NOA News

Come to Thomasville to share stories and meet family

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Our July Gathering



Greetings fellow NOA members. July is fast

approaching and I am so looking forward to seeing everyone. This year's event is looking very exciting in Thomasville, Georgia.

A lot has happened lately within my family and I am happy to share it with you.

On February 15th, my sister, Paulette welcomed another granddaughter

Register for the Thomasville GA gathering at the Best Western Plus on line. It is a really easy process.

https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hoteldetails.11203.html?groupId=3T1QG3T1

May 2018

with the birth of little Adaline Lynn. She is the cutest thing and is always smiling.

Next my brother, Rick welcomed a new son-in-law with the marriage of his daughter, Amber Powell to David Chance on March 10th. The wedding took place on the banks of the Guadalupe River in Comal County, Texas at dusk and it was beautiful.

Then on May 11th, Paulette's oldest granddaughter, Shai Harris married Slade Morris in another gorgeous outdoor ceremony near Terrell, Texas. We were blessed that the weather cooperated and we could not have asked for nicer days.

I am hoping that the weather will be just as nice for our reunion so we will be able to enjoy all the sites that Thomasville has to offer. I hope to see everyone there!

President, Dan Powell

Scott Odom posted on the NOA Facebook: If anyone know anything about John Henry Odom b. Oct 1942 - Baldwin, Alabama? d. 1900 - Fort Bend County, Texas, married to Georgia Ann Odom (born Westbrook) b. July 1848, d. Mar 3, 1924 Paige, Bastrop, Texas, USA. It would be appreciated for I have seemed to hit a brick wall looking for his mother and father.

Hello from southern Illinois!

We are really looking forward to introducing you to the stomping grounds of our ancestors that found their way to Illinois. When you live in an area many times you take for granted what the area has to offer. This is true of me. When asked to host the 2019 NOA reunion , I thought I hope I can find interesting things for everyone. Now that I've started I'm having trouble picking the things from all that I have to choose from to entertain our group. Genealogy does not have to be boring facts. It can be mixed with fun.

I already have several things lined up and hope to have the whole program ready by the end of November of this year and be able to present it to you all. This area has something to offer every one. The Frontier League baseball stadium is one block from our hotel and I can not forget the lush golf course only a few blocks from our hotel. Marion is located in the heart of the Shawnee Hills Wine Trail and a national wildlife refuge with several lakes offering a wide range of activities. There is also a large collection of antique dealers with unique selections.

I've planned a tour of the Williamson County Historical Society Museum and Library. This building serves as a museum and historical Library devoted to Genealogy and the preservation of the Southern Illinois and Williamson County history. It was constructed in 1913 and served as the Williamson County Jail until 1972. The back section of the building contains cells that

held many defendants involved in the history of Southern Illinois history. Such as members of the Charlie Birger gang, the Ku Klux Klan, and defendants awaiting trial for the Herrin Massacre, which gave the county the nickname "Bloody Williamson". After the tour you can do research.

I've also reserved the Historical Village that contains several historical buildings for a tour and plan to have a special guest speaker for us in the village Centre that is located in the hub of the village. We will also have our lunch here.

For our Saturday Banquet & Entertainment I've reserved the Touch of Nature Friends Room located in the heart of 3.100 acres of forest on the shores of Little Grassy Lake. Singer-songwriter and Multi-instrumental artist and Willie Nelson Impersonator, Paul Jarvis (not only does he look like him, he sounds like him) is our entertainment for this evening. While we are in this setting I plan for the program to include a special time for Thelma Blackburn to present our year pens, Paula & Natalie to present the memorial service for those that have passed, and Bill to do the group pictures, I hope to get information from them at the 2018 meeting as to the amount of time needed to be slotted for these verv important events in our meeting.

Yes things are falling into place and I hope to add several more things before finishing the program for July 2019. I would like for everyone to start now organizing their genealogy to bring to our 2019 meeting and would welcome any of you interested in presenting your line to the group. Plan to

bring your computer, books, etc. as we will have a special time to help each of us in tracing our lines. If any of you have suggestions on what you'd like to see in the program feel free to contact me and I'll consider it and try to work it into the program.

Peggy Odom Coriasco e-mail p.coriasco1@yahoo.com
Hope you all can make it to Illinois 2019!

FROM JIMMY RAY

The secretary of N.O.A membership has sent you your membership. We organized in 1980 at Eufala, Alabama. Will be glad to make your contact as a 4th cousin from Simeon's brother Randol Odom. I have your pho as 865 548 7413. Will be looking to talk about this large family that mostly came to TX in 1847. I live close to where the Odoms came in 1847 on Hwy 84 in Anderson Co. They first came to Cherokee Co, TX.

