

BCGS COFFEE CHAT – AUGUST 12, 2021

An Addenda to the April, 2021 Coffee Chat

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[Don't Rely On Just Ancestry.com](#)

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We've said it before, but there are websites other than Ancestry.com and not every record is online. Doesn't matter how easy the ads imply that research is or how complete they say their databases are. Don't limit yourself to just Ancestry.com (or any other site-free or not). No one has everything.

FAMILY TREE

<https://www.familytreemagazine.com/ohio-genealogy/>

Ohio Genealogy Research Guide by Shelley Bishop

What do the Wright brothers, Doris Day, John Glenn, LeBron James, William McKinley, Neil Armstrong, Gloria Steinem, Thomas Edison, Jack Nicklaus, and Ulysses S. Grant have in common? All hail from Ohio, the seventh most populous US state. From its beginnings as the first western frontier to a modern hub of commerce and education, Ohio has played a key role in American history. Today, millions of people throughout the world can find Buckeyes in their family trees. If you're one of them, use our guide to discover their records and stories.

Ohio Research Guide Digital Download

Keep this Ohio genealogy research information handy with a printable PDF! This four-page download includes everything here, including: Ohio's history and records, the best websites, listings of key libraries, archives and organizations that hold the records you need, and a timeline of key events in the state's history.

Research Guide Contents

Fast Facts

Historic Map

Land Records

Probate Records

State History

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Vital Records

Census Records

Naturalization Records

State Publications

Timeline

Ohio Fast Facts US TERRITORY OR COLONY SETTLED Part of the Northwest Territory, 1787- STATEHOOD 1803

AVAILABLE STATE CENSUSES (OR SIMILAR) 1803-1911 (quadrennial voter "censuses")

FIRST FEDERAL CENSUS 1800 (fragments) 1820 (extant)

Ohio is used as an example.

FamilyTree: <https://www.familytreemagazine.com/explore-by-state/> For all states open "Explore By Place" on the menu bar, under 'selectastate' click on the desired state and this will take you to the state Genealogy Fast Facts.

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FAMILY TREE 1790 Census Records Research Guide

The nation's first head count was as genealogically bare bones as could be: If you find an ancestral family in the 1790 census, the result will be nothing more than a name and a line of numbers.

1790 Census Worksheet for Genealogy Research

<https://www.familytreemagazine.com/records/census/1790-census-records/>

FAMILY TREE Explore Your African American Heritage

While African American genealogy can bring some real challenges, the rewards make it well worth the effort. Our experts share tips on specific records research, how to trace enslaved ancestors, where to find resources and more.

<https://www.familytreemagazine.com/african-american-heritage/>

Family Tree Best US Genealogy Websites

Access Genealogy
ACPL Genealogy Center
AmericanAncestors.org \$
Blacksheep Ancestors
BYU–Idaho Western States Marriage Record Index
Castle Garden *
Genealogy Trails
Library of Congress
Midwest Genealogy Center
National Archives and Records Administration
The New York Public Library Digital Collection
Statue of Liberty—Ellis Island Foundation
USGenWeb

<https://www.familytreemagazine.com/best-genealogy-websites/>

FAMILY TREE How to Search the Social Security Death Index

By Sunny Jane Morton

[Who is in the Social Security Death Index?](#)

[What Details are Included?](#)

[Where Can I Search the SSDI?](#)

[Tips for Searching the Social Security Death Index](#)

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You can search the **SSDI** for free at:

FamilySearch GenealogyBank

Findmypast MyHeritage

<https://www.familytreemagazine.com/records/vital/social-security-death-index/>

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IMMIGRATION:

FamilySearch catalog has immigration records as recent as 1956-57

Family Tree: Our New Hub for Immigration Research

<https://www.familytreemagazine.com/immigration-naturalization-records/>

Our immigrant ancestors helped to shape this country and its history. Their stories make up the fabric of not only our personal family history, but that of this great and diverse tapestry of a nation. In order to help you discover your family's part in it, I've organized our vast library of Immigration and Naturalization content into the following research-friendly topics:

US Immigration Policy Timeline: Understand how national laws may have impacted your immigrant ancestors' experience and life.

