



# The Rear View Mirror

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## President's Message

### Merry Christmas and Happy New Year Also Good-bye Winter and Welcome Spring!

Well, we've survived another post-Thanksgiving shopping "Black Friday" and "Cyber Monday" I think. Personally, I did not visit a store on Friday, nor did I buy online on Monday. As Christmas approached, I thought about what to give others and I realize that I was stumped. We already have computers, phones, readers, cameras, and other small gadgets. When I was a child, I really did not like the clothing gifts (I wanted toys!), although I am less upset by giving or receiving them now. But we have often given and received clothing – gloves, slippers, hats, scarves, special sweatshirts or t-shirts. Perhaps books or music or apps might be the items to give. In the past we have given genealogy reports along with collections of photos and videos and genealogy-related documents to family members.

Thinking about what to give reminds me of so many family get togethers and family memories (wrapping paper everywhere! - note to self: add more memories to my family genealogy!). And then that leads me to recall all the facts and stories I have heard from all the Club members just in the last year: the memories and interesting details about club members' ancestors! Certainly a lot to take in. Well, I can report that I

successfully completed my shopping for Christmas!

And then there is the New Year just ahead! What to do next year? What resolutions can I make and keep? Well, do more genealogy work certainly! For me, I have Swedish translations to continue with and trying to figure out how a few Åsenlunds fit in with the rest. And perhaps it is time to visit the main Family History Library in Salt Lake City, and I want to travel there by train! Also, I want to visit some of cousins in Sweden in and not just on Facebook, and maybe we could visit Rugen Island, Germany, because some of Diane's ancestors can from there. Yes, at least one significant genealogy trip is required next year!

And now that spring is just around the corner, it is time to turn our thoughts to what genealogy plans we have for the spring and summer when we more easily travel to distant courthouses, cemeteries, libraries and towns where our ancestors lived. So I have a trip ready: Photograph tombstones in Pennsylvania near Pittsburgh and Washington; visit the Citizens Library in Washington; Visit my aunts living in Washington and Pittsburgh.

Diane and I hope all had a very Merry Christmas and a Wonderful and Happy New Year!

## The Ford Genealogy Club

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## Civil War Sesquicentennial

By Jerry Jacobs

We are in the midst of the Civil War Sesquicentennial. This 150 year commemoration of the U.S. Civil War started in 2011 and will run through 2015. There are many special events and activities throughout the U.S. related to this special anniversary. The recurring theme of the commemoration is remembering what happened in this country and how it affected the whole population.

No matter which side was fought for or supported, the Civil War had an impact on virtually every resident at that time. For some, the impact was traumatic consider the plight of a spouse who lost a husband and had to determine how she was going to support her family. Also, consider the situation of a veteran who was injured/disabled as a result of the war how was he going to support his family.

Consider the plight of a veteran who suffered as a result of the war in ways that were not clearly recognized at that time. The terms shell shock and post traumatic stress disorder had not been diagnosed or invented yet, but certainly many veterans experienced the symptoms.

Many organizations are directly involved in the Sesquicentennial. This includes re-enactors, patriotic/veteran groups, libraries, educators, etc. Here are a few of them:

Michigan List of Statewide activities:  
<http://seekingmichigan.org/civil-war>

Indiana  
<http://www.in.gov/history/civilwar/INcivilwarCal.htm>

Ohio:  
<http://www.ohiocivilwar150.org/>

The Civil War Trust is the largest non-profit organization that is devoted to the preservation of the Civil War battlefields in the U.S..  
<http://www.civilwar.org/>

If you know you have a Civil War ancestor, here are organizations dedicated to honoring their commitment to Civil War:

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
<http://www.suvcw.org/>

Sons of Confederate Veterans  
<http://scv.org/>  
Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
<http://www.duvcw.org/>

United Daughters of the Confederacy  
<http://www.hqudc.org/>

## Upcoming FGC and Other Genealogy Events

By Jerry Jacobs & Chuck Oslund

Our upcoming speaker/program plan for the rest of this winter/spring is:

**March 30-31 Macomb Community College -** Michigan in Perspective, the Local History Conference at Macomb Community College <http://www.hsmichigan.org/>. Note: Karen Krugman will speak on [Taking The Mystery Out of Your Mystery Ancestors](#) and Tony Gramer will present [Tragedy Strikes in Seven Minutes: Loss of the Steamer Fred McBrier & John Shaw 'Went Missing](#) on Friday.

