



Education

Preservation

Networking

That Splendid Little War:

Researching the Spanish-American War

Our speaker: Michael L. Strauss, AG

Thursday, February 13, 2025

Networking/announcements at 6:30 pm PT

Program at 7:00 pm

Via Zoom---watch for the link*

About our speaker:

Michael L. Strauss, AG, has been employed as a forensic genealogist for 25 years and has a BA in history. He is a court qualified expert witness in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Virginia. Michael is a veteran of the United States Coast Guard and faculty member at IGHR, SLIG and GRIP where he coordinates the military courses and has been active in Civil War reenacting for almost 30 years.

About our program: This lecture focuses on service records, pensions and other primary

sources covering veterans who served in both the regular army and volunteer forces during the Spanish-American War. Also included are the later Philippine Insurrection and the Boxer Rebellion, and all three conflicts will be examined with research sources and methodology.

Everyone is welcome---we hope you will join us.

For more information about EGS, visit our website at eastsidegenealogicalsociety.org

*The Zoom link will be sent to members; otherwise check the website close to the program date.





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January 9, 2025—Finding the Origins of an Immigrant Ancestor—Summary

Debbie Gurtler, Asst Director—FamilySearch Library, Salt Lake City

Critical information for your search

- Full Name
- Birth place (town, county and state)
- Birth and/or marriage information +/- 1 year
- Family Connections/siblings and relatives

Places to Look (19th and 20th century ancestors)

- Birth/Death certificates
- Draft registrations
- Obituaries
- Ethnic societies or unions
- Border Crossing Cards
- Naturalization records
- Passenger lists for family members
- Original Social Security form

Look in Birth Country

- Church records
- Civil Registration
- Gazetteers for hometown information
- Departure records
- NOTE: Look for both Departure and Arrival records, as record keeping varied by country and year

Resource for finding Naturalization records

Look for *siblings in case your ancestor did not become a naturalized citizen but siblings did*

https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Main_Page

Melissa Kacher

Church records are invaluable. If you know the religion of your ancestor, look at a map of their town to locate possible churches. In Ireland, for example, many records were maintained by the religion—Church of Ireland, Presbyterian, Catholic. Investigate if the person might have “changed religions” due to local persecution of birth religion during that era.

- Look at *all records*. For example, see if there is a **second page to a census form**.

- Did your ancestor apply for social security? This site may help. There is a cost.

<https://www.ssa.gov/foia/request.html>

Beth Snyder



President's Message

If you're interested in military research, February is your month! There are several presentations being offered by Puget Sound area genealogical societies during the month focused on researching service in the military. Enjoy the wealth of information available!

Civil War

First on the schedule is the Civil War. Seattle Genealogical Society's Second Saturday meeting will be held at 1:00 PM PT on **Saturday, February 8**. They are hosting Brian Rhinehart, the owner of CivilWarRecords.com, to present, "I Have a Civil War Ancestor: Now What?"

Description from his website:

Civil War soldiers often left a rich genealogical paper trail. Many of these records are tucked away at the National Archives in Washington DC. Learn what records are available for your ancestors only at the National Archives, what records are online already, and how to access all of them. These records may unlock some of the family stories that have been forgotten over time, as well as break down a brick wall or two!

Mr. Rhinehart is a graduate of Boston University's Certificate of Genealogy Research and a researcher for PBS's Finding Your Roots. A direct descendant of seven Civil War soldiers, he specializes in research and record retrieval for Civil War and War of 1812 soldiers at the National Archives in Washington, DC, and has retrieved military files there for hundreds of clients. Registration is necessary to obtain the Zoom link and is available on their website at <https://seagensoc.org/eventListings.php?nm=67>.

Spanish American War

Next is our monthly meeting on **Thursday, February 13**, which features Michael L. Strauss, AG presenting, "That Splendid Little War: Researching the Spanish-American War." The Spanish-American War lasted only a few months from April 21-December 10, 1898. The presentation will focus on the war against Spain and includes the Boxer Rebellion (1900) and the Philippine Insurrection (1899-1902) in which U.S. soldiers participated. Mr. Strauss is an Accredited Genealogist, forensic investigator, a licensed Private Investigator, and a qualified expert witness in Surrogate Court and Circuit Court in multiple states. He is a nationally well-known instructor and lecturer on military topics, ranging from the Revolutionary War to Vietnam and everything in between. In addition to his book ("Fredericksburg at War"), articles, digital publications, blog posts, and media appearances, he was the Film Historian and Genealogist

President's Message, cont'd

for the film, "Finding Vivian Maier," released in 2013. With his wide background and military expertise, we're looking forward to learning about U.S. military records from the turn of the 19th century.

