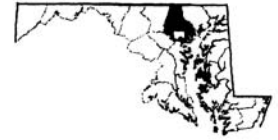


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EDITORS NOTES **Kenneth E. Zimmerman, Editor**

This Notebook has six major articles:

1. Article on Ancestry.com genealogy databases (19) that have information relating to Maryland.
2. RootsWeb Review new Baltimore Passenger list. And some humorous jokes for the genealogist.
3. Book Review on new publication “Abstracts of Marriages and Deaths in the (Baltimore) American and Commercial Daily Advertiser 1831-1836” Compiler by Lorrie A.E. Erdman, self-published, 219 pgs., indexed.2004.
4. Baltimore County News Prospect Hill Cemetery and Druid Ridge Cemetery articles in the Coalition to Protect Maryland Burial Sites.
5. Article written by Donald Honeywell member of BCGS “Genealogical Basics
6. ”Another major article is “Baltimore County Will Index “1892-1896”, Liber B.W.A. No. 10 beginning 26 October 1892 ending 22 July 1896. The series is continued from Notebook Issue No.19 No.4. Our member Carol Porter compiled the index. The Notebook will have succeeding indexes in the next issue.

Ancestry.com Genealogy Databases

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List below are just some of the database related to Maryland. Other States and local areas have similar databases.

1. Maryland Records Colonial, Revolutionary, County, and Church from Original Sources Vol. I

Description:

- Provincial Census of Prince George's County, 31 August 1776
- Marriage Licenses issued at Upper Marleborough, Prince George's County, 1777-1800
- Two Muster Rolls, Militia Prince George's County, French War 1799
- Provincial Census of Frederick County, 1776
- Earliest records of Marriages and Births of All Saints' Parish, Frederick, MD
- Tombstone Inscriptions from the Old Cemetery of All Saints' Parish, Frederick, MD
- Poll List of Presidential Election, November 1796, Frederick County, MD
- Constable's Census of Charles County, 1775-78
- Marriage Licenses of St. Mary's County, 1794-1864
- Provincial Census of 1776, Anne Arundel County

Source Information:

Ancestry.com. *Maryland Records Colonial, Revolutionary, County, and Church from Original Sources Vol. I*. [database online] Provo, UT: Ancestry.com, 2002. Original data: Gaius Morcus Brumbaugh M.S. M.D., *Maryland Records Colonial, Revolutionary, County and Church from Original Sources Vol. I*. Baltimore, MD: 1915.

2. Maryland Census, 1772-1890**Description:**

This collection contains the following indexes: 1790 Federal Census Index; 1800 Federal Census Index; 1810 Federal Census Index; 1820 Federal Census Index; 1830 Federal Census Index; 1840 Federal Census Index; 1840 Pensioners List; 1850 Federal Census Index; 1850 Slave Schedules; 1860 Federal Census Index; 1860 Slave Schedules; 1890 Naval Veterans; Early Census Index.

Source Information:

Jackson, Ronald V., Accelerated Indexing Systems, comp. *Maryland Census, 1790-1890*. [database online] Provo, UT: Ancestry.com, 1999-. Compiled and digitized by Mr. Jackson and AIS from microfilmed schedules of the U.S. Federal Decennial Census, territorial/state censuses, and/or census substitutes.

3. Maryland Colonial Census, 1776**Description:**

Granted by the King of England to George Calvert in 1632, Maryland was home to nearly 300,000 people before the Revolutionary War. This database is a transcription of a colonial census taken in 1776. Each record provides the name of the head of the household and location of residence. In many cases, the individual's age is provided along with the number of male and female residents in the household, including slaves. It reveals the names of over 17,100 men and women. For researchers of early Maryland ancestors, this can be an informative database.

Source Information:

Kinard, June, ed. *1776 Colonial Census of Maryland*. [database online] Orem, UT: Ancestry, Inc., 2000. Taken from *Maryland Colonial Census, 1776* held by the Maryland State Archives.

4. Maryland and South Carolina Lutheran Newspapers, Marriages and Deaths**Description:**

For researchers of Lutheran and German Reformed church members, this database can be of immense value. Containing marriage and death notices from two east coast newspapers, this collection has nearly 5000 entries, many with four, five, or more names of relatives involved in the burial or marriage. Although the two newspapers were based in Maryland and South Carolina, they may also contain notices from adjoining states.

The *Lutheran Observer* was a periodical which began publication in Baltimore, Maryland, in August 1831. Marriage and death notices have been extracted from these early issues up through 1861.

The *Southern Lutheran* was founded in Charleston, South Carolina in 1851. In 1863 it moved to Columbia, South Carolina and is the only Lutheran newspaper published in the Confederate States of America. Entries from this newspaper span up to the end of the Civil War.

Source Information:

Ancestry.com. *Maryland and South Carolina Lutheran Newspapers, Marriages and Deaths* [database online]. Orem, Utah: Ancestry.com, Inc., 1998. Original data: Holcomb, Brent H. *Marriage and Death Notices from the Lutheran Observer 1831-1861 and the Southern Lutheran 1861-1865*. Columbia, S.C.: Brent H. Holcomb, 1979.

5. Maryland Marriages, 1667-1899

Description:

Maryland, which borders Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, and Delaware, was one of the earliest states established in the United States. This database of Maryland marriage records previously contained only marriage records for Harford, Kent, Allegany, Carroll, Frederick, Montgomery, Prince George's, Washington, Cecil, Somerset, Queen Anne's, Worcester, Caroline, Anne Arundel, and Talbot counties. It has just been updated to include records for Dorchester and Frederick counties. Researchers will find the names of both the bride and groom, the marriage date, and the marriage place.

Extended Description:

Allegany County was formed in 1789 from Washington County. The records from the county in this database cover the years 1791 through 1850.

Original data: *Allegany County, Maryland Marriages, 1791-1850*. County court records located at Cumberland, Maryland or Family History Library microfilm #0013310.

Anne Arundel County was formed in 1650 and was an original County. The records in this database cover the years 1851 through 1875.

Original data: *Anne Arundel County, Maryland Marriages, 1851-75*. County court records located at Annapolis, Maryland. Family History Library film # (0013243)

Carroll County was formed in 1837 from Baltimore and Frederick counties. The records from the county in this database cover the years 1837 to 1899.

Original data: *Carroll County, Maryland, Marriages, 1837-99*. County court records located at Westminster, Maryland. Records extracted from the Maryland State Historical Society in Baltimore.

Caroline County was formed in 1773 and was organized from Dorchester and Queen Anne's Counties. The records in this database cover the years 1825 through 1850.

Original data: *Caroline County, Maryland Marriages, 1825-50*. County court records located at Denton, Maryland. Family History Library film # (0013780)

Cecil County was formed in 1674 from Baltimore County. The records in this database cover the years 1777 through 1850.

Original data: *Cecil County, Maryland Marriages, 1777-1850*. County court records located at Elkton, Maryland. Family History Library film # (0013866)

Dorchester County was formed in 1669 and was organized from Somerset and Talbot Counties. The records in this database cover the years 1778 through 1850.

Original data: *Dorchester County, Maryland Marriages, 1778-1850*. County court records located at Cambridge, Maryland. Family History Library film # (0013929)

Frederick County was formed in 1748 from Baltimore and Prince George's counties. The records from Frederick County in this database cover the years 1778 through 1865.

Original data: *Frederick County, Maryland Marriages, 1778-1865*. County court records located at Frederick, Maryland or Family History Library microfilm #0014082.

Harford County was formed in 1773 from Baltimore County. The records from the county in this database cover the years 1777 through 1850.

Original data: *Harford County, Maryland Marriages, 1777-1850*. County court records located at Bel Air, Maryland or Family History Library microfilm #0014116.

Kent County was formed in 1642. The records from the county in this database cover the years 1789 through 1850.

Original data: *Kent County, Maryland Marriages, 1789-1850*. County court records located at Chestertown, Maryland or Family History Library microfilm #0014169.

Montgomery County was formed in 1776 from Frederick County. The county's records in this database cover the years 1851 through 1875.

Original data: *Montgomery County, Maryland Marriages, 1851-75*. County court records located at Rockville, Maryland.

Prince George's County was formed in 1696 from Calvert and Charles counties. The records from the county in this database cover the years 1777 through 1885.

Original data: *Prince George's County, Maryland Marriages, 1777-1885*. County court records located in Landover, Maryland and Family History Library microfilm #0041305.

Queen Anne's County was formed in 1674 from Baltimore County. The records in this database cover the years 1817 through 1850.

Original data: *Queen Anne's County, Maryland Marriages, 1817-50*. County court records located at Centreville, Maryland. These records were extracted at the Maryland State Historical Society, Baltimore, MD.

Somerset County was formed in 1666. The records in this database cover the years 1851 through 1871.

Original data: *Somerset County, Maryland Marriages, 1851-71*. County court records located at Princess Anne, Maryland. These records were extracted at the County Courthouse.

Talbot County was formed in 1661 or 1662. The records from the county in this database cover the years 1667 through 1850.

Original data: *Talbot County, Maryland Marriages, 1667-1850*. County court records located at Easton, Maryland. These records were extracted from the Maryland State Historical Society in Baltimore, MD.

Washington County was formed in 1776 from Frederick County. The records in this database cover the years 1799 through 1850.

Original data: *Washington County, Maryland Marriages, 1776-1850*. County court records located in Hagerstown, Maryland or Family History Library microfilm #0014643.

Worcester County was formed in 1742 and was organized from Somerset County. The records in this database cover the years 1795 through 1850.

Original data: *Worcester County, Maryland Marriages, 1795-1850*. County court records located at Snow Hill, Maryland. Family History Library film # (0014596)

Source Information:

Dodd, Jordan, Liahona Research, comp. *Maryland Marriages, 1667-1899*. [database online] Provo, UT: Ancestry.com, 2000-. Original data: See the extended description for original data sources listed by county.

6. Baltimore, 1820-1852 Passenger and Immigration Lists

Description:

This data set contains alphabetical listings of approximately 89,000 individuals who arrived at Baltimore from foreign ports between 1820 and 1852.

Partly in an effort to alleviate overcrowding of passenger ships, Congress enacted legislation (3 Stat. 489) on March 2, 1819 to regulate the transport of passengers in ships arriving from foreign ports. As a provision of this act, masters of such ships were required to submit a list of all passengers to the collector of customs in the district in which the ship arrived.

In addition to the federal law, a Maryland State law of March 22, 1833 (effective from September 1833 until October 1866) required that the masters of vessels submit lists of passengers who arrived at Baltimore to the mayor. The law required that these "city lists" report the age and occupation of passengers and that the lists be sworn to by the master of the vessel in the presence of the mayor. The passage of that state law resulted in a dramatic increase in compliance with the keeping of passenger lists. Between 1820 and 1833, fewer than 100 individuals were recorded in Baltimore passenger lists. Between 1833 and 1852, on the other hand, more than 89,000 individual were recorded.

Passenger lists such as these are important primary sources of arrival data for the vast majority of immigrants to the United States in the nineteenth century. With the single exception of federal census records they are the largest, the most continuous, and the most uniform body of records of the entire country.

The information collected in this data set was taken from the National Archives Microfilm Series M255, "Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at Baltimore, 1820-1891". While the entire microfilm series spans 50 rolls, this information included here covers rolls 1 through 8 and includes individuals who arrived

between September 2, 1820 and May 28, 1852. The information you can learn from this data set can help you create a well-rounded picture of your ancestor's arrival in America.

Generally, you'll find the following information about an individual included in this data set:

- Gender
- Age
- Occupation
- Place of origin
- Destination
- Additional comments
- Name of ship on which the individual traveled
- Type of ship on which the individual traveled
- Port of departure
- Port of arrival
- Date of arrival
- National Archives series number
- National Archives microfilm number
- National Archives list number

As you know, it is often the little details that help bring your family history to life. Because of this, we included more than just the basic information available about a person on the actual microfilm. For example, you'll often learn the type of ship an individual sailed on.

Types of ships include:

- Bark - A ship of three to five masts with the after mast fore-and-aft rigged.
- Brig - A two-masted square-rigged sailing ship.
- Galliot - A small galley propelled by sails and oars.
- Ketch - A large fore-and-aft rigged boat with two masts.
- Schooner - A fore-and-aft rigged sailing ship.
- Steam Ship - A ship driven by steam.

