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## A Note from President, Steve Garber

I often get asked the question of what got me interested in Genealogy and what keeps up the interest over the years. I started collecting data over 25 years ago as information was passed to me by family members. As a technologist, I became interested using the online sources that were available at the time via Rootsweb and USGenweb projects. Of course, these projects have morphed into the massive genealogy databases and tools we use today. As my family data and older chronological family trees were assembled via Family Tree Maker, I realized that there were two aspects to genealogy, namely “family” and “history”.

My Garber (Gerber) “family” ancestors were religious immigrants from Switzerland in the 1750s with 7 generations living in Rockingham and Shenandoah Counties of VA. It was easy for me to verify family data as the information from the Church of the Brethren histories and graveyard occurrences was readily at hand. In addition, my father was a student of Brethren history as well as keenly documenting the relevant surnames Miller, Wine, Strickler, Cooper and Kratzer.

As one goes back in ancestral time, a realization should occur that the “family” story line translates to “history”. For example, the Garber’s were Anabaptists in Switzerland which reflects to the far reaching and fascinating religious transformations that were taking place in Europe in the 1400-1600 centuries. History of the economic, religious, and family life of each generation can be factored down to individual family experiences that can be quite intriguing if the information has been preserved.

My Mother’s “family” surname is Botkin (Bodkin), an immigrant family from Ireland that settled in Highland County, VA in the mid-1700. From the “history” point of view, Botkin Irish ancestry is not causally related to the Anabaptists. Therefore, my Irish ancestors had a totally different origin than the Swiss with a fascinating “history” of their own. The answer to my original question is I enjoy the “family” ancestral part of genealogy but am greatly interested in the “history” associated with each ancestral generation. The interesting part of my research over the years is to read the many historical sources available for a given ancestral time and location, eventually visiting as time permits.

*Steve*

## 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

In what way do you share genealogy with young people? I got interested when my grandfather’s sister showed me pictures of the brothers and sisters that immigrated together in 1868. I was fourteen and now possess the pictures and have researched the genealogy of all of them. [Ed.]

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2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Augusta County Public Library

1759 Jefferson Highway

Fishersville, VA 22939

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## Genealogical Records Augusta County Clerk's Office

The following items available at the Augusta County Courthouse located in Staunton, Virginia. If you need assistance in obtaining any records from there, send your research request to the ACGS research team at ACGS, PO Box 436, Fishersville, VA 22939. Fees for members are \$5 and non-members \$10 per hour and \$.50 per copy.

**DEEDS** November 1745 to present. There are some original deeds of the 18th Century which were never delivered to grantee. The notation on a deed book as to delivery of the deed means that the original deed is not in our office; however, the deed book copy or digital image is available.

**MARRIAGE RECORDS** 1785 to present. The only earlier list is found in Volume II, Chalkley, Records of Augusta County, Virginia (has list of grooms only). Fee book from which it was made disappeared around 1912.

**BIRTH RECORDS** 1853 through 1896 only. If you do not find a record you are seeking, please remember it was not mandatory to report vital records at the time.

**DEATH RECORDS** Begin 1853 and end in 1896. From 1896 to June 1912, vital records were not kept in Virginia.

**VESTRY BOOK, AUGUSTA PARISH** Dates from 1745 to 1776 when vestry was dissolved. It does not contain church records, marriages or baptismal records.

**COURT MARTIAL BOOK 1745 TO 1812**

**COURT OF CLAIMS 1782-1784** Contains records of those persons who contributed supplies to the American Revolution. There is an index.

**GUARDIAN BOND BOOKS** 1775—1850 are available. Each book has its own index.

**COURT ORDER BOOKS** — Available from 1745 to 1904.

(To be continued next month.)

### Augusta County Genealogical Society

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erroneous statements or opinions stated in any article submitted by contributors of this newsletter. Any questions should be referred to the person who submitted the article. At this time, meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month, 1:00p.m., at the location indicated on page one. No meeting in December. Augusta County Genealogical Society is a non-profit corporation. President: Steve Garber, Vice President: Carole Hoffman, Corresponding Secretary: Sharon Sturdivant, Recording Secretary: Leslie Hall, Treasurer: Sandra Jordan, Newsletter: David Riel, and Directors: John Sherwood and Dolores Duncan.

