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News & Articles of Interest to Durham-Orange genealogists

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MAY D-OGS MEETING NEWS

The May 3 meeting will be held at 7:00pm at the OWASA Community Meeting Room at 440 Jones Ferry Road, Carrboro NC. It will be presented by D-OGS President Ginger Smith, The program will be: "***USING ESTATE AND DEED RECORDS TO CONSTRUCT FAMILIES IN EARLY 19TH CENTURY NORTH CAROLINA***"

Description: Land Grants and Deeds are a very valuable resource to have in your research toolbox. They allow you to tract the transfer of land from one person or persons to another. They can tell you where your ancestors lived and who their neighbors were, which may be helpful when tracing persons with the same name. If you are lucky, familial relationships will be identified in many deeds as well. My lecture "Using estate and deed records to Construct Families in early 19th century North Carolina" will show you how a family unit was constructed out of deed and land grant records.

Biography: Ginger R. Smith has been researching in North Carolina for the past 15 years. She has a Bachelor's degree in Biology and a Master's degree in Library and Information Science. She is a professional genealogist specializing in North Carolina research and DNA consultation services. She loves to help adoptees utilize their DNA results to find their birth families and she enjoys speaking at genealogical libraries and societies on DNA and research topics.

MEMBER CONTACT UPDATES

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NORTH CAROLINA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY WEBINAR

NCGS presents: Anita Finger-Smith "Cherokee Genealogy: The Basics". **The webinar will be presented on 19 May 2017 at** 3:00 PM DST

The free viewing period of the recorded webinar will be 2-4 June 2017 About the Webinar: Many people from North Carolina with traditions of Native American ancestry often assume the ancestry was Cherokee. Identifying the tribal communities residing in North Carolina, their geographic location, and their recognition status will help in channeling possible tribal affiliations. If the indicators lean toward Cherokee ancestry, the webinar will demonstrate how Cherokee genealogical research can separate fact from fiction. Also, the webinar will introduce you to basic tribal enrollment criteria, blood quantum requirements, and the documentary evidence available to conduct Cherokee genealogical research.

For more information and to register for the live webinar, go to https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=www.ncgenealogy.org&data=01%7C01%7Crichard_ellington%40unc.edu%7C9c8ce08c756746bedba808d4793158e0%7C58b3d54f16c942d3af081fcabd095666%7C1&sdata=WoLpcC0YzwlfpNq3WVo280AEzWqbTZMm4xckpxPk2rI%3D&reserved=0

EARLY AMERICAN IMMIGRANT LOOKING FOR PARENTS – VICK FAMILY ANNUAL MEETING & REUNION

Saratoga Springs, UT – My name is **Joseph Vick** and over 350 years have passed since I last knew where my parents lived in Europe. I was born around 1640 and immigrated to America in the mid-to-late 1660s. On 20 December, 1673 I was deeded 50 acres by Hodges Council where I cultivated the rich soil at the Beaver Dam Swamp and grew my small parcel of land to build a plantation in Virginia. I died in Isle of Wight County, Virginia around 1700.

Over the years my descendants have organized to find my roots:

- **1972** Sam Vick of Mississippi hosted a family gathering of 170 of my descendants
- **1984** Mary Jo McCrary and James M. Perrin (descendants of Reverend Newit Vick, **founder of Vicksburg**, Mississippi) organized the Joseph Vick Family of America
- **1990** Gailen Vick and O. Richard Wright formally incorporated JVFOA
- **2004** published first 5 generations Joseph Vick of Lower Parish, Isle of Wight County, Virginia co-authored by John Beatty, Di Ann Vick & published by James Davis

Today my progeny includes the governor of Alabama, a past president of the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund, ministers of most religious faiths and men & women that served in the armed forces in every war since I came to America. In fact I have over 20,000 descendants in America today.

In 2006 JVFOA started a DNA project: so far they have tested 50 of my posterity. They've helped find adoptees' parents and corrected errors that had been previously published. They've reached out and tested other Vick's around the world. Recently, my **descendants found a "new" cousin**

through their Vick DNA project. While this new cousin does not have the Vick surname, his ancestor was born in Gloucestershire, England, and he shares my father's paternal line. This important new finding will be highlighted at the JVFOA annual meeting in Suffolk, Virginia this coming June on 23-25th. The community and my descendants will be educated on family genealogy, and DNA test results at the 2017 Annual Meeting & Reunion.