The Zoom link will be available on our website at eastsidegenealogicalsociety.org and sent to members via email.



After the February 13 meeting,

Join the Conversation!

- How were your relatives affected by the Spanish American War?
- Do you have stories to share about ancestors in the 1898 timeframe?

Revolutionary War

The third presentation of the month is about the Revolutionary War. South King County Genealogical Society is also hosting Michael L. Strauss, AG for their Speaker Series in February. On **Saturday, February 15**, at 10:00 AM PT, he will be presenting, "The Road to Independence: Revolutionary War Records." He describes this talk on his website as follows:

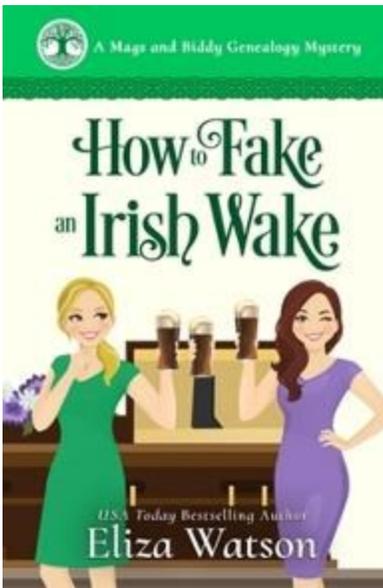
The Revolutionary War was fought in part over tensions between England and her colonies that escalated over time into violence with the opening shots fired in Massachusetts in April 1775. Some of the historical records examined will include compiled military service records, pensions, state and federal bounty land, local militia, along with records from the Continental Navy and Marine Corps. Additionally historical context includes some of the national emergencies after the end of the war in 1783 including both Shay's Rebellion and the later Whiskey Rebellion.

Guests are always welcome to attend their meetings which are online via Zoom. Registration is necessary to obtain the Zoom link and is available on their website at <https://www.skcgs.org/>.

Janet Stroebel

EGS Book Club SIG News

Come join the fun! If you like to read, the EGS Book Club SIG might be for you. We had our first meeting on January 23rd, and decided when we will meet and the first five books we will be reading. We meet by Zoom, so you can join from wherever you are.

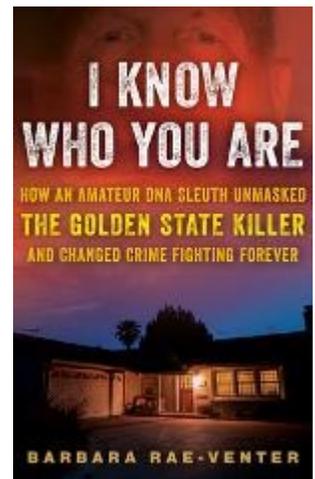
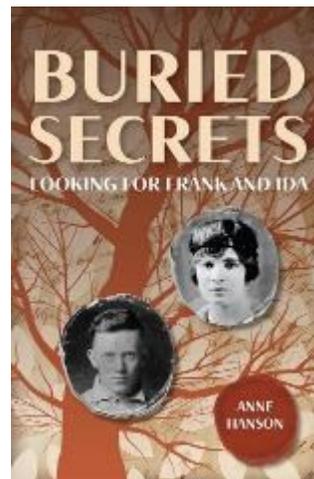
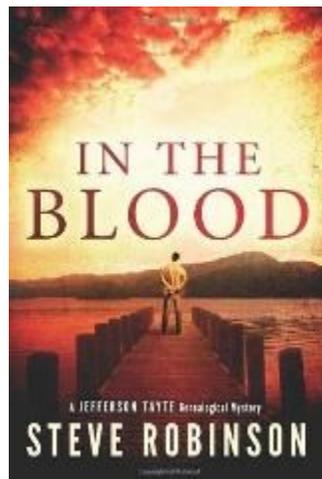
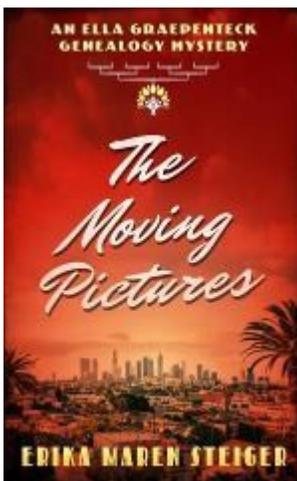


Friday, February 28, 10:00 PT, via Zoom

How to Fake an Irish Wake, a Cozy Mystery Set in Ireland

It's been a rough year for 26-year-old Mags Murray. First she learns that her dad isn't her biological father, a secret her mother took to her grave three years earlier. Then her beloved Irish grandmother passes away at Christmas while Mags is visiting her from the States. Now Mags must host her grandmother's wake and sell her cottage. A cottage filled with cherished memories. A cottage Mags inherited but her odd jobs won't enable her to keep.

