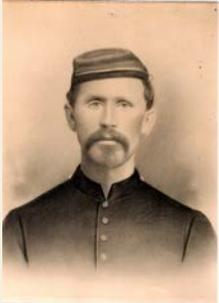


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GUSTAVE BISTOFF

A Civil War Ancestor Tale.

by **Janet Avery**

I have found a good friend through my addiction to genealogy. Four years ago I started helping a lady from my church family. She had done a lot of research (not on the computer) on her family, but had run into some brick walls.

My friend Gladys has many stories to tell, but I fell in love with one of her ancestors and here is his story. Gladys' Great grandfather, Gustave Bistoff was the youngest of six children, born in Metz, Alsace-Lorraine, France in 1838. Gustave came to America at the age of 18, arriving in Buffalo, NY in 1856-57.

Gustave applied for citizenship October 24, 1860, the name listed on the application is Cristof Bristof of France. He was approved for citizenship October 24, 1865. The difference in the spelling of the name is due to his heavy French accent and translation into English. At this point he could not read nor write English. Later on he became fluent in English.

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Auction Sale!

The subscribers will sell at Public Sale at the late residence of Gustave Bistoff, deceased, in the town of Royalton, 6 miles southeast of city of Lockport, on

THURSDAY, MAR. 5, '96

Commencing at 10 o'clock A. M., the following property, viz:

One Bay Horse, 6 years old; 1 Bay Horse, 7 years old; 1 Bay Mare, 8 years old; 1 Bay Mare, 12 years old; 1 Cow 5 years old; 1 Cow 6 years old; 1 heifer coming two years old, 1 yearling heifer, 6 shoats, 34 chickens, 1 lumber wagon nearly new, 1 pair trucks, 1 pair Eagle wagon springs, neckyokes, 1 set of whiffletrees and eveners, 1 democrat wagon with pole, thills and top, horse power, jack and rods, 1 mud boat, 4 mud boar runners, 1 wood rack, 2 corn cutters, 1 grain drill, wool press, apple press, a quantity of peas, corn in ear, 1 Osmung mill, 3 flails, 1 bag truck, grain bags, corn sheller, pruning shears, force mp. door roller track, 3 splice rings, 1 wheelbarrow, 1 ditch scraper, 1 iron row, 1 vibrator harrow, 1 spring-tooth harrow, 2-horse Union cultivator, 1 corn titivator, 1 Oliver plow, 1 Hill plow, 1 shovel plow, 1 pulverizer, 1 field roller, 1 iron hoppers, crowbar, iron stakes, 1 string bells, 1 single harness, 2 sets double mress, 2 pair fly nets, 1 single net, forks, rakes, shovels, hoes, spades, beetle, 1 wedges, cross-cut saw, 2 axes, 2 ladders, grindstone, 1 caldron kettle, quantity of ash and other lumber and other articles not mentioned.

TERMS OF SALE.

All sums of \$5.00, and under, Cash; over that amount a credit will be an to Nov. 1, '96, on approved notes, with interest, payable at Niagara County National Bank, Lockport, N. Y.

MRS. JOANNA BISTOFF, Administratrix,
JACOB FRANTZ, Administrator.

port Journal Print.

Gustave Bistoff

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Gustave enlisted in Company A, NY 2nd Calvary Regiment, 14 October 1863, he was promoted to Full Corporal on 11 March 1864 and mustered out 10 August 1865 in Petersburg, Va. Attached at the beginning of this article is his Civil War picture.

If you notice he entered and finished his military service for America before he was a citizen. What a patriot.

Before citizenship was approved, he married a gal from Ulm, Germany named Johanna Schuster on 5 April 1865 in Buffalo, New York. Together they had nine children, the last being born in 1889. Gustave died 14 November 1895 and is buried in the Cold Springs Cemetery, Lockport, NY.

In visiting Gladys one afternoon, she showed me the attached Notice of Auction Sale for the Bistoff farm. What a wonderful piece of history. The date of the sale was 5 March 1896.