**March 30 Monroe Community College -** Genealogical Society of Monroe County 35th Annual Spring Seminar @ Monroe County Community College.

**April 12 FGC - Brick Wall Night** - Here is a chance to let get a fresh eyes review by other club members of your brick wall. Please bring what you do know of a challenging genealogy stumbling block on a USB drive. Take a few minutes to review and explain what you have done and then see what other ideas club members may have. Also We have [Elections!](#)

**April 14 St Clair Community College -** Free College Day - <http://www.sc4.edu/freecollege/> - Note: Diane Oslund will present 2 classes: [The Family History Bug](#) and [Fasten Your Seatbelt Genealogy on the Information Super Highway](#).

**May 10 - FGC A Late Civil War Draftee: Albert Liedel in the 12th Michigan Vol. Infantry** - presented by club member Herb Liedel

**June 14 FGC Gasko Connections** - presented by club member Jerry Jacobs.

For our three meetings in fall 2012, we will have:

**October 11 FGC Cemetery Research: Do's and Don'ts** - presented by Woodmere Cemetery Researcher Gail Hershenzon

**September 13 FGC**

### November 8 FGC

These two months are not yet finalized. We will have Diane Oslund presenting [Internet Trees: Fact of Fiction?](#) and a speaker discussing DNA in genealogy research.

**December 13 FGC – Annual Christmas Party**

## Elections!

Elections will be held at the April 12 Meeting. The candidates are:

President:	Chuck Oslund
Vice-President:	Jerry Jacobs
Treasurer:	Nancy Kelly
Secretary:	we do not have a candidate!

If you have an interest in any office, please nominate yourself at the meeting!

## Future Speakers and Programs

Please let Jerry Jacobs know of other speakers/topics/workshops that you feel may be of interest to you or the Ford Genealogy Club. This could include speakers that you heard at other functions, a topic that you wish you could find more about or a repeat speaker from the past whom you found interesting.

## Newsletter Future

We are still in need of a new Newsletter Editor. If at all interested, please contact Chuck Oslund. It is likely that we will not have a newsletter after this calendar year if nobody volunteers. Chuck will work to produce newsletters through 2012.

## Technology Question

Do you have a smart phone or a tablet? Do you use Apps? What are your favorite ones? Let us know what apps you use most - anything you might use in your genealogy research. Anything that you use to make your 'to do' lists, or to contain your family data information, or to note your cemetery researching. What apps do you use and what do you use them for? Send your list along with the type of device you use it on and we'll note it in an upcoming newsletter.

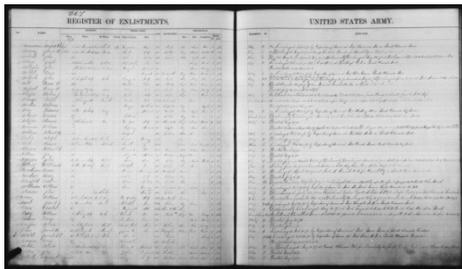
# Thomas Preston Gish

Buffalo Solider  
by Michael Saulsberry

Thomas Gish service record from the Pensions files.

Like many others who start out searching for their family's roots, I knew nothing about my gg-grandmother's family. I found a probate record listing her, my g-grandmother, and the other children. I slowly started gathering info on each one of them. But there was one name on the list that eluded me – Thomas Gish.

I was finally able to do the "happy dance" when I found him on an 1873 Army Enlistment record.



Thomas Gish, age 20, enlisted 24 Oct 1873 at Evansville, IN. He served five years in 10<sup>th</sup> Cavalry, Co. F and was discharged at Fort Concho, TX on 24 Oct 1878. Then he disappeared again.

Turning to Army records again, I discovered he had re-listed Nov 1878 and served another 5 year term. This time in the 24<sup>th</sup> Infantry, Co. I. and discharged at Fort Sill, Indian Territory.

Of course, I wanted the pension records.

