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Your Brick Walls

We have all hit at least one brick wall during our search for our ancestors. Now is the time to talk to your fellow genealogists and maybe they can give you an idea of where and how to search. Prepare your question and present it to the membership at the July 17th meeting at the Irving Library at 7 p.m. In the past these discussions have proven valuable to all of us. New research ideas help find long lost ancestors. This will also give you a chance to share your problem and see if someone else has had the same problem. Bring your Brick Wall and let us talk about it.

Explaining Your Brick Walls Can Bring Them Down

By George Mouchet

When I am particularly frustrated by a brick wall in my research, I like to write a letter or e-mail to one of my genealogy-minded friends. I write down all the background information and then thoroughly explain my problem and what I'd like to accomplish. Somehow the act of explaining my brick wall to someone who is unfamiliar with it causes me to look at the problem in a new light. I make connections that I never made before and think of new avenues to pursue. Often I find I don't even need to send the letter because of all the new ideas I've come up with. Of course it doesn't hurt to send the letter and get another point of view! (This is a Quip tip from Ancestry.com)

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USING ROOTSWEB: Conquering the Abbreviation

When you know the U.S. town, but not the county, type in the name of town and state here:

<http://resources.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/townco.cgi>

Put the U.S. county's name and leave the state's name blank and you will get a list of the states with a county by that name.

<http://resources.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/county.cgi>

Can't figure out some country or regional abbreviations? Check here:

<http://helpdesk.rootsweb.com/codes/codes1.htmlb>

Lost in the British Isles? Here is its country and county codes:

<http://www.genuki.org.uk/big/Regions/Codes.html>

Looking for Maps, Gazetteers and Geographical Information?

<http://www.cyndislist.com/maps.htm>

Stumbled over an abbreviation you can't find the answer to? Check "Abbreviations Found in Genealogy" here:

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~rigenweb/abbrev.html>

See also Dictionaries and Glossaries on Cyndi's List:

<http://www.cyndislist.com/diction.htm>

Help stamp out the alphabet soup quagmire of abbreviations and incomplete locality references in your family tree and Internet postings. Leave no doubt, spell it out.

Mark your Calendars

Debbie Kunze is going to give her program on Quaker research on August 21.

Shirley Apley is speaking on Albion's Seed: The Four British Pathways to America on Sept 18.

Glenn Kinkade will give his presentation on Photo Management Made Easy on Oct. 16.

Don't forget the Arlington Texas Stake Family History Fair on August 26, 2006, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at 3809 Curt Road, Arlington, Texas. Come learn about doing Family History.

We do not have a speaker for November. If you know someone you would like to hear speak, please let Mary K. know.

Did You Know?

Any reference made to be a person's having been born in Virginia as early as 1728 to as late as 1863 could indicate that he/she was born in;

Any part of IL from 1781-1818;
Any part of IN from 1787-1816;
Any part of KY from 1775-1792;
Any part of MD from 1775-1792;
Any part of NC from 1728-1779;
Any part of OH from 1778-1803;
Any part of PA from 1752-1786;
Any part of TN from 1760-1803;
Any part of WV from 1760-1862;

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