For more information visit www.jvfoa.com or call Gailen Vick at 510-364-7631 or Robin Yaklin at 214-783-2817.

HOW TO FIND SOMEONE WHO HAS THE BOOK YOU SEEK

Perhaps the full title of this article should be *How to Find Someone Who Has the Book You Seek and Also Let Everyone Else Know About the Books You Own and Also Catalog Your Own Personal Library with Minimal Effort*.

You can find dozens of programs that will help you catalog your personal book collection. Some of these will create a list that you can print or store on your own computer or store on your smartphone or even upload to the World Wide Web. Some products also keep track of the books you want to read (sometimes called a wish list) and will also keep track of books you have loaned out to others, including the date loaned. Some cataloging products will also track other media, such as CD and DVD disks, video games, and more. However, one online service does all that and lots more. You can access your information from a web browser on a desktop computer, a laptop computer, or even from a smartphone. The last feature is very useful when you are at a bookstore or flea market or genealogy conference and are wondering, "Do I already have that book?" Best of all, you can share your catalog with others and also see what others have in their collections. The service is available either free of charge or for very low fees.

The product I use is primarily a service for cataloging books, but it can also be used to catalog and track other media, including music and videos. You can sort, share, explore, import, and export data pertaining to your personal or even institutional library. You can track who has borrowed which book. You can see other users who have similar libraries to yours and browse books they have that you might be interested in. Perhaps best of all, you can find reviews of books on the system.

Of course, you can search your inventory at any time, whether seated at your desktop computer at home or by using your handheld cell phone when at a book fair or even at a garage sale.

With most library card catalog software, entering information about all the books you own can be tedious if you need to enter everything on the keyboard. Luckily, in today's "online, all the time" environment, manual data entry is no longer necessary. The owners of this online service will even sell you a $17 barcode scanner that plugs into your computer's USB port. (See https://www.librarything.com/more/store/cuecat.)

All newer books have a unique barcode printed in each although you probably won't find this in a genealogy book printed in the 1890s. Simply load the appropriate software in your Macintosh or Windows computer, open the book to view the appropriate page, and hold the barcode scanner a few inches away from the barcode. The complete information about the book, including title, author, publisher, date published, and more will automatically be entered into your personal list of books in inventory.

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Of course, you will want to add your books to the list for two purposes: (1.) this creates your own catalog that you can carry with you and search at any time and (2.) you can (optionally) make your collection visible to others.

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genealogy books or any books privately printed with a limited number of copies produced might not be pre-loaded in the system.

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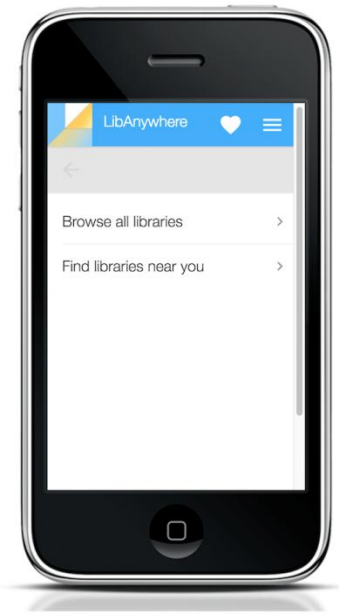

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GENEALOGY TIPS OF THE MONTH FROM MICHAEL JOHN NEILL

There Was No Jarvis

A relative insisted an ancestor had a son named Jarvis. There was only one document that provided any evidence that this Jarvis existed--there was no mention anywhere else. After locating the "Jarvis" document, it was determined that the researcher had misread "James" for "Jarvis."

It never hurts to take a look for yourself. That "extra child" may just be a transcription variation.

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Named for a Dead Wife?

Names of children frequently come from family members. One additional place that people do not often think of is names of deceased spouses. While it might seem strange, your ancestor may have named his first daughter with wife number two after his deceased wife number one.

