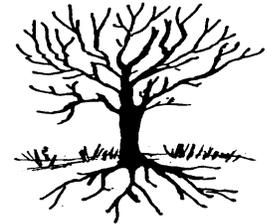




Roots and Branches Genealogy Society of West Volusia County

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“Dear Genealogy Diary” –Drew Smith Makes Organizing Seem Easy With The Blog



Drew Smith, MLS¹ well known genealogy speaker and co-producer of the "Genealogy Guys Podcast²" gave a new twist to organizing research by using a Blog Format. “Dear Genealogy Diary” at the March meeting of Roots & Branches was well received and our turnout was very good. The many questions indicated a high level of interest in the subject.

Drew explained the advantages of always knowing where you are in your research efforts and what records have been examined and the results, both positive and negative.
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Drew Smith, of the “Genealogy Guys Podcast”

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The National Archives and Footnote Agree to Digitize Documents

The National Archives of the United States have announced an agreement with Footnote to digitize selected documents from the National Archives. There are already 4.5 million pages available for a fee, but let's look at some of the documents that will be digitized

under the plan:
** Papers of the Continental Congress, 1774-1789 - Including Journals of the Congress, correspondence, drafts of treaties, and papers related to Indian Treaties.
** Mathew B Brady Collection of Civil War Photo-

graphs - 6,000 glass plate negatives acquired by the War Department from Brady in 1874-1876. This includes work from other photographers, and includes images of famous people as well as shots of battlefields, landscapes, camps, hospitals, etc.

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Points of Interest:

- One of our newest Members Fred Horn shares his research frustration
- Carmela Bergen finds her lost Grandma
- Subscribing to a mailing list can have a surprising result—how Jerry found his family bible
- Jerry “earns” a coffee cup from the Kiwanis
- Check out the colorful stories from the “Old Iowa Press”

What Is Roots & Branches?

History & Mission: Founded in 1986, the Roots & Branches Genealogical Society of West Volusia County, serves the cities of DeLand, Deltona, DeBary, Enterprise, Osteen, Pierson, and Seville. The purpose of this Society is to stimulate and promote interest in genealogical and historical research; to provide instruction in the use of efficient mechanics and adherence to scientific principles of accuracy and thoroughness in research.

Society Projects & Lecture Subjects: Our meetings feature workshops and speakers on such topics as early land, church, census and probate records; research documentation and organization; DNA testing and internet search. Society projects include staffing the Genealogy Room at the DeLand Public Library, digitizing the Brownell Collection for preservation and sharing with the Historical Society, maintaining the vertical files and an indexed collection of obituaries from the Beacon and News-Journal, and continuing the collection of pertinent information on West Volusia cities and pioneer families of the area.

With 96 members from all over the United States, the Society is a diverse group of all ages. We meet the third Sunday of each month, September through June, in the Auditorium of the DeLand Public Library for a Program at 2:00 PM. A 45 minute beginner's lesson is offered at 1:00 PM prior to the meeting in the Conference Room behind the Audio/Visual desk. Guests are always welcome. The Society's Board meeting is held the Thursday prior to the General Meeting at 2:00 PM in the Conference Room. Members are always welcome and encouraged to attend.

Officers and Committees

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Greetings to all Fellow Roots Diggers!

The first quarterly meeting of the VFCGS (Volusia Flagler Council of Genealogical Societies) was held February 20, 2007. The most important topic of discussion was the frequency of our co-sponsored Genealogy Seminar. Each society's members will vote on whether to have the Seminars annually or bi-annually. Last month Roots & Branches voted for the Seminars to be held bi-annually. I will report back to you on the final vote.

The 2008 Seminar was cancelled due to the reconstruction of the Volusia Genealogical Society, but the society will sponsor the next Seminar to be held in 2009.

We're looking forward to having a big turn out of members participate in the Sorenson Molecular Foundation's DNA project. When we all make our contribution and encourage others to do the same, ancestor seekers for years to come will be enabled as never before.

One purpose of our society is the stewardship of genealogical material for West Volusia County. We have begun work on city directories and marriage indices. Please think about the primary sources you have found most useful in your ancestry hunting and send me your ideas on how we might obtain the material to: MKara@cfl.rr.com. I'm looking forward to hearing from you.

AND I always welcome your suggestions and ideas for keeping our society alive and vibrant.

All The Best,

Marti

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Graphic Editing Tips— How to Copy Census Records Without Eating up You Ink

Do you have a "graphics editor" ? We use Photo Impact at the library. There are several free graphics editors around. There is a learning curve but don't let that stop you. You will find many useful applications for the program in your genealogical pursuits.

