



LINKS



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March 19th Guest Speaker



Shelley Bishop
presents



The Case of the Missing Will

James Taylor, an 1870 Illinois resident, was born in Ohio—but where and to whom? No will, probate, death record, obituary, or other record names his parents. This case study illustrates how indirect evidence drawn from extensive research in a variety of sources was analyzed and correlated to identify his father and long-deceased mother, as well as locate his place of birth.

DON'T DELAY!

Mail in your Reservation Today!

Reservations for the SBGS luncheon meetings must be in **12 DAYS** prior to the luncheon. March reservations must be received in the PO Box by

Thursday - March 7th!

Allow 4-5 days for mailing!



March Menu

Bangers & Mash

(Sausage & Mashed Potatoes)
Peas & Pearl Onions



OR



Baked Stuffed Shells

w/ Marinara Sauce
Peas & Pearl Onions

Meals include:

Salad, Coffee & Tea
(hot/iced) and Dessert

Any questions, call Vicki:
864-607-1330

TECHNOLOGY

Genealogy Tech Forum

Monday ~ March 4th ~ via Zoom

10:30am to 12:00 noon

To join in, use this link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81595645438?pwd=amtXVkh0VEJYUUh4aFBQUjhxRVZjdj09>

Meeting ID: 815 9564 5438

Passcode: 676002

Topic: DNA Painter and Leeds Method

Please log in a few minutes before start time



Introducing our Guest Speaker

Shelley Bishop is a professional genealogical researcher, writer, and speaker with a passion for finding and preserving the stories of our ancestors. She is a frequent contributor to Family Tree Magazine, NGS Magazine, and other publications. Shelley speaks regularly at genealogical conferences, seminars, and meetings.

After researching her own family for many years, Shelley completed the ProGen Study Group program in 2011 and began accepting research clients in 2012. As the owner of Buckeye Family Trees, she specializes in Ohio research. She continually hones her skills through courses in genealogical methods, records, and writing with institute courses at SLIG, GRIP, and IGHR. She serves as President of the Great Lakes Chapter of the Association for Professional Genealogists.



Next meeting March 19th ~ United Methodist Church ~SCC ~ Lunch noon ~ Program 1:00pm



PAY IN ADVANCE

Sign Up for Next Month's Reservation



You may want to try our "Pay in Advance" plan so you won't miss the next luncheon meeting because you forgot to mail in your reservation. We hope this will help and you won't miss any of the luncheon meetings. So don't forget your check book!



When you arrive for the current month's luncheon meeting, you can pay for the next month's luncheon and select your meal. This will alleviate these problems:

- Forgetting to mail your check in time
- Being too late to mail your check and reservation
- Missing the luncheon because the deadline has passed
- Plus you'll save an envelope and stamp (now 66¢)

*Make your
Reservation*

Reminder: Checks for the current luncheon are not deposited upon receipt. Sometimes it may be a couple of weeks or so until they are deposited.

April 16th Luncheon

Meatloaf & Mashed Potatoes or Pasta Primavera



Guest Speaker Debbie Smyth

presents

Befuddled by the Records



Search Tips by Record Type

(continued from Feb LINKS)

CITY DIRECTORIES



Sometimes first names are abbreviated, so search on just a last name. These also are often indexed with OCR software, and poor text quality can cause names to be garbled in the searchable index. As with books, a search might return first and last names on different lines. Fortunately it's easy to browse the alphabetical listings for the name you need. A name with a prefix such as Mac might be listed alphabetically or at the beginning of the M section; check both places. Also beware that many people in a city directory share the same name.

Family Tree Magazine Newsletter 23 Nov 2021
Stay tuned for more Search Tips in the April LINKS



Research Tip



Is the website you discovered
in a foreign language?
Use Google Translate
<https://translate.google.com/>
to translate the webpage.



Murphy's Law of Genealogy

The 37 volume, 16,000
page history of your
county of origin is
not indexed.