Source Information:

Ancestry.com. *Baltimore, 1820-1852 Passenger and Immigration Lists* [database online]. Provo, Utah: MyFamily.com, Inc., 2003. Original data: Baltimore, Maryland. *Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at Baltimore, 1820-1891*. Micropublication M255, rolls # 1-8. National Archives, Washington, D.C.

7. Baltimore, 1851-1872 Passenger and Immigration Lists Vol. 2

Description:

Same information explained in Volume 1 as above.

Source Information:

Ancestry.com. *Baltimore, 1851-1872 Passenger and Immigration Lists Vol. 2* [database online]. Provo, Utah: MyFamily.com, Inc., 2003. Original data: Baltimore, Maryland. *Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at Baltimore, 1820-1891*. Micropublication M255, rolls # 9-19. National Archives, Washington, D.C.

8. Maryland Military Men, 1917-18

Description:

Considered by many as the first "modern" war, World War One involved United States military units from 1917 to 1918. This database is a massive collection of military records for men who served in the war from Maryland. Originally compiled in 1933, it provides the names for men who served in the army, navy, and marines. In addition to providing the individual's name, it reveals city of residence, unit of service, birth date or age, and other helpful facts. It also contains the location and date of enlistment and discharge information. The names of over 67,900 men are included in the collection. For researchers of Maryland ancestors who may have served in the "Great War," this can be an informative database.

Source Information:

Ancestry.com. *Maryland Military Men, 1917-1918* [database online]. Provo, Utah: MyFamily.com, Inc., 2000. Original data: *Maryland in the World War, 1917-1919; Military and Naval Service Records, Vol. I-II*. Baltimore, MD: Twentieth Century Press, 1933.

9. Maryland Revolutionary War Records

Description:

Although no major battles were fought in Maryland during the Revolutionary War, the colony was an important contributor to the war effort. This database is a collection of pension and bounty land claims on the state for military service in the war. Most records provide the soldier's name, birth date, rank, spouse, marriage date, and location of marriage. Many entries also contain unit information, location of service, number of acres awarded, and issue date. It contains over 3,000 pension and bounty applications along with nearly 1,000 marriages of Maryland soldiers and a list of 1,200 proved services of soldiers and patriots from other states. For researchers of Maryland ancestors who served in the Revolutionary War, this can be a useful database.

Source Information:

Ancestry.com. *Maryland Revolutionary War Records* [database online]. Provo, Utah: MyFamily.com, Inc., 2000. Original data: Newman, Harry Wright. *Maryland Revolutionary Records*. Baltimore, MD: Maryland Archives, 1938.

10. Maryland Soldiers in the Civil War, Vol. 1

Description:

With over 36,000 records of soldiers, sailors and marines in the Union Army and Navy from 1861 to 1865, this database is of interest to anyone with ancestors from Maryland who served in the Civil War. The data was obtained from official records of the Adjutant-General office, the War Department, State histories, and other records. This first volume embraces all of the troops accredited to the quota of the State of Maryland.

11. Maryland Soldiers in the Civil War, Vol. 2

Description:

The second volume in a two-volume series, this volume embraces all of the sailors, marines and other troops from Maryland who served in the Union army or navy. The data was obtained from official records of the Adjutant-General office, the War Department, State histories, and other records

12. Maryland Archives, 1658-1783

Description:

In 1634, just a short while after colonists arrived in the area that today is known as Maryland, the first General Assembly was held. The General Assembly is the legislative body of the Maryland state government, and the purpose of the first Assembly was the same as that of the Assembly today—to create laws and ordinances that will promote the welfare of the State. In the late nineteenth century the Maryland Historical Society published several volumes of collections of the Maryland Archives. This database contains volumes 13, 17-19, 21-26, 28-44 of the series. Many of these volumes are comprised of the proceedings and acts of the General Assembly from 1684 to 1747, proceedings and acts from the Council of Maryland from 1681 to 1770, and proceedings and of the Provincial Court of Maryland from 1658 to 1662. Other volumes contain other documents held by the Maryland Historical Society such as the records of Maryland troops in the Continental Service during the Revolutionary War and the journal and correspondence of the Council of Maryland.

Source Information:

Ancestry.com. *Maryland Archives, 1658-1783* [database online]. Provo, Utah: MyFamily.com, Inc., 2003. Original data: Eds. William Hand Browne, Clayton Colman Hall, and Bernard Christian Steiner. *Archives of Maryland*. Volumes 13, 17-19, 21-26, 28-44. Baltimore: Maryland Historical Society, 1894-1925.

13. Maryland Genealogical and Memorial Encyclopedia

Description:

This database contains a genealogical and biographical record of the prominent and representative citizens of the state of Maryland. This record is hoped to be of value to both those who are descendants of the individuals mentioned in this work as well as to the general reader, for much can be learned by reading about the lives of others who lived during the time of your ancestors. Facts and information pertaining to the history of the state may also be gathered from this collection of biographical sketches. As stated in the preface, "the history of a State is best told in a record of the lives of its people."

Source Information:

Ancestry.com. *Maryland Genealogical and Memorial Encyclopedia* [database online]. Provo, Utah: MyFamily.com, Inc., 2004. Original data: Spencer, Richard Henry, ed. *Genealogical and Memorial Encyclopedia of the State of Maryland*. Baltimore: Clearfield, [1919?].

14. Baltimore, Maryland Tax Records Index, 1798-1808

Description:

The largest city in Maryland, Baltimore boasted a population of over 60,000 residents in 1800. This database is an index to the earliest existing general property tax records in the city, dating between 1798 and 1808. It provides the names of individuals and organizations, along with year of assessment and reference to the original city tax record. Containing over 5700 records, it can be a useful guide to more detailed tax information for researchers seeking ancestors from Baltimore ancestors.

Source Information:

Ancestry.com. *Baltimore, Maryland Tax Records Index, 1798-1808* [database online]. Orem, UT: MyFamily.com, Inc., 1999. Original data: Baltimore City Archives. *A Name Index to the Baltimore City Tax Records, 1798-1808*. Baltimore, MD: Baltimore City Archives, 1981.

15. Maryland Calendar of Wills

Description:

As stated in the subtitle, this database contains wills of Maryland residents from 1635-1685, yet there are many wills to be found even into the eighteenth century. Most entries will list name of testator (in bold); those persons bearing relationship to the testator, if stated in the will, are in bold type also. All others are in Roman Type. The county of testator follows the name in the same line if it is given in the will itself, and if none appears in the abstract the inference must be drawn that it is lacking in the will.

The dates of drawing and of the probate of each are placed one above the other; that of probate under that of drawing. If either date does not appear in the Calendar a line of dashes is placed in the respective place to indicate the fact that it is lacking in the will as recorded, and if, as is the case in a few instances, neither date of drawing nor that of probate appears in the will, a double line of dashes is substituted.

The numbers at the foot of each abstract give the number of the book and the page from which it has been taken. Almost all the abstracts in the Calendar have been taken directly from the wills, as recorded in the will-books among the proceedings of the Prerogative Court of the Province. Search this database if your ancestors were among the many who settled in Maryland.

Source Information:

Ancestry.com. *Maryland Calendar of Wills* [database online]. Orem, Utah: Ancestry.com, Inc., 1998. Original data: Cotton, Jane Baldwin., *Maryland Calendar of Wills*, Vol. I-VIII. Baltimore, MD: 1904.

16. Baltimore, Maryland Directories, 1890

Description:

The largest city in Maryland, Baltimore is situated on Chesapeake Bay in the central section of the state. This database is a transcription of a city directory originally published in 1890. In addition to providing the resident's name, it provides information regarding their address and occupation. This collection includes the names of about 165,600 people, mostly heads of households. For those seeking ancestors from central Maryland, this can be an informative database.

Source Information:

Ancestry.com. *Baltimore, Maryland Directories, 1890* [database online]. Provo, UT: MyFamily.com, Inc., 2000. Original data: *Baltimore City Directory, 1890*. Baltimore, MD: R. L. Polk and Co., 1890.

17. U.S Federal Census for Maryland

[1930 U.S. Federal Census](#) (images, Maryland index)

[1920 U.S. Federal Census](#) (images, Maryland index)

[1910 U.S. Federal Census](#) (images only)

[1900 U.S. Federal Census](#) (images only)

[1880 U.S. Federal Census](#) (images, Maryland index)

[1870 U.S. Federal Census](#) (images, Maryland index)

[1860 U.S. Federal Census](#) (images only) Refer to special database Maryland

[1850 U.S. Federal Census](#) (images, Maryland index)

[1840 U.S. Federal Census](#) (images, Maryland index)

[1830 U.S. Federal Census](#) (images, Maryland index)

[1820 U.S. Federal Census](#) (images, Maryland index)

[1810 U.S. Federal Census](#) (images, Maryland index)

[1800 U.S. Federal Census](#) (images, Maryland index)

[1790 U.S. Federal Census](#) (images, Maryland index)

18. Obituary Collection

Description:

The collection contains recent obituaries from hundreds of newspapers. We scour the Internet daily to find new obituaries and extract the facts into our database. We also provide source information and links to the full obituary text. If you're searching for a recently deceased ancestor, a living relative who might be mentioned in an obituary, or former classmates or neighbors then this is a great place to start

[Capital, The \(Annapolis, MD\)](#) 2003-2004

[Cecil Whig \(Elkton, MD\)](#) 2003-2004

[Daily Times, The \(Salisbury, MD\)](#) 2003-2004

[Dundalk Eagle \(Dundalk, MD\)](#) 2003-2004

[Gazette Newspapers \(Gaithersburg, MD\)](#) 2003-2004

[Howard County Times \(Columbia, MD\)](#) 2004-2004

[Maryland Times-Press \(Ocean City, MD\)](#) 2003-2004

[Morning Herald, The/The Daily Mail \(Hagerstown, MD\)](#) 2003-2004

[Republican, The \(Oakland, MD\)](#) 2003-2004

[Somerset Herald \(Princess Anne, MD\)](#) 2003-2004

[Sun, The \(Baltimore, MD\)](#) 2003-2004

[Worcester County Messenger \(Pocomoke City, MD\)](#) 2003-2004

19. Social Security Death Index

Description:

Ancestry.com offers you the most powerful and up to date **Social Security Death Index** on the Internet! The database contains information provided by the Social Security Administration through the end of September 2003 and contains 71,444,533 names.

Source

Ancestry.com's **Social Security Death Index** is generated from the U.S. Social Security Administrations Death Master File. It contains the records of deceased persons who possessed Social Security numbers and whose death had been reported to the SSA. In most cases a report of death was made in connection with Social Security death benefits.

The above information was copied from <http://www.ancestry.com> only to inform what information is on their website. Note there are misspelling and grammatical errors. The database information is a great genealogical source but always try to refer to the original documents to verify its accuracy and validity.

RootsWeb Review

The premier issue of *RootsWeb Review* was published on 17 June 1998. This weekly e-zine provides news about RootsWeb.com, its new databases, mailing lists, home pages, and websites. It also includes stories and research tips from its readers around the globe.

You can also scan and download *RootsWeb Review* week by week, from its premier to current issues.
<http://e-zine.rootsweb.com/>

New User-Contributed Databases at RootsWeb

<http://userdb.rootsweb.com/submit/>

The following database has come online recently:

MARYLAND. Baltimore. Passenger list for "Ship Goethe," July 1845, from Bremen, Germany; 213 records; Betty J Schmidt <http://userdb.rootsweb.com/passenger/>

Humor/Humour: Sure Signs of Addiction

You might be addicted to genealogy if:

- You can't drive past a graveyard without wondering if you have any ancestors buried there.
- You introduce your granddaughter as your descendant.
- You can recite your lineage back 10 generations, but can't remember your nephew's name.
- You have more photographs of dead people than living ones.
- You watch the movie/TV credits roll by to see if any of the surnames are ones you are researching.

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Humor/Humour: Last-minute Estate Planning

Thanks to: Scott Johnson SJohnson@GOV.NU.CA

On June 8, 1948, Cecil George Harris, a Saskatchewan (Canada) farmer, was repairing his tractor when he inadvertently put the vehicle into reverse, pinning his left leg underneath one of the rear wheels. Believing no one would come to his rescue, he used his jackknife to scratch onto the tractor's fender:

"In case I die in this mess, I leave all to the wife. Cecil Geo. Harris."