This usually doesn't happen if your ancestor was divorced from his first spouse.

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Names that Appear from Nowhere

Those middle or first names of family members that appear out of the blue could be from relatives you do not yet know about, famous people, locations, or someone's maiden name.

And it is always possible your ancestor simply pulled the name out of thin air.

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Are the Steps and Halfs Mixed Up?

Did that obituary confuse the half-siblings, step-siblings, and the full siblings? An estate settlement will be concerned about the accuracy of those relationships, an obituary, being a less formal document, may not be. Always consider the possibility that relationships in an obituary may not be entirely correct.

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How Did They Meet?

While often we really do not know how our marrying ancestors met, it can sometimes be a helpful "brick wall breaking" exercise to think about possible ways they did meet? Were their parents

neighbors? Did they meet at church? Did they meet at school? Did someone travel a distance for a temporary job? Was one of them in the military?

Even if you really have "no way of knowing," just thinking about possible scenarios may get the genealogical wheels turning in your head.

BOOKS OF POSSIBLE INTEREST

PUBLISH YOUR FAMILY HISTORY: A STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE TO WRITING THE STORIES OF YOUR ANCESTORS - The following book review was written by Bobbi King:

Publish Your Family History: A Step-by-Step Guide to Writing the Stories of Your Ancestors
By Dina C. Carson. Iron Gate Publishing. 2015. 369 pages.

I'm not a good storyteller. I've ruined many a good yarn with a lot of pointless detail and too much talk.

I haven't a clue how to design a book cover except by stealing the ideas of others.

I have no idea how to put together a book except by reading the instructions written by Dina Carson.

Ms. Carson is a Colorado genealogist, gravestone photographer, writer, and publisher. Her books on self-publishing are so helpful, easy to read, full of direction and inspiration, I simply don't try to write a book without her references nearby.

- "*Writing the Stories*" is one of her several publications meant to help us get our family stories out of our computers and on to the printed page. This is a very helpful self-help guide segmented into five sections:
- "Getting Started" helps get you thinking about picking a project to write about, a general idea how publishing works, and the right tools for the right job, where she talks about which softwares are available for organizing notes, the different word processing programs, design and project layout programs, and programs for images capturing and editing.
- "Planning" discusses identifying your target market, conducting a research review, scanning and optical character recognition (a very nicely detailed and understandable explanation about scanning), developing a new research plan, how to overcome writer's block, and drafting a preliminary outline.
- "Writing" has chapters on becoming a storyteller (a very helpful chapter), creating your own style guide, writing a first draft, and editing your manuscript.
- "Production" includes chapters on creating page layout, typesetting the front pages, body of the book, and back matter, designing the cover, and preparing the final files.
- "Marketing" has chapters on creating a marketing plan, reaching your audience, generating publicity, and selling online.

Ms. Carson thinks of everything to get us going, and even thinks of a few things to help us wrap up a completed and polished project. And proudly present to our families.

Publish Your Family History: A Step-by-Step Guide to Writing the Stories of Your Ancestors by Dina C. Carson is available from the publisher at http://bit.ly/2oBZwl2 or from Amazon at: http://amzn.to/2oRdGhI.

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

MOOREFIELDS HISTORIC SITE LAST SUNDAY OPEN HOUSE - April 30 @ 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm - join us again on the last Sunday of each month (April through August) to see the historic house and grounds of Moorefields. Meet Board Members who will be available at the house to host brief tours, answer questions and direct you to points of interest- artistic, historical and horticultural. You can view artwork, sculpture and antiques; visit our old cemetery or walk down to the creek or in the shaded back yard. Or you can just sit a spell in a rocker on the 230 year old front porch and listen to the quiet.

A $5 donation to tour the site is suggested.

GRANVILLE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY - May 4th Program Featured Speakers: Charlie Bryan - "***Finding Thomas Blount Littlejohn***" - The program for the May 4, 2017 meeting of the Granville County Genealogical Society will be presented by Mr. Charlie Bryan on "Finding Thomas Blount Littlejohn." As the great-great-great grandson of Thomas Blount Littlejohn, Charlie has recently published a book about Thomas and his family. The book, entitled "Finding Thomas Blount Littlejohn", documents his search for the long lost Littlejohn family cemetery, and Thomas Littlejohn's role in the founding and development of Oxford. This is the first book to be written about the Littlejohns that, beyond just names and dates, chronicles this family's role in the early development of North Carolina.