My friend Gladys was able to explain each of the items listed on the poster and how it was used on the farm. We see whiffletrees, grindstones, apple press, spring-tooth harrow, one pair hobbles, corn sheller, and one mud boat among the items for sale. It was an education to just find out what they were.

The poster is a very valuable tool in genealogy research giving the

researcher vital facts about their ancestor's life.

I was curious about hobbles, so I ran it through Google and they explained it this way: "Hobbling is the act of fastening two of the horse's legs together with a short length of rope, leather, or chain in order to impede forward motion." It looks something like the picture on the top of this page.

In a recent discussion about this wonderful man, Gladys told me she has his Civil War pension records, a copy of his citizenship application, as well as many pictures of him and his wife. What a treasure she has and is willing to share with everyone.

Gustave Bishoff has made the Civil War come alive for me. Thanks, Gladys, for asking me to help.

The End

THIS and THAT

Here is food for thought, last week I was reading the classifieds. So when, I ran across this ad featured in the November 9, 1911 Zephyrhills news paper, **The Zephyrhills Colonists**, I thought about the good old days!

The ad read "Florida Land For Sale" 25 acres first class land ajoin the town of San Antonio, 4 miles NW from Zephyrhills, 18 acres well cleared, free of stumps and under fence. Good four

room cottage, good well and new barn, 5 orange trees, 12 grapefruit and plum trees, all bearing and young peach trees. **Price \$1500.**

Address: J.J. Sanders
San Antonio

1926 Pasco Co Voter List

If you are looking to find who is eligible to vote in Pasco County in 1926, I have found a printable list. A list appeared in the **Zephyrhills News** October 29, 1926 edition on page 6 of that issue.

You can find the microfilm of this newspaper at the Zephyrhills Public Library, and they have a reader that makes copies of the film if you desire. Happy Hunting.

MOTHER'S DAY

Mother's Day was created by Anna M. Jarvis, a West Virginia school teacher who was deeply devoted to her mother, who died in 1905.

She undertook a letter writing campaign to everyone she could think of suggesting a national day be set aside to honor all mothers.

In 1910 West Virginia became the first state to proclaim the day and within the year the rest of the nation followed suit. In 1914, President W. Wilson established the second Sunday in May to honor all Mothers.



Your 2012 Officers busy at work.



President Janet Avery

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Our northern members are returning home for the summer and many of us will be planning our summer vacations. Hopefully, these summer trips will include some family research as well.

Be sure to plan ahead and be prepared for these trips. Be sure to have your camera, paper, laptop or iPad, and a small scanner with you. Also, copy your notes and records you will need and leave your originals at home for safe keeping. Make a list of the questions you are seeking and stay focused. These items will prove to be valuable tools on your "digging" for ancestors. Be sure to come back in the fall and tell us about all of your finds.

However, if you are not leaving the area this summer, please remember to visit some of our local libraries. We have in Dade City the Hugh Embree Public Library, the [Quintilla Geer Bruton Archives Center](#) in Plant City, Zephyrhills Public Library, [Historical and Genealogical Library - Polk County](#) in Bartow, Lakeland Public Library and Tampa's John F.

Germany Public Library. A wealth of information can be had close to home.

Please check the computer websites for their local hours and addresses. And for a short trip out of town the Orange County Public Library in Orlando can't be beaten for information and online services. Check out their website for all details at [Orlando Public Library -- Orange County Library System \(Florida\) \[lib ...](#)

Then, if you are not leaving the house this summer, be sure to check out the WEB and use all the search engines that were discussed at the April meeting. Take a look at the new Family Search site [www.FamilySearch.org](#) I recently found information on my family, some marriage records, and birth records, etc., that I have not found anywhere else.

Of course, our volunteers are on summer duty in our very own Dade City Family History Center on limited hours waiting to serve you. Check our PCGS website calendar each month for the schedule. Happy Hunting.

Janet Avery

If you could see
your ancestors all
standing in a row,
There might be
some of them you
wouldn't want to
know.

