of *The WHAGS Journal* is packed full of interesting facts and activities of the West Houston Area Genealogy Society. Starting with a bit about the recent January general meeting, Barry Wolff gave an excellent presentation around the capabilities and the ease-of-use of RootsMagic genealogy software. Thirty-six participants were either physically present or attended via Zoom, 26 of them are current members. That's about 36% of our membership attending. We would hope for more attendance, but those 36 members learned about RootsMagic. That's the point of our society, to help members learn about searching for ancestors and using the tools to accomplish that.

After the meeting, eleven of our members gathered at Clay's restaurant to socialize over a good lunch. I regret that I missed this month's gath-

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Introducing February's Feature Article: A Short History of the Maxwell House Softball Team

Liv Taylor-Harris is a family historian, blogger, and a friend of our own WHAGS member, Bridget Denby. Marlive's article tells the story of her grandfather who worked for Maxwell House Coffee and coached the company team for many years. I hope you enjoy her story about a part of the African American experience in Houston during the first half of the century.

A Short History of the Maxwell House Softball Team

By Liv Taylor-Harris

My paternal grandfather, Willie Taylor, loved "all-things" baseball. So, it is no surprise that he would one day be the head coach of Maxwell House Coffee's only company softball team during the 1950s and 1960s.



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President's Note By Gail Colby

February begins genealogy institute registration. Genealogy institutes are week-long (or longer) opportunities to learn and grow as genealogists focusing on a specific area of interest. The institute courses are taught by leaders in that specific focal area, e.g., law, genetic genealogy, genealogy documentation and writing, Southern research, African American research, and more. These are not inexpensive endeavors, but you get your money's worth learning from genealogy's best.

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The Clayton Library bus trip is rescheduled for Tuesday, March 28, 2023.

See Rick Armes description and tips on page 7.

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 Presidents Note

The Genealogy Research Institute of Pittsburgh GRIP), www.gripitt.org/, has two sessions, the first session is virtual and runs from 18-23 June 2023. The second session is in person in the Pittsburgh area and runs from 9-14 July 2023. The Institute for Genealogical and Historical Research (IGHR) <https://ighr.gagensociety.org/ighr-2023/>, is virtual again this year. You can find the course listing by clicking on the “Future Institutes” button. Full descriptions should be available soon. There is an option closer to home. The Texas State Genealogy Society (TxSGS) is offering its Texas Institute of Genealogical Research (TIGR), <https://www.txsgs.org/tigr-2023/>, virtually from 12-16 June 2023. There are seven courses for 2023. I believe if you are a member of TxSGS, you get a discount on the tuition. There was no information on costs when I checked the website.

Registration for GRIP begins on 22 February 2023; IGHR registration opens on 04 March 2023; and TIGR registration begins on a date to be determined in February 2023. Many courses reach capacity quickly, so if there is one you are interested you need to be quick on the keyboard. Check out the websites and read all the information on the processes of each institute.

I have attended at least one institute every year since 2017 except for last year when I had to handle a family emergency during IGHR. Currently, I plan to participate in the first GRIP session, the virtual session, and I am waiting for the course descrip-

tions for IGHR. The nice thing about virtual institutes is participating from home, you avoid the additional costs of travel and accommodations. The downside is the lack of personal interactions with the other participants.

Genealogy is about continual learning. Learning new research methods and sources, the history of the time and location of our ancestors, documenting and writing our ancestors’ stories, DNA strategies, and much more. Institutes provide a collegial way of learning with experts and students. I have attended GRIP and IGHR; IGHR in person and virtually and GRIP virtually. I am happy to answer any questions anyone may have. You can email me or call me on my cell phone. Both are on the membership roster on the WHAGS website in the Members Only section.

Happy Ancestor hunting!

New Special Interest Group GENESSYS

by Rick Armes

GENESSYS SIG: Scope and Goal

The GENESSYS Special Interest Group (SIG) is a new forum to provide WHAGS members with a unique tool for organizing their genealogy-related media documents.

What is GENESSYS?

GENESSYS is document-tracking software developed to manage and organize the various types of files encountered in the course of genealogy research.