First let me explain what a graphics editor is. There are two primary types of computer files. The first is TEXT based. That is the way you compose your email messages, write letters, do spreadsheets etc. These type files are identified by many "extensions" (the three letters after the dot in the file name.) such as TXT, DOC, WPF, ODT etc, there are many more.

Then there are GRAPHICS or IMAGE files. Those are photos, drawings, SCANNED text & photos etc. This type file is identified by the common extensions of JPG, TIF, BMP, GIF, etc., there are many more. Just as you would need Microsoft Word, or preferably OpenOffice Writer to manipulate your text files you need a graphics editor to manipulate graphics files.

One use that everyone can make of a graphics editor is with the

census pages. On Heritage Quest you can download an image of the page you want to save. I always click on the DOWNLOAD button and then the TIFF FILE button and put the TIF image on my thumb drive.

The problem with the census images is that you get a wide border of pure black around the page. This will use printer ink like it's going out of style. Instead I bring the census image into my graphics editor and trim the black off and save the image again. The file will now be smaller and won't eat up my ink.

The TIF file that you download from HQ is very sharp, much more so than the Ancestry downloads. I routinely put the census pages in the scrapbook in Family Tree Maker for the family it pertains to. I am able then to find the page again very quickly and a double click will open it and a few clicks will bring it up to a very readable size on my screen.

A graphics editor is also useful in handling the photos from your digital camera. You can quickly duplicate the digital photo, clip out a good head shot of someone and place it in the scrapbook. This in-

cludes taking photos of old photos in books or albums.

Google's Picasa has simple editing tools; it is free, as is the much more capable graphics editor called Paint.NET. You can find an excellent article on using both of these tools on Kim Komando's web site at <http://www.komando.com>. Follow her links to Paint.NET.

Kim has several free electronic newsletters that you can sign up for. Her "Tip of the Day" is full of useful information about "all things digital" as she says. Look for her recent Tip of the Day entitled "Applying color effects to photos" or contact me and I'll email it to you. Try Kim's free newsletters by signing up at: <http://www.komando.com/newsletters/>

If you are interested in learning more about graphics editing an article that I wrote for Genealogical Computing Magazine on basic graphics editing can be found in the blue notebook beside the offline computer in the Genealogy Room at the DeLand Library. The much more detailed instruction, from which the article was adapted, is also in that notebook.

I hope you'll give graphics editing a try, it's lots of fun and after you've been at it a while you'll really enjoy the things that can be done with it.—*Jerry Hale*

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tive and negative, of the examination.

If no record is kept it is very easy to duplicate your research efforts and wasting a lot of time. The solution is to keep a research log.

The research log can be kept in a notebook or on your computer at home. The disadvantages, Drew pointed out, are that the log is not available to you when you are away from home and cannot be easily shared with other researchers.

Drew's recommended solution to those shortcomings is to keep your research log on the internet in the form of a BLOG³. He accessed the internet through his cell phone (T-Mobile) and took us through the steps of creating an effective BLOG research log.

We learned that one adds to a BLOG by making "posts" which appear in reverse chronological order and can be edited or even deleted at any time.

One has the option of allowing others to make comments or inserting PERMALINKS into the BLOG. PERMALINKS are PERMANENT LINKS to other web sites or BLOGS and can be used as a reference in a

citation.

There is a place on every post for TAGs which are key words that act as a table of contents and, when picked up by GOOGLE or another search engine, will allow others to find your BLOG if they are interested in the same subjects you are writing about.

GOOGLE also has another free service called PICASA⁷. PICASA allows you to post photos and scanned documents. Once posted one may provide links which will allow others to view the items you have posted.

Drew showed us another genealogy BLOG worth checking out. It is called *Genealogy (look at that word carefully)* by Ralph Brandi. Ralph says "Don't try to pronounce it, you'll just hurt your tongue." This site and BLOGing in general are very well described in Family Tree Magazine⁸.

Drew took questions after his presentations, one being "Is there a way to find genealogy BLOGs?" Drew pointed out that searching GOOGLE would turn up quite a few and one might use TECHNORATI⁹ or LINKPENDIUM¹⁰ to find them. LINKPENDIUM guides you to over 5 million genealogy web sites.

Another question was whether a BLOG could be made secure. Drew replied

that it was possible to have a password so that only those who were invited could view the BLOG.

