



TPCGS NEWSLETTER

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MEETINGS AND SPEAKERS SCHEDULE

- 7 Mar 2013 3 p.m. TPCGS Board Meeting. . . All members welcome Swasey Branch Library
12 Mar 2013 6 & 7 p.m. Who was Franke Tobey Jones? Darlyne Reiter Bates South Campus
4 Apr 2013 3 p.m. TPCGS Board Meeting. . . All members welcome Swasey Branch Library
9 Apr 2013 6 & 7 p.m. Update on WA State Archives Jerry Handfield Bates South Campus
27 Apr 2013 9 a.m. TPCGS Spring Seminar Meitzler & Dollarhide La Quinta Inn

Spring Seminar 2013

by Warren Fisk, TPCGS President

On Saturday, April 27, the TPCGS Spring Seminar will be held. That is less than two months from now. It promises to be one of the most rewarding seminars we have ever held. From two great speakers, to great door prizes, to new genealogical publications, to another great raffle and more, this seminar will prove a true value to our members and all who attend.

Most importantly, our speakers will be **Leland Meitzler** and **William Dollarhide**. Leland Meitzler is not only an in-demand speaker, but is currently the publisher of *Family Roots* Publishing. As such he will be bringing a variety of new and popular genealogical publications and books for all to peruse and purchase. His seminar topics will be "Your Ancestors Didn't Burn in the Courthouse Fire" and "The X Files: Dealing with Black Sheep in the Family."

William Dollarhide, also a sought-after speaker, has conducted seminars in 45 states. He has written several books and he writes feature articles and edits the *Genealogy Bulletin*, published by Heritage Quest. William is currently working at Heritage Quest, Bountiful, Utah. His seminar topics are "Using Deeds to Trace the Trails of Your Ancestors" and "Civil War Genealogy."

This seminar is also designed to be of great benefit for all participants beyond our two speakers. Everyone who at-

tends will be offered an opportunity to participate in an online course called "Google for the Wise Genealogist" and it is offered FREE. The course is put on by the "National Institute for Genealogical Studies." They currently offer this course for \$69 to non-attendees of the Seminar.

This year we will again offer door prizes to at least four lucky attendees. For the first time, all will have an opportunity to win one of two Kindle Readers and one of two online courses from the National Institute of Genealogical Studies. Four prizes in all. Kindle Readers are lightweight pads that allow you to electronically download books for your reading pleasure. The online course winners will have their choice (with some restrictions) to take any course offered by the Institute for free.

Raffle items will again be offered. There will be restaurant gift certificates, gift baskets, and more. As the list of items grows, it will be shown on the society web site and will be found in future e-mails about the seminar. The Spring Seminar brochure will be out shortly. If you do not receive one, go on line and download the brochure from our web page. Sign up as soon as you can for a great seminar. You will find more information about the seminar in the Seminar brochure and on line at TPCGS.org. I hope to see you there.

Mid-19th Century, Mid-West Library Resources

Compiled by Jean Fisher, Librarian, TPL, Northwest Room

This is the third in a series intended to highlight selected materials in the Tacoma Public Library's genealogy collection that may be useful for researching migrating US ancestors during the period of the westward movement after the Revolution (roughly between 1795 and 1850). Each column focuses on two states at a time.

For this installment, we will be covering Illinois and Indiana. Please note that this is a small sampling of just a few resources that hopefully will spark your interest. Other important sources found in the Library's collection, but not listed here, include census indexes, numerous county histories, genealogical society quarterlies, and many county-specific sources covering several record types – so keep these in mind, too!

Illinois

Illinois State Genealogical Society. *Soldiers of the American Revolution Buried in Illinois*. In their effort to collect, preserve and share records relating to the early settlers of Illinois, the ISGS selected as its Bicentennial project the publishing of this book, completed in 1976. Included are 1,053 soldiers listed in 89 of 102 counties. Information concerning each soldier has been correlated to include name of wife, names of children, service record, pension number, and place of burial. All known places of residence are listed as clues for further research. Soldiers are arranged alphabetically, with an index by county and by spouse at the back of the book. GEN 929.3773 IL5S

Illinois State Genealogical Society. *Family Bible Records*. The ISGS Family Bible Records Project was established in 1988 to collect and preserve family bible records from both members and non-members, regardless of where the families resided. Bible information is arranged alphabetically by family name, and lists all births, deaths, and marriages recorded therein. Source information for each bible includes a list of the family places of residence, the name and address of the submitter and owner of the bible, and any inscriptions are noted. An index to all names is included at the back of the book. GEN 929.3773 IL6F

Tregillis, Helen Cox. *Central Illinois Chronicles*. This three-volume set compiles three years' worth of issues of a bi-monthly periodical of the same name. Drawing information from a variety of central IL newspapers representing 75 counties, and with dates ranging throughout the 19th century, the data contained covers everything from deaths, marriages, land deeds, soldier lists, court trials, classified notices, and much more. Each volume consists of smaller sections, each with its own surname index. GEN 929.3773 C333C vols. 1-3

Sanders, Walter. R. *400 Central Illinois Marriage Records*. This slim typewritten index includes information about early marriages from 10 different central Illinois counties. The year range depends upon each county, but generally they span from 1815 to the 1830s. The information included is brief, including just the

names of each spouse and the date of the event. Information is arranged chronologically, with an index for the names of both the bride and the groom. GEN 929.3773 F825F

Indiana

Heiss, Willard. *Indiana Source Book*.

