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Where is Home? by David Riel

I was raised in a small village in Racine County, Wisconsin. As I continue to “clean up” my genealogical records, I noticed that the same place has multiple names. Our home address was 612 Main Street, Union Grove, Wisc., at least that was the way it was written when I lived there over 60 years ago. In the later years of my mother’s life there, the county changed house numbers and street names, starting at the edge of Lake Michigan. Her address began 30xx South Colony Avenue, ... She refused to use it and continued to use 612 for the rest of her lifetime. Variations for my village mailing address were/are:

Union Grove, Racine, Wisconsin, USA

Union Grove, Racine County, Wisconsin, United States of America

Union Grove, Racine County, Wisconsin

Union Grove, Racine, Wisconsin

Union Grove, Wisconsin

Union Grove

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, Racine County, Wisconsin with or without USA or United States of America

,, Wisconsin with or without USA or United States of America

And all combinations thereof. Immediate family members back home know the location, so they do not worry about the details. The one in bold is processed fastest of all versions shown. Searching for duplicate records may also be more efficient. I also remember that if you mailed to someone in the village, you just put their name and Local as their address. /dave

PURPOSE

- To help preserve genealogical records and public access to them
- To furnish aid and education in genealogical research
- To foster and encourage interest in genealogical research

Food for Thought

When you think of your grandparents, what are they doing?

Which of your ancestors had the largest number of children? All survive?

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GLOSSARY OF MEDICAL TERMS USED IN THE 18TH AND 19TH CENTURIES

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The following glossary of medical terms was assembled as part of a project on medicine from 1760-1830 but it includes some terms from a wider period. I have drawn on several sources, including, with the permission of the author, *Medical Terms used in the late 18th Century* which appeared on a now obsolete web site written by Melanie McClusky. Additional information was gleaned from an article on the Olive Tree Genealogy Home Page by Lorine McGinnis Schulze.

Information from **Dr Johnson's Dictionary**, first published in 1755, is shown in red. This gives the meaning of the terms as generally understood in the middle of the 18th century. Robert Hooper's *Physician's Vade-Mecum*, published in 1812 has been used as a source of terms in the early 19th century; many of the terms mentioned are still in common use. *Encyclopaedia Britannica* has also been used for some modern descriptions including the names of infectious organisms.

Boil: an abscess of skin or painful inflammation of the skin or a hair follicle usually caused by a staphylococcal infection. Synonyms: furuncle, abscess.

Brain fever: see meningitis and typhus.

Bright's Disease: Glomerulonephritis (kidney inflammation). Richard Bright (1789-1858) was a colleague of Thomas Addison at Guy's hospital in London and described this condition in 1827.

Bronchial asthma: a difficulty in breathing, caused by spasm of the bronchi i.e. the tubes of the lungs.

Bronchial catarrh: acute bronchitis

Bursten: hernia or rupture.

Cachexy: also cachexia, a wasting syndrome.

Camp fever: see typhus.

Cancer: a malignant and invasive growth or tumour. **A virulent swelling or sore, not to be cured.** Synonyms: malignant growth, carcinoma.

Cancrum otis: an erosive ulcer of the cheek and lip resulting from poor hygiene. It was often seen in young children and could be fatal as it led to gangrene of the facial tissues. Synonyms: canker, water canker, noma, gangrenous stomatitis, gangrenous ulceration of the mouth.

Canine madness: rabies or hydrophobia

Canker: an ulcerous sore of the mouth and lips. Possibly includes herpes simplex infections commonly known as cold sores. Synonym: aphthous stomatitis. See cancrum otis. **It seems to have the same meaning and origin as cancer, but denotes bad qualities in a lesser degree.**

