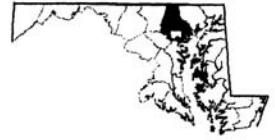


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EDITORS NOTES **Kenneth E. Zimmerman, Editor**

This Notebook has four major articles:

1. On the website of the Maryland Genealogical Society is some Baltimore City Church Transcriptions, which have been generously donated by Mr. Robert Leitner. He and his late wife, Pauline Leitner.
2. Last Wills and Testaments for Dummies by Terry Tippetts. This article appeared in Westward Info Nebraska Volume 32 Issue 2 September 2007. Permission is granted to reprint.
3. "Jane Corbin" preponderance was accepted by Colonial Dames 17th Century as sufficient proof for lineage to Nicholas Corbin. Nicholas was Jane's paternal grandfather, (1628-1698) a vestryman of Baltimore County as of 1692. This same Jane Corbin paper was later submitted with other proofs to establish a lineage for William Wilkinson (before 1660-1718), Jane's maternal grandfather, who was a landowner in Baltimore County as of 1682. Tammy Wilson did the research.
4. Baltimore County Administration Accounts Index 1873-1877, Liber J.B.M. No. 6 beginning 12 Dec 1873 and ending 09 Jan Dec 1877. This is the sixth of a series for the Notebook. Our member Carol Porter compiled the index. We greatly appreciate Carol's work and look forward for her to continue this project.

Genealogical Tip of the Quarter by Ken Zimmerman

Why are some Roman Church Records on microfilm Restricted?

Access to records less than 100 years old are being restricted. The records, which are restricted, are not those concerning marriages and death, but only baptismal records. The purpose of this restriction is related to such matters as adoption and illegitimacy. Maryland States Archives has an agreement with the Archbishop of Baltimore at the Catholic Center to restrict reels of film. The reels will not be available to the public. The Maryland Historical Society has the same agreement. The staff at both institutions can pull restricted film and locate individual requests.

MARYLAND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Baltimore City Church Register Transcriptions

The Maryland Genealogical Society is pleased to make available the following transcriptions, which have been generously donated by Mr. Robert Leitner. He and his late wife, Pauline Leitner are responsible for copying and transcribing these files.

These data are made available for all visitors to the Maryland Genealogical Society webpage. Information from these databases may be used on an individual basis but may not be copied in whole or reproduced elsewhere without permission of MdGenSoc.

First German United Evangelical Church (Baltimore City, Maryland)

Microfilm MSA M1549 and M1550

[Burials 1864-1884](#)

[Marriages 1851-1864](#)

[Marriages 1881-1911](#)

Saint Matthew's Lutheran Cemetery

[A list of Removals published in 1971](#)

Saint Paul's Fifth German Reformed Church (Baltimore City, Maryland)

Originals at Philip Schaff Library, Evangelical & Reformed Archive, Lancaster, Pennsylvania

[Burials 1889-1919](#)

[Marriages 1857-1859](#)

[Marriages 1864-1889](#)

[Marriages 1889-1919](#)

Trinity Lutheran Cemetery Removals

[A list of Removals published in 1972](#)

Last Wills and Testaments for Dummies

by Terry Tippetts, editor This article appeared in Westward Info Nebraska Volume 32 Issue 2 September 2007. Permission is granted to reprint.

To avoid rotten fruit and other flying objects that may be headed my way, I'm including myself as part of the dummy crowd in the title.

Several years ago, my wife came across a will in a genealogy newsletter that I've kicked myself ever since for not copying. The man responsible for the will obviously had a grudge against his brother. With no preamble, he starts right in with "That darn brother of mine, he should get nothing!" He then gets on with the business of distributing all his worldly goods to his family "except for that brother of mine, who should get nothing!"

Wills come in many flavors, and should not be overlooked in your genealogy research. You make a mistake if you think that your ancestors were just farmers with no wealth to pass on to family, and thus no need for a will. One of the primary reasons for them coming to America was the availability of land. Many immigrants did manage to own land, and thus were anxious that the results of all their hard work be passed on via a will.

Wills can run the gauntlet of one page affairs with little information to multi-page works containing information that will lead you to still more records about your ancestors. A typical will usually gives the name of the spouse and at least some of the children. The sons are usually listed first—in birth order—followed by the daughters. Sometimes the daughters are noted as "my daughter Sarah Brown, wife of Cecil Poindexter", thus providing you with valuable marriage information. In my wife's beginning genealogy classes she always emphasizes not restricting one's research to direct ancestors. The same advice applies to wills. Check for wills made by aunts and uncles. A favorite nephew of a doting uncle may be mentioned. And according to my research, one of the most productive wills in terms of information comes from maiden aunts. In their desires to be fair to everyone, they would often name all their brothers, sisters, nieces, and nephews. If you have a maiden aunt in your line, I would certainly try to find her will.

Ever heard of a holographic will? I hadn't. A holographic will is one which is written entirely by the person whom the will is for. If I were to write my own will, it would be considered a holographic will. Some states recognize such wills, though not all do.

Where do you find wills?

Wills can be found in most countries, though you may have to do a little digging to find them.

In the U.S., they are usually kept at the county level, filed by year in the probate court. Canadian wills are also filed with a probate court—the exception being that if land was disposed of, they might be found with the land records.

English wills before 1858 were usually handled by ecclesiastical courts on a county basis. After 1858, they were kept at a central registry at Somerset House in London. Wills in France are handled by notaries (a kind of lawyer) and kept in the notaries files. The same applies to Italian wills, which can be found in State Archives, the local Notarial Archives, or the town Registry Office. In Germany, District Court Houses or State Archives are the place to find wills.

Wills can make for interesting reading.

Shakespeare, for example, left his "second-best bed" to his wife.

On June 8, 1948 in the Canadian province of Saskatchewan, Cecil George Harris, a farmer, became trapped under his own tractor. Before he died, he carved a will on one of its

fenders. The fender was probated (proved that it met legal requirements) and stood as his will. The fender is currently on display at the law library at the University of Saskatchewan..

The shortest will on record comes from Bimla Rishi of Delhi, India. Consisting of only four letters and written in Hindi, he leaves "all to son".

Another will is responsible for what became known as the Great Stork Derby. In it, Charles Vance Millar informed all Toronto women that the majority of his estate would go to the one who birthed the greatest number of children in the ten years following his death. Though his heirs attempted to invalidate the will, they were unsuccessful, and the prize eventually went to four women (I assume that there was a four way tie for first place).

In the 1553 will of Rabelais, he states, "I have no available property, I owe a great deal; the rest I give to the poor."

One of my favorites is the old English farmer who, in dictating his will, left instructions that a legacy of one hundred pounds be given to his widow. When he was informed that some restriction was usually made in case his widowed wife married again, he doubled the sum; and when told that this was quite contrary to custom, he said, with heartfelt sympathy for his possible successor, "Aye, but him as gets her'll deserve it."

In the will of Alessandro Tassoni (1635)— diplomat, poet, and critic—he says in part: "My wish would be that my funeral should only employ one priest, that there should be simply the small cross and a single candle, and that as regards expense no more shall be incurred than will pay for a sack to stuff my remains into, and a porter to carry it." He also gave twelve gold crowns to the parish, "because I cannot carry them away".

A rich man in making his will, left legacies to all his servants except to his steward, "to whom I give nothing, for having been in my service in that capacity twenty years, I have too high an opinion of his shrewdness to suppose he has not sufficiently enriched himself."