Shortly after the funeral, a young man, Finn O'Brien, arrives at the cottage with an old photograph. Finn believes the boys in the photo are a clue to his father's identity. It might take a fake Irish wake to reveal Finn's father.



Future books on our list are shown above.

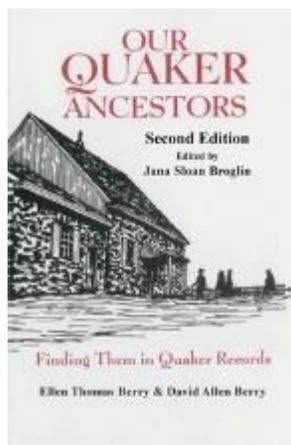
Contact [Kimberly Nichols](#) to be added to the email list to receive the Zoom link.



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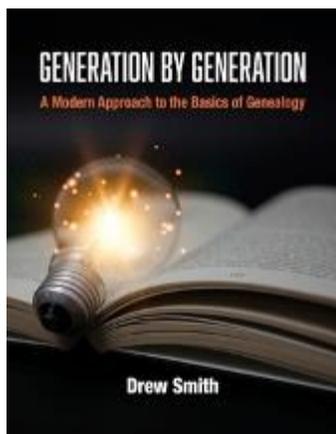
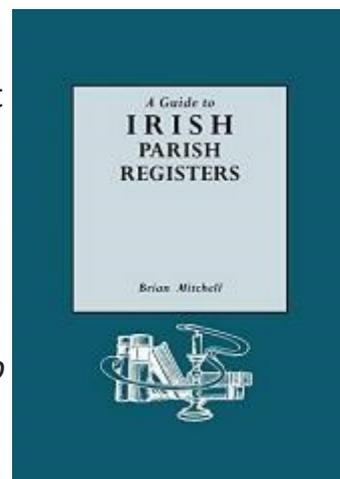
EGS Donations to the Bellevue Library

The following titles were submitted to the library in December and should be on the shelves sometime in February.



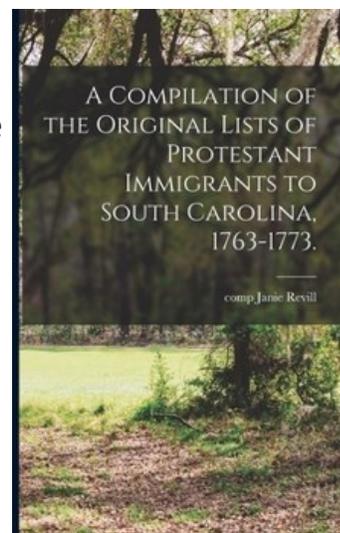
Our Quaker Ancestors – Finding Them in Quaker Records 2nd edition – This is 2022 edition of one that replaces one in the library from 1987. One copy will be held in the **Reference Section** and one will be available to circulate.

A Guide to Irish Parish Registers by Brian Mitchell – This book will help you find what parish records exist and aid your search in finding your Irish ancestors. One copy of the 2009 version was ordered for the Reference Section.



Generation by Generation: A Modern Approach to the Basics of Genealogy by Drew Smith – One copy was ordered for the Reference Section but a few are available for circulation.

A Compilation of the Original Lists of Protestant Immigrants to South Carolina, 1763-1773 by Janie Revill – This book will be available in the Bellevue Library to help you find your early ancestors in South Carolina.



NOTES: The covers of the donated books may not match the images here, as there are multiple versions of each cover.

As always, if there are books you would like to see added to our collection, please send your selection to [Jane Wickert](#).



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German Interest Group

Presenter: Bernard N. Meisner



Bernard began researching his family over 30 years ago and enjoys sharing lessons learned from that experience.

He is a past president of the Mid-Cities Genealogical Society and a co-leader of the Dallas Genealogical Society's German SIG.

He earned a B.S. in Physics/German from Carnegie Mellon University, and an M.S. and PhD. in meteorology from the University of Hawaii.