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- Cardiac insufficiency:** where the heart is no longer able to pump efficiently. It may be a consequence of a heart attack or of damage to the valves.
- Carditis:** inflammation of the heart.
- Catalepsy:** seizure or a trance like state.
- Cataplasm:** a poultice.
- Catarrh:** inflammation of a mucous membranes of the head and throat, with a flow of mucous. Bronchial catarrh was bronchitis; suffocative catarrh was croup; urethral catarrh was gleet; vaginal catarrh was leukorrhea; epidemic catarrh was the same as influenza. Synonyms: cold, coryza. Catarrhal bronchitis is acute bronchitis.
- Cerebrospinal fever:** See meningitis.
- Child bed fever:** also known as puerperal fever is a form of septicaemia caused by lack of hygiene during the delivery of a baby. It was widespread in hospital deliveries in the middle of the 19th century where it was spread by doctors from patient to patient until the importance of good hygiene was finally accepted.
- Chin cough:** whooping cough or tussis convulsiva, mainly a disease of childhood associated with a strange sounding cough which often brings on vomiting. Synonyms: ching cough, pertussis, tussis convulsiva. (Tussis means cough; a cough medicine is an antitussive.)
- Chlorosis:** anaemia from iron deficiency
- Cholera:** an acute, infectious disease caused by *Vibrio comma*, characterised by profuse diarrhoea, vomiting, and cramps. Cholera is spread by feces-contaminated water and food. Cholera was endemic in the east but did not reach England until late 1831 when it caused many deaths in the poorer parts of growing cities such as Manchester. It is commonly called Asiatic cholera as it spread from Asia across Europe in the late 1820s and early 1830s.
- Cholera infantum:** a common, non-contagious diarrhoea of young children, occurring in summer or autumn. It was common among the poor and in hand-fed babies i.e. babies who were fed on mixtures of bread or flour and water, possibly with admixture of cows' milk, which might be infected, or condensed milk, which was vitamin deficient. Such brews of "pap" in addition to being nutritionally inadequate were easily infected with bacteria. Death frequently occurred in three to five days. The introduction of nutritionally balanced dried milk for babies and proper disinfection of bottles and teats reduced infant mortality very markedly in Britain from about 1910 onwards. Synonyms: summer complaint, weaning brash, water gripes, choleric fever of children, cholera morbus.
- Chorea:** a diseases of the nervous system, characterised by jerky movements chiefly of the face and extremities. Synonym: Saint Vitus' Dance.
- Chronic:** of long standing as opposed to acute which means of recent origin.
- Colic:** abdominal pain and cramp. Renal colic can occur from disease in the kidney and affects the ureter; gallstone colic arises from stones in the bile duct. **Strictly a disorder of the colon but loosely any disorder of the stomach or bowels that is attended with pain, also gripes and bellyache.**
- Clyster:** an enema
- Congestion:** accumulation of blood or other fluid in a body part or blood vessel for example congestion of the lungs in failing heart. In congestive fever the internal organs become gorged with blood.
- Congestive Fever:** see malaria
- Consumption:** a wasting away of the body; formerly applied especially to pulmonary tuberculosis, caused by the bacterium *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*. **In physick, a waste of muscular flesh. It is frequently attended by a hectic fever and is divided by physicians into several kinds, according to the variety of its causes.** Synonyms: marasmus (in the mid-nineteenth century), phthisis.

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Corruption: infection

Coryza: a cold. See also catarrh.

Costiveness: constipation

Cramp colic: appendicitis

Creeping paralysis: a term that encompasses multiple sclerosis

Croup: a spasmodic laryngitis seen mainly in children and associated with a cough and difficulties in breathing. In the early 19th century it was called cynanche trachealis. Synonyms: roup, hives, choak, stuffing, rising of the lights.

Cynanche: inflammation of the throat.

Cynanche maligna: putrid sore throat.

Cynanche parotidaea: mumps.

Cynanche pharyngaea: inflammation of the pharynx.

Cynanche tonsillaris: inflammatory sore throat, See quinsy.

Cynanche trachealis: See croup.

Cyanosis: dark skin from lack of oxygenated blood.

Cystitis: inflammation of the bladder.

Debility: abnormal bodily weakness or feebleness; decay of strength. This was a term descriptive of a patient's condition and of no help in making a diagnosis. Synonym: asthenia.

Delirium tremens: a nervous disorder involving muscular twitching and hallucinations caused by alcohol
10/22/2019 Glossary of Old Medical Terms. Also known as DT and the shakes.