I am going to end this article by writing my own will: "I leave all to my wife. To my kids, I am gone now, so whatever amounts of money you borrowed in your younger years and never paid back, I am cancelling those debts. You can now face life with a clean conscience."

Identifying Jane Corbin Lane By Tammy Wilson 2007

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Here is a thumbnail lineage of these Baltimore County families:

Nicholas Corbin - Alice Bryan

William Wilkinson - 1) Elizabeth Clark

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Edward Corbin - Jane Wilkinson

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Jane Corbin - Rev. Samuel Lane

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Wilkinson Lane (1743 - 1813) Rev. War patriot,

I propose that my ancestor, Jane Corbin Lane (b. ca. 1720) was the daughter of Edward Corbin and granddaughter of English immigrant Nicholas Corbin, a vestryman for St. Paul's Parish, Baltimore County, MD in 1692.

Extensive research in has failed to produce a primary document (land, will, probate, marriage bond, church record) stating the parents of Jane Corbin Lane, wife of Samuel Lane of Baltimore County, MD. Therefore, I submit secondary and circumstantial evidence of four kinds: published histories, geographical proximity, naming patterns and timing. It must be noted that the Corbin name has some variant spellings: Corbin, Corban, Corbyn.

1. Published Histories

Several genealogies identify Jane, wife of Samuel Lane, as being Jane Corbin in the following sources:

1. *Adjusting Branches of the Lane, Slack, Bush, Chaney, Dodson, Williams, Grace and Blummer Family Trees* by Doris Christine Grace Blummer Jackson, 1988, p. 21: "Samuel Lane, son of Dutton and Pretitia Tydings Lane was born about 1700. He married Jane Corbin, daughter of Edwin (sic) and Jane Wilkinson Corbin, about 1735. There seems to be some question about this marriage; however, all research indicates that the wife of Samuel was a Corbin and not a Wilkinson as indicated by some earlier researchers. Samuel Lane grew up on the frontier of then Baltimore County, Maryland. By 1735 he had married Jane Corbin who delivered him a son, Samuel February 8, 1736, the birth being registered at St. Paul's Parish, Baltimore, Maryland." This location will become more significant later in this paper.
2. *Corbin-Waite-Cooper of Baltimore County and City* by Dorothy Cooper Knoff, 1983 p. 30-31 states, "Jane was probably another daughter. Although I have not found her baptismal record, I will add her name and give the evidence that I have. My information has come from the DAR application papers of Mary Evelyn Parker Vanator of Warsaw, IN, and from Linda Stanley of St. Petersburg, FL. Jane (Corbin) lane is named as the mother of the Revolutionary War soldier on the DAR papers, so is a generation earlier than the line certificate by the DAR genealogists. Both Mrs. Vanator and Mrs. Stanley are descendants of Samuel Lane."

This source goes on to mention the sons of Samuel and Jane Lane as Samuel b. St. Paul's Parish 8 Feb. 1736, Wilkinson born the 21st of April 1742 and Corbin Lane.

3. *The Lane Family, the Ancestry and Descendants of Rev. Tidence Lane* by Larry A. James (1982), p. 6 states: that Jane (Corbin) was the wife of Samuel Lane.
4. *A Reminiscence Sung* by Frederick V. Schultz (2000) states on p. 21 that "Samuel Lane, named after his grandfather married Jane Corbin and 10 children were born to them. The Lanes and Corbins were connected by marriage in the 18th Century Baltimore County, Maryland and Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania, two generations later. Kenyon Stevenson thought that Jane inherited parts of a large tract of Maryland land known as "Rochester" from either the Corbin or Wilkinson sides of her family. Stevenson conjectured that Samuel and Jane Lane spent her final years on this land. This land was later passed on to their children who remained behind I Maryland after the widower Samuel migrated to Pennsylvania in 1773." He further states on p. 22: "Wilkinson (Lane's) name was chosen to honor his maternal grandfather, William Wilkinson (Wilkerson) an early Maryland settler."
5. *The Corbin Y-chromosome DNA Surname Project* offers extensive data on the family of Edward Corbin of Baltimore County, MD. This information is referenced on the following website: (<http://dgmweb.net/genealogy/FGS/L/lanesamuel-JaneCorbin.shtml>)

Specifically, this well-documented website shows the children of Edward and Jane Wilkinson Corbin as:

1. Nicholas Z. CORBIN, b. in or bef. 1706
(There is a 14-year gap here.)
2. Jane CORBIN, b. bef. 1720
3. Edward CORBIN, Jr., b. 1720
4. William Wilkinson CORBIN, b. 1721
5. Abraham CORBIN, b. 7 Sep 1722, St. Paul's Parish
6. Phyllis-Anna CORBIN, b. 12 May 1725
7. Providence CORBIN, b. 26 Jun 1727
8. Unity CORBIN, b. 2 Mar 1729/30

“Their daughter, Jane, is not mentioned in Barnes's *Baltimore County Families* (1989: 134), but the LDS *Ancestral File* attributes Jane CORBIN, wife of Samuel LANE, to these parents. It makes sense for Jane to be their daughter based on the coincidence of names — not only that her name is Jane, but that she named a son, Wilkinson, that she is the right age in the right place at the right time, that these CORBINs and LANEs were known to be intermarrying, and that she would help ‘fill the gap’ between Nicholas and Edward. “

2. Naming Patterns

Considering the names of Jane and Samuel Lane's children and grandchildren, it is obvious that she is of the Edward Corbin line.

It is established by the Corbin website mentioned earlier and in other genealogies that Edward Corbin married Jane Wilkinson, daughter of William Wilkinson and Elizabeth Clark. Obviously, their son William Wilkinson Corbin, Jane's brother, was named for the maternal grandfather.

The Lane Family, the Ancestry and Descendants of Rev. Tidence Lane by Larry James lists the children of Samuel and Jane as follows:

Samuel Lane b. 8 Feb. 1736
 Lambert Lane b. 1737-38
 Richard Lane b. 1740
 Charity lane b. early 1740s
Wilkinson Lane b. 21 April 1743
 Sarah Lane b. 8 Nov. 1746
Corbin Lane b. about 1750
 Dutton Lane
 Abraham Lane
 John Lane

More specifically, the children are identified on the *The Corbin Y-chromosome DNA Surname Project* website as:

1. Samuel LANE, b. 8 Feb 1735/6
 2. Lambert LANE, b. 13 Jul 1737/8; d. 3 Sep 1804, Shelby Co., KY; m. 1762, Baltimore Co., MD, Nancy Ann ANDERSON
 3. Charity LANE, b. 1838; m. 1757, Baltimore Co., MD, Greenberry BAXTER
 4. Richard LANE, b. 6 Nov 1740; d. 1813, Muskingum Co., OH; m. 28 Aug 1781, Baltimore Co., MD, Catherine GROOM
 5. **Wilkinson LANE**, b. 21 Apr 1743
 6. Dutton LANE, b. ca. 1745

7. Sarah LANE, b. 8 Nov 1746; m. Joseph HAYS
8. John LANE, b. ca. 1748
9. **Corbin LANE**, b. ca. 1750; d. 1816, Scott Co., VA; m. Frances BROCK/PROCK/FROCK
10. Ruth LANE, b. ca. 1750
11. Abraham LANE, b. ca. 1752; d. Baltimore Co., MD; m. Rachel MANNON
12. Achsah LANE, b. ca. 1753

The unique given names, “Wilkinson” and “Corbin,” were surely inspired by ancestors. The logical source is their maternal grandmother Jane Wilkinson Corbin.

