

# The WHAGS Journal



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## Editors Note

The calendar year 2023 was a great year for our genealogy society, sustaining a good membership base with great programming from professional speakers. Let us thank the program committee for their tireless work in engaging those presenters. I am confident the next few months will prove to be as educational and exciting as the fall programming, and I'm looking forward to that.

We closed out 2023 with one of the best Show and Tell programs witnessed since I joined several years ago. Thanks to Tom Woltz for his organization, setting that program up, and providing exciting door prizes.

I am adding a new section to the newsletter which will begin in January. It will be called the "WHAGS Writers Corner," which

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## WHAGS Presenters – Tales of Woe By Tom Woltz

The 2023 WHAGS Presenters told tales of ancestral woe as varied as the many descriptions of Santa and his reindeer pictorially depicted throughout the decades.

It began with Jeanie Smith's separate charcoal (enlarged) pictures of her ancestors that were modified by internet do-gooders who exploited the couple making one combined photo. Family historians beware, photos placed on some genealogical sites can become fodder for others, without your knowledge.

### A Great Christmas Gathering

With

Show and Tell

Next, Dave Singleton's 45-year-old mysterious brick wall, finally solved through DNA testing makes us wonder where

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## President's Note

The holiday season is behind us, and it is time to think about our genealogical goals for 2024. I have two major goals involving a father and his son, Josiah Raynor (7<sup>th</sup> GGF), the pirate, and his son, Josiah Raynor (6<sup>th</sup> GGF), the Patriot. I introduced WHAGS to Josiah the pirate at the December Holiday Party and will briefly summarize my presentation below.

## Pirate

Josiah Raynor (~1665-~1742) was born in Southampton, East Riding of Yorkshire [now Suffolk], Colony of New York was a third-generation colonial resident of Southampton. His father, Joseph, and his grandparents, Thurston and Elizabeth,

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were born in England and arrived in Boston in July 1634 on the *Elizabeth*; finally arriving in Southampton between 1646 and 1649. The east end of Long Island settlements of the time were truly frontier settlements and the people relied on the land, bays, and sea. They were farmers, fishermen, and whalers and lived alongside the Native populations. The early settlers were predominantly Puritans, with some Quakers, and a few Dutch. The members of the small community of Southampton were involved in each other's lives and litigious. The Town of Southampton records are rife with suits of slander, name-calling, whale stealing, trespassing, and other infractions. Josiah grew up learning how to work the land and function on the water. The later skills were useful to him in his pirate career.

Josiah married Sarah Higby/Higbee (~1665-~1732) in ~1687; both of his parents were deceased by this time. They probably had three children from approximately 1690 to 1695. The next child was born on 04 December 1700 in Lyme, New London, Colony of Connecticut. With approximately eight additional children arriving at regular intervals thereafter. This left a gap of five to six years between children. There is also a gap of about three years between appearances of Josiah in the Town of Southampton Records. Where was Josiah and what was he doing?

The Golden Age of piracy was from the mid-1600s through the mid-1700s. Long Island was a haven for pirates with its long coastline with bays and inlets, and multiple islands. The colony of New York supported privateering, issuing letters of marque or commissions for mariners to harass and attack French vessels. In the 1690s, Governor Benjamin Fletcher of the Colony/Province of New York (1692-1698) also openly supported piracy under the guise of privateering. Fletcher entertained pirates, including Thomas Tew, an infamous pirate from Rhode Island.

In 1695, Josiah sailed on Tew's vessel, *Amity*, to the Red Sea. The *Amity* was part of a flotilla assembled by Henry Every/Evers/Avery headed to Madagascar. Off the Arabian coast, the flotilla encountered the *Fatah Mohamed* and the *Gang-i-Sawai*, vessels laden with treasure as a gift for the Great Mogul, and plundered them. The treasure resulted in shares to each pirate valued at over £1,000. During the battle, Thomas Tew was hit by a canonball and died. The *Amity* crew was rescued by Every's ship. Josiah eventually made it back to Long Island in April of 1696 and was promptly arrested and his treasure chest, with a value of £1,500, was seized by the sheriff. Josiah appealed to a friend, John Wick to secure his release, the release of his treasure, and protection. Wick went to Governor Fletcher on Josiah's behalf. Fletcher said he could not accept a reward but could accept a gift. A gift of 50£ was given to the Governor, and Josiah and his chest were freed.

