

Dear Fellow Genealogists:

Summer is ending and the classrooms are filling with children again. Every American school-child will learn the story of the Pilgrims, the Puritans, the Revolution and the Civil War – iconic persons and events in the American story. We now know the version we were taught was sanitized, and the individuals who formed this country were idealized and even glorified. In the history books they were like the statues of themselves placed at squares, in rotundas and monuments: immense, awe-inspiring, cold and static and not quite human.

At some point, academic historians realized that the apotheosis of famous men was not very instructive. We couldn't relate to those godlike creatures. (There's even a famous painting in the U.S. Capitol of George Washington sitting on a cloud as he ascends to heaven!) History turned more to the study of ordinary people and how they lived, worked, and thought. It was as important, and more interesting, to learn a famous man's personal challenges, attitudes and inconsistencies as his great acts.

This led to new scholarship on Thomas Jefferson – now there's a contradictory figure with a checkered life -- and John Adams. The competition and acrimony at times between these two is well displayed in David McCullough's *John Adams*. Cheeky Ben Franklin's lusts, and idiosyncrasies have always endeared him to us; read about him in *Benjamin Franklin: an American Life*, by Walter Isaacson.

Now the book *1776*, by David McCullough, is a bestseller in the bookstores. *Washington's Crossing*, by David Hackett Fischer, is highly recommended. And the musical "1776" has been revived, playing recently in Tampa live theater. In song and dance, it makes great fun of the foibles of Franklin, Adams and Jefferson; yet it shows the amazing confluence of visionary idealism, confidence and determination that galvanized the Continental Congress to declare independence and create a new form of government. All the while confined in a sweltering, fly-ridden room in Philadelphia.

But family history researchers get even closer to the true American story. Through town records and census and Bibles and family papers and family legend, we discover the personalities, struggles and achievements of the individuals who are our ancestors. Their lives are the real story of those days when the colonies were settled, the Republic was founded, and the Union was saved.

These are people we know: the Mayflower passenger, the colonial farmer, the fiery preacher, the Tory, the ragged Rebel soldier, the hapless bankrupt, the war hero, the militia private called out to fight Indians or British, the European immigrant in steerage class -- even, perhaps, the Indian caught between his passing world and the new European culture sweeping in. Each of us can supply the familiar profile of a great-grandfather or grandmother who lived the history. Each one has a place in the tapestry.

This hard work of genealogy gives a priceless gift -- a felt connection to the great events in our shared history.

Patricia Busbice

TIPS FROM READERS:

Submitted by Virginia Britten

Licking Those Spelling Gremlins

By Pat Asher

Anyone who has done more than superficial genealogical research has discovered that, unlike a rose, a name is not always a name. Spellings vary not only according to the census taker or the county clerk who recorded it, but from region to region.

A simple name like AMBROSE was AMBROSSI or AMBROSIER to early Pennsylvania German immigrants. Moving south, it was spelled AMBERS, exactly as it was pronounced in a Southern drawl. Then there are transcription errors by the fallible human beings who index original records so we can search them. The "se" at the end of AMBROSE can resemble an "n" -- resulting in the name being indexed as AMBRON.

Fortunately for our sanity and research, many Internet search engines support wildcard searches. A search at RootsWeb or Ancestry for "Amb*" will find all of the above variants, as well as several others.

However, not all names lend themselves to wildcard searches. My "nightmare" name is a French one, spelled D'YARMETT or DeYARMETT. It appears in various official records as DEYARMIT, DEARMAN, DERMOTT, and D'ARMIT, and is sometimes indexed under "Y" for Yarmett. But the discovery that made me rethink how to do Internet searches was an accidental one.

While browsing an index of marriages for the relevant location, I found Mary D. GARMETT. The indexer had misread a sprawling "Y" as a "G" and assumed that "D" was a middle initial. That discovery enabled me to find Mary's sister and three of her brothers, who I had previously assumed must have been spirited away by aliens.

