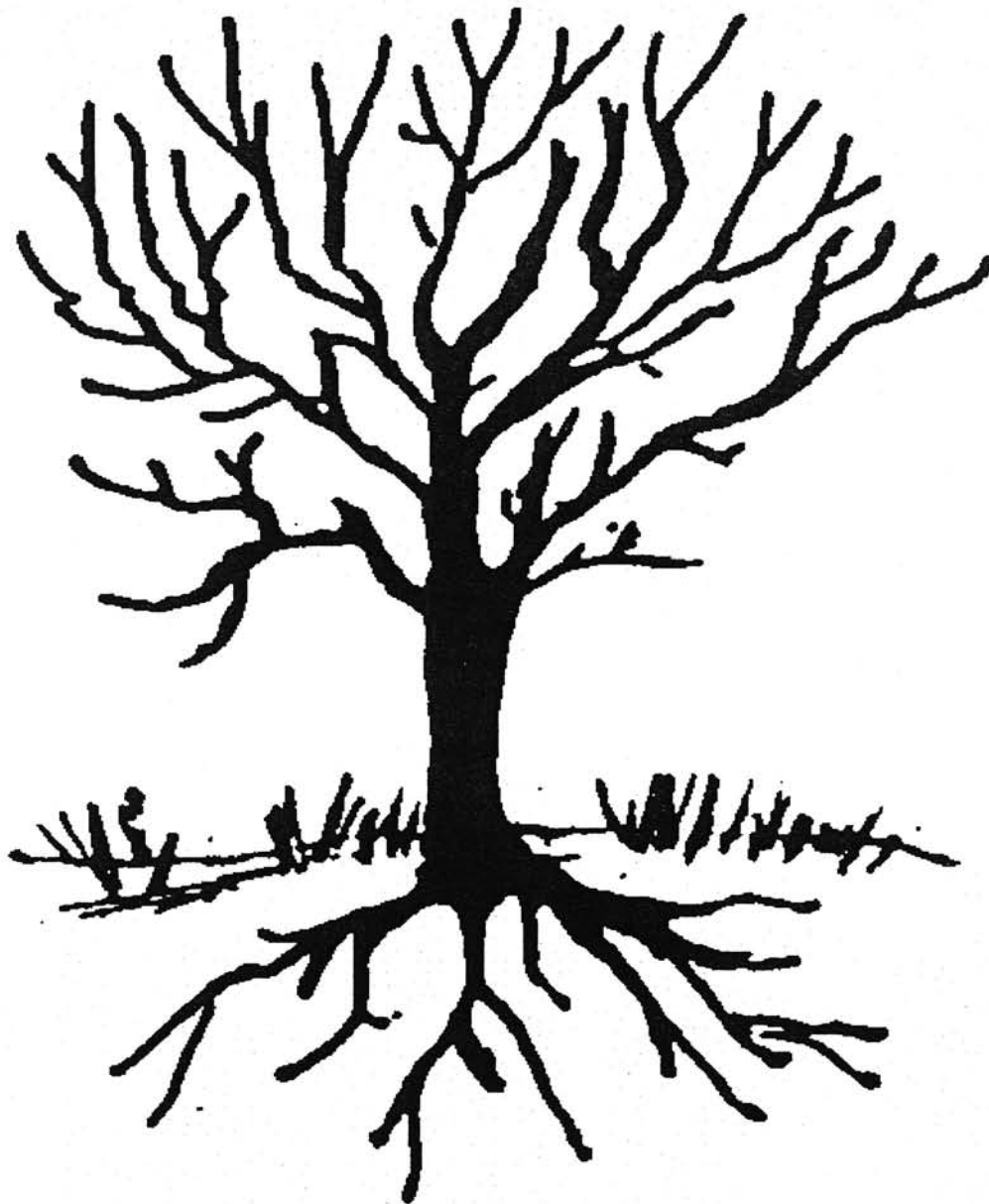

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MY FAVORITE ANCESTOR JOHN WILLIAM SILVERS

(Maternal Grandfather-of-John Ashland Seeders)
(b. 10-30-1874 -- d. Sept. 15, 1959)

