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### Guest Speaker – April 16<sup>th</sup>



#### **Debbie Smyth** presents



#### Befuddled by the Records

If something in a record seems "off" or is confusing or conflicts with known information, do you still accept it at face value? Or, do you conduct additional research to confirm or verify the information it contains? Sometimes, the records will lead you astray with incomplete or erroneous information. This presentation will present several case studies to demonstrate those

times you may be befuddled by the records.

#### Introducing Our Guest Speaker

Debbie Wilson Smyth has been researching her family since 1993, and holds a Certificate in Genealogical Research from Boston University. She is the owner of Oak Trails Genealogy Services which provides professional genealogical services in research, education, and consultation. Debbie's research focuses on midwestern and southern states, methodology, lineage society applications, and DNA. She is Past President of the Suncoast Genealogy Society and serves on its Board of Directors, as well as a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, and a number of national, state, and local societies.



#### **Mail Your Reservation Today!**

Reservations for the SBGS luncheon meetings need to be received **12 DAYS** prior to the luncheon. April reservations must be received in the PO Box by Thursday, April 4th.

Allow 4-5 days for mailing!













#### Meatloaf

Mashed Potatoes & Gravy and Veggie

OR

#### Pasta Primavera

Meals include: Salad. Coffee & Tea (hot/iced) & Dessert

Any questions, call Vicki 360-608-1647



### **Genealogy Tech Forum**



will be meeting via Zoom Monday - April 1st 10:30 to 12:00 noon To join in, use this link:



https://us06web.zoom.us/i/81595645438?pwd=amtX VkhoVEJYUEh4aFBQUihxRVZidz09

Meeting ID: 815 9564 5438 Passcode: 676002







**Bring Your Genealogy Questions to the GTF** 

Please log in a few minutes before start time



As we near our elections for the 2024-2025 season, it's time for you to decide to support your SBGS board. This is not the time to let someone else do it...it is time for you to step up and help! No special skills are needed. You can have a direct impact on the programs

and decisions about the future of our society.

Some board members are fulfilling more than one position, and we need to fill the VP position and possibly Assistant Program Director. We also want to fill two other director at large positions. SBGS needs your help!

Dru Thomas is the nominating chairperson and can be reached at (813) 634-9513 or email at:



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Please consider serving on the Board!

#### The 2023 - 2024 Officers South Bay Genealogical Society

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#### **IMMIGRATION**



Q: My great-grandfather came to the United States through New York in 1849. If

Castle Garden didn't open until 1855, where would he have arrived, and are records available?



A: In 1819, customs collectors began working the various docks in the port of New York, collecting information on arriving ships, passengers and ports of origin. The impetus to establish a central processing point, which became Castle Garden and later Ellis Island, came from a state commission's finding in 1847 that arriving passengers frequently fell victim to fraud and crime. Boardinghouses would hire "runners" to steal luggage and even snatch children to force immigrants to go to their lodgings, where they would overcharge them and assess fraudulent fees. In 1848, New York State leased a pier at the end of Hubert Street in lower Manhattan to use as a processing site. Complaints from neighbors forced a move south to Castle Clinton, where Castle

Answer provided by David Fryxell, Family Tree Magazine Newsletter 28 Aug 2021

Garden was opened in 1855.



Vital

Records



#### Search Tips by Record Type

(continued from March LINKS)

#### **Immigration Records**

You can search passenger lists and other immigration records by criteria including the passenger's name and year of birth, the ship's name and the date of arrival. Try using a range for the date, and entering a place of origin or nationality in the keyword field. Just as for censuses, look for an immigration records search form so you can take advantage of customized options. Note that your ancestor will appear under the name he or she used before immigrating, and women may have immigrated under their maiden names.



#### Vital Records

Counties didn't always comply with state rules about recording vital events. The site's information about the database should provide details about any record gaps. Search for a date range, as the dates you've found in other records may be off. When you can't find a child's birth, try leaving the name blank and entering the parents' names in the fields for family members. If you find a match in a vital records index, see if the site has a separate database with original records or use the information to request the record from the state archives or vital records office.

