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A Letter From Our Prezzz.....

Here we are quickly approaching fall and all its splendor. I've noticed a few trees actually beginning to change colors already! One of the things I love most about Autumn is the wonderful shades of color that the trees provide us with. I love the oranges, the reds and yellows. What a color palate nature provides. It makes even the most boring drive one of wonder and beauty.

Brings to mind our data bases. Many times we get so caught up in finding the birth, death and marriage information that we forget how much the 'color' of ones life can change our data base files. Our ancestors deserve more than just the humdrum, black and white life we paint for them. Why not add some color? Occupations, obituaries, family stories and old photo's are just a few of the things that can add "color" to ones files. Its amazing what happens to someone's "group" sheet when you add a newspaper account of the wedding, the dress, the colors, the flowers, the people that were there. Obituaries can add color, not just telling us who the descendants were but military service, service organizations and much more - those are the things that made them who they were. Do you see memorials to the Humane Society or certain church? Leads that need to be followed up on. Leads that tell us more about the lives of those we

descend from.

I'd like to encourage you to take your research to another level and make the time to look for some "color" for your ancestors file. You'll be glad you did!

Enjoy Autumn!

Karen

Examples from Karen:

From the obituary of Dorothy Shanklin Trott (2006)

"..Mrs. Trott was partner and co-pilot of Fat Chance Airlines in Mount Dora, FL. She was a member of the 99's, a pilot in the Powder Puff Derby..."

From the obituary of Frank Trott (2002)

"..Frank A. Trott was such an experienced pilot that, while standing on the ground, he could identify different types of planes flying overhead just by the sounds of their engines."

Now what can you find like this on YOUR ancestor?

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If You Aren't Using The Internet - You Should

Every year more and more genealogical items appear on the internet. It's getting to be a really great resource. There has always been some good information for genealogists but every day there is even more. Just remember not to simply take someone else's word for the information you find on the internet. You have to verify it for yourself in order to be sure it's accurate.

Recently I did some browsing on Ancestry.com (I have a subscription). The same could be done on Rootsweb or anywhere people have submitted their family trees. I was looking for particular families in such submissions. These are a good for finding out if anyone else is researching the same family lines. It's also a good way to see if someone has information on a particular person you don't. Well in three cases I found family trees that link into mine and there was information on a child in said family that I did not have. One gave me a location for where the daughter moved after her marriage. I did not have that so could not research her any farther. Based on that information I found where the couple are buried and have acquired their obituaries. All because I took that information and 'ran with it'.

The other two 'trees' gave me a daughter's married name which I did not have. One of those I've proven to be correct. The other I'm still working on.

You can usually contact the contributor also to see if you can trade information or just to find out what their sources are for the information they have.

I've found other connections to my family lines in these family trees with errors. In those instances I write to the contributor and give them the corrections with my sources.

Other Things I Use The Internet For

1. If I want an obituary from a far off place. I do a search on a public library in the community and state needed and ask them if they have their local newspaper on microfilm. If they do would they be willing to look up one or two obituaries for me. I give them names and dates and offer to pay any reasonable fee for this service.

NOTE: if it's at all possible I contact them via email. It speeds up the process.

2. I look to see if there are any cemetery transcriptions for the area of my research or an exact cemetery if I know my ancestors place of rest. There are quite a few out there.

NOTE: there can be errors here too but at least it gives you something you can work with.

3. If I need to contact a cemetery I do a search on the internet to find contact information for said cemetery. Usually that is a city, county or township government. Oftentimes I have to contact them and ask if they are in charge of the cemetery and if they are, this is what I'm looking for. Unless it's a lot of people I include that in my email or letter. I also ask that if they are not in charge of the cemetery can they tell me who is?

4. There are death indexes online for various places. Examples
The Ohio Historical Society has a limited number of years in their index at <http://www.ohiohistory.org/dindex/>.

