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Message from our Editors

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We were happy to hear the Chapin Library reopened on June 1st but with reduced hours and limited access/occupancy. Unfortunately, they have suspended indefinitely the use of meeting rooms which means we will not be holding our club meetings until further notice. We were sad to hear the last part but overjoyed that we had decided to start a Newsletter this past January. To that end, we will try to keep our members updated and informed with their genealogy research "at a social distance" using this media for the time being. ♦

Featured Websites

This site has links to free websites with church parish registers from the United Kingdom and Ireland at <http://dustydocs.com/> ♦

The site explores how and why names were not changed at Ellis Island and one that was.

<https://www.nypl.org/blog/2013/07/02/name-changes-ellis-island> ♦

Research the DAR Database

Lynda Carrigan

Member, GSGC

The National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) was founded in 1890 to perpetuate the memory of ancestors who fought during the American Revolution. The objectives laid forth were historical, educational and patriotic which have endured to this day. There are currently over 7,100,000 names in the DAR database, which is updated daily. This is a searchable transcription of all the information that appears on the lineage page of every application verified by DAR.

Visit dar.org, under the Library tab scroll down to Descendants. Put in a last name and the first letter of the first name, then search. Hopefully, you will see an application with your ancestor's name or a list of applications if there is more than one. Click on the red box of the member with the highest number (the newest) to see any data available. If not, go to the next lowest number.

If you want the supporting documentation for this application, click on the green box stating "Purchase Associated Record Copy." The Record Copy is what you see online but includes notations made by the verifying genealogist. For documentation only, choose Option 4 which can be purchased online and downloaded immediately. However, I would not purchase if the Member # for this application is less than 700,000, as information may not be available or it may be minimal.

Another valuable resource on the DAR website is the Library Catalog also under the Library tab. This is a direct link to the DAR Library's online catalog. This may help you find a new source which you can then look for online. If you want to get the information from DAR, there is a Search Service available. Go to the Library tab again and look in the center column for Search Services, then Photocopy Service. ♦

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Colonial Times

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Cookbooks: In Colonial Times brides were often given a homemade collection of recipes or a popular recipe book. Researching old recipes helps us learn not only what our ancestors ate but quite a bit about their lives. Find an old cookbook that belonged to an ancestor. Some offer unusual delicacies as “possum pie” or “squirrel stew”, recipes clipped from magazines, or even better, handwritten treasures written on notecards and slips of paper placed between cookbook pages. The popular *First American Cookbook 1796* by Amelia Simmons is available on Amazon from Dover Publications, 1956; with recipes and preserving instructions. - A “treat” to read! ♦

Yearbooks, An Uncommon Resource

Nancy Engle

Member, GSGC

Don't overlook yearbooks when researching. They can be a valuable source of information. I was looking through my father's 1941 yearbook and found a classmate with the same last name, McMenamin, but didn't recognize his given name. My father told us there were three McMenamin clans in Philadelphia and they were all related, but he wasn't sure how. I suspect they were descendants of my great grandfather's brothers. This young man who graduated with my father could have been his twin. Three of my cousins also look like him. Included with his photograph were his name and address, so the next step is to check the 1940 census and find other family members. It looks like I may have one more piece of the puzzle. ♦

Featured Books

The Family Tree Problem Solver: Tried-and-True Tactics for Tracing Elusive Ancestors Third Edition by Marsha Hoffman Rising ♦

The Unofficial Guide to Family Search.org: How to Find Your Family History on the Largest Free Genealogy Website by Dana McCullough ♦

Tracing Your Irish Ancestors Fifth Edition by John Grenham ♦

Best Family History Projects eBook by Editors of Family Tree Magazine ♦

Writing and Publishing a Family Legacy

Cora Lee Palma

Member, GSGC

Have you considered putting your ancestor's personal stories into a published book?

Before you begin writing your stories, decide which type of book you prefer.

- Will it be separate volumes of paternal and maternal ancestors or a combination of the two?
- Will your book be a personalized memoir of your ancestors' lives with interesting stories you might recall?
- Will you be asking others to share their stories?
- Will it be a photographic book, beautifully designed into a family treasure, including bits and pieces of memorabilia, such as old photos and other memorabilia - an inherited piece of china or hand-sewn quilt you might possess?
- Will it be the challenge of an expansive technical reference, which others could refer to for detailed documented information? *To be continued.....* ♦

Chromosomes-The 23rd Pair

Phyllis Hughes

2nd Vice President & Webmaster, GSGC Board

There are 23 pairs of chromosomes with the 23rd pair consisting of Y and X chromosomes. Males inherit both Y and X with the Y passing down as an exact copy of DNA from their father and the X passing from the mother as a recombination of DNA representing the females in the maternal line. Females inherit two X chromosomes with one X in the pair that is passed from the mother as a recombination of the DNA representing the females in the maternal line. Occasionally, the X will pass unchanged from the mother. However, the other X chromosome passed from the father, is passed unchanged and is an exact copy of the paternal grandmother. The father only passes the X chromosome to daughters and not sons, where the mother passes the X chromosome to both daughter and sons.