At the age of 9 years "Joe" went to work in the coalmines around Staunton and Terre Haute, Indiana to help support his family. The "Silvers" were dirt poor as were most families in those times. About the year 1898 when Joe was about 24 years old, he married Mary Ellen Tipton who was about seventeen. They had four children that lived to adulthood. Beatrice Leone 1899-1979, Ruey Almeda, 1904-1956, Nellie Marie 1907-1942 (my mother) and Eithel Vivian 1910- living.

In 1913, Joe, Mary and the 4 children moved to Little Rock, Arkansas. (Vivian visited Little Rock a few years back and was able to find the place they had lived when first arriving there.)

IN 1914 Joe decided to "homestead" in Stone Co. Arkansas under the HOMESTEAD ACT which gave free title to any one who would live on a piece of land for 5 years and make improvements, i.e.- clearing the land, building a house, planting a crop, etc. The trip to Little Rock took four days by wagon, but it was only Abt. 80 miles as the crow flies.

Joe was always great with the plants and animals. He built a beehive near the cabin and was able to gather honey with out being stung. He was the only member of the family however that was accorded this privilege---by the bees.

One day Joe was building a pen for wild hogs, from the limbs of thorn trees and accidentally got a thorn deep in his right hand. After treating the wound unsuccessfully for several weeks with home remedies. (Joe didn't believe in doctors.) He finally gave up and went to a doctor. The wound was infected with gangrene so he had to have his right hand and lower part of his right arm amputated. Joe and family continued to homestead.

On another day Joe sent Nell and Almeda into town, (Mt. View), for groceries. They were instructed to follow a trail Joe had cut with a hand ax. They took with them a small wagon and a dog (just dog) named Nilo, which had come to live with the Silvers family and had refused to be run off. It seems they had stayed in town a little too long and lost the trail on the way home due to darkness. Luckily Nilo knew the way back and guided the girls home. Nilo died soon after from battles he had had with wild animals to protect the girls. Thank God for Nilo,

In 1915 it was decided to move back to Indiana, probably to Staunton where Joe and Mary had been raised. There was only enough money to buy tickets for Mary and the girls. Joe would have to ride the *rods*. The *rods* are steel bars under the cars that just barely give a man enough room to squeeze in between the rods and the bottom of the car. How a man with only one hand was able to manage this is beyond me.

At the train station Mary Ellen discovered that somehow the money Joe had given her had been lost. Mary and the girls stood on the platform at the station and cried in utter desperation. A gentleman near by heard their crying and asked why they were crying so!! Upon hearing their sad story he offered them a job on his cotton farm. Mary, Almeda and Nell picked cotton for three days to earn enough money for train fare back to Terre Haute. Vivian was too young to work in the field (Abt. 3) and Beatrice had gone back to Terre Haute some time earlier to live with friends.

Upon their arrival Joe was nowhere to be found. By going from house to house of Joe's friends and neighbors he was finally located staying with a friend Ed. Higginbotham.

It happened that there was an empty house across the street that nobody seemed to know who the owner was. Ed. And his friends got together enough old furniture so that the Silvers family could move in.

The Silvers family was back together again even though times were very hard. Vivian remembers going to a poultry store and buying cracked eggs for 5 cents a dozen. Eggs, corn meal mush and soup beans were a family staple for quite a while.

Mary Ellen died in 1948 while married to "Bill" Redmon. She had divorced Joe sometime in the early 20's. Bill must have seemed like a rich man since he had held a steady job all of his working life as a car inspector with the Pennsylvania railroad. Bill died sometime around 1960.

Joe was a very religious man and read the Bible cover to cover up until his death in 1959.

YOU DID IT !!!