Charlie Bryan grew up in Oxford. He and his wife Carol live in Raleigh, as does their daughter Jennifer, an executive with the State Employees Credit Union. Their son David is an administrator at Saint Bartholomew's Episcopal Church in Manhattan, and also a professional musician. After a twenty-four year career in state government, Charlie now enjoys doing genealogical research. His Scottish ancestors came to Granville County over 250 years ago.

Please join members of the Granville County Genealogical Society in attending this meeting, to be held at 6:30 P.M. on May 4, 2017 in the conference room at the Richard H. Thornton Library in Oxford, N.C. All GCGS meetings are open to the public, and visitors and guests are always cordially invited to attend.

HISTORIC STAGVILLE STATE HISTORIC SITE - MAY 4, 2017 - **Spring Homeschool Day at Historic Stagville -** Thu 10 AM and MAY 6, 2017-= **Craft Saturday: Historic Games –** Saturday 10 AM

HAW RIVER FESTIVAL IN SAXAPAHAW – 1612 Jordan Drive, Saxapahaw 27340 - Saturday, May 6, 2017 from 4 – 8 p.m. FREE – all donations help us protect the river year-round!
http://www.saxapahawnc.com/location/
Music provided by:

- Village Band of Chapel Hill
- Tim Smith Band
- Counterclockwise String Band
- Diali Cissokho

Plus, Food trucks and Farmer's Market, Silent Auction, Kayak Raffle, Kid's canoe rides, Puppet Parade, River Monitoring and more!

UKRAINIAN GENEALOGY WORKSHOP - Nashi Predky — Our Ancestors - "Rediscovering Your Family Stories" - Saturday, May 6th, 2017 from 8am - 5pm - Ukrainian American Citizens' Club, 302 Mansfield Boulevard, Carnegie, PA 15106

Featured topics:
• The Basics of Ukrainian Genealogy
• Finding and Using Ukrainian Church Records
• The Aliens Are Coming: USCIS Record Sets
• History of Lemkos, Boykos, and Hutsuls
• Using Gazetteers, Directories & Schematisms for Eastern European Research

Featured speakers: Justin Houser, Michael Buryk, Rich Venezia, and Michelle Chubenko

Informative talks, answers to your questions from recognized experts, time to network with fellow genealogists (who may have family from the same region or village as you), as well as breakfast and lunch, all for only $55!

Register online:www.NashiPredky.org/workshop
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HIGH POINT PUBLIC LIBRARY - 7 May 2017 (Sunday), 3:00 to 4:30 pm - "Roads Less Traveled" - (Basic Genealogy III), The Heritage Research Center of the High Point Public Library, 1st Floor Morgan Room. Expert genealogist Timothy Rackley, well-known for his publications concerning the Tar River section of North Carolina, will lead us through a variety of sources that are frequently overlooked by genealogists including county court records, tax records, school censuses, coroner's records, and others. For further information, contact the library at (336) 883-3637.

JOEL LANE MUSEUM HOUSE - "Lunsford Lane of Raleigh: Blackness, Manhood, Slavery, and Freedom in Antebellum America" by Craig Friend. Craig Friend digs more deeply into the familiar story of Lunsford Lane, born a slave in 1803 Raleigh. He purchased his freedom in 1835 and that of his family in 1842. Attendees are encouraged to read the "Narrative of Lunsford Lane," available online at http://docsouth.unc.edu/neh/lanelunsford/lane.html

A lecture on "Lunsford Lane of Raleigh: Blackness, Manhood, Slavery, and Freedom in Antebellum America" by Craig Friend will take place on Sunday, May 7, 2017 at 2 pm at the Visitors Center of the Joel Lane Museum House at 160 South Saint Mary's Street, Raleigh, NC 27603. Admission will be $16 for the general public and $11 for members of the Joel Lane Historical Society. Refreshments will be served. Seating is limited, and advanced payment is required. Please call 919-833-3431 with your MasterCard or Visa, mail a check to P O Box 10884, Raleigh NC 27605, or go to the Eventbrite web site. Be sure to include the names of all in your party; nametags will serve as tickets. Tickets are non-refundable unless we must cancel the event.

