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# Past and Present

Newsletter of The Southern Genealogist’s Exchange Society

March 2019

## **Quotes of the month**

“Ease of access is not the determining factor when considering what sources we use.”

Michael G. Hait

“Google” is not a synonym for “research” --Dan Brown

**Genealogy detectives at the SGES Library**

Title: Royal and Nobel Families of Medieval Europe by Gayle King Blankenship

Location: EF103. If you think you have royal descendants from Europe who entered the United States through Virginia, this book has family pedigrees, coat of arms, country maps and descendant histories and linages.

**Announcements**

The 9th Annual North Florida Genealogy Conference will be held Saturday, March 9 at The Church of Christ Latter-Day Saints Church, 461 Blanding Blvd, Orange Park. Staring at

8:30 am, a total of 20 classes will be offered in 5 different presentations each hour. Midday break for lunch. Registration received after 1 March 2019 is $30.00 and lunch will not be guaranteed. Go to https://nfgenealogyconference.org/ to review class details and register. This conference will be **in lieu** of the SGES regular meeting at Kori Rd. Library.

**Story of the month**

**Common Names & Abbreviations**

Complied by Valerie Bennett

Ab Abraham

Abig Abigail

Abr Abraham

Alb Albert, Albina

Albt Albert

Alc Alice

Alex Alexander, Alexandre, Alexandrine

Alf Alfred

Alfd Alfred

Alph Alphonse, Alphonsine

Am Amanda

Amb Ambrose

And Andrew, André

Andw Andrew

Ang Angeline, Angelique

An Anne, Anna

Ani Annie

Anthy Anthony

Arch Archibald

Art Arthur

Arth Arthur, Arthemise

Aug August, Auguste, Augustin, Augustine

Bart Bartholomew

Bea Beatrice

Ben Benj, Benjamin

Brid Bridget, Bridgette

Car Caroline

Cath Catherine

Charlt Charlotte

Chals, Chas, Chs, Charles

Chris Christopher

Clem Clement, Clementine

Clif Clifford

Cons Constance

Const Constance

Corn Cornelius

Dan, Danl Daniel

Dav David

Deb Deborah

Den Dennis

Don Donald

Dor Dorothy

Ed Edward, Edouard, Edmund

Edm Edmond, Edmund

Edw Edward

Elis Elisabeth

Eliz Eliza, Elizabeth

Elnr Eleanor

Eml Emily

Ern Ernest, Ernestine

Esth Esther

Eug Eugene, Eugenie

Ezek Ezekiel

Fred Ferdinand

Flo Florence

Fra Francis (male)

Fran Frances (female)

Fred Frederick, Frédéric

Fredk Frederick

Fs Francis (male)

Geo George, Georges, Georgette,

Georgina, Georgiana

Geof Geoffrey

Ger Gerald, Geraldine, Gerard

Gert Gertrude

Gilbt Gilbert

Godf Godfrey

Han Hannah

Har Harold

Hel Helen, Hellene

Hen Henry

Henr Henriette

Herbt Herbert

Hest Hester

Hon Honour

Hub Hubert

Hubt Hubert

Hum Humphrey

Hy Henry

Ir Irene

Isab Isabel, Isabelle

Ja James

Jacq Jacques, Jacquelline

Jas James

Jer Jeremiah

Jere Jeremiah

Jn John, Jean

Jno John

Jnthn Jonathan

Jon Jonathan

Jos Joseph, Joséphat

Josh Joshua, Josiah

Jro Jerome

Jsph Joseph

Jud Judith

Jul Julian, Juliette

Kath Katherine

Ken Kenneth

Lau Laurence

Lawr Lawrence

Len Leonard

Leo Leopold

Leon Leonard

Ls Louis

Lse Louise

Luc Lucian, Lucien, Lucienne

Lyd Lydia

Mad Madeleine

Marg Margaret, Marguerite

Margt Margaret

Mart Martha

Margt Margaret

Mat Matthias, Mathias, Matthew, Mathieu

Mathw Mathew

Mgt Margaret

Mic Michael

Mich Michael, Miche

Michl Michael

Mill Millicent

My Mary

Nath Nathaniel

Nathl Nathaniel

Neh Nehemiah

Nic Nicholas, Nicole

Nich Nicholas

Oct Octave

Ol Oliver, Olivier

Pama Pamelia

Pat Patrick, Patrice, Patricia

Patk Patrick

Pen Penelope

Pet Peter

Ph Phillip, Philippe

Phil Phillip, Philippe

Prisc Priscilla

Pru Prudence

Rach Rachel

Ray Raymond

Reb Rebecca

Reba Rebecca

Reg Reginald

Ric Richard

Rich Richard

Richd Richard

Robt Robert

Rog Roger

Rol Roland

Ron Ronald

Rph Ralph

Sam Samuel

Saml Samuel

Sar Sarah

Sid Sidney

Sim Simon

Sol Solomon

Stan Stanley

Steph Stephen

Susna Susanna, Susannah

Suz Suzanne

Syd Sydney

Tho, Thos, Ths Thomas

Tim Timothy

Vic Victor

Vinc Vincent

Virg Virginia

Wilf Wilfred, Wilfrid

Wm William

**Website**

Noted Genealogist researcher/author Thomas MacEntee has made available to the public, free access to his “Genealogy Do-Over” program. This is a project-based initiative to improve genealogy research skills while having fun too. Although started in 2018, it is still applicable in 2019. Each month we’ll give you an overview of that month’s topics. For those that want to know more, we will include link. Hope it helps you.

Genealogy Do-Over, month 3

**Topics**: 1) Conducting Self Interview and 2) Conducting Family Interviews

## Conducting Self-Interview

There are many different formats to use for your personal interview including a simple written narrative, a bullet point list of dates and places, or a family group sheet. Make sure you take your time and record the important data related to:

* Birth
* Marriage(s) and Divorce(s)
* Religious events including bar/bat mitzvahs, baptisms, confirmations, etc.
* Children

## Conducting Family Interviews

Once your interview is done, create a list of aunts, uncles, cousins and other relations who would have information about your parents, grandparents and other extended family members. Again, the format and method of interviewing is up to you.

See <https://abundantgenealogy.com/genealogy-month-3-march-2018/>

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**New additions to the SGES Library**

Cleveland County (NC) Heritage

Catawba County (NC) Heritage

Henderson County (NC) Heritage

Pickens District, SC 1840 Census by Anne Sheriff

South Carolina Bible Records by Dorothy Harris Phifer