When: Friday, 7 February 2025

12:30 to 2:30 pm Pacific

Topic: How a Non-German Speaking Person Can Trace Their German Ancestors

Learn how to conduct an exhaustive search of U.S. records to identify your ancestor's home town and religion. Recognize some obstacles you may have to overcome to ensure you are re-searching the correct person in the correct place -- name changes, replacement children, spelling variants, multiple towns with the same name. Learn how to use finding aids to identify where civil and church records might be located. Discover examples of online resources for correspondence and reading/interpreting German printing and handwriting.

[Register](#)



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Italian Interest Group meeting

Saturday, 15 February, 2025

1:30 – 3:30 PM Pacific

[Please send me an invitation link](#)

Topic: Using Social Security Records to Break Down Brick Walls

Presenter: Roslyn I. Torella



Social Security records can provide clues to your ancestor's name, origin, and social history. Learn what records are available and how to find and interpret them. In this presentation we will cover a brief history of Social Security Benefits, the anatomy of the SSN, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests, what is the Death Master File (DMF) and Social Security Death Index (SSDI) and how to interpret Social Security records found on Ancestry and Family-Search.

Roslyn Torella specializes in Italian and immigrant genealogy through her business, Mahoning Valley Roots. She wrote a monthly Italian genealogy column for La Gazzetta Italiana for many years and is treasurer and newsletter editor for the Mahoning County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society. She has published in the National Genealogical Society (NGS) Magazine. Roslyn enjoys conducting workshops and lectures on genealogy and is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists. She lives in Lowellville, Ohio, where she is known as her hometown's "unofficial, self-appointed historian" and has written and published a book about her hometown's wicked past.



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Special Interest Groups—Sponsored by EGS

SIG	Meetings	Coordinator	Email/Website
DNA	Contact Bruce for meeting schedule	Bruce Lee	bruceearllee.egs@gmail.com
Family Tree Maker SIG	3rd Friday of most months at 10:30 AM	Janet Stroebel	ftmsig@eastsidegenealogicalsociety.org
German Interest Group	1st Friday of the month from 12:30-2:30 with times adjusted for international speakers. Don't meet in July and August.	Dorothy Pretare	GIG_Leader@eastsidegenealogicalsociety.org
Italian Interest Group	meets virtually 1:30-3:30 pm on the 3rd Saturday of the month Sept. through June excluding December	Mary Sangalang	egs-iig.com

Special Interest Groups

Sponsored by [Seattle Genealogical Society](#) (SGS) - Click on [Calendar of Events](#)

[South King County Genealogical Society](#) (SKCGS) - Click on [Meetings and Events](#) —> [Monthly Schedule](#)

[Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society](#) (TPCGS) - Click on [Events](#)

SGS

Pacific Northwest Interest Group
 Write It Up! Writers' Group
 FamilySearch Users Group
 MAC Computer Interest Group
 Irish Interest Group
 Scandinavian Interest Group
 Brags and Bricks
 Mexican Special Interest Group

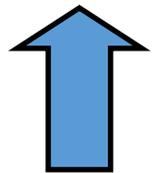
SKCGS

Technical User Group
 Genealogy Chat
 Family History Writing
 Family Tree Maker Users Group
 WikiTree Interest Group

TPCGS

Genealogy Chat
 Legacy Family Tree
 Writing Family History

Click on the link of the individual Genealogical Society listed above for dates and times of specific SIGs





Irish Genealogy Seminar with The Ulster Historical Society

The Irish Heritage Club will host an all Ireland, all day, genealogy seminar on March 2nd 2025 at Archbishop Murphy High School, 12911 39th Ave SE, Everett, WA 98208 (PLEASE NOTE THIS CHANGE OF LOCATION)

The Ulster Historical Foundation's North American Tour stops in Everett, on March 2nd for an engaging genealogy seminar. This interactive event offers a unique opportunity to explore Irish and Scots-Irish ancestry with expert guidance. Attendees will gain valuable insights, research tips, and access to resources for tracing family histories.

Don't miss this chance to connect with your heritage and uncover ancestral roots.

Reserve your spot for this enriching cultural experience!

Tickets: <https://www.eventcreate.com/e/genealogy-seminar>

The Foundation <https://ulsterhistoricalfoundation.com/about>



The Program

Join Kimberly Nichols
and Marcia Williams at
this event!