GENESSYS is NOT an alternative to the various family tree software packages, but rather should be viewed as complemen-

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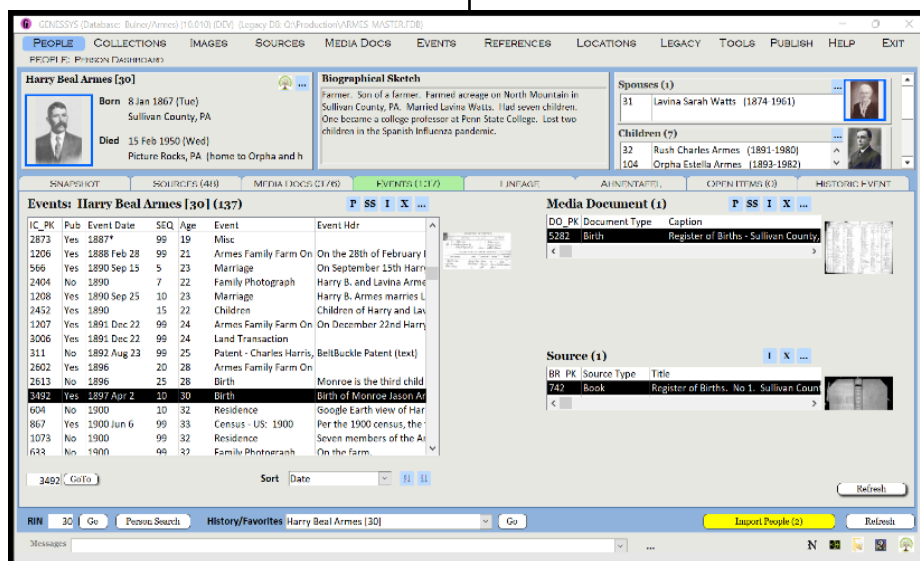


Figure 1 GENESSYS form showing some of the 137 documented events in the life of Harry Beal Armes. (Watch the Youtube video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BugeVUmQ> to learn more about this form)

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tary: GENESSYS handles all aspects of document handling associated with family members, and it leaves the management of people and specifications of relationships to the family tree software packages.

The philosophy and capabilities of GENESSYS is discussed in detail in this forty-minute YouTube video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BugeVUmQ>

GENESSYS SIG Schedule

The first SIG meeting will be held sometime in late March. There will be three meetings initially:

- **Meeting 1 (Zoom):** Provide potential beta testers a live demonstration of GENESSYS to help them gain a better understanding of the benefits of using the software, and in so doing, answer the question “What’s in it for me!”.
- **Meeting 2 (in person):** Assist members in installing GENESSYS on their PC’s, linking GENESSYS to the member’s copy of Legacy Family Tree, and importing selected data from LFT into GENESSYS. No re-entry of data is necessary.
- **Meeting 3 (Zoom):** Members will receive in-depth training of GENESSYS regarding Source, Media Document and Event creation process, including how to navigate using forms such as the one shown

in figure 1.

At the end of the three-month period a decision will be made to continue beta testing for another three months or make plans to provide the software to other WHAGS members beginning as early as fall 2023.

GENESSYS SIG Sign-Up Information.

To join this SIG participants will need to meet the following requirements:

- Currently using Legacy Family Tree, or want to migrate to LFT;
- Are comfortable utilizing common Windows utilities including creating new folders and moving/copying files between folders;
- Comfortable with installing 3rd party software, if needed.

Anyone interested in participating in this SIG, should email Rick Armes at: genessys@whags.email. The specific date/time for the three meetings will be set after discussions with interested WHAGS members.

Our Committees at Work

January Membership Team Update

By Liz Phillip

What has been the most interesting thing you learned about your ancestry so far? Have you followed up on any stories or rumors? We would like to

know!

Come early during our “Meet and Greet” time before the official program begins. Have a snack and visit with us. We want to know you and what you are interested in. Our members make WHAGS what it is and what it can be. Join in and get to know the other members attending the meetings whether in person and on Zoom.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at our next program meeting, Saturday, February 18th.

Program Committee Notes

By Pacquitta Laverents

The Program Committee wants to know which events and topics you would like to see on next year’s calendar! Your input is essential to developing quality programs and activities that meet your genealogy research needs. We’ll be launching our annual programming survey on February 18th. Keep an eye out for this important communication and be sure to respond letting us know what types of programs will benefit you most.