Dementia praecox: schizophrenia, a mental disorder characterised by disordered thinking and auditory hallucinations.

Diacodion: medicine made from poppies and therefore containing morphine or related substances.

Diaphragmatitis: inflammation of the diaphragm.

Diphtheria: an acute and often fatal infectious disease of the upper respiratory tract in which a membrane grows across the throat. The organism responsible is *Corynebacterium diphtheriae* which does not penetrate into the tissues. However, it produces toxins which are absorbed. Synonym: malignant sore throat, putrid fever, membranous croup.

Dropsy: a swelling caused by accumulation of abnormally large amounts of fluid. Caused by kidney disease or congestive heart failure. William Withering was the first to describe the use of a foxglove (digitalis) in the treatment of dropsy. **A collection of water in the body. An anascara, a species of dropsy, is an extravasation of water lodged in the cells of the membrana adiposa.** (Dr. Johnson died of dropsy)

Dysentery: inflammation of the intestine. There are two varieties: (1) amoebic dysentery (2) bacillary dysentery. Synonyms: flux, bloody flux, contagious pyrexia (fever), frequent griping stools. Dr. Johnson defined it as **a disease in which the excrements are mixed with blood.**

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Staunton Spectator

Marriages and Obituaries

September 2, 1879

- BLAKE – HORN – In Dayton, Va., on Sabbath morning, August 24, by Rev. Wm. J. Miller, Wm. B. Blake, of Ohio, and Alice M. Horn, of Augusta County.
- BRIGHT – CAMPBELL – At the bride's residence in Gap Mills Valley, Monroe co., West Va., August 22, by Rev. George T. Lyle, Mr. Abram Bright, formerly of Richmond ad Staunton, Va., and Mrs. E. M. Campbell.
- HUNTER – OTT – On Tuesday, August 26th, S. P. M. on the bridge at Harper's Ferry, by Rev. J. A. McFaden, John B. Hunter and Miss Annie V. Ott – all of Augusta co.
- BRAGG – SMITH – On the 7th ult., at Shady Spring in Raleigh county, W. Va., Mr. Abram Bragg, aged 70, to Miss Nannie Smith, aged 20.
- DRIVER – CLARKE – Near Mt. Solon, August 27th, Mr. Peter Driver to Miss Jane Ann, daughter of the late Thomas B. Clarke.
- PERRY – HOGSETT – Near Mt. Solon, Aug. 26th, Mr. Geo. F. Perry to Miss Mary A., daughter of Wm. E. Hogsett, Esq.
- ROSS – PUTMAN – Mr. Geo. T. Ross, of Bath co., and Miss Elizabeth R. Putman, of Alleghany county, were married Monday, August 25th, 1879, Rev. William Richardson officiating. – The ceremony took place at the residence of Mr. Eli Putman, near Covington
- WHITMER – In Mt. Crawford, on Monday evening of consumption, after a protracted illness, Reuben A. Whitmer, in the 50th year of his age.
- WHEAT – Mr. Wm. D. Wheat, at his residence in Fairfield on Saturday, August 23, of consumption, in the 67th year of his age.

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- SHUTT – BAILEY – In Tazewell, Clalbourne co, Tennessee, on May 9th, 1878, Mr. Nathaniel Shutt to Miss E. F. B. Bailey, formerly of Staunton, VA.
- RUST – BORST – On the 8th inst., at the residence of the bride's father, Luray, Va., by Elder F. M. Perry, Mr. Breckinridge C. Rust and Miss Cornelia Belle, youngest daughter of Peter B. Borst, Esq.
- TERRY – WILSON – On the 7th inst., by the Rev. D. C. Hedrick, Henry M. Terry to Miss Elizabeth M. Wilson – both of Highland county.
- SKAGGS – ALLEN – On Tuesday May 7th, at the residence of the bride's parents, Rocky Point, by Rev. Wm. N. Nickle of the Cumberland Presbytrian Church, Jno. Skaggs, aged 82 and Annie M. Allen, aged 26 – both of Monroe county, W. Va.
- SIMMERS – On the 12th inst., near Lacey Springs, Rockingham county, Mr. Christian Simmers, aged 92 years.
- COLEMAN – On the 5th inst., on Campbell's Creek, Kanawha Co., W. Va., Mrs. Lucy Coleman, at the very old age of 101 years and six months.
- GILLASPIE – On the 12th inst., near the White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., Mrs. Peggie Gillaspie, aged 62 years.
- HEVENER - On Tuesday, the 14th inst., at the residence of her husband, Mr. Jacob P. Hevener, in Crab Bottom, Highland county, Mrs. Rebecca Hevener, aged 35 years, after a long and painful illness.

