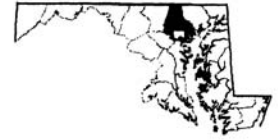


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## THE NOTEBOOK



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### EDITORS NOTES **Kenneth E. Zimmerman, Editor**

This Notebook has four major articles:

1. A Digital Image Retrieval System for Land Record Indices in Maryland  
<http://www.MDLandRec.Net> This website can be accessed at the Maryland State Archives without have an assigned personal password. To access the website on your personal computer apply for the personal password. It is surprising what land records have information related to genealogy. Sometimes information in the land record is like a will. Research other Counties besides Baltimore City and Baltimore County on-line. The microfilm copies may not be available to use at MSA.
2. Enoch Pratt Library has the Baltimore Sanborn maps on-line from 1867 to 1970.
3. Protect yourself from Identity Theft is important for non-computer users. Computer users need to take extra precautions not be scammed..
4. Baltimore County Will Index 1912-1914, Liber W.J.P. No. 17 beginning 26 Nov 1912 and ending 19 Nov 1914. The series is continued from Notebook Issue Winter Vol. 21 Number 4 (No.107). Our member Carol Porter compiled the index. The Notebook will have succeeding indexes in the next issue.

### **Genealogical Tip of the Quarter by Ken Zimmerman**

One of the major challenges in doing genealogy research is deciphering old handwriting and understanding the misspelling of personal names and place names. The likely misspelling words where the letters for an "o" for "a" is very common. My family has a surname spelled today as FONTZ but various spelling in city directories, census records and death records is shown as FONCE, FOUNTZ and FAUNTZ. The same pronunciation of words, but there were different spellings. A researcher found a surname Cornell family spelled as Cornwell in some Virginia records. Be creative in the names, not just for the misspellings. There maybe changes in what one used as full names. Some research was done trying to find a Cleveland Frank and his name was in records as Grover Cleveland Frank. Jotting down creative spellings, both logical and absurd, and then return to the printed census index books.

You should recognize that surnames can be changed informally by the individual. The most common occurrence seems to be that surnames are misspelled by accident. People were not as well educated in the past as they are today. Sometimes a name on a document was written as it sounded, or perhaps it was simply misspelled by accident. In other cases, an individual may have changed the spelling of his/her surname to adopt a different air or perhaps to distance himself/herself from others of the same name.

## **A Digital Image Retrieval System for Land Record Indices in Maryland** <http://www.MDLandRec.Net>

A Joint eGovernment Service of the Maryland Judiciary and the Maryland State Archives

The Maryland Judiciary, the 24 elected Court Clerks of Maryland and the Maryland State Archives have joined in partnership to provide up to date access to all verified land record instruments in Maryland. This service is currently being provided free to all those interested in testing the system. If you are interested in testing this system, one must [fill out the application for a password](#). Highlight what Counties your are interested in accessing when completing the application.

The following records on-line are very helpful for doing land record research.

### **I. Baltimore City Circuit Court**

1. [Plats.net - Digital Image Reference System for Land Survey, Subdivision, and Condominium Plats](#) (Baltimore City)
2. [Search County Land Record Indices](#), Jul. 1, 1972 - Feb 13, 2006 (verified through Nov 15, 2005)
3. [Search Baltimore City Block Books and Maps, 1851-1988](#)  
CE223 - (Annexation Plat Book), 1918-  
CE9 - (Block Book), 1851-1976  
CE10 - (Block Book, New Annex), 1918-1953  
CE3 - (Block Maps), 1887-1979  
CE224 - (Block Maps), 1918-2005  
CE225 - (Block Maps), 1991-
4. [Search Baltimore City Grantor/Grantee Indices, 1653 - 1976](#)  
CE32 - BALTIMORE COUNTY COURT (Land Records, Grantee Index), 1653-1849  
CE33 - BALTIMORE COUNTY COURT (Land Records, Grantor Index), 1655-1849  
CE34 - BALTIMORE COUNTY COURT (Land Records, Index), 1659-1800  
CE15 - BALTIMORE COUNTY COURT (Land Records, Tract Index), 1798-1851  
CE219 - BALTIMORE CITY SUPERIOR COURT (Land Records, Unlocated Grantee Index), 1851-1976  
CE220 - BALTIMORE CITY SUPERIOR COURT (Land Records, Unlocated Grantor Index), 1851-1976  
CE166 - BALTIMORE CITY SUPERIOR COURT (Land Records, Grantee Index), 1852-1972  
CE167 - BALTIMORE CITY SUPERIOR COURT (Land Records, Grantor Index), 1852-1972
5. [View All Land Record Volumes](#)  
CE66 - BALTIMORE COUNTY COURT (Land Records), 1659-1851  
CE168 - BALTIMORE CITY SUPERIOR COURT (Land Records), 1851-1982

CE164 - BALTIMORE CITY CIRCUIT COURT (Land Records), 1983-**II. Baltimore County Circuit Court**

1. **Plats.net - Digital Image Reference System for Land Survey, Subdivision, and Condominium Plats** (Baltimore County)
2. **Search County Land Record Indices**, Aug. 1, 1964 - Feb 10, 2006 (verified through Nov 30, 2005)
3. **Search Land Record Indices, 1653 - 1964**
  - CE32 - (Land Records, Grantee Index), 1653-1849
  - CE33 - (Land Records, Grantor Index), 1655-1849
  - CE34 - (Land Records, Index), 1659-1800
  - CE15 - (Land Records, Tract Index), 1798-1851
  - CE254 - (Land Records, Index, Original), 1851-1921
  - CE35 - (Land Records, Index), 1851-1921
  - CE36 - (Land Records, Corporation Grantee Index), 1922-1960
  - CE37 - (Land Records, Corporation Grantor Index), 1922-1960
  - CE38 - (Land Records, Grantee Index), 1922-1960
  - CE39 - (Land Records, Grantor Index), 1922-1970
  - CE255 - (Land Records, Grantee Index, Original), 1922-1992
  - CE256 - (Land Records, Grantor Index, Original), 1922-1992
  - CE257 - (Land Records, Corporation Grantee Index, Original), 1922-1992
  - CE258 - (Land Records, Corporation Grantor Index, Original), 1922-1992
4. **View All Land Record Volumes**
  - CE66 - (Land Records), 1659-1851
  - CE62 - (Land Records), 1851-
  - CE221 - (Mortgage Records), 1852-1928

The above [COAGSERE, given as CE] represents [County Records on Digital Media](#). The County Agency Series is a listing of all accessioned series from county jurisdictions. Under each county are listed agencies, series, date spans, and series numbers.

## **New Genealogy Resource Online**

### **News of the Enoch Pratt Free Library**

The Pratt Library now has access to the online version of the Sanborn Fire Insurance maps for Maryland, ranging from 1867 to 1970. These maps are large-scale plans of cities and towns that were historically created to assist fire insurance companies assess risks. The maps are an excellent way to see the layout of a town during a certain time period and are beneficial to genealogical researchers. Previously available only on microfilm, the online versions can be accessed from terminals at any Pratt Library location or from your home computer with your Pratt Library card.

*For more information on how you can support the Pratt Library's work, please contact the Development Office at 410-396-5283 or [develop@epfl.net](mailto:develop@epfl.net).*

**Source:** <http://www.epfl.net/new/genealogy.html>

## **SPEAR PHISHING / PHARMING / SPOOFING SCAMS**

*Phishing* is an email scam where hackers or con artists try to obtain personal information by asking users to verify information in bogus emails that look official.

*Spear phishing* has an even greater potential for harm than the usual form of phishing. Rather than being broadcast randomly to many email addresses, spear phishing targets a specific organization. Spear phishing messages may be sent to several dozen employees of the organization. The messages may appear to come from a high-ranking official or from someone within the targeted organization who would not be suspicious to the recipients.

Spear phishing is also so dangerous because there is no need to overcome security controls or search for system and equipment vulnerabilities to exploit. Spear phishing just takes advantage of generally predictable human behaviors. Users are more likely to provide information requested or click on a link that turns out to be malicious because the messages have the following characteristics: appear to be real, seem to come from an authoritative or trusted source and tend to make sense in the context in which they are received.

Hardening a computer or network will still not prevent users from performing inappropriate actions. The most effective defense against spear phishing and related scams is educating users to the dangers of email and taking appropriate actions when system security incidents occur.

### **What you should do:**

- Delete suspicious emails (emails from persons unknown to you or without a subject line) and any advertisements that you did not request;
- DO NOT respond to or click on any link in email messages asking for personal information (call the business to verify that the email request is legitimate);

**Office of Information Systems Security  
SSA Pub. No. 31-041**

Pharming occurs when you type or access a Web address and it directs you to a fraudulent website without your knowledge or consent. The website is designed to look similar to a legitimate site in hope of capturing confidential information. Valid companies should NOT send an email request for User Ids or Password Confirmation e-mail or embedded links. Ignore and delete any unsolicited notice(s) requesting personal or financial information. If you visited a website and think you were pharmed immediately contact your financial institution or their webmaster. Then change your online password.