As I said after Drew was finished, check out the Genealogy Guys podcast² which is posted every week. Drew and George discuss this topic and many others that I am sure you will find interesting and helpful.

NOTES:

- 1- Master of Library Science.
- 2- Drew and George Morgan's PODCASTS can be heard or downloaded from <http://genealogyguys.com/>
- 3- BLOG means Web log, an easy way to post your information.
- 4- Go to <http://www.blogger.com/start> to begin creating your free BLOG
- 5- Check out Steve's BLOG to see an example of a good one <http://www.stephendanko.com/>
- 6- A WIKI is somewhat different than a BLOG. For an explanation of what a WIKI is see the definition provided by the most famous WIKI of them all at <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wiki>.
- 7- Find PICASA at <http://picasa.google.com/>
- 8- This article is online at <http://www.familytreemagazine.com/articles/feb05/blogs.asp>
- 9- Find TECHNORATI at <http://technorati.com/>
- 10- Find LINKPENDIUM at <http://www.linkpendium.com/>—Jerry Hale

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** Name Index to Civil War and Later Pension Files - Pension applications for service in the US Army between 1861 and 1900. There are over 3 million index entries that cover applications for soldiers and sailors as well as their widows.

Now, the good news is that these materials will be digitized fairly soon. By February 6, the announcement said, the digitized materials

will be available at no charge in National Archives research rooms in Washington DC and regional facilities around the country. The bad news is that the digitized documents will not be available at no charge through the National Archives Web site until five years have elapsed.

What's available now. Footnote has a variety of materials already available at <http://www.footnote.com/nara.php>

You can browse through the material by subject or do a general search or search within categories. However, viewing the material here is not free. It's \$9.99 a month, \$99.99 a year, or you can view individual records for \$1.99.

You can read more about NARA's team up with Footnote at <http://www.archives.gov/press/press-releases/2007/nr07-41.html> Jerry Hale

Links and Information—Tips from Our Members

Online Searchable Death Indexes & Records

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

Rootsweb's Cemetery Database

<http://userdb.rootsweb.com/cemeteries/>

Tombstone Transcription Project - volunteer project to record burials

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~cemetery/registry.html>

Find A Grave

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

Interment.net

<http://www.interment.net/>

Veterans Affairs Burial Search

<http://gravelocator.cem.va.gov/>

JewishGen Online Worldwide Burial Registry

<http://www.jewishgen.org/databases/Cemetery/>

Finding Aids & Indexes for Obituaries

<http://www.deathindexes.com/obituaries.html>

The book "**Colonial Virginia It's People and Customs**" is being scanned and placed on the internet. It is not yet finished but pages through #280 have been posted at this address:

<http://www.midatlanticarchives.com>

Check out this site:

<http://www.freeancestry.com/> features **free records and resources on Ancestry.com**. The Ancestry site offers a lot of free stuff, but there is no easy way to find it all free stuff into one place!

New Site for British Passenger Manifests

The National Archives of Britain has released a new set of passenger manifests which cover British ports from 1890 to 1899 (with more lists to be added later -- eventually the site will cover up to 1960.) You can search through the lists (and sign up for e-mail

updates as more materials are added) at <http://www.ancestorsonboard.com>

Search by first and last name, gender, origin or destination port. I did a search for Thomas Murphy. I got 55 results initially, though if I'd done a search for all name variants I would have gotten plenty more results. Search results are shown in a table that includes year of departure as well as destination and departure port.

That information is free. However if you want to view a transcript of the information or an image of the manifest itself, you'll have to pay.

Views/transcripts are purchased with "units"; 5 units to view a transcript and 30 units to view high-resolution color images of the manifests. This sounds like quite a bit until you see that you can buy 50 units for £5. If you purchase units here they're also work on <http://www.FindMyPast.com> which also has similar genealogy/historical records.

Pennsylvania Colony and Commonwealth is being scanned and put online. It's not yet complete but at least 300 pages are up with an index. Find it

at: <http://www.midatlanticarchives.com>

Social Security Records Fees—

Here is the fee schedule for obtaining a copy of an original application for Social Security card. (Source: http://www.ssa.gov/foia/html/foia_guide.htm) Fees For Processing Requests For Individual's Social Security Record Effective July 1, 2001. Request for copy of Original Application for Social Security Card (Form SS-5), SSN Provided (Printout from microfilm) \$27.

Request for copy of Original Application for Social Security Card (Form SS-5), SSN Not Provided (Printout from microfilm) \$29. You can click the link on the book's index page to jump to the most recently added section.

