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Connections

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GENCOM

April 25 Meeting

2:00 Sunday Afternoon Hamilton Library

Don Davis presents

*The History of the Tombstone
and
Interpreting Gravestone Symbols*



St Mary Parish Church
Great Bradley

Also,



A Special Power Point presentation of the Washington Memorials that Don made last year during the Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington, D.C.

Clifton Cardin's Irish Research Tips

IRISH RESEARCH

We are six hours behind Ireland

If it's 6 am (morning) here, it's 12 pm (noon) there.

SUBMISSION FORMS

<http://www.genrecords.org/irfiles/>

GENEALOGY PROJECT ARCHIVES

<http://www.igp-web.com/IGPArchives/>

ORDERING BIRTH/DEATH/MARRIAGE RECORDS

[http://www.birthsdeaths marriages.ie./](http://www.birthsdeaths marriages.ie/)

DUBLIN IRELAND

<http://www.dublinheritage.ie/>

COUNTY MEATH

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~irlmea2/>

CENSUS RECORDS

<http://www.censusfinder.com/irish-census-records2.htm>

Includes excellent "Griffiths' Valuation"

"FREE" DEATH RECORDS

http://ancestorsatrest.com/ireland_genealogy.shtml

IRISH TIMES NEWSPAPER INDEX

<http://www.irishtimes.com/ancestor/>

KELLS HERITAGE CENTER

<http://community.meath.ie/kellsheritagecentre/>

REDIRECTS TO:

<http://community.meath.ie/cot/>

GRAVE INSCRIPTIONS

<https://www.irish-world.com/gravestones/index.cfm>

ANGLICAN CHURCH RESEARCH

library@ireland.anglican.org

"Yes the marriage entry will hold details of the couple married, age, place of abode, occupation, and the father's name and occupation of both bride and groom. Please make a cheque payable to the Representative Church Body, as we don't have credit card facilities. Dr. Susan Hood, Church of Ireland RCB Library."

Scenes from the March Meeting at Auds Library
Further coverage on our website; <http://www.gencompla.org>



Clif Cardin very graciously responded to many questions on Early Bossier Parish —after his talk!



Anna Vaughn Bernie Conradi, Jeanice Vaughn, Shirley Huss, Doug Vaughn, Joy Stephenson Chris Stoll, Thelma Windham



Jim Johnson, Glenda Bernard



Don Davis



Jim Jones and Charles Byrd

WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE? — THE AFTERMATH

Patricia Minton Bettis

As the world knows at this point, after four episodes of *Who Do You Think you Are?* have been aired...Genealogical Research is the hot topic of the day!

Libraries are packed, professional genealogists besieged with requests for their services, beginner's classes being scheduled. Family search is the topic of conversation everywhere one goes.

When it began, we at GENCOM started an opinion poll and asked members to respond with their impressions of each program. We posted them on our website and relayed the weekly messages describing upcoming programs from Susan Russo Adams of Ancestry to the WDYTYA responders.

The answers were much more varied than I would have imagined! From a few lines saying they liked it and learned of new resources-- to pages of careful analysis of the methodology used. Many felt the shows made the process look too easy; it appeared that librarians and archivists would do the research for us. More thought that the travel shown is far beyond most people's means... One man said "It would take all the fun out of it to hire someone to do my research. "It would deprive us of that thrill of victory when we finally find the object of our search and surmount the brick wall! We have all heard the shriek of excitement in a quiet library when someone sees the name of his ancestor in some old book or found a marriage record which had eluded him for 30 years or so!

There were so many different reactions it made most interesting reading.....and I was impressed with the intelligent responses expressed by our members.

After a month of total immersion in the subject—Let me give you my analysis of the situation!

WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE has made GENEALOGY fashionable!

We have all heard derisive remarks made about family historians..."*He hunts dead people*" or reference to "*The funny old Aunt who does Genealogy*" as though it is a family embarrassment to have a member who is involved with something so peculiar!

Well, now thanks to Ancestry's remarkable production----we can all come out of the closet! And revel in the new respect we are enjoying, (As we answer the new devotees questions!)

Recent update from Ancestry: WDYTYA will continue for another season!





Carolyn's Corner
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Carolyn Franklin

Here it is April. Where has this year gone?

There is so much to do, not enough days in a week or hours in a day to do them all. This month I will share some URL's that I have recently visited.

This is a great web site.