Since that serendipitous discovery, I never accept "no results found" as final. I use all the tools available, including wildcards, Soundex and metaphone searches. I search for unique given names instead of a surname. When all else fails, I try to think outside the box. What possible variations could have occurred in spelling or transcription? Could an "L" have been misread as a "S"? The "J" as an "I" or an "F" as a "T"? My successful search rate has improved dramatically and my frustration level has decreased accordingly.

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PCGS UPCOMING EVENTS

Provided by Mike Shires

SEPT.10: Genealogy Trivia Pursuit - Informal presentation, with a different approach; includes questions and answers to tickle the ol' grey matter. Welcome back from a hot summer to a real "cool" program with everyone taking part.

OCT. 8: Mary Ann Balbach, one of our members, will be speaking on genealogy research in Ireland as well as providing us with information learned at the recent National Genealogy Convention in Nashville, TN. "What's the Plan, with Mary Ann"

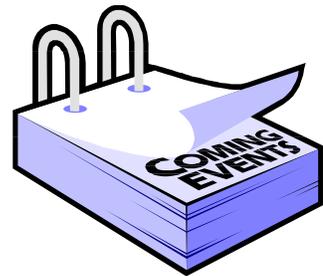
NOV. 12: Gerd Hemminger will be speaking on research in Germany. He was born in Pforzheim, Germany in 1944 and immigrated to Long Island, NY in 1951. He has 17 years experience in German genealogy and should be most helpful to those of you in your search for German ancestors. ❖

OUT OF AREA EVENTS

AUG. 20: Florida Genealogical Society is presenting a program on "Native American Research Techniques" by Laurie Beth Roman at its regular monthly meeting at noon in the auditorium of the John F. Germany Library at 900 N. Ashley Dr. in downtown Tampa. Admission is free.

OCT. 15: Genealogical Society of Greater Miami is presenting John C.E. Christensen speaking on "Digitizing old photos and what you can do with them!". Coral Gables Congregational Church, 3010 DeSoto Blvd, directly across from the Biltmore Hotel in Coral Gables. Free at the monthly meeting 2:00 PM. Contact: GSGMMiami@yahoo.com

OCT. 29: 10:00 AM APG-FL general meeting at Polk County Historical & Genealogical Library, 100 E. Main St., Bartow. Amy Larner Giourx, CG and Debbe Hagner, AG will speak on "20th Century Research." ❖



Graves Matter

By Kelly Jewitt

As Benjamin Franklin once said "Show me your cemeteries, and I will tell you what kind of people you have." All graves matter and those of us who are genealogists may especially have an interest in them. There are many other people in this country that are interested in graves and cemeteries. Several years ago, a few of these people got together and created a website called "Find A Grave" at www.findagrave.com. It appears it had an initial purpose of identifying the gravesites of famous people. The website has now evolved into one of the best sites available for cemetery research and has almost 8 million grave records. Anyone in the world can contribute names, photos, memorials, and genealogical information. In the past few months, I have been hearing about this site on TV and radio, being mentioned by people who are not all involved in genealogy. I decided to take a closer look and am now loading it up with my family grave records.

The opening page on the website will have two columns: "Find Famous Graves" and "Find Graves". The "search by name" selection is to be used when looking for famous people. The second column has a selection "Search 7.9 million grave records" which is for all the contributions that are not designated as famous people. This is the selection I have used. A request can be made using first name, last name, birth date, death date, OR cemetery location, which prompts several more screens narrowing the location. A person really doesn't need a whole lot of information to do a search. They can just search using a surname. The results may well be in the hundreds. For instance looking for "Remington" yields 275 listings. Looking for "Mather" yields 783 entries. Narrowing this search down to "Cotton Mather" is a perfect example of all the features available at this site. A person will find a picture of the cemetery, a map to the cemetery including the GPS coordinates and a satellite photo, pictures of Cotton Mather, his gravesite, birth and death dates (often there is a location listed), a very brief biography (much more information is allowed and recommended), flowers for his gravesite, a date when this information was added to the website, and the person creating the page. I am impressed!

