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Malan Twins Visit Bond County Museum: Donate Items Owned by USD; Film “Legacy Video”



Scott Malan of Boulder, Colorado, prepares to give an oral history interview led by Bond County Historical Society president Cary Holman and recorded by videographer Robert Whiteside. Scott and his sister Barbara Schneider, of rural Pocahontas, Illinois, lived in the U.S. DeMoulin mansion as children and came back to the Bond County Museum in December 2022 to share memories of that decade and donate a few of U.S.'s personal items. Find more details of Scott's and Barbara's tour on Page 18.

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Bond County Genealogical Society membership dues are \$10 per 2-person household for the current year. A lifetime membership for a 2-person household may be purchased for a one-time payment of \$175. Members are eligible to vote and to serve as BCGS officers and appointees.

If you would like to become a member please send your name, address, phone number, email address, and the surnames you are most interested in researching with appropriate check or money order to:

Bond County Genealogical Society,
P.O. Box 172, Greenville, IL
62246-0172

Membership forms also are available on our website. www.bondcogen.org

"Leaders are the ones who keep faith with the past, keep step with the present, and keep the promise to posterity."

- Harold J. Seymour



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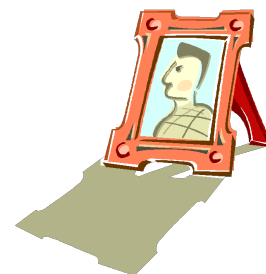


Monthly Society Meetings

It was decided in 2013 that the two societies would meet jointly for Program Meetings and this practice continues. Meetings are generally the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm. Please check Bond County Museum's Facebook Page, the *Greenville Advocate* newspaper, www.bondcogen.org or WGEL Radio (101.7 FM) for times and locations. Announcements will be made ahead of time whenever there is to be a business meeting for one or both of the two societies. Also, there will be no December meeting.

The Bond County Historical Society specializes in questions about the history of the county and communities. If you have questions about family history, burial sites, census records, birth records, or death records from Bond County, please contact the Bond County Genealogical Society instead.

All genealogy requests submitted via email to info@bondcogen.org will be researched and answered in order received as time permits. There is no flat fee for requests as we attempt to reply with electronic documents, but if your request requires printing, postage, or original document access and retrieval you may be responsible for those charges.



Invite a friend to an interesting and educational program meeting or special event!

2023 Events Calendar

February 23 Soup & Chili Supper w/ Cindy Reinhardt speaking on the Cooperative Village of Leclaire, Edwardsville @ St Lawrence Church.

April 25 Local History Talk w/ John S. Coleman @ Smithboro Village Hall.

June 3 Greenville Museum Day: Bond County Museum & One-Room School Open.

June 22 Pie & Ice Cream Social w/ Greenville Municipal Band Concert.

July TBD Historic Cemeteries Tour and/or various Field Trips.

Share your ancestor's tale in the Bond County Genealogical Society News!

Uncharted Territory: What's Your Story?

"Uncharted Territory" are the stories found deep in your family tree. What's Your Story? Was your ancestor a Bond County native or did he pass through, stay briefly and then move on? Where did she live? What kind of work did he do? What clues did your ancestors leave to mark their path in, around or across this county?

Have you considered sharing your ancestor's tale in the B.C.G.S. News? If you have a story you'd like to share, please contact the editor. Please find submission details and guidelines on Page 27.





Bond County Museum is located at 409 S. Fourth Street in Greenville, Illinois.

*January-December:
Open Saturday
10 a.m. to noon*

*June, July, August:
Open Saturday 10 a.m.
to noon and
Sunday 1 to 3 p.m.*

*Tours also available by
special appointment or
during announced
events.*

Bond County Museum News


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Financial Gifts Sought to Support Bond County Museum

Bond County Historical Society needs your help to raise funds to complete Phase 2 necessary renovations and improvements to the historic U.S. DeMoulin Mansion. Bond County Museum opened to the public with regular weekend hours in May 2021. Please consider a donation to help us reach our goal! As BCHS is recognized as a 501 (c)(3) charitable organization, your contribution may be tax deductible. Donations of any size are encouraged; all contributions above \$50 will have their name on a special donor's plaque inside the museum unless marked anonymous. Download the donation form at www.bondcountyhistorical.org, the society's Facebook Page, or mail check to: Bond County Historical Society, attn. ADA Renovations, PO Box 376, Greenville, IL 62246.

Genealogical Society Library Shelf

 **To reduce the risk of transmitting COVID-19 coronavirus, Greenville Public Library may have precautions in place. In planning your visit, contact them or follow them online for updates on the status of Walk In visits, Grab & Go appointments, and other services in 2023.**

The Genealogical Society Library collection is housed on the lower floor of the Greenville Public Library. There is a booklet in the room which lists all the holdings and a microfilm reader/printer for doing research in the *Greenville Advocate*, *Sun*, and other Bond County newspapers. The building has wireless internet access so you can do supplementary research while you are there. The room is kept locked, so the key must be requested at the Circulation Desk. The Greenville Public Library's hours are posted on their website: www.greenvillepubliclibrary.org ~ 414 W. Main Ave. Greenville, Illinois (IL) ~ Phone 618-664-3115 ~ Fax 618-664-9442



Bond County Historical Society President's Note

I have really enjoyed my first year as president of the Bond County Historical Society and look forward to continuing to serve in 2023. Our accomplishments this last year were only made possible through the efforts of our active members. Those volunteers allowed us to host our annual soup & chili supper, Museum Day, pie & ice cream social, Christmas open house and more.

We continue our adjustment to housing the Bond County Museum in the U. S. DeMoulin Mansion. It was a blessing this year to have Greenville University intern **Katy Coady** confirming contents in over 100 of our archival boxes and updating the labels on those boxes. Perhaps the biggest step forward in this regard this year was **Eric Reelitz**' work replacing the floor in the southwest bedroom. We are now able to fill that room with wire shelving units to store boxed archives. That will start giving us much more room to organize more of our collection.

Speaking of organizing our collection, we are just beginning to use the CatalogIt software to digitize information about every artifact in our collection. CatalogIt will enable us to have photos of each artifact plus its description and information about its history, age, donor, storage location and much more. Having records of more and more of our artifacts will make it much easier in the future to vary our displays. We can know what we have for a display of, say, artifacts from a specific community, business, time period, person, event or more in Bond County.

Of particular interest to the Bond County Genealogical Society may be our launch of Legacy Videos. Through the invaluable help of Bond County resident **Bob Whiteside**, we are beginning to record videos of elders whose recollections of families, events, businesses and other aspects of life in Bond County in years past would be lost without getting those recollections recorded. It was lots of fun last month to get video of **Scott Malan**'s recollections of growing up in the U. S. **DeMoulin** Mansion in the 1960s. Scott's parents, Jean Paul and Genevieve, bought the house and all of its contents directly from Mrs. DeMoulin in 1963. You'll want to click on the link in our website navigation menu to watch that video.

As always, we welcome your involvement in the Bond County Historical Society in 2023. Have a great year.



Cary Holman, BCBS President & BCBS Program Committee Chairperson

One-Room School Museum Tours

Bond County's One-Room School Museum operates under the Bond County Historical Society. It is an actual one-room school house furnished with items that came from the more than 70 one-room school houses that once operated in Bond County making it an interesting visit.

Retired teachers Mary **Young** and Cindy **Catron** provide museum tours and in-costume presentations only by appointment and during special events.

The One-Room School Museum is located at 601 E. Beaumont Ave. in Greenville, Illinois - at the corner of Beaumont Ave. and Wyatt Str.

Groups welcome. Admission by donation. Please contact the Tourism Director, City of Greenville, with details to arrange special openings.

618-664-1644 ext. 1010

<https://www.greenvilleillinois.com/>



“History remembers only the celebrated. Genealogy remembers them all.” – Laurence Overmire



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<https://www.familysearch.org/campaign/keepsakes/>

Walter Family Members Tour U.S. DeMoulin House

By Rebecca Clausen, Bond County Historical Society member and volunteer museum greeter



L-R: Audrey Walter, Sarah Nall, and Kate posed for photos in several areas of their former home, including the ornate oak staircase. Photo by Rebecca Clausen.

