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A message from our Prez.....

Wow! What a weekend! Our daughter Mandi and her longtime boyfriend Dave married this past Saturday(5/26). What a joy to watch our daughter become Mrs. Dave Luotonen. With all the prep for the wedding weekend, and all the company staying with us, the genealogy seemed to have somehow taken a "backseat" for a few weeks. Or at least it seemed to. Does genealogy ever really take a "backseat"?

A few months ago we held a baby dedication for the newest addition on the Krugman family tree, Carter, who was born last October. My mom flew in and she was here, our daughter in law's family all came into town for the dedication and family gathering afterwards celebrating Carter's birth and dedication.

Both of these events and many others that we experience all celebrate the joys and sorrows of family and in celebrating family it brings family history into focus in our lives. Or maybe I should say it does for me. Part of my wedding prep was adding my new son in law and his family into my data base. I have to say it brought tears – the idea of my little girl changing her name and suddenly is a married woman in her own right. So the family history continues. Adding the "color" that these events bring into our family history is a vital part of keeping our family history alive. Not all the

events we record are happy ones, but they are a necessary part of the fabric that weaves together to create a beautiful tapestry for the generations who come after us.

The wedding company has all gone and now the company for the funeral start to arrive tomorrow. We are finally going to bury Mark's dad who died and was cremated a while ago. (long story!) So we add yet another event on the family tree. The tapestry of the Krugman family continues to grow. Being the family historian isn't always the easiest job around but -- hey! Someone has to do it.

Have an awesome summer!

Karen





## Military

*Many of our ancestors fought to help create our great nation, to preserve our way of life, and to protect our freedoms. We want to honor some of those men and women here in our newsletter. I asked our members to send me information on their military ancestors. What they shared with me will be published in the next few newsletters. Hats off to these brave souls.*

### **David Cullie Ansley**

1917-

*Grandfather of Karen Krugman*



The man in this picture is my paternal grandfather, David Cullie Ansley. David is the son of William Ansley and his wife, Margaret Johnson Ansley. He was born in Grady County, Georgia October 26, 1917. He was wounded at Iwo Jima, getting shrapnel in his head. He also spent some time in Japan. My grandfather never talked much about his service or about how he was wounded.

As of this writing (3/2007), my grandfather is still living, although he is currently in a nursing home in South Florida. He is alert, able to get around and is in generally good health.

### **Sergeant Eli H. Saulsberry**

1920-1982

*Father of Mike Saulsberry*



524<sup>th</sup> Air Service Group  
U.S. Army Air Corps  
13 Nov 1941 to 6 Oct 1945



### **Declarations and Citations**

Good Conduct Medal  
American Defense Service Medal  
European African Middle Eastern Service  
Medal with 4 Bronze Stars  
World War II Victory Medal

### **Battles and Campaigns**

13 Jan 1943 Departed for Oran, Africa – 10 Sep  
1945 Departed for US  
GO 33 & 40 WD 45, Tunisia, Sicily, Naples -  
Foggia, Rome - Arno

12 Nov 1942 - 13 May 1943 Tunisia  
14 May 1943 - 17 Aug 1943 Sicily  
18 Aug 1943 - 21 Jan 1944 Naples-Foggia  
22 Jan 1944 - 9 Sep 1944 Rome-Arno

Good Conduct Medal



American Defense Service Medal



European African Middle Eastern Campaign Medal



World War II Victory Medal



A bronze star is worn on the ribbon to indicate participation in designated campaigns. A bronze arrowhead is worn on the ribbon to indicate participation in a combat parachute jump, combat glider landing, or amphibious assault landing within the EAME Theater.

Submit your ancestor's information soon for inclusion in another newsletter.  
Thank you Karen and Mike for your contributions.

### Assumptions

*Or just not paying attention?*

We all make assumptions from time to time. Sometimes we don't even realize we are but they invade our research just the same.

Recently I was scanning a photograph my sister sent me a few years ago. It was a photograph of her son, my nephew, with his wife and new born baby who was named after his father. The name on the photograph for the baby was Bryan Neal Glass II. Now I know that if your baby is named after you he should be listed as a Jr. But that didn't raise my eyebrows. What did was the fact that little Bryan's middle name wasn't spelled the same way as his father's.

My nephew's middle name was spelled NEIL.

Figuring that would cause the baby to not even be a junior I went looking for Bryan's name written on other photographs to be sure my sister hadn't made a mistake this time. I actually found an old photograph of my nephew as a small boy with his full name listed on the back. His middle name was spelled NEAL. ???

So I emailed my sister to ask her about this. Her response was that her son, my nephew's middle name was spelled NEAL. So why did I have it as NEIL?

In looking over more papers, photographs and letters I found that NEIL is the way my mother spells Bryan's middle name. So did I get it from her? Or did I make the same assumption she did? Why did I never

question my sister on just how she spelled Neal/Neil for her son's name? Why did I never notice the difference in the spelling of Bryan's middle name through all these years? And why did my sister never notice that I had Bryan's middle name misspelled in the family tree?