Come to the luncheon meeting
a bit early and enjoy the

Round Table Discussion

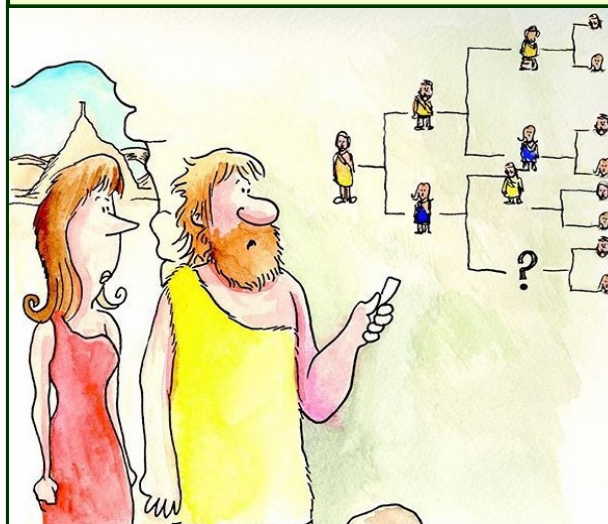
It convenes at 10:30am in the LEC auditorium at the United Methodist Church - SCC. Bring your questions and the "group" may be able to help you find the answers. If you have not attended this SBGS "EXTRA" give it a try and join the group.

The 2023 – 2024 Officers South Bay Genealogical Society

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(area code 813 except noted)

GENEALOGY FUNNIES



It's like there's a missing link somewhere!



GRANDMA'S CURES RUST



Forget those expensive rust removers. Just saturate an abrasive sponge with Coca Cola and scrub the rust stain. The phosphoric acid in the coke is what gets the job done.

POIGNANT TOMBSTONE



Johnny N. Morehouse
1855 – 14 Aug 1860
Woodland Cemetery – Dayton OH

The Legend of Johnny's Grave

Five year old Johnny lived with his parents along the Miami & Erie canal. While playing, he fell into the canal. His dog repeatedly tried to save him but to no avail, and Johnny drowned. His dog refused to leave his grave. Stories tell that the ghost of Johnny and his dog are seen playing at the cemetery and that a dog's playful bark can be heard at night.



Surnames and Spelling

Surnames

Does spelling count? In a word: no. Be prepared for lots of spelling variations in American records as well as records from the country of origin. Illiteracy was high and spelling didn't seem to matter much—the sound was what was important. If you're researching the name Dickinson, for example, you'll also want to check variants such as Dickerson, Dickason and Dickison.

mispelling



Understanding the Soundex System

SOUNDEX Thankfully in the 1930s, the US government introduced a system for coding surnames from census records based on sounds, appropriately called Soundex. It assigned a numerical code for consonants and disregarded vowels. Consonants that had similar sounds were grouped together.

NAMES

Many sites offer an online Soundex calculator, and so do many of the newer genealogy software packages. Most of the online ancestor searches also offer a Soundex search option.

Ancestor

Understanding Soundex can save you hours of frustration and keep you from missing ancestors simply because of spelling variations.

The Editors of Family Tree Magazine
Newsletter - 4 Aug 2021



TAKE A BREAK Bellwethers of Trouble



When something seems to have gone very wrong in your family tree, relax and take a break. Note down where you think the problem is, but don't do anything about it right then. Sometimes you look at information when you're tired or stressed and conclude you've made a terrible mistake. I have even known people who have deleted substantial portions of their trees based on this conclusion. Unfortunately, they sometimes later realize that the information was correct after all or that the errors they discovered could have been easily remedied. If you do decide that you need to "redo" large sections of your family tree, always save a copy of the original version - just in case!



Sue Lisk, Genealogy Research Tips
& More Vol 10 #15 - 18 Aug 2023

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Is there anything inappropriate about doing a
happy dance for death certificates?
If so, I am SO evil..

Tips for Finding Female Ancestors

(continued from Feb LINKS)



Find an Obituary

Admittedly, these can be more difficult to locate in the earlier days of our history, but they are invaluable when you find one! Sometimes you'll get lucky and the obituary will note her maiden name. But even if it doesn't, look out for the names of surviving brothers. An example from my own family tree: my third great-grandmother was a German immigrant to Indiana. She was born in 1822 and had been married twice – first to my ancestor, Christian Kramer, who she had married back in Germany, and second, to a man named Friedrich Schroeder. I was now in search of her maiden name and her obituary provided the needed clue. Tucked away at the end was a note that "[t]wo brothers also survive her, Messrs. D. and William Brandt of Malcolm, Neb[raska]." This example also provides another piece of cautionary advice: look for more than one obituary. In this case, the family had published the death notice in two separate papers. The first one I found contained no mention of these brothers. It was only when I found the second that I was able to solve the mystery.