My thanks to Karen **Bauer Reelitz** for the opportunity to open Bond County Museum for members of the **Walter** family the morning of Tuesday, July 26, 2022! Audrey, James, their daughter Sarah **Nall**, and Sarah's teenage daughter Kate toured the house for about an hour. It was the first time the Walters had been inside the U.S. **DeMoulin** house since leaving their residence of ten years in 2015. Kate was a small girl when the house was sold and this tour was practically her idea; she was taking lots of photos!

The ladies enjoyed all three floors while James (with his mobility issues and walker) explored the first floor very well. Sarah had done much of the decorating work for her mom and knew the claw foot tub was very old and they had it re-glazed. They installed the large chandelier in the oak staircase. The group continually commented on the electrical rewiring, upstairs wall and trim paint (Sarah's work again), curtains/valances the Bond County Historical Society have so far kept, repairing the transom windows above doors, three fireplaces with electric inserts (which they used all the time for heat), the original bathroom tile on the second floor. Grandkids would do sleepovers on the top floor, running up and down the stairways playing pretend

"shoot em up." Audrey pointed out all the spots she decorated Christmas trees. She liked where we currently have the grandmother clock (a new museum acquisition constructed by local woodworker Vance Kidwell) by the front door; she had one there too, and she'd angled hers towards the turret.

Audrey and James Walter, who now reside in the St Louis, Missouri area but have time shares in other parts of the country, hoped to be back in Greenville sometime before the end of 2022.

Back Issues of Quarterlies/Newsletters Available



The entire back catalog of Bond County Genealogical Society News Quarterlies, published 1982-2011 & B.C.G.S. e-Newsletters published 2014-2022 are currently available at no charge and with no password to members and the general public. Access the issues at <https://www.bondcogen.org/newsletter.html>. Volumes of the printed quarterly are also available to read and research in bound book form in the BCGS Library located on the lower level of the Greenville Public Library.



Online Searchable Death Indexes for the USA

This nifty webpage lists places to find indexes for death records on the internet, including obituaries, cemetery burials, military cemeteries, probate indexes, the Social Security Death Index, and other related items.

<https://www.germanroots.com/deathrecords.html>

Skip straight to the Illinois section: <https://www.deathindexes.com/illinois/>

Online Genealogical Resources

Quakers in Illinois

Are you looking for Quaker records as part of your Illinois genealogy research? This article does a good job of describing the types of Quaker records available, where to access them, and how to interpret the way the Quakers referenced dates. Half of the people living in Illinois who had ancestors residing in the Mid-Atlantic region between 1680 and 1780 have at least one Quaker ancestor.

<https://ancestrybirddog.wordpress.com/2021/06/17/quakers-their-history-beliefs-and-meticulous-records/>

90 Million Historic U.S. Newspaper Pages Now Available from Advantage Archives

Some of the collections are small, but others have over 50 different newspaper titles. Although Advantage Archives gets the credit for making these available, much of the credit should go to the individual libraries, library systems, historical societies, and other institutions, who do the really hard work of obtaining the funds via grants and other funding sources to digitize these old newspapers and make them available online for their patrons. In these times where funding for digitization of old newspapers from libraries, archives, and other institutions is not easy to get, those of us who want to research our genealogy through newspapers and other documents owe a large debt of gratitude to the librarians and archivists who make all of this possible. The moral of the story is "Support your local libraries and archives!" This article includes a list by state and county of the online newspaper collections available to search for free. <https://theancestorhunt.com/blog/90-million-historic-u-s-newspaper-pages-now-available-from-advantage-archives>

American Prison Newspapers

Do you have any ancestors who were in prison? Did you know that there were prison newspapers? On March 24, 1800, *Forlorn Hope* became the first newspaper published within a prison by an incarcerated person. In the intervening 200 years, over 450 prison newspapers have been published from U.S. prisons. A new initiative is digitizing some of these special newspapers. Currently, there are 38 from 11 states. <https://theancestorhunt.com/blog/american-prison-newspapers/>

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Online Genealogical Resources, continued...

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Digitized Books from Allen County, Indiana

Over 100,000 items from the Allen County Public Library's genealogy collection have been digitized and placed on Archive.org. The ACPL Genealogy Center is a unique and valuable resource for the Northeastern Indiana community and the entire genealogical community at large. That collection can be searched on Archive.org at https://archive.org/details/allen_county



500 Free Library of Congress Digital Collections

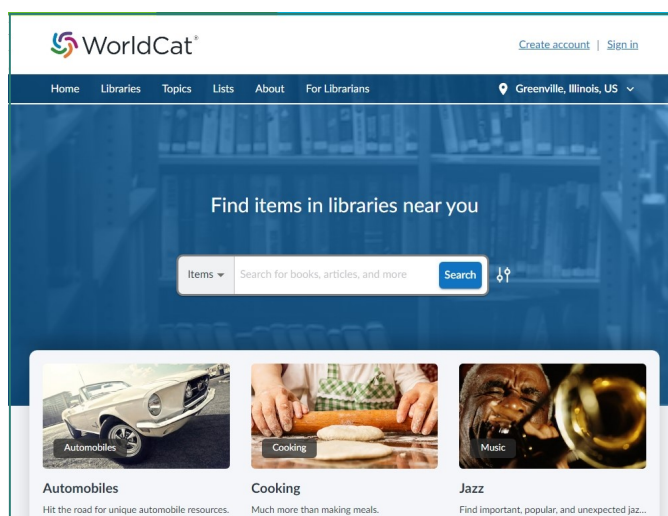
The Library of Congress Digital Collections are large and growing. Currently, there are 501 different collections. You should definitely incorporate this massive set of collections into your genealogy research. They are divided into 15 different topics. There are currently over 3 million items in the collections and therefore plenty of material to search for and discover. The Library of Congress holds another 22 million items yet to be digitized, so there is a lot to discover online in the future. Visit the following article for a QuickSheet of details and links <https://theancestorhunt.com/blog/500-free-library-of-congress-digital-collections/>

A New Improved WorldCat to Help You Locate Books

A few months ago <https://www.worldcat.org> announced a new website was coming. The wait is over and WorldCat has a new look and new features that you'll want to explore for your genealogy research. Keep in mind that WorldCat is a worldwide library catalog. What this means for you is a large catalog of materials that can help you learn more about your ancestor.

You don't have to have a free WorldCat account to use it, but there are benefits to one. All you need is an email address and password. Your experience using WorldCat will be richer, and you will have access to more features. You can designate libraries as favorites (including the Family History Library in Salt Lake City) and narrow your search. This is great especially when planning a research trip.

Don't forget that WorldCat has more than just books. Narrow your search to Archival Materials, which may open up some great genealogically relevant records not found on the usual familiar genealogy websites. https://news.legacyfamilytree.com/legacy_news/2022/09/the-new-improved-worldcat.html



Historical Society Treated to Talk on William Jennings Bryan

Eager to experience a program on Salem, Illinois' favorite son, the Silver-Tongued Orator, and three-time presidential candidate, Bond County Historical Society held their Annual Dinner Monday evening, October 24, 2022. Mr Frank **Brinkerhoff**, spoke on William Jennings **Bryan**, famous orator, lawyer, statesman, and one of most flamboyant and influential figures of his day. Brinkerhoff is a retired educator and historian from Salem, Illinois, where Bryan's 1860 birthplace is located. In a short BCHS business meeting, with two of 2022's nine directors not seeking reelection, BCHS welcomed for 2023 Kevin J. **Kaegy** and Blake **Knox**. Kaegy has previously served in several society capacities.

Among the stories Brinkerhoff shared about "W. J." were Bryan's religious faith (conservative fundamentalism); his education (Illinois College, studied law in Chicago at what is today Northwestern University School of Law); his family (his father was a lawyer and judge, his brother Charles governor of Nebraska, his daughter Ruth appointed by FDR as Envoy to Denmark); his rise to fame as a speaker (campaigning for Democrats in Nebraska, he became known as "Boy Orator of the Platt"); his own Populist and Democratic Party platform as he ran for U.S. President in 1896, 1900, and 1908 (railroad regulation, progressive income tax, anti-imperialism, free coinage of silver, and other progressive reforms he would continue to "stump" for after leaving the office of Secretary of State); and of course his acting as prosecutor for the Scopes Evolution in Public Education Trial in 1925.