## **PROTECT YOUR IDENTITY FROM AN ATTORNEY'S FREE ADVICE**

- The next time you order checks have only your initials (instead of first name) and last name put on them. If someone takes your checkbook, they will not know if you sign your checks with just your initials or your first name, but your bank will know how you sign your checks.
- Do not sign the back of your credit cards. Instead, put "PHOTO ID REQUIRED".
- When you are writing checks to pay on your credit card accounts, DO NOT put the complete account number on the "For" line. Instead, just put the last four numbers. The credit card company knows the rest of the number, and anyone handling your check as it passes through all the check processing channels won't have access to it.
- Never have your social security number printed on your checks. (DUH!) You can add it if it is necessary. But if you have it printed, anyone can get it.

- Place the contents of your wallet on a photocopy machine. Do both sides of each license, credit card, etc. You will know what you had in your wallet and all of the account numbers and phone numbers to call and cancel. Keep the photocopy in a safe place. Carry a photocopy of my passport when traveling either here or abroad. We've all heard horror stories about fraud that's committed on us in stealing a name, address, Social Security number, credit cards.
- Unfortunately, an attorney who provided this information had firsthand knowledge because his wallet was stolen last month. Within a week, the thief(s) ordered an expensive monthly cell phone package, applied for a VISA credit card, had a credit line approved to buy a Gateway computer, received a PIN number from DMV to change my driving record information online, and more. But here's some critical information to limit the damage in case this happens to you or someone you know:
- We have been told we should cancel our credit cards immediately. But the key is having the toll free numbers and your card numbers handy so you know whom to call. Keep those where you can find them.
- File a police report immediately in the jurisdiction where your credit cards, etc., were stolen. This proves to credit providers you were diligent, and this is a first step toward an investigation (if there ever is one).
- Call the three (3) national credit-reporting organizations immediately to place a fraud alert on your name and Social Security number. I had never heard of doing that until advised by a bank that called to tell me an application for credit was made over the Internet in my name. The alert means any company that checks your credit knows your information was stolen, and they have to contact you by phone to authorize new credit.

By the time I was advised to do this, almost two weeks after the theft, all the damage had been done. There are records of all the credit checks initiated by the thieves' purchases, none of which I knew about before placing the alert. Since then, no additional damage has been done, and the thieves threw my wallet away. This weekend someone turned the wallet in. It seems to have stopped them dead in their tracks.

Now, here are the numbers you always need to contact about your wallet, etc., has been stolen:

- 1.) Equifax: 1-800-525-6285
- 2.) Experian (formerly TRW): 1-888-397-3742
- 3.) Trans Union: 1-800-680-7289
- 4.) Social Security Administration (fraud line): 1-800-269-0271

We pass along jokes on the Internet; we pass along just about everything. But if you are willing to pass this information along, it could really help someone that you care about.

## **For more information on protecting yourself from Identify Theft**

The Federal Trade Commission (FTS), our nation's consumer protection agency, suggest these tips to help you avoid getting hooked by a phishing or pharming /spooling scam:

- If you get an email or pop-up message that's asks for personal financial information do not reply or click on the link in the message. Legitimate companies do not ask for this information via email. If you are concerned about your account, contact the organization in the email using a telephone number you know to be genuine.
- Do not email personal or financial information. Email is not secure method of transmitting personal information. If you initiate a transaction and want to provide your personal or financial information thorough an organization's Website, look for indicators that the site is secure, like a lock icon on the browser's status bar. Unfortunately, no indicator is foolproof; some pharmers have forged security icons.

- Review credit card and bank account statements as soon as you receive them to determine whether there are any unauthorized charges.
  - Use anti-virus software and keep it up to date. Some phishing emails contain software that can harm your computer or track your activities on the Internet without your knowledge. Anti-virus software and a firewall can protect you from inadvertently accepting such unwanted files.
  - Be cautious about opening any attachment or downloading any files from emails you receive, regardless of who sent them.
  - Report suspicious activity to the FTC. Call the FTC's identity theft hotline toll-free 1(877)IDTHEFT (438-4338). If you believe you have been scammed, file your complaint with the FTC at [www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov). Then, visit the FTC's identity Website at [www.consumer.gov/idtheft](http://www.consumer.gov/idtheft) to learn how to minimize your risk of damage from identity theft. Visit [www.ftc.gov/spam](http://www.ftc.gov/spam) to learn other ways to avoid email scams and to deal with deceptive spam
- Source: 1<sup>st</sup> Mariner Bank Customer Service Center special notice to their customers

## QUERIES

*The query was submitted by Charles N. Ferguson, 811 South Market Street, Shawnee, OK 74801*  
Need family information on John **DEAVER** & Hannah **ALTON** m Baltimore County, MD ABT 1780'S ON 1790 Census of Baltimore County, Maryland (1790 Census John **DEAVER** 1 - 1 - 2 )

Need family information on Abraham **GROOMS** b abt 1740 Gunpowder Falls Baltimore County, MD d 13 Mar 1840 Adams County, Ohio m Margaret **SATTERFIELD** b 1775 Berkley VA Children: Mary Frances b 1771; William; Zachariah; Elizabeth; Margaret; Abraham; Sarah; Nancy; Eli b 1797 VA & John b 1773 VA - WVA

Need birthrate place, death date and place, parentage, siblings on Thomas **GIBBONS/GIBBINS** m Marg **BUCKLEY** 1748 Baltimore County, MD

Need Parentage, siblings & Other Family History on William **BUCKLEY** d august 1716 Talbot County, MD m. Elizabeth **WILKINSON** DEC 23 1721 Talbot County, MD or 1693 Talbot County, MD Elizabeth b 1680 Children: William; James; Richard & Robert

Need Family information on Richard **BUCKLEY** d bet 1744 - 1745 Queen Anne's County, MD Children: Joseph; Rachel; Mary Ann; Isabel; Francis & Richard

**Need Birthrate & place, death date & place, parentage, siblings on Joseph BUCKLEY**, one known child Mary **BUCKLEY** B. 1720 Baltimore county, MD Thomas **GIBBONS/GIBBINS** b. Sept 28 1748 Baltimore County, MD Joseph **GIBBONS** 1749 Baltimore County, MD

Need Family Information on Joseph **ALTON** b 1710 NY d. 1766 MD m. 1) Unkn in NJ had 2 Or 3 children Joseph was in Prison in Essex, NJ. **Need name of wife & children in NJ Joseph ALTON M2) TO Mary BUCKLEY GIBBONS** 1753 Baltimore County, MD

Searching for **IGLEHART** family members originating in Howard County, MD late 1800's and early 1900's.

Searching for information on the **DOWELL** family of Upper Falls, MD.

Contact: E F Cornell, 202 Felton Rd, Lutherville, MD 21093.

Baby photo purchased at flea market was marked as "Louis James Keeffe 1894 Age 4 months." Photo taken at Tanqueray (Studio) 21 E. Baltimore St Baltimore  
Contact Charlotte LaMason for further information.

### **BCGS member requests contact with any researcher who has information on cousins for these Irish families:**

The **DURKANS** of Ireland are James, John Sr., Honora, and Mary who married twins Thomas

**CADDEN** and John **CARDEN**. One **TUMBER** cousin moved to England.

**CLARKE**'s of Ireland enter into above lines. Known **CLARKE**'s of Locust Point are James, Joseph, William and Anna Catherine.

James is baptism sponsor of my sister Josephine **HOLLEY** 1920 mar **REIN**, William is baptism sponsor of my sister Doris **HOLLEY** 1923 mar **TAYLOR**.

The names Anthony and Mary Ferguson are in here somewhere perhaps as marriage sponsors of James **HOLLEY** and Anna Catherine **CLARKE**.

Michael **NOONAN** unknown contact sponsored my grandfather James **HOLLY** as citizen in 1896, Baltimore, MD Court.

Related are James **HOLLY/HOLLEY** 2nd family son John Patrick who mar Lena Ann Conaway (of Isaac, Perry, Greenbury), Daughter Catherine mar Joseph **SULLIVAN** of NJ.