California death index on Rootsweb covers 1940-1997
<http://vitals.rootsweb.com/ca/death/search.c>
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Missouri has a birth & death record database pre 1910 at <http://www.sos.mo.gov/archives/resources/birthdeath/>

Plus death index & some certificate images online for some of the years between 1910-1955.

They are adding to this all the time.

Need I go on? Just go to a search engine and type in what you are looking for and the location and see what pops up. You might be surprised.

5. Non genealogy but if I want to know something about some old or new movie I use a search engine and type the name of the movie or a star in the movie and go from there. This is especially good if you are working on a crossword puzzle.

5. I use a search engine to find information on an illness using the term I found in a researched record to see if I can find anything on it. I don't always find something as the spellings are sometimes pretty bad but often it's close enough the search engine will come back with a question, 'Did you mean.....' and spell the word correctly. Then I can alter the word before entering it in my database. I can also add some information on the disease to make it clear just exactly what it is.

6. I sometimes cheat and use a search engine for a dictionary. I type in a word if I'm questioning the spelling, just to verify it. And if I'm wrong I now have the correct spelling and if I'm right, I know it's correct.

6. Maps. My husband loves maps. He has fun with Google Satellite and Hybrid maps. But there are other maps out there too. Use that search engine.

NOTE: if you have not used the satellite

map you should go to Google and check it out. Hint: Look for your house.

Use maps to find or try to pin point the cemetery before driving there. Or the library you have an address for but don't know where it's located. Or check out maps of different parts of the world. Try to find that city you've never heard of.

7. The GenWeb project is still going strong. Some counties have wonderful resources on their genweb site. So one of the first places to go when researching a new local is their county genweb page. And don't forgot to stop back every so often to see if there are additions to pages you've visited before.

8. I've written about Castle Gardens and Ellis Island before. Ship Passenger lists are great for finding when your ancestor came to this country. And who traveled with them. If you don't remember the url's just type Castle Gardens or Ellis Island in your search engine and it'll help you locate them.

9. Census Records; if you have a subscription to Ancestry.com or if you go to your local library (that has a subscription to Ancestry's library edition) you can search the entire U.S. census and perhaps find that elusive ancestor you can't find in book indexes. Maybe he/she is living in a place you don't know they lived. Some of the Canadian censuses are appearing on Ancestry also.

There are other sites that have limited censuses but they are out there.

10. Use a search engine and simply type in a person's name. Some names are too common for this but if you don't get thousands of hits you might find some web pages with a genealogy focus that include a person with that name.. What you find might surprise you. And if nothing comes of

it, you've only lost a bit of time.

11. Check out your favorite genealogy library's catalog to be sure they have that book your fifth cousin 3 times removed said they found your family line listed in.

12. Get addresses and or phone numbers for libraries, government offices, or just about any place you can think of that is of interest to you.

You can have a lot of fun surfing the internet. And you can better prepare yourself for your next library trip before even stepping out your door. You might even get some research done at home that you were planning to do at the library. Thus saving that precious time in the library doing research you can't do from home.



FORD GENEALOGY CLUB

Minutes of the May 11, 2006 Meeting

Karen Krugman called the meeting to order at 5:30.

Mark Krugman will be giving the Ford Genealogy Club's Treasurer's report to FERA on May 19. Our next business meeting will not be held until September.

Karen stated that the Ford Genealogy Club has a library and we need to decide what we are going to do with it since it has not been used in over a year. Sharon Brevoort will send a listing of everything in the library to Karen, who will, in turn, send it out to the members.

This month's speaker was Daryl Bailey, who spoke on "Beyond the Pomp and Circumstance: Civil War Prison Camps." During Daryl's talk it was learned that:

- Daryl's great grandfather was a sergeant during Civil War and was captured at the battle of Shiloh. He spent six months in Confederate prisoner-of-war camps. Daryl believes that his great grandfather attempted an escape, was recaptured, and finally discharged in 1864.