Bryan passed away in Dayton, Tennessee, napping before a speaking engagement just days after the conclusion of that humiliating and exhausting trial. Papers reported the cause as "apoplexy"—a stroke or cerebral hemorrhage—and the heat and his diabetes likely contributed to his untimely death. He is buried in Arlington Cemetery. Bryan's statue in Statuary Hall on Capitol Hill in Washington D.C., chosen by Nebraska in 1937, has been replaced in 2019 by a statue of Ponca Chief Standing Bear.

Brinkerhoff passed around the room objects he had brought with him including a small pin-back campaign button, a fancy "Free Silver Free People" campaign ribbon that belonged to Brinkerhoff's grandmother, photos of Bryan on his speaking appearances and visits back to southern Illinois, a book containing the entire transcript of the Scopes trial, and a particularly prized photo of "W. J." and his brother Charles standing with Brinkerhoff's own great-great uncle, a state senator!

Visit Bond County Museum's Facebook Page or website to enjoy the complete video of Brinkerhoff's presentation, including Show & Tell and Q & A session.

Works cited and consulted in summarizing the presentation and "Five Facts" on next page: WJB Recognition Project sponsored by the Agribusiness Council, Dave **Leip's** Atlas of U.S. Presidential Elections, City of Salem Illinois website, *The Greenville Advocate*, [Illinois Heritage](https://www.illinoisheritage.com/), Nebraska Commission on Indian Affairs, Wheaton College Archives, WJBD Radio (SouthernIllinoisNow.com), Fact/Myth.com



Frank Brinkerhoff shows off some of his most treasured objects related to "W. J."—the most influential loser in American history.

5 Facts About William Jennings Bryan

- 1: In 1896, during the Democratic Convention in Chicago, Bryan delivered his famous "Cross of Gold" speech which responded to those demanding a currency based upon a gold standard. The day following the speech, Bryan became the youngest man ever nominated for president of the United States of America. Bryan was 36 years of age.
- 2: Bond county's votes for Democratic nominee Bryan could not top those for the Republican candidate (William **McKinley** 2x and Willian Howard **Taft**) in any of his three campaigns for U.S. President. 50-60% of the popular vote went Republican each time. In 1908, Bryan received 36.70% of Bond County's vote, or 1,465 ballots.
- 3: John Thomas **Scopes** (1900-1970), the substitute teacher found guilty and fined following the "Monkey Trial," had moved to Salem, Illinois at age seventeen. When Scopes graduated from Salem High School May 16, 1919, William Jennings Bryan delivered the commencement address.
- 4: In 1912, after Bryan had worked to get Woodrow **Wilson** elected President of the United States, Wilson appointed Bryan Secretary of State. Bryan negotiated treaties with 30 countries, and then resigned as Secretary of State in June 1915 in protest to the President's actions concerning the German sinking of the Lusitania.
- 5: It is documented that Bryan visited Bond County multiple times. The first time or two he politicked for himself, running for President of the United States. The September 6, 1900 issue of the *Greenville Advocate* stated, "Local Democrats were delighted for their leader William J. Bryan was to come to Greenville, just to pass



Wm. J. Bryan in Greenville, Illinois, 1924. Image from "ReCollections: Re telling stories from Buswell Library Special Collections," wheaton.edu

through, and make a short speech from the observation car." In 1924, as his brother Charles Wayland Bryan (1867-1945) ran for the office of Vice President, Bryan spoke in the city again, on the courthouse lawn. A photo of the occasion is housed in the Buswell Library Special Collections of Wheaton College Archives. The back of the photo contains a note by Wheaton professor, Dr R. Richey **Kamm**, "You will find me seated on the table at the left of the picture. This shows only a part of the crowd. It stretched out for a long way on each side. They had quite a time with the old fellow with the ear trumpet. He got up on the platform and got his trumpet so close to Bryan's mouth that Bryan had to stop and get the old fellow a chair."

Social Content, Hashtags Encourage Conversation

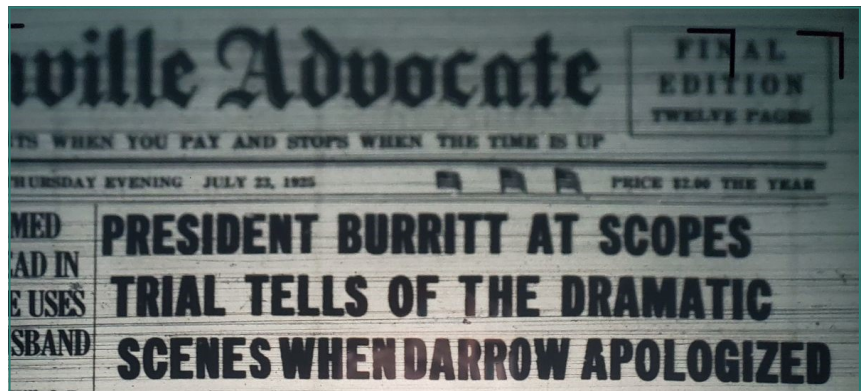
As part of an initiative started by Bond County Historical Society's reconvened Brochure & Outreach Committee, our Facebook Page Admins have been publishing themed posts with hashtags on social media. On #MuseumMonday, we feature an #ArtifactOfTheWeek. We might choose a book, an invention, a souvenir, a tool, a work of art, a piece of furniture, a toy, or any other artifact in our society's current collection. Then on #WayBackWednesday look for a photograph or image to trigger your nostalgia or present a mystery to solve. So what are you waiting for? "Follow" Bond County Museum on Facebook! Leave a kind comment or share!

**President Burritt at Scopes Trial
Tells of the Dramatic Scenes
When Darrow Apologized**

The Greenville Advocate

July 23, 1925, p. 1, cont. on p. 12

By Eldon G. Burritt, Greenville
College's third president



Enroute from Atlanta to Cincinnati I found myself on the line of the Southern Railroad which runs through Dayton, Tennessee. I stopped at this for the time famous town, and wended my way up the street of a little city about the size of Vandalia, and followed the crowd to the court house. It was almost time for the afternoon sitting of court to convene.

The large court room on the second floor was packed to capacity limit. I abandoned the crush of the main current, and working my way through a side passage found myself in the part of the room set aside for the press section.

Suddenly an officer of the state militia appeared at the desk and with much pounding of the gavel and with mighty voice announced that the plaster ceilings of rooms below were cracking and all who were standing must vacate at once to save the building.

Order restored, Clarence **Darrow**, leading defense lawyer arose, "Your honor, for forty-seven years have I been practicing law, and this is the first time that I have been arrested for contempt of court. In my remarks on Saturday last I intended no insult to the court or to the state of Tennessee. I spoke hastily and unguardedly. I am sorry for what I said. I ask the forgiveness of the court."

Thus Darrow apologized for his offensive language for which he was held in contempt. It was a dramatic moment. "The Master whom I serve forgives," solemnly said Judge **Raulston**, "and I forgive."

On account of the heat and the multitude desiring admittance the court adjourned to the courthouse yard. A speaking platform accommodated the bench and the attorneys. Two acres of human beings filled benches and chairs. Many stood.

Some time elapsed with the reading of the expert testimony of the scientists. Then an argument arose over the value of the Bible. The defense attorneys **Malone**, a Roman Catholic, **Hays**, a Jew, and Darrow, the agnostic, held that the Bible is an interpretation and not subject to private interpretation. The prosecution held that it is largely literal and subject to interpretation by the common man.

Bryan was then put on the stand by the defense and subjected to an examination as to his beliefs. It was a battle of giants. Darrow desired to know where Cain got his wife, as to the locomotion of the serpent before it was cursed to go upon its belly, whether the sun at the command of Joshua stood still, regarding the whale that was alleged to have swallowed Jonah. The attorney general objected to this "harangue" but Bryan said "Let it go on. The greatest agnostic is doing his best to insult the Bible and I want the world to know that I am not afraid to answer him."

There was great confusion and Malone shouted, "I want it to be distinctly understood that this case will not be decided either by the agnosticism of Darrow or by the brand of Christianity held by Mr. Bryan."

In the confusion that followed the court adjourned.

A large poster "Read Your Bible" was ordered taken down from the outside of the court house at the in-

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sistence of the defense, for fear its presence would influence the jury. Bryan, in dignified language, flayed the defense for their position.