Now, if you have family in any cemetery in the United States, you can add any of this information you are so inclined. The first thing necessary is to register with the site. They want to be sure the person submitting this information has a working email address. When registering use your email address and a password, which you have to remember. They don't keep track of your passwords. Press the "submit" button and wait a couple minutes. You will then receive an email from them with an authorization code. Follow the instructions in the email, and you will be authorized. Be sure to read any questions carefully so you understand what they are explaining. They will ask if you want your email address available, etc. They do not sell addresses, nor use it for spam harvesting. You can post a picture of yourself (or your pet, which is commonly done), and an autobiography in your profile. I have looked at these autobiographies. They are long and interesting. Your profile will show how many contributions (internments, photos, flower memorials, etc.) you have made, membership date, and your autobiography. When signing in to the site, you can select a box to keep you signed in all the time. This is recommended for your own computer but not for a public computer such as at a library.

Once registered, select a name you would like to post (assuming you have verified it is not already listed). On the left side of the page is a box "Actions". Select "Add Burial Records". Then select "Family and Friends". The next screen will read "Add a Name". Complete as much of the information you as you desire. One really nice feature is allowing for a woman's maiden and married name to be easily printed. The short bio can have anything you want and, I think, you are the only person that can edit it. You can edit anything on this screen any time after it has posted to the website. When you have completed this screen as you like, select "Add this person to Find a Grave" and it is available for anyone around the world to see. No delay! Once one person is added, there is a selection screen where more people can be added to the same cemetery. This works well if you have 10 or 20 people to list at one cemetery. If you have more than 50 people to add at the exact same cemetery, they provide an Excel spreadsheet to download, complete the information, and email back to them. The spreadsheet does not allow for any birth and death locations, or biography information. You can always go back and edit if you would like. I used the spreadsheet and added information for

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about 180 relatives. After about 4 hours I received an email “File Imported Successfully!”. Well, I had to check it out! All there – just perfect!

Let’s keep going now! Pictures – anything you have in digital format – scanned to the hard drive, on cd’s, floppies, dvd’s. They need to have a .jpg extension and be smaller than 250 kb, which is no problem. To add a picture or a flower memorial, the grave record of the person needs to be on your screen . There will be selections of “add a photo” and “leave flowers and a note”. Select “add a photo” and the next screen will ask for a copy of the .jpg file, so know where this file is at before you start this process. You will also have the option of adding a subtitle to the picture. (It just keeps getting better doesn’t it!?) Once you select “add this photo” and wait about a minute on a dial up internet connection, the photo can be seen around the world! Several photos can be added. They do have guidelines for the photos. They have to be easily identified, not faded or too dark. They can be of the person, their gravestone, their home or farm, but probably not their favorite car unless the person is standing in front of it. They do monitor these pictures and can reject them (based on their message boards, it happens once in a while). They have guidelines posted on this website. They also like to have pictures of the cemetery entrance added and you can send those in using the same process just have the cemetery page on the screen instead of an individual.

I have looked at several grave records. There seems to be complete obituaries for recently deceased people just like in a local newspaper. They are long and you feel like you have met this person. The “add a flower and note” is just like visiting the cemetery and leaving your own flowers. They have flowers to select from or you can send you own flowers just like sending a picture. You also have an email address to contact the family should you want to. I did notice that some of the grave records are by people who have an interest in something such as “Civil War” veterans. These people have made 60,000 contributions – and may be related to only one of them.

“Discussion Forums” is a very interesting area to check out. All sorts of conversations are happening here from gravestone preservation, Civil War graves, grief support, and genealogy. It is possible to find someone who will go to a cemetery near them and get photos you would like. The site also has a store with very interesting items and there are gravestone and cemetery reference books for sale. The sale items are for fundraising. Everything I have explained is free. It is just amazing.

I don’t have the means to travel the United States to various cemeteries, but by visiting this site, it is like being there. Travel hundreds of miles while sitting at your desk. It is so easy for me to get some genealogy on the internet, provide a nicely presented memorial, and maybe meet some new cousins who appreciate my information and pictures and maybe have genealogy information for me. I have 206 records submitted and haven’t heard from any new cousins yet, but it’s only been 24 hours. ❖



New in the Library

By Connie Delaney

Earlier this spring, Charlotte Litchfield’s niece offered us books from Charlotte’s personal library. We now have 128 more books in our own library at the church. There are several volumes of Mayflower families and Mayflower-related books; lots of books on England; a series of books on Derry, New Hampshire; two volumes of the Great Migration; several lineage society indexes and others too numerous to mention.