Transcribed by JoAnn Pendley

Abbreviations Found in Genealogical Research Compiled by David Riel

- a / A** about, age, acre, ante, aunt
A.A. Associate of Art AAONMS - Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine
a.a.r. - against all risks
a.c. - attested copy; account current
a.k.a. also known as; alias.
a.l.s. - autographed letter signed
a.o. - account of
A.S. Associate of Science
a.w.c. - admn. (letters of administration) with will and codicil annexed
A/Dip. LAH Associate Diploma of Local and Applied History
AAGRA Australasian Association of Genealogists and Record Agents
AAONMS - Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine
AAS American Antiquarian Society
AASP - American Antiquarian Society Proceedings
AASR - Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite (of Freemasons)
AASRFM - Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry
ab. - about; abbey
abbr. - abbreviation
abd. - abdicated
Abp. - Archbishop
abr. - abridged; abridgment
abs. or abstr. - abstract
abt. - about
AC - Ante Christum; ancestor chart
acad. - academy
acc. - according to; account; accompanied
acco. - account
accu. - accurate
ackd. - acknowledged
actg. - acting
ACW - American Civil War
AD - *anno domini* [Latin], in the year of the Lord
Ad Adopted
Ad.CI Adopted Child
Ad.D Adopted Daughter
Ad.Gcl Adopted Grandchild
Ad.M Adopted Mother
Ad.S Adopted Son
adj. - adjoining; adjutant; adjourned
adm. - admission; admitted
admin. - administration; administrator
Admon. - letters of administration
admr. - administration
AEOS - Ancient Egyptian Order of Sciots (Masons)
AF - Ancestral File, database maintained by the LDS FHL
AF&AM - Ancient, Free, & Accepted Masons
af. or afft. - affidavit
AFAM - Ancient Free and Accepted Mason
AFRA - American Family Records Association
aft., > - after
AG - Accredited Genealogist (FHL credential)
AG:ABC American Genealogy: A Basic Course
AGBU - Armenian General Benevolent Union
AGLL - American Genealogical Lending Library
AGRA - Association of Genealogists and Record Agents (Professional)
AGRA Association of Genealogists, ca. - circa, about
AHOJB - Ancient and Honorable Order of the Jersey Blues
AIS - Accelerated Indexing System
AISB - Ancient Illuminated Seers of Bavaria
aka also known as
AL - American Legion
Al Aunt-In-Law
ald. - alderman
alh. (dutch) alhier here, in this place
alleg. - allegiance
als. - alias
altm - at liberty to marry (Quaker)
Am. Rev. - American Revolution, American War for Independence
AMORC - Ancient Mystic Order Rosae Crucis
AMOS - Ancient Mystic Order of Samaritans (Odd Fellows)
AMVETS - American Veterans
anc. - ancestry; ancestor; ancient
ann. Anniversary
annc. announcement (re: marriage)
annot. - annotated
ano. - another
anon. - anonymous
ant. - antiquary; antonym
antiq. - antiquary; antiquities; antiquity; antiquarian
AOB - Air Order of Battle
AOD - Ancient Order of Druids
AODC - Ancient Order of Degree Coopermen
AOF - Ancient Order of Foresters
AOH - Ancient Order of Hibernians
AOP - American Order of Pioneers
AOUW - Ancient Order of United Workmen
Ap (occupation/relationship) Apprentice
APCWS - Association for the Preservation of Civil War Sites
apd - attending places of diversion; appointed; appealed (Quaker)
APG - Association of Professional Genealogists
APGQ Association of Professional Genealogists Quarterly
APJG Association of Professional Jewish Genealogists

