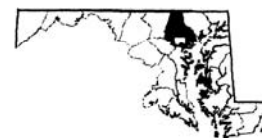


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This Notebook has four major articles

1. Alternate Death Records by Lorraine Bourne, BA, AG Genealogist ProGenealogist dated September 20, 2010.
2. Are You Missing Most of the Available Genealogy Information? article is from Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter.
3. Your Civil War Ancestors: A Guide to Research by Michael Hait as the speaker at the November 2010 Baltimore County Genealogical Society meeting. Handout has been revised. Permission granted to print.
4. Baltimore County Administration Accounts Index 1893-1897, Liber B.W.A.. No. 14 beginning 04 April 1893 and ending 29 March 1897.. This is the fourteenth 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:

Is the Title Misleading?

The first time you use a database or website, make certain you know what you are using and understand where the data is from. Titles can be misleading.

Computer Reminder: When is the last time you backed up your data and updated your virus protection program on your personal computer and laptop?

Alternative Death Records

- Posted by [Lorraine Bourne](#) September 29, 2010

A close loved one of mine recently passed away. At the time of the death a treasure trove of documents pertaining to the family was created though the estate was very small. There are more death records than the modern death certificate provided by a county or state government agency:

- The assisted living facility, nursing home, or skilled nursing facility has records that provide names of a deceased person's children and parents or other immediate family members, as well as the date the deceased person left the facility. Their records often contain health histories, family background, and information pertaining to birth and marriage.
- The hospital has records pertaining to cause of death, parental information to go on the death record along with the death informant's name, usually a family member. They also contain birth and marriage information.
- The funeral home has all the information that would appear on a death certificate and the obituary. They review this information with immediate family members for local and state authorities and are involved in the burial process. With today's technology, many funeral homes also run an obituary on their website. Birth and death information is found here as well.
- The cemetery, if different than the funeral home that has burial grounds, also has much of the same information pertaining to the deceased. In order to bury a person, with current laws all immediate heirs are required to sign paperwork to allow the deceased to be buried in the cemetery. Tombstones and grave markers usually carry birth and death information. If the deceased is buried next to a spouse it is not unusual to have a combined tombstone with both of their birth and death information and a marriage date.
- Newspapers carry obituaries. They can be local or they can be in areas where a deceased person previously lived or where the deceased person has several distant family members such as cousins, aunts, uncles, etc. They might also be run in areas where immediate family members live.
- Estate papers, even with a very small estate, can provide valuable information. If a deceased has a will and estate that needs to be probated, then there are court records that list all the heirs and will have a copy of the death certificate.
- Guardianship records for incapacitated elderly parents, spouses, or for children, are court records and contain names of heirs. The estate has to be monitored annually and at death, a copy of the death certificate is contained in these records.
- Insurance papers can be valuable whether the policy was in effect at the time of death or not. Terminated insurance policies contain names, ages, and/or birth dates of beneficiaries. Policies in effect at the time of death require beneficiaries to provide information about them to prove they have the right to make a claim against the insurance policy. A death certificate of the deceased is also required.

There are more records that can be created at the time of death such as documents resulting from the selling of a house or other items pertaining to the estate of a deceased person. Any claims involving a deceased person's estate have to be settled either privately or in court. The more money involved with an estate, the more records there will be. However, even a small estate can create several records. Death records are not limited to the death certificate from a county or state agency. Creative thinking can turn up several avenues in modern records where death information can be obtained.

<http://blog.progenealogists.com/2010/09/alternative-death-records/>

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Are You Missing Most of the Available Genealogy Information?

Originally published on Wednesday, October 20th, 2010

This morning I received a message from a newsletter reader that disturbed me a bit. He wrote, "I have been doing genealogy research for 10-15 years but only through the Internet." He then went on to describe some of the frustrations he has encountered trying to find information.

I read the entire message, but my eyes kept jumping back to the words in his first sentence: "... but only through the Internet."

Doesn't he realize that 98% of the information of interest to genealogists is not yet available on the Internet?

To be sure, many of the biggest and most valuable resources are now available online, including national census records, the Social Security Death Index, military pension applications, draft cards, many passenger lists, land patent databases, and more.

The national databases were the "low hanging fruit" a few years ago as the providers of online information rushed to place large genealogy databases online. These huge collections benefited a lot of genealogists; these databases were the first to become indexed, digitized, and placed online. We all should be thankful that these databases are available today and are in common use.

As the national databases became available to all, the online providers moved on to digitize regional and statewide information. State censuses, birth records, marriage records, death records, naturalization records (which originally were recorded in many local and state courts), county histories, and much, much more are still being placed online.

Of course, this is great news for genealogists who cannot easily travel to the locations where the original records are kept. For many of us, this is even better than having information on microfilm. Most of us don't have microfilm readers at home, but we do have computers.

Yet, I am guessing that 98% of the information of interest to genealogists has not yet been digitized. Why would anyone want to look for genealogy information "... only through the Internet?"

State censuses, birth records, marriage records, death records, naturalization records, county histories, and more are all “work in progress” projects. That is, they are not yet complete. In fact, I doubt if all of them will be available online for at least another two decades! If you only look online, you are missing a lot.

In many cases, church parish records, local tax lists, school records, most land records (other than Federal land grants), and many more records are not yet available online and probably won't be available for years. If you are limiting yourself to “... only through the Internet,” you are missing 98% of the available information.

If you have the luxury of living near the places where your ancestors lived, I'd suggest you jump in an automobile and drive to the repositories where those records are kept. There is nothing that matches the feeling of holding original records in your hands. Make photocopies or scan them or take pictures of them or do whatever is possible to collect images of the original records.

If you do not enjoy the luxury of short distances, use microfilm. Luckily, that is easy to do although you will have to leave your home. Many (but not all) of these records have been microfilmed, and those films may be viewed at various libraries, archives, or at a local Family History Center near you. There are more than 4,000 of those local centers, so you probably can find one within a short distance of your home. The Family History Centers are free to use although you do have to pay a modest fee for postage when you rent a microfilm by mail. See http://www.familysearch.org/eng/library/FHC/frameset_fhc.asp for details.