This event helped spur the British government to replace Benjamin Foster as Governor. There were extensive, official inquiries into the piracy problem and its resolution. Due to his role as a pirate, Josiah was concerned he might be prosecuted by Fletcher's replacement. Between 1696 and 1700, Josiah sold land on Long Island and bought land in Lyme, New London, Colony of Connecticut, and moved there with his family. The bad behavior did not stop. In November of 1700, Josiah was the source of a scandal that had his Lyme neighbors upset. After a militia training day, Josiah went to a local tavern and engaged in inappropriate behavior with a young woman named Philadelphia Tomson. He was caught in the act and Philadelphia expressed her outrage to save her reputation. At one time Philadelphia called Josiah "a pretty man." Josiah moved on to Dewolfe's Tavern and engaged in similar behavior with Sarah Kelley and spent hours in her bed. A complaint was filed in the New London

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County Court and Josiah was found guilty of “uncivil carriages and lascivious behavior.” In 1717, Josiah purchased land he sold to his brother in Southampton in 1699/1700 and eventually returned to Long Island.

I am just beginning my research into Josiah, and my 2024 goal is to fill in the blanks and learn more about his life as a pirate and before and after his piratical adventures.

### Patriot

Josiah the pirate had a son, Josiah, born on 08 February 1709/10 in Lyme who moved to Long Island when his father returned. This Josiah is listed as a signer of the Articles of Association signed on 01 August 1775 in Southampton, Suffolk, Colony of New York in support of the American Revolution. Some authors also list him as a Minuteman of Bridgehampton in Captain David Pierson's Minute Company in Colonel Josiah Smith's Regiment. I believe Josiah the Minuteman was the son of Josiah the Patriot as Josiah the Patriot would have been fifty-five years old and Josiah the Minuteman would have been about fourteen. This Josiah is my 5<sup>th</sup> GGF. My second goal is to prepare and apply to the Daughters of the American Revolution, with Josiah the Patriot as my patriot.

What are your goals? I find articulating them helps me follow through. I look forward to seeing everyone in the New Year!

My line from Josiah the Pirate:

Josiah Raynor, 1665-1742  
Josiah Raynor, 1709/10-1796  
Josiah Raynor, 1762-1824  
David Raynor, 1790-1859  
Manley Raynor, 1819-1866  
Charles Manley Raynor, 1842-1908  
Mabel Mae Raynor, 1887-1957  
Charles Eric Squires, 1907-1952  
Mom  
Me

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## Corner

Over the next few issues of the Journal, we will showcase the work of members in our writers group. We will begin with ancestral stories from two of our members, Liz Philip and myself, Ron Ware.

Liz writes about her Great Grandma Mort and her experiences living in Oregon during the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. Then I will share with you my profile of the life of my Great Great Grandmother, Louisa Dearth Bell. Born in Ohio in 1839, she emigrated to Rush County, Kansas and then by covered wagon to Colfax County, New Mexico.

Some of the articles will be short profiles, while the longer stories will be shared in several parts over the next months. Stories from other group members will follow.

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### Grandma Mortamer—A Profile

By Liz Philip

**A** Profile of Anna Kresin Hevel Mortamer, my great-grandmother. I remember Great Grandma Mort, as we called her.

I think she was my mother's favorite grandmother. Mom would recall that she lived with her from time to time. Grandma Mort was the only one that could comb her curly hair without pulling.

We went to visit her when we were small children. She lived in a white house that had a chain-link fence in Pendleton, Oregon. The house was small and had a wood floor from my recollection. In the kitchen there was a large cast iron stove and a claw-foot bathtub. We slept on the floor underneath the table in the living room. There were braided rugs on the floor. She had long gray hair, put up in a braid on the back of her head. At bedtime, she would



The author, Liz Philip

let down her braid and brush her hair while sitting on the edge of her bed.

Grandma Mort was born in La Crosse, Wisconsin in February 1876. She moved with her family to Oregon around 1877. At that time, she had an older

brother named Herman. Three sisters and another brother were born in Oregon. They were living in Upper Butler Creek, Umatilla, Oregon according to the 1880 Census.

She married Alta Hevel in 1894 when she was 18 years old.



The dangerous work of handling a 20-mule-team combine harvester in 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries

They lived on a wheat farm in Yoakum, Umatilla, Oregon. They had 4 small children when he was killed in a combine accident in July, 1901 at the age of 25.

