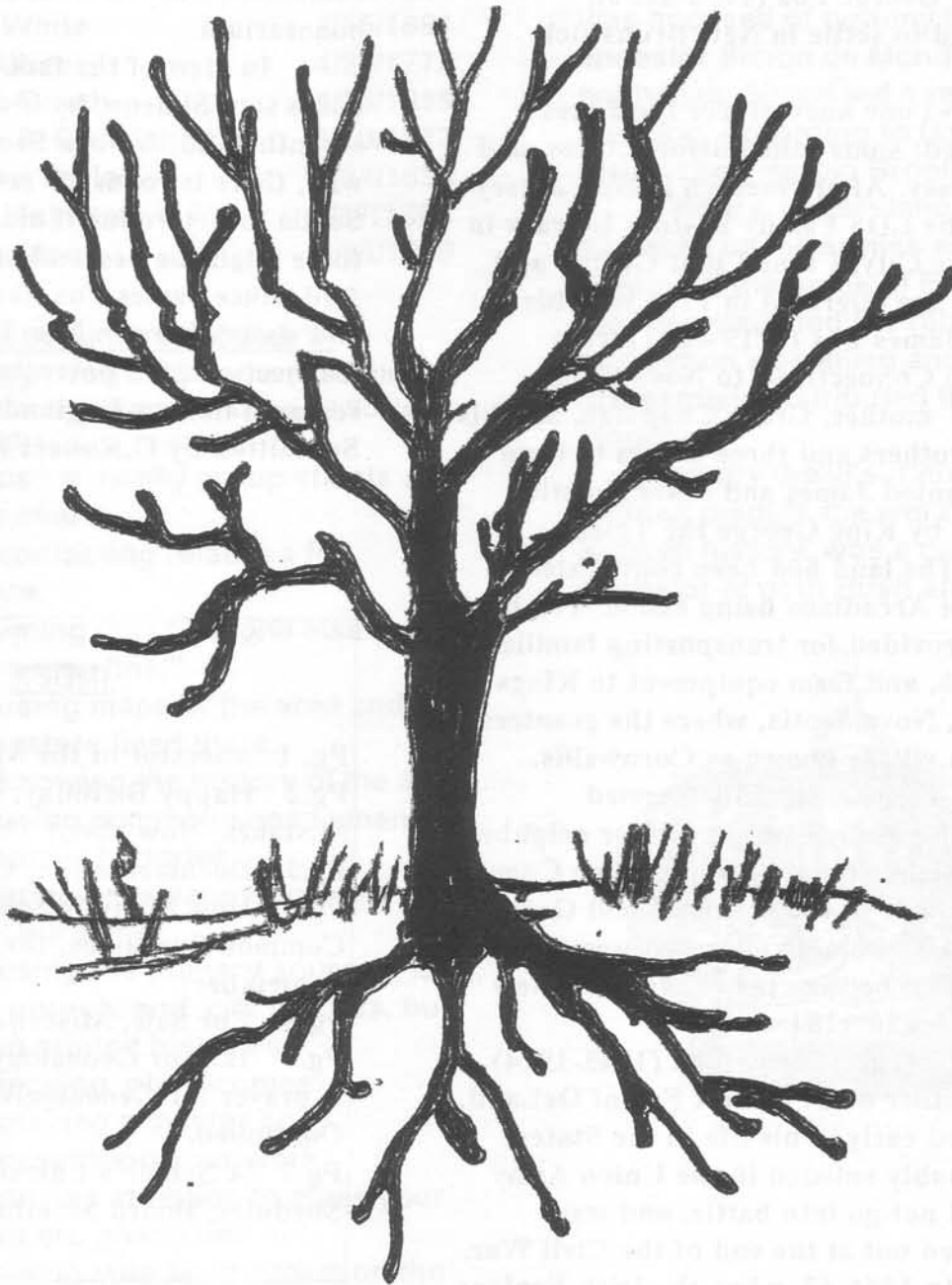

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Ancestor of the Month

A Search that led to Canada

Thirty years ago with the help of my cousin, the late Dr. Martin Garfield Fox (named by his mother for our martyred president), of Gagetown, New Brunswick I began research into how our ancestor George Fox (1756-1836), happened to settle in New Brunswick, Canada.