Anna Catherine **CLARKE**, from Mayo or Cork, IR, parents unk, b C1866 IR m as the 2nd wife of James **HOLLY** b Dec 1850 IR (poss. Waterford) both arriving Locust Pt., South Baltimore City C1881; wife #1 Mary **O'DONNELL** b 1842 d 1888MD, issue: 1 dau Mary Therese? b IR, 3 sons b MD Michael, James, Joseph. James **HOLLY** m 2nd April 1890; son John Patrick **HOLLEY** b July 28 1891 (my father), dau Catherine b C1895 (m Joe **SULLIVAN** of NJ), lived Haubert and Lowman Streets, Locust Pt., South Baltimore City, Maryland

John Patrick **HOLLEY** m Lena Ann **CONAWAY** (Methodist; C1913 OLGC Catholic Church, E. Fort Ave.; issue 7. Youngest dau MaryEmma is goddaughter of Catherine (**CAVANAUGH?**) who m (Desmond?) Cadden of Hull Street, Locust Pt., So. Baltimore, MD. Related to **CADDEN** and **DURKEN** families. Information exchanged.

The above information was submitted by Mary Emma **HOLLEY** Hargrave. She can be reached by email at [maryemmah@yahoo.com](mailto:maryemmah@yahoo.com). If you need her address contact the Librarian.

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Wills included in this index can be found on microfilm at the Maryland State Archives in Annapolis. The original will books are at the Register of Wills Office Record Room, Towson Court House. For a more detailed explanation of this series of will indexes see The Notebook Vol. 17, No. 4 and Vol. 21, No. 2.

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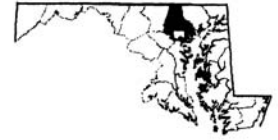
All the original will books in this continuing series have now been scanned by the Register of Wills office and print copies can be obtained from them for \$.50 a page. You must, however, supply the will book number plus the beginning and ending page numbers of each particular will. THE RECORD ROOM STAFF WILL NOT LOOK THIS UP FOR YOU.

Local researchers can consult the original books at Towson to obtain the page numbers needed. Out of town researchers will already have the will book and beginning page number from this series but you will have to guess the ending page number. Most wills are two or three pages long. Payment is required in advance by way of a check made out to the Baltimore County Register of Wills and mailed to their office in the Courts Building, 401 Bosley Avenue, Towson, MD 21204.

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## THE NOTEBOOK



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### **EDITORS NOTES    Kenneth E. Zimmerman, Editor**

This Notebook has five major articles:

1. The Editor did some research on the Justices of the Peace and provided a list of Baltimore City & Baltimore County Justice of Peace Dockets at Maryland State Archives. The speaker in April 2006 spoke on Justice of the Peace.
2. Ancestry.com added some new database on line U.S. World War II Draft cards. The 1910 U.S. Census is being fully index for on-line review.
3. RootsWeb posted some interesting answers to some questions about Social Security Death Index (SSDI).
4. Linkpendium.com is a search tool for genealogist which is similar to Cyndislist.com
5. Baltimore County Will Index 1914-1916, Liber W.J.P. No. 18 beginning 15 Oct 1914 and ending 09 May 1916. The series is continued from Notebook Issue Winter Vol. 22 Number 1 (No.109). Our member Carol Porter compiled the index. The Notebook will have succeeding indexes in the next issue.

### **Genealogical Tip of the Quarter by Ken Zimmerman**

I visited Loudon Park National Cemetery a few years ago to find information regarding a soldier's burial, service number and if his wife buried with him was in the military service. The Cemetery staff at that time would not provide any information from the file. Recently I called to find information on the Soldier and was provided the Service Number and stated wife did not serve. Lesson to be learned: Try again as you never know who will provide information or willing to be cooperative. Always check website and records again to determine if new information has been added or did you miss reading the records. Make a copy of the records index that shows the record is not there. This is good way to document your negative research. Date all the negative and positive research.

### **Hiring a Pro    By Doris Reed Forsyth**

It is good to read the latest edition of your RootsWeb newsletter. As is often the case, you encourage people to use various research people and businesses for their help in finding ancestors. However, please caution those who do this to make sure the new researcher is completely informed of ALL the family info that you already have, so you won't just get a repetition of your previous research work.

This happened to me with AncestorSeekers and nothing I could do about it after their work was done.

[Editor's Note: A professional genealogist is not a mind reader. She or he has no way of knowing what genealogical information you already have or what previous research has been done unless you provide that information. Be sure that you and the professional agree about what will be done. Ask about fees and out-of-pocket expenses. State your limits clearly. Communicate everything you already know about the

family you are requesting research on to the professional. That is the only way to avoid duplication of research. Heed the advice of the Association of Professional Genealogists at:

<http://apgen.org/articles/hire.html#hire>

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BCGS Editor Note: As a professional genealogist I agree with the above article. I do not want to perform duplicate research. My clients are asked to provide the negative and positive results from previous research that they have done or by another research.

## **JUSTICE OF PEACE**

On April 23, 2006 Michael Strauss spoke to the Baltimore County Genealogical Society on "Finding Ancestors in Justice of the Peace Records." The topic was very interesting and informative. Mr. Strauss provided no handout but promised to send an article to for the Notebook. After several email messages with no response Kenneth Zimmerman did some searching on the internet regarding Maryland Justice of the Peace. As he has a special interest with his great-great grandfather Alexander Zimmerman was a Justice of the Peace in Rockdale, Baltimore County, Maryland in 1878.

### **A Brief History of JPs**

Along with their meager possessions, the early English settlers brought to the new world a well-developed set of ideas about laws and justice. And though they sought freedom from an oppressive monarchy, they kept one of the king's institutions: the Justice of the Peace.

The practice of appointing local knights to assist in maintaining order is first noted in England with an 1195 proclamation of Richard I. Then in 1264, Simon de Montfort appointed Keepers of the Peace in every county to serve at the pleasure of the king.

The actual title "Justice of the Peace" was first used in a law enacted in 1362. Holders of the title were wealthy landowners who were happy to uphold the Game Law and prosecute poachers. Later, they were charged with administrating local policies and services such as the wage structure and the maintenance of roads and bridges.

Before the French Revolution, justice was administered by Lords of the Court. After 1789, the people elected justices of the peace who adjudicated disputes quickly and inexpensively.

In the American colonies, volunteer justices kept the peace before there were paid police. And every state had a Justice of the Peace system at one time or another, although specific duties varied from state to state. Since they were rarely paid and were not trained or qualified, their duties usually extended to minor matters such as vagrancy and misdemeanors. Some of the founding fathers were JPs, the most famous being George Washington! In some states a JP was also the coroner, empowered to determine the cause of death. The results were as accurate as the JP's medical training and investigative skills (usually nil!) and JPs no longer have that authority today.

As time went on, in many states the JP system was absorbed by the state's "regular" judicial system (e.g. New York). Those that still use JPs continue the original traditions. JPs are still not paid, usually appointed, and perform only minor duties. They may issue warrants for search and arrest, conduct

preliminary hearings and administer oaths. They may have jurisdiction in financial matters such as foreclosure of mortgages and enforcement of liens on personal property. One of their most enjoyable duties is performing the marriage ceremony.

The Justice of the Peace system is still alive and well in other countries colonized by the English, notably Canada, Australia and New Zealand

<http://jpus.org/aboutjps.htm>

## General Background District Court, Maryland

A constitutional amendment passed in 1969 and ratified in the general election of 1970 created the District Court in 1971. When the Court began operating on July 5, 1971, it replaced a confusing system of local magistrates, justices of the peace, and People's Courts, each with its own rules and procedures. Under the old system, trials were held in homes, basements of retail establishments, or other unsuitable places. Often, untrained magistrates or justices of the peace staffed these courts. As a result, the quality of justice varied from county to county and failed to provide the citizens of Maryland a judicial system that deserved their full trust and confidence

<http://www.courts.state.md.us/district/selfhelp/dcgeneral.html>

Civil Marriages: Maryland no longer employs Justices of the Peace to perform civil ceremonies. Instead, Only a Clerk of the Circuit Court or an appointed, designated Deputy Clerk of the Circuit Court may perform civil ceremonies.