Susan Canney donated a great number of books (I haven’t counted them), including reprints of early volumes of the New England Register, and many issues of the Connecticut Nutmegger and other genealogical society newsletters.

Most of these books are still unorganized, since Jim Parrish is in the process of providing more shelving and figuring out where to put everything. Our library is growing faster than we can keep up! But please visit and take advantage of these wonderful resources. Don’t forget to order some films from the LDS church. Between the books and the availability of films and the Internet, we have a great resource in our own library! ❖

HOW I FOUND SAM BROWN

By Connie Delaney

I knew that my great-grandmother's name was Caroline Brown, but her tombstone in Northfield, Mass., just gave the years of her birth and death, 1840-1920. Since she had been a local county resident, I assumed that there would have been an obituary in the local paper. I went through the newspapers on microfilm for the year of her death, and finally found an obit in July. It said that she had died in Somers, Conn., at the home of her daughter (my grandfather's sister).

Her death certificate said that her father was Samuel Brown and her mother was Abigail Hastings. The informant was a grandson, who gave Heath, Mass., as Sam's birthplace and Whitingham, Vermont, as Abigail's birthplace. There was a Samuel Brown born in Heath about the right time, and after a wild goose chase on that one, it turned out to be the wrong Sam Brown. There was nothing in the town of Whitingham regarding Abigail, either. After much searching, I found that Abigail was buried in Heath, but no Sam beside her. I got her death information, and she was born in Charlemont, Mass.! I confirmed this by researching the vital records of Charlemont. (It was Caroline who was born in Whitingham.)

The 1860 census showed Sam and Abigail living in Colrain, Mass., so I went to the little library there. After searching through a lot of books and other materials, I asked the librarian if there was any more information on Browns. (The town clerk in Colrain told me that there were three Brown families that had lived in town, and none of them seemed to be related.) The librarian directed me to their vertical file, where I found the right family, and three brothers and a sister of Caroline. The information had been placed in the file by a woman in New York, so I wrote to her. Her niece, a descendant of Sam's brother, responded and gave me more information on the family. It turned out that Sam was born in Guilford, Vermont, in 1804. So much for the validity of information on a death certificate! I found other documents later in which he stated that he was born in Guilford, but his birth is not recorded in the town records.

Since Abigail was buried alone in Heath, I thought perhaps Sam was buried somewhere else in the county. I dragged my poor husband through just about every cemetery in the county, but no Sam. I was beginning to wonder if he was still wandering around in the hills somewhere. While I was looking through the vital records in Heath, I discovered that Sam had remarried, and that one of his sons had married his second wife's daughter (got that?). I understood why he wasn't buried next to Abigail, but it didn't help me find where he was buried. I did find the death of another Sam Brown, born in 1804, but he was also the wrong one (wrong wife). I put it all aside for a while.

Later, when I was at the Old Deerfield Memorial Library, I found a series of little blue notebooks in which vital notices from newspapers had been pasted. These books were prepared by an old man named William O. Taylor, who had cut the items from the local newspapers for 20 years! (He had been a soldier in Custer's army, but survived the battle of Little Big Horn because he was with a detachment sent to guard another hill.) It was in these books that I found Sam! It seems that Sam, his new wife, and his son and daughter-in-law had gone west in 1865, and he had died in Mason City, Illinois! No wonder I couldn't find him! Incidentally, his new wife skipped out on her obligations (bills) as administrator of his estate just ahead of the sheriff. She came back to Massachusetts and married twice more. I lost track of her after the fourth husband.

I found the names of Sam's parents (his mother was a Jones!) and grandfather, and his grandmother's first name, but I have yet to find where his grandfather or his parents (his father's name was also Samuel) are buried, or where his grandfather came from before he settled in Vermont. His grandmother is buried in Halifax, Vermont, and she left a will giving the names of all her children, so I am assuming that Grandfather Isaac died before her. Now I have to see if I can find more by researching Sam's aunts and uncles listed in the will.

