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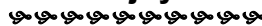


### From the Editor:

This issue describes the recent trip to Salt Lake City and the good stuff that was discovered while doing research there. This year's volunteers are working diligently to provide our community with genealogical resources & keep our yard looking attractive.

The editor recently explored some of the tabs at the top of the screen labeled Home, My Ancestry, Search, Ancestry Community, Learning Center, and Store. This issue features a more detailed description of an often overlooked, FREE part of [www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com) under the tab called Learning Center. Be sure to check it out!

Enjoy!



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## Up-coming Events- Mark Your Calendar NOW:

### **May 5, Saturday-**

**General Meeting** - Sue Owens and her “**Leverett Family History**”

### **June 7, Thursday -**

**Open Meeting-** No business meeting but Val Sullivan will be talking about “**Writing a Family History Book using Family Tree Maker**”.

### **July 5, Thursday**

**- Open Meeting –** No business meeting but Judy Voran will be talking about “**Census Records and How to Change Errors on Ancestry.com.**”

### **August 2, Thursday**

**-General Meeting-** Jane Peace Pyle will be talking about “**Publishing Your Book!**”



**NGCGS Members Searching for Ancestors at the  
Family History Library in Salt Lake City**



Left to Right in back row: Peggy Arbaugh, Edna Crooke, Val Sullivan, Kathy McKibben, Judy Voran, & Clarice Christensen. Front row: Nancy Hancock, Grace Johns, Mary Coleman, and Karen Davis. PICTURE taken by our waiter at the Olive Garden Restaurant.

# A Hair in the Sink

By the group that visited the Family History Library in Salt Lake City

The following article describes some of the experiences of a group of ten women, all members of the Northern Gila County Genealogy Society, who recently traveled to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah to research their family histories. The group was comprised of Grace Johns, Peggy Arbaugh, Mary Coleman, Nancy Hancock, Val Sullivan, Judy Voran, Kathy McKibbin, Edna Crooke, Clarice Christensen, and Pati Henderson.

*Intro by Pati Henderson:* Some people travel to other states or countries; we traveled to the past. Any time one goes

hunting lost ancestors, one needs more than luck. From the time you set their name to paper, your ancestors haunt you and circle your thoughts. They're there because they're part of you and you are part of them. History is a tapestry of individuals that, seen close, have no pattern, but, through the filter of time, a pattern emerges.

Everyone wants their story told, and it is in the weaving together of these stories that we are brought together and time is erased. Each one of our ancestors has a tale to tell. They reach across history

and time to nudge us with...a hair in the sink.

*By Val Sullivan:* You'd never think that the best things come from a hair in the sink. It was morning on the second day of our trip. My two roommates had already brushed their teeth when I went to take my turn. Now mind you, all three of us have short, pure white hair. But there was a **long, black** hair in the sink. When I pointed this out to my roommates, they indicated that it had not been there when they had used the sink just moments before. So where did it come from? Was it an omen?

I had been slogging through Virginia records all the previous day looking for my great-grandfather, Robert Hughes, and his life in Virginia. I had found that, in 1803, he had bought land in Connecticut and lived there the rest of his life, working as a tailor and a farmer. Census records and a death record indicated that he was born in Virginia in about 1770. If only I could find my Robert living with his family in 1780. But census records were not kept before 1790. So where to start the search!

When I discovered that the State of Virginia, in the late 1700s, also included the area that now comprised the States of Kentucky and West Virginia, I got further discouraged. This was truly my Hughes "brick wall". But I figured if I was ever going to find him, it would be at the Family History Library.

After two days of reading historical bulletins, county histories, marriage records, census records, tax records, and military records, all relating to Robert Hughes, or any one having the last name of Hughes, I was getting more and more discouraged.

I finally started reading probate records. By this time, I had found that the Hughes name was located principally in the counties of Goochland (formed in 1728 from the original county of Henrico), Cumberland (formed from Goochland in 1749), and Powhatan (formed from Cumberland in 1777). I was reading a will written by Robert Walton, dated June 10, 1760, where his estate owed cash to "Robt. Hughes, Taylor", for making 1 suit of clothes. The spelling of "Taylor" threw me for a moment until I realized spellings were not standardized in those days, and what was really meant was "Tailor"! It wasn't difficult then to make the connection to my Robert Hughes of Connecticut. This was his father! He had reached across history and time to nudge me with...his hair in the sink!

*Nancy Hancock* had really good luck with her research. She found numerous births, marriages, a couple of deaths and land records...plus some probate records on both her maternal and paternal sides.

*Edna Crooke* found several church records which she had been missing before our trip, which included birth, marriages, and death records. She also found a photo of the one room schoolhouse where she attended the first grade in Stark Co. Ohio.

*Grace Johns* found a great deal of additional information on Cruff and Corey lines in a family history book, *Ancestors of Patricia Southcombe*, and information on the early members of the Greeley family in *The Genealogy of the Greely/Greeley Family*. She also found her Great-grandfather, who immigrated from Ireland to Canada in 1848, in a Canadian census. It was not the ordinary diennial census. It was an

unusual farm and occupation census that told about the size of the property, crops raised on the farm, and about a variety of occupations and small businesses that an enterprising farmer might run.