Family Tree Magazine Newsletter 23 Nov 2021

### ON THE BOOKSHELF

# Lewis W. Hine: Children at Work by Vicki Goldberg



Unless they were from an affluent family, most of our ancestors worked as children, often on the family farm. With the rise of industrialization and the movement of people from rural areas into the growing cities, children were still often required to work to help support the family, but the nature of the work changed drastically. Whether it was in factories, mines, canneries, in fields, in tenement apartments, or on the streets, few if any

fields, in tenement apartments, or on the streets, few if any allowances were made by the owners of the businesses for the physical safety or wellbeing of their child workers.

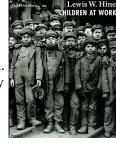


By the early 1900s, attitudes regarding the appalling and often dangerous conditions in which these children worked were beginning to change and social reformers sought to regulate child labor for the protection of the children. When written reports failed to generate a significant outcry among the public, they turned to photography to shine a glaring light on child labor conditions that no one could dispute. One of the foremost photographers in this effort was Lewis W. Hine on behalf of the National Child Labor Committee.

In the book *Lewis W. Hine: Children at Work*, Vicki Goldberg presents some of Hine's most iconic images and an essay about Hine, child labor in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, and the use of photography to bring the plight of these children to public attention. The book is heavily illustrated with Hine's photos showing children in various industries and provides the captions that Hine himself wrote to provide details, such as an image of a young newsboy poised on the steps of a streetcar that reads, "Francis Lance, 5 years old, 41 inches high. He jumps on and off moving cars at risk of life. St. Louis, Mo., May 1910."

Although change was slow in coming and often did not go as far as some reformers hoped, the work of Hine and others like him helped to bring about new laws and shifts in attitudes that led to bans on children under certain ages working and an increased emphasis on childhood education. Hine's work helped to prove the adage that a picture is truly worth a thousand words.

Article courtesy of Karen Fortin



## **KHYW**



The word golf does not mean "Gentleman Only, Ladies Forbidden". This is an internet myth. It is thought the word golf comes from the Dutch word "kolf" or "kolve", meaning "club". Historians believe this was passed on to the Scottish, whose own dialect changed this to "golve," "gowl" or "gouf". By the 16<sup>th</sup> century, this had evolved into the word we know today.

### **Good Advice for Genealogists**

Your children may not thank you, but if you preserve the family genealogy, your great great great great descendants will remember you as super-great!

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

Whenever you change your address, phone, or e-mail, don't forget to notify SBGS at:

#### southbaygs@gmail.com









### Research Tip!

Visit the state archives website for each state where you've discovered family living or migrating through. Remember that some archives also collect materials related to "feeder" states (where settlers originated) or "destination" states (where settlers traveled to).

#### Restore That Browser Tab

Have you ever been working on your computer and had multiple browser windows open and then you absentmindedly close a browser tab? I know when I do that, it's always the tab with the information I have to have for the project I'm working on. I've done this more times than I'd like to admit to, but there is a solution. To bring back a browser tab use CTRL + Shift + T and that will bring back the last closed browser tab.

To learn other ways to restore a browser tab in Chrome, Firefox, Opera, Internet Explorer, and Microsoft Edge, see the article at How-To Geek www.howtogeek.com/125010/restore-recently-closed-tabs-in-chrome-firefox-opera-internet-explorer-9-and-safari/

By Gena Philibert-Ortega, Internet Genealogy and Your Genealogy Today Newsletter - Research Tips & More Vol 7 #6 - 30 Jan 2020



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" could help you find the answers. If you have not attended this SBGS "EXTRA" give it a try and join the group.

# DNA RESEARCH Behind the Scenes Before Testing the Genes

Recent years have seen an explosion of DNA-themed genealogical databases with millions of folks having submitted saliva to the likes of AncestryDNA, 23andMe, MyHeritage DNA, etc. Many of these multitudes were perplexed as they received their reports and struggled to interpret the estimates of ethnicity, predicted countries of ancestral origin, and information on varying degrees of cousinship matches. If parents and/or siblings also tested, the confusion (and frustration) likely grew when percentages mightn't have neatly conformed as results were compared. A little homework beforehand pays off when applying DNA test results to genealogy. Adoptee researchers may not be able, but when otherwise possible, educate yourself about your roots through some old-fashioned sleuthing. Talk to family elders, try building a verifiable 4generation pedigree chart, and seek clues on immigrant ancestry. It also helps to learn a few basic facts about DNA inheritance patterns and statistics. With this type of information, the test results will undoubtedly be more understandable - and ultimately, very useful in sorting out the relationships and geography. Harmonize your genealogical and genetic research. 