By now, you're probably aware that our trip to the Clayton Library has been rescheduled for March 28th. Regardless of whether you are a newbie or an experienced returning researcher, you’ll find the time well-spent on this day trip. Take advantage of the hassle-free ride downtown, and spend the day researching alongside others who share a common

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Earth Point – A Tool for Google Earth

Earth Point is a great tool to use with Google Earth to mark the location of your ancestors lands. I usually search by land description. Simply enter the state, township, range and section and Earth Point will draw a boundary around the quarter section where you ancestors land lies. If the land is less than a quarter section, you can manually draw in the appropriate boundaries in that quarter section. Great tool for visualizing where your ancestors farmed. Google search “Earth Point.”

GenealogyBank

GenealogyBank is a subscription newspaper service. They claim to have 95% of the newspapers that are online today. I have found the site useful and have found many articles about or referenced my ancestors. The site has newspapers from all 50 states from 1690 to present. They also have other collections such as census records, social security index and some historical books. This is a fee based subscription service.

United States Bureau of Land Management – General Land Office

The General Land Office has the Land Patents for all the Public Land States. Included with the patents are the original survey plats and field notes. This is where you can find your ancestors land patents and then use the information to find that property with Earth Point. You can search the BLM site by entering the

state, county, first, and last name of your ancestor. The search will return a list of individuals that fit your description, the land description and much more.

Editors Note

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ering but am looking forward to February.

This February publication of *The WHAGS Journal* provides several interesting articles and stories from our membership and friends of our members. We continue episode 3 of the Texas Story, the autobiography of Joe Carrington’s grandfather. It’s a great read if you are interested in life in Texas (or anywhere) in the first half of the 20th century.

Rick Armes invites us to a new Special Interest Group (SIG) that he is forming. The purpose is to learn and discuss the abilities of the Genessys application Rick is developing. This is a potential tool for organizing and tagging all those documents laying in boxes or hanging in file cabinets. If you want to learn about the application, then the GENESSYS SIG will be the place to start.

Don’t miss the President’s Note and the committee reports. They are short reads that provide information about what’s happening to make WHAGS an even better experience.

At this month’s meeting, Lynn Palermo returns via Zoom from the winter wonderland of Canada to show us how to publish our ancestral history books. Those that attended the November meeting where she discussed writing the family history will

appreciate her knowledge and presentation style.

There is more, but you get the message – lots of interesting stuff happening in WHAGS. Happy reading! If you know a family history buff that is not yet a member, we hope you’ll drag them along to the next meeting!

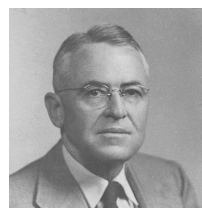
A Texas Story Episode 3

Member Joe Carrington has been a prolific contributor to the WHAGS Journal, providing numerous human-interest stories for publication here. He lives a distance from the Katy area, making regular participation difficult. However, his stories are his way of contributing.

This month we continue the story of member Joe Carrington’s grandfather. It’s an interesting story of life in late 19th century and early 20th century Texas. He talks about the shopping trips to town, the railroads, and bird hunting as a kid. I hope you enjoy episode three.

A Texas Story

By Joesph C. Carrington, Sr.



The smells that emerged from those smoke-houses remains one of the most tantalizing that could ever be imagined. There was of course none of the artificially cured meats that have less smell and less taste of today.

Our house was on Broadway and the only thing between our street and the railroad tracks was

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Maxwell House Softball

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Willie began working in the Receiving & Shipping (R&S) Department at Maxwell House Coffee plant in Houston, Texas, in 1930. His starting salary was just 34¢ an hour. But by the time he retired as a Plant Service Foreman in 1970, he had worked through the Depression, a world war, weathered 13 recessions and 6 inflationary cycles at the factory. His retirement luncheon was a true celebration as he received many awards, commendations, and lots of amazing gifts from the owners and upper management of the company. But what he was most proud of was his role as head coach for the company's winning softball team!