Thanks, Jimmy & Clara Odom

Hello Jimmy and Clara, I got your message today but I was busy at work and unable to talk. My father is Larry Ray Odom from Lawton Oklahoma. I was adopted as a toddler, but reunited with my dad at 26. We have been close ever since. It's incredible to be able to trace our past back so far. I look forward to seeing who our ancestors were that first crossed the Atlantic and where they originated.

Have a great day, Mark Youmans (Odom) flswamprat2007@yahoo.com

Ray Odom



From humble beginnings RAY ODOM became a pioneer radio station owner and a premiere concert promoter, a mover and shaker Jack of all trades and a master of many.

Born outside of Abilene, Texas where he dabbled in local radio Ray Odom moved to Phoenix in 1951 and never looked back. In those early fifties he pursued radio jobs at KRIZ AND KRUX.....back then, those future rival Phoenix top 40 stations featured Block programming and a variety of different styles of music including country music.

While at KRUX he began hosting a Saturday night show at the huge Madison Square Garden club off 7th Avenue and Washington called THE

ARIZONA HAYRIDE.....Odom began featuring local musical talent including twangy guitar stylist DUANE EDDY and piano player JIMMY DELL, superb guitarist AL CASEY JIMMY SPELLMAN, DONNIE OWENS, and many many more local Phoenix talent. Soon ODOM would branch out to bring in Grand Ole Opry stars such as RAY PRICE, DON GIBSON, PATSY CLINE and a who's who of mainly country entertainers...Odom also hosted the popular Wrestling matches at Madison Square Garden as well as on local tv back in the day.

One day while on the air at KRUX he received a phone call from a young and still unknown ELVIS PRESLEY who was passing through town. He asked Odom if he could perform on that nights Hayride show for \$30.00 gas money and Odom turned him down because his show was booked. When Odom eventually did bring Presley to Phoenix it cost a cool \$10,000.

In 1955 ODOM and partner A.V. BAM Bamford branched out and started up the VERY FIRST full time country radio station in Phoenix known as KHEP... even though it was a daytime only station it quickly gained a huge audience. By the late 50's he'd put the first 24 hour country station on the air known as KHAT.... and in the late 70's was part of KJJJ

country radio in Phoenix. In addition, he and his partner owned country stations in Tucson and San Antonio, Texas. Odom would continue to expand his concert promotion business by bringing in even bigger stars such as FRANK SINATRA and JOHNNY CASH and he brought ELVIS PRESLEY to Arizona in concert at least 3 times over the years. At one ELVIS show at the State Fairgrounds....Presley's manager, Colonel Tom Parker demanded 40 uniformed police officers to surround the stage to keep the screaming teenagers at bay.....

Ray Odom booked many shows at the long gone RIVERSIDE PARK BALLROOM by the Salt River on South Central Avenue. There he booked in entertainers such as PATSY CLINE, WILLIE NELSON, JOHNNY WESTERN and many more.

Another passion of Ray Odom's was racing horses.

While retired today, Odom and wife Dolly still race horses at major horse tracks around the country including TURF PARADISE in Phoenix

We're proud to induct RAY ODOM into THE ARIZONA MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT HALL OF FAME.

NEXT NEWS LETTER DEADLINE

AUGUST 10, 2018

SEND PHOTOS, INFO, STORIES, OBITUARIES, BIRTHS AND MORE TO

SOLUTIONS11@MAC.COM



How to Use Cornstarch to Read Unreadable Cemetery Stones

If you've been to a cemetery only to find that the stone is no longer readable, you may be suprised to find that cornstarch can help you read and/or photograph the stones. Please read the excellent article at Ancestry.com. on the do's and don'ts for making cemetery stones readable.

The way I do it is take a handfull of cornstarch and apply it to the surface of the cemetery stone where there is writing or designs. Use a squeege to remove all of the excess cornstarch, leaving cornstarch only in the recesses. When you are finished with the cornstarch, brush off with a soft-bristled paintbrush, and rinse with water. Cornstarch is 100% natural and not harmful to stones

JOIN US FOR A TOUR OF PEBBLE HILL PLANTATION ON SATURDAY, JULY 21 @ 10:30AM

Hello, Bill Proctor,

I just read the NOA News showing your info. I do not know the name of your birth father, but I can tell by the DNA that he descended from Aaron Odum, Jr. and his wife Frances who raised a family of 8 sons and 3 daughters near Tarboro (Edgecombe County.) in the 1700s.