By Joe Grandinetti, Internet Genealogy and Your Genealogy Today Newsletter Research Tips & More! Vol 8 #6 - 4 Feb 2021





#### 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 meetings. So don't forget to bring 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 & reservation
- Missing the luncheon because deadline passed
- Plus you'll save a stamp (now 66¢) & envelope

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



#### May 21<sup>st</sup> Luncheon

Lasagna OR Vegetarian Lasagna





The 10 Most Common Mistakes We Make in Our Family Research



#### **APPRENTICES**



There was a time when many business people would learn their trade via an apprenticeship. Clues about apprenticeships can often be found in census records. There is no central repository of apprentice records, but there are both online and published lists available with a little searching. Google is a good place to start, as is asking a genealogy librarian. The documents often list the name of the father of the apprentice, as well as where they live. There might be an added bonus. If the master had a daughter of the right age, the apprentice might finish with a wife as well as a trade.

By Ed Storey, Internet Genealogy and Your Genealogy Today Newsletter Research Tips & More! Vol 7 #13 - 7 May 2020

#### The Swap Table

Members can donate, share and swap genealogy materials.
And it's all free! If you have anything genealogy, like books, magazines or newsletters you no longer want, bring them to the next meeting for the swap table.

#### CONTACTS

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#### A Child's Poignant Tombstone



Noelle Elizabeth Braun 2 Oct 2000 - 29 Nov 2004 Kerr Cemetery - Symmes Township OH



#### AND Handling Family **Stories & Myths**



Be prepared to relinquish long-held family stories and myths. Frequently our research reinforces what we had been passed down in our family. It's not unusual that some of the details might differ a bit (a name, date or place) and yet, for the most part, hold together pretty well when correlated with family lore. Sometimes we learn new information that fills in gaps in what we knew. For example, sometimes we find that an ancestor had been imprisoned, hospitalized, or otherwise incarcerated. It changes the story a bit and not fundamentally. And sometimes, there is more than enough evidence to "convince" others that we may have been pursuing the wrong person or family. It can be very hard when "new" data emerges that contradicts a long-held belief. It is the correct thing to do. Most of us do have fantasy elements in our lives and let's not have our ancestors be one of those elements. Our correct answers deserve the recognition that may so long have eluded them.

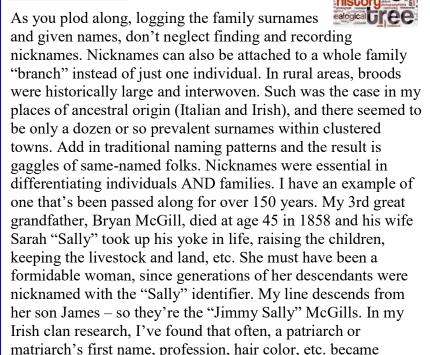
By Diane Richard, Internet Genealogy/Your Genealogy Today Newsletter Research Tips & More! Vol 7 #24 - 15 Oct 2020



"GENEALOGY IS LIKE **DOING A JIGSAW** PUZZLE WITHOUT THE BOX TOP."

Deanna Patton

### **Marie** Nicknames

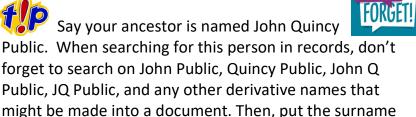


Joe Grandinetti, Internet Genealogy and Your Genealogy Today Newsletter - Research Tips & More! Vol 7 #12, 23 Apr 2020

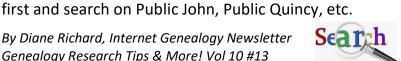
#### Don't Forget to Try Different Ways a Name Might Have Been Included as You Search

imprinted on their progeny. The nicknames were also often inserted into tax/land/court documents (as well

as gossip) to avoid misidentification, and slander!



By Diane Richard, Internet Genealogy Newsletter Genealogy Research Tips & More! Vol 10 #13



#### TIPS TO GET ORGANIZED



Court

Records

#### Keep a Separate Log to Track Online Research

Anytime you search for an ancestor in an online database, enter the date, the website address, the database name, ancestors you searched for and information you found. This will save you from repeating searches and remind you when it's time to go back for another look.