Check Out the History Center in Orlando, 65 E. Central Blvd., Orlando

—The History Center has a library and archives that include over 2500 rare and out-of-print books. Materials also include: Sanborn fire insurance maps, building permits, and city directories; local history reference books, directories of local organizations dating from the 1800's, and high school yearbooks; clipping files on thousands of subjects, including local individuals, families, businesses and significant events; personal papers of notable individuals including civic and government leaders; records of local organizations including civic and government leaders; Central Florida maps from the 1840's to the present; political posters, cards, advertising broadsides and pamphlets of early citrus and tourism industry.

This might be of interest to those members who are searching in the region of Orlando. If you want to see what's on the website go to <http://thehistorycenter.org>

There are some interesting things going on in the way of exhibits, etc. (I personally have never been there but am planning to go in the near future to see it in person.)— Carmela Malek-Bergen

The Genealogy Center at the Allen County Public Library

<<http://www.acpl.lib.in.us/genealogy/index.html>> (Fort Wayne, Indiana) and the Foundation for On-Line Genealogy, Inc. <<http://www.folg.org>>, announce a partnership in operating WeRelate.org, a new social networking website for genealogy.

WeRelate.org is totally FREE and makes it easy to upload family trees and images, find and connect with other family members, share research easily, and extend lines. Still new, but will grow and provide a way of sharing information and getting feedback, thus allowing updating without duplication. Check it out at <http://www.werelate.org/>



Member Spotlight

Some Old Photos and a Funeral and Fred was Hooked! By Fred Horn

The first time I thought about finding my roots was while I was attending the funeral on May 2, 1979 of my grandfather, Hugh Burrows, in Tipton Oklahoma. I started to ask my mother for information about my Aunts, Uncles and Cousins and from then on I was hooked. I started to research my family with the use of the computer and what information my mother could provide me and a box of old photos my mother had kept. I had to sit down with her and ask her the names and relation each one was in these photos since she was the only one I could turn to for that information. With that small amount of information I got started and have been tracing my family roots ever since.

I learned that my Grandfather, Jacob Guttorm Horn Johannessen, and my Grandmother, Sylvia Christoffersen, on my father's side came from Norway and spoke very little English when they arrived in the United States. My Uncle Ralph Horn has tried to explain how the change in names came about when the immigrants entered our country. It is very hard to trace your ancestors when the names don't always match. It seems as though the Norwegians used the name of the farm the family worked on and that name was shortened when arriving in the United States. That's where the name Horn came from when they arrived in this country.

I had more success when I started tracing my mother's side of the family

until it went back to the Indians and that was a subject that was not talked about. One of my cousins in Oklahoma, Jon, is also working on getting something put together on the Burrows side of the family. We have tried to keep in touch with anything we discover that would help the other fill in the blanks.

Tracing ones roots is very time consuming and can be frustrating when you are not sure if you have the right information. At this time I am still a novice at this and want to learn more from this organization to help me go further back into my past. I have spent hours in the evening looking over the old photos and working to put the pieces of the puzzle together. This can be fun or you can make it work and that depends on the individual.

The branches I am tracing at this time are **Horn(Johannessen), Burrows, Ruppert, and Farrell**. The last two names are on my wife's (Ann) side of the family and there is not much available about them right now. My wife's cousin is working on some information we can use to fill in the blanks. I have some forms filled out by Ann's nieces and nephews which are helping to track her side of the family.

I presently have 1,212 individuals and 339 marriages and 12 generations in my Family Tree Program. I am always looking for ways to improve my searches.—Fred Horn

We would welcome anyone that has a genealogy story to share.

Please send to

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Member Spotlight

Grandma Wasn't Lost...She Was Just Hiding in Plain Sight! By Carmela Malek-Bergen

Rumor had it that Bubi (that's grandma in Czech) on my Dad's side of the family came to the United States through Ellis Island. But after four years of periodic searching on the Ellis Island and Ancestry's websites, and various ship lists, I gave up locating her immigration records. I figured her records were lost to the ages.

I changed my focus and decided to do some research on the baptisms of my Dad's family. I had my Aunt Bess' baptismal certificate for a starting point. Could I find my Dad and his brothers listed at this church? If Aunt Bess was baptized, her seven brothers most likely were. As luck would have it, the LDS website did list records of the Chicago church I needed. I made a trip to the LDS Stake in Lake Mary and ordered a film on Baptisms, Marriages and Death records from St. Agnes of Bohemia Church in Chicago, Illinois. I waited with great anticipation for the arrival of the film.