**“Atlas of Baltimore County Maryland, G.M. Hopkins, 1877” This Baltimore County Atlas has been reprinted.**

The following Justice of Peace are listed in the atlas:

Second District P.O. Address Rockdale *Alex. Zimmerman* Occupation listed as Justice of Peace  
 Third District P.O. Address Pikesville: *Samuel A. Mettam* Occupation listed as Justice of Peace .(Will attend promptly to all business entrusted to his care. Claims collected and prompt returns made.)  
 Fourth District PO Address Reisterstown: *Samuel P. Storm* Occupation listed as Justice of Peace  
 Ninth District P.O. Address Waverly: *Phil. L. Moore* Occupation listed as Justice of Peace  
 Ninth District P.O. Address Baltimore: *William Pole, Sr.* Occupation listed as Justice of Peace  
 Twelfth District P.O. Address Lauraville: *Louis Bonsal.* Occupation listed as Justice of Peace  
 Thirteenth District P.O. Address St. Denis: *Thomas J. English* Occupation listed as Justice of Peace

## Docket records on microfilm at Maryland States Archives related to Justice of Peace for Baltimore City and Baltimore County

County Agency Series (COAGSER) Listing at the Maryland State Archives

[BALTIMORE COUNTY JUSTICE OF THE PEACE \(Docket\) MSA C372](#)

<u>Dates</u>	Description	<u>Accession Number</u>	<u>MSA Number</u>
1815-1816	*	40,138	C372-1
1838-1853	Richard Baker	8412	C372-2

1848-1851	R. W. Hook	8413	C372-3
1849	E. T. I. Woodward	8414	C372-4
1849-1852	Alanson F. Shipley	20,257-1	C372-5
1869	Jesse McKenzie, Election District 1	20,257-2	C372-6
1935-1939	George W. Bartell, Election District 2.	20,257-3	C372-7
1855-1859	James W. Beacham, Election District 3.	20,257-4	C372-8
1870-1880	Alfred H. Slade, Election District 3	20,257-5	C372-9
1880-1888	B. F. Knight, Election District 3	20,257-6	C372-10
1900-1904	J. Smith Orrick, Election District 4	20,257-7	C372-11
1931-1934	Robert H. LaPorte, Election District 4.	20,257-8	C372-12
1864-1869	William Duncan, Election District 5	50,324-1	C372-13
1873-1875	William Duncan, Election District 5	50,324-2	C372-14
1879-1884	Abraham Pelegrath, Election District 6.	20,257-9	C372-15
1929-1935	Chester L. Fulton, Election District 7.	20,257-10	C372-16
1880-1882	John P. Clark, Election District 9	20,257-11	C372-17
1885-1886	James L. Gallagher, Election District 9.	20,257-12	C372-18
1920-1926	William P. Butler, Election District 9.	20,257-13	C372-19
1925-1926	William P. Butler, Election District 9.	20,257-14	C372-20
1926-1928	William P. Butler, Election District 9.	20,257-15	C372-21
1928-1930	William P. Butler, Election District 9.	20,257-16	C372-22
1932-1933	William P. Butler, Election District 9.	20,257-17	C372-23

1933-1935	William P. Butler, Election District 9.	20,257-18	C372-24
1882	Daniel T. Wright, Election District 11.	20,257-19	C372-25
1861-1865	George Councilman, Election District 12.	20,257-20	C372-26
1879-1880	John W. Jackson, Election District 13	50,324-3	C372-27

[BALTIMORE COUNTY JUSTICE OF THE PEACE \(Civil Docket\) MSA C1629](#)

<u>Dates</u>	Description	<u>Accession Number</u>	<u>MSA Number</u>
1937/05-1939/03	David B. Evans, Dundalk, Nos. 1-134,i	50,320-35	C1629- 1
1936/08-1939/04	B.B. Merryman, Hereford	50,320-233	C1629- 2
1936/06-1937/10	Harry D. Probert, Kingsville, Nos. 454-707,i	50,320-234	C1629- 3

[BALTIMORE CITY JUSTICE OF THE PEACE \(Criminal Docket\) MSA C211](#)

<u>Dates</u>	Description	<u>Accession Number</u>	<u>MSA Number</u>
1821	Joseph Presbury. Contains accounts, 1816-1821	40,103-1	C211-1
1831-1839	George S. Eichelberger	40,103-2	C211-2
1845-1846	*	40,103-3	C211-3
1845-1849	J. Brotherton, i	40,103-4	C211-4
1846-1847	Alexander A. Kinnard	40,103-5	C211-5
1848-1849	Wesley B. Coursey	40,103-6	C211-6
1850-1851	Joseph J. Grindall	40,103-7	C211-7
1852	*	40,103-8	C211-8



## **U.S. WW II Draft Cards Online**

As predicted in this newsletter on May 19, Ancestry.com has now created a new online database collection of World War II Draft Cards. You can read my earlier article at [http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans\\_online\\_genealogy/2006/05/wwii\\_draft\\_card.html](http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/2006/05/wwii_draft_card.html). Be aware, however, that this new online collection is not all the draft registration cards, only a subset.

Several draft registrations were conducted after President Roosevelt signed into law the first peacetime selective service draft in U.S. history in October 1940. The only registration that has been released to the public is the fourth registration, popularly called the "old man's registration." The fourth registration was conducted on 27 April 1942 and registered men who were born on or between 28 April 1877 and 16 February 1897 - men who were then between 45 and 64 years old and who were not already in the military. Earlier registrations had been conducted for younger men.

The new online database is an indexed collection of the draft cards from the Fourth Registration. Information available on the draft cards includes:

Name of registrant

- Age
- Birth date
- Birthplace
- Residence
- Employer information
- Name and address of person who would always know the registrant's whereabouts
- Physical description of registrant (race, height, weight, eye and hair colors, complexion)
- Additional information such as mailing address (if different from residence address), serial number, order number, and board registration information may also be available.

This database currently contains draft cards only for the following states and territories:

- |                  |                  |                   |
|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Arkansas      | 7. New Hampshire | 13. Rhode Island  |
| 2. Connecticut   | 8. New Jersey    | 14. Vermont       |
| 3. Delaware      | 9. New York      | 15. Virginia      |
| 4. Indiana       | 10. Ohio         | 16. West Virginia |
| 5. Maryland      | 11. Pennsylvania |                   |
| 6. Massachusetts | 12. Puerto Rico  |                   |

Each state's National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) Regional Branch holds the original draft cards. All of these cards are also available on microfilm from the Family History Library (FHL) and/or NARA.

You must be a paid subscriber to Ancestry.com's U.S. Membership or World Membership services in order to access this database. For more information about Ancestry.com's online database of the Fourth Registration Draft Cards, go to <http://landing.ancestry.com/military/vday/world.aspx>.

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## **Coming Soon to Ancestry.com 1910 Census Every-Name Index**

You've probably searched the 1910 US Census by head of household. But now we're launching an every-name index. Soon you'll be able to search for ancestors who were children in 1910. Learn about their parents, grandparents and other extended family. Then follow clues to discover even more in other censuses. This index will make Ancestry.com the only online collection of every-name indexes for the 14 publicly accessible U.S. Federal Censuses.

## **USING ROOTSWEB: Delving Deeper into the SSDI**

Q: My ancestor Florence SCHATTSCHEIDER doesn't show up in an exact spelling search of the SSDI either at RootsWeb or at Ancestry--why?

A: The Social Security Administration limits surnames to 12 letters in the SSDI database and given names to nine letters. Names that exceed those length limits are abbreviated to show only the first 12 and/or nine letters respectively. Therefore, when doing an exact spelling search of the SSDI database for lengthy surnames either at RootsWeb (<http://ssdi.rootsweb.com/>) or at Ancestry, limit your search to the first 12 letters of the surname and nine letters of the given name. In this example, search for SCHATTSCHEI and the results will be found.

Q: I live in England and found a relative listed on the SSDI and would like to send away for the SS-5 (original Social Security application) information. However, it is difficult for me to pay in American currency. Are there other forms of payment that are acceptable to the Social Security Administration aside from checks and money orders?

A: Yes. The Social Security Administration will accept a variety of credit cards in payment for SS-5 information. See the following page for a more complete explanation of the acceptable payment methods: [http://www.ssa.gov/foia/html/foia\\_guide.htm#\\_Toc517745431](http://www.ssa.gov/foia/html/foia_guide.htm#_Toc517745431)

Q: I can't find my grandfather on the SSDI and I know he had a Social Security number and was receiving benefits when he died in 1958.

A: The Social Security records were not digitized until 1962 and deaths prior to 1962 are generally not found in the SSDI database. However, this doesn't mean you cannot obtain information about this individual from the Social Security Administration as outlined here: [http://www.ssa.gov/foia/html/foia\\_guide.htm](http://www.ssa.gov/foia/html/foia_guide.htm)

Q: I can't find my father on the SSDI who died in 1964. He was a physician.

A: Medical doctors were not covered under Social Security until 1965. Many other occupations were not covered under Social Security until the 1960s and even later. Your father's occupation could have been the reason he is not included in the SSDI.

Q: My grandfather was not a U.S. citizen but he worked legally in the United States in an occupation that was covered under Social Security. Might I find him listed in the SSDI?

A: It is possible, as some non-U.S. citizens are found in the SSDI listings, but by far, most listings are for American citizens.

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## **Linkpendium is a Useful Tool**

Many genealogists are familiar with the online guide called Cyndi's List at <http://www.cyndislist.com>, but how many have heard of Linkpendium?

Cyndi's List organizes more than 250,000 genealogy and history web sites into an easily researched database. Linkpendium has links to more than 2 million genealogy web sites.