If you do not know where to start, I would suggest reading the applicable Research Guides found at http://www.familysearch.org/eng/home/welcome/frameset_information.asp and at http://www.familysearch.org/eng/Search/RG/frameset_rg.asp

Which option would you prefer: accessing 2% of the available records or 98% of the available records or 100% of the available records?

Do you have comments, questions, or corrections to this article? If so, please post your words in the Plus Edition newsletter web site at: <http://eogn.com/wp/?p=12426>

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Your Civil War Ancestors: A Guide to Research

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I. Identifying Civil War veterans

- A. Potential veterans: Males aged 15 to 50, between 1861 and 1865 (generally)
- B. Records identifying veterans
 - 1. U. S. Federal Census
 - 2. Other sources
 - a) Tombstones
 - b) Obituaries
 - c) Family tradition

II. Obtaining records from National Archives

- A. Types of records available
 - 1. Compiled service records
 - a) Compiled from various original rolls
 - b) Most not microfilmed; held at NARA, Washington, DC
 - c) Exception: Most U. S. Colored Troops, Confederate, and a few Union states have been microfilmed
 - d) Microfilmed name indexes to service records
 - e) Online databases
 - 2. Union pension files
- B. Ordering from the National Archives
 - 1. Order Online (www.archives.gov)
 - 2. Order through mail
 - 3. Hire a researcher

III. Other records

- A. Confederate pensions
- B. Newspapers
- C. Adjutant General Reports
- D. Letters Home
- E. Photographs
- F. Published History Books

IV. Helpful Websites

- > The Civil War Archive: <http://www.civilwararchive.com>
- > Military Indexes - Civil War:
<http://www.militaryindexes.com/civilwar/index.html>
- > The War of the Rebellion: a Compilation of the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies: <http://digital.library.cornell.edu/in/moawar/waro.html>
- > Official Records of the Union and Confederate Navies:
<http://digital.library.cornell.edu/m/moawar/ofre.html>
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<http://garmuslib.org/>
- > American Civil War Research Database *{subscription required}*:
<http://www.civilwardata.com/>
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<http://www.cpe.uchicago.edu/publication/lib/pensioncpe.pdf>
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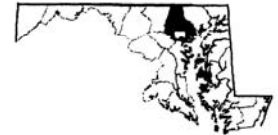
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This Notebook has four major articles

1. Baltimore City Voter Registration and Election Information at Maryland State Archives.
2. **“Ancestry.com Family Tree Family and the History Conference at the Washington, DC Family History Center”** by Charles Ward a member of BCGS
3. **“Web Merge with Family Tree Maker (2010 - 2011)”** by Greg Burton member of BCGS
4. **“Can You Marry Your Cousin?”** As printed in newsletter from the Greater Omaha Genealogical Society **“Westward Into Nebraska”** Volume 35 Issue 4 November/December 2010 pages 31, 34-36.
5. **Baltimore County Administration Accounts Index 1897-1900**, Liber H.J.H. No. 15 beginning 31 Mar 1897 and ending 19 Apr 1900.. This is the fifteenth 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: Genealogical Tips

For those researching family histories, military service records are a tremendously valuable and reliable source. Military records document a person's military service as well as their life outside of the military.

These records are varied and extensive. Muster rolls, discharge papers, pension files, and regimental histories, may include hints of the patterns of migration, births, marriages, deaths, divorces, and more.

Sharon Hodges was a Baltimore County Genealogical Society speaker on **27 Feb '11 Voter Registration Records -- Make Them Count**

The presentation was on what general information one will find using Voter Registration Records but nothing specific to Baltimore records.

The Maryland State Archives has the following records related to Voter and Elections for Baltimore City. Use the MSA website to find additional information on the records.

- Baltimore City Register of Voters (Voter Registration Record) 1838-1839 CM 1257
- Baltimore City –Baltimore City Archives (Election Records) Registrations Aerations 1879 BRG 11-10
- Baltimore City –Baltimore City Archives (Election Records) 1800-1992 BRG11
- Baltimore City Court (Voter Registration Appeal Papers) 1900-1932 T566

Ancestry.com Family Tree

Family History Conference at the Washington, DC Family History Center

On May 7, 2011, I attended along with Dottie Aleshire, Charles Blackwell, Miles Davis, Frank Herron and others of Howard County Genealogical Society, the 2011 Family History Conference at the Washington, DC Family History Center in Kensington, Maryland. While this was a free conference, I must state that it was as good as any that I have paid to attend. The Keynote Speaker was James Sweany, Director of the Local History & Genealogy Reading Room at the Library of Congress. Afterwards, there were four sessions with your choice of six different classes for a total of 24 different classes during the day. I went to the presentation by Angela McGhie (a Howard County Resident) on “A Virtual Genealogy Education: Online Options” first and then to her presentation on “A Genealogical Treasure Hunt in Federal Records”. I went to the presentation by Sharon Hodges on “How Did Your Family Get There and Why Did They Go? Migration Routes to 1850”. The final class of the day was by Sabrina Petersen on “Conduction An Effective Search on Ancestry.com”. All the presentations that I attended used PowerPoint programs and were excellent; the speakers were very knowable and educational with good handouts. A syllabus of all the presentations on DVD was available for purchase at a cost of \$5.00.

Ms. Petersen is an employee of Amcestry.com and discussed how to search online at Ancestry.com with the first option being manual searches and keeping track of your ancestors in a separate genealogical program either computer based or paper records in a folder. A second option is to create an online family tree at Ancestry.com and used the power of Ancestry.com to help in your research.

I have been a paying customer of Ancestry.com for many years, but had not created an online family tree due to confidentiality concerns. At Ancestry.com you can have an open family tree that anyone may look at and copy parts of your tree for their use or you can have a closed tree that is only available to the individuals that you give access to. Additionally, the policy at Ancestry.com is that any individual in your family tree that does not have a death date listed is assumed to be “living” and not shown to anyone other than yourself. Based upon the above polices, I decided to create a family tree on Ancestry.com and find out any information that I could.