The trial brings out all sorts of opinions. One said he was not concerned so much whether his ancestors were monkeys but whether his descendants were going to be monkeys. Applause is indulged at the trial over the protest of the judge.

Scopes, looking immature and inconsequential, is lost sight of in the trial. Mrs. Bryan, in her invalid chair, is almost pathetic, but smiles her approval at Mr. Bryan's answer when Darrow asks if he believes in miracles. "If I by the strength of my arm may lift the glass of water and so controvert one of the most fundamental of nature's laws, could not the same be done in the case of other and all laws by the infinite God?" To which Darrow sarcastically observes, "I believe we are being treated to an extract from 'The Prince of Peace.'"

John T. Scopes, young school teacher, was found guilty of teaching the theory of evolution in violation of a Tennessee law at the close of a sensational trial at Dayton, Tennessee, Tuesday.

He was fined \$100 and costs. The attorneys for Scopes, headed by Clarence Darrow, of Chicago, the agnostic, made a move that was surprising. They agreed with the state that the defendant should be convicted so that the case could be appealed to the supreme court.

The entire testimony of William Jennings Bryan, one of the attorneys for the state, was stricken from the records by Judge Raulston, who held that the cross-examination of Bryan by Clarence Darrow on Bryan's Biblical belief had nothing whatever to do with the case.

Many strange things happened at the trial but probably the strangest was that the so called fundamentalists of Tennessee who seemed so overwhelmingly in favor of the law and who had upheld Bryan in his defense of his faith in the Bible rushed to Clarence Darrow, the agnostic, to shake his hand after the trial and shunted Bryan to the background. Even at that the conclusion of the trial was a love feast wherein everybody spoke well of everybody else.

The case will now go to the supreme court of Tennessee and a decision will be handed down sometime in December.

One of the dramatic incidents was the action of Judge Raulston in citing Clarence Darrow for contempt of court. This took place in the exchange of words between Darrow and the Judge in which Darrow replied to a statement from the court, "I hope you do not mean to reflect upon the court," by saying, "Well your honor has a right to hope."

The judge said this was contempt of court and when Darrow was cited on that charge, he offered an apology to the judge. Kind words were exchanged and a pleasant time was had by all.

It is not often that court will step aside from routine work and concern itself with a man's soul unless it is when he is passing a death sentence upon a convicted criminal, but when announcing his acceptance of the amends from the famous lawyer, Darrow, Judge Raulston said, "The Man whom I believe came in the world to save man from sin, and who died on the cross that man might be redeemed, taught that it was better to forgive. I believe in that Man, and I believe in the principles He taught. I forgive Col. Darrow with all my heart. I commend him to go back to his home and to meditate on the words of Him who said, 'If ye are athirst come unto me and ye shall receive eternal life.'"

In view of the fact that Darrow has ever been known as an atheist or an agnostic, and that his presence in Dayton and his participation in the trial are such as to strengthen that estimation, the homely words

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President Burritt at Scopes Trial, continued...

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of the mountain judge strike with particular poignancy, overdrawn though they may be when viewed by the narrow lines of legal procedure.

Another dramatic incident was the act of Darrow in placing Bryan on the witness stand. He grilled him for hours on his view of the Bible. Bryan declared he believes every word of the Bible including the story about the whale swallowing Jonah. Bryan is an evangelist and Darrow is an agnostic.

Bryan said he did not in the least object to being placed on the stand. The jury was sent out and Darrow began. His first question was, "Do you believe everything in the Bible is true?" Bryan declared that he did.

Then Darrow shot back this. "Do you believe that Jonah swallowed the whale?"

"I would believe it if the Bible had said it," slammed back Bryan to this trick question.

There were many hard tilts between the two lawyers but after it was all over with, although the crowd was greatly entertained, Judge Raulston ruled the whole testimony of Bryan out holding it had nothing whatever to do with the case at hand.

FamilySearch Microfilm Collection Fully Digitized

FamilySearch has completed digitizing 2.4 million rolls of microfilm for their online collection. Over 200 countries and principalities and more than 100 languages are included in the digitized documents. All types of genealogically significant records are included—censuses, births, marriages, deaths, probate, Church, immigration, and more. Now that the project is completed, it's much easier for users to find members of their family tree and make personal discoveries within these records.

A microfilm is a roll of film, like what would be used in an old camera—it just holds a lot more images per roll. However, instead of storing photos of treasured memories and loved ones, microfilms are designed to store documents that are shrunk down into miniature. Before digital preservation, microfilm was an effective and space-conscious way to preserve historic documents and make them widely accessible.

FamilySearch, back when it was still called the Genealogical Society of Utah, began microfilming in 1938. It was one of the first major organizations to embrace the use of microfilm imaging for long-term record preservation.

In 1998, FamilySearch began digitizing its microfilm collection—a project that, at the time, was anticipated to take over 50 years to complete. However, advances in technology cut the estimated time to completion by nearly 30 years.

Microfilm scanning began with about 5 employees. As the process developed and evolved, it grew to as many as 30 employees using 26 scanners. This work continued even during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Due to contracts and agreements, not all digitized microfilm collections are equally and fully accessible so you may have to visit a Family History Center/Library to see them.

FamilySearch also has plans to digitize its collection of 335,000 microfiches.

Read full story at <https://www.familysearch.org/blog/en/familysearch-microfilm-collection-digitized/>

10 Ways to Connect With Distant Cousins

By Shannon Combs-Bennett

A longer version of this article appeared in the May/June 2015 issue of "Family Tree Magazine" familytreemagazine.com/strategies/10-ways-to-find-cousins

Second, third, fourth and beyond cousins, who may be a generation or more "removed" from you, are a huge asset to your family history search. So the real question isn't how many cousins you have, but how do you find them—and all those lost treasures of information and artifacts?

1. Frequent family tree websites... lots of them!
2. Test your DNA and reach out to matches. Autosomal DNA testing examines your entire tree along paternal and maternal lines.
3. Seek surname studies. Don't find one? Start one!
4. Surf social networks. Facebook and GenealogyWise have groups focused on members' surnames and ancestral cities, states, and countries.
5. Find family forums. These message boards can now play second fiddle to social networks, but your RootsWeb message board post will stay available for cousins to find and respond to for years.
6. Sign up for societies. Join one from your ancestor's county or state. Specific surnames and lineages also have organizations.
7. Browse blogs. Search and subscribe to blogs that pop up when you search for your family; comment on posts that potential cousins might find later.
8. Meet and greet. Visit genealogy society meetings and libraries and ask about others' research.
9. Peruse the papers. Not everyone left towns and cities where their families settled.
10. Go to reunions. Stop ignoring those invites and ATTEND! Take copies of old family photos folks can identify.

Don't Forget the BCGS Publication List & Book Shop

Just a reminder that Bond County Genealogical Society has put together many publications to assist you in your research. This is a short list, but the longer list and an order form can be obtained at the society web-site's Book Shop www.bondcogen.org/for_sale.html. We've also updated shipping prices to reflect the current postal rates. \$5.00 for the first book, \$1.00 each additional. Contact us first for large orders! For more information or to make a purchase, email info@bondcogen.org or write us a snail mail letter.

Cemetery Books (Indexed, some include obituaries; most volumes were compiled pre-1990 so more recent burials will not be included):

- ◇ *Mt Auburn Cemetery* (© 1992), *Lansing (Old City)*, *Hubbard*, *Sybert*, *Dunkard*, *Brethren*, *Neathery*, *Snow*, *File*, *New Nebo*, *Wait/Wade*, *Corrington*, *Tisdale*, *Cruthis*, *Coyle/Massey*, *Vaughn*, *Enloe*, *Booher*, *Daggett*, and *Peter-son Cemeteries*
- ◇ *Mt Moriah*, *Mt Pulaski*, *Lands End*, *Old Bear Creek*, *Traylor*, *Nicholas*, and *Tickey Point Cemeteries*
- ◇ *Montrose Cemetery* (© 1989)
- ◇ *Montrose Mausoleum*
- ◇ *Wright*, *Elm Point*, *Glenn*, *Hall's Grove*, *Rising*, and *Diamond Cemeteries*



Mount Auburn Cemetery Walk: A Tour with Tales

A distinguished city mayor, multiple high school athletics Hall of Famers, a lineage societies maven, a pillar of international baseball, prolific researchers and book editors, and a World War II army hero. What do they have in common? All of these former citizens of Bond County were celebrated at the "Mount Auburn Cemetery Walk: A Tour With Tales" on Thursday, September 8, 2022.