Did we both expect it to be correct so we never looked closely enough to see it was not? Did we just assume, or did we not pay attention?

## Meeting Minutes

FGC Minutes for April 12, 2007 meeting

The meeting was called to order at 5:13 PM by Diane Oslund, filling in for Karen Krugman

Jack Kelly presented the treasurer's report for Nancy Kelly.

Diane asked Marilyn Couture to conduct the election for new officers

The only candidates are:

President - Karen Krugman

Vice President - Diane

Oslund

Treasurer - Nancy Kelly

Secretary - Andrea Ketten

Marilyn asked for any volunteers or nominations for any office. There were none.

Marilyn asked for a vote to accept the slate of candidates for the offices. All present voted "aye"; there were no "nay" votes.

The Candidates were elected:

President - Karen Krugman

Vice President - Diane Oslund

Treasurer - Nancy Kelly

Secretary - Andrea Ketten

There was no other new business.

Diane introduced the speaker for April 12 - Sharon Brevoort, who talked about Building a Genealogy Web Page.

Sharon passed out a handout showing Genealogy Web page examples, Software for editing web pages and HTML examples. Sharon fielded questions and the members appreciated her talk.

Next, we had our customary roundtable.

It was decided by consensus to have the post-meeting dinner at the Olive Garden Restaurant.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm

Attending the meeting were:

Sharon Bledsoe

Cindy Brautigan

Mike Brautigan

Sharon Brevoort

Marilyn Couture

Jerry Jacobs

Jack Kelly

Elena Lovelace

Charles Oslund

Diane Oslund

Mike Salisbury

Donna Yambasky

Attending dinner were:

Cindy Brautigan

Mike Brautigan

Marilyn Couture

Jerry Jacobs

Jack Kelly

Charles Oslund

Diane Oslund

## Families of Genealogists:

*Families of genealogists come in many shapes and forms. The following is not a reflection of any particular genealogists family but a mixture of many.*

Make the genealogist promise (cross their heart and hope to die) leave all their family group sheets home when coming to the party.

Flee when they see the tape recorders come out.

Groan when asked for documentation to back up what they said. Especially if they're only commenting on the weather.

Hide their skeletons in their neighbors closet.

Swear that first babies only take seven months.

Can't remember a thing when you ask them.

Introduce you to their friends like you're a movie star or something. After all you are the 'Family Genealogists'.

Point you out to others as if you're one of a kind and they have to show you off.

Expect you to spout off any name or date in the entire history of the family at any given moment without cue cards.

Assume you know what you're talking about.

Expect you to draw a chart at a moment's notice, showing them how they connect to the ancestor you're talking about.

Remember, you are the only one that can do this in your head.

Want copies of all your hard work but don't want to help you research for it.

Wonder what's wrong with you that the highlight of your vacation is a cemetery.

Don't understand why we all need to chip in and buy a tombstone for great-great-great Aunt Matilda twice removed.

Roll their eyes when we tell them any relationship is once, twice or three times removed.

Smile when they see you come. They have nothing to fear. You have already drained every drop of family history from their brains. So your visit means just that a visit, not a information gathering session.

They can just call you up to get the low down on cousin Jim.

Wonder why you have so many obituaries in your desk drawer. They wonder if you think there's a shortage.

Ask how you can spend so much time on the internet finding even more relatives. As if you don't have enough living ones as it is.

Suggest you trade your brother for one of the new relatives you found.

Shake their head when they see your collection of tombstone photographs.

Pray for you.

Question your desire to have your entire line of ancestry etched on your tombstone.

Hide their pictures when they see you coming up their walk.

Expect you too keep them informed when somebody's birthday or anniversary is coming up. After all you have that information at your finger tips.

Wonder why you named your children after some dead ancestor you never even heard of before you started doing genealogy.

Can't understand why we don't have the updates on their family even though they didn't make sure we got them.

Thank God that you're preserving the family history so they don't have to.

Dictionary

The study of names is called "onomastics"

*Thank you Elena.*

## The Abrams Genealogy Seminar At the Library of Michigan in Lansing

Friday, July 20 and Saturday, July 21.

Registration is \$35. This includes attendance for the seminar and keynote address, a boxed lunch on Saturday and a seminar syllabus.

For more information contact...

Randy Riley or Kris Rzepczynski at (517) 373-1300, TTY at (517) 373-1592 or the Michigan Relay Center: (800) 649-3777.

Go to the Library of Michigan Web site:

[http://www.michigan.gov/hal/0,1607,7-160-17445\\_19270---,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/hal/0,1607,7-160-17445_19270---,00.html)

Or:

[http://www.michigan.gov/hal/0,1607,7-160-17447\\_18625\\_18627-137799--,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/hal/0,1607,7-160-17447_18625_18627-137799--,00.html)

For more details and a link to a registration form.



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Remember our club address is on every issue of our newsletter. If you send in your dues or just need to write to us please use that address. Thanks.

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