Therefore, I set up a Ward family tree, entered the data for myself, my parents, my four grandparents and my eight great grandparents, a total of 15 people and 15 boxes on the family tree.

While I had information on all 16 great, great grandparents and most of the 32 3rd great grand parents (I still had not found some of the women at that level), I did not enter them initially as I wanted to see how effective the Ancestry.com family tree was in finding the additional people. After entering the data on the first 15 people (which was easy to do), I clicked to look at the family tree that I had created. The first thing that you notice in a box that is about three inches long by one half high is the males have a silhouette of a male head with a background of blue color and the women have a silhouette of a woman with a pink color background. The name of the individual is then shown along with the year of birth and year of death such as 1859-1930. All additional data that has been entered for an individual is available to look at and edit by clicking on the name.

If Ancestry.com finds that they have some additional information that might be of relatedness to an individual in your family tree, an oak leaf with in the upper right corner of the box for that individual. This is where the “fun” starts to happen. You click on the oak leaf and up comes information that Ancestry.com has found. The information is called a “hint” by Ancestry.com. If there is more than one hint, the first hint will usually show many potential matches from other member public trees. Remember, if a Ancestry.com member has elected to keep their family tree private, you will not see their family tree, you may only see (in effect) the open trees. Additional hints can be various census records, birth records, death records and other possible data such as newspaper articles. I clicked on an oak leaf for one of great grandmothers (that I have not entered in the online tree) and I am being told Ancestry.com has found eleven (11) potential matches from other member public trees. I will have to spend some time reviewing those other family trees after I finish this article for the society newsletter. As a matter of information, while I started with 15 people in my online tree, it has now grown to 343 people in a little over a week time and I have not been able to work on the tree every day.

As I am sure is fairly typical, when I started my genealogical research some 20 years ago, I worked on my direct Ward ancestors first, the males and their wives. Now I was very lucky, when I first started I found and bought a book about the Ward's of eastern Kentucky that was written by a great aunt and another book about the Williamson's. I am related to Alden Williamson through both of his wives (separate line for my father and mother) so I am my own fifth cousin, once removed. Additionally, I have been given many family trees by various aunts, uncle and many cousins and typed lists of various ancestors that were mostly oral family histories without any sources or references – that to this day have all been 100% correct as I have been able to research and document. Mostly, the Scotch-Irish in Kentucky and West Virginia were not big on documentation, but they knew their family history.

As I worked on my direct Ward line, I was trying to document the line so I could join the Sons of American Revolution. I was able to do so. Therefore, I concentrated on finding the information that I original needed, and then returned later to fill in all the other information that I could find. As example, I had been told that my great grandfather Anderson Ward was born in 1849 and died after 1930. When I started my research, I found him listed in a book for the Kentucky 1850 census. I had written to the people that had done the publishing of that book (I wonder if anyone still does that) and paid for printout from the microfilm for the Johnson County, Kentucky federal census. Additional, I had found him in the 1880, 1900, and 1920 federal censuses. I had also written to the state of Kentucky and paid for and received a copy of his death record. Having found all that information and knowing his parents, grandparent, all his siblings and children I stopped researching Anderson Ward. However, after entering his name in my online family tree, Ancestry.com showed an oak leaf on the box for Anderson Ward. Thus, I now have citations for him from the 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880, 1900, 1910, 1920 censuses, Kentucky Marriage Index and Kentucky Death Index. All of the citations include the full listing of how to cite the individual records. The Ancestry.com family tree also has connections to eleven (11) different member family trees showing all the data that they have for Anderson Ward and how and where he is in their family tree. You can click on their family tree and see his box and how its ties into those

individuals. If you are reasonably sure that their data is accurate, you can determine how you are related to the person that owns that family tree.

Of course, as you look at all the other potential family trees, you have to evaluate how accurate their data is. If they are showing the same spouse, parents and children as you have, and then you may be willing to accept a tie-in to their family tree. If however, you find that they are showing the same person as both the spouse and the mother, you probably do not want to connect their tree to yours. As I have been told many times, do not accept any information unless you can find it three times. There are many other features in the Ancestry.com family tree program, but I will leave that to you to develop if you wish to give the online family tree a try. One last feature that the program has is that you can send an email to the person who owns the family asking any question, giving data or comment, whatever and the Ancestry.com program keeps your identity hidden until you wish to release that information. I am sure that you can tell that I have had a lot of fun using the online family tree and I will continue to use it. However, I will keep my family genealogical data in the program (Brother's Keeper) on my computer as well as the printed records in my three inch loose leaf binder.

Charles Ward
Member of BCGS

Web Merge with Family Tree Maker (2010 - 2011) Article by Greg Burton member of BCGS

When in the Family View if there are matches available a Green Leaf will appear to the right of the Person's box in the pedigree view.

Hoover the cursor over the Green Leaf and the number of Matches will be displayed.

For Example

- 7 Ancestry hints found
- 2 Source records
- 5 Possible tree matches

Clicking on the link will bring up the possible matches.

Review the matches to see if the record is a match for the person in your file.

If you are satisfied with the match. The box at the bottom right will show Search result detail for the selected match. Click on Merge and the Web Merge Wizard will open.

There are options for each person in the Web Merge Wizard.

If the person is in your tree with matching information, there are options to select

- Make preferred
- Make alternate
- Discard this fact

If Discard this fact is selected there is a option to Keep sources

This will need to be done for each field in the person's record, Name, Birth, Death, Marriage, Burial, Residence and other field that may be in the internet source.

Additional family members in the Web Merge Wizard will have the option to Ignore this person. Do nothing with the information found in the Web Search

Add this person as a new (spouse or child)
Merge with existing (spouse or child) in your tree

If merging from a scanned document the media document will be downloaded as well and attached as the source.