- Both the Union and Confederates had a prisoner-of-war exchange system, which worked well for some time. One reason that it eventually broke down was because they would not exchange black prisoners.

- Andersonville lost the most prisoners and is home of the POW MIA.

- Booth, who shot President Lincoln, originally wanted to kidnap Lincoln and use him in the prisoner-of-war exchange program. He tried several times and was unsuccessful.

- During the question and answer portion, Daryl explained that there are many websites on the Civil War regiments and one way to obtain Civil War records is go the National Archives website.

After Daryl's presentation, Karen mentioned that she and Mark had visited Andersonville a number of years ago and said it really brought home the Civil War for them.

Sharon Brevoort showed off the pictures of her new grandchild. During the round table, Mike and Cindy Brautigan also showed off pictures of their new granddaughter.

It was also mentioned that the Ford Genealogy Club's website needs to be updated.

The meeting was adjourned and many headed off to dinner at Chili's.

Respectfully submitted

Andrea Ketten
Secretary

June, July and August are our Dinner Meetings where we socialize more then we do genealogy so there are no minutes from these meetings.

Upcoming Meetings

September 14, 2006 Chuck & Diane Oslund will talk about their Sweden/Germany vacation - including photos taken on said trip.

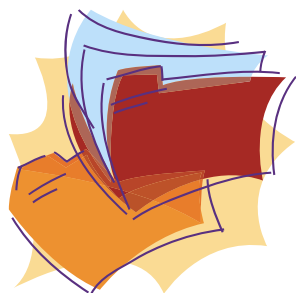
October 12, 2006 Ruth McMahon will talk about Wayne County Records. Where to find them and use them.

November 9, 2006 Mark Krugman 'The Tax Man Commeth'

December 14, 2006 Our annual Christmas Dinner at a local establishment.

January 11, 2007 Diane Oslund 'Did I Say That? Effective Query Writing'

February 8, 2007 Karen Krugman 'Roots Magic' & 'Gen Smart' Effective Genealogy Programs.



Is the step child or the adopted child supposed to be included in my family tree? After all they are not related by blood.

When gathering updates to my family files I am often asked if I want information on somebody's step-children or an adopted child. There is no definite answer to this question. Each researcher can determine for himself/herself if this is something they want included. I usually tell people it's up to them. If they want the child or children included. I'll include them if they want me to or not if they don't. After all what makes up a family?

Once I was even asked if I wanted to include the grandchild of this person who had actually been adopted out and was not being raised in the family.

Family: according to my dictionary is 'a social unit consisting especially of a man and a woman and their offspring.' 'A group of people sharing common ancestry.' 'All the members of a household.'

Adopted children become legally part of a family. They share everything the biological children do. Except that is for biological illnesses. They do not share the same genes. So they are family but it should be noted that there is no blood relationship as this may be an important factor to know at some future date.

Step-Children may or may not live in the same household. They may be grown when the parent remarries. They may be small children and the new spouse perhaps is more of a parent to them than the absent biological parent. So they are or they are not 'family', depending on how the individuals in that particular family feel about the situation. If you add them however add them as step-children. Biological inheritable diseases make it important for future generations to know if they carry the genes to said disease or if they do not. It's only fair to make these notations. They do not detract from the importance of the step-child to the family.

Rule of thumb If I don't have the input of the family but I have had the step-children's names or more passed on to me and the children are young, I include them. I make a separate marriage page for their biological

parent where I list the children. After all my family member has input with said child or children's upbringing. Then if they continue to update me on the step-child I'll keep updating their information.

If the step-children are adults and out on their own by the time their parent marries into my family line, I do not. I will likely make a notation in the notes under their biological parents of a previous marriage and list the children and whatever information on them that is passed to me there but I won't take it any farther than that.

NOTE: You may want to be sure to connect the step-children to your family member if you want to be sure they are included in anything you print on the family.