My ancestor was John Odum, born 1767, one of the younger sons. Aaron Odum Jr. and Frances both died 1791-1792. Several of the sons were in the American Rev War and scattered across NC and SC, then into GA and the other deep south states.

Some of the sons stayed in Edgecombe County and died there. I have names of some of their children, but not all.

Suggestion:

Contact historical society of county where you suspect your birth father might have lived, or served in the military. Some societies keep a file of news clippings, and your man should be written up in newspapers around July 1946.

Also, contact the newspapers directly for that month. A drowning certainly would make the news.

I would guess that your father was born mid 1920s, to be in the military in 1946. just going by my own age, since I was of the same age and in college at the end of WWII.

The Bill Odum you match is my nephew, and the first test subject and my only Odum male now alive. He is retired NYPD. He has no interest in genealogy,

but he was glad to be tested as a favor to his old auntie.

Kerry J. Odum descends from Daniel D. Odum, who was a brother to my John Owen Odum, both of them sons of John. Confirmed by documents and DNA.

If we can get a name or location for your Odum man, the rest will probably unravel fairly easily.

Let me know how I can help you.

Helen Odum Harrell

Hemet CA

HeyLadyH@Hotmail.com

Just wanted to give some **Kentucky** news. Things have been busy but want to let our dear Odom family know I have been diagnosed with breast cancer with the receptor cell of recurrence. I had surgery feb 19th and will begin my treatment journey in a few weeks. Thank you to all who have sent the extra words of encouragement. Mildred is doing pretty good and we hope to be with you all in July. We have had a tuff year all of the family with the losses and sickness.

Blake has done his DNA and results back anytime. Great Christmas gift. Bobbi Sam's wife has been working on her line too. Hopefully more news for the next newsletter.

Lisa Preston from Kentucky

2018 Thomasville Georgia

HOTEL RESERVATION INFORMATION

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DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOU AUCTION ITEM

Part of the gathering costs are defrayed through the auction. It is an opportunity to share in the fun of family through items brought from all over the country. BRING YOURS.

2018 NOA Registration Form

THOMASVILLE, GA July 19-22, 2018

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Thursday	Dinner	Jonah's Fish and Grits	self pay					
Friday	Dinner	George and Louie's	self pay					
Saturday	Plantation	Pebble Hill	\$14					
Saturday	Banquet	Hotel	\$15					
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Brief Draft Agenda

THURSDAY JULY 19

• Dinner at Jonah's Fish and Grits

FRIDAY JULY 20

- 10am Self guided tour of downtown Thomasville and participate in the scavenger hunt
- Lunch on your own
- · 2pm Genealogy speaker
- Dinner George and Louie's
- Fund Raiser Auction

SATURDAY JULY 21

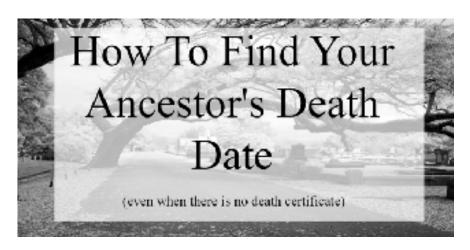
- 10am Pebble Hill Plantation tour
- Annual Meeting
- Banquet
- Music entertainment

SUNDAY JULY 22

Service

Send form, check and questions to Mark West:

Mark West 2012 E. Clay St. Thomasville, Ga 31792 cell 229.221.1343 ffjmw@hotmail.com



Hatched, Matched and Dispatched.....

The first time I heard this term was on a tour of Savannah, GA with the Girl Scouts! I was intrigued. Actually, I think I may have just liked the rhyming pattern. (This was in my pre-genealogy days.) I'm not sure if this is a Southern expression or not, but I find myself running it through my head when I research genealogy to ensure I have found when an ancestor was hatched (born), matched (married) and dispatched (died). I use the phrase as a mental checklist. We'll be focusing on the "Dispatched" part of the phrase today.

"How do I find my ancestor's death date?" is one of the most common questions I hear.

And, why not? Death Certificates are a fairly modern occurrence, but most of our ancestors did not live in a time period when death certificates were generated. **Tip:** Determine when death certificates began to be used in the area/state you where you research. Fortunately, as researchers we can determine an ancestor's date of death using other resources.

Alternate Sources For Finding Your Ancestor's Death Date 1.The Family Bible



Before you think, "But my ancestors did not leave a Family Bible", ask yourself if you have done an exhaustive search for that Family Bible. Just because your side of the family knows nothing of a Family Bible, does not mean one does not exist. Hop over and read more about searching for a Family Bible in this "Hatched" post (Go ahead, I'll wait.)