I'm not sure if Maxwell House facilities in Jacksonville, Fla., and San Leandro, Calif., had company baseball teams, but the Houston factory did and their success kept them playing baseball for over 10 years.

So, what does the history of baseball and Maxwell House have in common? According to the book titled, *You Know You're in New Jersey When . . .* written by Lillian and Nina Africano, the first baseball game in the U.S. was not played in Cooperstown, New York;

the first recorded organized baseball game was played on June 19, 1846, at Hoboken's Elysian Fields, later site of the Maxwell House Coffee plant. [1]

In the chapter titled, "You Know You're in New Jersey When . . . Diamonds are a Boy's Best Friend," the authors go on to say,

By 1900 baseball had truly become America's pastime, and practically every town in Jersey had a baseball team. Company teams like the Newark Westinghouse Nine, the Doherty Silk Sox of Paterson, and the Michelin Tire Company team of Millville were among the strongest."

New Jersey wasn't the only state with popular company baseball teams on the horizon during this time. Texas had a few popular company teams as well like – The Alamo Furniture Baseball Team and The Southern Select Baseball Team in Houston, and Southern Pine Lumber Baseball Team and The Diboll Dragons from East Texas.

My oldest brother remembers after little league practice, watching in "awe" the Maxwell House team pitching and power-hitting with each other in preparation for games they played on the fields at Finnegan Park in the Greater 5th Ward area of the city.

My grandfather was a very quiet man, but according to my

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dad and brother, when he stepped on the field as head coach, he became a force to be reckoned with!

Every once in a while, my brother will run into someone who played little league baseball with him at Finnegan Park and the minute they begin reminiscing about the past, Maxwell House Softball Team finds its way into their conversation. This team of local legends contributed to the entertainment and pride of softball for Maxwell House and Houston's 5th Ward Community too!



Coach Willie Taylor (standing on left) with the Maxwell House softball team.

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a very wide "buffer" space on which some warehouses were built. The house had the three-holer which naturally contained the traditional dual-purpose Sears Roebuck catalogue.

There were a lot of trains in those days - passenger, freight, and combination. Most were very long which meant a lot of "fire and brimstone" as the flames flashed out of the engines and there was a lot of racket. Rail-roading was the prime means of transportation as there were very few highways and no busses, trucks, or cars, but cars were beginning to come into the picture! We had to cross the railroad tracks (double tracks) to get to school and dad was always admonishing us of the sometimes 30 mph speed of the trains.

Dad had quite an experience with the Santa Fe one night. As I remember it, he saw an open switch and was able to stop an approaching train by use of his little kerosene lantern. For this, he got a thank you letter from the President of the Santa Fe and a free round trip to any point served. He went to California.

Not only was I proud of my "hero" Dad, but when he returned, he brought a baby swing. My little sister, Claribel, had been born by that time and one of my jobs was to rock her. With this swing, babysitting became a unique pleasure - particularly as it was the only swing in town and I got to show it off to so many.

I will never forget my first gun, nor did Dad. He gave me a long barrel single shot shotgun and a box of shells. Doubting my aim, he offered me a nickel for

each bird killed. I first went in back of the house, aimed and missed a skylark sitting on a cenebean bush. Had a bright idea and went out toward Barnett's place where he was plowing, and the blackbirds were swarming for the worms turned over. No accuracy needed here as they fell in quantities. Got a tow sack and hauled home some 100 or so.

Dad said birds had to be prepared for eating, before the money was forthcoming. Mama helped me and suggested getting water boiling in the big pot in the back yard and put the birds in there. Fished them out, skinned them and fixed for dinner. We ate birds for a long time, even after giving some to neighbors. We had put them in the "ice box" for keeping.

The "ice box" then really was an "ice" box as one section held a block of ice with food in the balance, with the circulation supposed to keep food cold, unless the ice got too low, too much food for circulation, or the kids opened doors too often.

The pot in the back yard into which I put my birds was the wash pot in which dirty clothes were boiled along with lye soap (made by hand from hog lard and cans of lye). There were no electric washing machines but a lot of hard manual work with the clothes being stirred by a long stick; later ironed by "sad irons" (well named) heated over a charcoal brazier wherein these solid irons would get hot enough to press the clothes. Monday was the traditional wash day, presumably where the term "Blue Monday" originated.