When it is time to get a new drivers license.

On this web site you can renew your license and do a lot of other things without having to leave your home and wait in that line at the DMV. Unfortunately, I was not able to use it this time because it's been 8 years since I've had a picture taken, so I'll have to have a new one taken. I will have to go to the DMV, but if it's only been 4 yrs you should be able to use this site. You'll receive a sticker to put-on the back of your driver's license making it valid again.

Check it out!

<http://www.expresslane.org/>

Need to speed up your computer?

Kim Komando has an article at this site that is easy to follow to do just that.

<http://www.komando.com/columns/index.aspx?id=8482>

This has some interesting facts attached and since I enjoyed them, I thought you might also.

THE RAT PACK--WATCH.

This show is at Kiel Opera House in St Louis, June 20, 1965.

Carson hosted.... Carson had the Tonight Show.

The Rat Pack was playing Vegas.

This is **supposed** to be the ONLY time Carson sang in public.

Quincy Jones was conducting the band, and he is visible in the background. (Conducting the Count Basie band) Check it out.

http://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=VPH0-g25VI8

Where's My Cell phone?

Ever lost your cell phone and knew it was somewhere in the house and scared it was in the garbage can? If you have a computer you can log on to:

<http://www.wheresmycellphone.com/>

Enter your number and your cell phone will ring. There is no charge but donations are welcome. Source: Woman's World Magazine

That is all for this month. Have a great spring.



Research Tips

State and County Boundary Maps

FamilyHistory101.com has many states and county formations in reference to the census.

www.familyhistory101.com/map_census.html

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New and old maps often reveal changing place names, and they may also show changes in the boundaries of nations and their subdivisions. They rarely name individual landowners or residents. In the United States, birth, death, property, and some other kinds of records are normally kept by county governments. If you can name the place where a kin lived, new or old maps of that place may also show the county seat where useful data about your kin may be obtained.



The Oklahoma Historical Society Library ^{Search} has on line and searchable the 1890 census for Oklahoma Territory and the following counties: LOGAN / OKLAHOMA / CLEVELAND / CANADIAN / KING-FISHER / PAYNE / BEAVER. Search by name at the following link: <http://www.okhistory.org/research/1890/index.php>

We extend our sympathy to

Anna Vaughn

On the death of her husband,

William Allen Vaughn

March 18, 2010



Live @ The Library
Lise Taylor



www.ipl2.org

Not your standard Genealogy website www.ipl2.org is the results of a merger between the Internet Public Library and the Librarians' Internet Index.

When you enter the home page for ipl2 start by typing genealogy into the search box, the results returned are 252 separate websites on Genealogy.

These sites cover the spectrum from the definition of genealogy from <http://genealogy.about.com/> to Rootsweb and USGenWeb, rounding out with ipl2's own guide for people trying to find their way around the genealogical world - <http://www.ipl.org/div/pf/entry/48476>.

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WHO AM I ?

There are damp foggy days, full of stress and strife,
that make me stare into my past, and force me to ask,
Who Am I? A simple country boy so my ex-wife thought.
Or the complex mixture of many ancestors.

Am I my father, who lived the great depression and fought the greatest war?
Who granted me a knowledge that neither were good,
And both should remind us from whence we came.

Am I my Mother, a patient kind woman,
with firm principles, a solid grasp of God,
Who tried to teach me the same.
And did so by being there every day.

Am I my grandfather, who I'm told, was much stronger than my memory records?
Who felled trees with a simple axe, who built homes and a country!
Or the grandmother I do not remember, who died in childbirth, passing soul to child.
Whose grave grandfather dug with his calloused bleeding hands.

Are my judgments persuaded by a southern veteran of smoke filled battles,
Who healed without regard to color of skin, or ability to pay.
Or his long journey across the great blue pond, escaping a famine.
Then died on the hurricane stricken coast of his adopted land.

How many of my actions are effected by the relative rewarded with Knighthood,
for planting the banner of the Holy Cross, during the Crusades...
And what part of me is a different ancestor, who was honorably beheaded,
instead of being hung like a common criminal.

Who am I - a complex mixture of many souls?
The answer is easier than one might imagine.
If any of them had not existed,
Had they not been born, and if they had not died,
I might not be here today,

I might not have the strength to face the day,
The knowledge to fix the problem,
Patience to stay the course,
Bravery to fight for right,
Humility to ask for help on bended knee,
Or the experience to know when.