Pit falls with web merge

Naming formats: Names may be in all CAPS or just last name in all CAPS
Names may be first letter Caps only
Placement of Jr., Sr. Etc, some place after the last name and some after middle name.

Family Tree Maker has a tool to convert names, the options are
First Middle Surname
First Middle SURNAME

To correct the placement of Jr. or Sr. each record will need to be edited one at a time.

Place Names are another problem with web merge. The place name can be edited from the Family View, the person view or from the Places view.

When editing a place name in the Family view or Person view and that place is used more than once in your file an option window will open showing

This place is linked to XXXX facts
Change all instances
Change only this instance

The window will show Old place name and New place name.

If Change all instances is selected it may take a while to complete the task.

When using Web Merge it is a good idea to have other windows open to search records to confirm that the match is valid.

Verifying records with Ancestry, Rootsweb, Foot Note, Genealogy Bank, Heritage Quest or other on line sources will help to ensure that the record is indeed a match.

If there are Possible Matches displayed that are not a match for the selected person the ignore record can be selected. Once all Possible Matches are either merged or ignored the Green Leaf will disappear from the person's box.

Can You Marry Your Cousin?

Consider this list:

Charles Darwin married his first cousin.

Albert Einstein's parents were first cousins. Then Albert married his own first cousin. Elsa Lowenthal, Einstein's second wife, was his first cousin on his mother's side. In fact, they were also "double cousins." Lowenthal also happened to be Einstein's second cousin on his father's side.

Franklin Delano Roosevelt and Eleanor Roosevelt were fifth cousins, once removed (a chart showing their relationship is available at <http://www.gwu.edu/~erpapers/teaching/q-and-a/q6.cfm>).

John Adams married his third cousin, Abigail Smith.

John F. Fitzgerald, former mayor of Boston and grandfather of John F. Kennedy, married his second cousin, Mary Josephine Hannon.

Rudy Giuliani, former mayor of New York, married his second cousin once removed, Regina Peruggi

Samuel F. B. Morse, inventor of the Morse Code, took his first cousin once removed, Sarah Elizabeth Griswold, as his second wife.

Johann Sebastian Bach married his second cousin, Maria Barbara Bach.

Jerry Lee Lewis married his first cousin, who was 13 years old at the time.

Edgar Allan Poe married his cousin Virginia Clemm in Baltimore in 1835. She was 13 years old at the time.

At the age of 21, Queen Victoria married her first cousin, Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha. For the next 20 years, they lived in close harmony and had a family of nine children, many of whom eventually married into the European monarchy.

Princess Mary of Teck (later to become Queen Mary) married her second cousin, once removed, King George V.

The above is an abbreviated list. A much longer list of notable couples who were cousins may be found at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_coupled_cousins

Thousands of people marry their first or second cousins every year. One article I read claims that twenty percent of all married couples in the United States are cousins. That reference comes from an article at <http://abcnews.go.com/2020/Stossel/story?id=2395516&page=1> that offers no source citations. I am not sure I believe it.

Once you go further apart than second cousins, the issue becomes more difficult. After all, can you name all your third cousins and fourth cousins and those even further away in the family tree? Very few people can do that. There is always a strong possibility that you unknowingly married a distant cousin. The only way to find out is to research both of your family trees. To be sure, all of us are related to each and every other person somewhere back in history. Therefore, you probably married a distant cousin. The difficulty lies in proving it.

In America, marrying your first cousin is legal in 25 states. Some lists claim that 26 states allow cousin marriage. The confusion apparently stems from the laws of North Carolina, where double cousin marriage is specifically prohibited, but marriages amongst "normal" cousins (those who are not double cousins) are allowed. (N.C. Gen. Stat. § 51-3). All first cousin marriages are permitted in the other 24 states.

Six states ban marriage between first cousins once removed, i.e., marrying the son or daughter of your first cousin. No states ban marriages between second cousins.

Some states have more "interesting" laws, such as Arizona: first cousins may marry only if both are sixty-five years of age or older.

A list of laws in each state may be found at <http://www.cousincouples.com/7pagesstates>. Click on the appropriate state in the map to view each state's laws.

No European country prohibits marriage between first cousins. It is also legal throughout Canada and Mexico to marry your first cousin. The U.S. is the only western country with cousin marriage restrictions.

Many people believe that the Bible is a higher authority than the laws of men. In Leviticus, Chapter 18 (KJV), God tells us that we are not to have sexual relations with a long list of relatives, but the word "cousin" is absent from the list. Leviticus does deny marriage to "any close relative," and scholars have long debated whether or not that includes cousins. However, the Bible contains many instances of cousin marriage. For instance, Zelophehad's daughters, Mahlah, Tirzah, Hoglah, Milcah

and Noah, married their cousins on their father's side (Numbers 36:1-11). According to that book, the important result was that "their inheritance remained in the tribe of their father's clan."

The Catholic Dictionary finds that Christ's parents- Joseph & Mary- were first cousins. Not all Protestants agree. More cousin marriages listed in the Bible may be found at <http://www.cousincouples.com/?page=religion>

The most common argument against cousin marriages is the increased risk of inherited diseases and birth defects. Indeed, there is some increased risk although the numbers appear to be small.

Non-related couples have a 2-3% risk of having children with birth defects. Couples who are first cousins double that risk to a 4-6% risk. Second cousins have little, if any, increased chance of having children with birth defects, according to the book "Clinical Genetics Handbook." (Source citation: <http://www.cousincouples.com/?page=facts>)

Many genetic diseases are caused by recessive genes. To get the disease, you must obtain the bad gene from both parents. The greater the genetic similarity between your parents, the greater your chance of getting two copies of the bad gene.

Charles Darwin, who knew something about genetics, married his first cousin, and they raised exceptional children. All of Darwin's children were healthy, had no known birth defects, and most of them apparently were either geniuses or near geniuses.