I WANT TO THANK

THE OFFICERS OF ROOTS &

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WHO

MADE SEMINAR 2000

A GREAT SUCCESS

WITHOUT YOUR HELP AND

THE HELP OF ALL OUR CONTRIBUTORS

OF "GOODY BAG"- "RAFFLE ITEMS" ETC.

WE WOULD NOT HAVE HAD

"THE BEST SEMINAR- WE HAVE EVER HAD"*

(COMMENT HEARD AND REPEATED AT CLOSE OF SEMINAR)

(From Internet-no author)

Smiling is infectious: you catch it like the Flu.
When someone smiled at me today, I started smiling too.
I passed around the corner and someone saw my grin.
When he smiled I realized I'd passed it on to him.
I thought about that smile, then I realized its worth.
A single smile, just like mine, could travel round the Earth.
So if you feel a smile begin, don't leave it undetected.
Let's start an epidemic quick and get the world infected.

BRITISH HUMOR

(FROM Jeanne Reeser)

The following are some lines from a friend in England. I have read them several times to try to make some sense of them. Maybe you'll have to do the same.

Eye halve a spelling check. It came with my pea sea;
It plainly marques four my revue miss steaks eye kin not sea;
Eye strike a key and type a word and weight for it to say
Weather eye am wrong oar right, it shows me straight a weigh
As soon as a mist ache is maid it nose bee fore two long
And eye can put the error rite, its rare lea ever wrong.
Eye have run this poem threw it. I'm shore your pleased two no
It's letter perfect awl the weigh-my checker tolled me sew.
(Gen-News Vol. VII, Issue 9- Halifax Genealogical Society, Nov. 1999)

ANCESTRY QUICK TIPS

(From Ancestry Daily News)

CENSUS PAGE COPIES PAY OFF.

When doing census work be sure to copy the whole page and not just abstract your family. I did that just the other day and it paid off. When I got home I was looking through the Ancestral File and found the family along with a listing of brothers and sisters of the gentleman I was looking for. I got out my copied census and who was two houses away? None other than his married sister. I got two families with one push of the copy button. (Susan)

SURNAME LISTING ON THE COVER

I have a binder with a clear cover that contains my basic pedigree and family group sheets. This always goes with me when I'm visiting libraries, etc. In that front cover, in large letters, I have printed my most important family surnames, with a picture of Sherlock Holmes! I leave this in plain sight. More than once I've noticed someone reading the front of my binder. You never know who might have your surname. Janet Newell.

We will be including more of these Quick Tips, and Thought For Today articles but you can subscribe to the Ancestry Daily News (Free) by visiting <http://www.ancestry.com> and type your e-mail address in the box provided, or send an e-mail message to: <mailto:ancestrydailynews@anclist001.ancestry.com> with the word "subscribe" in the subject line. You will soon realize that the daily offers much more than these quick tips. I try to read each copy daily but sometimes I may read 3 or 4 at a time if I have not been on the Internet for a few days. I have found material that has helped me in my research and also opened doors that I wouldn't have known about. (Ed.)

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THOUGHTS FOR TODAY

(ANCESTRY DAILY NEWS)

"Kites rise highest against the wind-not with it."
(Winston Churchill)

"Minds are like parachutes. They only function when they are open." Sir James DeWar, 1842-1923

HOW MANY CAN YOU REMEMBER?

(Internet unknown author)

So how old are you? Subject Age Barometer.

1. Blackjack Chewing Gum
2. Wax Coke-shaped bottles with colored sugar water
3. Candy Cigarettes
4. Coffee shops with table side jukeboxes
5. Home milk delivery in glass bottles with cardboard stoppers
6. Party lines
7. Newsreels before the movie.
8. P.F. Flyers (sleds)
9. Telephone numbers with a word prefix- (Olive- 6933)
10. Peashooters
11. Howdy Doody
12. 45 RPM records
13. S&H Green stamps
14. Hi-Fi's
15. Metal ice trays with levers
16. Mimeograph paper
17. Blue flashbulbs
18. Beanie & Cecil
19. Roller Skate keys
20. Cork Poppings
21. Drive-ins
22. Studebakers
23. Wash tub wringers
24. Trolley Cars
25. Butch wax

If you remembered

- 0- 5 You're still young
- 5- 10 You are getting older
- 11- 15 Don't tell your age.
- 16- 25 You're Older than dirt.