Although his neighbours eventually found him 10 hours later, Harris died of his injuries two days later. Soon after, the etched fender was admitted to probate, as a valid holograph will. The fender and knife remained "on file" at the local Kerrobet Courthouse until it closed in 1996. The fender and knife are now on permanent display in the University of Saskatchewan's Law Library.

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Book Review by Ken Zimmerman

Abstracts of Marriages and Deaths in the (Baltimore) American and Commercial Daily Advertiser 1831-1836" Lorrie A.E. Erdman, 219 pgs, 2003.

Price: \$21.00 + (MD) Sales Tax \$1.05 & S&H \$1.85.

Send request with check or money order payable to:

Lorrie A.E. Erdman; 9820 Gunforge Road; Baltimore, MD 21128-9355.

The American and Commercial Daily Advertiser began publication in September 1802 and ceased December 31, 1853. It was published daily, except Sunday. The newspaper was continued by the American and Commercial Advertiser (Baltimore) in 1854. Refer to the Maryland State Archives "Guide to Maryland Newspaper Collections" which is on on-line. The web site provides a full inventory of the microfilm at various institutions. Lorrie A.E. Erdman, the author has abstracted marriages and deaths that are on microfilm from the Baltimore, Maryland newspaper "American and Commercial Daily Advertiser" for the period 1831 to 1836. The information is more than just the names and event. The author has listed occupation, age, cause of death, date of death and burial, place of residence, church, native of and abstracted other miscellaneous data from the article. The date of the publication is mentioned, but not the page number and column where the article is referenced in the newspaper. It will be cumbersome to find the original article if one wants to have a copy for documentation purposes. The marriages and death articles are not always on the front page of the newspaper. The index in the back of the book is done by cross-referencing to the record name. Most publications are indexed using page numbers. Always read the preface and abbreviations before using a publication. The book was self-published. The copyright symbol is missing plus there is no International Standard Book Numbering System (ISBN) assigned, which is easily done when using a publishing company. The publication information is most valuable for the family genealogist and professional genealogist. Anyone doing Baltimore research definitely should have this publication on his or her library shelf. Hopefully, the author will do the newspaper prior to 1831. Lorrie Erdman is the Cemetery Chair for Baltimore County Genealogical Society, Inc.

"The Great Baltimore Fire" Peter B. Petersen, Maryland Historical Society, pages 224, indexed, 2004. ISBN 0-938420-90-9

"This superbly illustrated, lively narrative details two days that nearly destroyed Baltimore."

"This is the complete story of the Great Fire, of men and women reacting to crisis of disastrous decisions, indomitable courage and irrepressible determination. Follow the stories of ordinary citizens struggling to save themselves and their neighbors, newspapermen forced from their buildings, citizen-soldiers and sailors pressed into duty, daring ship captains, and most important –fearless firemen. Published by the press at the Maryland Historical Society. 9"x10", cloth hardbound, 224 pages, with 180 duotone illustrations, maps, notes appendices. It is available at <http://www.mdhs.org> or through the MDHS Shop and Books store for \$30.00."

Note: The review was copied from the "Baltimore Ablaze –The Great Fire of 1904" brochure by the Maryland Historical Society.

Baltimore County News

Article from *The Jeffersonian.com* (article accessed November 9, 2003)

Old Towson cemetery still has room to grow

By Virginia Terhune (November 4, 2003)

A six-acre open space in central Towson contains Prospect Hill cemetery. The cemetery sits high off the east side of York Road and is partially blocked from view by the Investment Place building.

Prospect Hill is more than 100 years old and is the final resting place for 3,000 people including members of longtime Baltimore County families such as Hillen, Burke, and Merryman. The cemetery continues to be active with more than 700 lots for sale. The board hopes to raise enough money (\$1 million) from lot sales and donations to eventually endow the cemetery.

Annual maintenance costs are approximately \$23,000 per year. Most of the money for maintenance comes in the form of contributions from family and friends. The board received a grant for \$10,000 in 2003 from Baltimore County's Office of Community Conservation and a grant for \$7,500 so far for 2004, contingent upon a 20 percent match by the board. The money is earmarked for landscaping and repair work to the stones. The 2003 money was used for 5 new trees and a new hedge that runs along York Road. For more information about Prospect Hill Cemetery, call (410) 252-8462.

Article from the October 10, 2003 *Baltimore Jewish Times*

New Plan for Druid Ridge Cemetery

By Barbara Pash, Assistance Editor

Druid Ridge Cemetery is owned by Stewart Enterprises, a publicly traded company and contains 209 acres. Developer Arthur Adler of David S. Brown Enterprises has a contract to purchase a parcel of land that is part of Druid Ridge Cemetery. The acreage for sale is a 36-net acre site on the west side of Park Heights Avenue. The project is contingent on zoning changes that were denied during the county's quadrennial rezoning process.

[Editor's note: It appears from reading the entire article that the company that owns the cemetery does not wish to relocate burial sites or cease operation of the cemetery. There is excess acreage for sale and the subject of this article. If the zoning is ever approved the owners of the houses built on this land will probably enjoy very quiet neighbors]

The above two articles were from "*Coalition Courier*" Volume 11 No. 4 Winter 2003-2004. Their newsletter is published quarterly by Coalition to Protect Maryland Burial Sites Inc. PO Box 1533 Ellicott City, Maryland 21041

The Coalition was formed in 1991 as a non-profit organization and is committed to the protection of human burial sites from unauthorized and unwarranted disturbance, by man or nature. The membership includes historians, genealogists, archaeologists, cultural preservationists, Native Americans, legislative members, and citizens of Maryland who care about their heritage and ancestors.

Coalition members appreciate the importance of human burial sites as sacred grounds, as irreplaceable cultural resources, and as sources of valuable genealogical data, often found nowhere else. The Coalition recognizes that many human burial sites are established through the purchased right of sepulture, protected by the laws of Maryland, which passes on to the relative of the deceased, and which cannot lawfully be abridged by others at will.

Most of us imagine human burial as a respectful and dignified laying to rest of a person who touched our lives and contributed to our culture. In time, however, human burial sites, left unprotected, can fall victim to expediency and the impulsive exploitation by others who are seeking a short-term economic or personal goal. The Coalition believes that the willful desecration or destruction of human burial sites is unacceptable in a civilized society.

Learn more about the Coalition to Protect Maryland Burial Sites Inc. by reading about their [Objectives](#) at their web site. <http://www.cpmbs.org>. Please join this organization.

Genealogical Basics By Donald Honeywell

This is a tool to assist the amateur genealogist. Following these suggestions may result in more satisfying and comprehensive genealogical records.

Questioning Relatives

Your living, older relatives, especially grandmothers, are probably your greatest treasure trove of family history and genealogical information. Do not overlook family “legends” as they often contain kernels of valuable truth and clues for further research. See BIOGEN.

Dates

Standard genealogical format for dates is day-month-year. Change all your dates to this more logical format. Use this format for All dates, not just genealogy. You will be glad you did. All calculations involving dates require this format. Other formats mislead genealogists.

Locations

It could be said of genealogical information, much like real estate, the three most important things are location, *location* and LOCATION. It is the key to further research. Locations should be as precise as feasible and as required. Especially, locations of births, residences, marriages, deaths and interments (not burials) should be given whenever known. If the town/city is not known or cannot be determined, cite the township; if the township is not known or not applicable, cite the county; if the county is not known, cite the state. Counties are important as many vital records and land records reside in county repositories.

Precise residences together with dates (from - to) should be given wherever possible for each person. ‘Ibis is foundational to locating persons in a census, land records, church records, telephone directories, city directories, court records and registers of wills, and often leads to other information.

County boundaries (and townships) have changed to a remarkable degree in some states up to relatively recent years. Genealogical research in such states requires maps depicting the evolution of boundaries with applicable dates. Pennsylvania provides a remarkable example of such changes.

Baltimore City should always be cited to distinguish it from Baltimore County, as record depositories may be in different locations.

Computer “More” or “Notes” Pages

These pages are provided as features in nearly all genealogical programs to record additional information for individuals beyond mere statistics. Later programs provide 7 or more pages for this purpose. The following suggests how one might make the most use of such pages.

1. Place full name (and nick name if any) on the top line with date of birth. Put any legal name changes other than married surnames of females on next line.
2. Place Social Security Number (SSN) on next line.
3. Skip a line.
4. Record occupations on this line(s), together with dates, if applicable. Record religion(s).
5. On next line record spouse, marriage date(s), divorce date(s), etc.
6. Skip a line.
7. Label next line Residence; Record in succession all residences from birth to death, together with dates (from - to). Be as precise as possible. Expect to revise this section as more information becomes available. Leaving this section blank indicates there is much research ahead concerning this individual.
8. Skip a line.
9. Record all available information concerning the individual in chronological order with respect to the individual subject, citing all sources. Each new information line should be listed as Source:, followed by identification of the source and its date. Then enter all data from that source and date. Skip a line between sources. The objective is a sort of documented biography, which puts the meat and skin on the statistical bones. This may be several pages. Expect to revise this section as more information becomes available. See BIOGEN for suggested basic data.
10. Skip a line.
11. Place a line of asterisks across the page. Below this line record all uncertain or questionable data or items for further research concerning this individual, using above format.
12. Skip a line.
13. Record the last date you made entries or revisions on this page. You may wish to select a code date such as 1 January 2000 to indicate an unknown date.
14. Place this on next line: { } insertion by (your initials). Use this wiggle parenthesis to indicate places where you have inserted corrections or clarifications to sourced data.

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Please furnish the following information with emphasis on accuracy and completeness.

PRECISE DATES AND PLACES RELATED TO THESE ITEMS ARE VERY IMPORTANT FOR FURTHER RESEARCH.

- 1) **Name:** Complete names, including nicknames and changes (marriages, court orders); MAIDEN surnames of married women.
- 2) **Birth:** Sex, date, hospital, town, township, county and state. Order of birth (Example: 3rd child and 1st son of ____).
- 3) **Marriage:** Date, church, courthouse, minister, justice of the peace, town, township, county and state. Provide all data for spouses' parents. Divorce date, court and place.
- 4) **Churches:** Local church name, denomination and location, membership, baptism, confirmation, ordination, positions of service, dates, etc.
- 5) **Education:** Name and location of each school attended (primary, secondary, tertiary, graduate), degrees, honors, sports, dates, graduation certificates, etc.
- 6) **Occupations:** Names and location of companies, positions, awards, military service, retirement, dates (from and to for each position).
- 7) **Residences:** Specific addresses, dates (from and to), current telephone number and E-mail address, if appropriate.
- 8) **Deaths:** Date and place, funeral home, officiating minister, cemetery, address, town, township, county, state.
- 9) **Biographical:** Sketch of each individual including personal information and recollections. Conversion. Unique incidents and opportunities. War stories. Affiliations: Professional organizations, unions, clubs, positions, interests and hobbies. Kinsmen should be represented as persons rather than dry statistics.
- 10) **Documents:** Copies of entries from family Bibles; birth, baptismal, conformation, marriage and death certificates; census records; publications; newspaper articles; deeds; court records; wills and administrative accounts; etc.
- 11) **Referrals:** Others who may be in possession of significant family history.
- 12) **Photographs:** Review old family photo albums. Identify all persons by full names and date and place of photo.

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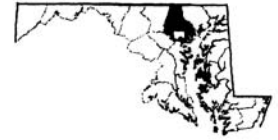
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1. "The Beginning of the Quakers and the Records they Left Behind" by Christopher T. Smithson, May/June 2004 Family History Magazine PLUS, pages 19-21.
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2. BCGS presentation on March 28, 2004 "Basic Military Research" by Craig Scott. He is the owner of Willow Bends and Heritage Books and a professional genealogical speaker at National Genealogical Society and the Federation of Genealogical Society conferences. Our Society has been granted permission from Craig Scott to reprint his handout. Another individual or party shall not reproduce it in any format for any purposes.
3. How to obtain World War I and World War II Military Service Records at the National Archives and Records Administration by BCGS member Charles Ward.
4. An article on requesting for World War I Draft Registration Card at National Archives and Records Administration. This information is from Friends of the National Archives Southeast Region website. <http://www.friendsnas.org>
5. "Another major article is "Baltimore County Will Index "1896-1900", Liber H.J.H. No. 11 beginning 12 Jul 1896 ending 23 May 1900. The series is continued from Notebook Issue No. 20 No. 1. Our member Carol Porter compiled the index. The Notebook will have succeeding indexes in the next issue.