An interesting side issue is called pedigree collapse. When two individuals share an ancestor, the number of distinct ancestors of their offspring will be smaller than it could otherwise be. For example, a single individual today has more than 30 generations going back to the High Middle Ages with roughly a billion ancestors, more than the total world population at the time.

NOTE: This is impossible, of course. Nobody has more ancestors than those on the face of the earth. Duplicate ancestors (the same person appearing in multiple places in the family tree) will always appear in every person's ancestry chart if we research and find every ancestor. However, for the moment, let's focus only on the math involved.

A single individual occupies multiple places in the family tree when the parents of an ancestor are cousins (sometimes unbeknownst to themselves). For example, a person with no cousin relationships amongst his or her parents or grandparents has eight great-grandparents. Anyone whose parents were cousins only has six great-grandparents instead of the normal eight. One set of great-grandparents will show up twice in the ancestors chart. Going back to earlier and earlier generations results in a smaller and smaller number of ancestors when compared to the ancestry charts of the offspring of "unrelated" couples. This reduction in the number of ancestors is called pedigree collapse. It collapses the binary tree (two parents, four grandparents, eight great-grandparents, and so on in a binary progression).

Aside from the genetics, the legal issues, and the genealogies involved, social problems also arise. For instance, having a marriage is one thing, but going through a divorce is something else. You can move on from an ex-spouse or ex-lover, but there's no such thing as an ex-cousin. How are your parents and your ex's parents supposed to handle a nasty divorce or a breakup? How can they support their kids without antagonizing their siblings and their siblings' kids? You've wrecked your whole family.

Avoiding one's undesirable mother-in-law is already difficult in a normal marriage. What do you do if she is already "in the family" before marriage?

Each of us has millions of distant cousins. My belief is that most Americans are tenth cousins (or closer) to every other American. Some geneticists believe that everybody on Earth is at least 50th cousin to everybody else.

Chances are that you and your spouse were already related before your marriage.

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State Laws Regarding Marriages Between First Cousins

Twenty-five states prohibit marriages between first cousins. Six states allow first cousin marriage under certain circumstances, and North Carolina allows first cousin marriage but prohibits double-cousin marriage. States generally recognize marriages of first cousins married in a state where such marriages are legal.

Cousin marriage legal		First cousin marriage prohibited		Allowed under certain circumstances
Alabama	New Jersey	Arkansas	Nebraska	Arizona
Alaska	New Mexico	Delaware	Nevada	Illinois
California	New York	Idaho	New Hampshire	Indiana
Colorado	North Carolina*	Iowa	North Dakota	Maine
Connecticut	Rhode Island	Kansas	Ohio	Utah
District of Columbia	South Carolina	Kentucky	Oklahoma	Wisconsin
Florida	Tennessee	Louisiana	Oregon	
Georgia	Vermont	Michigan	Pennsylvania	
Hawaii	Virginia	Minnesota	South Dakota	
Maryland		Mississippi	Texas	
Massachusetts		Missouri	Washington	
		Montana	West Virginia	
			Wyoming	

First cousin marriage is allowed in these states under the following circumstances:
 Arizona- if both are 65 or older, or one is unable to reproduce. Illinois- if both are 50 or older, or one is unable to reproduce.

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ADAMS, John H. Jr.	(1898)	223	BITZER, Franklin	(1899)	415
ALBAN, Angeline	(1897)	116	BLAND, William B.	(1898)	328
ALBAN, Johannah	(1897)	129	BLANQUETT, Flora R.	(1899)	487
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ALDER, Daniel	(1900)	583	BOWEN, John	(1899)	461,507,572
ALGIRE, George Jr.	(1899)	518	BOWERS, Susan J.	(1899)	531
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ALLERS, Regina	(1900)	607	BOONE, Sallie P.K.	(1899)	441
ANDERSON, Isaac	(1897)	116	BONSAL, Stephen	(1897)	29
ANDERSON, John W.	(1900)	564	BRODIE, John A.	(1897)	12,165,353
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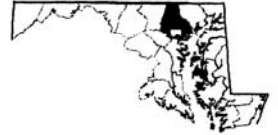
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EDITORS NOTES **Kenneth E. Zimmerman, Editor**

This Notebook has three major articles

1. Researching Maryland Death Records at Maryland State Archives.
2. Locating Digitized Maryland Death Certificates on line from the Maryland State Archives.

Recent experience at MSA using the Digitized Microfilm of the Death Indexes and Certificate to search and print has been easy and user friendly then in the past. MSA staff is concern and very helpful. There are no microfilm printers now in the Search Room.

3. **Baltimore County Administration Accounts Index 1900-1902**, Liber H.R. No. 16 beginning 23 April 1900 and ending 17 Dec 1902. This is the sixteenth 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: Genealogical Tips

A death certificate is likely the most "official" record of a death. Death records, including death certificates, obituaries and funeral home records, can include a wealth of information on the deceased, including the names of their parents, siblings, children and spouse; when and where they were born and/or married; the occupation of the deceased; possible military service; and cause of death. All of these clues can be helpful in telling us more about our ancestor, as well as leading us to new sources of information on his life.

Remember the death certificate information is only as accurate as the informant knowledge of the person's life events.

Researching Maryland Death Records at the Maryland State Archives

Background on Death Records

Although the State Board of Health began regulating death registration for the 23 counties in 1898, Baltimore City continued to maintain its own records until 1972. At some point the city microfilmed the death certificates, and unfortunately the original certificates for the years 1875 to 1949 were destroyed after the microfilming. The only extant copies of these certificates are now the microfilm copies.

In 1898, the General Assembly passed a law regarding the registration of deaths in the 23 counties. The law declared that "the secretary of the State Board of Health shall be the State Registrar of Vital Statistics for Maryland; he shall. . . prepare the necessary methods, books, and forms for accurate registration of . . . deaths; and shall supply the local registrars, health officers, ministers, physicians, undertakers, midwives and other persons. . . the proper blanks, forms and books of record" (Chapter 312, Acts of 1898). This law initiated the recording of deaths in the 23 counties. It did not affect the city of Baltimore, however, because Baltimore's Health Department had been registering deaths since 1875. Initially, compliance with the law on the local level was incomplete. As the state Board of Health gradually increased its control over the local boards, registration became more reliable. Researchers should keep in mind, however, that as late as 1914 the Board of Health was still trying to increase compliance with the law, and some deaths went unrecorded.