In total, these four volumes represent Heiss's effort to cull "everything of permanent genealogical value" from 19 years (1962-1981) worth of issues of *The Hoosier Genealogist*. A wide variety of hard-to-find record indexes and articles are included in these volumes. A comprehensive index to all four volumes was published separately and is also in the collection. GEN 929.3772 IN2IH vols. 1-4 and Index

Franklin, Charles M. *Index to Indiana Wills*.

The first of these two volumes covers "through 1850" and the second volume covers 1850 through 1880. Representing 86 of Indiana's 92 counties, the data is organized alphabetically by name, and indicates if an existing will is on file. GEN 929.3772 F854I vols. 1&2

Mikesell, Shirley. *Early Settlers of Indiana's "Gore" 1803 to 1820*.

This book aims to provide reliable data about early Indiana pioneers in an attempt to provide information from records that existed prior to when the first federal census was taken for that state 1820. The material abstracted in the book draws heavily on original entry tract books (as recopied by the Indiana government circa 1845) and county deed books, as well as a variety of documents in the Indiana State Archives such as letters, petitions and militia rolls. A surname index is included. GEN 929.37721 M589E

Waters, Margaret R. *Indiana Land Entries*.

The first of these volumes covers the Cincinnati District for the years 1801-1840, and the second volume covers the Vincennes District for the years 1807-1877. The information is brief and includes name, coordinates, and date of land record. The records are arranged exactly as they were found in the originals - by location. Fortunately each volume includes a surname index. GEN 929.3772 W3171 vols. 1&2.

Both Illinois and Indiana

Sprague, Stuart Seely. *Kentuckians in Ohio and Indiana*. GEN 929.3769 SP73KE

Sprague, Stuart Seely. *Kentuckians in Illinois*. GEN 929.3769 SP73K

These books rely on the premise the Kentucky was a "classic breeder state" - a springboard of westward migration, breeding a propensity to move on and put down shallow roots in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois or Missouri, and elsewhere further west. The information abstracted in each of these books comes from over 100 rare county histories and atlases, listing residents by name, birthplace and year, and give the year they migrated to the county. Arranged in tabular format under county of origin, the entries include the name of the KY migrant, birthdate, parents' names, dates and places of birth, and date of migration. Surname index included.

Reasons for Genealogy— Good and Otherwise

Some rambling thoughts about my favorite pursuit
. from Lou Lehmann

Why do genealogy? Certainly there are many very good reasons to do so. Most of us are familiar with the many positive experiences associated with genealogy. Generally, we want to learn more about the ancestors whose genes and lives have helped shape us into the people we are today. Some of us are proud of connections with illustrious ancestors and are also fascinated by the stories of the everyday lives by our many lesser known kin . Many genealogy researchers love the joy of the search which is a constant challenge to unravel mysteries and to solve puzzles. Many like to exchange information with others researching the same lines and we are delighted to discover new cousins as we do so. Some of these have become friends.

We often learn more through our readings and our involvement with genealogical associations such as TPCGS. We usually enjoy the fellowship and activities of such associations. As we become more aware of genetic, cultural, and community influences we understand much more about our ancestors. Our interest, knowledge, and appreciation of history grows as we delve more deeply into the lives of our ancestral relatives. For many people, their interest and practice of genealogy is linked to their religious beliefs. Such beliefs may include the ancestor worship within some cultures, the Old Testament genealogies which are important to many Christians, Jews, and Muslims. Within the Mormon religion, family histories are motivated by their beliefs about connections with ances-

tors in the afterlife. And whether or not we share such beliefs, we are all grateful for the vast resources that the Church of Latter Day Saints makes available through *Family Search.org*.

Yet sometimes our motivation and practices may not be so admirable. In such instances, ego is often a problem. If our understandable pride in illustrious ancestors deteriorates into “*My ancestors are better than your ancestors,*” then we are engaging in snobbery and not recognizing or acknowledging that all of our ancestors, illustrious or not, were not always saintly. In fact some of them might have been downright nasty. And genealogy snobs are also cheating themselves of the opportunity to appreciate the value of more ordinary ancestors. The snobbish corollary emerges as “Your ancestors are not so good,” as when one disparages the worthiness of another’s ancestors. Such genealogical snobbery can very quickly antagonize family and friends. Snobbery also tarnishes the reputation of genealogy in general, especially if it translates into discriminatory beliefs and practices by groups or associations.

An additional view about snobbery is expressed by Thomas MacEntee (“On Genealogy Snobbery” <http://geneabloggers.com/genealogy-snobbery/#sthash.vHP5QaCu.dpbs>) :

We don't believe that genealogy is a field only accessible to a few. We don't believe that you have to approach your family history from a certain perspective or a certain way. We don't believe that you need to have a certain amount of education, a certification or a credential to write about your ancestors. . . . We tend to embrace populism over elitism.