NAME OF SOLDIER: <i>Gish, Thomas</i>				
SERVICE: <i>Late rank, Sgt. Co. I, 24 Reg't U.S. Inf.</i>				
TERM OF SERVICE: <i>Enlisted Nov 23 1878 Discharged Nov 22 1883</i>				
DATE OF FILING: <i>1910 Feb. 16</i>	CLASS: <i>Invalid,</i>	APPLICATION NO. <i>1244442</i>	LAW: <i>0786</i>	CERTIFICATE NO.
ADDITIONAL SERVICES: <i>F 10 U S Gov.</i>				
REMARKS: <i>See Indian War serv. O. 15536 &amp; Co. 8421</i>				
Died: <i>1</i> , at <i>41</i>				

War Department,  
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
Washington, D. C. June 14, 1900,

Respectfully returned to the Commissioner of Pensions

It appears from the records of this office that *Thomas Gish*, born in *Greenville* in the State of *Ky*, age *21 1/2* years, by occupation a *laborer*, color of eyes *black*, hair *black*, complexion *sunbaked*, height *5* feet *6* inches, was enlisted on the *24* day of *Oct*, 1873, at *Evansville, Ind.*, and was assigned to *Co. F*, *10* Regiment of U.S. Cavalry, joined *Jan'y 23/74*, from *St. Louis, Mo.*, rolls show him, *July & Aug. 76* sick in hospital, *same post, July & Aug. 77*, absent sick in hospital at *St. Clark, Texas*, since *Aug. 24/77*, appointed *Capt* *Jan'y 1/78*, *Sept. & Oct. 78*, Discharged *Oct. 24/78*, at *St. Concho, Texas*, by expiration of service, a *Capt.*

Re-enlisted *Nov 23/78*, and assigned to *Co. I, 24 U.S. Inf.*, joined *April 11/79*, from *California, Mo., O.*, appointed *Capt* *Jan'y 1/80*, promoted *Serjt* *Aug. 24/81*, and *1st Serjt* *Feb'y 15/82*, reduced to *Serjt* *June 1/82*, *Nov. & Dec. 83*, Discharged *Nov. 22/83* at *St. Sill, D. T.* (over)

U. S. PENSION OFFICE  
1900  
By *H. C. Barber*  
Adjutant General.

Thomas Gish served at many western forts from Ft Leavenworth in Kansas to Ft Griffin in Texas, blazing trails, protecting settlers, and chasing outlaws.

Thomas Preston Gish  
b. 2 Mar 1852  
Greenville, Kentucky

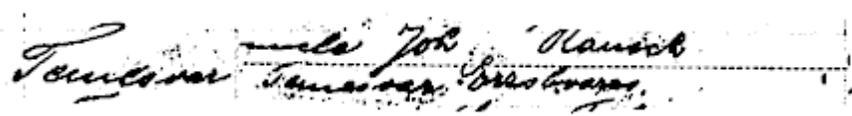
d. 14 Jul 1918  
Phoenix, Arizona



Here is a portion of the November 12, 1912 Ellis Island Manifest for Adam Pozojevich [son of Adam Pozojevich & Elizabeth Rose Senft – sister of the unknown Senft who married a Rausch]



The same manifest shows the “...nearest relative/friend in country whence Alien came?” to be an uncle, Joh Rausch



This was my first solid piece of information on the fourth Senft sister.

Another key point worth noting is that the major search engines for ship manifest records generally use the place of last residence before leaving for the U. S. as an indexed and searchable item. The manifests from 1907 forward include an additional entry asking for place of birth [country & city/town]. This may or may not be the place of last residence and is clearly a highly desired piece of information.

Generally, I have found the place of birth for the primary adult in a group of immigrants to be accurate. This is probably the result of the primary traveler providing the information directly to the agent of the steamship company in their home country. However, the birthplace for a spouse and/or children may or may not be accurate. If their birthplaces are noted as different than the primary traveler, there is a good possibility that the information is correct. If the birthplace for spouse/children is noted as the same as the primary traveler [e.g., ditto marks], there is an increased possibility that it may be just entered as the same and may or may not be accurate. Other sources are needed to compare.

Good luck in finding hidden information in ship manifests.

## Deciphering Swedish Church Records

*by Chuck Oslund*

Recently, Swedish Church Records have been made available on Ancestry.com. Some are name indexed but most are not. The records are organized by Swedish parishes. Provided are excellent images of pages from the church books for births, deaths and marriages. Also there are a some parish registers (similar to census records) and immigration/emigration records. (Swedes had to record leaving from and arriving into a parish!) All these records are handwritten, except for a few Ockelbo reconstructed church records which had been destroyed in a 1905 fire!