The fact that the Edward Corbin family married into the Samuel Lane family is reinforced by the marriage of Jane Corbin’s eldest son Samuel Lane, born Feb. 8, 1736, who later became a Baptist minister in Bedford and Huntingdon counties, PA. He married Mary Corbin, daughter of Edward Corbin, as indicated on page 8 of Larry James’ book. This would make the couple cousins.

3. Geographic Proximity

The Corbin and Lane families were living in the same area of Maryland as indicated by *Inhabitants of Baltimore County 1763-1774* by Henry C. Peden Jr. By 1763, Samuel Lane would have been age 63. Taxables list shows that a Samuel Lane Sr. and Jr. were both living in Baltimore County, Sr. in Delaware Hundred and Jr. in Pipe Creek Hundred. Obviously, “Senior” is the man in question. Son Samuel would have then been 27. In 1768, both Samuel Lanes signed the petition for removal of the county seat to Baltimore Town along with fellow county resident, Edward Corbin Sr., who would have been a brother of Jane Corbin Lane.

These events took place, however, some 30 years after Samuel married his wife Jane. It is known that earlier Lane generations adhered to the Quaker faith and had settled in Anne Arundel County. Information about Samuel’s father, Dutton Lane, shows that after his marriage to Pretitia Tydings in 1683, the couple moved north into Baltimore County, where she had family property. By the 1690s, he was serving as a deputy surveyor in what is now Baltimore and Harford counties.

Dutton owned 50 acres in Baltimore County known as “Lane’s Venture” and another 125 acres known as “Lane’s Triangle.” Both parcels were conveyed to Col. Charles Ridgely, builder of Hampton, the present-day landmark in northern Baltimore County, MD. The dates of these land transactions, 1741 to 1746, place Dutton Lane within 10 miles of Gunpowder Falls, which is where the Corbins lived. The baptismal records of Dutton’s grandson, Wilkinson Lane, is recorded in St. George’s and St. John’s churches in or near Joppa, MD, just a mile from the Gunpowder. This area is where the Corbins owned property as of the early 1700s.

Samuel Lane (b. 1700) left the Quakers as evidenced by the fact that his children were baptized in the Episcopal church, specifically the one founded by Nicholas Corbin, the grandfather of Jane Corbin who married Samuel Lane. Their first child, Samuel, was baptized in St. Paul’s Parish in 1736. This is the same parish for which Nicholas Corbin served as first vestryman in 1692 as cited in *History of Baltimore City and County* by J. Thomas Scharf (1971) p. 517-518, which stated of St. Paul’s Parish, “This parish originally extended from the Patapsco River and Falls on the south to the Pennsylvania line on the north and from the Patapsco Falls and the then county line on the west to the Chesapeake Bay on the east, and to Middle River, the Big Gunpowder Falls....by which it was divided from St. John’s Parish. Under the act of 1692 ...accordingly met and elected a vestry, but of that meeting we have no record. That they, however did so meet and elect vestrymen is shown, by the following extract from the records of the Baltimore County Court for 1693: “We, the vestrymen for Patapsco Hundred, met together at the house of Maj. John Thomas,”...And at another meeting at Master Demondidies’, did confirm the above-mentioned proceedings, Mr. Watkins also absent. George Ashman, **Nicholas Corban**, John Terry, Richard Sampson, Francis Watkins, Richard Cromwell.”

4. Timing

The Dutton Lane family was living in what is now the Towson (Hampton) area of Baltimore County by the 1730s. Lane’s Triangle and Hampton Court, acreage near the present-day Hampton National

Landmark, were owned by Dutton Lane at his death in 1726. Frederick Schultz writes on page 20 of *Reminiscence Sung*, that Dutton's daughter, Margaret and husband, William Merryman, sold this property to Col. Charles Ridgely.

From 1736 to about 1743, the Samuel Lane family disappears from Maryland records, Schultz writes. "The granddaughter of their second son, Lambert Lane, claimed that Lambert was born in England during this period. Descendants of Samuel and Jane Lane's third son, Richard, claim he was also born in England at this time. Lambert's granddaughter went on to state that after their return from England, Samuel and Jane Corbin Lane settled near the Susquehanna River about 15 miles from its mouth. This would be been shortly before 1743."

Later land transactions for Samuel Lane show that he acquired other tracts of land including Cross's Lot and Level Bottom in 1756. "According to the Maryland archives in Annapolis, some of these properties were on the Gunpowder River, which today forms the boundary of Baltimore and Harford Counties."

Edward Corbin, meanwhile, was living on the north side of the Patapsco Hundred, toward the Gunpowder River area. He came into possession of both Corbin's Rest on the north side of Bridge Branch in Baltimore County and Costrell Hill, two tracts his father, Nicholas, had received by patent. A deed dated 1722 shows that Edward and Jane Wilkinson Corbin were selling land in this area to Tamar Wilkinson, widow. By 1737, Edward Corbin was buying and selling more property in this area. Thus, with both the Edward Corbin and Samuel Lane families living within a few miles of one another—and involved in the Episcopal church at this time—it would be been very possible for the families to have known one another and for Samuel Lane and Jane Corbin to have married ca. 1735.

Genealogical Taglines

John Hengen sent in the following observation from the Nebraska State Genealogical Society Newsletter - "Only a genealogist regards a step backwards as progress." You've probably seen "taglines" like this at the end of emails, on bumper stickers, on buttons, and on the Internet. Inspired by John's contribution, here are a few more I pulled together from several web sites. Feel free to send in your favorites!

1. Genealogists don't die; they just lose their census.
2. Genealogy - a search for the greatest treasures, our ancestors.
3. Genealogy - will I ever find time to mow the lawn again?
4. Genealogy goes on... and on... and on...
5. Genealogy - it's not a hobby, it's an obsession.
6. Genealogy - search long enough and EVERY ONE connects somehow.
7. Genealogy - tracing yourself back to better people.
8. Genealogy - confusing the dead and irritating the living.
9. He ain't heavy—he's my brother's aunt's sister's husband.
10. I want to find ALL of them! So far I only have a few thousand.
11. My ancestors must be hiding in a witness protection program.
12. Try genealogy. You can't get fired and you can't quit!
13. What do you mean my grandparents didn't have any kids!?!
14. If you want to know about your ancestors, run for public office!
15. Genealogists - people helping people...that's what it's all about!

Note: Mr. & Mrs. George Nuetzel submitted the above to Notebook Editor as it was reprinted in a Nebraska Newsletter.

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			HALL, Christopher	(1874)	9
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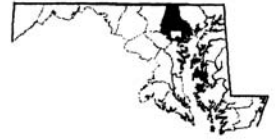
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EDITORS NOTES **Kenneth E. Zimmerman, Editor**

This Notebook has three major articles:

1. Some Scandinavians on the Chesapeake: Naturalizations in the Baltimore City Court 1867-1906 By Eric G. Grundset. This article was published in the NGS Quarterly.
2. Family History Research at Jewish Museum of Maryland is a research center that should not be skipped. They have some primary source material and cemetery records on-line.
3. Baltimore County Administration Accounts Index 1877-1877, Liber J.B.M. No. 6 beginning 09 Jan 1877 and ending 24 Jan 1879 This is the seventh of a series for the Notebook. Our member Carol Porter compiled the index. We greatly appreciate Carol's work and look forward for her to continue this project.

