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4:30 August 8, 2018 A Medley of Resources

The August meeting is a prelude for a very busy Fall season with speakers coming on a variety of topics every month. Details to come. Therefore, a review of several databases is in order. Please submit questions ahead of time, so if we do not know the answer, we can research ahead of the meeting. We'll look at Google Books and see what print materials can be found, and while the entire books are no longer available for download as they once were, I will explain how to ask for books from in state libraries or out of state. Then, while I was "dusting off" my old genealogy notebooks, I

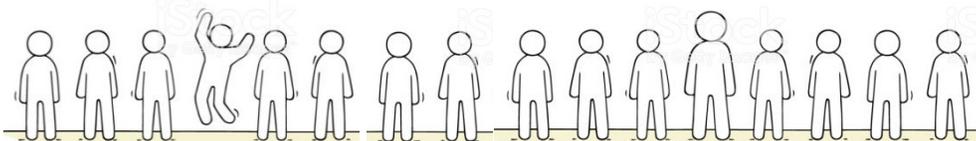
Genealogy is all about chasing your own tale... unknown

found a terrific sheet that simply and succinctly details important information about census records including a list of other sources for hard to find information. Time and questions permitting, we'll buzz over to archives.gov and look around for awhile. And if nothing else piques your interest, surely a quick tour of Ellis Island website will give up some valuable tidbits of what you are looking for.

NEHGS Trip Wednesday, August 29th

Things are not looking particularly good for our Boston trip. Apparently, there is no bus driver currently working at the Senior Center and that has thrown their programs into a tizzy, but also means that we do not have bus transportation.

What would you like to do?



Ancestors, Cousins and such...

From **Family Tree Magazine** (available in the library) I will have a printout for you that shows you how to calculate the complicated relationship of who you can consider cousins. The article from the July/ August 2017 issue, defines the word ancestor. "Your ancestors are only the people in your direct line: parents, grandparents, great-grandparents and so on." And here's an interesting tidbit: anthropologists call the process of figuring out cousin relationships – "collateral degree calculation." Then there is the thorny issue of "removed" and the chart handout will help you determine what that means, how far removed, and how much DNA you share.



Mohr Library Genealogy Group

2nd Wednesday, 4:30 Special Program times vary

Library Hours

Mon – Thurs 9-8/ Friday 9 – 6// Saturday closed in Summer

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Adult Summer Reading @ Mohr Library

The nationwide theme this year for Adult Summer Reading programs is "Libraries Rock." There are lots of programs – some thing for everyone, but I thought genealogy folks would like the following:

◆ **August 7, Tuesday 6 - 8 PM – The History of Outhouses in Rhode Island Ray Wolf, local historian**

Join Ray Wolf for a fascinating look at this fading oddity!



◆ **August 20, Monday 6:30 – 8 "Gardening is Murder" with Neal Sanders, Mystery Writer**

This is a "humorous" discussion of gardening from author Sanders who uses the garden in all of his fiction novels. You may also learn something about gardening!

◆ **August 21, Tuesday 6:30 – 8 Foraged Foods with Brett Mayette Chef Mayette, of Conscious Cuisine will create tasty treats from unlikely wild plants. You will learn about unusual sources of foods from the backyard, and have a chance to sample some.**

◆ **August 22, Wednesday 6:30 – 8 The Birds of New England with Kim Calcagno from Audubon Society**

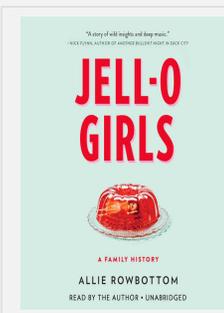
◆ **August 27, Monday 5:30 – 8 Coloring for Grownups: Glass Painting with Lorraine. All materials provided.**

Ralph Waldo Emerson:
Every book is a quotation;
and every house is a quotation
out of all forests and mines
and stone quarries;
and every man is
a quotation from all his ancestors.

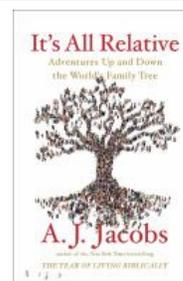
From Representative Men: Seven Lectures

BOOKS you may like...

There is increasing interest in non-fiction in the past decade or so, and it's easy to see why as today's "creative non-fiction" is not usually a set of facts and dates, authors really weave a story around the true story, either a story of an event, a person, a thing, an animal, and so on. And the best authors make very engaging reading. Not only will these books be fun reads for you, but reading a few will help you understand HOW to fashion the story of your relative in a context. (as mentioned in the newspaper article). One new book on order is titled **Jell-O Girls: a family history** by Allie Rowbottom, a descendant of the fortune. Another you may consider is **It's All Relative: adventures up and down the world's family tree**, by A.J. Jacobs.



The author gets started with genealogy when he receives an email telling him that he is one of 80,000 relatives on a particular ancestral chart. The author's adventure turns into a search for the meaning of family, tribes, traditions, biology, and genetics.



"The crickets felt it was their duty to warn everybody that summertime cannot last forever. Even on the most beautiful days in the whole year – the days when summer is changing into autumn – the crickets spread the rumour of sadness and change."

~ E.B. White, *Charlotte's Web*

From the Magazines – Newspapers

Internet Genealogy is featuring newspapers in the August/September issue. "Newspapers wrote about ordinary people as well as the newsworthy, often relating tidbits of gossip and trivia concerning our predecessors' lives, minutiae not important enough to be part of history books. And they provide us with a week by week look at a certain time. It is these often overlooked details that could add flesh to the bare bones of a family tree and bring the personalities, temperament and character revealed through their recorded movements, actions and words to life for modern descendants and researcher..."



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