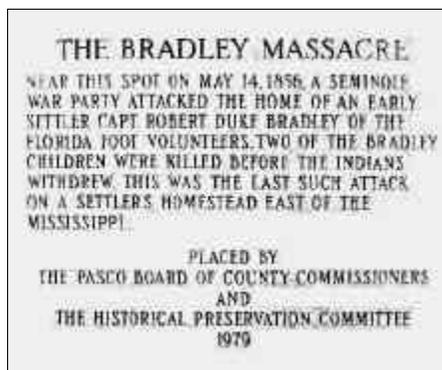
I have a feeling that some of these Sam Browns who lived in the same area are probably related if I can go back a few more generations, but who knows? It is a common name, as all of you who have Brown ancestors know!!

The moral (s) of this story: a) Don't trust the information on a death certificate, b) Don't be afraid to ask librarians questions, c) Make use of old newspapers, d) Be thankful for serendipity!❖

Descendants of the Bradley Massacre

by Tom Santa Cruz

On the 5th of May 1856, Seminole Indians raided the home of Capt. Robert Duke Bradley. Capt. Bradley, his son, William, and daughter, Mary were killed in the raid. Days before Capt. Bradley had killed an Indian Chief in a skirmish. This raid was probably in a result of the earlier killing. The Seminole raiders were later hunted down, but for the Seminole Tribe, it was one of several factors leading to in a major deportation of Indians from the Everglades area to Oklahoma. [This information comes from the **History of Pasco County Florida** by J. A. Hendley that was published in 1943 and available online at <fivay.org/hendley.html>.] The Pasco County Board of Commissioners in 1979 placed a monument in Darby to remember this event.



Genealogically we can ask what happened with Robert Duke Bradley's surviving children? I wondered how easy it would be to collect genealogical information on these people. What was available for free were the federal census indices and records, marriage records in the PCGS library, marriage records at the Quintilla Geer Burton Archive in Plant City, online Pasco County cemetery records, online Florida Confederate Pension Applications, a related family's history (**Calhoun and related Families** by Samuel S. Gibbons, 1977), and information from the email lists (Nancy Johnson, kennancy@gate.net and Neal Parker, coxparker@aol.com on genforum.com).

The list of Capt. Bradley's family comes from the 1850 census and emails to genforum.com. He was the father of at least 15 children. The older children (Lovier, Sara, Zebulon, and Arianna) may have remained in South Carolina since no Florida information was found. The children killed in the massacre were William and Mary. Two children Sarah and Elizabeth may have died very young, again, since their names don't appear after the massacre. There were seven children who left a genealogical record.

Samuel and James Colding are brothers and William Stanley is their first cousin. Samuel Colding and his wife Julia Ann Bradley were both present on their nearby farm at the time of the massacre.

Several of the families were without children. The Haagers and some Coldings moved south into Hillsborough County.

Below is an indented descendent chart of what I found in my spare time and opportunities. I intentionally did not seek individuals born after 1930, not wanting information on living people. I also failed to check the 1885 Florida State Census. I am sure that it is not complete, but it shows the spread of the descendency of one significant man from our area's past.