Genealogical Tip of the Quarter

Mistakes We Make When Searching Our Genealogy

When people are researching a family genealogy they often make some very simple mistakes.

Make sure these don't happen to you!

- Don't forget to talk to living relatives. Many researchers forget to talk to those that are alive and instead focus on those that have passed away. Living relatives are a great place to start!
- Don't believe everything you see in print. After all, not everything we read is true. Do some research to back up what you find.
- Just because your research says you are related to someone famous, it doesn't always mean you truly are. Don't get hung up things like celebrity.
- Don't accept everything you read about your family and its legends as fact. Again, not everything you read is true. Do your research.
- Do not limit your names to one spelling. Many last names were changed throughout the years and spelled differently as times changed. Keep this in mind when doing your research. <http://genealogy.lifetips.com/>

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Need children's names, birth dates & other information on a John **DEAVER** b abt 1758 d Sept 2, 1813 Baltimore County, Maryland and Hannah **ALTON** b 1757-60 Baltimore County, Maryland. One known child: John T. b 1787 Maryland d 1810 Zanesville, Ohio. This family is listed in 1810 Census of Baltimore County, Maryland. Query was submitted by: Charles N. Ferguson, 811 So. Market, Shawnee, OK 74801

Notes and Documents

Some Scandinavians on the Chesapeake:
Naturalizations in the Baltimore City Court
1867-1906
By Eric G. Grundset

One does not usually associate the city of Baltimore, Maryland, with Scandinavian immigration into the United States during the late-nineteenth and early-twentieth centuries. Yet at least 220 Scandinavian males (some with families) settled in the Monumental City or lived there long enough to declare their intent to become citizens. Given that Baltimore was not only a major port but the Chesapeake's biggest city at the time, untold numbers of others probably arrived but passed on elsewhere—or else they did not file for citizenship. Among those on this particular list, some would have stayed. Others, perhaps, moved on—illustrating the diffusion of immigrants throughout the United States.

The present list highlights a small group of individuals linked purely by origin in northern Europe and reveals a minor Scandinavian settlement during the great era of immigration into the United States. The countries of origin for these men were the Kingdom of Denmark; the United Kingdoms of Sweden and Norway; and the Grand Duchy of Finland, then a part of the Russian Empire. (Norway gained its complete independence in 1905, and Finland would become independent in 1917.)

Prior to 1906, males could be naturalized in any court of record at the local, state, or federal level. Consequently, researchers seeking such records must look in many different places for a reference or for an index that will lead them to the information they need. The City Court of this list represents just one of many judicial bodies—local, state, and federal—in which Baltimore residents were naturalized. Fortunately, microfilmed indexes for all are widely available at the Maryland State Archives [MSA] in Annapolis, at some of the state libraries, and through the Salt Lake City-based Family History Library system.

The present list is extracted from an original volume titled "General Index of Naturalization Records of Baltimore City Court" (MSA no. C236-1, accession no. 18,166). The material it indexes, "Naturalization Records, Baltimore City Court" (MSA no. C233-1 to C233-8; accession nos. 18,140 and 18,147), is also housed at MSA. Users should know that a few names defied exact transcription because of blurred ink, loops from letters on preceding lines, or unclear letter construction by the clerks who prepared the index. Some slight additional information on each of these individuals will likely appear in the records indexed by this volume.

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Cause of Death?

I am in the process of extracting data from Rienzi Cemetery burial cards; Rienzi is one of the oldest cemeteries in our county. I stumbled across the following data on a burial card: John B McDonald, age 92, died Mar 6, '41—cause of death: "Age Failure."
(That was in 1941.)

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Voices of Lombard Street

A CENTURY OF CHANGE IN EAST BALTIMORE

An original exhibition of The Jewish Museum of Maryland



A Century of Change

Voices of Lombard Street tells the story of this historic neighborhood from then until now.

The exhibition chronicles a place of constant change, where people of different backgrounds lived, worked, created community—and came together in the renowned Jewish market known as Lombard Street.



A sweatshop on Lloyd Street, circa 1915. Gift of Caroline H. Bernstein and Helen K. Silverberg, JMM 1991.24.3a

Neighborhood of Newcomers

"I didn't know that I was poor. Of course I was happy. Those years on Lombard Street were good years."

Kathryn Sollins

Eastern European Jews established a bustling immigrant enclave along the Jones Falls by 1900. They shared the neighborhood with other newcomers, white and black. Traditions brought from the "old country" and rural America shaped the way people lived and helped them adapt to urban American life.

Most families were poor, living packed together in row houses originally built as single-family homes. Some kept livestock in cellars or back yards, which were cluttered with sheds and outdoor privies. Domestic and work life often blurred: many families lived behind or above their shops, while others turned their small apartments into sweatshops where workers churned out piece goods for the garment trade. In this crowded and sometimes bewildering setting, the newcomers struggled to forge new lives.



Shoppers on Lombard Street, circa 1930. Courtesy of the Peale Museum, JMM 1987.161.1

Lombard Street

"Cheek by jowl were store after store of butcher shops, bakeries, dairies, and delicatessen stores, open fronted, with barrels of schmalz herring on the sidewalk. . . . Saturday night, when three stars were visible, noting the end of the Sabbath, the market came to life."

Maurice Bassan

The Lombard Street commercial district was the heart of the neighborhood. From its 1890s origin as a kosher market, it grew into an old world bazaar where people of all kinds mixed and mingled. In the early days, Jewish immigrants with struggling businesses haggled fiercely with fellow Jews intent on feeding their families on next-to-nothing. As the immigrants adapted, stores multiplied and the range of goods broadened. Italian vendors set up shop too, though the street kept its Jewish flavor.

Lombard Street became the main point of contact among the area's ethnic groups and also attracted shoppers from across the city. Even at the height of its popularity at mid century, shopkeepers greeted customers by name and extended credit during hard times.



South High Street between Baltimore and Lombard, 1934. Courtesy of Jacques Kelly

Time of Transition

"In the very late thirties, right before the war, the neighborhood changed completely. . . . Everyone wanted to go further north, away from the central area. It was an exodus, it really was."

Norma Livov Wolod

This was a "starter neighborhood" where immigrants acclimated to life in America. As they climbed out of poverty, Jewish families moved away from their overcrowded quarters near the Jones Falls. Many relocated several blocks to the east, while others pioneered in creating new Jewish neighborhoods in northwest Baltimore. Meanwhile, the neighborhood became more Italian and more African American. Lombard Street thrived as a retail district during the 1930s, '40s, and '50s, but overall the area's population declined and its aging row houses deteriorated.