Approximately forty people attended the event that was presented by the Bond County Genealogical Society, Bond County Historical Society, and the Mount Auburn Cemetery Association. Representatives from those groups shared the history of the cemetery, its operation, and tales of just a few of those persons resting in the memorial park founded in 1929.

Mount Auburn, at 1403 E College Ave. in Greenville, Illinois at the intersection with Idler Lane, was described in 1953 by its directors as an "ideal setting that produces a scene of peace and tranquility." There are presently more than 2,300 burials with much room left in the land design for more. Under the maintenance of the three year old Association, the seventeen acres of lawns are well-manicured, the trees are beautifully trimmed, and the curving drives have been recently repaired and expanded.

Mount Auburn Cemetery Association Board is: Michael **Turley**, Trevor **Suess**, Cindy **Tischhauser**, Pennie **Slatton**, Val **Gaffner**, Wes **Pourchot**, and Skylor **Snow**. Cemetery Managers are: Larry **Snow** and Jennifer **Lappe**.

It was announced another cemetery walk is being planned at Mount Auburn.

Donations to benefit Mount Auburn Cemetery Association may be directed to: Bradford National Bank, Attn: Pennie Slatton, PO Box 279, Greenville, IL 62246.

Recognized burials during the Cemetery Walk were Arlen and Brad **Parker**, Gerald **Turley**, Robert "Ish" **Smith**, Dean and Nelda **Anthony**, Cornelia **Davis**, Captain Arthur **Bollinger** and Sgt. Mervin **Wise**.

Tour guides included Tony **Koonce**, Cary **Holman**, Cindy Tischhauser, Kevin **Kaegy**, and Jeff **Leidel**.

Visit Bond County Museum's Facebook Page or website to view videos of each tale presented.

For more photos and stories of featured burials see:

"Mount Auburn Cemetery Hosts Walking Tour" by Rachel Terry. *The Greenville Advocate*. Sept 15, 2022.

"40 Attend Mt. Auburn Cemetery Walk" by Jeff Leidel. *WGEL 101.7FM Daily News*. Sept 14, 2022.



The Greenville Advocate followed up their March 12, 1945 report of U.S. Army Sergt Mervin Wise's January death with a report of his heroism in the Philippines.

Queries



Angela **Belcher** | abelcher34@gmail.com

I am trying to get information on Old Edwards Cemetery *[editor's note: also known as Williams Cemetery and Smith Cemetery]* which is in Seminary township Fayette county *[SE of the SW Section 30 but must be accessed from Pleasant Mound township in Bond county using County Rd 700N]*. I found information that the Bond County Historical Society had done some work there many years ago. I am seeking a listing of all the names as we are trying to clean it up. It has been abandoned again without any regular upkeep.

Elaine **Crouch** | aecrouch@sbcglobal.net

Researching Charles **Crouch**, b 1869 or 1871 Brown Co. IN, d 15 Oct 1943 Highland, Madison, IL. He and wife Sarah Ellen **Johnson**, b abt 1865 IN, d 30 Apr 1951 Smithboro, Bond, IL, both lived in Pocahontas, Bond, IL. Seeking evidence beyond what's in their obituaries that they are buried in Sugg Cemetery. I'm also looking for clues/references of parents or siblings of Charles to try to prove which branch of the Crouch family tree he comes from.

Martha **Lauer** | mldhobbs@gmail.com

I am trying to find proof of the father of my ancestor, Fanny **Diamond**, who may be the daughter of John Diamond b 12 Feb 1750, County Derry, Ireland, mov to South Carolina, mov to Fayette co, IL abt 1820, dpl Bond co, IL abt 1834. He was a Revolutionary War pensioner in Bond County and is buried in Old Diamond cemetery, near Zion Springs. I've had no luck locating either a will or probate records that could list his heirs. There are books on this Diamond family, which give a list of John Diamond's children, but no source (of course).

B.P. **Solecki** | TXSEARCH@flash.net | fax 817-590-2282

I am trying to help an ill male adoptee locate his birth father: He lived in Greenville in 1959 & 1960 in a trailer park. His name is Mike or Michael **Stafford**. We need a middle initial or any info would help. Too many individuals by this name.

The New Person Page in Family Tree on FamilySearch.org

In Family Tree, the new person page contains a person's profile information.... And it has new features!

Sources side sheet: View a person's sources from the Details tab. In the Tools section, click Sources.

Improved sourcing: Tag sources to all types of information in the Vitals and Other Information sections.

My Layout Settings: Reorganize the Details tab. Click My Layout Settings in the Tools section.

Alert notes: Each person in Family Tree can have one alert note. The note notifies other users about research notes or warnings. Users can read the notes before they edit the profile.

Other relationships: Record relationships between people that are not direct parent-child or spousal.

Improved filtering and layout of the Memories tab: Choose to sort by newest added, chronological, title, private, or public. In addition, you can sort in ascending or descending order.

About tab: To view a page with a compilation of information about the person, click the About tab.

Malan Twins Visit Museum: Donate USD's Steamer Trunk

Scott **Malan** and his sister Barbara **Schneider** visited Bond County Museum in the U.S. DeMoulin mansion Monday, December 12, 2022. Bond County Historical Society president Cary **Holman** arranged for Robert **Whiteside** to record the visit in digital video as part of a new "Bond County Remembered: Legacy Videos" oral history series.

Scott and Barb's parents, Jean Paul and Genevieve (**Wheat**) Malan, purchased the home and all its contents in 1963 and resided there with their three children until 1973. Scott and Barb were in third grade in 1963.

The pair's fond recollections of growing up in the comfortable, unique house without many modern conveniences included their first impression upon seeing the home's original condition as Cora, U.S.'s widow, left it, playing (and playing around) the big player piano in the sun room, keeping warm by wood-burning fireplace in the winter, completing homework at a large round table in the turret, crawling out their bedroom windows to lounge on the roof, blaming their older brother James for car tire tracks suddenly appearing all over the yard, and experiencing quite a fright with some friends when the power went off during a storm.

During the visit, the Malans presented Bond County

Malans are DeMoulin Cousins!

Scott couldn't recall the specific connections making the Malans cousins to the DeMoulins... but the Bond County Genealogical Society has records and resources. Leonie Malan—daughter of John Paul and Alice (**LaDouble**) Malan—married Erastus DeMoulin. Their son Leslie (U.S.'s nephew), was named DeMoulin Bros' Factory president at U.S.'s 1947 retirement, then Leslie's son Bill was president from 1963. Leonie's brother was Fremont J. Malan. And Fremont was Jean Paul's father, making Scott, Barb, and James second cousins to Bill.

Museum with U.S.'s steamer trunk, and several items which were origi-

nally from the "middle room" of the home – what the museum uses for Civil War exhibits: a watercolor tourist painting, two of U.S.'s personal books about music, and a pair of bronze cherub "child reading" bookends by sculptor artist Salvatore **Morani**. The trunk and books were graciously given in honor of Scott and Barbara's parents.

The society thanks Scott and Barb for their hours spent inside and outside the house on this visit, their preservation and donation of DeMoulin items, and for promising not to be strangers!

Cary and Robert continue to line up interviews with more local Bond County residents and former residents who recall portions of the area's history. Contact president@bondcountyhistorical.org for more information or to schedule a video interview of your own.



Above: Scott (right) explains on camera features he remembers of the back yard. Below: Cary and Scott reposition the large trunk that once belonged to U.S. DeMoulin which was left in the house's attic after his death. Photos by Rebecca Clausen, editor.



A Brief History of Surnames by Country of Origin

What type of name is yours?

Some of us never really think about our last names, until it's time to change them (or keep them!) for marriage or until we have children of our own and we need to come up with some first names that work! Knowing the meaning and origin of your

surname can help you find a good fit for your baby's name, whether you'd like to match the ancestry of the two names, or you're looking for a first name meaning that complements that of your last name.

If you're not sure of the origins of your surname, it's time to do some research! You can learn a lot by simply Googling your last name. You might even take it a step further and study your family ancestry in greater detail.