The two sites are not exactly alike and are not direct competitors. Cyndi's List can be search by more than 150 topics, including location, family name, biographies, and much more. Linkpendium can only be searched by surname or by state. Although different, both sites provide great resources for genealogists. Linkpendium can be found at <http://www.linkpendium.com/genealogy/USA>.

An article in the Cincinnati Post describes Linkpendium in some detail.

You can read more at

<http://news.cincypost.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20060424/LIFE/604240355/1005>

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The following is a list of some of the links for Baltimore City and Baltimore County on their website:

[Baltimore City Cemetery Registration](#) (Source: [The Tombstone Transcription Project](#))

[Baltimore County Cemetery Registration](#) (Source: [The Tombstone Transcription Project](#))

**Biographies, Oral Histories, Diaries, Memoirs, Genealogies, Correspondence**

[Baltimore City County GEDCOM Index](#)

[Baltimore County GEDCOM Index](#)

[Baltimore GEDCOM Index](#)

[Early Families of Anne Arundel and Baltimore Counties in Maryland](#)

[Cemeteries](#) (27)

[Census Records and Indexes](#) (38)

**Church Records**

[St. James Parish Register, Maryland, 1787-1815](#) (Source: [Explore Ancestry for free](#)) (\$)

**Directories**

[African Americans in Baltimore in 1871](#) (Source: [Maryland State Archives](#))

[African Americans in Baltimore in 1881](#) (Source: [Maryland State Archives](#))

[Baltimore City Directories](#) (Source: [Maryland State Archives](#))

[Baltimore Directories 1890](#) (Source: [Explore Ancestry for free](#)) (\$)

[City Directories of the United States](#) including Baltimore, 1840-41, 1851, 1859-60, 1881, 1891, 1911 (Source: [Explore Ancestry for free](#)) (\$)

[U.K. and U.S. Directories](#) includes Baltimore 1752, 1796, 1799, 1800-01, 1802, 1803, 1804, 1807, 1808, 1810, 1812, 1814-15, 1816, 1817, 1819, 1829 (Source: [Explore Ancestry for free](#)) (\$)

**Estate Records**

[Baltimore County Wills K-Z](#) (Source: [USGenWeb Maryland Archives](#))

[Baltimore County Wills A-J](#) (Source: [USGenWeb Maryland Archives](#))

[Wills 1666-1760, 1763-1782, 1787-1789](#) Maryland and Delaware Genealogy (\$)

**Ethnic**

[Blacks Residing in Baltimore 1810-1866](#) (Source: [AfriGeneas](#))

[A Brief History of the Black Community of Catonsville](#)

[Work of the Colored law and order league](#) (Source: [American Memory from the Library of Congress](#))

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**Introduction and Guides**

[Baltimore City History and County Records Availability](#) (Source: [Genealogy, Inc.](#))

[Baltimore City Resources](#) Coalition to Protect Maryland Burial Sites

[Baltimore County Maryland Genealogy](#) Resources for Family History Research (Source: [Kindred Trails](#))

[Baltimore County Resources](#) (Source: [RootsWeb](#))

[Baltimore County Resources](#) Coalition to Protect Maryland Burial Sites

[Baltimore Genealogy](#) (Source: [GenDir](#))

[Cyndi's List of Baltimore City links](#) (Source: [Cyndi's List of Genealogy Sites on the Internet](#))

[Cyndi's List of Baltimore County links](#) (Source: [Cyndi's List of Genealogy Sites on the Internet](#))

[History and County Records Availability](#) (Source: [Genealogy, Inc.](#))

**Land Records**

[Baltimore County Land Records, 1665-1687](#) (Source: [Genealogical Publishing Company and Clearfield Company](#)) (\$)

[Baltimore County, Maryland, Deed Records](#) Volume One, 1659-1737 (Source: [Heritage Books](#)) (\$)

[Baltimore County, Maryland, Deed Records](#) Volume Four: 1767-1775 (Source: [Heritage Books](#)) (\$)

[Maryland Rent Rolls](#) Baltimore and Anne Arundel Counties, 1700-1707, 1705-1724 (Source: [Genealogical Publishing Company and Clearfield Company](#)) (\$)

**[Libraries, Museums, Archives](#)** (22)

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[Family Threads Genealogy](#) Professional Research for Baltimore surrounding Counties Maryland (\$)

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**Military Records and Histories****Civil War**

[Baltimore and the nineteenth of April 1861](#) a study of the war (Source: [American Memory from the Library of Congress](#))

**Revolutionary War**

[Narrative of events which occurred in Baltimore town during the Revolutionary War](#) (Source: [American Memory from the Library of Congress](#))

**War of 1812**

[The Battle of North Point](#) from the Dundalk Eagle

[Battle of North Point](#) September 12-14, 1814

[The Battle of North Point](#)

**World War I**

[World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918](#) Baltimore City (Source: [Explore Ancestry for free](#)) (\$)

[World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918](#) Baltimore County (Source: [Explore Ancestry for free](#)) (\$)

**World War II**

[Baltimore City, Maryland](#) World War II Casualties, Army and Army Air Corps (Source: [AccessGenealogy](#))

[Baltimore County, Maryland](#) World War II Casualties, Army and Army Air Corps (Source: [AccessGenealogy](#))

**Miscellaneous Data**

[1903 Baltimore Club Membership](#) (Source: [Mid-Atlantic Archives](#))

[Baltimore City Public Records Links](#) (Source: [Free Public Records Directory](#))

[Baltimore County Families, 1659-1759](#) (Source: [Genealogical Publishing Company and Clearfield Company](#)) (\$)

[Baltimore County Public Records Links](#) (Source: [Free Public Records Directory](#))

[Migrations through Baltimore County](#) (Source: [MIGRATIONS.org](#))

[Narratives of Washington and the Chesapeake Bay Region, ca. 1600-1925](#) (Source: [American Memory from the Library of Congress](#))

[Rent Rolls, 1740s and 1770s](#) Maryland and Delaware Genealogy (\$)

**Newspaper Records**

[Baltimore County](#) (Source: [Newspaper Abstracts](#))

[Guide to Maryland Newspapers, Baltimore City](#) (Source: [Maryland State Archives](#))

[Guide to Maryland Newspapers, Baltimore County](#) (Source: [Maryland State Archives](#))

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**School Records and Histories**

[1910 Graduating Class of Sparks High School](#)

[Baltimore School Yearbooks](#) (Source: [Explore Ancestry for free](#)) (\$)

[Catalogue of pupils of Saint Frances' Academy for Colored Girls 1867](#) (Source: [American Memory from the Library of Congress](#))

[Catonsville School Yearbooks](#) (Source: [Explore Ancestry for free](#)) (\$)

[Oblate Sisters](#)

[Woman's College of Baltimore](#) Yearbook, 1903 (Source: [DistantCousin.com](#))

**Slaves, slave owners, and slavery in general - information**

[1850 Slave Schedules](#) Baltimore County (Source: [Explore Ancestry for free](#)) (\$)

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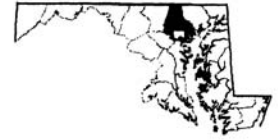
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## THE NOTEBOOK



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### EDITORS NOTES **Kenneth E. Zimmerman, Editor**

This Notebook has five major articles:

1. Genealogy Tip of the Quarter is about using Guide to Government Records at the Maryland State Archives. You may need to review original records sometimes.
2. The second article lists some new genealogy publications to purchase or check the Baltimore County Genealogy Society library if they have them for reviewing.
3. "Ranking the Reliability of Records" by: Judge Edward F. Butler, Sr. NSSAR Genealogist General on Primary, Secondary and Tertiary Records.
4. ZabaSearch.com is a site for finding public information and you may want to get your personal data off their database.
5. Baltimore County Will Index 1916-1917, Liber W.J.P. No. 19 beginning 03 May 1916 and ending 27 Sep 1917. The series is continued from Notebook Issue Summer Vol. 22 Number 2 (No.110). Our member Carol Porter compiled the index. The Notebook will have succeeding indexes in the next issue.

### **Genealogical Tip of the Quarter by Ken Zimmerman**

The Maryland State Archives is the central depository for government records of permanent value with a broad legal mandate to acquire and care for both public and private records relating to the history of Maryland from the earliest times to the present. The oldest records at the Archives date back to the founding of the colony of Maryland in 1634 by Lord Baltimore. The most recent records include the near-current files of State government and the security microform of land records. Among the holdings of the Archives are colonial and state executive, legislative, and judicial records; county probate, land, and court records; church records; business records; state publications and reports; and special collections of private papers, maps, photographs, and newspapers. Records are accessible to the public in a search room open five days each week, through photocopies produced by an in-house photo-duplication facility, by subscription for current records on microform, and through the interlibrary loan of microfilm.

