



WHO are you?

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DECEMBER 2018

December 12th Program

4:30 PM After a most pleasant and active year of genealogical programming, the December meeting will give everyone a chance to catch up on what others have learned and want to share with a similar or diverse nationality. Therefore, we will enjoy:

- ❖ There was not enough time in November to speak about the DPLA! [Digital Public Library of America] so we will peruse that searching option.
- ❖ **Wayback Machine:** a brief look at that option again for searching
- ❖ **Ancestry:** review of what is and what is not
- ❖ **Bring a story or "thing" to share** – something fun or different that no one has heard before that surprised you from your research.
- ❖ **Bring a treat** – savory or sweet -- if you want – to share with others

My grandma always said that God made libraries so that people didn't have any excuse to be stupid. ~ Joan Bauer



Indentured Servants

According to Merriam-Webster: "a person who signs and is bound by indentures to work for another for a specified time especially in return for payment of travel expenses and maintenance." Cyndi's List has a fascinating page listing many sources that may help you figure out if your ancestors/ relatives were indentured:

<https://www.cyndislist.com/servitude/indentured>

DPLA

The Digital Public Library will help you build the story of your ancestors. From the site: "All of the materials found through DPLA—photographs, books, maps, news footage, oral histories, personal letters, museum objects, artwork, government documents, and so much more—are free and immediately available in digital format."

Call for suggestions...

After 10 years of hosting Mohr Library Genealogy Group, I am once again asking what it is that will help your research to move forward and what it is you think you might want to learn more about as I move forward and start to plan programming for 2019. It is not easy to please so many from so many different nationalities, and we do not always know what we do not know, but *All Suggestions Welcome!*

Look Forward – get ya' goin'



Rhode Island Historical Society Field Trip
Tuesday, February 12th 3pm

This is an introductory tour to what is available in our own backyards for research possibilities. Not a real Rhode Islander? No worries! Enjoy the tour with an eye to what you may find in your another state!

Mohr Library Genealogy Group

2nd Wednesday, 4:30 Special Program times vary

LIBRARY Hours

Mon – Thurs 9-8 ♦ Friday 9 – 6 ♦ Saturday 9 – 5

Driving to Town Late to Mail a Letter

by Robert Bly

It is a cold and snowy night.
The main street is deserted. The only
things moving are swirls of snow.
As I lift the mailbox door,
I feel its cold iron.
There is a privacy I love
in this snowy night.
Driving around,
I will waste more time.

Scottish Ancestors?

The current edition, December 2018/
Volume 19, Issue 7 of **Family Tree Magazine**
has an article by Amanda Epperson that will
definitely help your searching for Scotch
relatives. The article states that you need
to start by figuring out the hometown in
Scotland of your relatives. Then you can
search via ScotlandsPeople database. On
page 30, you will find a simple chart that
explains what civil records are found in
which of the databases – Family Search,
ScotlandPeople, Ancestry or Findmypast. As
I do not have Scotch relatives, I would be
willing to work with anyone on these
databases to see if we can find the
information you may be seeking. Ms.
Epperson is also the author of *The Family
Tree Genealogy Guide* that can be purchased
from Family Tree Books.



The way a crow shook
down on me
the dust of snow
from a hemlock tree.
Has given
my heart
a change
of mood
and
saved
some part
of a day
I had
ruined.

~ Robert Frost, *Dust of Snow*

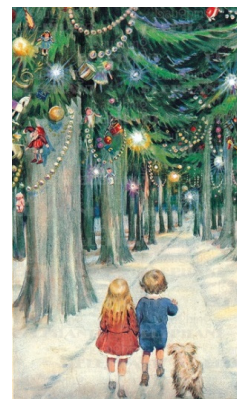
Ancestry (not so good) Surprise

When I was searching through Ancestry Library Edition recently I was flabbergasted! to find one of the best features missing! While this is much easier to show than explain, let me try. Take the example of a census. When you arrive at the correct census page, and see the names you have searched at the bottom-middle of the page, each name has a link. The links only circle back. To the right, there used to be a section called “**Suggested Records.**” Here you might be able to locate variations in spelling of the name, additional census records from other years that your relative may be on, city records, links to a find-a-grave record or some other link. Sadly, Suggested Records is no longer available.

Vintage Ornaments

Some tips from the Family Tree magazine and I added some:

- ★ To save: wrap in Acid Free Tissue
- ★ Broken ornaments, but too nice to discard? Save together with new in a glass bowl and add holiday greens
- ★ Remember to label the ornaments and the box so that you do not have to unwrap each individually ---
- ★ Store everything in a place where the temperature does not fluctuate too much from winter to summer!



Upcoming Genealogy Conference

15th Annual NERGC: April 3- 5, 2019
New England Regional Genealogical Conference
Manchester, New Hampshire

Family—a Link to the Past.



a Bridge to the Future

This is the fantastic conference for genealogy junkies – it takes place only once every 2 years. The 3 day conference will give you just about any facet of research that you are interested in learning about. The conference details are not yet available, but should be soon.

www.nergc.org/2019-conference/

Prices in the Past: \$\$ and cents

On certain census forms, you will see a value for homes or how much \$ a person’s wage or salary was. To appreciate your ancestors you will need to calculate the value in today’s dollars. Try the inflation calculator at <http://www.in2013dollars.com/> This particular site will give you US, Canadian, Europe and more. *From the site:* “According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics consumer price index, prices in 2018 are 2,379.26% higher than prices in 1880.”



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