I have discovered some interesting stories about some of these families. I wonder where Fort Taylor was (this is where a slave was sent for help after the attack. So far there are no re-enactors for this event.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capt. Robert Duke Bradley, b. circa 1790, d. 1856 +Mary Carolina Kittles +-- Lovier A. E. Bradley, b. 1824 +-- Sara Blanchy Bradley, b. 1827 +-- Zebulan Monty Bradley, b. 1827 +-- Julia Ann Bradley, b. 1830, d. 1870 +Samuel B. Colding, b. 1830, m. 1852 +-- Robert Thomas Colding, b. 1853, d. 1900 +Mary E. Frierson, m. 1891 +-- Mary Jemima Colding, b. 1859, d. 1902 +-- Sarah Nancy Colding, b. 1862, d. 1918 +William R. Clark, b. 1844, m. 1891, d. 1900 +-- Samuel R. Clark, b. 1894 +-- Julia H. Clark, b. 1895 +-- Jennie L. Clark, b. 1897 +-- John Calhoun Clark, b. 1899, d. 1967 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> +Eudora Butler (--?--), b. 1899, d. 1952 +-- Frances G. Bradley, b. 1834, d. 1910 +William S. Stanley, b. 1834, m. 1859, d. 1914 +-- Lewis N. Stanley, b. 1857, d. 1927 +Alice Tomberlin, b. 1865, m. 1883, d. 1937 +-- Fannie L. Stanley, b. 1884 +James M. Boyett, b. 1881, m. 1902 +-- Nettie Boyett, b. 1904 +-- James L. Boyett, b. 1906 +-- (--?--) Boyett, b. 1910 +-- William Dallas Stanley, b. 1886, d. 1942 +Mary Germima Cooper, b. 1891, m. 1907, d. 1957 +-- Mary E. Stanley, b. 1908 +-- Raleigh Napoleon Stanley, b. 1888, d. |
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+Malinda Jane Gillett, b. 1892, m. 1907,
d. 1942
+--- Doshia Ann Stanley, b. 1890
+Charlie A. Fagan, m. 1908
+--- Hattie Elizabeth Stanley, b. 1891
+Jay Ryals, m. 1923
+--- Jesse Manning Stanley, b. 1894
+Mary R. Thomas, m. 1917
+--- Donnie Ella Stanley, b. 1896
+Albert L. Godwin, m. 1914
+--- Mattie Frances Stanley, b. 1897, d.
1898
+--- Nellie Stanley, b. 1900
+--- Edith Stanley, b. 1903
+--- May Stanley, b. 1904
+S.M. Gaskins, m. 1920
+--- Mamie Stanley, b. 1905
+--- Elena Stanley, b. 1907
+--- Walter Raleigh Stanley, b. 1860, d. 1944
+Mary Abbie (--?--), b. 1870, m. 1887, d. 1930
+--- Kate Stanley, b. 1888
+J. C. Marshall, m. 1907
+--- Lottie L. Stanley, b. 1889
+--- Leska L. Stanley, b. 1892
+James C. Douglas, m. 1908
+--- Thomas Clifford Stanley, b. 1894, d.
1975
+Leola Sapp, m. 1924
+--- Clifford Keith Stanley, b. 1926,
d. 1932
+--- Gloria Faye Stanley, b. 1929, d.
1932
+--- Ester H. Stanley, b. 1896
+Virgil Conley, m. 1911
+--- Robin A. Stanley, b. 1898
+--- Anna N. Stanley, b. 1900
+--- Kattie Hayes, b. 1888, d. 1922
+--- Arianna Bradley, b. 1834
+Nancy Wiggins, b. 1816, m. 1837, d. 1896
+--- Nancy Ada Bradley, b. 1839, d. 1920
+James Lawrence Colding, b. 1832, m. 1859, d. 1910
+--- Robert Jesse Bradley, b. 1839, d. 1896
+Amelia Knight, b. 1843, m. 1864
+--- N. K. Bradley, b. 1867
+--- W. L. Bradley, b. 1869
+--- J. D. Bradley, b. 1870
+Ellen (--?--), b. 1885, m. 1900
+--- Porter Bradley, b. 1903
+--- Roland Bradley, b. 1906
+--- Frances E. Bradley, b. 1871
+D. L. Nodine, b. 1860, m. 1890
+--- Gracie Nodine, b. 1895