**Ulster Historical
Foundation**
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- 9.30 Registration and welcome
- 10.00 Introduction to Irish and Scots-Irish family history research
- 11.00 Break
- 11.15 Irish townlands & the importance of place, identity & administrative divisions
- 12.30 Lunch. Sandwich options available for purchase.
- 1.30 Using Land Records: Griffith's Valuation, Tithe and Estate Records
- 2.30 Census Substitutes and other important sources for the 18th and 19th centuries
- 3.30 Break
- 3.45 The Ulster Plantation and sources for finding 17th century families in Ireland
- 4.45 Solving your 'Brick Walls', an Interactive session for your questions
- 5:30 Close

Website for tickets:

[https://
www.eventcreate.com/
genealogy-seminar](https://www.eventcreate.com/genealogy-seminar)

Tickets

Tickets are **\$50** and are available now from the Irish Heritage Club at:

<https://www.eventcreate.com/e/genealogy-seminar>





TWISTED BRANCHES

Monthly feature where we share unusual twigs on our family trees.

February 2025

My Paper Tree and DNA don't match!

In 2020, with a lot of time on my hands, I decided to try to figure out some of my DNA matches that I had and did not understand. A few years before, I received a new match for a woman, and the results showed she was 1st -2nd cousin. The problem was, I did not recognize her name. I used Ancestry's messaging system, gave her the surnames and locations I was researching, including Wichita Kansas, where most of my family was from. I got a reply from someone managing her DNA results, who said the tester did not recognize any of my surnames, but she lived in **Wichita!** I tried to find out how we connected but had no luck and not a lot of time to do more.

My Dad Did Not Look Like His Parents!

All the time I was doing this, I kept in the back of my mind that my paternal grandmother liked to have boyfriends! So I thought maybe something had happened with her. **And my Dad did not look like his parents. He had darker skin, dark hair and brown eyes. His parents had fair skin and light brown hair.** Our family always wondered who he looked like, and my Mom always said he must be Welsh!

I used the Shared Centimorgan Project to help me determine what possible relationships these matches could be. It turned out most could be a 1st half cousin or a 1st cousin 1x removed. I knew they were not the removed cousins since I know the surnames for those cousins. The 1st half cousin relationship would have made them have a common grandparent with me. I decided it would have had to be a grandfather rather than grandmother, since I knew my grandmother had given birth to my father and I had photos to prove that!

I decided to see who could have possibly been the unknown grandfather. I started looking through the trees to see who was in Wichita around the time my Dad would have been conceived, and who would have been the right age. I went through all the men in

the trees, and it turned out there was only one man that was the likely candidate. Others were either too young, didn't live in Wichita, or were too old. And this man worked and lived not too far from my grandmother. I also found a photo of this man, and he looked just like my Dad. What a surprise!

Around this same time, I took a DNA class and as part of the class, I got a one-on-one meeting with **Michelle Leonard, a DNA expert and teacher.** I showed her everything I had done and what my conclusion was, and she agreed. It was very exciting and I also felt a little strange in that I now had this whole new branch of my family that I knew nothing about, and they did not know about us, as far as I could tell.

I went back through my matches and it now all made sense. I have a new branch on my family tree, with a lot of new names. And this also made my ethnicity results make more sense too.

Remember, when you test with DNA, be prepared to find anything. I thought I knew my whole family and I sure got a surprise!

Kimberly Nichols

Twisted Branches, Another Story

Different DNA Kits, Different Results—What Gives?

I have had my DNA on [ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com) and on [23andme.com](https://www.23andme.com) for years. The ethnicity reports of each site are quite similar and 'fit' with the genealogical research I've done on my ancestors, a project that started way back in 1985.

Paternal Ethnicity

My paternal grandfather, Nicolo Mattaliano, was born in 1885 in Palermo, Sicily and died 1926 in New York City. I am still working on his Sicilian line. My paternal grandmother, Jane Mary "Jennie" Labrie was born in 1899 in Lynn, Massachusetts; her entire family came from Quebec in the 1870s and later and settled in Lynn. I have traced them in Quebec back to when the earliest settlers from France came in the 1600s. My DNA ethnicity reports show that I am approximately 25% Southern Italian and 25% French/French Canadian, as any reasonable person would expect.

Maternal Ethnicity

My maternal grandfather, Terrance McCord, was born in Erie, Pennsylvania in 1899 and died in Tampa, Florida in 1956. I have traced his ancestors back to New York where they first settled in the mid-1770s; their ancestors lived in Scotland and Ireland. My maternal grandmother, Lucille Frances "Fannie" Tounsley, was born in Tampa, Florida in 1904 and died there in 1986. Her ancestors have been traced back to the mid-1660s in New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Connecticut. They all came from England. My DNA ethnicity reports show that I am approximately 25% Scots/Irish and 25% English, as any reasonable person would expect.