Craig Thompson Friend is professor of history and director of public history at NC State University. He has written two books on the early history of Kentucky and has edited collections on masculinity, the family, and death culture in the American South. He is currently working on a biography of Lunsford Lane.

***Tickets*:** https://www.eventbrite.com/e/who-will-polish-the-silver-a-baby-boomers-remembrance-by-marie-land-avery-tickets-29283318193. ***Contact Information*:** tel: (919) 833-3431; email: joellane@bellsouth.net

ALAMANCE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY - meets the second Monday of each month except June, July and August, at 6:00 pm for dinner and then 7:00 pm for the program, at the Western Steak House, 142 N. Graham-Hopedale Road Burlington, NC 27215, 336-227-1448. The program for May 8 is unannounced.

NORTH CAROLINA TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM - HISTORIC SPENCER SHOPS TRAIN SHOW - This show features model trains, vendors, kids' activities, modeling clinics, celebrities of railroading & much more. The show is full of fun, and there will be great items for you to peruse and purchase. Admission: $12.00

ALAMANCE BATTLEGROUND STATE HISTORIC SITE - Alamance Battleground presents "***The Regulation as Real Estate Dispute: A Colonial Struggle for Land Ownership***" with special

guest Mark Chilton. This lecture will be held in conjunction with the 246th anniversary observance of the Battle of Alamance in the visitor center auditorium, Thursday evening, May 18th, at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Chilton is currently the Register of Deeds of Orange County, NC and formerly served as the Mayor of Carrboro. He is the author of several local history books including the "Land Grant Atlas of Old Orange County."

CONSULAR RECORDS AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES - Friday, May 19 **-** 7:30 pm - Dunn Loring Volunteer Fire Station Hall, 2148 Gallows Road, Vienna, VA 22027

Presenter: Sharon Hodges
Lecture Description: Consular records hold numerous surprises for records created overseas. A few items are on ancestry.com, but there are many records with genealogical information "hiding" in the files. Note: Because this is such a large Record Group, examples of items that may be found will mainly be from Germany.

Sharon is a professional genealogist, teacher and lecturer, Sharon has been involved in genealogical research for over 25 years. Sharon is a graduate of the NGS American Genealogy: Home Study Course, and a past grader of two lessons, and of the National Institute for Genealogical Research. She has been a guest numerous times on Fairfax Cable Channel 10 program Tracing Your Family Roots. She also taught genealogy through Fairfax County Parks and Recreation and the Fairfax Adult Education program. In addition she has authored numerous articles for the National Genealogy Society Magazine, The Virginia Genealogical Society, the Mount Vernon Genealogical Society, and Fairfax Genealogical Society newsletters.

She has received a number of awards from the genealogical community, but is most proud of the Mount Vernon Genealogical Society's Lifetime Sustained Meritorious Service Award for long-time service to the Society and the Shirley Langdon Wilcox Award for Exemplary Volunteerism from National Genealogical Society which she received in 2014.

GUILFORD COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY - Our new meeting location is at the Greensboro Public Library, 219 N. Church Street in downtown Greensboro, NC. Click **here** for a map. Downtown deck and on-street parking are free on the weekend. The parking deck arm will be up when you arrive for easy access. Do not park in the Greensboro Children's Museum lot.

Membership meetings are at 10:00 a.m. on the third Saturday of the month, January through May and September through November. From 9:00 a.m. until noon on meeting days, GCGS's genealogical exchange journal library is open for members to check out some other societies' journals. Regular meetings usually end about 11:30 a.m. Non-members are always welcome to attend these free programs.

20 May 2017 - Jimmy Campbell, will speak about "***Observations on the North Carolina Militia and its impact on citizens from 1590-1870***". He has been involved with the Revolutionary War Living History community since 1981 and is the past commander of The Guilford Militia. Now he is the NC Militia regimental blacksmith. He also is a blacksmith interpreter at the High Point

Museum. Retired from the machining industry, he is a Baptist minister and foundations teacher at a local Baptist church.