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APJI - Association for Protection of Jewish Immigrants
app. - apprentice; approximately; appendix; appointed
App. Div. - Appellate division
appr. - appraisal
apprd. - appraised; appeared
approx. - approximately
apptd. - appointed
appx. - appendix
apt - appointed
AQM - Assistant Quartermaster (US Civil War)
AQRS - Assistant Quartermaster Remount Service (US Civil War)
ar. co. - artillery company
ARC - American Red Cross
arr. - arrived
ARSS - Antiquariorum Regiae Societatis Socius (Fellow of the Royal Society of Antiquaries)
art. article (person usually subject of newspaper article)
ascert. - ascertain(ed)
ASCII - American Standard Code for Information Interchange - type of file on a computer that is usually readable / writable by most word processors
ASFD - American Society of Freedmen's Descendants
ASG - American Society of Genealogists
asgd. - assigned
ASGRA Association of Scottish Genealogists and Researchers in Archives
ASN - Army Serial Number
asr. - assessor
assn - association
assn. or **assoc.** - association
asso. - associated; associate
Asst Assistant.
At (occupation/relationship) Attendant
att - attached to; attended (Quaker)
atty. - attorney
au. - gold
aud. - auditor
AWOL - Absent Without Leave (military)

B

b. - born
B - Brother black, Negro
B (dutch) begravén burial
ba. - bachelor baptized
bach. or **batch.** - bachelor
B.A. Bachelor of Arts
B.A.Sc. Bachelor of Applied Science
bap / bapt - baptized
bapt. / bap - baptized

BAR - Brigade of the American Revolution
BARE - Benefit Association of Railway Employees
B.B.A. Bachelor of Business Administration
BBoy (relationship) Bound Boy
BBS - Bulletin Board System Phone dial up connection for PC's.
B.D. Bachelor of Divinity
BC - (of a date) before Christ
BCE - (of a date) before the Common Era (same as BC, but more inclusive)
bcer - birth certificate
BCG - Board for Certification of Genealogists
BCR - Battle Casualty Report
b.d. or bdt. - birth date
bd. - bound; buried
bec. - because; became
begr. (dutch) begravén buried
bef., < - before
bet. between
B.F.A. Bachelor of Fine Arts
BG - burial grounds
BGirl (relationship) Bound Girl
B.H.L. Bachelor of Hebrew Literature
BFHS British Family History Society
BK - Brother's Keeper (software, a genealogy program)
BI Brother-In-Law
BIA - Bureau of Indian Affairs
b-i-l - brother in law
biog. - biography
bish. - bishop
bk. - book
bks. - books; barracks
bl. - bibliography
B.L.S. Bachelor of Library Science
BLM - Bureau of Land Management
BMD - Births, Marriages and Deaths
BMP - Bit Mapped Picture - file format of a computer disk file
BLW - Bount Land Warrant
B.M. - Bench Mark; British Museum
bndsmn. - bondsman
BNL - Brotherhood of the New Life
Bo (relationship) Boarder
bona—goods, chattels, moveable property
bo or bot. - bought; bottom
botp / b.o.t.p —both of this parish
Boy (relationship) Boy
bp. baptized birthplace Bishop
bpl. - birthplace
BPOE - Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks
bpt. baptized ;
Br. - British

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QUERY TO THE MEMBERSHIP FROM THE EDITOR

How do you record a particular location when the state or county boundaries have changed? Throughout history states have been created from territories and/or other states. For example, the state of West Virginia before it was created was part of Virginia. Counties in Virginia have also changed their boundaries as new counties were formed. For example, part of Augusta County became Rockingham County to the north and Rockbridge County to the South. Early land records for some Augusta County residents are sometimes found in Orange County, Virginia records before the Augusta County court system was established in 1745. Please share your solution(s) for recording changing boundaries to the Editor at matcher2@aol.com. Please indicate Locations in your email subject line. Thank you for sharing your experience with us.

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