My Results

I decided to have my DNA done by [MyHeritage.com](https://www.myheritage.com) which specialized in DNA matches and historical information pertaining to European Countries plus the United Kingdom, Israel, etc. My goal was hopefully to find some cousins in Sicily. But the DNA results are just plain weird and I'm still laughing at what they show:

- 41.8% North and West European
- 18.7% Irish, Scottish and Welsh
- 15.3% Iberian (an area between Spain and Portugal)
- 9.5% Greek and South Italian
- 1.3% Finish
- 10.1% NORTH AFRICAN AND NIGERIAN....really????**

Honestly, how on earth did [MyHeritage.com](https://www.myheritage.com) come up with this ethnicity report??? I'm glad that I paid only \$39 for this DNA test kit and did not pay another \$200 to have access to their entire website! And of course, the few close DNA matches I have are all French Canadian which are not of any great use to me. So yes, I'm still laughing!

Michele Heiderer

Another Twisted Branch Story

Who is Dawn and How/Why are you in Our DNA Matches?

As a family genealogist, I have access to DNA kits from husband Bruce and his brother Doug. In reviewing the matches in the “Close Family” category, we see the usual suspects: the brothers, their children and grandchildren. Also on the “Close Family” list is “Dawn” who matches Bruce with 617 cM and Doug with 533 cM. The predicted relationship is 1st cousin 1x removed or half grandniece. Ancestry notes the matches are on the paternal sides for all three. In reviewing Ethnicity estimates, the countries in Bruce and Doug’s lists overlap Dawn’s list. Looking at her tree, I expect to see some common names within a few generations. However, there aren’t any. Dawn – who are you and why are you so closely related to Bruce?

Dawn’s Tree

Her paternal side lists many Italian surnames, an ethnicity absent from all three people’s list.

After some messages between Dawn and me over several months, Dawn and I agreed to meet via Zoom to share trees and information. I learned that she grew up thinking she was Italian, and was surprised to find no Italian ethnicity from her DNA results. During our conversation, she said her mother was pregnant when she married and I wrote down her mother’s age, and when she was born. We agreed the man her mother married was not her biological father. Based on our conversation, I had a “suspect” for her biological father, an uncle of both Bruce and Doug.

Fast forward to additional research and I discovered she shares maternal DNA with a person who was married to Bruce’s uncle, my initial suspect. AHA! She is not the daughter of Bruce’s uncle, but of one of his two sons. Further exploration shows the timeline and geography makes this hypothesis worth further study.

Update

I’ve shared the discovery with Dawn and we will reconnect to continue our research.

Marcia Williams

March **TWISTED BRANCHES** - Irish Connections

In honor of St. Patrick’s Day, we’re celebrating the Irish! Do you have Irish ancestors? Send a list of surnames and origins to **Marcia Williams** before **Feb 19** for our **March newsletter**.

April **TWISTED BRANCHES** - Lexington and Concord, April 19, 1775

In honor of the 250th Anniversary of the Battle of Lexington and Concord, please look through your database and share the names of ancestors who fought or answered the call. List their hometown and relationship. Who knows? We might find some common ancestors in our group!



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Genealogical Problem Solving—How are Samuel and Martha Garner related?

I was recently asked a question about the 1950 census at our Ancestry Help Desk session that had me digging into the NARA site and other blog sites for more information.

The Research Question

The question involved the attached census entry for **Samuel and Martha Garner** on Sheet 71 of Enumera-

tion District 29-22 for Nevada, California. Ancestry, on their transcription page, lists Samuel as head of household and Martha as his sister. The person I was helping had done significant research on these two and knew that *they were not siblings* but were instead husband and wife. So how did Ancestry come up with the sibling relationship? (See below)

Line Number	Name	Relationship	Race	Gender	Age	Marital Status	Birth Place	Code B	Code C	Code D	Code E	Code F	Code G	Code H	Code I	Code J	Code K	Code L	Code M	Code N	Code O	Code P	Code Q	Code R	Code S	Code T	Code U	Code V	Code W	Code X	Code Y	Code Z
956	Person Transcribed from C.R.S. Census of Personal and Family History																															
957	Garner, Samuel J	Head	W	M	41	M	USA	100																								
958	Garner, Martha	Wife	W	F	36	M	USA	100																								
959	Witch, Thomas		W	M	27	S	USA	100																								

First, I looked at the general NARA website for the 1950 census at [Resources | 1950 Census](#). A quick review of the enumerators instructions and a few random sheets from the 29-22 enumerated sheets led to the following observations.