While the Chinese have been using surnames since 2852 B.C.E., they're a modern invention elsewhere. Europeans adopted them in roughly the 15th century, while Turkey only started requiring them in 1934. Scholars say cultures that use surnames generally employed them to describe one of five characteristics: patronymics (who your father or ancestors are), occupations, toponymics (home region), personal characteristics, clans or tribes. Yet not every last name fits into one of these categories.

China has used last names for thousands of years. Traditionally, Chinese surnames precede a person's given name, although the more recent use of westernized names has led to a flip of surnames and given names. Chinese last names are typically passed down from father to children, although they may not have started that way. Many early last names contain the character for woman. It is thought that early names were passed down from the mother. There are thousands of Chinese family names, but the 100 most common, which together make up less than 5% of those in existence, are shared by 85% of the population. The three most common surnames in Mainland China are **Li** ("plum tree"), **Wang** ("king"), and **Zhang** ("archer").

The Vietnamese began using last names in about 111 B.C., when China conquered Vietnam. During their 1,000-year occupation of Vietnam, they assigned last names to groups of people to make tax collection more efficient. The most popular last name in Vietnam is **Nguyen**, which was the name of the ruling dynasty from 1802 to 1945. The people of Vietnam weren't all that attached to last names, and would frequently change them to that of the ruling family. About 40 percent of Vietnam's population is named Nguyen.

There are an estimated 300,000 Japanese last names. Around 300 B.C., people in Japan began using occupational or geographical names to define their clan (a group of people related by blood, marriage or a common ancestor). These clans grew into small kingdoms, which were then united under one ruler who gave each clan a designation according to their societal status. This was called the Uji-Kabane system and was the foundation for Japanese family names.

Korean last names provide a great insight into a family's defining characteristics, the places they lived

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Search for Meanings & Distribution of 31 Million Surnames

Enter a Surname

SEARCH

"Forebears" is a genealogy portal, which includes a geographically indexed and cross-referenced directory of sources for family history research and a dictionary of surname meanings, including information on their geographic distribution. Visit <https://forebears.io/surnames>

Surnames, continued...

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near, or their occupations. The most common last name in South Korea is **Kim**. In fact, in a population of a little more than 50 million, one in five are named Kim. One in 10 are named **Lee**, and nearly half the population is named Kim, Lee, **Park/Bak**, or **Choi**.

There are 54 countries, between 900 and 1,500 languages, and several thousand ethnic groups in Africa, according to Britannica. Last names come from indigenous, colonialist and diasporic roots. Over several hundred years, borders have been made, changed and broken, making family history difficult to trace.

Indian last names, particularly Hindu last names, are derived from religion, occupation and region, much like other nationalities. But there's a fourth determinant: caste. The caste system, which determines a person's place in society, is now outlawed in India, but still followed culturally. **Singh**, for example means "lion" and is usually associated with the warrior caste, the Kshatriyas.

Jewish last names are a relatively new phenomenon, historically speaking. Sephardic Jews (from areas around the Mediterranean) did not start adopting family names until the 15th century, when expulsion from Spain meant finding a way to keep family ties. Ashkenazi Jews (from eastern Europe and Germany) didn't take on last names until well into the 18th and 19th centuries when governments in Europe began registering Jews as subjects. Until this period, Jewish names generally changed with every generation, the children being named after their father (i.e. son of Moyshe or daughter of Moyshe). Later still, Jews from places like Yemen and India didn't adopt last names until they emigrated to Israel in the 20th century. The easiest way for Jews to assume an official last name was to adapt the name they already had, making it permanent. The next most common source of Jewish last names is probably places. Jews used the town or region where they lived, or where their families came from, as their last name. As a result, the Germanic origins of most East European Jews is reflected in their names. Other naming conventions are taken from occupations, personal traits, or animal names. In short, as it applies to Jewish surnames, many names have more than one possible derivation; and one does well to consider where and when the surname was adopted/created.

Followers of Islam often take on a last name with religious connotation. Last names are often associated with God or the Prophet. For instance, **Abdullah** means "servant of god," abd meaning "servant" and -ullah being a variation of Allah. But Muslim naming practices have moved beyond believers of Islam. In Egypt, for instance, a Christian might have the name **Abdel-Massih**, which means "servant of Christ."

Many Armenian surnames end in -ian, which signifies possession or belonging. The tradition to do this began when people's surnames would be the first name of their grandfather plus the suffix -ian.

Czech surnames, much like English surnames, are adopted by women once they marry. However, did you know women change the spelling due to the gender adjectives found in the Czech language? If the male name translates to a masculine adjective, the spelling of the female's last name will be the spelling of the equivalent feminine adjective. Because women almost always have a surname that is a feminine adjective, the ending is changed by adding the suffix -ova if the husband's surname translates to a noun.

Watch for Part 2 in the B.C.G.S. News Vol 38, Issue 2, Summer 2023.

Find a complete Works Cited and Consulted for further reading following Part 2.

Memories and Mementos Shared at Woburn Baptist

A huge thank you goes out to Woburn Baptist Church for hosting Bond County Historical Society and Bond County Genealogical Society Thursday, August 25, 2022. The 22nd Annual Rural Church Program provided good food and even greater fellowship shared by all. About 40 people ate the potluck meal and another 10 or so joined for the program following.

Kevin **Kaegy**, BCHS historian and the evening's event coordinator, opened the meeting with a welcome and anecdote about Woburn's short-lived bullfrog farm venture. After a three-song piano hymn-sing ("Amazing Grace", "The Old Rugged Cross", "In The Garden"), current pastor of two years, Tim **Logue**, and longtime church pianist/organist, Marilyn **Miles**, presented a short history of the church building and congregation in conversation format inviting questions from the audience.

On Sunday May 2, 1896, twenty-seven southern Baptist members and first pastor D. K. **Barber** began meeting once a month on Saturday mornings. Later the same year the church was received into membership of Rehoboth Baptist Association. By 1920 they were able to construct their current sanctuary for \$5000, later digging out a basement for classrooms and building an addition with kitchen. By the 1940s, they'd acquired a full time preacher and were meeting twice on Sundays. Over the years, adults and children have enjoyed many activities outside Sunday services: holiday parties, ice cream socials, concerts, fundraisers, team sports, and vacation Bible school which draws youth from many more communities than simply Woburn.

Marilyn's parents joined the church and community in 1923 and she's been involved in the music program and Sunday school teaching for over 70 years! Today, the Woburn Baptist congregation is not large but it is thriving, with members and friends of all ages, even 100 years old, having been saved, baptized, married, and buried in the arms of the church.

The genealogical and historical societies also learned the story of a 1935 Woburn signature/fundraiser quilt returned in 2004 to the community after many years traveling the country with a South Carolina based family. Ray **Stafford** was pastor in 2004 and the church held a great "coming home" party for the quilt. Familiar names embroidered on the quilt blocks include **Elam, Bandy, Clark, Jett, Wright, and Grigg**.

At the end of the evening, Marilyn Miles treated attendees to one more number, this time on the organ.



Below, L to R: Kaegy, Logue, Miles.

Bottom: This 1929-1935 quilt is believed to be the second signature quilt church members completed. Photos by Rebecca Clausen, editor.



Immersion Genealogy: Walking in Your Ancestor's Footsteps

From the popular genealogy resources blog: <https://ancestrybirddog.wordpress.com/>

Family history is so much more than charts, documents, names, and boxes of old photos. With access to online family research websites, it's easy to limit your research to census records, yearbook photos, and marriage certificates. But what you are missing is the context by which to interpret your research.

Historical context is the political, social, cultural, and economic settings, which help you better understand your relatives and their uniqueness. In plain language, historical context tells the stories that explain – who, how, when, what, and why.

Examples of Historical Context

- ◆ Residences and communities where your relatives lived
- ◆ Historical and political events that influenced their lives
- ◆ Places where they worshiped
- ◆ Their language and customs
- ◆ Periods of military service and conflict
- ◆ Types of jobs they held or businesses they owned
- ◆ The medicines and medical care available
- ◆ Family relationships
- ◆ Immigration patterns
- ◆ Personal property that they owned

Immersion Genealogy

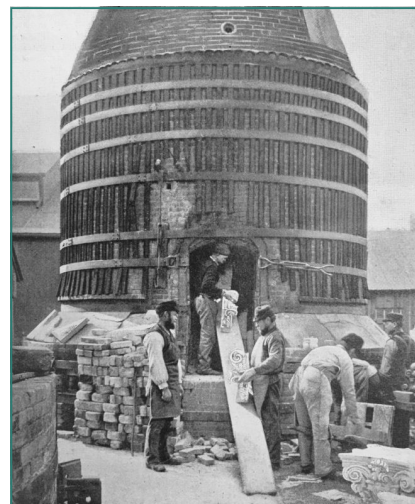
Immersion genealogy is a way of raising consciousness and deepening your understanding of your family members, while helping to overcome assumptions and erroneous family lore.