Ellis Island and New York Ports of Entry: Discover if your relatives were among the 16 million "huddled masses" docking in a New York harbor.

Other Ports of Entry and Border-Crossings: Trace your ancestors' US arrival through one of the country's 90-plus other ports or neighboring borders.

Passenger Lists and Other Immigration Records: Locate and dive into immigration records with step-by-step research tips and advice.

Naturalization and Citizenship: Track down valuable research resources that move beyond your ancestors' arrival in the United States including naturalization records.

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Genealogy Tip of the Day - with Michael John Neill

<http://genealogytipoftheday.com/>

When You Have a New County

When you have a new county that is a part of your genealogical research, make certain you know the county seat, when different types of records begin and where they were created, where the county lines are now and where they were when your people lived there, and information on local repositories. These

pieces of information *are just to get you started finding the information you need to know*. There is more than this that will be helpful with your research, but these facts are an absolute must.

These websites will get you started:

- [The USGenWeb page for the county](#)—some of these are not updated frequently.
- [The FamilySearch Wiki page for the county](#)—some of these are incomplete and not always entirely accurate
- County Historical/Genealogical society webpages—do a Google search
- Web Pages for libraries in the county (or your towns nearby towns if county has a large population)—to see if they have genealogy pages—Google searches should help locate these

I've Got Three: It Must Be

Some researchers will “believe” something when they have three sources that provide the same piece of information. One has to be careful using this approach. Sources may all contain information from the same person or “original source,” which does not really mean that three “sources” agree. It could only mean that the same person gave the information three times.

Think about who provided the information, why it is in the record, and how reasonably the informant would have known the information. That’s a good way to get started with information analysis.

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Online Indexes

Online indexes can lead you to an image of a record with a quick search—if you are lucky enough that names are spelled and indexed correctly. Make certain the “next image” isn’t part of the item you located. Census records may be split over two pages, draft cards are often images of the front and back of the card, death certificates sometimes contain “supplements” directly after the original document.

Always look at the next image or two in any online set of images to make certain you’ve got it all—and look forward too as well.

You’ll never know until you look.

Using Grand Army of the Republic Records for Civil War Research

BY [AMY JOHNSON CROW](https://www.amyjohnsoncrow.com/using-grand-army-of-the-republic-records-for-civil-war-research/)

Countless Americans have an ancestor who fought for the Union during the Civil War. Research on these men often focuses on official records, such as pensions and compiled military service records. But the research shouldn’t stop there. The records of the Grand Army of the Republic should be part of your Civil War research.

Grand Army of the Republic Records

Department records tend to be more administrative, with fewer details of individual GAR members. **There is one notable exception: the annual encampment proceedings.** These booklets give things like a synopsis of the previous year (activities, donations to veterans homes, posts created and disbanded) and who the delegates to the encampment were. **But for genealogists, the best part is the “Honor Roll.”** It lists all of the deaths that the individuals

posts reported in the previous year. They almost always include the veteran's name, date of death, and regiment.

And soon these glad re-unions here
Will be forever past;
The broken ranks that close the rear
Will cross the ford at last;
But on the world's illustrious page
Of heroes tried and true
Will live enshrined from age to age
The glorious boys in blue.

ROLL OF THE DEAD, 1894.