- Collecting data on housing and the quality of housing stock were a key focus of the 1950 census. However, the actual forms used to obtain this information were not saved (usually page 2 of the enumeration forms)
- Making sure that as many people as possible were enumerated by the census takers was a key goal.
- Performing small tests on new forms of self-enumeration were conducted in Ohio and Michigan. (The 1950 census was the last census where enumerators went to each household).

As the enumerator followed their route, they noted each dwelling that was on their map and took one of three actions:

1. If someone was home, the census taker gathered the information as was done in previous census years.
2. If the dwelling was vacant, the enumerator assigned a street, house number and dwelling number and wrote VACANT in the name column.
3. If the dwelling was inhabited but no one was at home then the dwelling number, street and address number were noted and NOT AT HOME was written in the name column. If the census taker found people at home on a return visit then the enumeration was listed on Sheet 71 or later and a note was made of the sheet number and lines of the inhabitants of the dwelling.



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How are Samuel and Martha Garner related?



Understanding the 1950 Census

The enumerator was expected to complete their urban assignments in 10 days; 30 days was allocated for rural assignments.

To help make sure those in hospitals, schools, hotels, prisons and other institutions were not missed the census takers designated something call “T-Night” where all enumerators were focused on these places. “T-Night” was April 11, 1950.

Blog/Online Resources for Research

In 1950, an additional step was taken to find people who were missed. This blog posting, [1950 Census: "Persons Transcribed from ICRs and MPFs" and "Persons Not Assigned to Dwelling Units" - Census Records Blog - Census Records - History Hub](#), shows an example of a form and how they were processed. Scroll down to see the codes that were used when these forms were transcribed.

A few good blogs about the codes listed above can be found at:

- [Revealing Codes in the 1950 Census: Leave Blank Column A — Start Researching Genealogy](#)
- <https://www.startresearching.com/blog/revealing-codes-in-the-1950-census-pt-2-leave-blank-b-amp-c>

- [Revealing Codes in the 1950 Census, Pt. 3: Occupation Codes in Leave Blank C — Start Researching Genealogy](#)

Going back to the Garners, I decided to search the NARA website for this enumeration district at

- [1950 Census - Home | 1950 Census.](#)

Back to the Problem

I entered the state (California) and the enumeration district. When I found the Garners, I could look at the images (although the quality is not optimal) or I could click on a link to look at the Enumeration District map. If I knew more about the Garners this might help me determine if I had the correct record.

The Garner entry is a transcribed ICR (Individual Census Record) and it was *encoded before being copied* onto Sheet 71 of ED 29-22. Therefore, using the codes for the “LEAVE BLANK A” column I found that a “1” in that column indicates the person is the head and a “2” indicates wife.

Mystery solved! *Yes—they are man and wife.*

Jane Wickert

Notation	Most Often
1	Head
2	Wife

Upcoming Events and Genealogy Help



Next Lunch Bunch—Thurs, Feb 20

11:30—1:00—reserved room in church across from the **FamilySearch Center**, 10675 NE 20th Street, Bellevue.

Use the **FamilySearch Center Library** with databases either available with a subscription or unavailable online—bring your laptop; library open until 6:00 PM.

Genealogy Help—Two options

1. Bellevue Library - Room 4

Thur Feb 13, Feb 27; 10:30—12:30

No registration required

In-person assistance with ...



Ancestry Library
Edition

2. Zoom 1-on-1 appts available

Wed Feb 19; 1:00 or 2:00

kcls.org, then Select **Events** and type **Genealogy**

See below

Want to help? email: [Jane Wickert](mailto:Jane.Wickert)



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Genealogy

Family Tree Maker SIG meeting

Friday, February 21

10:30 AM Pacific

- **Send Questions**
- **Join email list**

ftmsig@eastsidegenealogicalsociety.org



Welcome to RootsTech



[March 6—8, 2025](#)—Overview

[Online Registration—Free](#)

[In-person— Salt Lake City—\\$129](#)

Two ways to attend:

Online

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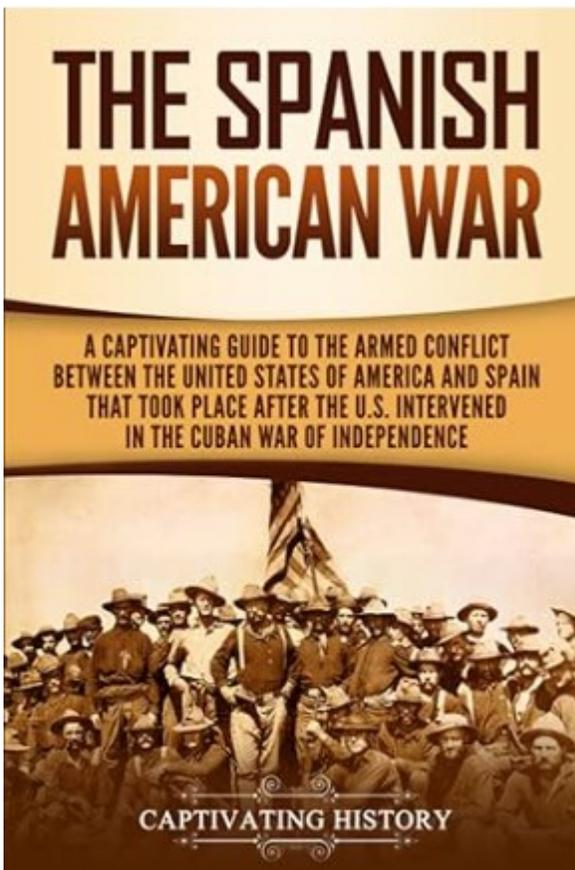
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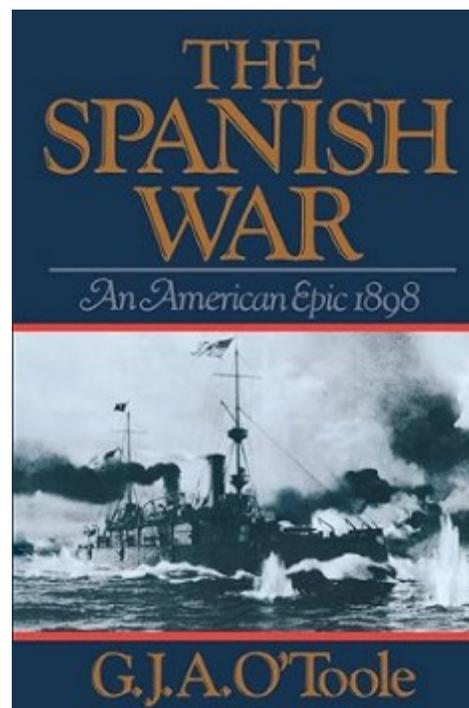
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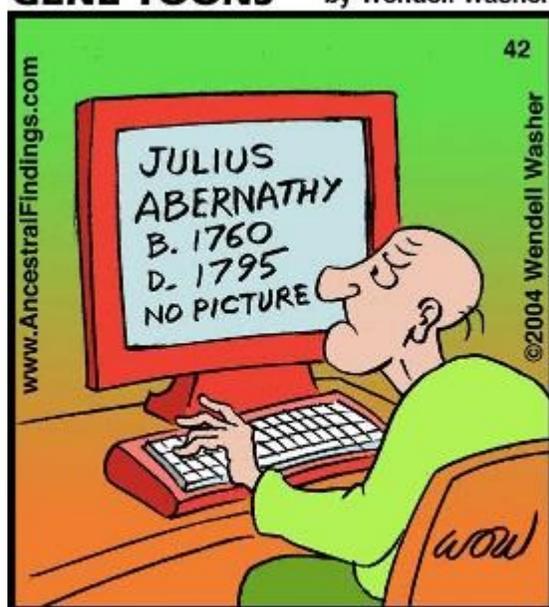
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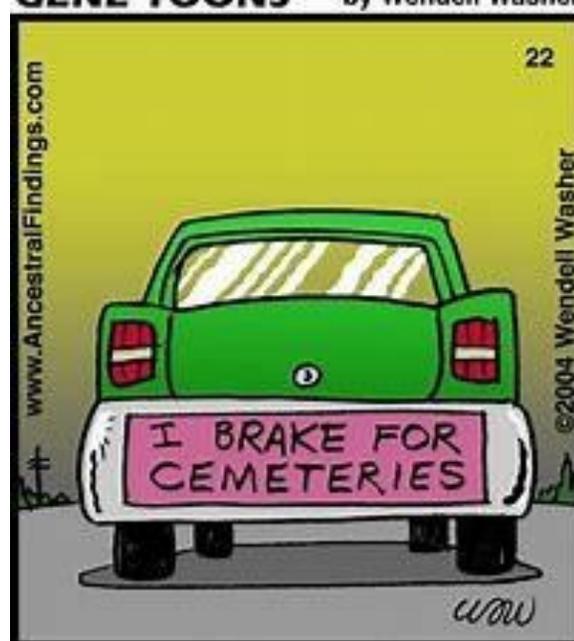
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