Read County Histories

These books were popular in the 1880s and 1890s, and often include biographical sections on early or prominent citizens of that county, even reaching back decades. Since the information in them was generally gained by interviewing family members or neighbors, it is seldom that they don't include mention of the wife's maiden name, father, or brothers. Example: I have used these to discover an ancestor's first wife who died young and did not appear on any censuses or in the marriage index with him. Without that county history, I may not have known about her existence.



(conclusion for Finding Female Ancestors on page 6)



TIPS TO GET ORGANIZED

Keep a Notebook by Your Computer

Jot down websites to revisit, news to remember and any tidbit you'd otherwise write on a scrap of paper. Another option: Copy and paste web-page text and URLs into a running Word document. (Just take care to identify the website name or page title in case the address changes.)

Dana McCullough – Family Tree Magazine Newsletter – 6 Jun 2020



THE SWAP TABLE

Members can donate, share & swap genealogy materials. It's free! If you have books, magazines or newsletters you no longer want, bring them to the next meeting for the swap table.



IMMIGRATION

(continued from Feb LINKS)

Passenger Arrival Lists



Passenger records from 1820 through 1954 are now with the National Archives and Records Administration, where they've been microfilmed. (The few extant pre-1820 lists are generally in state archives where the port was located.)

Digitized manifests are on subscription site www.ancestry.com and the free at <https://www.familysearch.org/> Ellis Island manifests are accessible free online. <https://heritage.statueofliberty.org/>



Some manifests were preprinted with the name of the port of arrival, but most provided a blank for the port to be written.



The ship's captain or master filled in the departure port (i.e., Liverpool, Cherbourg, Bremen, etc) and signed the manifest to attest to its accuracy.

Search for the ship's name, i.e., the S. S. Michigan, to find images of it, illuminating the experience of these passengers.

The date of the captain's sworn statement, on passenger lists, is typically the date your ancestor's ship arrived in the United States.

The list of passengers' names may have been created as tickets were purchased, or after the ship left the departure port. The ship's purser listed single men first, followed by single women, then families. You also might see names grouped by cabin class (such as first class and steerage).



Forms asked for the age in years and months, but months were usually omitted.



(conclusion of Passenger Lists on page 6)



ADDICTED TO GENEALOGY

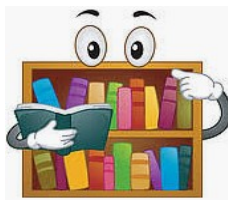
So I told him "I just have to check for one more census record. I'll be ready to go in 10 minutes." Ha Ha Ha and he believed me!



ON THE BOOKSHELF

Black Death at the Golden Gate: The Race To Save America from the Bubonic Plague

by David K. Randall



In ***Black Death at the Golden Gate: The Race to Save America from the Bubonic Plague***, author David K. Randall recounts a little-known chapter in American history. Bubonic plague reached the U.S. mainland for the first time in 1900 through the port of San Francisco, at the time the busiest port on the west coast. The first recognized cases occurred in the Chinatown section of the city, enflaming already tense relations between the Chinese and other residents. This was the era of the Chinese Exclusion Act and other laws designed to ban Asian immigrants from entering the county, deny them citizenship, and exclude them from many of the rights that most other immigrant groups were granted.

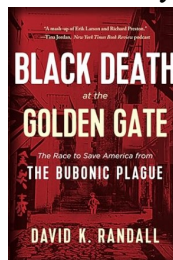


At the turn of the 20th century, many health professionals still distrusted the newfangled science of bacteriology and the idea that unseen germs were the cause of illnesses such as the plague. The theory that fleas spread by rats were the source of the infection had only been put forth a few years previously, and had never been tested in a full-scale outbreak. Thanks to the pioneering efforts of two doctors from the Marine Hospital Service, the precursor to the U.S. Public Health Service, the epidemic was contained and nearly eradicated before it had a chance to spread across the country.

However, it did not come without a cost. Racial prejudice, political agendas, and rivalries among the medical professionals aggravated the situation and led to many suffering the horrible effects of the plague without medical assistance and large-scale destruction of property. The fear, distrust, and desire to place blame amid a health crisis shows uncanny parallels to the world today despite the many advances in healthcare and science in the intervening 120 years. Randall's book is a fascinating look at a time when modern medicine, as we know it today, was just beginning to develop and be accepted by the medical community.