When the film finally came in, I rushed to the local LDS building to view it. I was disappointed that I didn't find my father's baptismal record, but I did find my Uncle Bill, Uncle Lou, an aunt on my mother's side and various other relatives' birth, death or marriages listed. Reading one of my uncles' baptismal records gave me a clue as to where to find Bubi. Her place of birth was listed as Trebon, Bohemia. That was something that was not listed on my Aunt Bess' baptismal certificate. Ah-ha! Now I had a really good clue as where to possibly find her on the Ellis Island website.

I couldn't wait to get home and

key that information in on the Steve Morse Ellis Island website, as they offer you to search by a town name only. Well, I did just that and four or five pages popped up on the computer for me to search. I carefully looked for the last name, Novacek. Not a single one was listed from the town of Trebon. Hmm...the only name close to that was an Anastazie NovaELD born in Trebon, who was listed as being a male and as far as I knew her first name was always spelled Anastasia and Bubi was female. I back tracked on the Ellis Island website and keyed that name as spelled on the website. The ship's manifest came up on the screen. Scrolling down there on line fourteen WAS an Anastazie Novacek, birth year was correct and she was going to a brother-in-law's home in Chicago, Illinois. The brother-in-law's last name was Nosek. That was a name on one of my uncle's baptismal records, so I knew I was on the right track. I looked again at the record. The spelling WAS correct on the manifest. Whoever transcribed the manifest entered the last three letters of her family name wrong onto the computer base! She was there all along. The mystery was finally solved. She was hidden in plain sight!

I subsequently emailed the Ellis Island website informing them that the last name had been misspelled on the transcription and my grandmother had been listed as being male. They did, after a years' time, correct her last name, but as of this writing she is still listed as being male. I am hopeful that in time will be corrected too.

Now I sit here with my chin on my hand staring at the computer, won-

dering now how can I find.....???

—Carmela Malek-Bergen

Scanning continues on the Brownell Collection at a good pace with 4 or 5 people scanning pages. We are currently working on volume 20 and would welcome more volunteers; especially anyone who would like to learn that skill.



Margaret Marcolese at Work On the Brownell Collection.

Jerry Hale with the Kiwanis coffee cup presented by Keith Mattison, President and Will Uberard, Program Manager of the Deltona Kiwanis Club and Jerry spoke to the Club about Genealogy and the Roots & Branches Genealogical Society on March 21, 2007.



Keith Mattison, Will Uberard, & Jerry Hale

Tidbits from "Iowa Old Press"—The News Was a Lot Different Back Then—With Comments by Jerry Hale

by Cathy Joynt Labath & Sharyl Ferrall <http://www.IowaOldPress.com/>

The New Era
Humeston, Wayne, Iowa
January 23, 1895

- Preston T. Greenlee, of Vincent, who disappeared from his home several days ago, has been found in a demented condition at Humboldt. He said he thought he was going to Texas on foot.

- Mrs. Dewalt of Manson, while on her way home from Belmont fell between the coaches on the Mason City & Fort Dodge railway and her head was completely severed from her body. She was there visiting her son, who became insane a week ago.

Burlington Hawk Eye
Burlington, Des Moines Co. Iowa
January 24, 1878
Two Runaway Boys.

My son John Mason Welsh, and Walter Green, son of I.C. Green, left their home in Oskaloosa, Iowa, January 17, 1878, and their parents wish to learn their whereabouts. Johnny Welch is fourteen years old (rather small of his age), has a large head, a full round forehead, sharp black or dark brown eyes, and chest-nut-brown hair; he wore a new black cap, new boots, and a black and brown checked woolen shirt; his coat, pants and vest were dark color, but considerably faded and worn, and rather small for him. He can be readily detected by calling him by either of his nick-names - "Port", "Proxy", or "Mason". Try him -- and if he has no passport detain him and telegraph at once. Walter Green is twelve years old, rather short, but heavy set, light complexion, light hair, light blue eyes, prominent nose, heavy but light colored eye-brows; he wore a cap, a black and red checked woolen shirt, and good suit of dark mixed clothes. Address information to Porte C. Welch, editor of the 'Reform Leader', Oskaloosa, Iowa

(What is this about a passport ? /H/)

HAWKEYE GLANCES.

When a man dies at Council Bluffs, Iowa, they say he has "gone over the river" to Omaha. This seems to be an ambiguous compliment. -Inter-Ocean

Adolf Kupfahl has begun a suit against the city of Davenport for \$7,000 damages for personal injuries received last October by falling into a deep and unprotected gutter. Kupfahl is an old resident, and is disabled for life by the accident.