I was hired by Mr. Teague, who was in charge of the water-

works as the fireman (he used lignite to fire the boiler) and the pumper. Meters were read by a Black man. A large upright water tank some 100 feet high needed painting, and the man hired for the job got too much to drink, quit and didn't collect his wages of \$14. Mr. Teague offered to give me the \$14 if I would paint it. So, I rigged up a kind of saddle on a pulley, used a heavy black paint that was supposed to prevent rust and in 3 days had it painted from top to bottom. I not only got the \$14 but a licking from Dad who said it was too hazardous a job for a kid.

My only other job as a kid was helping a traveling photographer deliver pictures he had earlier taken. He hired a buggy from the Harris Livery Stable, got me to direct him to the proper places. Sometimes pictures were pleasing and sometime had to be taken back to the hotel for retouching. As I remember, I got some \$4 for a week's work.

Dad had gotten a job as cashier at the Caldwell State Bank, was making some additional money and bought his first automobile, a Chandler, a make long gone out of business. He decided to drive the new car down to Bay City to visit his Dad.

Grandpa John Carrington was a very colorful character. His first wife, my Dad's mother, had died in childbirth. He later remarried and had a good-sized family. He had lived in Tunis at my dad's birth, later moved to Oklahoma and became a member of the 1st Legislature assembled in Oklahoma in 1890 and, as indicated earlier, intro-

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duced the bill that consolidated the Indian Territory and Oklahoma. He had moved back to Texas and settled in Bay City where he gained much recognition as a surveyor. He surveyed fields, canals, etc., all thru South Texas and even on down the coast to Florida.

Several of his sons (half-brothers to my Dad) worked with him as surveyors. One, Walter, became internationally famous as such. Early in his career, he went to Mexico and, while there, married one of the most beautiful women I have ever seen, a Castellán, from a very high-ranking family. He surveyed in Buenos Aires and other South American points as well as Arabia and all over the world. In my later travels, ran across folks who knew and admired him and his work.

Back to the duck hunt we went on while visiting in Bay City. Through their work, they knew all the area and where hunting best. We rode in their surveyor's hack, something like buggy but topless and could carry 9 or so on seats placed across the vehicle. It was pulled by the fastest horses I have ever seen, they didn't trot but lopped all the way at a fast pace.

When we came to the hunting spot, ducks were so thick they almost clouded the sky. With their 12 gauge shotguns, they soon had plenty of ducks. As I was the youngest, I was the "retriever".

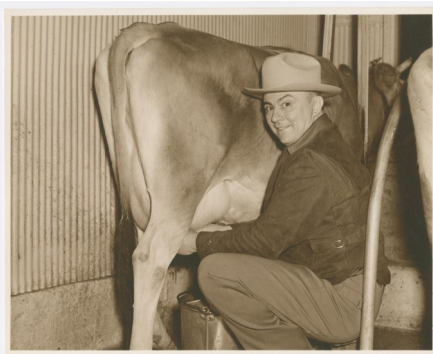
Enroute, they bought a lot of suet (cattle fat). After the hunt was over, ducks skinned, chopped open by a big cleaver and cleaned, they were plunged into the hot fat that had been rendered from the

suet. They were so delicious that I get hungry even now thinking about them.

Grand Dad's house, at the edge of the city, was of particular interest as he set up his surveying instruments and let us kids look through it. To our amazement, it made things far off look close by, opera glasses were not common commodities in small towns in those days.

Unfortunately, I did not realize all advantages obtainable from school and did not get as much from it as I could have. I soon learned to regret not having done so and not continuing my education. By that time, I was determined to learn as much as possible. I have consistently studied throughout my life, taking night and correspondence courses, intensely reading such material as would be of benefit, working with leaders in various fields to learn from them and to apply myself in every way possible.

But back in school, we had double seats, and my partner was Rhett Smith. I had a natural knack for mathematics, and he had for such things as history, etc. Therefore, we became not



Texas governor, W. Lee O'Daniel milking a cow at Carrington Farms.

only good friends but a good cooperative couple. Rhett was pitcher on our baseball team and one of the best, with a curve no one could hit. I was way out in the field but had little to do as nobody hit the ball anyway. Rhett has been dead for many years and he had a lot of problems.