Patriot Index Lookup Service

Do you think you might have an ancestor who served in the American Revolutionary War 1775-1783? Would you like to know whether your ancestor is listed with the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) in the "Patriot Index

The DAR Patriot Index contains names of Revolutionary patriots, both men and women, whose service (between 1775 and 1783) has been established by the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution. Additional information available may include: dates and places of birth and death, name(s) of wife (wives) or husband(s), rank, type of service, and the State where the patriot lived or served. If pension papers are known to exist, that fact will be included.

If you are interested in knowing if your ancestor is recognized by the DAR as a Revolutionary Patriot, please complete a request form on the website.
http://www.dar.org/natsociety/PI_lookup.cfm?Rt=OV&ID=

The DAR volunteers would be happy to check for you at no charge! Include your Revolutionary War—era ancestor's first and last name, spouse's name (if known), dates of birth, death, and state of residence when posting your lookup request. You need not be interested in joining the NSDAR to request a lookup.



The Beginning of the Quakers

and the Records they Left Behind

by Christopher T. Smithson



It was because of my grandfather, the late A. Frank **Smithson**, that I first became interested in genealogy. I was eight years old when his stories implanted in me the desire to know more about my family. Some of my ancestors were Quakers and my quest into my family's past has prompted me to learn about the Quaker records.

One of my ancestors is Edward **Foulke**, a native of Llandderfel, Merionethshire, Wales, who immigrated to Philadelphia, Pa., in 1698.

Identifying **Foulke** as a Quaker qualified me for several lineage societies such as the "National Society Descendants of Early Quakers." The descendant that is eligible for this society must have a documented lineage to a Quaker ancestor prior to 1838. Another society I belong to is "The Order of the Crown of **Charlemagne** in the United States of America." To qualify for this organization, I also used **Foulke's** lineage, which has been traced back to **Charlemagne**.

Foulke was a member of the Gwynedd Monthly Meeting, which still stands today, in Montgomery County, Pa. After determining **Foulke's** membership, I set out to look for the original records from the meetinghouse. The minutes are simply the day-to-day records of the members of that meetinghouse. I located the original records of Gwynedd at Swarthmore Friends Historical Library, located at the Swarthmore College in Swarthmore, Pa.

I traced my known lineage in Harford County, Md., back to Enoch **Williams**, a known Quaker who lived in Harford County. I found **Williams** in Henry C. **Peden** Jr.'s publication,

Quakers Records of Northern Maryland 1716–1800, which includes abstracts of the original Quaker records. The abstract said he had transferred from Gwynedd Monthly Meeting House in Montgomery County, Pa. When I found the original certificate of removal, there was some valuable information, including the date it was recorded in the records of the meetinghouse in Harford County and which meetinghouse issued it. (Note that the date of record might not be the date of the move for all Quakers.)

After finding Enoch had been associated with the Gwynedd Monthly Meeting, I searched the Internet for publications of the records of Gwynedd. In *The William Wade Hinshaw Pennsylvania Quaker Meeting Records Gwynedd Monthly Meeting Volume V*, Enoch **Williams** was listed as a child of William and Ellen **Williams**, which matched the Maryland records. Remember that the abstracts are simply that — entries abstracted from Quaker records. In some cases, errors are made in transcribing the material, so my next step was to look for the original birth record. The original records of the Gwynedd Monthly Meeting are located at the Friends Library at Swarthmore College. I found the birth record, but the only information was the date of birth and the parent's names. It did not include the maiden name of his mother, Ellen.

My search then began for a marriage record for Enoch's parents William and Ellen (in some records listed as Eleanor). I started with abstracted records that had been published in book form. I did not locate the marriage record there. I realized that the minutes of Gwynedd had not been abstracted and published. The minutes sometimes have information that doesn't appear elsewhere.

Since I could not get to Swarthmore in person, I contacted the library and had a local researcher go through the minutes of Gwynedd to see if a marriage had been mentioned for William and Ellen. There was an entry of an announcement of a possible marriage for William to Ellen **Foulke** in 1727. The announcement appeared twice in the minutes. This did not mean that they got married in 1727, just that the event was announced and recorded.

Now that I knew Ellen's maiden name, I set out in search of her birth record. I located the original record in Gwynedd, which said Ellen was born in 1710, daughter of Thomas **Foulke** and Gwen **Williams**. Next, I searched through information about the **Foulke** family itself and located several descendants of Thomas and Gwen

Published Quaker Records

Below is a listing of Quaker records that have been abstracted and published over the years. This list doesn't include the seven volumes of William Wade **Hinshaw's** *The Encyclopedia of Quaker Genealogy, 1750–1930* that were published before his death in 1947. That collection is available in both book form and on CD-ROM. There is also an extensive list of books published after **Hinshaw's** death that contain information abstracted during his research. For information in Iowa, Kansas, New Jersey, Oklahoma and Pennsylvania, check for the William Wade **Hinshaw** indexes. The listing below is arranged by state then by author's last name. This is not a complete list, but can help you begin researching your Quaker ancestors.

Maryland:

Beard, Alice L. *Birth, Deaths and Marriages of the Nottingham Quakers 1680–1889*. Westminster, Md.: Family Line Publications, 1996.

Carroll, Kenneth L. *Quakerism on the Eastern Shore of Maryland*. Baltimore: Maryland Historical Society, 1970.

Jacobsen, Phebe R. *Quaker Records in Maryland*. Annapolis, Md.: The Hall of Records Commission, 1966.

Peden, Henry C., Jr. *Quaker Records of Baltimore and Harford Counties, 1801–1825*. Westminster, Md.: Willow Bend Books, 2000.

New York:

Frost, Josephine C. *Quaker records, Chatham, Columbia Co. & Queensbury, Warren Co., New York*.

Kelly, Arthur C. M. *Quaker records of the Hudson Monthly Meeting, Columbia County, NY, 1793*. Rhinebeck, N.Y.: Kinship, 1999.

Virginia:

Wright, F. Edward. *Quaker Records of South River Monthly Meeting, Virginia, 1756–1800*. Westminster, Md.: Family Line Publications, 1993.

General Area

Heiss, Willard C. *Guide to research in Quakers in the Midwest*. Indianapolis: Quaker Records, 1961.

Holdings of Quaker Records

Allen County Public Library; 900

Webster St., Fort Wayne, IN 46801; <www.acpl.lib.in.us/genealogy/>

Earlham College, Richmond, IN; <www.earlham.edu>

Friends University; 2100 W. University, Wichita, KS 67213–3379; <www.friends.edu>

George Fox College; 414 N. Meridian St., Newberg, OR 97132–2697; 503.538.8383 or 800.876.4369; <www.georgefox.edu>

Search Orbis Catalog; <orbis.uoregon.edu/>

Telnet George Fox Catalog: <telnet://198.106.64.75>

Guilford College — Friends Historical Collection; 5800 W. Friendly Ave., Greensboro, NC 27410 (Hege Library); <www.guilford.edu/library/fhc>; gerickso@guilford.edu

Haverford College; Magill Library, Second Tier, Haverford College, 370 Lancaster Ave., Haverford, PA 19041–1392; <www.haverford.edu/>

The Mary L. Cook Public Library; Waynesville, Ohio; <www.mlcook.lib.oh.us/>

Maryland State Archives; 350 Rowe Blvd., Annapolis, MD 21401; <www.mdarchives.state.md.us>

Pickering College; Pickering, Ontario, Canada

LDS Family History Centers
Family History Library; 35 N. West Temple, Salt Lake City, UT 84150–3400; 801.240.2331; <www.familysearch.org>

Seattle Public Library; 1000 Fourth Ave., Seattle, WA 98104–1109; <www.spl.lib.wa.us/catalog/catalog.html>

Sutro Library; 480 Winston Drive, San Francisco, CA 94132; 415.731.4477; <www.sfo.com/~timandpamwolf/sfranlib.htm#SL>

Swarthmore Friends Historical Library; 500 College Ave., Swarthmore, PA, 19081–1397; 610.328.8000; <www.swarthmore.edu/Library/friends/>

U.K. Public Record Office & National Archives; <www.pro.gov.uk/>

Library of Virginia Digital Collection; <www.lva.lib.va.us/dlp/index.htm> 

in lineage societies. I also found a published **Foulke** family history. Information from the abstracted published sources and the original records finally enabled me to link my known ancestor Enoch **Williams**, son of William **Williams** and Ellen **Foulke**, to Gwynedd, and directly back to Enoch's great-grandfather, Edward **Foulke**, a Welsh Quaker and descendant of **Charlemagne**.

In searching for your Quaker ancestors, don't stop after looking at the compiled records — go to the originals. Make copies of them if you can. The original record could correct an inaccurate abstract entry from a published book. As you can tell not all your answers are in the vital records of the Quakers. Sometimes, the information you seek will appear in the meetings minutes.

The original records of the Quakers

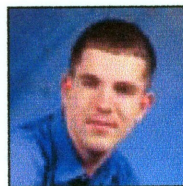
The dates used in Quaker records can cause some confusion. For example, a particular date might read "22nd of 8th mo., 1810." This means August 22, 1810. It's my opinion that the dates should be left as they're written because it's easy to make an error in changing the dates into the more common format we're accustomed to seeing today.

There are several types of records that will help any researcher who is looking for information on Quaker ancestors. There was a person from each "monthly meeting" who was the official keeper of the records.

- Birth records list the name of the child and the names of the parents.
- Minutes list all meetings, the dates the members met and the business of that particular meetinghouse. There may be sepa-

rate minutes for men and women. In the minutes, expect to find mentions of removals from the meeting, members being thrown out (for numerous reasons and usually with an account of the reason) and upcoming marriages. Plans to marry may appear in the minutes even when the event is not recorded.

- Certificates of removal are sometimes recorded in the minutes of the meeting. If minutes indicate that your ancestor requested a certificate of removal, it is best to consult the records of the meetinghouse to which he is transferring in order to verify that the person actually made the trip.
- Marriage records are known to be very detailed, often including the date and location of the marriage, parents' names, mothers' maiden names, place of residence and whether any of the parents were deceased. Sometimes, the record includes a list of all the people who attended the marriage as witnesses. The witness list can be very long, but could hold clues to unknown relatives. It's been my experience that the families of the bride and groom were usually the last to sign the document. ■



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BASIC MILITARY RESEARCH

Where to Begin

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HOW TO SEARCH

Step One:

Answer the following questions: (1) What is his name; his full name?; (2) Whose side was he on; did he fight for both?; (3) What state did he serve from?; (4) Was he a volunteer or a regular? Was it Army, Navy or Marine Corps? Was it State Troops or County Militia?; (5) Was he an officer or an enlisted man? Or was he a contractor/ teamster/sutler?; (6) What do you know about him that would make him unique?; (7) Was he a prisoner of war?; and (8) Did he survive the war? (9) Where did he live before and after the war.; and (10) who was his wife, or did he have more than one? Do not be concerned that you cannot answer all of these questions; but you need to at least have a name.

Step Two:

Did he get a pension? Find his pension or the pension of his heirs. Look for bounty land. Look for information in the pension about service. What units did he serve with? Was he a substitute for someone else? Is there information relating to pensions that can be found outside of the pension file. Have you looked at the pension office ledgers? Have you found the last payment or the final payment? Is there pension office correspondence not in the pension application file? If the soldier did not survive the conflict can you locate a widow or orphan five year half-pay pension? Have you looked at pension office vouchers? Find the names of comrades and look at their pensions also.

Step Three:

Look up your ancestor in the appropriate microfilmed index to Compiled Military Service Records. If you cannot find him, you might have the wrong state. Or he might have been in the Regular Army. Records for enlisted Regular Army soldiers have not been compiled.

Trace your ancestor through the entire war; don't stop just because you found a unit that he belonged to. It is possible that your ancestor served with more than one unit during the war. Also it is possible that the service of your ancestor was in a local militia unit and the records may not be a part of the federal collection of records. Check for records in the appropriate state archives, state library or state adjutant general office.