Also just because this is how I do it does not mean it's the way everybody should do it. Each family historian decides for themselves how they want to deal with the ever changing family relationships we encounter.



Father's Day

Dates of Father's days in the past

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Photographs

As most of you know. Our president, Karen, has reminded us many times that when we make a new connection with a distant family member one of the first questions we ask should be, 'Do you have pictures?' She's been very successful in getting photos she would never have had if she never asked.

This summer I went to two family reunions. One was my grandmother's family and the other my grandfather's. (my mother's parents) To the one reunion we were asked to bring old photos to show. Was I surprised when my Aunt, my mother's sister, showed up with photos of my grandmother and her siblings when they were small children. I had never seen these photos before. I never got a chance to talk to my aunt and decided I need to go over to her house to visit. Real soon.

At the other reunion my uncle (mother's brother) came with a photograph of my grandfather and some of his siblings. Again this was a photo I had never seen before. I had never seen photographs of either of my grandparents at such young ages.

My grandparents home burned when my mother was young. So there are few photographs of her and her siblings at a young age let alone her parents.

It appears that my uncle got the photo from his sister, my aunt, who had the photos of my grandmother at the first reunion.

It appears that one of their cousins recently died. She lived in Wisconsin for many years and in going through her things her children ran across these photographs. They passed them on to a cousin of their mother's living in Colorado. That cousin shared them with my aunt.

Years ago when I first started doing family research I contacted several of my mother's cousins, the one living in Wisconsin and the other in Colorado were two I communicated

with. I never thought to ask about photographs and they never told me they had such marvelous ones. If only I'd thought to ask 'Do you have pictures?' I might have had copies of these photographs years ago.

Better late than never. Let's remember to ask. Even closer relatives. You never know who has a treasure in their photo album.

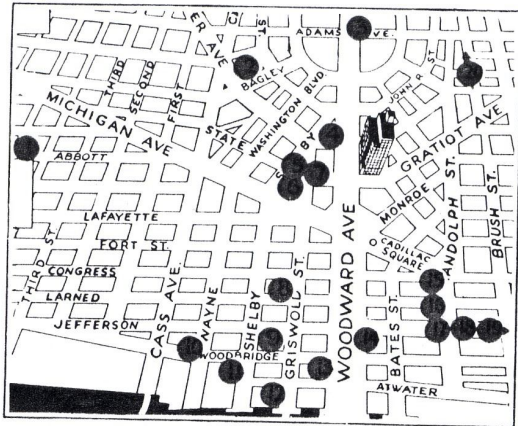
Question Corner

*These are questions to **YOU** the readers of this newsletter. Send me your answers and I'll print them in the next issue of this newsletter. diane@dianesgenealogy.com Please use the subject line of Question Corner so I know what you're talking about. I use this email address for many things. Thanks.*

1. How often should I back up my data file?
2. Is backing it up on my computer good enough?
3. Do I need a file cabinet to put my genealogy papers in? Can I use something else instead?
4. Should I share my research with other researchers?
5. If I share my research, how much should I share?
6. Do I have to own copies of vital records to prove I got the information from the official document?
7. How do I store old photos?
8. Can I display old photos without harming them?

Historical Detroit

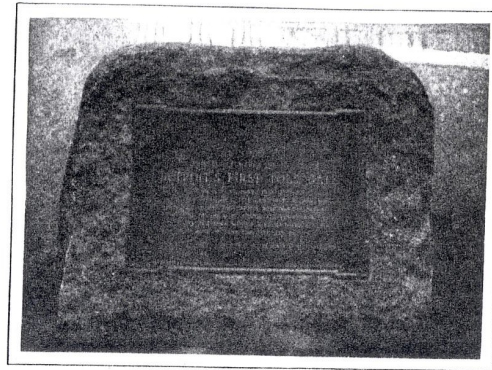
At the Library of Michigan (Lansing, Michigan) is a small Louisiana titled *Historical Detroit* (Mich. F 574.D4 H5888). It is a story of early Detroit 'As told by twenty bronze tablets'. The book is dated 1881-1926. Copyright 1926 by J. L. Hudson Company Detroit, Michigan. Continued from previous issues.....