But here's another
question which
requires a different
view. If you could
meet your ancestors,
would they be proud
of you?

- Mabel Baker

Seen in the GSHC "Links and Bridges" newsletter, Vol 25, No 2

Siferd Family Travels to Ancestors' Homeland- Fall of 2011

STORY TOLD BY SHIRLEY HART AND SUE WOLFE

The family took a ten day trip to the birthplace of their ancestor Johann Adam Siferd who was the first to come to America. It was memorable because it was the culmination for 81 year old Shirley Siferd-Hart's 45 years of genealogical research.

Johann Siferd was born in 1754 in a small village of Unfriedsdorf, Germany. He came to America as part of the Bayreuth Military Regiment in 1777 by the British to assist them in the Revolution War.

This trip allowed Shirley to go back to where three generations of the Siferd Family lived beginning in the late 1600's.

"This was a dream come true for me after many years of research. To actually be there in Germany and stomp on the same ground where my father's ancestors lived, worked, worshiped, and raised their families was a precious gift. Being able to do this with my children made it even more meaningful. Learning about my 7-time great grandfather, Johann, who was a teacher of weaving, and knowing my father, too was always learning and teaching, gave me an even greater appreciation of passing down traditions," said Shirley.

Sue Wolfe added, "My mom has diligently worked on our family history. She made this information available for all the future Siferd generations, and

us. We now have a better understanding of our ancestors and what their lives were like.

My mom worked so hard so that we might have the information before it was lost or nobody around to tell stories of our family. It was an awesome adventure to share with my mom and family. She certainly is passing down the importance of teaching and the privilege of learning."

"I am proud to know where I came from and how I got here. That is rare in today's world," commented George Waite.

If you would like to read more about their experiences, see Cedar Springs, Michigan "Bugle" Vol 29, No 12. *Sounds like a great trip, Shirley.*



PCGS Member Shirley Hart (center) with her children in front of the Lutheran Church in Munchberg, Germany



PCGS Member Shirley Siferd-Hart

Why a Photo Scanner?

By Linda Miller

Do I love my photo scanner? You betcha! When I realized that I had inherited cases of slides, boxes of pictures, negatives and documents galore, I knew I had to make a choice. I had to decide what to do with all this lovely mess. My grandparents, the hobby genealogists, also dabbled in photography...well a little more than dabbled. They had lots of cameras and a darkroom, and now their stuff was my stuff. I was faced with leaving everything packed up or actually trying to preserve it. I made the right decision to preserve it. Next I researched the costs of having someone scan images and I quickly figured out that I will never have that much disposable income. I needed to scan massive amounts of images. And do it myself.

I suggest that if you are facing this same mountain, do your research. Sometimes you can have some services performed by others but based on your needs there are many combinations of solutions. I shopped around on the internet and found a very affordable, less than \$150, photo scanner. My scanner can copy black and white as well as color photos. It can scan single slides, color or black and white, or it can scan multiples slides. How slides are handled is one variable than you will need to make decisions about. The scanner also has a setting for newsprint, that is pure black and white, no grays, great for those clippings that we all have. Additionally, you can load negative strips into a feeder. It will scan both color and black and white negatives to a positive image.

The bonus in this scanner purchase was the software that came with it. It has a semi-automatic mode or you can control each step of the process. There are variables for density, file location and naming, previewing, editing and color correction for old images. Not only do I get a digital image, but I can restore, to some degree, discolored or damaged images. The software bonus was Abby Fine Reader. This software allows you to scan old typewritten documents and turn it into a word document that can be edited, formatted and saved. Great tools if you are considering publishing.

The good news about a photo scanner is that you can use it to create a PDF file, use it as a generic scanner or use it as a copier. With this technology you can convert your pictures, negatives, slides, clippings, letters, documents, brochures, greeting cards and ID cards to digital imagery.

I even made of a digital image of a car plate (with a funny saying) that was always on my father's car. Now I have digital memories for when my mind grows old and tired.