Step Four:

Did he apply for bounty land? Locate his bounty land files, his unindexed bounty land (for wars before 1855) or his homestead exemption files (after 1862). If his land is located in the federal domain but not where you would expect it be, was Bounty Land Scrip issued.

Step Five:

Analyze the information that you have found. Is there information about being a prisoner or casualty, a hospital patient, a court-martial, or death. These events provide the basis for further research. Remember that each record should lead you to another record. That every index card represents an original record. Find material about the captains, the regimental commanders, the battles and the campaigns. Check what the local paper was reporting on the war. Put your ancestor in the context of his time.

The following is a list of microfilm publications and finding aids that will be helpful to you in your search that are **not in the Military Service Records Microfilm Catalog**:

Revolutionary War

- M 1051 Index to Compiled Service Records of Revolutionary War Soldiers who Served With the American Army in Georgia Military Organizations. No date. 2 rolls DP
- M 926 Letters, Returns, Accounts, and Estimates of the Quartermaster General's Department, 1776-1783, in the War Department Collection of Revolutionary War. 1 roll DP

Civil War

RG 109 War Department Collection of Confederate Records

- M 345 Union Provost Marshal's File of Papers Relating to Individual Civilians. 300 rolls DP
- M 346 Confederate Papers relating to Citizens or Business Firms. No date. 1158 rolls DP
- M 409 Index to the Letters Received by the Confederate Secretary of War, 1861-1865. 1861-1865. 34 rolls DP
- M 410 Index to the Letters Received by the Confederate Adjutant General and Inspector General and by the Confederate Quartermaster. 1861-1865. 41 rolls DP
- M 416 Union Provost Marshal's File of Papers Relating to Two or More Civilians. No date. 94 rolls DP
- M 437 Letters Received by the Confederate Secretary of War, 1861-1865. 1861-1865. 151 rolls DP
- M 469 Letters Received by the Confederate Quartermaster General. 1861-1865. 14 rolls DP
- M 474 Letters Received by the Confederate Adjutant and Inspector General. 1861-1865. 164 rolls DP
- M 522 Letters Sent by the Confederate Secretary of War. 1861-1865. 10 rolls DP
- M 523 Letters Sent by the Confederate Secretary of War to the President. 1861-1865. 2 rolls DP
- M 524 Telegrams Sent by the Confederate Secretary of War. 1861-1865. 1 roll DP
- M 618 Telegrams Received by the Confederate Secretary of War. 1861-1865. 19 rolls DP
- M 627 Letters and Telegrams Sent by the Confederate Adjutant and Inspector General. 1861-1865. 6 rolls DP
- M 628 Letters and Telegrams Sent by the Eng. Bureau of the Confederate War Department. 1861-1864. 5 rolls
- M 823 Official Battle Lists of the Civil War, 1861-1865
- M 900 Letters and Telegrams Sent by the Confederate Quartermaster General. 1861-1865. 8 rolls DP
- M 901 General Orders and Circulars of the Confederate War Department. 1861-1865. 1 roll DP
- M 921 Orders and Circulars Issued by the Army of the Potomac and the Army and Department of Northern Virginia, C. S. A 1861-1865. 4 rolls DP
- M 935 Inspection Reports and Related Records Received by the Inspection Branch in the Confederate Adjutant and Inspector General's Office. No date. 18 rolls DP
- M 1091 Subject File of the Confederate States Navy, 1861-1865. 61 rolls. DP [Record Group 45]
- T 455 Reference File Relating to Confederate Organizations from the State of Georgia. 1 roll
- T 456 Reference File Relating to Confederate Medical Officers. 3 rolls

RG 94 Records of The Adjutant General's Office

- M 565 Letters Sent by the Office of the Adjutant General (Main Series). 1800-1890. 63 rolls DP
- M 619 Letters Received by the Office of the Adjutant General (Main Series). 1861-1870. 828 rolls DP
- M 661 Historical Information Relating to Military Posts and Other Installations. 1700-1900. 8 rolls DP
- M 711 Registers of Letters Received, Office of the Adjutant General. 1812-1889. 85 rolls DP
- M 725 Indexes to Letters Received by the Office of the Adjutant General (Main Series), 1846. 1861-1889. 9 rolls DP
- M 744 Returns From Regular Army Cavalry Regiments. 1833-1916. 117 rolls DP
- M 823 Official Battle Lists of the Civil War. 1861-1865. 2 rolls DP
- M 852 Returns of the Corps of Topographical Engineers, Nov. 1831 - Feb. 1863. 1831-1863. 2 rolls DP
- M 1017 Compiled Service Records of Former Confederate Soldiers who Served in the 1st Through 6th U.S. Volunteer Infantry Regiments. 1864-1866. 65 rolls DP
- M 1064 Letters Received by the Commission Branch of the Adjutant General's Office. 1863-1870. 527 rolls DP
- M 1523 Proceedings of U.S. Army Courts-Martial and Military Commissions of Union Soldiers Executed by U.S. Military Authorities. 1861-1866. 8 rolls DP
- M 1659 Records of the Fifty-Fourth Massachusetts Infantry Regiment (Colored), 1863-1865. 1863-1865. 7 rolls
- T 32 Records of the Adjutant General's Office, Letters Received. 1805-1889. 6 rolls

RG 249 Records of the Commissary General of Prisoners

- M 1303 Selected Records of the War Department Commissary General of Prisoners Relating to Federal Prisoners of War Confined at Andersonville, Georgia, 1864-1865. 6 rolls DP

RG 153 Records of the Office of the Judge Advocate General (Army)

- M 1105 Registers of the Records of the Proceedings of the U.S. Army General Courts-Martial. 1809-1890. 8 rolls DP

Finding Aids:

- PI 144 War Department Collections of Revolutionary War Records, 1949
- SL 36 List of Black Servicemen Compiled From the War Department Collection of Revolutionary War Records
- NM 68 Preliminary Inventory of the Records of the Office of the Commissary General of Prisoners, 1966 (RG 249)
- PI 101 Preliminary Inventory of the Records of the War Department Collection of Confederate Records (RG 109), reprinted by Iberian Press, Athens, Ga.
- PI 17 Preliminary Inventory of the Records of the Adjutant General's Office (RG 94)
- I 14 Records of the Accounting Officers of the Department of the Treasury (Revised) (RG 217), reprinted by Willow Bend Books, Westminster, Md.

Other References:

Revolution

- . 1976. Index of Revolutionary War Pension Applications in the National Archives (Arlington, Va.: National Genealogical Society Special Publication No. 40)

. 1990. DAR Patriot Index, Centennial Edition, Volumes I, II, III. (Washington: National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution Centennial Administration)
Mark Mayo Boatner, Encyclopedia of the American Revolution. (New York: David McKay Company)
F. S. Heitman, Historical Register of the Officers of the Continental Army

Howard H. Peckham, The Toll of Independence, Engagements & Battle Casualties of the American Revolution. (Chicago: The University of Chicago Press).

Civil War

War of Rebellion: Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies, 128 vols.
War of Rebellion: Official Records of the Union and Confederate Navies,
C. E. Dornbusch, Military Bibliography of the Civil War, 4 volumes.
Mark Mayo Boatner, The Civil War Dictionary.
E. B. Long, The Civil War Day by Day: An Almanac 1861 - 1865.
C. D. Cowles, The Official Military Atlas of the Civil War.
F. B. Heitman, Historical Register and Dictionary of the U. S. Army from its Beginning September 29, 1789 to March 2, 1903.
Official Army Register of the Volunteer Force of the US Army for the Years 1861-65, 8 vol.

Archives publications

National Archives, Microfilm Resources for Research, A Comprehensive Catalog, National Archives and Records Administration, Washington, D.C., 2000, ISBN 1-880875-22-5.

Fales, Anee Bruner and Robert M. Kvasnicka, Guide to Genealogical Research in the National Archives of the United States, 3rd Edition, National Archives and Records Administration, Washington, D.C., 2000, ISBN: 1-880875-21-7.

Fox, Cynthia G. and Constance Potter, *Military Service Records: A Select Catalog of National Archives Microfilm Publications* (National Archives Trust Fund Board, National Archives and Service Administration, Washington, D.C., 1985, ISBN 0-911333-07-X.

Munden, Kenneth and Henry Putney Beers, *The Union, A Guide to Federal Archives Relating to the Civil War*, National Archives and Records Administration, Washington, D.C., 1998, ISBN 0-911333-46-0.

Beers, Henry Putney, *The Confederacy, A Guide to the Archives of the Confederate States of America*, National Archives and Records Administration, Washington, D.C., 1998, ISBN 0-911333-18-5.

For more information on how to get copies of individual service, pension and bounty land records, visit <http://www.nara.gov/research/> or write to get details on obtaining the forms necessary to request records at National Archives and Records Administration, General Reference Branch, Attn: NWCTB, 700 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20408-0001

And most important:

Make sure that you did not stop too soon.

Military Service Records by Charles Ward, BCGS Member

To obtain the military service record of any person who serviced in either World War I or World War II, you have to submit a **Standard Form 180** or **SF180** in government terminology. This form is available on the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) web site:

http://www.archives.gov/research_room/obtain_copies/standard_form_180.pdf

The form is also available at both the main archives building in Washington and also Archives II if you are already at either building during research.

After printing the form you need to complete as much of the required information as possible to ensure the best possible service.

The information required is as follows:

Name used during service: Last, First, and Middle.

Social Security Number: Usually available from the Social Security Death Index.

Date of Birth:

Place of Birth:

Branch of Service: Active Service, Reserve Service, or National Guard. Most of the men who served in WWI, served as a member of the National Guard.

Dates of Service: Date Entered and Date Released. I submitted my requests with just the dates as World War I or World War II service.

Check either Officer or Enlisted:

Service Number during period: If unknown, write Unknown.

Check if person is deceased: If Yes, enter the date of Death.

Check if person was retired from Military Service: If a person was just in for 3 or 4 years, they were not retired.

Other information requested: When I submitted my requests, I asked for the Ranks obtained, military units, and any battles that the person may have been in.

Last you have to sign the request and provide the address that you want the information to be sent to.

The completed **SF180** must be mailed to:

National Personnel Records Center

(Military Personnel Records)

9700 Page Avenue

St. Louis, MO 63132-5100

The more information that you can submit, the faster they record will be located and a report mailed to you. I asked for the records of my grandfather who served in WWI, my father and four (4) of his brothers who served in WWII. Of those six (6) requests, I only received a letter back on one (1) saying that it would take some time. I still have not received the report on that uncle. The other requests took approximately three (3) weeks or so.

If the military person was a casualty, you have to write to the following:

Army Casualty and Memorial Affairs Operation Center

U. S. Army Total Personnel Command

TAPC-PED

2461 Eisenhower Avenue

Alexandria, VA 22331-0482

Again, provide as much of the same information as required on the SF180 and eventually you will be sent a report. I wrote to the above address on December 11, 2003 requesting information about the youngest uncle who was killed during WWII in France. I received a letter dated December 18, 2003 stated that it would be some time before I would receive a report. I finally received a package of information that was dated April 16, 2004 or five (5) months after the initial request. I received copies of 23 pages that were in the record, most of which dealt with the return of his remains from a cemetery in France. He was killed 16 September 1944 and the remains were returned to the United States in October 1944. I am now going to write to St. Louis to see if I can obtain any additional information.

American Folded Flag

Over my 35 years in the ordained ministry I have done many funerals and seen the American flag folded countless times to be presented to families of people who have served our country in the military I've gotten lumps in my throat and tears in my eyes as I've watched a spouse proudly reach out and accept this sign of honor for their loved one's service.

I didn't know that **flags are folded 13 times**. I'm told that we have 21 gun salutes because the digits in 1776 add up to 21, but the 13 folds in the flag was new to me. Here's what has been written about their meaning.

1. The first fold of our flag honors life.
2. The second fold honors eternal life.
3. The third fold honors veterans who have left this life after giving service in the defense of our country striving to attain peace throughout the world.
4. The fourth fold honors our human weakness in the face of God's strength.
5. The fifth fold honors our country--a great country with much responsibility in this world under the sovereignty of God.
6. The sixth fold honors our Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that we try to protect our country and our flag against all her enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of our republic.
7. The seventh fold, the middle fold, honors our pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.
8. The eighth fold honors the efforts of this person who has entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day.
9. The ninth fold honors mothers whose faith, love, loyalty and devotion have shaped the character of the men and women who have made this country great.
10. The tenth fold honors fathers whose strength, character and integrity have given us sons and daughters for the defense of our country.
11. The eleventh fold honors the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.
12. The twelfth fold honors God the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit.
13. The thirteenth fold brings the stars uppermost, reminding us of our nation's motto, "In God We Trust."