Diane Haddad - Family Tree Magazine Newsletter - 6 Jun 2020

### Finding Burials



Can't find your ancestor's burial? It happens. And to be honest there will be times when you may never find the burial. Why? Not everyone is buried in a marked grave and some people are not identified when they die and are buried as a "John or Jane Doe." There are other reasons as well including:

Family Farm Burial Some people were buried on their own land. Families took care of the family cemetery. As our population became more mobile and as markers made of wood were not taken care of, these graves and their location began to disappear. There may be few clues that family land included a grave or a cemetery.

**Commercialism** As our society grows and becomes more and more commercialized, family graveyards are paved over by commercial enterprises. Although, most states make it illegal to desecrate burial grounds, it does happen. Cemeteries also can end up underwater when areas are submerged or flooded, or gravestones can be removed and the land repurposed as a park or other building project.

Endowment Care Endowment care was not always a priority in cemeteries. You may find evidence from a death certificate that a family member is buried at a particular cemetery only to find out that the cemetery lacks records for that burial. Records burn, gravestones are stolen or even destroyed.

Lost, Stolen or Destroyed Gravestones Metal markers stolen for their monetary value. Tombstones stolen and used for decoration or as a prank. Even if a grave was marked, it doesn't mean that marker survived over time.



If available, check the death certificate for information about the burial. In cases where the cemetery still exists and has an office with records, contact the staff. A newspaper search can also help you identify a cemetery's history.

By Gena Philibert-Ortega, Internet Genealogy and Your Genealogy Today Newsletter Research Tips & More! Vol 7 #13 - 7 May 2020

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#### **Double Check the Foundation**

I've lived in a house that's wonderfully solid, except for the floor, the ceiling and the walls. Fortunately, when you first begin to construct a family tree, you need be concerned mainly with the foundation, or the roots underfoot, to make sure you're starting on solid ground. Unfortunately, many novice genealogists rush ahead to investigate without devoting much attention to the current generation. But they do so at their peril. Make sure to go back and check those

early entries in your tree to make sure they're well researched. Otherwise, you might have to watch out for falling branches.

Sue Lisk - Internet Genealogy Newsletter Research Tips & More! Vol 9 #21 - 20 Oct 2022





# GRANDMA'S CURES Balm for Broken Blisters

To disinfect a broken blister, dab on a few drops of Listerine, a powerful antiseptic.



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#### **Genealogy Website Search Strategies**

#### **Use Non-exact Searches**

Genealogy research involves a lot of guesswork. What your family has told you about an ancestor may be wrong. Historical records often have misspelled names, incorrect birthplaces and inconsistent dates. In addition, humans or optical character recognition (OCR) software may make mistakes when transcribing records' information into the index you search. Your ancestor's name could have been recorded in an unexpected way or transcribed wrong.

Genealogy websites try to account for all these opportunities for error with "fuzzy" searching—looking for similar names to what you typed, dates around what you typed, and some search terms that match closely (even though others don't).

#### Run an Advanced Search

Using an advanced search form, if available, gives you more control over the fuzziness: You can designate certain terms as "exact," specify how closely names in your search results must match what you typed, and search with date ranges. Another way to control fuzziness is to search a specific collection or even a single database, which cuts down on the overall number of matches you have to go through, especially those from collections you're not interested in.

Most advanced searches let you specify names and dates as exact, so you only see records containing precisely what you typed. Use this option judiciously, especially for a death date. Most records were created during your ancestor's life, and lack a death date.

By Rick Crume, Family Tree Magazine Newsletter–23 Nov 2021



Stay tuned for conclusion in the May LINKS

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

**MELHUISH** 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** 

WYKOFF - CLASEAN

Reservation for APRIL 16, 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: Meatloaf A check for <b>\$18.00</b> per meal	Vegetarian: Pasta Primaverais enclosed. Please note lunch choice on your check memo space.
	with your check payable to South Bay Genealogical Society, to: al Society - PO Box 5202 - Sun City Center FL 33571

Reservations must be RECEIVED in the PO Box by April 4 - Late reservations cannot be accepted