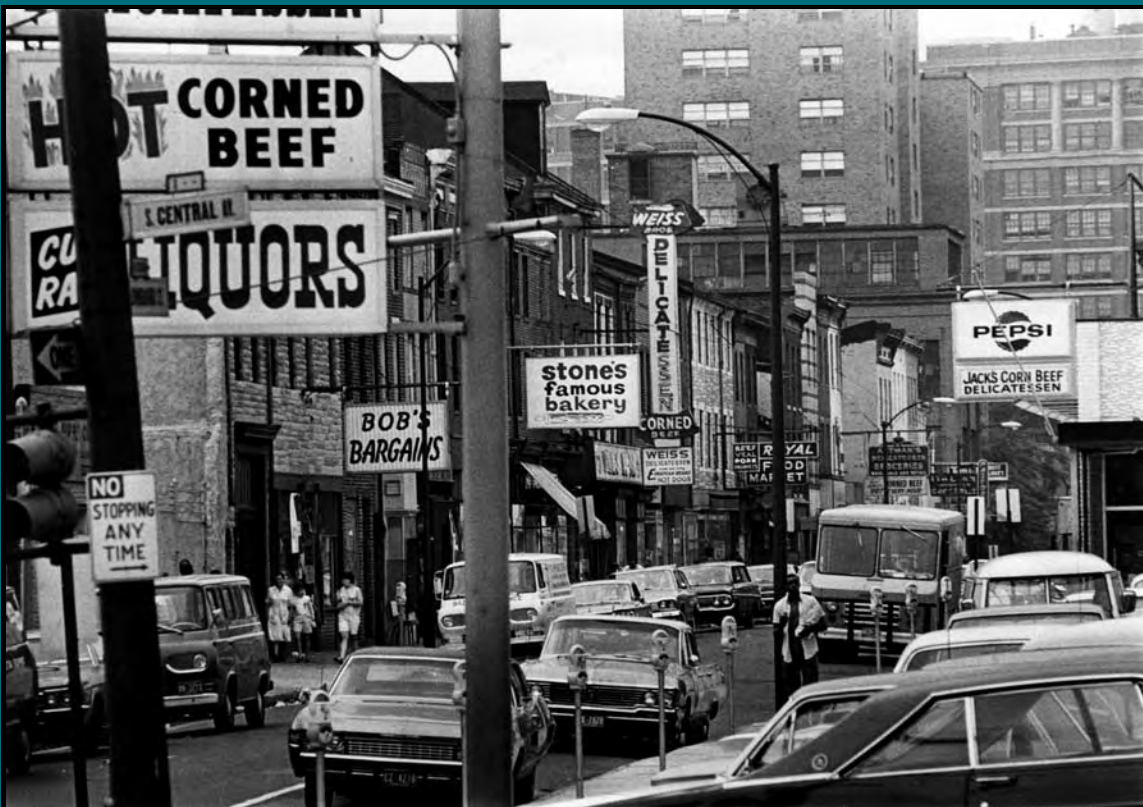
Flag House Courts rises behind Baltimore's historic Flag House, 1955. Courtesy of the Baltimore Sun Company, Inc., All Rights Reserved

A New Landscape

"When public works programs are resumed after the war, Baltimore should be ready with a sound program for dealing with blighted and blight-threatened areas that are, or are likely to become, social and economic liabilities to the whole community."

Government report, 1943

Government policies of "slum clearance" and "urban renewal" shaped neighborhood life in the second half of the twentieth century. Urban planners tried to "fix" the neighborhood and find solutions to poverty by tearing down the decaying housing stock and constructing massive high-rise public housing complexes, irrevocably altering the landscape. Flag House Courts opened amidst fanfare and optimism in 1955. Its families, like the newcomers who came before, hoped for a fresh start amid new surroundings.



Lombard Street, looking west from Central Avenue, 1968, with a Flag House Courts high rise in the background. Courtesy of the Baltimore Sun Company, Inc., All Rights Reserved

An Urban Story

“Back then, Flag House was a place that I truly enjoyed living. It was a good community. And Lombard Street was people friendly, people friendly, people friendly.” Dorothy Scott

For many years, the Flag House Courts high rises coexisted with a still-lively commercial scene along Lombard Street, whose mostly Jewish and Italian businesses continued to attract a diverse mix of shoppers from within and outside the neighborhood. Public housing residents and storeowners maintained neighborly relations, forming an unlikely but genuine extended community.

Families who moved into the projects initially encountered clean, well-managed, and safe environments, but soon found themselves forced to deal with rapidly deteriorating conditions caused, in part, by an architecture unsuited to family and community life. The 1968 riots following the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., eroded people’s sense of security and belonging in the city. In later years, drugs and crime also took a heavy toll.



View of Flag House Courts demolition, 2001. Courtesy of Jamie and Vivian Makin, Phillyblast.com

Back to the Future

“We’re going back to the future. We hope to create what already existed there before the high rises were built.”

Marc Wouters, architect with Torti Gallas and Partners, designers of Albemarle Square

Amidst the problems that plagued many inner city neighborhoods in the late twentieth century, community activists, businesses, and institutions endeavored to create positive change. Their actions helped convince public officials and private investors to reinvest in this historic place.

In the 1990s, city leaders once again decided to start from scratch, demolishing Flag House Courts and contracting with a private developer to create Albemarle Square, a community of traditional row house-style homes. The development, which aims to lessen the effects of concentrated poverty by mixing subsidized housing and market-rate housing, is once again transforming the neighborhood.



Albemarle Square, 2007. Photo by Jennifer Vess

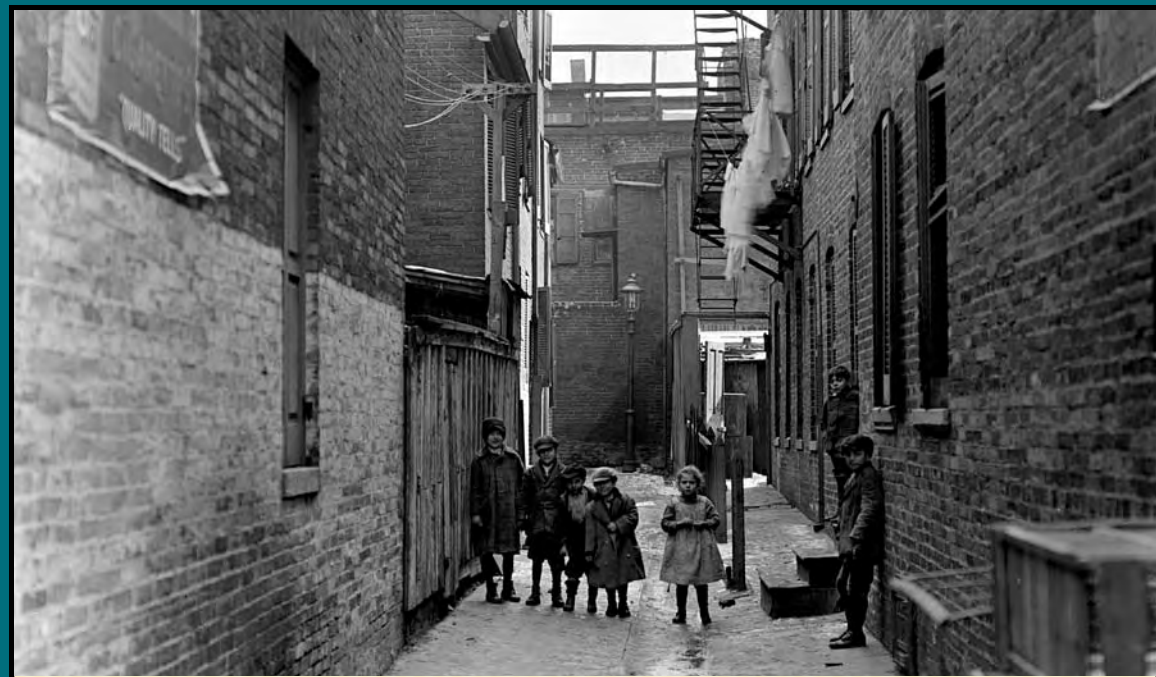
Beginning Again

"Right now, in the middle of nowhere, we're starting a new neighborhood. But how can you create a neighborhood in common with people who have nothing in common?"