Immersion genealogy has helped individuals understand situations that were not readily apparent in census documents, such as: why their great-great grandfather was an inmate in a sanitarium for years after the Civil War; why their once prosperous relatives abandoned their farm in Oklahoma in the 1920s; why their immigrant ancestors in urban Danish enclaves like New York and New Jersey joined Danish fraternal clubs and wrote for Danish language newspapers when Midwestern farming Danes typically did not; and why their Russian great grandparents left some of their children behind in Russia when they immigrated to America.

Others have discovered: national historic places linked to their relatives; segregated burial grounds, distinguished among immigrant and religious groups; and a World War II ammunition plant where their grandmother worked.

Immersion genealogy can be as simple as reading a book about local history or scanning archival newspaper articles of the community and period where your ancestors' lived. You can visit a genealogy research library, local museum or national historic place. Others like to walk the hallowed grounds in which their ancestors are buried. Many people also enjoy taking a trip to their ancestral homelands.

Regardless of the path you take, immersion genealogy is all about walking in your relative's shoes and then melding your new discoveries, family research, social and cultural experiences, and family stories.



The kilns at New Jersey's Perth Amboy Terracotta Co., 1895. Image copyright <https://randallwolff.com>

New Free Historical Records on FamilySearch

FamilySearch added over 3 million more records at the end of November 2022, including parish and civil registrations from Latin America, Europe, and Zimbabwe; naturalization records from New York; vital records from Virginia; searchable names from Find A Grave Index; and more. Look for family connections in these new records! <https://www.familysearch.org/en/blog/new-records-28-november-2022>

Genealogy Tips Of The Day from Michael John Neill's blog: genealogytipoftheday.com

Who Have You Not Reviewed in a While?

There are many reasons to go back and take another good look at research you last worked on years ago. There may be statements that you never found any source for, conclusions that no longer stand up to analysis, confusing concepts that you now understand, or leads that you realize you never worked up. In short... there could be a lot of new work sitting in that "old work."

An email from a relative and an overseas visit by a friend caused me to go back and review a potential parentage in Maryland in the mid-18th century and a "missing family" from early 19th century Germany. New indexes and finding aids come online constantly.

Our research skills get better or the "away time" from the problem gives us a new perspective. What family have you not looked at in years that may be worthy of a second look?

Back to the Parents for the Baby?

When looking for birth records of children, always consider the possibility that the mother may have gone to live with her parents, or other relatives (either by blood or by marriage) to have the child. If civil records of births were being recorded, it would be where the child was actually born. Children baptized as infants may be taken to a "home church" for that ceremony instead of being baptized where the parents are living at the time of the birth.

Another Immigrant Generation?

Be open to the possibility that more members of a family immigrated than you think. Family tradition was that an ancestral couple married in Switzerland and then migrated to the United States in the early 1850s where others of his family had settled as adults. Seemed like a very reasonable story. Turns out that the wife immigrated as a child with her parents and that her future husband immigrated as an adult from a nearby village with members of his own family. She was not the only one from her family to immigrate as the family tradition seemed to suggest.

DNA Reality

A few reminders about your DNA matches: You will not get as many inquiries from DNA matches as you think; Many of the messages you send to your matches will not get answered; A good number of your matches will have no trees; Much of your DNA analysis you will have to do yourself or with the help of other genealogists who are not your matches; DNA can solve problems that records alone cannot; DNA can solve problems that you thought would never be solved; DNA match analysis is not always easy; DNA work does not replace work in paper records; Many people test and never look at their matches; DNA match analysis is not quick and easy.

Easy Ways You Can Share Your Genealogy Beyond an Ancestry Tree

By Amy Johnson Crow for her popular blog: <https://www.amyjohnsoncrow.com/>

Many of us feel the need to share our genealogy with others. It helps us make connections with others, gives us a sense of “paying forward” the efforts of those before us, and helps in our efforts to preserve our research. Ancestry has made it easy to share, but that shouldn’t be the only way that we do so. Here are some other ways that we can share our genealogy, and make more connections in the process.

Why You Should Share Your Genealogy Beyond Your Online Tree

Although Ancestry and other online trees make it easy to share our genealogy—our discoveries, photos, and stories—they shouldn’t be the only way that we share. There are two reasons for this.

Not all of your cousins are on Ancestry. Yes, they’re the biggest and most well-known. But not everyone has an Ancestry subscription, nor does everyone who starts on Ancestry stay there forever. **If you’re sharing only on Ancestry, you’re reaching only people on Ancestry.** It’s better to share in as many places as possible to reach as many people as possible.

Your Ancestry tree is not a long-term preservation strategy. When Ancestry announced its changes to its Terms & Conditions on August 3 and 5, 2021, I saw countless comments that the reason they have a tree on Ancestry “is so my research will outlive me.” Maybe, maybe not. There is nothing guaranteeing that the tree you post on Ancestry (or any other website) will be available in the long term. Businesses go out of business (even the ones we think of as “big.” Remember Blockbuster and Circuit City?)

For both of these reasons, I recommend approaching sharing like we should approach preservation and **employ the LOCKSS principle: Lots of Copies Keep Stuff Safe.** This preservation principle is basically not putting all of your eggs in one basket. It’s why we do backups of our computers and have those backups in multiple locations. (You do have backups and in multiple locations, right?) If one fails, you have another copy elsewhere.

The more places we share our genealogy, the more people we reach and the more likely that our research will be preserved.

So how can we do that?

Blog Your Family History

There are so many advantages to writing, and blogging gives us an easy way to both write and to share. While blogging is likely less permanent than a book or a (traditionally) published article, it does get the information out there, where it can benefit other researchers. (Check out my tips for starting your own genealogy blog. <https://www.amyjohnsoncrow.com/how-to-start-a-genealogy-blog/>)

There’s also the advantage that people can find your blog via a search engine like Google or Bing. This makes it an effective way of reaching a wide audience. Also, if you do have a public tree on Ancestry, you can go to an ancestor’s profile page and use the “add a weblink” feature to add a link to your blog post.

Write an Article for a Newsletter or Journal

Speaking as a former newsletter and journal editor, I can assure you that editors are always looking for

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more content. When I say “article,” I mean just that. It could be a page or two about one specific ancestor. Maybe you’ve worked out how two people are (or aren’t) related. Maybe you’ve researched your ancestor’s military service.

You can share your genealogy without writing something “new.” Perhaps you have a family Bible that you’re willing to transcribe the family record pages or a letter sent to your ancestor. Those make great articles! Contact a genealogy society in the area where that person(s) lived and ask if they would be interested in that article and if they have any style or formatting guidelines to follow. Not only will you be reaching the members of that society, chances are that that society’s newsletter (especially if it’s in the US or Canada) will be indexed in the Periodical Source Index (PERSI). That will allow even more people to discover it later.

Write a Book

I hope this one didn’t scare anyone off! A family history book doesn’t have to be a 400-page definitive tome of all of the descendants or ancestors of someone. Can you expand upon the bare facts of one particular family (the father, mother, and their children)? What about transcribing an ancestor’s diary, journal, or letters? How about one particular aspect of your family’s life (exploring their religion, occupation, or military service)?

Donate copies of the book to libraries and societies in the location(s) where that family lived. For even more exposure, donate a copy to major genealogy repositories, such as the Family History Library and the Genealogy Center at the Allen County Public Library.

Donate Materials (or, At Least Copies)

Don’t feel like writing anything? Consider donating copies of some of your materials to relevant organizations. This is one of the most long-lasting ways to share your family history. I bet any historical society, genealogy society, or library would be thrilled to get a copy of a Civil War soldier’s journal from that area or copies of the family register from the family Bible.

Please note: if you ever decide to donate your unpublished research (notes, etc.) to a library or society, contact them first! Many (most) libraries have donation guidelines and cannot accept all donations of research collections.