LOCATION OF SITES MARKED

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| 1 Houghton School — 1330 Abbott | 11 First School—W. Woodward, near Shelby |
| 2 Ford Motor — 58 Bagley Avenue | 12 First U. S. Troop—S. W. Griswold and Atwater |
| 3 Toll Gate—Grand Circus Park—N. E. Entrance | 13 First Seat of Gov.—313 Woodward |
| 4 Gen. J. R. Williams, First Mayor — N. W. Woodward and Grand River | 14 Whipping Post — S. E. Woodward and Jefferson |
| 5 First Capitol—State and Griswold | 15 First Hospital—S. W. Larned and Randolph |
| 6 Indian Massacre—American State Bank Building, Griswold and State | 16 First Bank—Jefferson and Randolph N. W. |
| 7 Finney's Hotel Barn—State and Griswold | 17 Pear Trees—Waterworks Park |
| 8 First Federal Building—N. W. Cor. Larned and Griswold | 18 Railway Depot—N. W. Corner Jefferson and Dequindre |
| 9 First Newspaper—145 W. Jefferson | 19 Belle Isle — Off End of Bridge |
| 10 First Theatre—N. W. Corner Wayne and Woodward | 20 First Federal-Built Post Office—N. W. Corner Larned and Griswold |

ONE OF THE TABLET



The Inscription on the above Tablet reads as follows:

THIS TABLET MARKS THE SITE OF DETROIT'S FIRST TOLL GATE

IN THE MIDDLE OF WOODWARD AVENUE, OPPOSITE THIS SITE, THE FIRST TOLL GATE LEADING TO DETROIT WAS ERECTED IN 1849. THE NARROW ROAD WAS SPANNED BY THE HOME OF THE GATEKEEPER AND VEHICLES WISHING TO ENTER THE TOWN WERE FORCED TO DRIVE BENEATH THE HOME TO PASS THE GATE AND PAY TOLL.