EPITAPH IN A CEMETERY IN ENGLAND

Remember: man as you walk by
As you are now, so once was I,
As I am now, so shall you be.
Remember this and follow me
(By which someone replied by writing on the
tombstone)

To follow you I'll not consent
Until I know which way you went.

July 1999 Clinton County Ohio Genealogy Newsletter-
by way of Florida Chapter Ohio Genealogical Society
Nov. Dec. 1999 Quest.

MILLENIUM STUFF (The Quest May-June 1999)

The year 2000 will be:

6238 according to the first Egyptian Calendar
5760 according to the Jewish Calendar
5119 in the current Maya Great Circle
2763 according to the old Roman Calendar
2479 according to the ancient Babylonian
Calendar
2544 according to the Buddhist Calendar
1716 according to the Coptic Calendar
1420 according to the Muslim Calendar
1378 according to the Persian Calendar
208 according to the Calendar of the French
Revolution
The year of the Dragon according to the Chinese
calendar.

English a Crazy Language For Sure.

(1997 ODUM Family Tree Newspaper by way of
Halifax Genealogical Society Gen. News Feb.
1999)

Sometimes it seems that all English should be
committed to an asylum for the verbally insane.
In what language do people recite at a play and
play at a recital? Ship by truck and send a cargo
by a ship? Have noses that run and feet that
smell. There is no egg in eggplant or ham in
hamburger: neither apple nor pine in pineapple.
English muffins were not invented in England
nor French fries in France. Sweetmeats are
candies while sweetbreads, which aren't sweet
are meat.

If a vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a
humanitarian eat? How can a slim chance and a
fat chance be the same, while a wise man and a
wise guy are the opposite?

You have to marvel at the unique lunacy of a
language in which your house can burn up while
it burns down; in which you fill in a form by
filling it out and which an alarm clock goes off by
going on.

That's why you drive on a parkway and why they
have Interstate Highways in Hawaii (think about
that one) it's why there's only one television but
it is called a "set".

English was invented by people and it reflects
the creativity of the human race (which of course
isn't a race at all.)

That is why when the stars are out, they are
visible, but when the lights are out, they are
invisible. And why I wind my watch, I start it, but
when I wind up this essay, I end it.

MEETING SCHEDULES

The Roots and Branches Genealogical Society meets at the DeLand Public Library at 6:00 PM on the first Thursday in the month September through June.

The Board of Directors meets at the Deland Public Library on the Friday preceding the Regular Meeting. Members are welcome and encouraged to attend these meetings.

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FTM CD's IN GENEALOGY ROOM

Soc. Security Death Index 1937- 1998 A-K
Soc. Security Death Index 1937- 1998 L-Z
Birth Records: U.S./Europe 900- 1880
Military Records: US Soldiers 1784-1811
Selected US/International Marriage Records
Local and Family Histories. New England 16-1900's
F.H. Mid Atlantic Genealogies 1340-1940
F.H. Southern Bio's & Genealogies- 1500's-1940's
WFT European Origins Vol. E1
WFT Vol. 1, through 5 Pre- 1600 to Present.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS IN LIBRARY.

Please talk to any of the Board Members and we will describe your duties, train as necessary, and provide all the help you need to help us to continue to support the Genealogy Room. If we can't help support the room, it could be changed in ways that we would not like. Any of the current volunteers can help you to familiarize yourself with our holdings and responsibilities.

COMPUTER LESSONS

In the past I have offered to meet in the Library to help train our volunteers or other members in the use of the computer in the Genealogy Room. I have not had any calls about this offer.

I will instead plan to have a class or classes for this purpose. There will be a signup sheet in the library- where you can indicate what times are good for you and I will plan accordingly. THC

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