State, county, and municipal government agencies in Maryland may offer the Archives all files, documents, and records not in current use. The permanent records of all state agencies, boards, and commissions that are abolished or that otherwise conclude their work must be transferred to the custody of the Archives.

The Maryland State Archives Guide to Government Records has a [Combined Records Series List](#) - a comprehensive listing of all series titles of government records at the Maryland State Archives. Under each series title are listed agency, date span, and series number. State agency histories and series descriptions are provided where available

1. County Agency Series - a listing of all accessioned series from county jurisdictions. Under each county are listed agencies, series, date spans, and series numbers
2. State Agency Series - a listing of all accessioned series from state agencies. Under each state agency are listed series, date spans, and series numbers. State agency histories and series descriptions are provided where available.

3. Transferred State & Local Series - a listing of series transferred to the Maryland State Archives which have not been fully described through archival accessioning procedures. Under each jurisdiction (county, municipality, state agency) are listed agencies, series, date spans, and series numbers. State agency histories and series descriptions are provided where available

4. Municipal Agency Series - a listing of all accessioned series from municipal jurisdictions. Under each municipality are listed agencies, series, date spans, and series numbers.

The above record series records may be in the following format:

- [Original Records](#)
- [Records on Microfilm](#)
- [Records on Digital Media](#)

One should try to use the microfilm first and then submit a request to review the original records. Sometimes the microfilm copy may be difficult to read or print. Some original records may be at MSA or still be at the local Courthouse. Example: Register of Wills in Baltimore County the years 1852 to 1979 are on microfilm at MSA. But, the original records of the Wills are at Baltimore County Register of Wills office in Towson, Maryland. Search all series of records at MSA before traveling to the local jurisdiction.

Search on the Maryland State Archives website to determine what records the MSA has and the format the records (original, microfilm or digital). Before traveling to the Archives print a hard copy of the record information on MSA website so you can obtain a microfilm or submit a request to the Archivist. This information saves time. Do not handwrite the record information as you are subject to scribbling errors.

### **Research at Baltimore City Archives**

The Baltimore City Archives is in existence but be very gentle when calling them as genealogist is a bad word for them. Their address is 2165 Druid Park Drive Baltimore MD 21211 (410)396-0306. No walk-in, it is necessary to schedule an appointment.

### **New Book Announcements**

[Abstracts of the Testamentary Proceedings of the Prerogative Court of Maryland—Volume V: 82-1686, Libers 13 \(Folios 1-432\)](#)

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Genealogist V. L. Skinner, Jr., resumes his transcriptions of 17th-century Maryland probate records with the fifth volume of his series, Abstracts of the Testamentary Proceedings of the Prerogative Court of Maryland. [The first volume in the series](#), released in 2004 and covering the period 1658 to 1674, was transcribed from Libers 1A–1F, 2, 3, and 4A–4C at the Maryland State Archives. [Volume II](#), covering 1670 to 1674 and based on Libers 5 and 6, overlaps chronologically with the previous book. [Volume III](#) covers the period 1675–1677 and 1703–1704 and is based on Libers 7, 8A, 8B, and 9A (1–371). [The fourth volume](#) concerns the years 1677–1682 and 1702–1704 and is transcribed from Libers 9A (372–524), 9B, 10, 11, 12A and 12B. The [fifth and latest volume](#) in the series abstracts testamentary proceedings for the years 1682–1686.

The Prerogative Court was the focal point for probate in colonial Maryland. A judge and various clerks staffed the court. All matters of probate went directly to the Prerogative Court, which was located in Annapolis, Maryland's colonial capital. Eventually, administration of probate was delegated to the several county courts; however, many documents related to probate continued to be filed at the Prerogative Court

and not in the corresponding county. It should be noted that the Prerogative Court was also the colony's court for equity cases—resolution of disputes over the settlement and distribution of an estate.

[Volume V](#) in this series consists of abstracts of Prerogative Court of Maryland records for the period 1682–1686. (Beginning in 1674, inventories and accounts were recorded in a separate series.) Mr. Skinner has combed through administration, bond, will, inventory, administration account, and final balance entries to produce this collection. The abstracts are arranged in chronological order by court session. For the most part, the transcriptions state the names of the principals (testators, heirs, witnesses, administrators, and so forth) as well as the details of bequests, names of slaves, appraisers, and more. Volume V refers to about 8,000 17th-century Marylanders whose existence and activities would otherwise remain buried in some rich but very off-the-beaten-track records.

By V. L. Skinner, Jr.; 2006; 5.5×8.5; 279 pp; softbound; Order from the publisher at: Clearfield Company, Inc., 3600 Clipper Mill Road, Suite 260, Baltimore, MD 21211; or [www.genealogical.com](http://www.genealogical.com); [CF9894](#); ISBN 0806353007; \$29.50 plus \$4 p&h.

#### [Orphans and Indentured Children of Baltimore County, Maryland 1777-1797](#)

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Abstracts of guardian appointments, guardian accounts, apprenticeships, admin. account of estates and disputes concerning the matters. All names have been cross-referenced within the text so as to preclude the necessity of a separate index. The entire book is in alphabetical order. The information was taken from Orphans Court Proceedings (original record books in MSA Series C337-1) and Indenture Records (original records on microfilm WK1085-1086) at the Maryland State Archives.

By Henry C. Peden, Jr.; 2005; 5.5×8.25; 214 pp; softbound; Order from the publisher at: Colonial Roots, 1012 Highway One, Lewes, Delaware 19958. Phone: 800-576-8608; [www.colonialroots.com](http://www.colonialroots.com); [D1370](#); \$22.00 plus \$6 p&h.

#### [Marylanders to Ohio and Indiana—Migrations Prior to 1835](#)

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This book, like the others in the series, has been compiled to assist researchers in finding their elusive ancestors. A variety of sources has been used in this compilation and each one has been identified within the text. Much of the information was gleaned from pension and bounty land applications of veterans of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812, and their widows' applications, as well as church records, county histories, newspapers, and family records.

By Henry C. Peden; 2006; 5.5×8.25; 256 pp; softbound; Order from the publisher at: Colonial Roots, 1012 Highway One, Lewes, Delaware 19958. Phone: 800-576-8608; [www.colonialroots.com](http://www.colonialroots.com); [D732](#); \$26.00 plus \$6 p&h.

#### [The Dorsey Family of Anne Arundel County, Maryland](#)

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Originally published in 1947, Clearfield Publishing Company has reprinted "[The Dorsey Family](#)" The Dorsey family of Anne Arundel County is one of Maryland's most illustrious families, and this volume traces its descent from Edward Darcy-Dorsey the immigrant (d. 1659) and his wife, Ann, through both the male and female lines, for five generations. Researched from original records at the Maryland Historical Society in Baltimore, the Hall of Records in Annapolis, and various other county record offices, this exemplary family history is the handiwork of three descendants of Edward the immigrant. True to their Dorsey antecedents, the authors have laid out in painstaking detail the descendants of Edward's four children—Col. Edward (d. 1705), Joshua (d. 1688), John (d. 1714), and Sarah Dorsey Howard (d. before 1691)—each of whose lines is covered in a separate chapter. Also traced through several generations are the allied families of Nicholas Wyatt, Thomas Todd, John Elder, Matthew Howard, Robert Rockhould, and Captain John Norwood. Finally, all of the persons mentioned in the volume are easily found by means of the 5,000-name index at the back of the book.

Ordering information follows:

[The Dorsey Family - Descendants of Edward Darcy-Dorsey of Virginia and Maryland For Five Generations and Allied Families](#); By Maxwell J. Dorsey Jean Muir Dorsey, and Nannie Ball Nimmo;

Originally published in 1947, and reprinted in 2006; 5.5×8.5; 270 pp; softbound; Order from the publisher by clicking on the link or writing them at: Clearfield Company, Inc., 3600 Clipper Mill Road, Suite 260, Baltimore, MD 2

### [Baltimore County Wills 1806-1807](#)

Leslie & Neil Keddie.

Detailed abstracts of the wills. 2006. 8.5x11. Comb-bound.

**FTB9606 - \$14.00** 1211; CF9219; ISBN 080634749X; \$35.00 plus \$4 shipping.

[www.colonial.roots.com](http://www.colonial.roots.com);

## **Ranking The Reliability of Records**

Legal evidence and genealogical records are very similar. In each there are three types of records: primary, secondary and tertiary. A successful genealogist will understand the difference.

### **PRIMARY RECORDS OR SOURCES:**

These are documents or entries created at the time of the event by someone who was present with a special knowledge (for example, birth or death certificates, by the doctor who attended the patient). These types of records are considered reliable and most likely accurate. Note however that each has information, such as the father's place of birth that is not within the knowledge of the doctor. Thus, even in primary records, some of the information may be less reliable. In the above example the information may have also come from the father, who would have been listed as an "informant" on the certificate. All official records such as marriage licenses, divorce decrees, adoptions, etc. are considered primary records.