The flag is completely folded and tucked and takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, honoring the soldiers who served under General George Washington, and the sailors and Marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones, who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for us the rights, privileges and freedoms ~ enjoy today. Next time you see a flag folded, count the folds and remember the honors they signify.



National Archives and Records Administration

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1557 ST. JOSEPH AVENUE
EAST POINT, GEORGIA 30344-2593

Email: atlanta.center@nara.gov

Website: <http://www.archives.gov/facilities/>

World War I Draft Registration Card Request

ATTENTION:

More than 24,000,000 World War I Draft Registration Cards are on file at our center. They are filed alphabetically by state and by draft board; thereunder by county or city; and thereunder by the name of the registrant. At a minimum, the following information is required to conduct a search for draft registration cards: full name of the registrant, complete home address at the time of registration (including county) and name of nearest relative. Including the birth date, birthplace and occupation of the registrant can improve the thoroughness of a search, if known. ***For the cities/counties below, a street address or other specific location information (such as ward) is required:***

CALIFORNIA
Los Angeles
San Francisco

COLORADO
Denver

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Washington

GEORGIA
Atlanta

ILLINOIS
Chicago

INDIANA
Indianapolis

KENTUCKY
Louisville

LOUISIANA
New Orleans

MARYLAND
Baltimore

MASSACHUSETTS
Boston and surrounding areas (1)

NEW YORK
Albany
Buffalo
New York Area (2)
Rochester
Syracuse

MINNESOTA
Minneapolis
St. Paul

MISSOURI
Kansas City
St. Louis

NEW JERSEY
Bergen County
Jersey City
Newark (city)

OHIO
Cincinnati
Cleveland
Toledo

PENNSYLVANIA (3)
Philadelphia
Pittsburgh
Scranton

RHODE ISLAND
Providence

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- (2) This includes the areas of Brooklyn, the Bronx, Manhattan, Queens and Staten Island.
- (3) For all counties please include regional/community names and addresses if possible.

DRAFT REGISTRATION PERIODS

1. **June 15, 1917:** All men between the ages of 21 and 31 years of age were required to register.
2. **June 5, 1918:** All men who had become 21 years of age since June 5, 1917. A supplemental registration was held on **August 24, 1918**, which required all men who had become 21 years of age since June 5, 1918 to register.
3. **September 12, 1918:** This period provided for the registration of all men between the ages of 18 to 21, and 31 to 45 years of age. This was the third and final World War I registration.

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WWI Draft Registration Cards at National Archives and Records Administration, Southeast Region

(Date of issuance: August 23, 1999)

The following information is provided by the National Archives and Records Administration, Southeast Region, in response to recent postings on several list serves concerning World War One (WWI) Draft Registration cards maintained at our facility. Unfortunately, the original posting, and subsequent, altered postings provided incorrect information about these holdings and related reference procedures. To better serve the public and the research community, we provide the following information and guidance concerning the WWI Draft Registration cards:

1. The original cards, in excess of 24 million, were received at our facility a number of years ago. Upon their receipt, they were boxed and arranged by NARA employees. The original arrangement was by state, thereunder by county or draft board, and thereunder alphabetically by the registrant=s last name. The cause for arrangement by draft board instead of county is due to the size of certain cities. For example, New York City had in excess of 180 boards, Chicago had over 80. As a result, we require a street address when searching for cards in most large cities.
2. The cards were later microfilmed by representatives of the Genealogical Society of Utah in the exact order they were originally arranged; each NARA regional facility has a copy of the microfilm for the states in the region that it serves. Any patron wishing to use microfilm will find the cards arranged exactly as they are in the box. ***The arrangement of the cards has never been changed.***
3. NARA, Southeast Region, has provided a request form for these records for a number of years. The forms can be ordered via e-mail (archives@atlanta.nara.gov), telephone (404-763-7383), or in writing (*NARA, Southeast Region, 1557 St. Joseph Avenue, East Point, GA 30344*).
4. At a minimum, the following information is required from the requestor for NARA staff to conduct a search for draft registration cards:
 - Full name of registrant
 - Complete home address at the time of registration (to include county)
 - Name of nearest relative
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 - Birth date
 - Birthplace
 - Occupation of registrant
6. In July, 1997 NARA established an updated fee schedule for services provided to the public. The minimum mail-order fee for photocopies for each WWI Draft card was increased from \$6.00 to \$10.00, a fee which includes both sides of the card. ***Patrons need not request that both sides of the card be copied, and patrons need not submit a Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope (SASE) with their request.***

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The staff of the NARA, Southeast Region, remains committed to assisting our patrons in anyway possible, including the timely and accurate dissemination of information concerning our holdings and services. The WWI Draft Registration cards represent only one of many significant collections of historical records maintained by the Region that are invaluable for genealogical research. For additional information regarding our holdings and services, visit our home page at <http://www.nara.gov/regional/atlanta.html>.



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Full Name of Registrant (Last, First, Middle)

Alternate Name(s) or Spelling(s)

Home Address (at time of registration)

City, State, County

Town/Regional/Community Name

(If known or if applicable: See city/county list on front)

Occupation of Registrant

Date of Birth

Place of Birth

Draft Board Location (Street Address, City, County, State)

Registration Date

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Signature of person making this request

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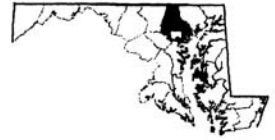
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EDITORS NOTES **Kenneth E. Zimmerman, Editor**

This Notebook has five major articles:

1. Article on Enoch Pratt Free Library at Central complex, which houses environmentally sensitive collections as well as genealogical information for researching Baltimore City and Maryland Counties
2. Information on the National Cemetery Administration and the Nationwide Gravesite Locator is on the Internet. There are veterans buried in the National Cemetery from every war or conflict.
3. The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is seeking volunteers to research and photograph monuments in its 120 national cemeteries and 33 Soldiers' lots.
4. Bible Records in the Baltimore County Genealogical Society Library that were received from September 2002 to August 2004. Submitted by Carol Porter, Library Committee.
5. Another major article is "Baltimore County Will Index "1900-1903", Liber H.R.. No. 12 beginning 17 May 1900 ending 13 July 1903. The series is continued from Notebook Issue No.20 No.2. Our member Carol Porter compiled the index. The Notebook will have succeeding indexes in the next issue.

Enoch Pratt Free Library

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The Central Library was moved in 1932 to its current location, which is a major landmark in library buildings. The customer friendly building includes a street level entrance with department store like display windows, a collection designed by departments and subjects matter, and a children's room designed for use by all age levels.

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Genealogists will be attracted to the Maryland Department, located on the second floor of the annex, to do their research. *City* directories, telephone books, census records, passenger lists, naturalization papers and books covering church records, cemeteries, marriage/death notices/obituaries, wills indexes are available. Visit their site at www.epfl.net for a complete list of their assets.

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Go to <http://www.epfl.net/slr/per/news.html#table> to search the database list of all the Maryland newspapers that are on microfilm with the cabinet location.. The librarians and assistants in the Periodical Department are very friendly and helpful. Microfilm copies are only \$.10 each.

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Hours of the Enoch Pratt Free Library

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National Cemetery Administration

The Department of Veterans Affairs National Cemetery website <http://www.cem.va.gov> is designed to assist information on VA's national cemeteries and other burial benefits. "The National Cemetery Administration honors veterans with a final resting place and lasting memorials that commemorate their service to our Nation.

Today, there are 136 national cemeteries in all. VA, through its National Cemetery Administration, administers 120 of them. Two national Cemeteries—Arlington and Soldiers Home—are still administered by the Army. Fourteen national cemeteries are maintained by the Department of the Interior.

More than 2.5 million Americans, including veterans of every war and conflict—from the Revolutionary War to the Gulf War—are honored by burial in VA's national cemeteries. More than 14,200 acres of land

from Hawaii to Maine, and from Alaska to Puerto Rico are devoted to the memorialization of those who served this nation. To help you navigate throughout the VA National Cemetery Administration listed below are there website links:

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Search for burial locations of veterans and their dependents in 120 VA National Cemeteries, state veterans cemeteries and various other Department of Interior and military cemeteries.

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When the project began in May 2002, it was estimated that 300 memorials would be found in national cemeteries and Soldiers' lots. To date, nearly 500 memorials have been identified with help from more than 200 volunteers. About 300 memorials in 20 states remain to be documented. VA provides volunteers with project instructions, survey questionnaires and film. Volunteers take measurements and photographs, record inscriptions, make notes on a monument's condition and conduct historical research.

The information obtained from the project will be made available to the public through the Smithsonian Institute's art inventory database. For more information about the project or to volunteer, please contact historian Darlene Richardson at (202) 565-5426 or email nca.memoriasl@mail.va.gov
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Honest Women

Genealogy relies entirely on the honesty and fidelity of women: When a child is born his mother is known, but the identity of the father can only be assumed. Or as my mother sometimes said: "Mamma's baby, Daddy's --"maybe."

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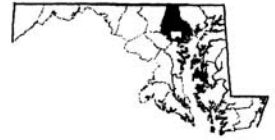
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EDITORS NOTES **Kenneth E. Zimmerman, Editor**

This Notebook has four major articles:

1. Article on "How do you connect to the Internet?" by Kenneth Zimmerman. It covers phone line service, DSL, satellite dish, cellular phone connection, WiFi and cellular data technology. This topic was presented at the BCGS Computer Users Group in November 2004.
2. "Using the 19th Century Federal Mortality Schedules" by Thomas H. Shawker, M.D. who spoke at our Society in September 2004.
3. "A Smattering of Electronic Resources Today" by Herb Frantz who spoke at the Society meeting on October 2004.
4. Another major article is "Baltimore County Will Index "1900-1903", Liber H.R. No. 13 beginning 28 July 1903 and ending 21 Oct. 1905. The series is continued from Notebook Issue No. 20 No.3. Our member Carol Porter compiled the index. The Notebook will have succeeding indexes in the next issue

How do you connect to the Internet?

There are many different ways to access the Internet using your personal computer at home, business or while traveling. You need to connect the Internet using some type of communication link. Which one are you using today? What technology should you be using now or in the future?

Most people use an internal modem with the Personal Computer (PC) or external PCMI modem card for their laptop that is connected to a phone cord then connected to standard voice grade telephone service through your local telephone company. . It normally operates at 56 kbps speed. You can use the line if it is not busy. It is best to have a phone line dedicated for the computer. It is difficult to find a landline in some locations outside the home or business and impossible to use one while out on the highway in a passenger vehicle or recreational vehicle.

Another way is to have the personal computer connected to a high-speed Internet service through Comcast® or other service providers such as Verizon or Earthlink at a residence or business. This can be a fast connection with a DSL (Digital Subscriber Line) high-speed dedicated connection where you do not share bandwidth with your neighbor. How fast is DSL? Speed of 320 Kbps to 768 Kbps, but download speeds are not guaranteed. DSL service may not be available in your area. The monthly rate is above your television cable service or local telephone service. This type DSL services are for fixed sites only. Some businesses or College Universities use fiber optic cable, T-1 lines, CAT-5 cables that connect you to their LAN (local area network).

Another technology is connecting to a Satellite Dish provider such as DirecTV that offers DIRECWAY. One needs to purchase a satellite dish and mount it with a clear view of the southern sky that does not interfere with trees or building. A hard rain shower or thunderstorms can affect signal connections and strength. It is a high cost up front and high monthly cost for this type service. DIRECWAY speeds are based on download speeds from 400 to 1500Kbps, but not guaranteed. The DIRECWAY system is for fixed installs only, which means it cannot be used on a boat or RV while moving. It takes time to set up a satellite dish to find a clear view at temporary sites.