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Clayton Research Tips

By Rick Armes

The WHAGS free bus trip to the Family History Research Center at the Clayton Library has been rescheduled to Tuesday, 28 March 2023. This will be a great opportunity to further your family research. From FamilySearch.Org

The Clayton "branch of the Houston Public Library has one of America's best genealogical collections. With an emphasis on the Gulf Coast region, the library also has an international collection and material for all fifty U.S. states. Collections include Texas and Houston-area death records including funeral home records, censuses, passenger arrival lists, manuscripts, international resources for Europe, Canada, and Mexico, military records, family histories, genealogical periodicals, maps, and family history vertical files.

You will need to sign up if you are interested in making the trip. Sign

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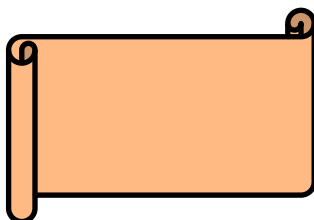
up is easy: Just click this link whags.org/bus and provide the information requested. Bus capacity is 24 so be sure to sign up early to claim a seat.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with the Clayton Library here are eleven ideas to assist you in getting the most out of this research trip:

- Get a **Houston library** card (not a Harris County Library card) BEFORE getting on the bus. You will need a card in order to use the PCs at the library. Yes, you can get a card when you arrive at the Clayton, but why wait?
- You can use your own PC at the library to access the same websites you can get to with the library's PC's, but again you will need a library card to do so.
- Take a thumb-drive with lots of capacity to download your findings. You can use the thumb drive with the Clayton PC's. This is a faster, cheaper option than printing to their copier.
- Learn how to use Window's "Snipping Tool" app. It's invaluable for capturing screen images, which can then be downloaded to your thumb drive.
- Note that books at the library are organized by county with-

in state, so know which counties you want to research **before** getting on the bus.

- Know which websites are available using the Clayton PC's, and determine which ones you want to access in advance. Click on this link to see some of the websites you can access for free while at the [library: houstonlibrary.org/az.php?s=209037&p=1](http://houstonlibrary.org/az.php?s=209037&p=1)
- Use your camera to take pictures of the book covers, title pages and specific pages that have information about your family. Be sure to get the call number as well.
- Do not re-shelve books after you are finished. Instead put them on one of the many carts provided.
- Don't forget to bring chargers for your electronics.
- Don't hesitate to ask library staff for assistance.
- Lunch. Clayton has a snack room with vending machines, and a couple of tables. Bodegas Taco Shop (<https://bodegastacoshop.com>) is an option, as well as a café at the Asia Society (<https://asiasociety.org/texas>)



Changing Your Mindset to Break Down Your Brick Walls

By Emily Richardson

No Genealogist is Excited about a Brick Wall

I love puzzles, and for me genealogy is one big puzzle. How do I find the right pieces (people) in the right locations with the right documents to tell their story correctly? The biggest difference between puzzles and genealogy is with puzzles you get the full picture on the top of the puzzle box. How I wish I had a full fan chart of my ancestors!

But what keeps me from having the full fan chart are my brick walls. My mother was a genealogist, with records dating back to 1943. She was great with her research logs. And remember she was doing this prior to the explosion of the Internet and before the luxury of pjs and research. But she and my dad would often have conversations over dinner about what she knew, what she didn't know and who else could she be contacting to find the right information. She never once said "I have a brick wall." Instead, her attitude was about changing her mindset to enable her to find the answers. When I received her information, she had found at least five (5) generations of her relatives complete with proof and in some cases, she had 10 or 11 generations on the family chart.

The question becomes for you, how do you change your

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Brick Walls

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mindset to think about the opportunities instead of the wall? What processes should you be taking to be sure that you have explored everything you need to find the right ancestor? One wonderful book *I can recommend with great ideas* I is now in it's third edition, "The Family Tree Problem Solver: Tried-and-True Tactics for Tracing Elusive Ancestors" by Marsha Hoffman Rising.