Lindsay Thompson, president of the Albemarle Square Homeowner's Association

The neighborhood around the Jewish Museum of Maryland has changed profoundly over the past century. Sometimes the change has come from the outside, as a result of urban renewal. Other times it has come from within, as people settled in or moved on. Through it all, neighbors have forged community. From Italian children who lit the lamps for their Jewish neighbors on the Sabbath, to Jewish merchants and African American customers who exchanged friendly banter, people of different backgrounds have come together here.

It is too early to tell how the latest incarnation of the neighborhood will fare, but it is clear that the seeds of community are being sown. Several groups are working to revitalize the neighborhood, and residents are organizing community events. The Lombard Street delis provide a gathering place—and their lunchtime crowds now maneuver around construction as neighboring buildings undergo renovation. Will these seeds bear fruit? Will Lombard Street once again become the heart and soul of a thriving urban neighborhood?



Children at play in an alley near Fayette Street, circa 1905. Courtesy of The Maryland Historical Society

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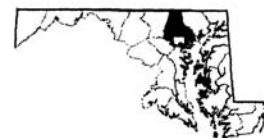
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EDITORS NOTES **Kenneth E. Zimmerman, Editor**

This Notebook has one major article:

The Baltimore County Administration Accounts Index series for the Notebook will continue in the next Notebook. Our member Carol Porter who compiles this index had a fall. She is now healthy and will resume her project for the next issue. We greatly appreciate Carol's work and look forward for her to continue this project.

1. Genealogy Newsletters
2. Tip of the Quarter
3. Editor Email Sent to Maryland State Archives

Genealogy Newsletters

The Internet is constantly growing and changing, and genealogy websites on the Internet are no exception. As a result it is important to find a way to keep up with what is new and important in the world of Internet genealogy. The best way to do that is to subscribe to free email newsletters. The newsletters listed below are among the best and most popular newsletters available, but there are many more out there, particularly on more specific topics. Those listed here are more general in nature. You will receive a newsletter sent to your email address. It is recommended to sent up an email address just for newsletters and not use your personal email address.

[Ancestry Daily News](#)

[The CyndisList Mailing List](#)

An announcements-only list for information regarding daily updates to the Cyndi's List web site.

[Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter](#)

Dick Eastman (a New Hampshireite!) is a nationally recognized expert on the subject of genealogy and the Internet. His weekly newsletter will keep you posted on all the newest developments, give reviews of new genealogy software programs, and describe many new genealogy websites of interest. For one dollar a month he also offers a Plus (+) Edition that includes more articles than his free newsletter.

[Family Tree Finders](#)

A once-a-week e-mail newsletter that provides interesting and useful information for tracing your family tree. It's geared to beginners and experienced family tree trackers of any age! Written by well known genealogist, Rhonda R. McClure.

[Family Tree Magazine's Free Weekly Email Update](#)

Brief but helpful research, organization and preservation tips free to genealogists and family historians on our electronic mailing list. Plus, pointers to new information and articles on the Family Tree Magazine web site and information on new issues of Family Tree Magazine and on genealogy books from Betterway Books.

[Genealogy Roots Newsletter and Blog](#)

A newsletter to help find online genealogy databases, records and resources. Major topics include death indexes, military, census, and immigration records. Available by email or as a blog.

[GenealogySpot.com Newsletter](#)

Free genealogy newsletter filled with the latest and greatest online genealogy resources.

[Genealogy Tips - About Genealogy Tip of the Day Newsletter](#)

Explore new genealogy research tips and techniques - both beginner and advanced - with this free, daily genealogy newsletter.

[Genealogy Today.com -- Family Tree Articles and Genealogy Search Engines](#)

[Family Tree Digest](#)

[Genealogy Times](#)

[Gould Genealogy - Taking Genealogy Into the Future - Newsletter](#)

Australian vendor newsletter for products, news, and events.

[History Online - History Helps](#)

A free monthly e-newsletter for researchers, genealogists and family historians with an interest in British Columbia, Canada.

[Petunia Press - Home of MISSING LINKS: A Magazine for Genealogists and SOMEBODY'S LINKS: Genealogical Treasures Found](#)

MISSING LINKS: A Magazine for Genealogists, published weekly by e-mail since 1996, and SOMEBODY'S LINKS NEWSLETTER: Genealogical Treasures Found, published since 1999, are edited by professional genealogist Julia M. Case. Subscribe, unsubscribe, or search the database of all back issues.

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[Pine Cone and Tassel Newsletter](#)

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[RootsWeb Review Archives](#)

Rootsweb has the largest collection of free genealogy information on the Internet. This weekly newsletter will keep you abreast of new databases as they are added. Also included are several how-to stories, as well as email from readers describing something of interest in their own research.

[The Search Engine Report](#)

Free monthly newsletter from Search Engine Watch.

[Treasure Maps' Free Monthly E-mail Newsletter](#)

[UpFront with NGS : The Online Newsletter of the National Genealogical Society](#)

You don't have to be a member of the National Genealogical Society to subscribe to this bimonthly newsletter. It contains news from the world of genealogy, a nationwide calendar of interest to genealogists, information on new genealogy software and websites, and their latest, in-depth article on "Digital Imaging for Genealogists".

[Wholly Genes Newsletter](#)

This newsletter is free. You will receive information on The Master Genealogist software and updates on Archive CD Books

[WorldVitalRecords Newsletter](#)

WorldVitalRecords.com This newsletter is free. You will received Tips for research success, Tutorials to help you make the most of technology. The latest information on WorldVitalRecords.com database updates, ideas for sharing your family history through the Web, scrap booking, or in print and Articles by industry experts.

Sample of some articles that were in [Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter](#).

Vol. 13 No. 24 - June 16, 2008 **Change the Font Size**

I occasionally receive questions about this newsletter similar to one in my in-box this week: "*Please tell me how to enlarge this article... I cannot read this small print.*" I thought I'd answer here so that everyone will see the answer.

You can change the print size on **ANY** web page at any time. That is, you can change the print size not only on this newsletter's site, but also on almost every other web page you visit. The command is already built into your web browser. The exact command will depend upon which web browser you use:

- In Safari for the Macintosh, select VIEW on the pulldown menus on the top of the window and then select MAKE TEXT BIGGER.
- In Firefox (both the Macintosh and Windows versions), select VIEW on the pulldown menus on the top of the window and then select TEXT SIZE.
- In Internet Explorer, select on VIEW the pull down menus on the top of the window and then select TEXT SIZE.
- In Opera, select PREFERENCES, then select WEB PAGES, then select PAGE ZOOM.

Vol. 13 No. 28 - July 14, 2008 **Genealogy Resources by State**

Genealogists constant pore over old records. Of course, the biggest provider of old records in the U.S. is the U.S. Government. The government even maintains a listing of significant record collections available for genealogists. The list also mentions many state and local archives.

You can view the listing at:

http://www.usa.gov/Citizen/Topics/History_Family/State_Genealogy.shtml.

While the listing is online, most of the records listed are not yet online. In most cases, you will have to visit the listed repository to view the record(s) in person. Some have been microfilmed, and some of these records are now appearing on the various online sites: Footnote.com, WorldVitalRecords.com, Ancestry.com, etc.

My thanks to Sharryn Clark for telling me about this resource.

-Vol. 13 No. 29 - July 21, 2008 **New Online Sources of U.S. Census Records**

For several years, the only places to find online U.S. Census records was Ancestry.com (rather expensive), Genealogy.com (also expensive), or at HeritageQuest Online (free to users but only available through subscribing libraries). These were the only sites to carry the images of the original records for entire states. It seems interesting that in the

past few months, other web sites have started offering access to the same census record images and indexes.