No one knew where the Foxes originated: some said Boston, others said New Jersey. After research in New Jersey and at the LDS Family History Library in Salt Lake City, I found that George at 8 years of age migrated in 1764 with his father, James Fox (1719-1801) from Norwich Connecticut, to Nova Scotia, with his mother, Grace Chapman, and his three brothers and three sisters to farm land granted James and other Norwich farmers by King George the Third.

The land had been confiscated from the Arcadians being exiled. The land grant provided for transporting families, livestock, and farm equipment to Kings County, Nova Scotia, where the grantees, set up a village known as Cornwallis.

George eventually married Mahetable Anaë Cone, a former neighbor in Norwich, whose father, Reuben Cone was also one of the grantees, and George Fox and Mahetable migrated west to the area which became the province of New Brunswick in 1784.

George Thomas Fox (1845-1924), grandfather of G. Robert Fox of DeLand, migrated early in his life to the States, presumably enlisted in the Union Army but did not go into battle, and was mustered out at the end of the Civil War.

In 1866-67, when the Irish Fenians from New England attempted to raid the Maritime Provinces, and take part of the area for the United States, George Fox

volunteered as a Canadian native to take up arms for Queen Victoria and to defend Canada.

No Fight ensued: the Fenians, faced with a show of might, went home, and Queen Victoria awarded the volunteers with a medal and a small honorarium.

In view of the fact that James Fox had a son, Simeon, by his first wife and a seventh child in Nova Scotia by his second wife, there is room for research in Nova Scotia to determine if most of the Foxes there might be descendants of James. And, since James Fox had eight brothers and sisters born in New London County, Connecticut, the potential for further research in New England is even greater. Submitted by G.Robert Fox.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Freeman Rigg	3/ 2/1849
David C. Fourman	3/12/1848
William Bedell	3/17/1795
Eliza Unger	3/24/1848
Benjamin Abbott	3/31/1711
Donald Gilchrist	4/ 1/1829
Sarah Green	4/ 3/1865
Thomas White	4/15/1691
Willard Albee	4/28/1773
James E. Booth	4/28/1819
Harrietta A. Cunningham	5/10/1877
Mary Jane Taylor	5/14/1838
Lucinda Maynard	5/17/1866
Johanna Olson	5/20/1858

The most common mistakes in Genealogy.(From the Searcher, published by the Southern California Genealogical Society, Burbank CA.)

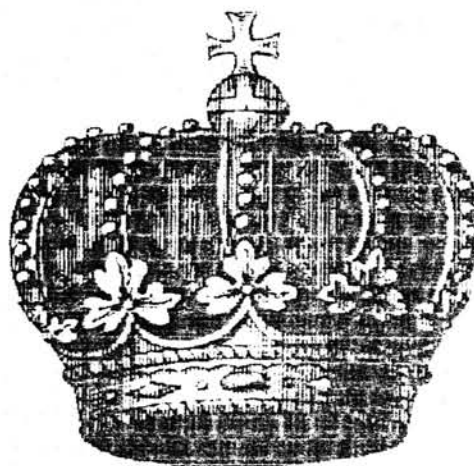
1. Not using family group sheets and pedigree charts.
2. Not contacting relatives for assistance.
3. Assuming that " No one else is working on my line."
4. Not using maps of the area and time your ancestors lived there.
5. Not knowing the history of the area.
6. Not using common sense when reading family histories.
7. Gathering information on everyone by "that" surname.
8. Not using the primary sources; land, probate, church, and city records, but relying on printed histories.
9. Not making photocopies.
10. Not making a master copy.
11. Not organizing your work.
12. Not paying attention to clues your ancestors are giving up.
13. Not using your imagination on the spelling of names.
14. Giving up.