Clifton D. Cardin, 2009

Historic Atlanta Newspapers Online



A new digital database providing online access to 14 newspaper titles published in Atlanta from 1847 to 1922 is now available through the Digital Library of Georgia, housed at The University of Georgia Libraries. The Atlanta Historic Newspapers Archive (<http://dlg.galileo.usg.edu/atlnewspapers>) contains more than 67,000 newspaper pages and provides historical images that are both full-text searchable and can be browsed by date.

The archive includes the following Atlanta newspaper titles: Atlanta Daily Examiner (1857), Atlanta Daily Herald (1873-1876), Atlanta Georgian (1906-1911), Atlanta Intelligencer (1851, 1854-1871), Atlantian (1911-1922),

Daily/Georgia Weekly Opinion (1867-1868), Gate-City Guardian (1861), Georgia Literary and Temperance Crusader (1860-1861), New Era (1869-1872), Southern Confederacy (1861-1864), Southern Miscellany, and Upper Georgia Whig (1847), Southern World (1882-1885), Sunny South (1875-1907), Weekly Constitution (1869-1882). You will note that the above list includes a lot of Civil War newspapers.

They should provide valuable information to historians, genealogists, reenactors, and many others.

The Atlanta Historic Newspapers Archive is a project of the Digital Library of Georgia as part of the Georgia HomePLACE initiative. The project is supported with federal LSTA funds administered by the Institute of Museum and Library Services through the Georgia Public Library Service, a unit of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia.pmb

The 1870 Census

American Memory has this online, along with the 1880 and 1890 statistical atlases: http://www.census.gov/history/www/programs/geography/statistical_atlases.html The link also takes you to the 2000 Census Atlas of the United States.

The 1870 census was the first statistical census of the United States. Earlier efforts focused mostly on the names and the total number of inhabitants. The 1870 census asked many more questions and those answers were tabulated to provide an interesting statistical picture of a fast-growing country that was full of immigrants.

THE RADICAL CARTOGRAPHER

54 maps and charts are available, reproduced from the Statistical Atlas of the United States as published in 1874. You can view the images on your computer screen; click on an image to see a larger version. Instructions provided to download even larger images. You can see the Statistical Atlas of the United States at <http://www.radicalcartography.net/in>

Presented here are all of the maps and charts from the first statistical atlas of the US Census, widely praised in its time and still a wonderful example of sophisticated graphics, the out-of-date racial/psychological nomenclature notwithstanding. The atlas is available page-by-page from the Library of Congress, but you can download it in bulk here:download ZIP files:

All 54 Maps and Charts as 96-dpi JPG files (55 MB) — displays at actual size..

All 54 Maps and Charts as 300dpi JPG2000 files (263 MB), identical to the files posted individually by the Library of Congress.

The Atlas also included 53 pages of scholarly discussions of the population and geography of the country. The articles are mainly of historical interest, but you can download all 53 text pages as 300dpi JPG2000 files

The President's Message



Roy Henderson



Diaries, journals, chronological lists of events, things done each day, week or month found in old calendars, scraps of paper with memos or notes, photos and family records become very important documents for family members and genealogists. Everybody will have something tucked away in obscure book shelves or in boxes of stuff. There are scraps of paper with notes or addresses, photo captions or family records so important to descendants. We all have something that we've held on to for we know not what.

Many of us have saved the yearly calendars, day books, address books, the "little black books" and vacation or trip journals. Also there are the written or recorded stories from older family members. Four generations from now, what is grandma's story will become fact. Hopefully the stories are written so that they are feelings in addition to fact. We should write down what older family members have to say and their stories. Even the sensitive issues should be noted for truth for the future is important.

We are all encouraged to put our gathered information on paper on the available forms, pedigree charts, and family group sheets. Better still type the information into the computer. It is important to record all we can and even make changes as they become necessary. Periodically assign your records to CDs, DVDs and rewritable discs. No one may ever read the many trip journals, diaries or date book entries except our selves but how nice it is to relive some of the memories, thoughts and or career events. You can rest assured that they are preserved for generations of the family that follows.

After all, what motivates us to record our genealogy, trips, events and thoughts? It is not out of boredom but a sense of mortality, a sense of recording history of family, events in our lives or the compulsive collecting of factual stories or belief that our records are important for our families of the future.

Roy Henderson

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