The new pilot project of FamilySearch, owned by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, has the 1850, 1870, and 1900 U.S. Census records available free of charge. Some of the records are not yet complete. For instance, only 15 states' records are available today on the site. Details may be found at <http://pilot.familysearch.org/recordsearch>. Massachusetts and Wisconsin state census records are also available at the same location.

Footnote.com now has the 1860 U.S. Census records online as part of its Civil War Collection. This copy of the U.S. census is completely indexed. While not free, the access is cheap at \$7.95 a month for unlimited access. Details may be found at <http://www.footnote.com?xid=46>.

The images on Footnote and the pilot project of FamilySearch are sometimes better than the other services. The search methods are also different. For instance, the viewer software on both Footnote.com and FamilySearch is better than on the other services. You can easily adjust brightness and contrast, or invert images.

Footnote.com's new Advanced Search also lets you search by First Name, Last Name, Place, Age, Birth Place, Color, County, Family Number, Minor Civil Division, Sex, State, or any combination of those fields. If you are having difficulty finding a female ancestor whose maiden name is unknown but you know she was fifteen years old at the time of the census, you could search for all the 15-year-old females in the county with her first name.

The new sites have also created new indexes. If a person was "missing" in your previous searches on the old sites, you might try again on FamilySearch and Footnote.com. Their newly-created indexes may have located someone who was not listed in the older indexes.

It is great to have choices. We now have more choices than ever before.

Vol. 13 No. 37 - September 15, 2008 Free Social Security Death Index Now Available from GenealogyBank

The following announcement was written by GenealogyBank:

Providing the Genealogy Community a Comprehensive, Up-To-Date
Resource Essential
for Family History Research

September 10, 2008 (NAPLES, FL) – GenealogyBank, a leading provider of historical and recent newspapers for family history research, announced

today that the Social Security Death Index (SSDI) will now be offered free of charge at GenealogyBank.com.

With more than 82 million death records from 1937 to the present, the SSDI is an essential foundation for anyone interested in their family's past. Best of all, it can be cross-searched with the thousands of newspapers and government documents available through GenealogyBank, offering researchers unsurpassed firsthand perspectives of the triumphs, struggles and daily lives of their American ancestors.

"GenealogyBank's Social Security Death Index is unique with weekly updates, easy-to-use format and comprehensive coverage," says Tom Kemp, Genealogy Director for NewsBank, inc. "It's simply the most comprehensive index online. Making it available for free is our way of giving back to the genealogy community."

The SSDI has long been valued by genealogists as the basis for family history research. The SSDI contains over 82 million death records from all 50 states, plus Guam, Puerto Rico and other U.S. territories; as well as the records of over 17 million Americans born in the 19th century and more than 200,000 who died overseas.

Exclusive features include the full date of death (including day of the week) and the deceased's age (expressed in years, months and days).

"GenealogyBank's convenient format saves users time, money and countless headaches," adds Kemp.

Genealogy sites and blogs are welcome to link to GenealogyBank's Social Security Death Index. And for users looking to take their research to the next level, GenealogyBank is the ideal resource for discovering the stories behind your family's past. It provides access to millions of newspapers articles, obituaries, government documents and more spanning four centuries. Each of these original images can be printed and preserved for family scrapbooks.

Vol. 13 No. 38 - September 22, 2008- **Increase or Decrease Web Page Text Size**

Are you having difficulty reading this web page? or any web page? Many people do not realize how simple it is to increase and decrease the display sizes of web pages. Here's how you can easily zoom in (magnify), zoom out, and reset the zoom level back to its default condition in seconds:

- To zoom in, press and hold down the CTRL (CONTROL) key while pressing the + key.

- To zoom out, press and hold down the CTRL (CONTROL) key while pressing the - key.
- After zooming in or out, to reset your web page's zoom settings back to their original / default size, press and hold the CTRL (CONTROL) key while pressing the 0 (zero) key.

If you have a mouse with a scroll wheel situated between the left and right mouse buttons, as an alternative to using the keyboard, you can press and hold down the CTRL (CONTROL) key, while turning the scroll wheel forward to zoom in or backward to zoom out.

NOTE: Macintosh users should use the Apple key (also called the Command key) instead of the Control key. Otherwise, operation on a Mac is identical to that of Windows and Linux.

This method of zooming in and out has been tested with and works well with the following web browsers:

- Mozilla Firefox v3.X and later.
- Microsoft Internet Explorer v7.x and later.
- Google Chrome v0.2.149.29.
- Apple Safari v3.1.2.
- Opera v9.5.1.

Vol. 13 No. 38 - September 22, 2008 - **Ahnentafel Explained**

One of the fundamentals of genealogy is the various numbering systems used to make quick and easily-read lists of ancestors and descendants. Perhaps the most common method of listing ancestors is to create an ahnentafel. Yet I suspect that word confuses many newcomers. Here is a (hopefully) simple explanation.

An ahnentafel is a list of one's ancestors with each one numbered in a sequential manner that makes it easy to calculate relationships. The ahnentafel method is the most common method of numbering ancestors

Ahnentafel is a German word that translates as "ancestor table" or, literally, a list of one's ancestors. The same numbering system is sometimes called the Sosa-Stradonitz System, named after the Spanish genealogist Hieronymus/Jerome de Sosa, who first used it in 1676, and after the German genealogist Stephan Kekulé von Stradonitz [1863-1933], who popularized it in his 1896 Ahnentafel Atlas.

In an Ahnentafel numbering system, the base person is assigned the number one. The father of each person is assigned a number equal to double the child's number. The mother of each person is assigned a number equal to double the child's number plus one. As a result, the number of any child is one-half that of their parent, ignoring any

remainder. For the first four generations, the numbers assigned a given person and their ancestors reflect the following relationships:

1. person
2. father
3. mother
4. paternal grandfather
5. paternal grandmother
6. maternal grandfather
7. maternal grandmother
8. great-grandfather
9. great-grandmother
10. great-grandfather
11. great-grandmother
12. great-grandfather
13. great-grandmother
14. great-grandfather
15. great-grandmother

Translating this to a real person, here is an excerpt from the Ahnentafel of one well-known American, complete with Ahnentafel numbers:

1. George Walker Bush, b. New Haven, Conn., 6 July 1946, m. 5 Nov. 1977, Laura Lane Welch
2. George Herbert Walker Bush, b. Milton, Mass., 12 June 1924, m. Rye, N.Y., 6 Jan. 1945
3. Barbara Pierce
4. Prescott Sheldon Bush, b. Columbus, Ohio, 15 May 1895, m. Kennebunkport, Maine, 6 Aug. 1921, d. New York, N.Y., 8 Oct. 1972
5. Dorothy Walker, b. near Walker's Point, York Co., Me., 1 July 1901, d. Greenwich, Conn., 19 Nov. 1992
6. Marvin Pierce, b. Sharpsville, Pa., 17 June 1893, m. Aug. 1918, d. Rye, N.Y., 17 July 1969
7. Pauline Robinson, b. Ohio, April 1896, d. Rye, N.Y., 23 Sept. 1949
8. Samuel Prescott Bush, b. Brick Church, N.J., 4 Oct. 1863, m. Columbus, Ohio, 20 June 1894, d. Columbus, Ohio, 8 Feb. 1948
9. Flora Sheldon, b. Franklin Co., Ohio, 17 Mar. 1872, d. "Watch Hill", R.I., 4 Sept. 1920
10. George Herbert Walker, b. St. Louis, Mo., 11 June 1875, m. St. Louis, Mo., 17 Jan. 1899, d. New York, N.Y., 24 June 1953
11. Lucretia [Loulie] Wear, b. St. Louis, Mo., 17 Sept. 1874, d. Biddeford, Me., 28 Aug. 1961
12. Scott Pierce, b. Sparkville, Pa., 18 Jan. [or June?] 1866, m. 26 Nov. 1891
13. Mabel Marvin, b. Cincinnati, Ohio, 4 June 1869
14. James Edgar Robinson, b. near Marysville, Oh., 15 Aug. 1868, m. Marion Co., Ohio, 31 March 1895, d. 1931