(Didn't this happen in Daytona Beach a couple months ago? /H/)

F. Calligan, keeper of a second-hand store in Davenport, was found dead in his room on the 16th. Failure in business, hard drinking and exposure to cold are said to be the causes of his death.

The roads have so improved that even loads of hay can come to town. -Des Moines Register.

(Good gracious! Don't the horses come with them, heh? /H/)

State Senator Lafe Young's 'Atlantic Telegraph' predicts that capital punishment will not be restored in Iowa.-- Waterloo Courier. The legislature would be very foolish to restore the death penalty in Iowa without better evidence is offered by the facts and figures regarding its working, as compared with the law as it now stands. -- Cedar Falls Gazette

Five masked men entered the house of W.M. Bentley, at Lyons, Iowa, on Saturday night, and kept him quiet while they made off with \$60.

Tues. January 13 - Thomas Livingston, a Jasper county farmer, was killed at Iowa City on Sunday morning, by falling through a bridge. He was on his way to Chicago with four car loads of live stock.

Wed. January 14 - Ephraim Day, a farmer of Union county, was arrested on Monday charged with train wrecking. He recently had two horses killed by a train, which is thought to be the cause of the act.

Fri. January 18 - Mrs. Caroline Roberts, of Dubuque, ended her troubles on Wednesday by hanging herself in the cellar of her house.

Sun. January 20 - John McManus was run over by an engine on the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railroad, between North and South McGregor, on Thursday night, and died from his injuries on Friday.

(My first job, at age 16 in 1955, was with this railroad. That work encouraged me to join the Navy! /H/)

HAWK-EYETEMS

The other day Mr. Middlerib was running across a ten acre pasture lot, just west of town, trying to reach a seven rail fence, if it might be, before a large brindled bull, with a curl in the middle of his forehead, and a bad eye, reached him, and when he got on to the conservative side of the barrier, he said he just kept wandering all the way across, if, in case he failed to make his contract time, the bull would have come 'Bashan' upon him.

From the fact that Mr. Middlerib walks now with two canes and shows about one hundred and twenty-eight square inches of new cloth in the after guard of his old trousers every time he stoops down, it is inferred that he reached the fence, made his time, and won the race, by a scratch, but honestly.

HOUSEHOLD - Valuable Suggestions for the Family

-To Remove Black Spots from the Ear

- Take a large sized watch key, place the stem directly over the black spot, and press firmly on it.

-To Soften Corns - Bathe the corn with strong borax water, then shave it closely, but be careful not to make it bleed. Place over the corn a white felt corn-plaster, and wear it constantly until the corn has disappeared. Every night and every morning wet the small cavity over the corn with a little borax-water, or, if preferable, the pulp of a lemon.

-Oil Out of Woolen - One can get a bottle or barrel of oil off any carpet or woolen stuff by applying dry buckwheat plentifully and faithfully.

-Brooms - Hang in the cellar-way to keep soft and pliant.

-Money - Count carefully when you receive change.

-Nutmegs - Prick with a pin, and if good, oil will come out.

-Bedbugs - Quicksilver and white of an egg destroys bedbugs.

-Zinc- lined sinks are better than **wooden** ones.

The New Era
Humeston, Wayne, Iowa
January 24, 1899

SAVED THEIR LIVES

Clarkson, Jan. 21 - The family of B. Banford, a blacksmith, and Andrew Nealy, who made their home with them, had a narrow escape from being roasted alive. The house was fired in some unknown manner while all were asleep. The heat and smoke aroused Nealy from his slum-

bers and in a half-dazed condition he rushed from his room and aroused the Banford family.

There being no exit which was untouched by the flames, he broke the glass in a window with his fist and pulled the members of the family out through it. All of the family were attired in their night clothes and Mr. Banford ran to a neighbor's at whose door he fell unconscious. The family lost everything in the fire.

Nashua Reporter
Nashua, Chickasaw, Iowa
January 24, 1918

HAPPENINGS OF THE STATE

Pastor Threatened.

Yorktown - Rev. W. Horn, pastor and manager of the German church and school located here, is in receipt of an anonymous letter threatening him with death and with the burning of the church and school buildings if the teaching of the German language and German ways is continued after the holiday recess. The writer declared he could not permit it any longer.

(Before WW I many people in central Iowa spoke German. With the coming of the war the use of that language was greatly reduced and it essentially ended with WW II. Very few there speak German today.

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Bluffs Man Loses Life.