+--- Roland Nodine, b. 1900
+--- Bonins Nodine, b. 1902
+--- Elmore Nodine, b. 1903
+--- Emma B. Nodine, b. 1908
+--- Julia V. Bradley, b. 1873
+Walter L. McWhite, m. 1903
+--- Robert H. Bradley, b. 1875
+--- Mary Bradley, b. 1877
+--- W. J. Bradley, b. 1878
+--- Jordan Bradley, b. 1880
+--- Hinton Bradley, b. 1881
+--- Irma Bradley, b. 1883
+A. P. Gafford (--?--), m. 1903
+--- Linton Bradley, b. 1886
+--- William Brown Bradley, b. 1841, d. 1856
+--- Sarah Blanch Bradley, b. 1842
+--- Olinda Augusta Bradley, b. 1845
+John W. Darby, b. 1832, m. 1866, d. 1894
+--- Mary Jane Bradley, b. 1847, d. 1856
+--- Elizabeth Bradley, b. 1849
+--- John Daniel Bradley, b. 1850, d. 1934
+--- Susan Amelia Bradley, b. 1851, d. 1936
+William H. Haager, b. 1849, m. 1868, d. 1920
+--- Charles B. Haager, b. 1870
+--- Nancy Florence Haager, b. 1875, d. 1922
+--- James W. Haager, b. 1877, d. 1943
+--- John Washington Haager, b. 1879, d. 1945
+Della Estelle (--?--), b. 1884, m. 1901, d. 1978
+--- Vernon Haager, b. 1901, d. 1993
+--- Doris Haager, b. 1903
+--- Eva Haager, b. 1906
+--- Kenneth Haager, b. 1911, d. 1982
+--- Florence Haager, b. 1914
+--- Basil Haager, b. 1921
+--- Oscar Linton Haager, b. 1881, d. 1952
+Susie (--?--), b. 1886, m. 1902, d. 1914
+--- E. Kirk Haager, b. 1904
+--- Thressie Millie Haager, b. 1905, d. 1924
+--- Emma Haager, b. 1909
+Marty (--?--), b. 1894, m. 1917
+--- Mary J. Haager, b. 1883
+ (--?--) Robinson
+--- Robert S. Haager, b. 1886
+--- Paul Geer Haager, b. 1889, d. 1966
+Nillie M. (--?--), b. 1889, m. 1906
+--- Stella M. Haager, b. 1910, d. 1977
+Stow (--?--)
+--- Nellie L. Haager, b. 1912
+--- James P. Haager, b. 1914, d. 1999
+--- Ellen C. Haager, b. 1892, d. 1971
+Richard B. Lovett, b. 1889, m. 1911, d. 1940
+--- Myrtle C. Lovett, b. 1913
+--- Elayne S. Lovett, b. 1916



We Are The Chosen

Author Unknown

Submitted by Cathy Vance

We are the chosen. In each family there is one who seems called to find the ancestors. To put flesh on their bones and make them live again, to tell the family story and to feel that somehow they know and approve. Doing genealogy is not a cold gathering of facts but, instead, breathing life into all who have gone before. We are the storytellers of the tribe. All tribes have one. We have been called, as it were, by our genes. Those who have gone before cry out to us, "Tell our story!" So, we do.

In finding them, we somehow find ourselves. How many graves have I stood before now and cried? I have lost count. How many times have I told the ancestors, "You have a wonderful family; you would be proud of us." How many times have I walked up to a grave and felt somehow there was love there for me? I cannot say. It goes beyond just documenting facts. It goes to who am I and why do I do the things I do. It goes to seeing a cemetery about to be lost forever to weeds and indifference and saying, "I can't let this happen." The bones here are bones of my bone and flesh of my flesh. It goes to doing something about it. It goes to pride in what our ancestors were able to accomplish, how they contributed to what we are today. It goes to respecting their hardships and losses, their never giving in or giving up, their resoluteness to go on and build a life for their family.

It goes to deep pride that the fathers fought and some died to make and keep us a Nation. It goes to a deep and immense understanding that they were doing it for us. It is of equal pride and love that our mothers struggled to give us birth. Without them we could not exist, and so we love each one, as far back as we can reach. That we might be born who we are. That we might remember them. So, we do. With love and caring and scribing each fact of their existence, because we are they and they are the sum of who we are. So, as a scribe called, I tell the story of my family. It is up to that one called in the next generation to answer the call and take my place in the long line of family storytellers. That is why I do my family genealogy, and that is what calls those young and old to step up and restore the memory or greet those whom we had never known before. ❖

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