Nine years later, in the 1910 Census, she is married to my Great Grandfather, George Mortamer. They are living next door to her husband's parents farm in Prospect, Umatilla, Oregon. They have 7 children now, 3 of their own and 4 from her previous marriage. However, this marriage was also to be short-lived. George became ill and died of pneumonia in 1915 at the age of 34. She never remarried.

What happened to their farm is unknown. In the 1930 Census, she is living with her daughter

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Grandma Mort

Pearl's family on a wheat farm. There are 3 grandchildren to care for there. Later, she moved into Pendleton and brought in laundry to make a living. She had irons that were heated on the stove. They were made from cast iron and had detachable handles, very heavy and cumbersome.

Now In the 1950's, according to the census, my grandfather lived in the same house with his mother and two daughters. He was named Herman either after her brother or perhaps her father. He passed away in 1955 at the age of 46, before I was born.

She passed away at home on Halloween in 1966, 90 years old.



Grandma Mort with Liz and her mother and siblings.

### ***The Louisa Dearth Story*** ***By Ron Ware***

When Louisa Dearth was a child in Vinton County, Ohio, she had no idea of the extraordinary life she was about to live. She married twice, left a comfortable farm in Ohio and traveled across the Kansas prairie in a covered

wagon. She spent twelve years of her life living on a high plateau in Northeastern New Mexico, a place where the winter temperature could fall to forty degrees below zero.

Louisa was born on May 3, 1839, in Guernsey County, Ohio. Her parents were Valentine Dearth, born in Pennsylvania in 1815, and Margaret Lent, born in Ohio in 1812. The couple married in 1835 and by 1850 were living on a farm in Morgan County, Ohio. It was there that Louisa was born, along with eight siblings, William, John, Nancy, Samuel, David, Edward, and Elizabeth. Elizabeth would one day visit her sister Louisa on her ranch in New Mexico.

The Civil War was in its first year when Louisa married her first husband, Joel McGee Vanderford. Joel had signed on at the beginning of the Civil War, responding to President Lincoln's call for volunteers to serve for ninety days. Most leaders thought that the war would be over in less than three months, hence Lincoln's call for 90-day enlistments. Little did they know that it would turn out to be four years of Americans butchering each other. However, on August 28, 1861, his 90 days' up, Joel mustered out and returned home. He and Louisa married the following year on January 19th.

By late 1862, it became clear that the war would last much



Louisa Dearth Bell, Kansas circa 1880.

longer than expected, and on August 22nd Joel reenlisted, and was assigned to the 114<sup>th</sup> Ohio Volunteer Infantry Regiment. The regiment fought several skirmishes and by March 1863 was in action around Vicksburg, Mississippi. There Joel contracted malaria and was transported to the Lawson Army Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri where he died on March 24, 1863.

Louisa received several letters informing her of the circumstances of her husband's death. First from one of the hospital nurses, then a letter from the hospital's commanding officer, and finally, from his company commander, a year after the war had ended. The most poignant, however, is the letter from Miss Molley Heatley. A transcript of that letter follows:

*St. Louis, March 25*

*Mrs. Vanderfort*

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Dear Madam,

It is my sad and painful duty to inform you of your husband's death - he was brought to our city last Saturday from Vicksburg very sick[.] He died yesterday morning the 24th he was very happy and conscious to the last - I hope it will be a great consolation to know he was ready to meet - death - he had every attention after he got here was in a very good hospital you can get his remains by coming or sending for them. There has been many happy deaths in the hospital - it is a great - blessing for those that - are ready to go to be out of their great distress.

I cannot give you many particulars about your husband as he was here such a short time the lady nurse gave me your directions and wished me to write to you. Your husband died in Lawson Hospital 5th Ward, St. Louis, Missouri. You can direct a few lines to me if there is anything more I can do for you I will do it - with pleasure.

A Soldiers friend

Miss Mollie L. Heatley

St. Louis, MO

I have five more letters like this to write so you are not alone in your great bereavement - accept my sincere sympathy in this your deep sorrow, please write soon and let me know if you got this.

A second letter came a year after the war ended, Joe's com-

manding officer wrote Louisa and explained the particulars of her husband's death. The letter is dated April 24, 1866. The transcription follows.