Here are just a few of the areas that she touches on:

- Researching Friends, Associates and Extended Family members
- Utilizing Land Records
- Problem-solving with Court Records
- Replacing Burned Courthouse Records

But before she gets into these areas, it is critical that you analyze just how you have been doing genealogy.

- Do you focus on one or two good sources? It is important to realize that family trees are built using all resources and documents that are available to you. Not just the ones online, but also the ones at the courthouse.
- Do you make excuses for discrepancies in records – like that of place of birth? These must be researched and explained and that does take time. But

the discrepancy might also be the key to your personal "brick wall."

- Do you skip generations to find a revolutionary war ancestor and then work to try to link with that person? Always move from the known to the unknown – move forward in your research one generation at a time.
- Do you write as you go? Or do you leave your research in piles of paper on your desk or in a folder for analysis later? Writing as you research is one way to catch mistakes, determine the next focus of your research and to help you find the elusive ancestor.

Remember we are working on a puzzle, that has no picture! We must work methodically towards the solution, considering all the alternatives. Change your mindset and begin thinking what you next step should be and then take that step.

Emily Richardson is the presenter at the WHAGS March meeting. We include it in the February edition to give members more than one opportunity to preview her Brick Wall solutions. The article will repeat in the March newsletter.

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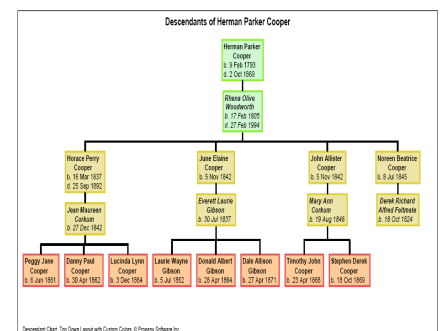
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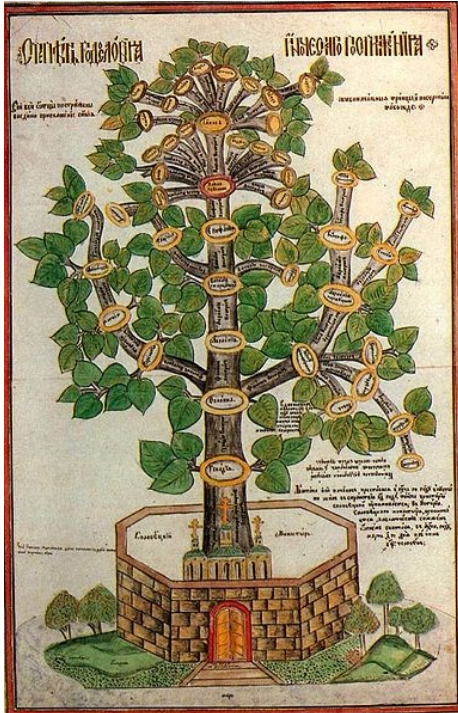
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bond of exploring family history. We already had an enthusiastic response to the initial registration, and we'll be reaching out to those who signed up to make sure the rescheduled date works for you. If you haven't already registered, visit the whags.org/bus page on the WHAGS website. Hope you'll be able to join us!





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Helping to Find Your Roots

Publishing Your Genealogy From Idea to Distribution

Hybrid presentation by Lynn Palermo

We are meeting both in-person and via Zoom!



Do you dream of creating a family history book that can be handed down for generations to come? Gone are the days of expensive books reserved for only a few. Today, you can create an heirloom book with few skills, a small investment of your time and no financial risk. In this presentation, Lynn will take you on a family history publishing journey.

Beginning from the early steps of brainstorming your idea to publishing and distribution, learn tips to make a better book. You'll explore the options for creating and printing your book and go inside a published family history book for a look at some real-world examples.

Lynn Palermo is a writing & accountability coach helping family historians turn their family history research into shareable and entertaining stories. Also known as the Armchair Genealogist, for the past 10 years, Lynn has coached thousands of students through her signature writing programs in the Family History Writing Studio. She is a published author with a creative writing certificate from the University of Toronto.

Lynn has written a multi-generational heirloom book, a family history children's book, and a novella-length family history narrative along with numerous short stories and ancestor profiles. She's produced many how-to workbooks for the family historian and offers virtual writing retreats, along with numerous workshops and webinars both in-person and virtually.

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