The 1898 law also dictated that "the record of a death shall state the date and place of its occurrence, name, age, sex, color, condition, birth place, cause of death, duration of illness; the names, residence and color of parents, and the name and address of the attending physician." By 1911, the death records also included occupation, birth date, place of burial, and the name of the informant. In 1931 the Bureau of Vital Statistics added the residence of the deceased and the name of the spouse, if any. From 1898 to 1923 and from 1931 to 1985 the certificates are arranged chronologically by year and month, then alphabetically by county within each month and then alphabetically by surname within each county. The records from 1924 to 1930 are arranged first by year, then by county, and then alphabetically by surname. Both arrangements make it possible to find a death record if the name, county, month and year of death are known. However, the Archives do have indexes in which to look up the date and place of death if that information is uncertain. Maryland State Archives is in possession of death records up to the year 2001 and can complete requests up to that year.

Beginning in 1950 Baltimore City Death Certificates were indexed phonetically, a system whereby the initial of the last name is followed by three numbers representing the first three consonants after the initial. This is known as the Soundex System, and the [National Archives' Soundex Machine](#) enables a researcher to convert a name to its soundex equivalent quickly.

On July 1, 1972 the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Division of Vital Records took over the responsibility of registering Baltimore City deaths from the Baltimore City Health Department, Bureau of Vital Statistics. The separate series maintained by the two agencies

became a single series of records covering both Baltimore City and the 23 counties. These death records give the name, sex, race, age, marital status, birthplace, and occupation of the deceased; the date, place, and cause of death; names and birthplaces of parents; name of spouse, if any; names of attending physician and informant; and the date and place of burial.

Finding Death Records

First: Know what is available and what is not available. Except for a short-lived attempt in the 1860s, the State of Maryland did not begin issuing civil birth and death records until 1898. Baltimore City had started earlier, in 1875. Current state law allows researchers to obtain death certificates that are over 10 years old.

Second: Determine the date and place of birth or death. If date of death is not known, determine when was the last time the person appeared in the [census](#). If the person died in Baltimore City, check [city directories](#) starting with the last time the person appeared in the Census. When the person disappeared from the Directory, begin to check the indices. Place of death is important. An individual may have lived all his or her life in one county or city, but actually died in another county or city. The death certificate is issued in the place where death actually occurred.

Third: County death indices and the actual records have microfilm numbers that begin SR. Baltimore City death records have microfilm numbers that begin with CR. The indices at the Archives exist in various formats (microfilm, book, and electronically). For Baltimore City we have indices to deaths 1875 to 1972. For the counties we have indices to deaths 1898 to 1968. See the Archivist at the Help Desk for indices available through the Division of Vital Records database that the Maryland State Archives have only access to their database.

Fourth: Check the Baltimore City Index to obtain the certificate number. Certificates in Baltimore City are filed by these numbers. In the counties, certificates are usually filed alphabetically, month by month, and within each month, county by county. The actual records also exist in various formats. For Baltimore City we have records 1875 to 1972. For the counties we have records 1898 to 1972. The Archives has State Records of deaths, 1972 to 1987.

How to Order Death Records

Please note: The current response time for research and copy orders is approximately six weeks. Orders for documents required in active court cases or for the health, safety or welfare of persons can be prioritized.

Note: You can print out some death certificates on the Maryland State Archives computer using 8 ½ x 11 paper for \$1.00.

The Maryland State Archives is pleased to announce that our digital initiative <http://mdvitalrec.net> is online and that the Reference Department is now accepting orders for genealogical and legal purposes from the County Death Record Indexes, 1898-1944 and Baltimore City, 1875-1972. For more information and ordering instructions, please read the introductory statement on the first page of the system. Please note: Although the online index only goes to the years 1972 for Baltimore City and 1944 for the counties, the Maryland State

Archives is in possession of death records up to the year 2001 and can complete requests up to that year.

Please send requests to:

Maryland State Archives
350 Rowe Blvd.
Annapolis, MD 21401
fax: 410-974-2525
e-mail: ref@mdsa.net

Orders for death records must include the decedent's name, date of death (at least a month and year), location of death (a county or city in Maryland), your own contact information and payment.

Death certificates cost \$25.00. All copies are certified.

Please keep in mind that all copy and research fees

<http://guide.mdsa.net/viewer.cfm?page=placeorder> are non-refundable, even if no information is found. However, we will mail you a report on the search and suggestions for further research. We will also determine what agency may hold the records you need and will advise, providing you with contact information.

For death certificates after the year 2001 please contact the Department of Health & Mental Hygiene:

Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Division of Vital Records
Reisterstown Plaza, 6550 Reisterstown Road
Baltimore, MD 21215
Phone: 410-764-3038 (recording 24 hours, with menu options)
TTY/Maryland Relay Service: 800-735-2258
Fax: 410-358-0738
Web site: <http://www.vsa.state.md.us/>

Source Documentation for above information:

<http://guide.mdsa.net>

Guide to Government Records
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Instructions on how to locate electronic death certificates in the Maryland State Archives' public search room.

Locating Digitized Maryland Death Certificates, 1875-1972

The Maryland State Archives has digitized the majority of Maryland death certificates and their associated indices. The indices are available both at the Archives and through the Internet, but the death records are only available in Annapolis.

Baltimore City, 1875-1972

Indices

Baltimore City death certificate indices are found online in the *Guide to Government Records* in series **CE42**. The indices allow access to the certificates by providing the certificate number necessary to locate the actual record.