I E.L. Hawk, late Capt. Co. A, 114 OVI formerly Capt Co. F, 114th Ohio Vols being duly sworn do say that during January, February and March of 1863 I was by .....of Co. F., 114 Regt Ohio Vol .....and that I was in command of said company during the time mentioned. I further say that Joel M. Vanderford was a Sargent of said company F, 114 Regt Ohio Vols in the United States service. That during the months of February 1863 he was taken sick with intermittent .....that he became very much reduced by said disease, and that on the 8th of March 1863 he was placed on board the Hospital Boat "D.H. January" to be taken to hospital at St Louis, Mo. I further state that I afterward ..... on or about April 1st 1863 read official notice from a surgeon in charge of same hospital at St. Louis that he died March 23rd, 1863. I am unable to state the name of the surgeon or the name of the hospital and have no ..... from which I can make a .....as to the names. I have a memorandum in a private book of the date of his departure on boat as aforesaid and of date of death but have no access to the record of this company of that date.

I believe then that said official notice of his death was correct. I just ..... on my.....to correspond - and make final statements in accordance therewith.

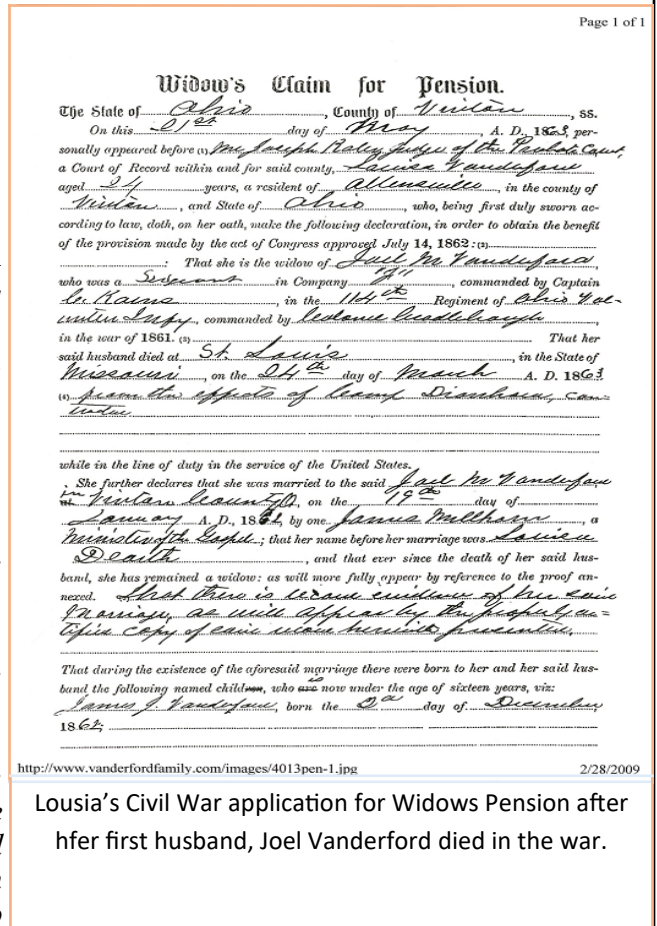
The disease of which Sergeant Vanderford died was contracted in the line of duty - he was a healthy man and good soldier until he was taken sick as aforesaid.

State of Ohio

Pickaway County

E.L. Hawk

To be continued.



http://www.vanderfordfamily.com/images/4013pen-1.jpg 2/28/2009  
Louisa's Civil War application for Widows Pension after hfer first husband, Joel Vanderford died in the war.



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Show and Tell



Jeanie Smith, one of the presenters at the December "Show & Tell."

will contain the work of our writing group. Each month, two members of the writing SIG will showcase work they have done the past few months. We will begin with Liz Philip's story of the trials and tribulations of her Great Grandma Mort. Likewise, I have submitted the story of my third great-grandmother, Louisa Dearth Bell who was a pioneer in my family, migrating from Ohio to Kansas, and then by covered wagon to the New Mexico Territory. I think the readers will enjoy both stories. We'll feature the writings of other WHAGS Writers in the following months.

You will also find the Societies surname list in this issue. We will run the list several times during the year.

I am looking forward to the

continued growth of our society, as we improve the quality in all areas: the website (what a great resource), participation in the SIG groups, the committees, and yes, this newsletter. Our society has a great group of people who are providing the kind of leadership that has produced this growth. But we need help.