When used with genealogical information, the X chromosome is very effective in researching the heritage of the family line of the father's mother. Likewise, when combined with surname documentation, the Y chromosome results is a powerful tool in researching the paternal line. ♦

Did You Know

Though based in Indiana, Allen County Public Library's online reach extends much further. It's the nation's second-richest genealogy library. Special collections focus on Native American, African American, military and family Bible records. ♦

You can use voter registration records to research your ancestors but you have to know where to look. *The Family Tree Sourcebook: The Essential Guide to American County and Town Sources* by Editors of Family Tree Magazine can help you locate these and many other kinds of records to use in your search. ♦

State Guides

Washington, DC

(Source: State Guide Minnesota by Gamber, L. Originally published in the Mar/Apr 2020/Vol.21, Issue 2, P. 33 of *Family Tree Magazine*)

Established: 1790

First Federal Census: 1800

Birth & Death Records Begin: 1874

Marriage Records Begin: 1811

Contact for Vital Records:

Birth records:

Department of Health, Vital Records Division, 899 N. Capitol St. NE, First Floor, Washington, DC 20002, (202) 442-5955

Website: www.doh.dc.gov

Marriage records:

Superior Court of DC, Marriage Bureau Section, Moultrie Courthouse, 500 Indiana Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20001, (202) 879-4840

Website: www.dccourts.gov/services/marriage-matters ♦

Wisconsin

(Source: State Guide New Jersey by Crume, R. Originally published in the Mar/Apr 2020/Vol.21, Issue 2, P.37 of *Family Tree Magazine*)

Statehood: 1848

First Federal Census: 1820

Statewide Birth & Death Records Begin: 1907

Statewide Marriage Records Begin: 1907

Public-land state

Counties: 72

Contact for Vital Records:

Department of Health, Wisconsin Office of Vital Records, P.O. Box 309, Madison, WI 53701, (608) 266-1373

Website: www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/vitalrecords ♦

Pruning Your Ancestry Tree

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Does your *Ancestry.com* tree have a lot of lines that are intertwined all over the place? Would you like to prune those branches? Well I can help you trim them. You probably have duplicate people so you need to find and merge the duplicates. In your Ancestry account go to the "Help" tab, choose "Support Center" and then search "Merging Duplicate People." Click on the document and follow the instructions. You should also look at the other listed documents: "How to Avoid Creating Duplicates in a Tree" and "Merging Family Trees." These documents are very helpful so you keep those excess branches trimmed. Wasn't that easy! ♦

Preservation of Burials

Susan Perhala

Office Depot Rewards, GSGC Board

Horry County's Historic Cemetery Registration Project began in 2007 with the inventory of a dozen cemeteries. This project was begun with efforts by Adam Emrick, then Senior Planner for Horry County and liaison to the Horry County Bar of Architectural Review. To be classified as historic, a cemetery would contain at least one burial at least 50 years old. By gathering data, documenting graves, using photos and GPS coordinates, these properties can be protected from encroachment and development. By 2011, 200+ historic cemeteries had been recorded with photographs and mapping. As of 2020, approximately 322 cemeteries have been recorded.

When a cemetery is recorded at the county level, any sale of or improvements on that land will require a permit from the county. The documented cemetery area is protected from disturbance from construction/development which would harm the integrity of the burials on the property. This can be an annoyance or hindrance to some landowners. This protection for burials may not fit into the landowner's plans. There are several cemeteries in Horry County that are at risk due to new construction and growth by developers.

If you have a family cemetery on your property or if you have come across burials that appear to be remote and possibly not documented, please contact Bob Dahlin, a member of our club and a volunteer with this project. ♦

Dear Miss Genie

My ancestor immigrated approximately 1895/6, returned to their homeland and came back to the U.S. in 1900. Would they return through Ellis Island or Castle Garden and be registered again?

Answer: Unfortunately, there was a fire on June 15, 1897 on Ellis Island destroying all records dating back to 1840 and the Castle Garden era. The new facility officially opened in December 1900. These websites may give you some clues on locating your ancestor.

- <https://www.nps.gov/elis/learn/education/finding-arrival-records-online.htm>,
- <https://www.nps.gov/elis/faqs.htm>
- <https://www.history.com/topics/immigration/ellis-island>
- [https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/U.S. Immigration %E2%80%93 After 1820](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/U.S._Immigration_%E2%80%93_After_1820)

At our Club's website under the "Presentations" tab there is a document called "Passenger Search Tips and Tricks." This document may help you navigate the Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation site listed as a link in the first website above. ♦

**Do you have a question for Miss Genie? Why not send it to her at genieclub2002@gmail.com – Subject: "Miss Genie." She would love to hear from you. **

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Road Trip Update

Dick Temple

Secretary, GSGC Board

Due to the current global pandemic, Shelby Lollis, SCGS 1st Vice President and Workshop Chair, reported that the South Carolina Genealogical Society Workshop Committee has decided to cancel the 2020 SCGS Summer Workshop, July 11-12, 2020. ♦

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

GSGC MONTHLY MEETINGS

PLACE: CHAPIN MEMORIAL LIBRARY

TIME: 10 AM

Presentations:

- Due to the Coronavirus, The Chapin Library has suspended use of their meeting room until further notice; therefore, we are unable to hold our monthly meetings. Please access our Club Website for future updates. ♦

GENEALOGY MEETINGS/CONFERENCES

**Due to the Coronavirus most if not all meetings/conferences are being held virtually. Please visit www.conferencekeeper.org for the most complete Calendar and Collection of Genealogy Events on the Internet. This is now your chance to attend a virtual meeting that you might never had gone to due to the distance and cost. **

MEETINGS

2nd Saturday of each Month 10:00 AM at:
Chapin Library (*FamilySearch* Affiliate Library)
400 14th Avenue North
Myrtle Beach, SC 29577

E-mail - genieclub2002@gmail.com

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