*Some Medical Terms Used in Old Records*  
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Flux	diarrhea
Glanders	an infectious disease that can start with horses, donkeys and mules. Attacks the respiratory system.
Goiter	swelling of lymph gland
Grippe	influenza, flu
Hemophthis	spitting up blood
Impetigo	contagious skin disease
Inflammatory Rheumatism	rheumatic fever
Lockjaw	tetanus
Malaria	transmitted by mosquitoes. Chills, fever and sweating, can be recurrent
Marasmus	infant wasting away from causes unknown
Miasma	poisonous vapors thought to have infected the air.
Milk Leg	swelling of legs of women who recently gave birth
Milk Sickness	sickness from the ingestion of milk, milk products or meat products from animals having the “trembles”
Morphew	scurvy blisters
Mortification	death
Osteomyelitis	inflammation of the bone, or a surgical fever
Neurasthenia	neurosis caused by worry, and causing indigestion, etc.
Parotitis	mumps
Peritonitis	frequently the cause of death in abdominal wounds.
Pleurisy	lung inflammation
Pneumonia	inflammation of the lungs
Podagra	gout
Pox	syphilis

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Prostration	extreme exhaustion
Pyemia	pus in blood, used to be for all types of blood poisoning, usually fatal.
Pyrosis	heartburn
Quinsy	abscess of the tonsils
Rheumatism	inflammation of the joints, muscles
Rubella	measles
Scarlatina	scarlet fever
Scrofula	tuberculosis of the lymph nodes
Scurvey	vitamin C deficiency disease. In Civil War they tried to prevent this by having soldiers eat desiccated vegetables as a ration.
Sleeping sickness	encephalitis
Sub-Laxatio	non complete dislocation
Suppuration	formation of pus, thought to be a good thing in the 1860's
Trench Mouth	sores or ulcers in the mouth at the gum line
Variola	smallpox
Venesection	bleeding
Vulnus Incisim	incisional wound
Vulnus Punctum	puncture wound
Vulnus Sclopeticum	gunshot wound
Winter Fever	pneumonia
Yellow Fever	Virus, was thought to have been brought by air, instead of mosquitoes.

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## DNA

### DEOXYRIBO NUCLEIC ACID

DNA-Was one of the most important discoveries of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century having been discovered in 1952.

There are only 4 molecular base pairs, Adenine, Thymine, Cytosine, and Guanine (A,T,C,G). It is the sequence of Genes that makes us, us.

#### DNA and GENEALOGY

If you have taken a DNA test on Ancestry.Com, and see a huge amount of matches, you are not alone. (No pun intended).

When I received my results back from Ancestry, other than seeing my ethnicity, I wanted to see who I was related to. I immediately recognized two cousins. One cousin was my first cousin on my father's side. The other cousin was a second cousin on my mother's side of the family.

That information opened up a vast amount of information and, this is how I made some great discoveries.

It did not take me long to go down my DNA matches to discover folks/family that I did not know. Some had trees and some did not.

So here is the trick that worked for me!

I opened the first unknown person. Ancestry told me our relationship was 2<sup>nd</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> cousins.

Underneath our names, Ancestry gives us three options, "tree", "Ethnicity", and "**SHARED MATCHES**".

I opened up the unknown male person's **SHARED MATCHES** and I see my first cousin on my father's side as matching his DNA. Bingo! This tells me that this unknown person is related to me on my father side of my family. Not only is this person related to me through my father's family, so are all the other people on this unknown person list of matches.

I opened up another unknown person's Shared Matches, and now I see my second cousin on my mother's side. As I was able to go back further on my mom's side of the family, I recognized more surnames on their trees that I was able to connect to.

Of course, there are some people, when I open their Shared Matches, that I do not recognize anyone on their matches. So they stay out there in limbo for the time being.

The next trick is to ADD/EDIT GROUPS. You can create custom groups and you would see that on the far right of the list of shared matches.

The simplest way is to create just two groups. One group for your mother and color her pink, and one for your father, and color him blue.

Once you have done that, you can go back to your shared matches and immediately see all the people related to you on your father's side of the family and all the people who are related to you on your mother's side.