New PCGS Canon Scanner

The above Canon scanner is what PCGS is using to save the periodical collection from our library to PDF files. Many other societies are using this method as well. If you haven't used a photo scanner before, you are missing out.

Genealogy Questions

BY PEGGY FORTNER

Any suggestions, hints, shortcuts, etc for the following questions?

My cousin was in the Navy and served in the Korean War. How can I find out more about his naval experiences? How do I find out which ship he was on--or perhaps he never was on a ship and served in a different position here in the U.S.A.?

I'm having a difficult time with family names. Most of my relatives went by their middle name and this is becoming a big problem with my findings. As an example, my uncle was Vincent Ernest Smithe. He never used Vincent. All of his documents have Ernest Smithe. If you've had same problem---what have you done?

My grandfather had 7 brothers...2 brothers were named Joseph and James. Now Joseph and James plus 6 other brothers all named their sons Joseph and James. Sons Joseph and James plus 3 other brothers named their sons Joseph and James. So now I have 14 Joseph and James Mallett. How can I organize Joseph and James Mallett.

My grandfather Adrian Mallett was 1 of 10 children. He had 2 sisters and 7 brothers. Joseph, James, Lezzin, John, Fidelis, Jean, and Joseph-Alphe (Alfred).

All of his brothers had 2 sons which they named Joseph and James. Now I have 9 Joseph Mallett and 9 James Malletts.

Now my question isas I go forward and find out more family information about them. I'm pretty sure that there are many more Joseph and John Malletts.

How do I keep them organized? Do I still keep them in my grandfather's family tree or do they need their own family tree? Or perhaps in a brother's family tree?

Please tell me how you did your family tree with so many of the same names. Any hints, suggestions, ideas, plans that worked and plans that didn't work? Thanks for your help.

Peggy Fortner
fortner33541@verizon.

Members, please send Peggy your suggestions.

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 - Exhibitors providing access to genealogical materials and supplies.
- [2012 Conference — Birmingham, Alabama — 29 August - 1 September 2012](#)

The Joy of Research

I started out calmly, just tracing my tree,
to find, if I could, the making of me.
All that I knew was Great-Grandfather's name,
not knowing his wife, or from whence he came.
I chased him through villages, cities and states,
and came up with pages of odd names and dates.

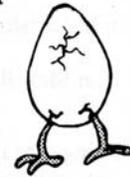


When I put them together, it made me forlorn,
I'd proven that Great-Grandfather had
never been born.



One day I was sure that the truth had been found,
new dates that would turn the whole thing around.
I looked up old records from my Great
Uncle Tim,

and proved that his dad was younger than him.
Then, just when my hopes were fading so fast,
I discovered new records from out of the past.
The new facts I've gathered make me quite sad,
my dear old Great-Grandpa was never a dad.



I think that some rascal is pulling my leg,
with records that prove I was hatched from an egg.
Despite all the effort, documenting my tree,
I can't help but wonder, if I really am me. ☘

Unknown

Found on the internet

From PCGS County Line, 1997, Page 7

Welcome to New Members

Beverly A. Phillips
Marilyn A. Westlake
Stephen A. Westlake



Tip of the Day - This summer, interview the older family members about their families. Make digital interviews to share with other family members to kick start their memories. Be the collector of these memory sessions and soon you will have a clearer understanding of the whole picture. After doing that, you are invited to share a story or two with us. Next deadline is July 10, 2012.

SOCIETY INFORMATION

Meetings are the second Saturday of each month, September through May of each year. There are no membership meetings held in June, July, and August. The public is welcome to attend.

Meetings are held from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints at 9016 Fort King Road (State Road 41), between Zephyrhills and Dade City, Florida.

MEMBERSHIP

Open to all persons interested in genealogical research. Annual dues cover the period from January 1 through December 31 of the same year.

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Did you Know ?
Dade City had Pasco County's first high school and the first higher learning college called Professor Corr's Normal College which trained teachers for the new schools in the community.

Seen in "Days Gone By" by Genevieve L. Smith

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