The success of our society depends on the work of volunteers. If you look at the leadership circle over the past several years, you will probably notice the same familiar faces that have provided the bulk of the work to make us successful. All of our leaders love what they are doing, but frankly, we all need a break sometimes. Please consider volunteering in any area that you feel you can contribute.

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Show and Tell

were we without it? Then, Eileen Newsome's story of her mother-in-law's life from the 1960's to 1990's, oh, a tangled life revealed.

Following Eileen, Liz Philip discussed her Great Grandma-Mortamer's life filled with untimely deaths, illnesses, and unforeseen events. What a life! Pictures helped tell her story.

Then, we had Kala Bayang's tale of the "Honeyhouse", its contents, its mysterious location. Who would end up with said contents and what would become of them?

Next, we had Neal Scott's gigantic scroll of his family chart. Here, he described how he made it, how others can benefit from it in family settings, reunions, etc. The actual chart went on for miles, it seemed, quite impressive. He plans on providing the same chart in subsequent reunions, making modifications.

Finally, we had Gail Colby's real ancestral pirate story (1665-early 1700's). Who were those pirates? How they were related. Hazy records on the high seas.

All great stories, most illustrated with pictures and artifacts, each one a gem!

Tom Woltz – MC for WHAGS Annual Christmas/Holiday Gala - 2023

## Our Committees and Special Interest Groups at Work

### Membership Liz Philip

The December Show and Tell program was a wonderful success. We had interesting presentations, good food, nice door prizes and great fellowship. Many thanks to our volunteers for the delicious food and drinks shared. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

### WHAGS Writers Ron Ware

An update on WHAGS Writers. Here at the West Houston Area Genealogy Society (WHAGS), We have formed a writers special interest group. The purpose of the group is to help folks who are not authors but want to leave their genealogy legacy through stories about their ancestors.

Our organizational meeting was held in person at the Lone Star College Library in October. We have recently gathered for the third time, and I think we are all having fun. We are currently meeting on the second Wednesday of each month. Most meetings will be held via Zoom.

We have space for three or four more participants. So, if interested, please email Ron Ware at Newsletter@WHAGS.email.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, January 10th, 10:00 am via Zoom. The meeting link will be sent to participants the week of the upcoming meeting.

I have established a page called “WHAGS Writers Corner.” It’s a place where members of our writing group can share their family stories. Watch for their stories there.

Visit the WHAGS Writers page in the Members Only area for more information.

### G2 SIG 2024-2025 Ricky Armes

Ron, I’m pleased with how well the initial G2 SIG meetings went. There have been three zoom meetings with an average attendance of ten people. Going into January there are at least six members interested in beta testing G2 for the next few months. Perfect.

In the three meetings to date, members saw me demonstrate key G2 capabilities, many of which are listed in the box at right. My intent in these initial meetings was to convince members that the G2 database is an invaluable tool for tracking all their genealogy-related media files.

I wasn’t entirely successful of course! I lost a Mac user early on which was expected as G2 is Windows-based. I may have lost

an individual or two because I failed to demonstrate that G2 was designed from the beginning to supplement, and not replace, their Legacy Family Tree software. I hope these members check back in for another look during the second phase of the G2 SIGs which starts in January.

During this second phase, consisting of five monthly meetings, members will get “hands on” experience with G2. Initially I will assist members in installing the G2 software on their PC’s pre-loaded with Legacy’s “Sample” database. Once the software is installed I’ll provide detailed tutorials, each of which will be recorded for future reference. With G2 on their PCs, members can then take the information learned during the SIGs and begin beta testing the software. As with most beta testing phases, bugs will be found, documented, prioritized and fixed as needed. The last G2 SIG of this phase is scheduled for May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The third and final phase of the G2 SIGs starts Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> 2024, and will continue through May of the following year. In this phase members will work with G2 using their own data imported from their Legacy Family Tree database. Tutorials during the year will focus on the import process, and then demonstrations on how

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**WHAGS Surname List**

From time to time we will publish the list of surnames that are being researched by WHAGS members. The surnames Italics have multiple researchers.