Post	Name	Rank	Co.	Regiment	Age	Date of Death	Cause of Death
1	Robert Clifford	Private	A.	1st Me.	49	April	Heart disease.
1	James Gaskell	1st Sergt.	—	45th Ill. Infy.	70	April 4th	Poisoned.
1	Edward Yerks	Private	D.	2d Wis. Cav.	46	January 28th	Consumption.
2	John T. Kimball	Private	D.	6th Minn. Infy.	52	March 9th	General debility.
3	Louis M. Ashley	Sergeant	F.	1st Minn. H. A.	46	August 23d	Hemorrhage of stomach.
4	Charles K. Hagy	Private	K.	6th Pa. Cav.	50	January 3d	Unknown.
4	John Cleaton	Private	D.	1st Minn.	61	November 30th	Unknown.
4	Hans Halvorson	Private	D.	2d Wis. Cav.	61	April 14th	Unknown.
4	Charles Courtney	Asst. Mate	—	U. S. Navy	65	October 23d	Unknown.
4	Reuben C. Benton	Lieut. Col.	—	11th Vt. Infy.	—	—	Unknown.
5	G. J. Barden	Private	E.	10th Minn. Infy.	50	November 6th	Cancer.
5	Henry A. House	Private	F.	4th Minn. Infy.	50	January 18th, '95	Unknown.
7	C. D. Blakesley	Private	H.	143d Ohio Infy.	—	May 11th, '94	Consumption.
8	David Imbrue	Private	K.	10th Pa. R. V. C.	—	May 6th	Heart disease.
8	Andrew Holzheimer	Private	A.	10th N. Y. Infy.	—	February	Unknown.
13	E. P. Martin	Capt. & Q. M.	F.	5th Ill. Cav.	63	August 16th	Unknown.
14	Samuel E. Parker	Private	C.	1st Me. Cav.	59	January 12th	Heart failure.

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“Roll of the Dead, 1894,” Dept. of Minnesota Grand Army of the Republic, 15th Annual Encampment, 1895. Image courtesy [Internet Archive](https://www.archive.org).

It's in the post records where family historians will find the most details about their GAR ancestor. Posts maintained rosters and had meeting minutes. The rosters details when the man joined, posts he transferred from or to, his military service, etc.

Allen County Library, Family Tree. Podcast with Lisa Louise Cook

<https://www.familytreemagazine.com/podcasts/episode100/>

This month's podcast features an in-depth look at the vast genealogy resources available at the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Librarian Allison Singleton joins Lisa to discuss how this library can help anyone on their genealogy journey, no matter where they are. Plus, our DNA expert is back to discuss chromosome browsers, author David Fryxell shares his favorite websites for Civil War research, and much more. Have 32000 square feet of material, Mostly US but also Canada, UK and South Africa.

Celia Lewis highly recommends their podcasts.

Tour of the Library: New website. Use Massachusetts as an example. Cost to subscribe but free on site.

What You'll Find

Open seven days a week, the Genealogy Center is world-renowned for its immense, yet very accessible collection. Our collection totals more than **1 million items**, including: **Thousands of completed family histories • Census records • Military records from the Revolutionary War to present • Extensive passenger lists • US local records • Extensive international collections • City directories • Periodicals • Vital records • Native American and African American records • And much, much more!**

Searching from home – free databases. Go to a state which will give you a list of websites which can be visited. Links to other resources. African American and Native American research largest databases.

Books discussed during the conversation:

Family Bibles. Scan family pages in personal bibles.

United States research books at the BCGS Genealogical Library:

- **Genealogist's Handbook for New England Research**, 5th Edition" Edited by Michael J. Leclerc, published by NEHGS. BCGS Reference item: R929.1'974 LEC
- **California Pioneer Register and Index 1542-1848, Including Inhabitants of California, 1769-1800, and List of Pioneers** by Hubert Howe Bancroft, published by Regional Publishing Co, Baltimore MD. BCGS Reference item: R979.4 BAN
- **The Researchers Guide to American Genealogy.** Val D. Greenwood - 2017 4th Edition. Available at the BCGS Genealogical Library & the Burnaby Public Library.

The Family Tree: A Lynching in Georgia, a Legacy of Secrets and My Search for the Truth. Author - Karen Branan.

Maiden Voyages: Women and the Golden Age of Transatlantic Travel. Author - Sian Evans

Genealogy Standards, second edition revised (2021) Board for Certification of Genealogists. A users' guide for family historians.

End of Aug 12, 2021 US Research Handout.