PRESENTED TO THE CITY OF DETROIT IN THE MONTH OF
SEPTEMBER, 1926

THE "UNVEILINGS" OF THE TWENTY BRONZE TABLETS

DATES	SITES MARKED	SPEAKERS	
1926 Sept. 1	Detroit's "Underground Railway Station," Northeast Corner State and Griswold Streets	FRED G. DEWEY JARED W. FINNEY C. M. BURTON <i>Unveiled by Miss DOROTHY COLOMBO</i>	WILLIAM P. BRADLEY GEORGE B. CATLIN JOSEPH MEADON
Sept. 2	French Pear Trees, Waterworks Park	MRS. CHAS. H. METCALF HAZEN J. PAYETTE <i>Unveiled by Misses GENEVA CUBIAC and DOROTHY GUTSCH</i>	RICHARD HEDKE JOSEPH BELANGER
Sept. 6	History of Belle Isle, Belle Isle End of Bridge	HENRY W. BUSCH <i>Unveiled by Miss ALTHEA E. BUSCH</i>	EDWIN L. MILLER FRED A. ROBINSON
Sept. 8	Michigan's First Bank, Northwest Corner Randolph Street and Jefferson	JOHN W. STALEY <i>Unveiled by Miss MARIE JOY SANGER</i>	CHARLES A. HUGHES SOLON ROSE
Sept. 9	Landing Place of First United States Troops in Michigan, Southwest Corner Griswold and Atwater Streets	DR. JOSEPH A. VANCE <i>Unveiled by Scouts HAL SIMMONS and DOUGLASS NUL</i>	HOWARD A. COFFIN CLARENCE W. DICKERSON
Sept. 10	Michigan's First Newspaper, 145 West Jefferson Avenue	JEFFERSON B. WEBB <i>Unveiled by Miss MARION BROOKE</i>	LEE A. WHITE HAZEN J. PAYETTE
Sept. 11	Michigan's First Toll Gate, Southeast Corner Adams and Woodward Avenues	STEVENS T. MASON JOSEPH E. MILLS <i>Unveiled by Miss MARY CATLIN</i>	GEORGE B. CATLIN JOSEPH MEADON
Sept. 14	Michigan's First Seat of Government, 313 Woodward Avenue	JUDGE ARTHUR J. TUTTLE <i>Unveiled by Miss ESTHER LOUISE TUTTLE</i>	EDWIN L. MILLER
Sept. 15	Home of Dr. Douglass Houghton, 1330 Abbott Street	MISS DORA R. TEAGAN <i>Unveiled by Miss ALMA VANDERWHEELER</i>	J. FRED LAWTON
Sept. 16	Detroit's Last Indian Massacre, Southwest Corner State and Griswold Streets	MRS. J. NELSON LEWIS <i>Unveiled by Scout JACK HART</i>	RICHARD HARTST D. A. SMITH
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Sept. 17	Michigan's First Hospital, Southwest Corner Randolph and Larned Streets	REV. FR. HENRY KAUFMANN DR. HENRY F. VAUGHAN <i>Unveiled by SISTER AMBROSIA</i>	WILLIAM M. WALKER CLARENCE E. PAGE
Sept. 18	Michigan's First Public School, Southwest Corner Shelby and Woodbridge	FRANK CODY <i>Unveiled by Miss FLORENCE NORTON</i>	ALONZO P. EWING CLARENCE E. BREWER
Sept. 22	Michigan's First Theater, Northwest Corner Wayne and Woodbridge Streets	RICHARD H. LAWRENCE, ROBERT M. TOMS, JOHN ATKINSON <i>Unveiled by Miss EVELYN HERBERT and Mr. HOWARD MARSH</i> <i>Music by: CAST of "PRINCESS FLAVIA"</i>	
Sept. 23	Michigan's First Baseball Park, Brush Street at Alexandrine Avenue	JOHN C. LODGE COL. H. U. WALLACE <i>Unveiled by TY COBB</i>	CHARLES W. BENNETT PAUL W. VOORHIES
Sept. 24	Detroit's Whipping Post, Southeast Corner Woodward and Jefferson Avenues	JUDGE VINCENT M. BRENNAN EDWARD G. BURLERSON <i>Unveiled by Miss BARBARA JOHNSON</i>	JOSEPH MEADON
Sept. 25	Michigan's First Railway Depot, Northwest Corner Dequindre Street and Jefferson Avenue	W. R. DAVIDSON <i>Unveiled Under Auspices of GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY</i>	H. R. MARTIN
Sept. 27	Last Home of General John R. Williams, Northwest Corner Grand River and Woodward Avenues	MAYOR JOHN W. SMITH MRS. MARIE B. FERREY <i>Unveiled by Miss JENNIE STRIMPINSKY</i>	RICHARD H. LAWRENCE
Sept. 28	Birthplace of Ford Motor Car, Bagley Avenue Building, at Michigan Theater	ROY D. CHAPIN, JAMES S. SHIELDS, McPHERSON BROWNING <i>Unveiled by EDSSEL B. FORD</i>	
Sept. 29	Michigan's First Capitol Building, Capitol Park	FRED W. GREEN JUDGE HENRY S. HULBERT <i>Unveiled by Miss DORIS MAE WATSON</i>	FRANK J. DENNEY
Sept. 30	Detroit's First Federal-Built Postoffice, Northwest Corner Griswold and Larned Streets	POSTMASTER CHARLES C. KELLOGG WALTER E. VASHAK <i>Unveiled by Miss BETTY VAN WINKLE</i>	RICHARD HEDKE

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Looking Backward To Our Past