Share on Social Media

Have you made a cool discovery in your family history? Consider sharing it on social media, like Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter. Look for Facebook groups that are focused on where your ancestor lived (or some other aspect of your ancestor). It’s true that this method of sharing is rather fleeting, but it is a way to reach people.

Share with Your Family

Sometimes we overlook the obvious. When was the last time we shared something about our family history with our family? I don’t mean printing off an ancestor chart or giving them a copy of a random census schedule. When was the last time you told a story of an ancestor? When was the last time you shared a little tidbit? (If you’ve had bad experiences when trying to share with family members, check out my post “How Not to Bore People With Genealogy.” <https://www.amyjohnsoncrow.com/not-bore-with-genealogy/>)

How about you? What ways have you shared your family history besides an online tree?

In Tribute To Those Friends BCGS Has Lost



John Dennis Coleman February 1, 1934 — September 11, 2022

John D. **Coleman** age 88 of Greenville, passed away at his home at 12:45 p.m. Sunday, September 11, 2022. The family received friends at the Donnell-Wiegand Funeral Home in Greenville Monday evening, September 19, 2022. Graveside Services were held Tuesday, September 20, 2022 in Mt. Auburn Cemetery.

John Dennis Coleman was born on February 1, 1934 in Freeport, Illinois, the son of John Richard and Margaret O. **Schamberger** Coleman. He spent his childhood growing up in Mt. Carroll, Collinsville, and mostly Smithboro, Illinois. He was the last graduate from Smithboro High school and graduated from Mulberry Grove High School in 1951, and earned degrees from University of Illinois, Greenville College, and Southern Illinois University. In the 1950s John served in the US Army and was stationed at West Point, NY. After he left the Army, he became an art teacher and taught at Edwardsville High School, and Greenville Elementary and Jr High Schools. In the 1960s he also worked for the Illinois State Superintendent of Schools as a Supervisor for Art Instruction. After retiring from teaching in 1990, John spent much of his time volunteering with local organizations including the Bond County Historical Society, the Hills Fort Society, the Sons of the American Revolution, the Illinois War of 1812 Society, Farm Heritage Museum, AMVETS, and was a past member of the Greenville Public Library Board. John had a lifelong love for art, especially painting and drawing. He was a founding member of the Prairie Artist guild and for many years taught adult painting classes.

He married Mary Jeanette **McClure** on March 28, 1964 in Greenville. He is survived by his wife, son John Spencer of Greenville, daughter Jennifer Louise of Highland, grandsons Nathan and Andrew **Higgins**, sister Carole (Don) **Marchetti** of Old Greenwich, CT, and brother Gerald (Sue) Coleman of Brownsville, TX.

Memorials may be made to the Hill's Fort Society, the Illinois Sons of the American Revolution, or the Greenville First Presbyterian Church.

Allan Hoiles Keith Jr. October 12, 1941 — July 22, 2022

Allan H. **Keith**, age 80 of Mattoon, passed away at 4:00 a.m. Friday July 22, 2022 at the Odd Fellow-Rebekah Home in Mattoon. Graveside services were held Tuesday, July 26, 2022 at Montrose Cemetery in Greenville with Rev. Dr. Ward **Sussenbach** officiating. Donnell-Wiegand Funeral Home made arrangements.

Allan Hoiles Keith Jr. was born on October 12, 1941 in Decatur, the son of Allan H. Keith Sr. and Valeria **DuVall** Keith. Mr. Keith was reared in Greenville, Illinois and graduated from Greenville High School in 1959. Mr. Keith was awarded a bachelor's degree in history from Eastern Illinois University in 1963 and a master's degree in journalism from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale in 1971. His dissertation was a history of the first 50 years of the *Greenville Advocate* (1858 to 1908). Mr. Keith reported for several newspapers in Central and Southern Illinois. He taught journalism in the early to mid-1970s. He published several small books: SIUC's Days of Dissent: a Memoir of Student Protest, in 2007; Historical Stories About Greenville and Bond County IL; and Turbulent Times, a compilation of some of Mr. Keith's writings over the years.

Surviving are sister Mrs. Anne (Bruce) **Edwards** of Sullivan, two nephews David (Sarah) Edwards and Gary Edwards, grand-niece, Isabella Edwards, and grand-nephew, River Edwards. Mr. Keith was a descendant of the Rev. John Brown **White**, co-founder and first President of Almira College (1855) in Greenville.

Memorials may be made to the Greenville First Presbyterian Church.

Share Your Story: Southern Illinois in the COVID-19 Pandemic

We are living through an important moment in history, and we want to hear how it is affecting the people of Bond County, Illinois and immediate surrounding areas. As the COVID-19 pandemic changes life to a “new normal,” Bond County Genealogical Society is asking you to share, in your own words, reflections of your experience during the pandemic, for the benefit of future generations. Whether you are in quarantine, sheltering at home, working in the medical field, homeschooling your kids, or adjusting your business model for uncertain times, your story is unique and valuable.

These submissions will be collected into a digital archive. In the short-term, we will share some of these submissions on social media, our newsletter, and in online exhibitions. In the long term, these submissions will be used to inform future generations about life in Illinois during the COVID pandemic. Thank you; get recording!

Submissions and Genealogical Queries

The B.C.G.S. News is published 2 times a year—January & July. The Bond County Genealogical & Historical Societies invite members to submit articles on Bond County families or histories, research techniques, announcements & queries. Typed submissions are preferred. Please E-Mail to the newsletter committee at bcgs_editor@sbcglobal.net or send to: Bond County Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 172, Greenville, IL 62246.

All submissions are subject to editing and/or serialization over multiple issues. Your articles and photos shall remain your property. DO NOT send copyrighted material unless you hold the copyright or you supply proof of permission to print with your submission.

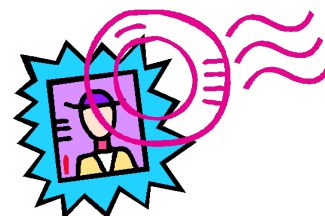
Genealogical queries with connections to Bond County and its communities in Southern Illinois are published free of charge to members (and non-members!) in our Newsletter (though members have priority on query space). Anyone is invited to submit the names and brief identifying information of ancestors they are researching, so that those researching the same persons can exchange information with them.

To make your query more effective, include dates, places and full names whenever possible. The query may also be published on our Website. You may E-Mail your queries to the newsletter committee at bcgs_editor@sbcglobal.net or send Snail Mail to: Bond County Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 172, Greenville, IL 62246.

SAMPLE QUERY: Researching Edmond DeMoulin, b 11 Jun 1862 Clinton Co IL, mov to Greenville Bond Co IL abt 1886, m1 Constance Vulliet, m2 Anna Diehl. dpl Los Angeles CA 1935. --Submitter's name, address, and email address

*Good queries
are:*

*Clear—
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Simple—
Concise*



General questions for Bond County Genealogical Society and requests for Research & Library help should be emailed to info@bondcogen.org

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Renew Your Dues for 2023!

Bond County Genealogical Society membership dues are \$10 per 2-person household for the current year. A lifetime membership for a 2-person household may be purchased for a one-time payment of \$175. Members are eligible to vote and to serve as BCGS officers and appointees.

SPECIAL OFFER! Join both societies (Genealogical and Historical) for only \$20.00 - a \$5.00 savings! Find membership information on Page 2 of this issue and on both societies' websites (see URLs at left).

Carson Donnell and a Charlie Brown Christmas



Bond County Museum put on a Charlie Brown Christmas Open House Friday evening, December 16, 2022! Benjamin Mills Chapter DAR had graciously decorated the U.S. DeMoulin home with several special holiday trees; naturally a few featured ornaments celebrating the American Revolution and Patriot ancestors. On temporary exhibit were two paintings of local artist Carson **Donnell**, one done by Gracia **Babbitt Farris** and the other by Robert **Whiteside**. Whiteside's painting sat on Carson Donnell's own heavily paint-spattered easel. All three pieces are currently owned and were graciously loaned by Greenville resident Bill Donnell. Kids could have their photo taken with the Peanuts gang and Cortney **Stewart**: 2023 Bond County IL Teen Miss Heart of the USA. Kids also colored activity pages and took home a Snoopy's Christmas Dog House craft kit.