### **SECONDARY RECORDS OR SOURCES:**

These are records that were recorded after the fact by someone who was familiar with the fact, such as an autobiography, memoirs, or a family history based on personal knowledge. Most professionals consider the Federal Census' as secondary records.

### **TERTIARY RECORDS OR SOURCES (THIRD PARTY)**

These are records that were recorded on hearsay by someone who wasn't there and based on something other than a document. Obituaries and newspaper articles are examples of documents that can be either secondary or tertiary-records (depending upon who wrote the article). If, however, the obituary was written by a family member it would be considered secondary. The problem for the genealogist is that you have no way of knowing who prepared the obituary. Accordingly, you must give it less weight, unless it is filled with facts about the deceased and his family. In that case it can be presumed to have been written by a family member and a Secondary Source.

### **MIXED RECORDS**

In the military records and pension records that can be obtained from the National Archives, part of the documents will be primary, such as muster rolls, official correspondence, etc. The sworn affidavits to obtain pensions are filled with "to the best of my knowledge, information, belief". Clearly these affidavits are less reliable, and secondary evidence; although, there may be parts of the affidavit that are clearly within the knowledge of the affiant. Affidavits may be a secondary record in part and a tertiary record in part.

Experts tell us that when doing research, we should go to the primary records first.

Obviously, firsthand information is always better than secondhand information or hearsay. A birth record is better than a census, and secondary sources are better than third party records.

## **JUNK GENEALOGY**

When reviewing applications for the Sons of the American Revolution, there are some documents that can only be described as "Junk". These include family group sheets, information from the International Genealogical Index (IGI) from the Mormon Church, and non-resourced family histories. The latter are junk unless there are documented footnotes, end notes, or within the body of the book the author reveals that he obtained the information from census records, wills, guardian records, deeds, tax records, etc. To the extent that the source of the information is revealed, the fact documented is reliable. If the book is well documented, facts for which there is no citation specifically given, may be considered reliable.

Author: Judge Edward F. Butler, Sr. NSSAR Genealogist General

The above article was in the Headquarters Dispatch form the National Society Sons of the American Revolution. Business Newsletter of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution December 2004 Volume VII No VII page 3.

## **Your Public Information On-Line**

That's Zaba as in ZabaSearch.com, a so-called people search site that allows you to quickly track down the whereabouts of just about anyone, free of charge. It provides names, addresses, phone number and birth dates. There is other information for an additional price.

There are already numerous people search resources online, varying widely in reliability and fees.

What makes ZabaSearch great is that, at no cost, it quickly and comprehensively places a remarkable amount of data about people right at your fingertips.

What makes ZabaSearch frightening is that, at no cost, it quickly and comprehensively places a remarkable amount of data about people right at your fingertips.

The database is found at <http://www.zabasearch.com> Type in your name and you will be shocked. You may even be offended to have your personal information in public records.

If you want your name removed, send them an email at [info@zabasearch.com](mailto:info@zabasearch.com) to request it be removed. After opting out by email check back after a few days to make certain your information has been removed. If it has not been removed then file a complaint with your States Attorney General.

Member Charles Braun sent an email to the Editor about the Internet service. I have used this search to find living missing people when doing Professional Research.

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## THE NOTEBOOK



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### EDITORS NOTES **Kenneth E. Zimmerman, Editor**

This Notebook has five major articles:

1. Genealogy Tip of the Quarter is about burial and death dates.
2. The second article is Digital DAR from a handout at the Second Conference on Early American Genealogical Research” that was held on October 27-28, 2006 at DAR Headquarter. Eric Grundset is the DAR Library Director.
3. “Locust Point Immigration” is an article about information from Jim Neill talk at the Society on November 27, 2006.
4. Reminders on Email and Internet Use Dangers
5. “While a Tree Grew: The Story of Maryland's Wye Oak” by [Elaine Rice Bachmann](#), [Kim Harrell](#) (Illustrator). This a great book for a gift to a child or just fun to read..
6. Information on Lovely Lane Methodist Museum and Mt. Olivet Cemetery database.
7. Baltimore County Will Index 1917-1919, Liber W.J.P. No. 20 beginning 02 Oct 1917 and ending 05 Aug 1919. The series is continued from Notebook Issue Fall Vol. 22 Number 3 (No.111). Our member Carol Porter compiled the index. This is the last of the will series. We greatly appreciate Carol's work and hope she will do another project.

### **Genealogical Tip of the Quarter by Ken Zimmerman**

When contacting a cemetery to ask if someone is buried or a residence of their establishment. When the cemetery provides a date ask if the date is the death date or the burial date. If the date is the burial date the information will affect trying to find the death certificate records at Maryland State Archives. The date is helpful when you are trying to search for an obituary notice or death notice in the newspaper. If you do not know the exact date of death then try searching a least at least two weeks before and after the possible date.

### **The Digital DAR** by Eric G. Grundset, Library Director National Society Daughters of the American Revolution

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution has collected a large quantity of genealogical material since its inception in 1890. Among DAR's primary goals is the support of historic preservation and the encouragement of historical study. As the nation's largest lineage society, genealogical research and the preservation of genealogical materials naturally occupies a major place in this effort. After over a century of collection development, DAR is now making major strides to preserve its own records for use by present and future generations of genealogists.

Many researchers think of the DAR Library when they hear the words "Daughters of the American Revolution." Founded in 1896, the library houses one of the country's most important collections of genealogical material covering all four centuries of American history. In addition to the DAR

Library's book holdings, membership applications and their supporting documentation constitute some of the DAR's most used genealogical sources. For decades, access to the information contained in the DAR's files was manual and the original papers were used. Then, with the advent of microfilm and microfiche in the mid-twentieth century, these sources were reformatted and used in microform. Today, the digital world now encompasses the DAR and a major project is underway to reformat huge quantities of paper, to index collections, and to make more genealogical information available to American researchers.

What exactly is the project, and what records are involved? Every three years, each new DAR administration sets a President General's Project. Many of these efforts in the past twenty years have necessarily focused on the raising of funds to renovate different portions of DAR's national headquarters complex in downtown Washington, D.C. The administration of Linda Tinker Watkins of Tennessee, President General 2001-2004, and of Presley Merritt Wagoner, President General 2004-2007, designated as their projects the effort to come to grips with the management of the National Society's paper records and to provide better access to the information they contain. The quantity of paper generated by membership applications, supplemental applications, supporting documents, and typescripts of genealogical records fills several rooms and many bookshelves. The task was daunting in its scope, but the DAR staff charged with the project was highly motivated to solve the space problems created by the continuing influx of paper into the building. Thanks to the generosity of DAR members, funding to support the plans has poured in, and the President General's Project will complete the program designed to reduce the dependence on paper and to digitize our historical lineage records and supporting documentation.

A Technology Advisory Committee consisting of a volunteer chairman, an outside advisor, and several staff members has spearheaded the planning for this project. Hundreds of volunteer DAR members around the country have contributed untold hours of their time to assist with the effort from their homes via the internet. The results have been exciting and the time savings significant. The overall plan was to build indexes to genealogical sources leading to the scanning and digitalization of those sources.

Many researchers will be familiar with the printed *DAR Patriot Index*, a compilation of the established ancestors of DAR members. The latest edition of this three-volume set appeared in May 2003. The *Patriot Index* set was actually a summary of a large card file maintained by the Office of the Registrar General at DAR headquarters. The card index listed the Revolutionary ancestors and the membership numbers of those who have joined with that ancestor or who filed a supplemental application on this person. One of the very first stages of the President General's Project was the creation of an Ancestor Database that incorporated the Patriot Index cards and related sources into one integrated, online source of information. The paper card file was closed and all additions and changes to the record are now made online.

Another important early result of the project was the creation of an internal, online "All Member Index," a listing of all 820,000+ DAR members since the inception of the organization. For various reasons, the membership records were incomplete, so the volunteers combed through several published or digitized indexes to create one master index. The All Member Index is linked to the Ancestor Database. Related card indexes have also been digitized and linked to each member's record.

Now, DAR staff is able to tap into this efficient online tool and identify whether a woman was a member of DAR and to access other pertinent information relating to the member's lineage. They can search for Revolutionary ancestors and provide quick information to researchers leading to

the use of application papers and other genealogical sources at DAR. While these indexes are not available to researchers on the internet, they are available to researchers at DAR headquarters.