Courtesy of Karen Fortin



**Need
Help?**

Research Assistance Day - March 14th

South Shore Regional Library - 10am-2pm

If you are interested in attending, please e-mail your name & phone # to: southbaygs@gmail.com



Have you searched the Digital Public Library of America?

DPLA (<https://dp.la/>) is a collaborative website where you can access digitized content from repositories across the United States. Digitized content includes photos, maps, documents, and books. Search by a location, occupation, religion or other keyword. Once you find the items you are interested in, DPLA will lead you to the appropriate archive, library, or museum with that item where you can learn more and be able to download the image.

Gena Philibert-Ortega Internet Genealogy Newsletter,
Research Tips & More, Vol 10 #17, 6 Oct 2023



Funny Genealogy Quips

Wife researching husband's family turns to him and says: "Never mind the children, do you know where your second great-grandparents are tonight?"

**HA!
HA!
HA!**



Fresh Eyes on the Prize

Hit a wall with your research? Stuck and not sure what to try next? Think you have seen all the available resources? Just when you think there's nothing left to do and you've reached the end of the road, here's something to try. Get some fresh eyes on the prize!



Having someone else, with different research techniques and impartial perspective, review your research and check the possible resources, may just be the difference between a line of inquiry remaining inactive and another chance to jumpstart your research. But who can you ask to help?

HELP!

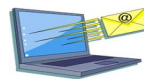
Some genealogical societies, family history groups or online websites may have someone who specializes in queries and requests, and would likely be willing enough, curious enough, or knowledgeable enough to offer assistance. It shouldn't be too difficult to find someone, or several someones, to look at your research roadblock with fresh eyes, and hopefully find some way to get you back on the genealogical research freeway once again.

Robbie Gorr, Internet
Genealogy Research Tips &
More! Vol 10 #2 26 Jan 2023



Whenever you change your address, phone, or e-mail, please notify SBGS at:

southbaygs@gmail.com



These are family histories for surnames and descendants that Director Mike Young has received from South Shore Regional Library and the Family Search Center in Valrico. If you have any interest in these, please contact SBGS Director Mike Young at (813) 922-4270.

NOTE: These surname histories will only be available through May and will then be purged.

DRIVER Early settlers (1630) of Lynn, Mass.

NICKLE John and James County Tyrone, Ireland 1720

MELHUISE Devon County England

ELLINGTON Clark County, Kentucky 1750

ROGERS, Samuel Cooper 1848 Ontario, Canada

KING, Thomas 1848 North Carolina

CASADA family

WRIGHT, Seymour

PADGETT, William 1805 South Carolina

SCARBOROUGH/ SCARBERRY family

TILTON ENGLAND

VAN NESS — Delamater New Jersey

SHINN FROM ENGLAND

DUBOIS FROM FRANCE

TILTON – LUNT MASS.

LIPPINCOTT – THORNE ENGLAND

TITUS EARLY SETTLERS OF LONG ISLAND NY

PRATT – CATON – LAWSON ENGLAND NY NJ

CONOVER – VAN COWENHOVEN NETHERLANDS LONG ISLAND NY

VAN ZANDT

DRAKE FROM NEW HAMPSHIRE

THOMSON OF MASS.

PANCOAST ENGLAND

FRAZER – OWEN – CASTER

HOWELL OF NEW JERSEY

BRYAN – AULLS

HENDRICKSON

VAN CLEEF

HILLES FAMILY OF DELAWARE

THROCKMORTON

STILLMAN OF NEW JERSEY

LARZELERE

CRESSON – DE LA PLAINE – DEMAREST OF STATEN ISLAND NY

ATRIN FAMILY OF NEW JERSEY

PANCOAST QUAKER FAMILY OF NEW JERSEY FROM ENGLAND

BURKE FAMILY OF ENGLAND

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Reservation for March 19, 2024, SBGS Luncheon at United Methodist Church - SCC

Lunch starts at 12 noon in the LEC auditorium followed by Speaker's Program at 1pm

Please reserve luncheon(s) for: _____

Meal choice: Bangers & Mash _____ Vegetarian: Stuffed Shells _____

_____ A check for **\$18.00** per meal is enclosed. Please note lunch choice on your check memo space.

Mail this reservation slip, along with your check payable to South Bay Genealogical Society, to:

South Bay Genealogical Society - PO Box 5202 - Sun City Center FL 33571

Reservations must be RECEIVED in PO BOX by March 7th - Late reservations cannot be accepted