You can also assign a color to a person if you know that they belong to one particular surname, so on and so forth.

When you go back to all of your shared matches and do a visual on the colors, you immediately know how they might fit into your family tree.

Always, happy hunting, Dolores Coogan Duncan, May 31, 2020

## Staunton Spectator — April 11, 1894



### MARRIAGES



**WOLF-SHULL** – At Mt. Solon, Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, by Rev. J. Miller, Mr. Dolan Wolf to Miss Lydia A. Shull.

**FITZGERALD – MONROE** – Near Amherst Chapel, Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Arthur T. Fitzgerald to Miss Georgianna Monroe.

**WICKLINE – WICKLINE** – On Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 2:15 p.m. at the residence of Mr. Anderson L. Wickline, in Sweet Springs district, in Monroe county, W. VA., Mr. Porter J. Wickline and Miss Minnie Wickline were united in marriage, Rev. A. B. Balentine officiating.

**WICHAEL – EAVEY** – At Mossy Creek, this county, Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, by Rev. L. H. Paul, Mr. Luther K. Wichael to Miss Annetta V. Eavey.

**OGDEN – KELLER** – In Harrisonburg at 8 p.m., Wednesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, at the residence of Rev. C. N. A. Youce, the officiating minister, Mr. Hugh Ogden, of Middletown, to Miss Katie Keller, sister of Mr. Ed. Keller, of Harrisonburg.

**PAYNE – BYRD** – At the home of the mother of the bride in Dayton, Rockingham county, at 6 o'clock Wednesday evening, March 28<sup>th</sup>, by Rev. Dr. R. H. Alfred, Dr. Wm. F. Payne to Miss Z. Olive Byrd, daughter of Lewis S. Byrd, dec'd.

**LAWTON – KANUPP** – At the Methodist Parsonage in this city, yesterday evening, April 10<sup>th</sup>, by Rev. J. H. Boyd, Mr. J. E. Lawton, of this city, to Miss Willie Kanupp, of Churchville.

**McCLUNG – LEWIS** – In Grassy Meadows Greenbrier county, W. Va., at the home of Thos. C. Lewis, Esq., the father of the bride, Sunday night, April 1<sup>st</sup>, by Rev. Jacob H. Lewis, Dr. H. L. McClung to Miss Annie S. Lewis.

**HANNA – WOSHAM** – In Lewisburg, W. Va., Wednesday evening, April 4<sup>th</sup>, by Rev. G. B. Mayf, Mr. Calvin C. Hanna, of Frankford, Greenbrier county, W. Va., to Miss Mollie Worsham, daughter of Mr. Wm. T. Worsham.

**BARBOUR – GRIMSLEY** – At the Presbyterian church at Culpeper, Wednesday night at 9 o'clock, by Rev. E. W. Winfrey of the Baptist church, Mr. John S. Barbour, son of James Barbour, and nephew of the late Senator John S. Barbour, to Miss Mary B. Grimsley, daughter of Circuit Judge Daniel A. Grimsley. After the ceremony was over a reception was held at the residence of the bride's father from 10 o'clock p.m. until 12. At 12 o'clock Mr. and Mrs. Barbour boarded the train for an extended southern trip.



### DEATHS



**DINKLE** – At his home near Stover's Shop, at 8 o'clock Monday morning, April 9<sup>th</sup>, suddenly of rheumatism of the heart. Mr. Robert M. Dinkle, formerly of Rockingham, aged about 70 years, leaving two daughters and three sons. Mrs. Lightner and Mrs. Goodwin of Churchville, Wm. and James Dinkle of Colorado, and Bruce Dinkle living on the home farm. The funeral was from the Presbyterian church in Churchville yesterday, by Rev. Mr. Cooper, Pastor of the M. E. Church South.

**LURTY** – At her residence in Harrisonburg at 3 o'clock Thursday morning, April 5<sup>th</sup>, Mrs. Minnie Newman Lurty, wife of Capt. Warren S. Lurty. She was the youngest child of Dr. A. M. Newman of Harrisonburg.