Typing **CE42** in the "Jump By Series ID" box opens the entire inventory to the series. This series is comprehensive for Baltimore City **except** for the years 1943-1949. (See below.) The indices work in several ways across the years. Once you have located the index for the period and letter you need to research, click on the underlined word Link to open a digital image copy of the original index.

- From 1875 to December 1893 the indices are broken out into books, first by the first letter of the last name, then by period. The period covered by each book varies.
- From 1894 to 1903 the indices are broken out into letters (first letter of last name and first letter of first names), and then by year in the digital images.
- From 1904 to 1942 the indices are arranged by year, and then by first letter of last name, the first vowel in the last name, and then chronologically.
- From 1943 to 1949 a searchable database is located at www.mdvitalrec.net. Enter the last name, first name (if available) and year (if available.) The database will return the certificate number.
- For 1950-1972 the index is arranged by Soundex number. If you are unfamiliar with Soundex, use the Archives computer to Google the term "Soundex converter". Several will be offered. Input the last name, and note down the resulting code. Return to CE42, locate the two year period in which the death you are researching occurred, and locate the appropriate range of Soundex codes. The link will take you to images of the indices. The names will be arranged first by Soundex code, and then alphabetically by first name. The certificate number will be in the far right column. Note that the certificate numbers begin again every year.

Death Certificates

Once you have located the certificate number, you will use it to obtain a copy of the death certificate. While death certificates are obtained using three different techniques, you will need to use the inventory to microfilmed certificates, series CM1132, for the first two. Type **CM1132** into the "Jump By Series ID" box and click "go".

- For **1875 to October, 1908, certificate C16299** you will access the death certificates **directly** from the **CM1132** inventory. In the “Filter Items” box at the top of the inventory, leave the “Column to filter on” box set to “date”. Enter the year of the person’s death into the “filter criteria” box. Click on the “filter Results” button. The filter will return several records which include the year of the death. Locate the certificate number you obtained from the index in the “Description” column. Click on the underlined Link, which will open a digital copy of the Baltimore City death certificate microfilm. Allow the very large files to download. Using the scroll bar on the right side of the browser, scroll down through the images until you locate the needed certificate.
- From **October, 1908, certificate C16300 to December, 1949** you will need to write down the microfilm reel number (CRxxxxx), located in the Film Reel column. Then minimize the browser and go to the computer desktop. You will see an icon depicting a small blue file cabinet, labeled “**Archival Film Viewer**”. Click on this icon, which will open a dialog box. Enter the reel number you obtained from the CM1132 inventory in the “Reel ID” box and click the “View Images” button. A viewer (Irfanview) will open. You will navigate through these images by either clicking on the blue arrows on the viewer toolbar, or by typing a page number into the box on the toolbar and hitting return.
- From **January, 1950 to 1972** you will access the death certificates through **CE502**. Type the series number into the “Jump By Series ID” box and click on the “Jump” button. Once in the series, in the “Filter Items” box at the top of the inventory, leave the “Column to filter on” box set to “date”. Enter the year of the person’s death into the “filter criteria” box. Click on the “filter Results” button. The filter will return several records which include the year of the death. Locate the certificate number you obtained from the index in the “Description” column. Click on the underlined Link, which will open a digital copy of the Baltimore City death certificate microfilm. Allow the very large files to download. Using the scroll bar on the right side of the browser, scroll down through the images until you locate the needed certificate. You can also navigate through the images by using the arrows at the bottom of the browser page, and by typing in a page number in the search box at the bottom.

County Death Certificates, 1898-1972

Indices

State wide death certificate indices are found online in the *Guide to Government Records* in series **SE58, 1898 to 1944**, and **SE8, 1945 to 1968**. The contents of these series are digital images of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Division of Vital Records index cards. **SE58** is broken out into multi-year periods, and then alphabetically by last name and first name. The periods are:

- 1898 to 1903
- 1904 to 1913
- 1914 to 1923
- 1924 to 1933
- 1934 to 1944

SE8 is also broken out into multi-year periods, and then alphabetically by last name and first name. The periods are:

- 1945 to 1958
- 1959 to 1968.
- **Please note that there is no indexing available for 1969 to 1972.**

Required information needed to locate the death certificate found on these cards includes the name of the deceased, and date and county of death. Additional identifying information includes the race of the deceased and age at time of death.

County Death Certificates

Once you have located the indexing information you can retrieve the death certificate through the Archives' computers. The certificates are located in four series found in the *Guide to Government Records*. Use the "Jump By Series ID" box to navigate to the appropriate period.

- **SE42** – 1898 to April, 1910
- **SE43** – May, 1910 to June, 1951
- **SE44** – July, 1951 to June, 1969
- **SE45** – July, 1969 to December, 1972

As with the other series, in the "Filter Items" box at the top of the inventory, leave the "Column to filter on" box set to "date". Enter the year of the person's death into the "filter criteria" box. Click on the "filter Results" button. The filter will return several records which include the year of the death.

The arrangement of the death records will vary. In some years the inventory records will be arranged by month and county. In other years the inventory will be arranged by county. You will need to examine the inventory to determine the scheme. Once you have identified the correct item level record for the year, month and county you will click on the underlined Link to open the digital copies of the certificates. Using the scroll bar on the right side of the browser, scroll down through the images until you locate the needed certificate. You can also navigate through the images by using the arrows at the bottom of the browser page, and by typing in a page number in the search box at the bottom.

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BALTIMORE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNT INDEX
1900-1902

Compiled by Carol Porter
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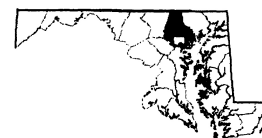
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2. "1940 U.S. Census Records to be Free" From Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter and is copyright 2012 by Richard W. Eastman dated September 13, 2011
3. "Steve Morse Releases the Unified 1940 Census Enumeration District Finder" From Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter and is copyright 2012 by Richard W. Eastman. Vol. 17 No. 1 - January 2, 2012
4. Baltimore County Administration Accounts Index 1900-1902, Liber H.R. No. 17 beginning 1902 and ending 1905 This is the seventeenth and last of a series for the Notebook. Our member Carol Porter compiled the index. We greatly appreciate her dedication and hard work.