2.The Will

Wills are a common source of information for genealogists. That is, if your ancestor wrote one. As you analyze your ancestor's will, make note of the dates mentioned:

Date the will is written – This is not the date your ancestor died, but when he wrote the will. **Tip:** You can conclude your ancestor died after this date.

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If not stated outright, the death date can be narrowed down to between the date the will is written and the date the will in probated. In this example, George Harward [Howard] died between 20 Oct 1869 and 5 Nov 1871.

3. Estate Records

If your ancestor died intestate (or without leaving a will), you as a researcher may be in a better position to find his death date and/or other genealogical information on him/ her and the family. Of course, this probably was not so good for his family. Within the estate records, you potentially will find estate inventories, estate sales, bonds appointing an executor, and bonds appointing guardians for minor children. If the deceased family members were a contentious lot, they could generate a lot of paperwork and records dragging out an estate settlement. Those records are your "genealogy gold mine". Your ancestor's death date may be specifically stated. If so, you have achieved your goal. If not, again look closely at the dates on the individual records. You will be able to narrow down a date your ancestor died prior to. The example below is a document from the estate file of Calvin Maddox of Chatham County, NC providing an allotment to his widow. [Calvin died intestate.] Note the date 8 Dec 1848 is when the allotment was made based upon the direction of the November 1848 term of the county court. This indicates Calvin Maddox died prior to Nov 1848 and likely in the few months proceeding November as his estate was presented for probate and settlement in the Nov court.

4. US Federal Census Records

US Federal Census records were taken every ten years and is one of the first records genealogists turn to in beginning their ancestor research. Following an ancestor

through the records can help you determine a broad death date range. if your ancestor appeared in the 1870 census and did not appear in the the 1880 or subsequent census records, explore the theroy he died between 1870 and 1880. Yes, this is a broad time range, but this date range gives you a place in time to start your search for other records. And, well, a place to start is a good thing.

Are you familiar with the US Census Mortality Schedules?

I overlooked these records for a long time! From 1850-1880 these census schedules recorded those individuals who died in the preceding 12 months. Colorado, Florida, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, and South Dakota created mortality schedules for 1885.

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The above 1870 US Census Mortality Schedule shows Mary Ragland of Halifax County, VA died in **Aug 1869** from typhoid fever.

5. Gravestones & Cemeteries

Let's talk about gravestones and cemeteries for a moment. Have you enjoyed an afternoon searching and finding your ancestors' grave sites? Photographed the gravestones? Added the information to your family tree? Tombstones are considered to be secondary sources of information. They can and do (at times) have mistakes. The information on a tombstone was provided after the your ancestor's death (obviously!) usually by a family member. A tombstone may not be placed until years after your ancestor's death. The information on dates and even name spellings are usually accurate, but are only as accurate as the person's knowledge of the family history. If you question the date or any of the information found on a tombstone, pursue the cemetery records. Cemetery records would have been generated at the time of the burial and may have more information.

6. Obituaries

Obituaries are a common resource genealogists pursue for an ancestor's death information. For more recent generations, check family Bibles, family scrapbooks and the "keepsake" box under the bed. Family members would often cut an obituary out of the paper and tuck it somewhere for safe keeping. Searching for obituaries will necessitate you delving into newspaper research. Don't forget to check religious newspapers and periodicals of your ancestor's faith. I am going to make a confession here.....I have always sort of dreaded newspaper research! I know, that's a bad thing for a genealogist, right?! I have definitely come around, though. It only took one tiny obituary in a Methodist periodical to break open a genealogy brick wall to convert me. Newspaper research is still not my favorite, but I absolutely jump into it! [Whew, confession is good for the soul!]

Don't Give Up!

Now you have a few more ideas for finding your ancestor's death date. Just because he/she did not have a death certificate does not mean you are not able to find their death date. You may only find a death year or even a time range your ancestor's death occurred. Sometimes the best we can do is to narrow the death date range. Just don't give up the search before you have exhausted all of the possibilities!

by Lisa Lisson http://lisalisson.com/about/

The National Odom Assembly takes honoring our departed family members seriously. Each year during our gathering we have a memorial service to honor those that have depart this life.

Family members don't have to be present for us to honor their departed, just send a note to our Chaplain, Paula Tucker @ tuckerd1@comcast.net

with the name and date of their passing. A story or memory makes the ceremony more memorable during the time of sharing.

Think about joining us during the gathering for a wonderfully warm time of family sharing.

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