**BOSSERMAN** – At his home near Cedar Grove, Rockbridge county, March 29<sup>th</sup>, Mr. William Bosserman, a respected citizen who had been a brave Confederate soldier, aged 57 years, 7 months and 9 days. He was born in Middlebrook in Augusta county. He removed with his father's family to Rockbridge in the year 1853. He volun-

## *Staunton Spectator — April 11, 1894 (continued)*

teered in the early Spring of 1861 in Co. H. 25<sup>th</sup> Va. infantry. He made a fine soldier and served his country faithfully through the whole of the civil war. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 1866, he married Miss M. J. Shaw. He leaves a widow and three children.

BOOKER – In Romney, W. Va., Wednesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, at the residence of Judge R. W. Daley, his son-in-law, John Booker, aged 85 years, the father of Rev. J. E. Booker, Pastor of Hebron church, and father-in-law of Rev. G. W. Finley, D. D., Pastor of Tinkling Spring Church. Rev. Mr. Booker attended the funeral but Dr. Finley could not on account of the illness of his wife.

HOUNIHAN – At his residence on Kalorama street at 1 o'clock Thursday morning, April 5<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Timothy Hounihan, a native of County Limerick, Ireland, aged about 79 years, and a resident of Staunton since 1841. He is survived by eight children, Michael, James, Thomas, William, Kate, Lizzie and Mary Hounihan, all of this city, and Mrs. Annie Kleversahl, of Richmond, Va.

DULL – At Arbor Hill, Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, Mrs. Elizabeth Dull, wife of Mr. David Dull, in the 60<sup>th</sup> year of her age. She leaves a husband; a brother, Mr. Jacob H. Zimmerman, and three sisters – Mrs. James Farrow of Salem, Roanoke, Mrs. Jacob Bailey of Augusta, and Miss Mary Zimmerman of Augusta. The interment took place Friday week at Mt. Tabor, of which church she had been a member for many years.

CRICKENBERGER – At her residence in Mt. Sidney, this county, at 9 o'clock Sunday morning, April 1<sup>st</sup>, Mrs. Elizabeth Crickenberger, wife of Mr. Samuel Crickenberger, aged nearly 72 years. She was highly respected by all who knew her, and she had been a member of the Lutheran church since her girlhood. She was first married to Mr. Silon Henkel, the father of Dr. S. Homer Henkel, D. S., of this city, and then to Mr. Samuel Crickenberger who survives her, as does her children, Dr. S. H. Henkel, of Staunton, Dr. William Crickenberger of New Market, Luther M. Crickenberger and Mrs. N. I. Kagey of Weyer's Cave, and Misses Alice and Ida Crickenberger of Mt. Sidney. The funeral was at Metanchthon Chapel at 11 o'clock on Tuesday, the 3<sup>rd</sup> instant, conducted by Rev. W. H. Oney, assisted by the Rev. Korn of the Reformed church. Her aged husband was too much afflicted with rheumatism to attend the funeral, which was attended by a large number of relatives and friends. The following acted as pallbearers – William Brubeck, William E. Skelton, D. K. Shreckise, Edward Huffman, W. P. Johnston and G. Shover.

HUNTER – At her residence in West End, at 10 o'clock, Sunday morning, April 8<sup>th</sup>, Mrs. Anne M. Hunter, aged 82 years, leaving four children – Mrs. Cynthia A. Armstrong, of California; Mrs. Charles L. Johnson, Jeter Hunter, of Clifton Forge, and Charles Hunter, of this city. The funeral took place from the Baptist church Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock and was conducted by Rev. W. J. Cox, the pastor, assisted by Rev. W. Q. Hullihen, of Trinity Episcopal church

Transcribed by JoAnn Pendley

### **Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter Legal Affairs published 19 June 2020**

“The following was written by Jan Meisels Allen, Chairperson of the IAJGS Public Records Access Monitoring Committee:

On June 18, 2020, the Georgia House of Representatives passed SB 372 by a vote of 157 to 2. In March, the bill passed the Senate by a vote of 52-0. Despite letters from the genealogical community to House Committee and leadership the Georgia Legislature seemed unwavering in their determination to enact a provision in their public health and modernization bill with the NAPHSIS advocated embargo periods. The bill changes the birth records embargo from 100 years to 125 years and death, marriage and divorce records from 75 years to 100 years.”

Be aware of what is happening in your state! Editor

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