Another technology is Cellular Phone Connection that requires a special voice cell phone. It uses up your air time minutes. It requires a cable connection from the computer to cell phone along with software and a pc card. The computer hardware and software it uses maybe difficult to find and install. There can be slow transfer speeds on cell phones at 9.6 kbps to 33 kbps. High-speed cell phones will cost more. Some phone companies offer Internet access or where one can retrieve emails by a cell phone without connecting via a computer. With the limited cell phone screen size it is difficult for any real information to be presented. This is a cumbersome way to enter text, view email messages or graphics.

Another technology is WiFi (Hotspots) where the computer uses a signal from a special antenna that broadcast and receives Internet signals. Hotspots are specific locations in which WiFi points provide public wireless broadband service with a wireless local area network (WLAN). Hotspots are often located at coffee shops, airports, hotels, train stations, libraries, rest area on the interstate and convention centers. There are commercial establishments that have hotzones such as Flying J Travel Plaza service stations, Starbucks, coffeehouses, private campgrounds, and some Panera Bread bakery-cafes. Some locations may have the service provided by Coach Connect. The high speed is 200 to 800 kbps but you must be within a distance of 300 to 500 feet from an access point not blocked by large obstacles such as building and large vehicles. The best performance occurs when there is a direct line of sight to the antenna. There usually is a cost to use commercial hotspots service depending on the provider chosen and amount of usage. One will need to purchase or rent an external wireless PC access card, which is inexpensive, but are not always compatible with the multitude of networks that are available today. Most new laptop computers are wireless enabled to use some form of WiFi services, therefore you may not need to purchase a card. Be aware that people (hackers) have access point means to gain access to your computer while you are connected. You should keep your wireless Internet surfing experience safe and keep hackers from encountering your airwaves.

The latest technology is the use of a wireless device. Wireless is defined as any device, which transmits or receives data packets through the air. A wireless network or wireless Internet enables one or more devices to communicate without physical connections such as cabling. One can access the Internet on any wireless or mobile device. Wireless technologies use radio/optical transmissions as the means for transmitting data, while wired technologies use cables.

Cellular Data Technology (CDT) has many advantages over the above technologies. It is nationally built with robust data networks to handle the demands for wireless data speed and throughput. It allows one to access the Internet right from your home, car, RV, boat or business

with a laptop or desktop computer and a PC Card Modem. There is no need to go looking for a phone line, a library, hotspots or computer hooks up. CDT does not require a ISP (internet service provider) and no dial up numbers are required. Nor does it require a cell phone, telephone line or cable modem connection at home or on the road when coverage is available. One has a choice of speeds from 56 kbps to 200 kbps, limited or unlimited data access service that is supported by various modem cards. The PCMCIA modem card costs will vary depending on manufacture, model and speed. The higher the access speed you desire and the faster modem you purchase the higher the monthly service fee.

There are some disadvantages of Cellular Data Systems. It is not 100% coverage, i.e.: 95% of all National Highway & Major Cities are covered, 85% of Secondary Highway & cities are covered and 65% of Rural Population is covered and areas with low or no population will likely not have cellular data coverage. The communication carriers have deployed different network technologies for data services; therefore, they cannot use each other's network as they do for cellular voice. The five National Carriers are T-Mobile, Nextel, AT& T Wireless Services/Cingular, Verizon and Sprint. They vary in different access speeds and different monthly rates. This service does not require or utilize a cellular phone for the connection. The monthly service is normally billed separately from any voice services.

The software can be easily installed in multiple computers but requires a PCI modem adapter card/slot in your desktop computer or laptop computer and a SIMS card from the communications carrier. Each carrier utilizes a different Personal Computer Memory Card International Association (PCMCIA) wireless LAN Card (Modem) technology to connect to the network. It is not necessary to purchase your modem card from the carrier. One can eliminate their Internet Service Provider (ISP) such as AOL for dialup access to the Internet. You will want to keep an email account.

Wireless Internet access is quickly becoming one of the fastest ways to get on line with a high-speed connection. It makes it easier to access the Internet mostly anywhere you go while away from your office or home. It is faster, easier and cheaper than to set up the traditional wired networks. Now you can easily stay connected while you are away with the same system as home or office.

Now there is an easy and cost effective way to connect!

PCR.V.us is a seven-year Wireless Technology Corporation that specializes in wireless data networks and services. It provides the products and network connection required to allow mobile customers access to the national cellular data networks for email, Internet access and other personal and business data services. It represents five national cellular network providers.

Ken Zimmerman, Editor The Notebook, wrote the above article. Permission has been granted from PCR.V.us to use their information. Please contact Ken Zimmerman at wirelesslappc@cs.com to ask questions or how to obtain the wireless service. He was a speaker for BCGS Computer Users Group in October 2004. He has given seminars at RV camping club rallies.

NEW PUBLICATION

Abstracts of the Testamentary Proceedings of the Prerogative Court of Maryland. Volume I: 1658-1674 by V.L. Skinner, Jr. Genealogical Publishing Company, pages iv + 306 pp., 2004
ISBN: 0806352604, paperback Cost: \$29.50

The Prerogative Court was the focal point for probate for colonial Maryland. A judge and various clerks staffed the court. All matters of probate went directly to the Prerogative Court, which was located in the 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.

The work at hand consists of abstracts of Prerogative Court of Maryland records for the period 1658 to 1674. 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, and in every instance they give the names of the principals (testators, heirs, witnesses, administrators, and so forth). In many cases we also learn the details of bequests, names of slaves, appraisers, and more. In all, Mr. Skinner identifies some 6,000 17th-century Marylanders whose existence and activities would otherwise remain hidden in some rich but very obscure records.

Copied from <http://www.genelaogical.com> . Also, the publication can be purchased from Willowbendbooks.com

Mortality Schedules

Mortality schedules tend to be among the most frequently consulted of the non-population schedules. Some researchers, however, tend to confuse mortality schedules with vital or death records. While mortality schedules can provide certain vital record type data, they fall into the category of census schedules. Mortality schedules were used by the enumerators to record data on individuals who died the previous twelve months before the census was to have been conducted.

The information recorded on mortality schedules tends to closely mirror that of the population schedules for the particular decade. In addition, though, information about the death events was to be recorded. On the 1880 schedules, the enumerator was to record the month in which the person died, the disease or cause of death, how long the person was a resident of the county, if the disease was contracted somewhere other than the county of residence, and the name of attending physician. In states with late civil vital record registration, these mortality schedules can provide significant information on those persons who died the twelve months before the census was taken. For those looking to more completely understand the geographic context of their research, a review of the mortality schedules for an area without an individual-specific focus provides one with knowledge of the general health of the region and a partial list of area physicians.

Permission granted to BCGS Inc. from Curt Witcher to reprint in the Notebook. Article was printed in the Federation of Genealogical Societies FORUM Volume 16 Number 3 Fall 2004 page31 "Notes from the Field - The "Other" Census Records" authored by Curt Witcher. He is the Historical Genealogy Manager of the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He is former President of both Federation of Genealogical Societies and the National Genealogical Societies.

Special MD Census 1850-1880

Information collected during censuses taken every ten years. Includes social statistics providing information on social, cultural, and religious life for 1850-1880; mortality listings of those who died in the census year along with their occupation and cause of death for 1850-1880; manufacturers' annual productions for 1850-1880; agricultural productions for 1850-1880.

The following is a list of census records at the Maryland States Archives:

Year	Description	Microfilm #
1850	Agriculture, AL-DO. See also M 3018-1	M 5164-1
1850	Agriculture, FR-TA. See also M 3018-2	M 5164-2
1850	Agriculture, WA-WO. See also M 3018-2	M 5165-1
1850	Manufacturers. See also M 3019	M 5165-2
1850	Mortality	M 5165-3
1860	Agriculture, AL-KE. See also M 3020	M 5166-2
1860	Agriculture, MO-WO. See also M 3020	M 5167-1
1860	Manufacturers. See also M 3021	M 5167-2
1860	Mortality	M 5168-1
1870	Agriculture, AL-CR. See also M 3022-2	M 5168-3
1870	Agriculture, CE-WO. See also M 3022-2	M 5169-1
1870	Agriculture, Summary Statistics. See also M 3022-1	M 5169-2
1870	Mortality	M 5170-1
1880	Manufacturers, AL-CH. See also M 3026	M 5176
1880	Manufacturers, DO-WO. See also M 3026	M 5177
1880	Mortality, AL-CR	M 5178
1880	Mortality, CE-WO	M 5179
1880	Agriculture, AL-CR. See also M 3023	M 5171
1880	Agriculture, CE-FR, ED 82. See also M 3024	M 5172
1880	Agriculture, FR, ED 83-HO. See also M 3024	M 5173
1880	Agriculture, KE-SM. See also M 3025	M 5174
1880	Agriculture, SO-WO. See also M 3025	M 5175

Library publications at MSA with shelf locations related to Morality Schedules:

- **1850-1860:** *Maryland Mortality Schedules, 1850 and 1860*. Comp. by Ruth T. Dryden, San Diego, CA, no d., 3-4-1
- **1870:** *Eastern Shore Mortality Schedule: 1870*. Comp. by Janet Wilson Riley. Silver Spring: Family Line Pubs., 1985., 3-4-1
- *Mortality Schedules Taken from Census Records of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, 1850 - 1880*. Compiled by the Peggy Stewart Chapter, Maryland State Society, D.A.R., n. pl., 1946., 3-4-1

The Baltimore County Historical Society and Maryland Historical Society have microfilm copies of Mortality schedules 1850-1880.

Using the 19th Century Federal Mortality Schedules

Thomas H. Shawker, M.D.

What are the mortality schedules?

- Part of what is known as "The Non-Population Schedules"
- Compiled for the years 1850-1890 as part of the US Federal Census
- Record the Name, other Information and Cause of Death of a family member
or occupant of the dwelling for the Year immediately preceding the Census
for example: 1 June, 1849 - 30 May 1850 for the 1850 schedule

Why were they compiled?

- Census required by Constitution
- 1790-1830 Name of Family Head, # of Males, Females, Free, Slave
1850 The First "Modern" Census

What information do they contain?

Item	1850	1860	1870	1880
Name of Deceased	1	1	1	1
Color	1	1	1	1
Sex	1	1	1	1
Age	1	1	1	1
Free/Slave	1	1		
Married/Widow	1	1	1	1
Place of Birth	1	1	1	1
Father/Mother Foreign Birth			2	
Father/Mother Place of Birth				2
Occupation	1	1	1	1
Month Died	1	1	1	1
Disease or Cause of Death	1	1	1	1
Number of Days Ill	1	1		
Time as Resident of County				1
Place Disease Contracted				1
Name of Attending Doctor				1
Family # in Population Schedule			1	1
Total	11	11	12	15

Wright, Carroll Davidson, *The History and Growth of the US Census Prepared for the Senate Committee on the Census*
Govt. Print. Off. 1900. p.

How can you use them for genealogy?

- Family members
- Family migration
- African American research
- Death records
- Medical information

Where can you find them?

- Only some are at the National Archives
- Federal Government (before Archives est. in 1934) offered them to the States - States that didn't want them- went to the DAR
- Scattered around the Country
- Some microfilmed copies came back to the National Archives
- Some Available on CD

Indexes

- Population Schedules
- Books
- PERSI

Understanding the medical information

- Not necessarily a 1:1 correspondence between 19th century medical terms and 21st century concepts of disease
- Meanings of medical terms change
- Terms must be examined in historical context
- Terms must be understood in terms of 21st century medical knowledge

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3. Dollarhide, William. *The Census Book*. Bountiful, Utah: Heritage Quest, 1999. pp. 100-101 & pp.162-168.
4. Shawker, Thomas. *Unlocking Your Genetic History*. Nashville, Tennessee: Rutledge Hill Press, 2004.
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A Smattering of Electronic Resources Today

Baltimore County Genealogical Society

Herb Frantz - February 23, 2003

Safety First

You should be using IE 6 or Netscape 7 with all applicable patches.

You can check you MS applications via IE > Tools > Windows Update

Use an Anti-Virus package that updates. For a free online check:

http://housecall.antivirus.com/pc_housecall/

Use a personal firewall, especially if you are a cable modem user. Try Zone Alarm

(<http://www.zonelabs.com/> (a free download).

PDF

Acrobat pdf format files have become the lingua franca of text file formats today. A free

Acrobat Reader with a plug-in for your browser. Get the **current** version at:

<http://www.adobe.com/support/downloads/main.html>

The Browser

If you use Ms Internet Explorer install the Google Toolbar add-on to the browser.