Abernathy	Jeanne Pressler
Abney	David B. Singleton
<i>Adams</i>	<i>Mardeena K. Gordon, Edie E. O'Brien, Linda Whitby</i>
Agee	David B. Singleton
Aikin	Shirley Aikin
Alderson	Thomas C. Woltz, Sr.
Alford	Edie E. O'Brien
<i>Allen</i>	<i>Cindy Ehrig, Neal T. Scott</i>
Anders	Sandra Anders
Ander-son	Lisa Henry, Harold McClain
Apple	Jenny A. Sharrer
Armes	Ricky Armes
Arms	Ricky Armes
Arm- strong	Gail Colby
Askew	Patricia Morrow
Aston	Patricia Morrow
Atkinson	Susie Ganch
Austin	Cecilee Murphy
Ayo	Gayle "Liz" Philip
Babin	Neal T. Scott
<i>Baker</i>	<i>Shirley Aikin, Windy Corbett, Laurel Cull</i>
Balliet	Laurel Cull
Banks	Mary Beth Davis
Barnes	Traci Austin
Bartlett	Winifred McNabb
Barton	Edie E. O'Brien

Bataglini	Janis Wright
Beard	Tina Johnson
Bell	Ron Ware
Benbow	Leonard Spearman, Jr.
Bezic	Cynthia Gluth
Bingham	Connie Kimmey
Blanton	Liv Taylor-Harris
Bourke	Janis Wright
Bower	Brenda Carrington
<i>Boyd</i>	<i>Shirley Aiken, Tom W. Matchett</i>
Branch	Winifred McNabb
Broaday	Ann Elizabeth White
Brunson	Colleen Judd
<i>Bryan</i>	<i>Edie E. O'Brien, David B. Singleton</i>
Bryant	Kyla Bayang
Buck	Ricky Armes
Buie	Clarisa Carroll
Bulner	Ricky Armes
Burke	Janis Wright
Burlington	Bridget Demby
Butt	Gene Denham
Byars	Debbie Behling
Cabell	Clarisa Carroll
Cain	Connie Kimmey
Callaghan	Lisa Henry
<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Mary Beth Davis, Tina Johnson</i>
Carothers	Edie E. O'Brien
Carpenter	Charles E. "Chuck" Philip
Carrington	Joe Carrington, Clarisa Carroll
Carter	Gail Colby
Caruthers	Edie E. O'Brien
Castillo	Dolores Colunga-Stawitz
Cavin	Jeanie D. Smith

Chandler	Edie E. O'Brien, Leonard Spearman, Jr.
Chapple	Liv Taylor-Harris
Chick	Gail Colby
Childers	Becky Childers
Chism	Shirley Aikin
Chris- tensen	Ricky Armes
Churchill	Mardeena K. Gordon
Cifani	Janis Wright
Clark	Jeanie D. Smith
Clifton	Jeanie D. Smith
Cloud	Kitty Olson
Coffey	Winifred McNabb
Colby	Gail Colby
Cole	Lisa Henry
Coleman	Shirley Aikin, Diane Rausch
Coles	Clarisa Carroll
Colino	Elaine Falcone
Colunga	Dolores Colunga-Stawitz
Colyer	Jeanie D. Smith
Comer	Jenny A. Sharrer
Condon	Janis Wright
Conrad	Jeanie D. Smith
Conyers	Kitty Olson
Cooper	Mardeena K. Gordon
Corbett	Windy Corbett
Cordner/ Corner	Tom W. Matchett
Coughlin	Gail Colby
Coving- ton	Kyla Bayang
Cox	Edie E. O'Brien, Donna Sparks
Cranston	Dennis Cranston
Crawley	Janis Wright
Crim	Pacquitta Laverents
Croft	Windy Corbett

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Daughtry	Bertie Morgan
Dean	Winifred McNabb
Dearth	Ron Ware
Demby	Bridget Demby
Denham	Gene Denham
Dentner	Daryle Watson
Denton	Edie E. O'Brien
Di Meo	Janis Wright
Donnelly	Vincent R. Donnelly
Doucette	Gene Denham
Douglass	Cynthia Gluth
Drott	Neal T. Scott
Due	Connie Kimmey
Eagles	Meg Philpot
Earle	Windy Corbett
Elkins	Traci Austin
Erickson	Dolores Colunga-Stawitz
Ervin	Neal T. Scott
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Esler	Winifred McNabb
Evers	Edie E. O'Brien
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Falcone	Elaine Falcone
Farrington	Meg Philpot
Finlev	Daryle Watson
Flanagan	Patricia Morrow
Flood	Janis Wright
Floyd	Windy Corbett
Forgy	Neal T. Scott
Foster	Pacquitta Laverents
Foust	April Hampton
Freeman	Winifred McNabb