*By Clarice Christensen*

I started my adventure by going to the Swedish records located in the B1 floor of the Library to look for my paternal grandmother's family. I needed this for the chapter in the book I'm writing on my grandmother Hilma Sophia Peterson. I needed the record for Hilma's brothers' birth records and the family's emigration record from Backebo, Kalmar, Sweden. In the Swedish emigration records I found my great-grandfather (Johan Peter Pettersson) leaving Sweden in 1876. The parish records indicated that my great-grandmother, Emma Sophia Petersdotter, along with her nine-year-old and two-year old sons, left Backebo on June 11, 1877. Johan's emigration record was still being elusive. No hair in the sink!

My paternal grandmother and her twin sister were born in Spring Lake,

Minnesota. This proved to me that Johan made it to America.

Having never researched U.S. genealogy records, I learned that they are not nearly as complete or easily available as the Swedish records. For three days, I searched records relating to my husband's family, with limited success. I did find pension records for the War of 1812. Much time was spent slogging through records in Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine without success. I've decided that a trip to these three states will be needed, especially this fall when the leaves change!

One of the best benefits of this trip was the camaraderie between our group. There were tears of excitement, tears caused by laughter, as well as tears created by disappointment. This was a tremendous opportunity to get to know each other on a deeper level, to become more familiar with their family lines. This **will** become an annual society event!



## "Beginning Genealogy" Classes

Peggy Gray has started a monthly basic genealogy class for beginners. The class will be held at the genealogy library on the third Wednesday of each month from 1:00 to 4:00 PM. Classes will be held **May 16, June 20, July 18, and August 15**. Each class will be the same, so if one date isn't good for you, pre-register for a different month. Pre-registration and payment of fee is required. If attendees are already members of the society, the class only costs \$5; if an attendee joins the society (\$15) the class will cost \$5; if an attendee does not join the society, the class will cost \$25. For more information, call Peggy Gray at (928) 474-5015 or Nancy Hancock at (928) 479-2485.



## Yard Sale Proceeds!

Our Annual Yard Sale held on April 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> netted \$764.17 even though the weather was uncooperative with wind and rain! Kathy McKibben, Nancy Hancock and Kay Keplinger were the Co-Chairs for this event. Thank you to all the volunteers who worked so hard to make it such a success.



Grace Johns submitted the following article from THE LORAIN COUNTY RESEARCHER.

### THINGS FOUND ONLY IN AMERICA

[as seen in SENIOR YEARS, Oct. 2006, by Larry Shullick]

1. Only in America ... can a pizza get to your house faster than an ambulance.
2. Only in America ... are there handicapped parking spaces in front of a skating rink.
3. Only in America ... do drugstores make the sick walk all the way to the back of the store to get their prescriptions while healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front.
4. Only in America ... do people order double cheeseburgers, large fries, and a diet Coke.
5. Only in America ... do banks leave both vault doors open and chain the pens to the counters.
6. Only in America ... do we leave cars worth thousands of dollars in the driveway, and fill our garages with useless junk.
7. Only in America ... do we use answering machines to screen calls and then have call waiting so we won't miss a call from someone we didn't want to talk to in the first place.
8. Only in America ... do we buy hot dogs in packages of 10 and buns in packages of eight.
9. Only in America ... do we use the word 'politics' to describe the process so well. 'Poli' in Latin meaning 'many' and 'tic[k]s' meaning 'bloodsucking creatures.'
10. Only in America ... do they have drive-up ATM machines with Braille lettering.



## Our Yard Has a New Look

The next time you come to visit our library, take a moment to notice the work that Kathy McKibben and Joan Savage have done on our grounds! Kathy and her husband hauled rocks from their property to dress up the front. And Joan and Kathy have worked hard to keep ahead of the spring weeds. So give them a big hug and thanks the next time you see them!



## Genealogy Website Review

[www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com) is a premier website for genealogists for many reasons. One that is frequently overlooked is the “**Learning Center**” tab located between the “**Ancestry Community**” tab and the “**Store**” tab. Clicking on the “**Learning Center**” tab brings you to a page called “**Reference & Finding Aids**”. Read on to see all the helpful genealogy aids you can find here! Our library offers this website free of charge to our patrons, so drop by anytime between 9:00 and 4:00 Thursday, Friday, &/or Saturday! And this area of “Ancestry” is FREE to those of you with computers. You DO NOT have to “log in” to use these resources!

### **Reference & Finding Aids**

The Reference & Finding Aids Collection contains reference materials including dictionaries, maps, and gazetteers that will help family historians find and understand genealogical records. In addition to general family history resources, the collection includes country studies for numerous countries outside of the U.S. and U.K. These studies can provide invaluable information about the native lands of your non-Anglican ancestors. Some of the more unique countries included in these studies are Egypt, Belarus, Cyprus, Hungary, Japan, Mongolia, North Korea and many others.