HOW ABOUT THIS! The Southeast Alabama Genealogical Society(via the Family Tree, Moultrie, Ga. June/July 1993.) reports that the rivalry between Bill Clinton and George Bush may go back to England 600 years ago.

Bush's ancestor, King Henry III, was accused of tyranny by Clinton's ancestor Simon de Montfort, a nobleman. Simon led a revolt against the King, according to family researcher, Harold Brooks-Baker.

Henry, understandably put out, gathered up his armies and went after Simon. At the battle of Evesham in 1265, the King defeated the rebellious barons and Simon was killed and rather grotesquely distributed throughout the kingdom.

Henry the III's, father, King John, without dispute the worst King in English history, was a common ancestor of both Bush and Clinton.



Documenting

by Bergetta Monroe

This may be a different slant on documenting but I think it needs to be considered. If you are like many people who begin the genealogy route, you usually start with a family who has some information. Let's say you start with Aunt Martha and get names and dates of 200 people. After a brief trip home and hours of organizing you decide to "fill in the gaps." So you head to Cousin Jane to get more information about her branch.

As time passes and you begin to organize your work and prepare to publish your treasure, you discover you have 3 DIFFERENT dates of death for Great Grandma Jones. Here is the crucial issue. It is not for you to decide which one is correct. You have two choices - the first one is to keep digging until you find the correct one, but the second choice is also valid. Use all three dates!! That's right. It is OK in your document to say Aunt Martha said Great-Grandmama Jones died on 10 March 1888. Cousin Jane had 12 March 1888, and the newspaper article had 8 March 1888. This is documentation!

If your grand-niece or grandson continues your work, they have a very valuable tool to begin their own journey and the questions you have supplied them to be answered are obvious because you have given more than one date or stated "this is not clear" or "this needs more research."

The same is true of newspaper articles. If someone sends you a clipping without a date or newspaper name, you can only guess. Be sure you state that you don't know the source but it might be The Waupon Leader News or the Fond du Lac Commonwealth reporter.

That way the next researcher can begin at the most likely places and not waste time. Give clues if you have them but be certain you identify them as your ideas, thoughts, suppositions, etc., rather than facts. Document DOES NOT mean a certified copy. It means according to my dictionary, "to furnish with references, citations, etc. in support of statements made."

Would you like to know which dictionary I have? The Random House Dictionary of the English Language, second edition unabridged, 1983, Random House, New York, page 578. See now my definition is documented. (From the Wis. Gen. Council, Inc. Winter 1995, Vol. 9, No. 3)

PASSENGER LISTS

If the year your ancestor came to the United States is all that you know, begin your search by viewing the ships that arrived in the Spring months. This is when most immigrants traveled. Fewer came in the summer months. Second search Fall, then winter, and summer last. (From the Winona Area Genealogy Roundtable TABELTALK Vol. 39 NO.4 November 1995)

Computers

Occasionally we hear a disparaging remark about genealogists using computers made by one who does not. HUUMM interesting. When was the last time you saw a paper-and-pencil genealogist driving to a meeting in a horse and buggy? Computer genealogists know that the machine/ programs themselves create the potential for a few problems while solving some big ones. (From the Genealogical Research Institute of Virginia News & Notes Dec.1995 Vol. 1. No. 3)

HOW MANY...?

How many genealogists does it take to screw in a lightbulb?

A1. None, actually their more interested in knowing about the first bulb that occupied the socket.

A2. Two. One to screw in the bulb, the other to document the occasion for posterity.

A3. None. These new back lit screens on laptop PC's provide plenty enough light for you to see the keyboard.