Go to: <http://www.google.com/options/>

Scroll down and select from Google Tools – Google Toolbar. Select language and “Get The Toolbar”. Then install it.

Features:

Google Search: Access Google's search technology from any web page.

Search Site: Search only the pages of the site you're visiting.

PageRank: See Google's ranking of the current page.

Page Info: Access more information about a page including similar pages, links, as well as a cached snapshot.

Highlight: Highlight your search terms as they appear on the page; each word in its own color.

Word Find: Find your search terms wherever they appear on the page

Best Of all: The Language Tools page –translate German and French pages to English.

And - Search pages written in or located in almost any country.

Second Best: It is a better search engine than the Maryland Archives itself.

Non IE users can add Google Browser Buttons www.google.com/options/buttons.html

Cautions

The greatest recurring challenge is related to sources and veracity

Places to go on the Web

RootsWeb's Guide to Tracing Family Trees <http://rwguide.rootsweb.com/>

RootsWeb's Helpdesk for using RootsWeb <http://helpdesk.rootsweb.com/>

Search tools within Genealogical Application Software

Family Tree Maker, The Master Genealogist and others have imbedded search engines to search the web, or more likely their own databases.

Other subscription services provide similar search capabilities at varying cost and effectiveness.

Web based Genealogical Bases

There are a number of on-line genealogical databases. Some of the best are:

Family Search (LDS) <http://www.familysearch.org/default.asp>

RootsWeb World Connect <http://worldconnect.genealogy.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi>

Baltimore County Public Library Legacy Web <http://www.bcplonline.org/lw/>

Over 10,000 digitized photographs of Baltimore County (updated daily)

Annotated 1917-1928 issues of "Baltimore" (Merchants & Manufacturers) magazine.

Access the **AncestryPlus** database, but only inside a branch of the library.

Maryland State Archives <http://www.mdarchives.state.md.us/>

A wonderful collection, but tricky to navigate. Use Google to search it.

Maryland Genealogical Society www.mdgensoc.org queries and surname interest board

US GenWeb - State & County <http://www.usgenweb.com/>

Info by State and County. Many are mediocre, others are more than you hoped

World GenWeb <http://worldgenweb.org/>

Similar to US GenWeb but not US.

Unforgettable sites

Family Search: 1880 US Census, British & Canadian 1881 Census

http://www.familysearch.org/Eng/Search/frameset_search.asp?PAGE=census/search_census.asp

UK 1910 Census <http://www.pro.gov.uk/>

Findagrave <http://www.findagrave.com>

Cyndi's List <http://cyndislist.com/>

An Eastern Shore sampler

GHOTES - Ghost of the Eastern Shore of Virginia - <http://www.esva.net/ghotes/>

DelMarVa Roots - <http://www.delmarvaroots.com/>

Edward E. Nabb Research Center - <http://fulton.ssu.edu/~rcdhac/welcome.htm>

DelMarVa Surnames project - <http://bay.intercom.net/handle/rest.htm#717>

Eastern Shore Aerial Photos - <http://www.aerialtours.com/gallery/Accomac/accomac.html>

General Research

Genealogical resources on the Internet; an overview of genealogical resources

<http://auto.search.msn.com/results.asp?cfg=SMCINITIAL&RS=CHECKED&v=1&srch=5&FORM=AS5&q=Genealogical+resources+on+the+Internet%3A>

Message Boards

Post your genealogical queries on all relevant surname, locality, and topic:

GenForum: <http://genforum.genealogy.com/index.html>

RootsWeb: <http://boards.rootsweb.com/>

In all searches, keywords or phrases will be searched for the closest to the least exact match--in that order. For a more specific search click on the ADVANCED SEARCH form:

--FIND MESSAGES CONTAINING: (list a keyword or phrase)
--WITH SUBJECT CONTAINING: (searches only message subjects)
--BY AUTHOR: (the posters' names will be searched)
--POSTED IN THE LAST ____: (select a time period from drop-down menu)
--WITH SURNAME: (searches only the Surname Box entries) also a Soundex search.
--WITH MESSAGE TYPE: (Select from the drop-down menu: All, Query, Bible, Biography, Birth, Cemetery, Census, Death, Deed, Immigration, Lookup, Marriage, Military, Obituary, Pension, or Will).

QUERIES (RootsWeb, but the ideas applies to other Boards) are an excellent way to find others who are researching the same or connecting families, and who may have information you seek. To accomplish this make proper use of the SUBJECT line, SURNAME box, and CLASSIFICATION menu when you post.

SUBJECT LINE: Make the subject complete, concise, and specific in describing the content of your message. Do NOT use vague terms like "genealogy," "searching," or "looking for grandfather." ALWAYS include Name, Location and Date.

SURNAME BOX ENTRIES: Enter only the surnames that you have included in the message you have posted. Surnames with common spelling variants such as Wood and Woods should be listed separately and NOT as: Wood(s) or Wood/Woods.

The SURNAME BOX entry enables Message Board searchers to use the ADVANCED SEARCH option and search ONLY on names.

CLASSIFICATION: Proper classification of messages enables Message Board users to view and/or search messages by data type. If you are posting data, select the type that most closely matches the type of information you are posting: BIBLE, CEMETERY, WILL, DEED, PENSION, MARRIAGE, BIOGRAPHY, etc. (listed under MESSAGE TYPE).

Archives are a great way to do a lot quickly. Threaded Responses to an original message are displayed in an outline format. RootsWeb: <http://archiver.rootsweb.com/>

Interactive Search (searchable archives): <http://searches2.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/listsearch.pl> allows you to search a single Mailing List one year at a time. Select a keyword, name, or phrase to obtain results matching your search criteria.

Effective Posting

Stop and critique your query before you post. When writing the query, keep in mind what you already know and what you wish to learn. Include the name, the dates or timeframe involved, the location where the individual(s) resided, died, were born, or were married, and exactly what information you wish to learn.

Mailing Lists

Lists send you either each message individually or in Digest mode, groups a series a message together. More than 25,500 lists available. Lists can include:

Location: Country, county, city & regional, geographic area, Census districts, etc.
Ethnic & Nationality:
Surname & Surname-location combinations
Special Interest: Occupation, Military, Railroads, Freeman, Clubs, Timeframe (Gen-Medieval), Royalty
Religion, Religion & Location, Churches
Science: DNA studies, etc.
Genealogical research techniques
Genealogical tools & software (FTM, PAF, FO, Legacy, TMG, etc)
And more.

The best list of Genealogy lists: <http://lists.rootsweb.com/>

Usenet Groups

Partial List <http://www.w3.org/hypertext/DataSources/News/> or <http://www.liszt.com/>

Where are they?

Most ISPs have at least one Usenet hosting service available. BCPL uses ABS.net as its hosting News Server (slightly censored version and audience oriented). They can also be subscribed to directly and you may or may not ISP as a connection.

How?

Access is by a News Reader. Software found either downloadable free or as part of products like Ms Outlook Express. There are MAC & Linux News Readers too. Find the best at TuCows <http://www.tucows.com/>. Search for “newsreaders”, look for a **5 cow** rating.

Think of it as a very large email program where messages and data are grouped together. You can subscribe to each group (your reader collects the messages for you) or just visit once in a while. Don't subscribe immediately unless you are sure you want that group. Learn more at – <http://northernwebs.com/bc/> & <http://www.faqs.org/>

The First Law of Newsgroup Posting- *All messages are subject to a propagation delay.*

The Second Law of Newsgroup Posting- *Before pressing the send button, THINK Twice!*

The Third Law of Newsgroup Posting- *Go easy with the attachments.*

The Third Law of Newsgroup Posting- *Remove unnecessary duplication in your replies.*

Why?

Genealogy! There are many groups spread over a wide range of Genealogy or related topics. Start with the “Soc.genealogy...”, topics include Country specific, Language specific, Computing, Marketplace (products), Medieval (my favorite), Religious, methodologies and Surnames by language or country.

Places to go: a partial list

alt.binaries.cd.genealogy - explain, critique and share Genealogy data on CDs.

alt.genealogy

soc.genealogy.african

soc.genealogy.australia+nz – Oz is active place for genealogy
soc.genealogy.benelux – Belgium & Luxemburg
soc.genealogy.britain –
soc.genealogy.computing –
soc.genealogy.french –
soc.genealogy.german -
soc.genealogy.ireland –
soc.genealogy.jewish –
soc.genealogy.marketplace – buy stuff
soc.genealogy.medieval – my favorite, but a tough place; erroneous posters are frequently berated and there are Trolls.
soc.genealogy.methods - techniques
soc.genealogy.nordic –
soc.genealogy.slavic -
soc.genealogy.surnames.britain – very busy
soc.genealogy.surnames.canada -
soc.genealogy.surnames.german – very busy
soc.genealogy.surnames.global – very broad in scope
soc.genealogy.surnames.ireland -
soc.genealogy.surnames.usa – very busy
You can also find out about related topics; such as geographical data, plan a trip with points of interest or how to preserve paper and photographic documents.

Volume & Effort Level

The more groups you subscribe to the more messages you will see. An active group can easily be 20 or 30 messages per day. Add to your activity slowly so you don't get buried. Use your delete key freely and DO NOT try to read everything.

Their Nature & Civility

Moderated or Not? <http://www.swcp.com/~dmckeon/mod-faq.htm>

Un-moderated groups allow anyone to say anything, whether it is appropriate, on topic, civil or uncouth; so the language in some of these groups can be adult oriented.

Safe Newsgroup Behavior

If you disagree with someone, tell him or her privately via email or ignore it.

Never cross post a single message to multiple newsgroups.

It is considered to be rude to post commercial messages.

Don't post your message using ALL CAPITAL LETTERS, it is the same as shouting.

Respect the rights of others.

Censorship is strictly forbidden on the newsgroups. If someone posts something you don't like, asking them to remove it, or repost a cleaner version is not allowed.

A few group members are sarcastic, cruel, demanding, irrational, unpleasant or impaired, just like in real life. Flame wars or excessive arguments should be avoided. Always remember not everyone has the same cultural background, beliefs and point of view that you do. If you are

going to let children access the newsgroups, be with them while they are doing it.

Searching in Different Ways

Search message board communications or for topics at: <http://groups.google.com/>

Archives

Also Good archive searches at:

<http://Google.com/> (best)

<http://www.dejanews.com/> (next best)

Newsletters

Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter (weekly) - Standard Edition, go to

<http://www.RootsForum.com/newsletter>

RootsWeb Review (weekly)

Subscribe - RWR-on@rootsweb.com

Search/download back issues of RootsWeb Review: <http://e-zine.rootsweb.com/>

There is probably a User Support /Technical Newsletter for you Genealogical software. If you have an interest, go to their Home page and subscribe. Or use Google to find it.

Book Review by Ken Zimmerman

"One Tiny Twig" by Dan Rheam, Illustration by Michael Leonard, Mesquite Tree Press, 32 pages. casebound, ISBN: 0-9729835-0-3, 2003. Ages 7-10. \$16.95 plus \$4.95 S/H.

"Emily Twig's fourteenth birthday party is about to make history – family history that is. The gift of a Twig family heirloom leads Emily and her grandfather on a quest to solve a mystery in the Twig family history. From the cemetery to the courthouse to Ellis Island, the clues and the excitement mount as Emily unravels the mystery of her great great-great-grandfather Thomas Twigg, the first sheriff of Hickory Springs, Wyoming. With each new discovery, Emily adds to her family line until, in the end, she gathers more than enough Twigs to make a fine family tree!

One Tiny Twig is the first in a series of picture books designed to introduce children to the joy and excitement of genealogy. Children of all ages will delight in this highly visual tale introducing the character of Emily Twig, the Time Traveling Detective, and her adventures in solving family history puzzles from the past." <http://www.onetinytwig.com>

This is a great-illustrated book for children to learn about genealogy. It is away for children to become interested in their family history and do some genealogical research with other family members. This is an ideal book to give a child for Christmas or any special occasion.

Humor/Humour: Some Grave Problems

Thanks to: Bill Handley in Rabun Gap, Georgia, USA. I was traveling from New Jersey to Pennsylvania and saw a sign on an entrance wall:

"Positively no digging and planting in this cemetery!"

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