### **Featured Databases:**

- ***The Source: A Guidebook of American Genealogy.*** (online version) This guidebook is an immeasurable help to researchers in the United States who want to find their ancestors. Covering all the important aspects of genealogical research -censuses, land records, military records, and church records just to name a few-this work points the researcher in those areas where ancestors can be found.
- **The Genealogical Library Master Catalog™ Volume 1.** This catalog gives bibliographic references to over 200,000 family histories, genealogies, town and county histories, and other records held by libraries across the United States. Maintained by OneLibrary.com and provided as a resource for Ancestry users, it is the largest bibliographic database of its kind and includes microfilm, manuscripts, and printed books. Each entry in this database includes the title of the work, subjects included in it, library that holds the item, expanded information on each library, and other helpful information.
- **Map Center.** Family history research can be compared to real estate-success depends on location. Most genealogists will tell you that without at least a general idea of where your ancestors came from, it is very difficult to find even basic vital records for them. Historical maps show the town, county, and state boundaries for the time period they depict. Since boundaries are constantly changing, dated historical maps can help genealogists determine where their ancestors actually lived. Location sources like maps, atlases, gazetteers, postal guides, city directories, aerial photographs, and U.S. geological surveys can be indispensable aids for finding your ancestors.



## Types of Resources

The Reference & Finding Aids Collection contains a variety of resources. This section explains some of the reference materials you will find:

- **Online Books**

You can browse or search two of the premiere works at Ancestry: *The Source: A Guidebook of American Genealogy* and *Red Book: American, State, County and Town Sources*. [The Source](#) teaches you what to look for in records and how to access them. It also includes comprehensive coverage on topics such as finding your immigrant origins, and finding military service records. [Red Book](#) is intended to be a guide to the most useful resources in genealogy research. It lists the names of documents, archives, and addresses which are grouped by each of the fifty states and the District of Columbia.

- **Country Studies**

Although these resources do not include a searchable list of names, these studies contain interesting and compelling facts about specific countries. You can learn more about the history, politics, culture, and economy of a country and gain an understanding of the broader culture in which your ancestors lived.

- **Dictionaries**

A variety of dictionaries are in the collection; you will find everything from a dictionary of surnames to topographical dictionaries that explain historical and statistical descriptions of specific areas.

- **Research Guides**

You will find a variety of guides that offer you step-by-step instruction in genealogical research.

- **Gazetteers**

A gazetteer is a geographical dictionary that lists the names of places (for example, towns, counties, states, and territories). You can use this information to help you locate places on maps.

## How do I use the free Reference and Finding Aids on Ancestry?

Ancestry provides a broad variety of tools and reference aids to increase the effectiveness of your family history research. Among these are online references, information on how to find additional sources, family trees, message boards, the Learning Center, and information on how to resolve technical issues. Additionally, there is a great deal of information available to assist you to find data more effectively on our Resource tabs:

### Resource Tabs

Usually overlooked, the Resource tabs provide further information that may prove very helpful in your research. To access the tabs, click the Search Records tab at the top of most pages on Ancestry. Below the search template, several small, maps are shown. You can

click on a location (state, province, county, nation, etc.) to view databases for that specific area. You are taken to a page where multiple tabs may be available:

### **Database Tab**

The Database tab is selected by default and shows the available databases for your chosen area. The databases listed include not only those from the specified location (state, province, etc.), but also those reporting residence there. For example, clicking on the map of Europe and then clicking on Russia on the larger map shows immigration records from the United States where Russian immigrants were reported. Also shown are records from Germany where Russians were reported as leaving there.

### **Sources Tab**

The Sources tab describes how to access additional resources, such as:

- Vital records: The addresses for sending inquiries to order copies of original records and for what period of time these may exist.
- Census records: The years and locations where there will or will not be records from local and national censuses.
- Land records: Where certain kinds of land records can be found.
- Court records: Where to look for what kinds of court records.
- Military records: What kinds of records may be archived at a local, state, or national level.
- Additional sources: A variety of further types of aids for your research ways to contact an office or department by direct mail, phone, email, or online for important record locations for the state or country.
- Historical and genealogy associations, libraries to visit, other websites with helpful information.

### **How can I view and print the maps on Ancestry?**


You can access the Map Center by clicking on the Search Records tab and then selecting the Ancestry Map Center link below the Reference & Finding Aids heading (located on the Browse Records column on the right of your screen).

Printing a map using the Enhanced Image Viewer is easy. First, use the zoom feature to display the image that you want to print (you can also choose to print the entire image). Then, simply click the print button on the top right-hand side of your screen. A dialog box will open that lets you choose different printing options such as the number of copies, image quality, and current image vs. entire image. Simply choose the options you want and click OK.

Within the Print dialog box, you should be able to see a Properties button for your printer. If you click the Properties button, you will most likely have an option to print the image with Landscape orientation rather than Portrait orientation. This will sometimes provide the largest possible print of the image.

If you know of any websites that may be of interest to our readers, please send the website address and a one-line description to Val Sullivan, [vsull9173@aol.com](mailto:vsull9173@aol.com).

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