SCHOOL RECORDS

School records can be a valuable source that is often overlooked by genealogists. School records could contain copies of birth certificates, medical information, passport data or family relationships. School histories could mention names of students and staff and give a social history of that place and time.

Records prior to 1850 may contain the names of siblings and parents thus providing needed information that is not available in the census records. City directories will tell you the location of the school and may give a summary about that school. This will further establish the neighborhood in which your relative lived.

School files may reveal genealogical information about the teachers as well. Newspaper articles may reveal information about school events and students. Whether your ancestors attended school for a few short months

or completed graduate school, this may be a helpful source.(St. Louis Gen. Soc. News 'N' Notes June 1995)

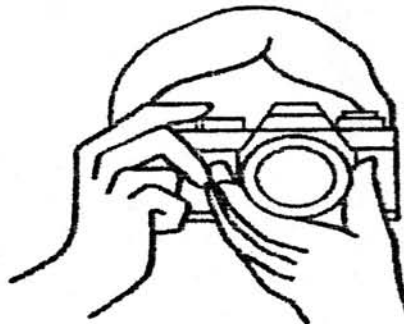
COMMON SURNAMES

The ten most common surnames in the United States are: Smith, Johnson, Williams, Brown, Jones, Miller, Davis, Wilson, Anderson, and Taylor. (From the Winona Area Genealogy Roundtable TABLETALK Vol. 39 No. 4 November 1995.)

DO YOU REMEMBER LOCAL SYNOPTICALS

Another terrible blizzard passed over the North, from West to East, last Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday. Ten feet of snow piled up in many sections. If you will read old man Hicks' predictions for January, you will discover that he hit this blizzard to the day.

Our city sister, Orange City, nestled in a great area of orange groves, is getting large and frequent acquisitions to her population this winter. Last Saturday seventeen new arrivals, were noted, and another crowd landed there Monday. The good people of that place deserve the fine tourist season that seems in store for them. It is one of the prettiest towns in all Florida, and as to health she can not be excelled on earth.



FOR SALE TWO BARGAINS

Owing to failure of health and a desire to change my business. I offer for sale for the next 30 days the following property at the remarkably low prices attached.

My home place situated near Spring Garden and two miles from DeLeon Springs Station on the J.T. & K W.R.R.. Containing 44 acres land, 7 acres cleared. 5 acres Orange groves and other fruit trees, fairly good buildings, good water. Price \$450.

Also 5 acres young grove, all budded and in good condition, situated 1½ miles east of Spring Garden, with 4 room cottage in town. Seven to nine miles north of Deland. Price \$ 250. Titles made perfect. Call on, or address S.Titus McCorkle Spring Garden Fl. (Saturday Jan 16,1897)

MISCELLANY

MURPHY'S LAWS OF GENEALOGY.

1. The will you need is in the safe on board the Titanic.
2. Copies of old newspapers have holes which occur only on last names.
3. The critical link in your family tree- when you finally discover it- is named Smith. (From Greater Omaha Genealogical Society "Westward Into Nebraska" 1995 Vol. 20, No.4)

SALARY

The Census takers received 2-cents for every name taken, 10-cents for every farm, 15-cents for every productive establishment of industry. 2-cents for each deceased. 2-cents on the whole amount for names enumerated for social statistics and 10-cents per travel mile. (From the QUARTERLY of the Olympia, WA. Gen. Society April 1955)

"Genealogy is the only hobby where dead people can really excite you."

FINIS

The other day I was entering a new branch into the computer. First I typed the father, than the mother, and started on the children. Imagine my amusement when the twelfth child was named "Finis". Then I turned the page and found the couple had four more children.

That twelfth child, Finis and his family were listed on the next page. He named his third child Finis, also, but he was not as sure as his parents. Finis was the third child's middle name- and he had two younger siblings!! (From the Genealogical Research Institute of Virginia News & Notes, Dec.1995 Vol. 1 No. 3)

1870 CENSUS TAKERS EPITAPHS

"Too Bad for Heaven, Too Good for Hell, so ,where he's gone, I cannot tell."