Diane and I have used what we learned from two of the talks given at the club to find information and extract the data so we could add it to our genealogy database. (1) Peggy Brumbaugh's talk about Deciphering Old Records in September 2011, and (2) Jan Zaleski's talk about Strategies for the Desperate Researcher in October 1996.

So the task was to find the images of the church records for births, deaths and marriages that confirmed the informations we have been given by many of my Swedish cousins. Diane found several records using the name-indexed records and downloaded them and confirmed the information previously given us. Now we had sources other than a cousin in Sweden! Next, Diane went thru the non-indexed records, looking

for the year and then going line by line until we got to the right date area. This was very time-consuming, but ultimately, very rewarding because we found images confirming the other information we had gotten. In a couple cases there was a slight discrepancy in the date. Doing this, Diane discovered many more births than we knew about! So then we began the next step – line by line thru all the records, looking for Åsenlund (my great-grandfather's line) Bäckman (my great-grandmother's line). Most of the records we found resulted in adding additional births, deaths and marriages to our database!

In a few cases we just could not find a record in Ockelbo, so we started looking at nearby parishes, because Jan Zaleski's talk suggested that if you do not find what you are looking for in the parish you expect, start looking at the adjacent parishes. Well, Diane did exactly that, and eventually we found the vital record that we could not find in Ockelbo. So we found those vital records in Åmot and Lingbo eventually.

We also used Peggy Brumbaugh's suggestion to look for the same word or letter if a word seemed illegible or if we just could not determine the spelling. So we looked for similar letters and words adjacent to the record we wanted, paging forward and backward several pages to find a match. In every case we found a more legible word or letter nearby. Eventually we learned the standard abbreviations that were used in the Church Records, especially with the help of the Ancestry's lists of Swedish occupations and words, with abbreviations.

So to sum up, our genealogy talks really help, whether the talk was last month or years ago! One of the things to come out of our search and downloading of so many Swedish Church Records is that we now have over 150 images of births, deaths and marriages of people with my surnames (Åsenlund and Bäckman) in my family area of searching (Ockelbo and Sunsvall) who are NOT in our database. My current task is to extract the information and try to build family units. I hope I can find that ancestor common to my family line and to the family lines I am building. So far I have seen several family groups - I just need to go further back in time....

Utdrag ur 1878 års Födelsebok för Ugglebo Neder församling i Gästriklands Prosteri, Nyvala Stift, Sjöflorbo Län. 10 blad.

1	2 De framfödda barnens			3 De levande födda barnens				4 Dödfödda		5 Föräldrarnas		6 Moder					7 För anteckning af hvad särskildt är föreskrifvet.	
	1878	år och månad	dag	dopnamn				civilstånd	Ålder	Orsak	namn, embete, yrke, stånd, hemvist, nationalitet och religionsbekänneelse (om främmande) samt stället för modrens nedkomst (om ej i hemorten).	Ålder	Ålder	Ålder	Ålder	Ålder		
	Aug.	11		cahta: Allt dödligt gesebarn							Moder: Skoglund Christina, f. i Stig i Cottby						190 ex.	
106		9	1	cahta: Mattilda (4%)							Moder: Hans & Stina Sjögren, f. i Stig i Cottby. Bekant på fader för alla tvän: skänk. som Erik Olsson i Ugglebo						2	
107		3	1	David Andreas (4%)							Högland Lars Olsson, Lagaki i M., och h. Persi: Karin						39 ex.	
108		2	1	Per Gustaf (3%)							Åsenlund Gustaf, Högland i Brattfors och h. Backman Brita						24	
											Larsson Erik, f. i Ugglebo i Norrb., och						27	

Birth Record for Per Gustaf Åsenlund, born 2 August, 1878, in Ugglebo (Ockelbo now) in Gästriklands (old provinces are no longer used). It says Per Gustaf is the third child of father, Gustaf Åsenlund, a farmer in Brattfors and mother, housewife, Brita Backman. The "1" in the gift column indicates that the couple are married; other columns are for engaged and not married couples. We know from other church records that Gustaf married Margareta not Brita and that Brita and Margareta are sisters. Also, Brita was blind due an accident with a knitting needle at the age of 2! Brita did live with Margareta and Gustaf. The age of Gustaf is given as 39 (correctly) and Brita as 24; however at the birth of my grandfather Per Gustaf, Brita was 27 and Margareta was 24! The church official just made a mistake in writing Brita instead of Margareta.

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Looking Backward To Our Past