Genealogical Tip of the Quarter Genealogical Tips **"Genealogy Isn't Finding Just Dead People Anymore", By Denise R. Larson** **When looking for the living, don't forget the dead**

Obituaries are a rich source of family information. Though a secondary source and prone to errors made during a stressful time, names of surviving relatives can help track down others in the family. Official death records include the name of the person who furnished information about the deceased. Maybe that person knows who or what you are looking for.

Other documents that can link deceased persons to living heirs include: property deeds, tax records, probate papers, divorce decrees, bankruptcy court files, driver and professional licenses, and church records.

Source: Genealogy Pointers dated 12/06/2011 "Genealogy Pointers," is a weekly e-newsletter of expert tips, exclusive offers, and new product announcements. Enroll free at Genealogical Publishing Company www.genealogical.com

On line sources of indexes or original records

Maryland State Archives

<http://mdvitalrec.net/cfm/index.cfm>

<http://guide.mdsa.net/series.cfm?action=viewSeries&ID=CE42> scanned images of index cards created by Maryland Department of Vital Records. May provide, name, date of death, county of death, age and race.

http://www.mdlandrec.net/msa/stagser/s_1700/s_1741/cfm/index.cfm Maryland Land Records.

<http://ssdi.rootsweb.ancestry.com/> Just one source for SSDI, may provide, name, date of birth, date of death, State of issue, and last residence, caution on SSDI, location of death is last residence and may be wrong.

<http://www.sos.mo.gov/archives/resources/birthdeath/> Missouri Digital Archives, scanned images of vital records. Death records in Missouri are private for 50 years. Records are added in January after the 50 year period.

<http://www.wvculture.org/vrr/> West Virginia Vital Records, Birth, Death, Marriage

<http://archives.utah.gov/research/indexes/20842.htm> Utah death records

<http://genealogy.az.gov/> Arizona birth and death records

<http://www.findagrave.com/> may provide name, maiden name, dates of birth and death, links to family members, photos of memorials, biographies, grave marker transcription, plot information, GPS location.

<http://www.bcpl.info/databases.html#magazines> Baltimore County Public Library, newspapers, Baltimore Sun 1837 - 1986, Sep 1990 - Present. Washington Post, New York Times.

Check for newspaper web sites, many provide current issues.

<http://www.genealogvbank.com/gbnk/> A subscription service, historic newspapers, historic books, Newspaper Obituaries.

<http://www.fold3.com/> Fold 3, formerly footnote, a subscription service, Ancestry subscribers receive a 50% discount.

<http://www.ancestry.com/>

Above was a Handout from 27 Nov 2011 Baltimore County Genealogical Society meeting. Title: Ancestry.com, Genealogy Bank, Pro-Quest, Maryland Death Index, Find a Grave and Using multiple online data bases. Speaker: Greg Burton,

1940 U.S. Census Records to be Free



This "news" has been mentioned in previous newsletter articles but I discovered last week at the FGS conference that not everyone has "received the word." Therefore, I'll repeat the news in an attempt to tell even more people.

The 1940 U.S. census records will be released by the U.S. National Archives and Records Administration on April 2, 2012. That's less than seven months from now. Best of all, the more than 3.8 million original document images containing 130 million-plus records will be available to everyone free of charge.

To be sure, not everything will be available on April 2. Not only are the records unavailable to genealogists prior to April 2, those records are also unavailable to indexers and unavailable to the companies that host the records online. **EVERYONE** gains access on April 2. The companies involved in making the records available online will require several months to digitize and index the records and then to make them available online.

I would look for the records to become available online within days but without indexes. The indexes will probably be added around June or July. If you are looking for ancestors in any town or city of significant size, you will want the indexes.

Ancestry.com has already pledged to make the 1940 census records available online free of charge through the end of 2013. One will be able to search more than 45 fields, including name, gender, race, street address, county and state, and parents' places of birth.

Other online sites also will offer the same records online, although with different indexes and with different search criteria. FamilySearch will have the records available free of charge forever.

Having different indexes is a great benefit as errors are common in all indexes. Having two or more versions of the records available makes it easy to compare one version against the other version(s), greatly increasing the probability of finding the information you seek.

You can find more information about the release of the 1940 census on the National Archives and Records Administration's website at www.archives.gov/research/census/1940/index.html

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Steve Morse Releases the Unified 1940 Census Enumeration District Finder

Steve Morse is well known for producing a series of great tools for genealogists at his One-Step website. Now he has added a new tool to assist with the 1940 U.S. Census. Like all his other tools, this one is available free of charge.

Steve writes:

Last week a new 1940 Census tool was added to the Census section of the One-Step website (<http://stevemorse.org>). It's called the Unified 1940 Census ED Finder (<http://stevemorse.org/census/unified.html>). Here's some background so that you can appreciate why this tool is necessary and what it does.

As you know, the 1940 census when released on April 2 will not have a name index, and probably won't have a complete one for at least six months. In the interim, the only way to access the census is by ED. That means that researchers will have to determine the EDs for their locations. And the largest collection of tools for doing such is on the One-Step website.

The One-Step 1940 ED tools consists of the Large City ED Finder, the ED Street Finder, the ED Definitions tool, the 1930/1940 ED converter, the ED Map tool, and the Census Tracts tool. That's a daunting number of tools so, to make life simpler, a Tutorial Quiz was recently introduced (yes, another tool) that guides the user through a series of questions and recommends the appropriate tool based on his answers.

But the Tutorial Quiz takes time and understanding, and most researchers would like to just jump in and find their ED. That's what the Unified ED Finder allows them to do. They simply enter on the form as much of their location as they know. The tool then makes the decision as to which of the other One-Step tools is most appropriate, and takes the user directly to that tool with the desired ED (or perhaps a small number of possible EDs) displayed. And each ED so displayed contains a link to the census images for that ED, although the links will not be operational until April 2.

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