"The manner of her death was thus: she was druv over by a bus."

"Here I lie and no wonder I'm dead. I feel from a tree, roll'd over dead.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

HELP:

Spend part of the Hot-Humid days this summer in air conditioned Library. Help others find that missing ancestor while you work on your family tree. You will be trained and worked with, as you find a satisfying and rewarding experience in helping others. You may learn from the people you are helping.

Contact Mary Lois Kelley at 736-1751

IS YOUR GENEALOGY AT A STANDSTILL?

If so, what are you doing about it? We often hear that nothing can be found but when asked who and where they contacted to ask about ancestors the answer is usually the same; no-one, no-where, haven't got time, don't know how, etc.,etc.

One's genealogy is personal and thus it is one's personal responsibility to do it. Help is available everywhere but we must take the initiative to seek out the information. RESEARCH, RESEARCH, RESEARCH. Write, ask, read, listen, check census, check vital records, check land records, ask relatives, check old newspapers, etc. Etc.

(From the Dunn County Genealogical Society, Oct.1995, Vol. III, Issue 2)

EXPLANATION? ...

A modern mother explaining to her little girl the pictures in the family photo album. This is the geneticist with your surrogate mother, and here's your sperm donor and your father's clone. This is me holding you when you were just a frozen embryo. The lady with the very troubled look on her face is your aunt, a Genealogist.

(From Ancestors West, Vol. 21, No. 4, Summer 1995)

GEMS OF GENEALOGY

Delayed birth certificates. People born as early as 1858 had to get delayed birth records registered in 1940 in order to obtain a Social Security card. Check the 1940 birth index or a separate book of delayed birth registrations in the county records. (from Bay Area Gen. Society, Green Bay, WI. Nov.,Dec. 1995, Vol. 21 No. 5)

A PRAYER FOR GENEALOGISTS

Lord, help me dig into the past
And, sift the sands of time
That I might find the roots that made
This family tree of mine.
Lord, help me trace the ancient roads On
which my fathers trod
And led them through so many lands
To find our present sod.
Lord, help me find an ancient book
Or dusty manuscript
That's safely hidden now away
In some forgotten crypt.
Lord, let me bridge the gap that haunts
My soul when I can't find
The missing link between some name
That ends the same as mine.

Curtis Wood.

MISCELLANY (CONT.)

Should you find "DSP" or "Decessit Sine Prole" on your ancestor's tombstone you have a real problem, for that is Latin for "died without issue". (Thanks to the Imperial Genealogical Society, Kathleen Fl. 33840)
If you are having trouble getting a family group sheet back from relatives, make one out as complete as possible, but make the wife ten years older than you think she is. This almost always works! (From the Rocky Mountain Buckeye via The Family Tree, Moultrie, Ga. DEC 1993/Jan 1994 issue).



A SENIOR'S LAMENT

Thought I'd let my doctor check me
cause I didn't feel quite right.
All those aches and pains annoyed me,
and I couldn't sleep at night.
He could find no real disorder,
but he wouldn't let me rest,
what with Medicare and Blue Cross,
it wouldn't hurt to do some tests.
To the hospital he did send me,
though I didn't feel that bad.
He arranged for them to give me
every test that could be had.
I was fluoroscoped and cystoscoped
my aging frame displayed.
Strapped upon an iced cold table
while my gizzards were x-rayed.
I was checked for worms and parasites,
for fungus and the crud
while they pierced me with long needles,
taking samples of my blood.
Doctors came to check me over
probed and pushed and poked around,
and to be sure that I was living,
they wired me for sound.

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They finally concluded
their results have filled a page.
what I have will some day kill me.
my affliction is old age!

Author Unknown

Meeting Schedules

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May 31

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Thursday- 6 P.M. to 8 P.M.

April 4

May 2

June 6

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