Council Bluffs - While turning an engine on the turntable at the Union Pacific roundhouse here, Peter Tomicick, aged 40, was killed by an engine which, without engineer or fireman, left its stall in the roundhouse and ran out, catching Tomicick and crushing him between the two engines. He did not see the phantom engine or hear it, apparently.

I.W.W. Under Arrest

Waterloo - Fred Thomas, an I.W.W. mem-

ber (that's Industrial Workers World-wide, an socialist/anarchist organization), who claims German parentage, with Mexico City, Mex as his home residence, is under arrest here. A friend told the police that he was about to hold up and rob a street car. This, the police claim, he has since admitted. He had a large quantity of I.W.W. literature at his room and on his person.

Attempt To Burn Elevator

A KRON - Night Watchman Jess Mewers foiled an attempt to set fire to the J.W. Hedges elevator. It was at about 2:30 in the morning that he saw a man lurking near the elevator. Seeing he was discovered, the prowler ran and did not stop when halted nor even when shots were sent in his direction.

An investigation was immediately made and resulted in the finding of a bottle of kerosene and a quantity of oily waste which had been taken from the boxing of a freight car. These inflammable materials were close to the woodwork, in a position that if a blaze had been touched to them the elevator would soon have been in flames.

The elevator is a large one and has a capacity of about 30,000 bushels. It is believed the attempt to burn the building was made by an I.W.W. or some other German sympathizer.

Wheeler Found.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Jan. 21 - Albert Wheeler, who mysteriously disappeared from Cedar Falls, December 27, has been located at Bowman, S.D. He says the team attached to his sleigh ran away and he knew nothing more until he found himself in Bowman.

(Santa Clause needs to hire this guy, Cedar Falls is in Central Iowa! /H/)

More to come in future newsletters!

Don't Overlook This Research Tool, You Might Find Your Family Bible!

Mailing Lists by Jerry Hale

Do you use the internet? Are you taking advantage of mailing lists? They can help you find that long lost family bible as they have for me, a breakthrough that I had been working ten years to find.

First let me tell you what a mailing list is, in case you don't already know. When you sign up for a mailing list all of the "posts" that the other members make will come to you as an email message. You can post to the list by sending an email message to the common address.

There are mailing lists for nearly every imaginable surname, country, state, county or interest. I have signed up to the mailing list for every surname I'm interested in and also for every state, and county where I am researching. I'm signed up for mailing lists for Germany, Berlin, Silesia, England, Gloucestershire, Forest of Dean and on and on. The way you find the mailing list of interest is to go to RootsWeb: <http://www.rootsweb.com/>

You'll know you're at the right spot when you see this page heading:



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Click on Surname List Finder then type in the surname you're interested in. One of mine is Bailey. Below is the page that comes up. Notice that there is more than one list for Bailey, there is also a list for Bailey DNA in case you're a Bailey and interested in people comparing DNA to try to sort out the various Bailey lines.

Go all the way down the page looking at the left column until you spot the Mailing Lists heading. It will look like this:

BAILEY

Here are the lists we know about that appear to be related to the **BAILEY** surname. To subscribe to one of these lists, click the **Subscribe** link and enter "subscribe" in the message body.

Please note that these are not *exact* matches! We found these lists by checking for Soundex matches on your surname. Soundex is a pretty approximate algorithm: it'll probably turn up some lists that have nothing to do with your surname.

What you can be sure of is that if the list you want isn't found here, it's a good bet that we don't have it. Feel free to [request a new list!](#)

- **BAELOW.**
 - ◊ Description: Discussing and sharing of information regarding the Baelow surname and variations (e.g., Below) in any place and at any time.
 - ◊ Subscribe: BAELOW-L-request@rootsweb.com
 - ◊ Search the [BAELOW archives](#).
 - ◊ Browse the [BAELOW threaded archives](#).
- **BAILEY.**
 - ◊ Description: the BAILEY surname and variations (e.g., Bailee, Baley, Boehle)
 - ◊ Subscribe: BAILEY-L-request@rootsweb.com
 - ◊ Search the [BAILEY archives](#).
 - ◊ Browse the [BAILEY threaded archives](#).
- **BAILEY-DNA.**
 - ◊ Description: The BAILEY-DNA mailing list is for the discussion and sharing of information regarding DNA testing and DNA projects for Bailey descendants.
 - ◊ Subscribe: BAILEY-DNA-L-request@rootsweb.com
 - ◊ Search the [BAILEY-DNA archives](#).
 - ◊ Browse the [BAILEY-DNA threaded archives](#).