15. Lula Dell Flickinger, b. Byhalia, Ohio, March 1875

The primary disadvantage of Ahnentafel numbers is that the size of each number when going back many generations becomes quite large. Someone with a documented line of descent from Charlemagne may be using Ahnentafel numbers in the billions.

Ahnentafel numbers are the only commonly-used numbers for ancestor lists. However, several systems exist for numbering descendants in a list.

Other newsletter readers have already posted comments, questions, or corrections to this article at:

http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/2008/09/ahnentafel-expl.html

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The following is a sample article from Rootsweb newsletter

Genealogy Tip *By Joan Young*

Archaic and Unfamiliar Terminology in Genealogical Research

You have received your great-grandfather John MAIR's death certificate. The certificate tells you he died of "phlegmonous erysipelas." In reading your Grand-aunt Martha's diary you learn that her sister was afflicted with "ablepsy" and that your Uncle Alfred suffered from "dropsy." In the diary you also read that John MAIR worked as a "dyker" in his native Scotland. Martha's husband was a "cordwainer" and Uncle Alfred was working as a "huckster."

Genealogists frequently encounter archaic, foreign, regional, or merely unfamiliar terminology for causes of death and illnesses, as well as for our ancestors' occupations.

ILLNESSES, DISEASES, AND OTHER ARCHAIC MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY

The following websites are among many I've used over the years to learn the meanings of terms no longer in common use or with which I wasn't familiar:

<http://rmhh.co.uk/illness.html> (Illnesses.)

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~billingsh/disease.htm> (Diseases.)

<http://www.neonatology.org/classics/old.terms.html> (Terms concerning neonatology.)

<http://www.antiquusmorbus.com/Index.htm> (Archaic medical terms.)

DISASTERS—NATURAL and MANMADE

Sometimes the factors involved in ancestral deaths could indicate that family members died as the result of a disaster. Disasters should be considered when multiple family members died at exactly the same time. A disaster could be an earthquake, flood, fire, shipwreck, mining accident, train wreck, etc.

<http://www.cyndislist.com/disasters.htm> (Disasters.)

EPIDEMICS

Deaths of more than one person over a short time period (but not necessarily on the same day), especially when children are involved, might indicate an epidemic caused by the flu, typhoid, yellow fever, or any other contagious disease.

<http://www.cyndislist.com/disasters.htm#Epidemics> (Epidemics.)

OBSOLETE AND UNFAMILIAR OCCUPATIONAL TERMS

Unfamiliar occupational terms and obsolete occupational terminology often varies from country to country or even from region to region within a country.

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wiaslan/occupations.html> (American.)

<http://www.olivetreegenealogy.com/misc/occupations.shtml> (Medieval English and early New World.)

<http://rmhh.co.uk/occup/index.html> (United Kingdom.)

<http://www.worldroots.com/~brigitte/occupat.htm> (German occupations and illnesses.)

A quick review of the websites referenced here reveals that your great-grandfather died of a severe inflammation and fever, Martha's sister was blind, and Uncle Alfred had swelling or fluid retention (edema). Your great-grandfather worked as a stonemason in Scotland. Martha's husband was a shoemaker and Uncle Alfred sold small wares.

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Genealogical Tip of the Quarter

Keep your genealogy research skills in tip-top shape! Subscribe to a free **Genealogy Newsletter**. Improve your skills even more by subscribing to a Genealogy Magazine such as Internet Genealogy; Family Chronicles; Heritage Quest, Ancestry Magazine; Everton's Genealogical Helper or Family Tree Magazine to learn more about genealogy. Join the Maryland Historical Society; Maryland Genealogical Society or Baltimore County Historical Society. Do not forget to renew your BCGS membership!

Editor Email Message sent to Maryland State Archives

I understand that Vital Records has a electronic death index from 1980 to 1994.

The Maryland State Archives must telephone Vital records office for them to search for a death certificate number. MSA has death certificates up to 1994 (some are off-site). Then MSA Archivist can request the death certificate from off-site storage.

Why does MSA not have a copy of the electronic index death index? Why is this index not on-line (internet) or at least at the MSA site to use by patrons?

As you know indexes make searches easier.

Please let me know a response.

Thanks

Ken Zimmerman

Member of Baltimore County Genealogy Society

Professional Genealogist

Response:

Thank you for contacting the Maryland State Archives. Your inquiry regarding Archives access to the Death Record Index for the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Vital Records 1973-1996 has recently been forwarded to our Department to address.

The Death Index to which you refer is a dynamic electronic index created and maintained by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Vital Records Division and is still currently in use by that agency and consists of index data through the present. Given its disposition it has not been

transferred to the Archives but there has been negotiations between the Archives and Vital Records to gain access to the index data relating to the records in our custody. As a result the Archives has acquired access limited to the years 1973 through 1995 (we are working to gain access for 1996 as well). Such access is restricted to specific Archives staff members possessing a user name and password only and is not intended for direct public access/use. However, Reference staff can assist with any request for Death Records spanning the above mentioned years by looking up names for you providing that you have a year of death and a surname. Any further questions concerning the Death Index should be directed to our Reference Services Department.

Sincerely, Joe Leizear

Deputy Director Appraisal and Description Maryland State Archives

2nd Email message sent: I sent another email message requesting why MSA does not have all the death indexes. Why the index cannot be used without a death date.

Response:

Dear Mr. Zimmerman,

The death index is an electronic dynamic system consisting of data from 1973 through to the present including restricted records. Therefore it is still in use by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. Its purpose is not to find out if someone died but to locate the certificate of someone who has died. While it is true that death records are restricted for ten years the Archives only maintains custody through 1996 prompting us to request access through that date. The DHMH also maintains microfilm copies of death records and all non-restricted records including indices and always have been available to both the Archives and the general public through the DHMH Vital Records Division. Agreeably such indirect access is not the ideal but nevertheless available.

As another State Agency we have no intention of trying to strongarm DHMH into transferring records to the Archives but rather prefer to maintain good relations in working diplomatically with DHMH, and others, in accomplishing our mission goals. In the three months or so that I have worked with the DHMH to gain access to the Death Index they have been extremely accommodating and helpful in working with the Archives to secure such access. While we do view this as a preliminary step it is an important one and has not only improved access significantly to the records but greatly expedited it since we can now cut out the middle man. This far exceeds what was available three months ago and is a result of progressive if not successful negotiations.

As we work towards the ideal in achieving our mission goals the Archives works diligently to accommodate the archival research needs of all patrons to the best of our resources.

Thank you for your patronage and understanding.

Sincerely, Joe Leizear

Deputy Director

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