Frei	Jeanie D. Smith
French	Pacquitta Laverents
Fullarton	Colleen Judd
Furlong	Cecilee Murphy
Gaglio	Clarisa Carroll
Gantt	Windy Corbett
Garber	Jeanie D. Smith
Garland	Edie E. O'Brien
Gary	Neal T. Scott
Gavitt	Ricky Armes
George	Kyla Bayang
Gibson	Colleen Judd
Giesberg	Colleen Judd
Gilliland	Jeanie D. Smith
Gillis	Neal T. Scott
Given	Tom W. Matchett
Gluth	Cynthia Gluth
Godson	Gayle E. "Liz" Philip
Goff	Debbie Behling
Golden	Mardeena K. Gordon
Gongawere	Laurel Cull
Goodman	Clarisa Carroll
Goodwin	Kyla Bayang
Gough	Diane Rausch
Granath	Kyla Bayang
Greathouse	Clarisa Carroll
Green	Nancy Allen, Liv Taylor-Harris
Griffith	Cindy Ehrig
Grubbs	Connie Kimmey
Grundy	Charles E. "Chuck" Philip
Haddon	Bertie Morgan
Hairston	Sandra Anders
Halate	Sandra Anders
Hales	Mardeena K. Gordon

Hamner	Neal T. Scott
Haney	Jenny A. Sharrer
Happes	Laurel Cull
Harrison	Mary Beth Davis
Hatfield	Connie Kimmey
Haverstick	Tina Johnson
Hawkins	Kyal Bayang, Cindy Ehrig, Jeanie D. Smith
Havnes	Edie E. O'Brien
Hdas	Sandra Anders
Hegele	Brenda Carrington
Helvey	Jenny A. Sharrer
Hendree	Winifred McNabb
Hennington	Colleen Judd
Henry	Cindy Ehrig
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James	Jeanie D. Smith
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Lee	Daryle Watson
<i>Lewis</i>	<i>Edie E. O'Brien, Donna Sparks</i>
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Lightfoot	Clarisa Carroll
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to get the most out of G2.

In closing let me remind members that G2 is free to download and use by members only. It also only runs on a Windows machine. I encourage anyone interested in joining the G2 SIG to contact me at:

[rmames@swbell.net](mailto:rmames@swbell.net).

The next meeting is Wednesday, 17 January at 10AM via Zoom. I hope to see you there!



**Program Committee Notes:**

We're looking forward to welcoming back speaker Marian Woods at our January general program when she gives a presentation entitled "Researching Military Records and More on Fold3.com". Marian gave many helpful tips about preserving and passing along our family history research to future generations when she spoke at our September meeting. It will be interesting to see how using this tool gives insight into our

ancestors' stories.

Our remaining presentations for the program year will cover genealogy research sources such as public libraries, land records, and immigration-related files. In addition, there are opportunities to participate in upcoming trips. Keep an eye on the WHAGS Leaflets to stay up-to-date on the events taking place!

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## WHAGS January Program

### *Researching Military Records and More on Fold3.com*

**Presenter: Marian Burk Wood**



Fold3.com is a convenient gateway to 650 million military and non-military records, including naturalization documents, city directories, draft records, and muster rolls. This program will provide an overview of Fold3's wide-ranging genealogical content, demonstrate site navigation, and give research strategy examples for its documents. Attendees will also learn how to create or

expand memorial pages for ancestors who served in the military, accessible to anyone who searches on Fold3.

Don't have a subscription to Fold3? No problem. Fold3 is available from home, for free, with a Houston Public Library card. Don't miss out on learning new ways to open family history doors.

**Marian Burk Wood** is the author of the popular genealogy book *Planning a Future for Your Family's Past*, an experienced genealogy speaker, and a long-time blogger about family history at <https://ClimbingMyFamilyTree.blogspot.com>. She holds a BA from the City University of New York and an MBA from Long Island University in New York. Born in the Bronx and now transplanted to New England, Marian has been researching her family tree for 25 years, with a special interest in preserving and perpetuating family history.

**Saturday, January 20, 2023**

*Meet & greet 10:00 am*

*Program begins at 10:30 am*

If you want to join in virtually, visit our website for the link to register for the Zoom presentation: [www.whags.org](http://www.whags.org). Those joining us in person will meet at the new Steve Radack Community Center, 18650 Clay Road. Visitors are welcome!