Notice that there is a link to the Bailey archives. You can search messages that have been posted years ago by putting in the name of the particular Bailey you're looking for.

Suppose you want to sign up for the Bailey mailing list. Click on the BAILEY-L-request link and your email program will pop up with a message ready to send. That message will have a

To: Bailey-L-request@rootsweb.com

Fm: (your email address)

Subj: subscribe

The body of the message will have a single word: subscribe

In a short time you will receive a message from RootsWeb telling you that you have been signed up to the list and giving you instructions about the etiquette of posting to that list. Someone will have been appointed as the List Manager and you may receive a message from him or her with additional instructions. **BE SURE TO SAVE THESE MESSAGES** because if you decide to unsubscribe you will have forgotten the format.

You will soon start to receive messages. If you have signed up to many lists you will get a LOT of messages. I get 100 to 200 per day. Here is how you handle that many messages easily. In your INBOX click on the SUBJECT heading. The messages will sort into alphabetical order by the subject line. The subject line on most lists will begin with the name of the list in square brackets such as [FTM] for the Family Tree Maker list. The first person who posts a message on a certain subject will set the subject line. If the person is paying attention he/she will make the subject line succinct in order to catch your eye. A subject line which says "searching for grandpa" won't get you many responses, people have too many messages to sort through to bother opening your message to see who your grandpa was. On the other hand a subject line which says HALE NY>IL>IA 1870 will very likely be opened by some of the Hales on the list. Inside the message be clear about what you know and what you wish to learn. Give names, dates and places.

Here is how I found the family bible. I posted about my Hales of Hamilton Co. IA. Some guy in MO who descended from the same family told me to contact a certain person in NH. That person replied with information about her Aunt in MN who had the bible. The person in MN sent a copy of the pertinent pages which proved that two of the Hales who came to Iowa were in fact brothers. It also indicated that their father had died in Cook County, IL. I had no idea that he had ever left England. Without the mailing list I would have struggled for another 10 years and never found the information. I was then able to get the two Hale lines who still live in Iowa to stop insisting that they were not related.

When you send that subscribe message to RootsWeb you're not talking to a person but to a computer so be sure the format is exact. When you want to unsubscribe don't send a message to the list because you need to tell the computer to unsubscribe you. Here is the difference between the two addresses:

To: BAILEY-L-request@rootsweb.com <== message goes to the computer

To: BAILEY-L@rootsweb.com <== message goes to the list

The word request directs the message to the computer, leave it out and your message will go out to the list and the computer won't unsubscribe you. The computer only understands two words: subscribe and unsubscribe. Put one of those words in both the subject line and the body of the message to the RootsWeb computer.

The oldest list is a "genealogy in general" list which is very valuable. That list is called ROOTS-L. It started many years ago before there was an internet. You can post on any topic that relates to genealogy. Of course you should direct queries about specific families to the proper surname list and queries about Family Tree Maker to the FTM-



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Need Help With Any of These?

ADOPTION—Is your research stymied because of an adoption? For help with this problem check the Newsletter Archives. December 1991 page 3 has some useful information.

SOUTHERN RESEARCH—Are you researching in the south; Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina or Tennessee? Check the Newsletter Archives for the Fall 1992 issue, page 3 for information on the National Archives Regional Library near Atlanta.

MORTALITY SCHEDULES—Do you know what a Mortality Schedule is and how it can be useful in your research? Check the Newsletter Archives, Winter of

1992, page 5.

SEARCHING FOR FEMALES IN SCOTLAND?—There is a special method for finding females in Scotland. To learn the trick look at the Newsletter Archives, Winter edition, page 4.

LADSON GENEALOGICAL LIBRARY—Did you know that one of the best genealogical libraries in the U.S. is located in Vidalia, GA? Among its amazing collection (21,000 books and pamphlets) are the complete Colonial Records of North Carolina. For much more information check the Newsletter Archives, Fall of 1992, page 3.

DAPHNE BROWNELL—You are all probably familiar with the Brownell Collection in the Genealogy Room but do you know Daphne Brownell is? A great profile was written and appears in the Newsletter Archives, Winter of 1992, page 3.

INTERLIBRARY LOAN—Do you know how to request material through the Interlibrary Loan (ILL) system? Look at the Newsletter Archives, for the Fall 1992 issue, page 2.

FLORIDA STATE ARCHIVES—To learn about the Florida State Archives look at the Newsletter Archives. An article was published in the Winter of 1992, page 4.