The next major phase of the project encompassed the scanning of all membership and supplemental applications. By the summer of 2004, all of this material, approximately 4.2 million sheets of paper, was stored in digital form. Digital images of all of the application papers and supplemental applications are now linked to the Ancestor Database and to the All Member Index. The microfilm and microfiche of the application papers and supplemental applications are obsolete. Researchers can now view these new digital resources at DAR headquarters. The time saved in accessing these materials is substantial. Once all of this material has been digitized, the corps of volunteer DAR members will continue to index every name in every lineage on every membership and supplemental application. The resulting index from this "Descendants Project" will include millions of names. The old published *DAR Lineage Books* will become completely obsolete, and the quantity of information available to researchers will expand tremendously. This part of the project is well underway.

Backing up the applications are 300,000 files of genealogical documentation. The contents of these files include Bible records, wills, deeds, genealogical notes, and cemetery transcriptions. The beginning of the latest stage of the President General's Project is underway with the scanning of newly arrived files of supporting documents and the digitizing of all 300,000 existing files of genealogical documents. The digital images will be linked to the application papers that they support creating further integration of the genealogical resources at DAR headquarters.

For several years prior to the inception of the digital project, work has been underway to create an every-name national index for the DAR Library's *Genealogical Records Committee Reports*. These *Reports* are the result of work by DAR members to collect unpublished genealogical records (primarily Bible and cemetery transcriptions) since the 1910s. There are over 20,000 volumes of these typescripts in the DAR Library, and their contents is largely unindexed and inaccessible. Any one volume from any given state may contain records from multiple states because the materials often come from the members' own families. A member from Idaho, for example, may have submitted a Bible record from Vermont, but that record will appear in an Idaho volume. In the 1990s, work began to index each state's set of the *Reports*. About one-fifth of the work is complete in mid-2004, but hundreds of DAR members around the country are working to produce an index for every volume. DAR staff merge each index into the GRC National Index, which is available to all researchers on the DAR's website at [www.dar.org](http://www.dar.org). Click on the DAR Library link and look for the link to the index on the left side of the screen. This finding aid gives a state, a series, a volume number, and a page for the associated name. Researchers may either view the specific volume at the DAR Library or order copies through the library's Search Service. As the project evolves plans include direct links to the scanned image of each page, but that phase is several years away from completion and may involve subscription access.

Another very visible result of this project has been the removal of most of the paper applications and supplemental from headquarters storage areas into an off-site archival facility. The Documents Management section of the DAR Library prepared the original paper records for transfer to a facility elsewhere in the metropolitan area.

Privacy issues relating to DAR members are a major concern for the staff involved with this project. At the same time, there is a sensitivity to the need for people to share genealogical information. The results of these considerations will change the way some information is provided by the DAR and will continue to evolve with the project.

This summary of the digitalization project underway at the DAR only touches on the highlights. Many other sources and indexes are in the pipeline for reformatting. A desire to preserve the National Society's historical records and to make information more easily accessible to all genealogists is the motivation for this effort. A few years ago there were a handful of computers at DAR headquarters. Now they are ubiquitous and serve as the delivery tool for genealogical information that has been buried in files and in books for decades. Stayed tuned for more changes as the "Digital DAR" develops.

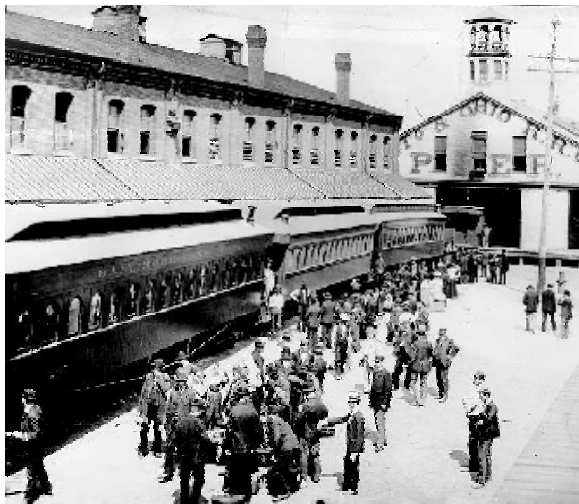
The above article was a handout from the "Second Conference on Early American Genealogical Research" that was held on Oct 27-28,2006 at DAR Headquarters. Eric Grundset has provided written permission to reprint this article.

## **LOCUST POINT - IMMIGRATION**

Baltimore was a major east coast port of entry for immigrants. Locust Point, developed by the B&O Railroad was Baltimore's Ellis Island. The newcomers arrived by ships, the trains carried them west. Locust Point was the sea-rail passenger interchange. Some passer passengers stayed to enrich and expand Baltimore 's population The German Lloyd company began regular steam travel, bringing thousands of eastern and southern European immigrants into the United States through Locust Point Prior to 1868 immigrants landed at Fells Points.

The North German Lloyd Line (NGL) was founded in 1857 by the amalgamation of four smaller companies. They commenced operations between Bremen and London with six 500 ton steamers. Transatlantic voyages to New York started in June, 1858; Baltimore in March, 1868; and in 1869 regular sailings commenced to New Orleans. A service to Central America was instituted in 1871, but was withdrawn in 1874. Voyages from Bremen to Brazil and the River Plate started in 1876 and Genoa to Brazil and River Plate in 1878, the latter service only lasting for three years.

The first wave of immigration by the German Lloyd Company to Baltimore started March 23, 1868. An article is in the Baltimore Sun on March 24, 1868. In 1868, John W. Garrett, president of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad (B&O), executed an agreement with the North German Lloyd steamship line to provide regular service to Baltimore. Exports from Baltimore would go to



Bremen, and immigrants would come to Baltimore on the return voyage disembarking at the B&O's newly built immigrant pier. The pier was constructed so that, in many cases, immigrants proceeded directly from the pier to waiting trains. About 5% to 10% of the passengers who arrived in Locust Point stayed in Baltimore. Baltimore became second only to New York in the number of immigrants received, and this service lasted until World War I in 1914. The greatest influx of immigration peaked in 1907.

On November 26, 2006 Jim Neill was the Baltimore County Genealogical speaker on his Locust Point Historical Project. He maintains an extensive database of individuals names, address

and occupation of immigrants who past through Locust Point or were a residence of Locust Point. The entries have a source entry or noted if require future search for identification. The database covers 1740 to 2000. One can contact Jim Neill [jimneill@erols.com](mailto:jimneill@erols.com) for more information on the database.

## Reminders on Email and Internet Use Dangers

Email and internet activity that appears harmless are the most likely ways that personal computer would be exposed to computer viruses and other harmful programs. Threats from email and internet use include:

**Attachments:** Such as image and video files (JPG, JPEG, WMA, etc.) infected with viruses, etc.

**Spam:** Unsolicited emails considered the same as junk mail.

**Phishing:** Official looking emails from hackers or con artists asking to verify personal information such as account numbers, passwords or credit card information.

**Vishing:** Similar to phishing, but occurs via VoIP (Voice over Internet Protocol) telephone services on computers.

**Pharming:** Scams where a harmful program is installed on your computer without your knowledge or consent to link you to fraudulent websites.

**Malware:** Includes computer viruses, worms, Trojan horses, spyware, adware and other malicious and unwanted software programs that may be installed on your computer, often without your knowledge or consent.

### What you should do:

- Delete suspicious emails (e.g., emails without a subject line) and any advertisements that you did not request;
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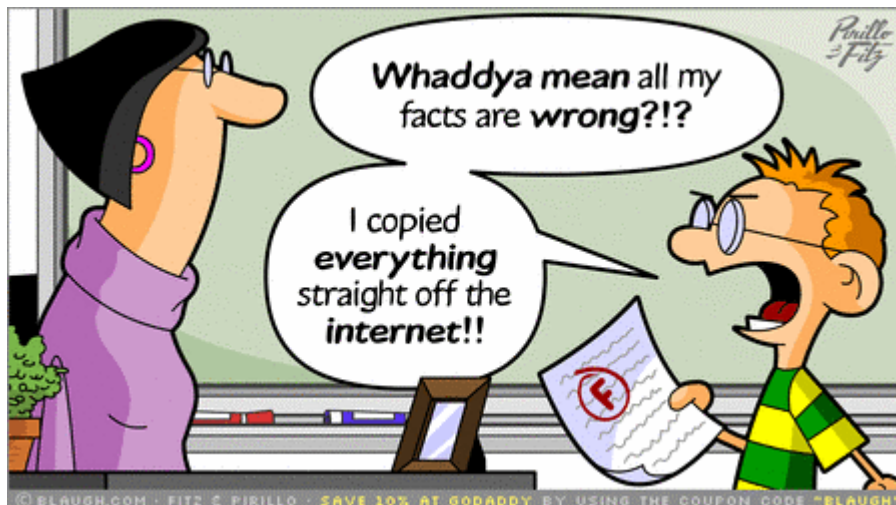
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