THE POST OFFICE AND ITS EFFECT ON AMERICAN SETTLEMENT - Saturday, May 20 - 10:00 am - Dunn Loring Volunteer Fire Station Hall, 2148 Gallows Road, Vienna, VA 22027

Presenter: Sharon Hodges
Lecture Description: For centuries, our universal mail system has strengthened the bonds of friendship, family, and community. Discover how the post office helped build communities and deliver the mail since the 1600s.

Sharon is a professional genealogist, teacher and lecturer, Sharon has been involved in genealogical research for over 25 years. Sharon is a graduate of the NGS American Genealogy: Home Study Course, and a past grader of two lessons, and of the National Institute for Genealogical Research. She has been a guest numerous times on Fairfax Cable Channel 10 program Tracing Your Family Roots. She also taught genealogy through Fairfax County Parks and Recreation and the Fairfax Adult Education program. In addition she has authored numerous articles for the National Genealogy Society Magazine, The Virginia Genealogical Society, the Mount Vernon Genealogical Society, and Fairfax Genealogical Society newsletters.

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MOOREFIELD WILD BIRD WALK WITH HELEN KALEVAS - Please join us for an early morning Birding Walk on Saturday, May 20 at Moorefields. This fun hike of introductory Bird Identification for all ages will explore both woods and open fields, so bring binoculars and wear shoes appropriate to cover uneven terrain.

We will be guided by Helen Kalevas, who has a Master of Science Degree in Biology with emphasis on Avian Ecology. She has over 20 years of experience in university level teaching and research in ornithology and bird ecology, including bird diet and endangered species, from Arizona to North Carolina.
At the hike, a $5 donation is suggested.

GUILFORD COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY – 20 May 2017 - Jimmy Campbell, will speak about "Observations on the North Carolina Militia and its impact on citizens from 1590-1870". He has been involved with the Revolutionary War Living History community since 1981 and is the past commander of The Guilford Militia. Now he is the NC Militia regimental blacksmith. He also is a blacksmith interpreter at the High Point Museum. Retired from the machining industry, he is a Baptist minister and foundations teacher at a local Baptist church.

WAKE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY - May 23, 2017 - 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm - Olivia Raney Local History Library, 4016 Carya Drive, Raleigh, NC 27610

Join us for our last meeting of the society year when Diane Richard gives us an encore presentation of one of her exciting NGS Conference talks!

If your family lived in the very center of a county in the center of the state and appears to have never moved, then, you might be in the enviable position of not needing to look any further than the records of that one county for your ancestors.

More often than not, whether you had a family living near a county border or at a state border, there is a good chance that they conducted their business or were involved in various matters (e.g., attending church, marrying, etc) in adjacent counties or even the next state. Families seemed to behave as if the "borders" didn't exist and it's important to recognize and appreciate that mentality and to make sure that you expand "where" you research, when you can't find them in the census, can't find marriages or burials, can't locate a deed or land grant, etc. It might be that all of these events within a 10 mile radius which just happens to encompass a different county and maybe state.

We'll talk about "why" someone might have records elsewhere and look at several examples of families, from around the country, whose records were found in more than one jurisdiction.

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All WCGS meetings are free and open to the public. Bring a friend! Refreshments will be served during social time after the presentation.

BENNETT PLACE STATE HISTORIC SITE - Our Annual Memorial Day Military Timeline Event – May 27 & 28 - Following the Civil War a "Decoration Day" began in communities across America remembering soldiers who gave the ultimate sacrifice. Join military historians representing the American soldier of all time periods throughout our nation's history. This year marks the 100th anniversary of America's entrance into WWI and the 75th anniversary of WWII. There will be a ceremony to commemorate the sacrifice of all soldiers throughout our nation's history on Saturday the 27th at 3pm.

HUMOR

You know you are getting old when everything either dries up or leaks.

PARTING THOUGHT

Epitaph for Harry Edsel Smith of Albany, New York: "Born 1903--Died 1942. Looked up the elevator shaft to see if the car was on the way down. It was."

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