TPCGS SPRING SEMINAR

April 27, 2013

Speakers: **William “Bill” Dollarhide & Leland Meitzler**

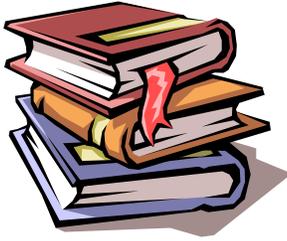
Location: La Quinta Inns and Suites, 1425 East 27th Street, Tacoma, Washington
A limited number of rooms will be available at a special rate for seminar attendees.

Additional Information:

Check out the TPCGS website at: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~watpcgs/seminar.html>

Raffle Tickets – Door Prizes – Vendors – Book Sale

We hope to see you there!



Mysteries in Family Histories!

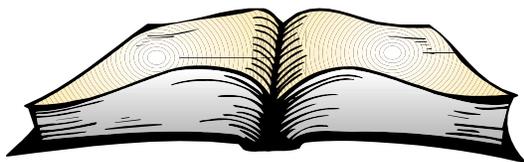
Schrimer Inheritance. It wasn't anyone's idea of a glamorous first assignment at a prestigious Boston law firm. George Cary,

former WWII bomber pilot and newly minted lawyer, was given the ignoble task of going through the tons of files on the Schneider Johnson case, just to make sure nothing had been overlooked. But, as luck would have it, George did discover something among the false claims and dead-end leads that made this into more than just another missing-heir-to-a-vast-fortune case. And what he found would connect a deserter from Napoleon's defeated army in 1815 to a guerrilla fighter in post-World War II Greece, leading Cary himself into a dangerous situation where his own survival will depend more on what he learned in the army than anything he learned in law school. (by Eric Ambler c. 1953)

The Orchard Mystery Series by Sheila Connolly: A mystery series set in an inherited Massachusetts apple orchard that includes several mysteries where genealogical research plays a major role in identifying the killer.

A Killer Crop Meg's mother comes to visit, unannounced, in the midst of the busy apple harvest season. Meg has a lot of questions when it is revealed that her mother was visiting an old friend, an UMass professor, later found murdered. The search for his killer leads to family history research seeking a possible tie to Emily Dickinson and a clue to the prof's murder. (c. 2010)

Bitter Harvest Meg finds a 1798 sampler in her old inherited house. In researching the family history to learn who stitched the tombstones on the sampler, Meg finds evidence of an inherited disease that still claims victims in newly found extended family connections. But when distractions from small but annoying mishaps plaguing her start turning sinister, Meg begins to worry that a bad recessive gene isn't the only family villain. (c.2012)



—Contributed by Marge Lehmann

Scottish Names

For those struggling with tracing Scottish ancestors it may help to know that the Scots (like many other ethnic groups) had a system for giving their children Christian names;

The first son was named for his father's father;
The second son after his mother's father;
The third son after his own father
The first daughter after her mother's mother
The second daughter after her father's mother
The third daughter after her own mother.

When infants died their names were often used again as in English families.

—Taken from *Tracing your Family Tree*;

WSGS Region 2 TPCGS Outstanding volunteers of Washington State for 2012

Louis and Marjorie (Grove) Lehmann of Tacoma, WA, are recognized for exceptional and consistent support of the goals and operations of the Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society. Lou and Marge Lehman are enthusiastic, multi-talented volunteers for the Society. Each has written articles for publication in the Society's journal, *The Researcher*. Articles include "Ancestry & Life of John 'Short Length' Dower" by Lou and "How Grandma Stole the Baby" by Marge. Both individually and together they have also published a number of short articles in the Society's *Newsletter*. Lou, with Marge's support, has served on the Society's Board of Directors as the Education Vice President. As part of the responsibilities of that position, informal genealogical education sessions were presented, often drawing as many members as the regular Society meetings. Lou and Marge have put together the Society's displays for the Western Washington Fair at Puyallup. Their Ezra Meeker display of 2010 was requested for use by the Meeker Mansion of Puyallup, and the Laura Ingles Wilder display of 2011 was borrowed for additional display by the Tacoma Public Library. They have also contributed to the financial success of the Society's annual Spring Seminar by obtaining many of the raffle prizes used for fund raising, as well as selling the raffle tickets at the seminars. Their contributions to the Society's goals and operations go well beyond those noted above. We greatly appreciate their past efforts and thank them for their continued support.

(from the Nov-Dec 2012 WSGS *Newsletter*)



GENIE GRAB-BAG

Compiled by Janice Weihs

The **Key to English Place Names** from the Institute for Name-Studies at the University of Nottingham,

<http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/ins/index.aspx>

contains an up-to-date wealth of information about the name derivations of villages, towns, and cities in England. Names can be searched or browsed by county. Locations are shown on a map with links to nearby locations. The etymology of a place name is given as well as the meaning of the elements which make up the name.

Free Guide to Salt Lake City . . .

For those of you who may be planning a trip to Salt Lake City for research, Janet Hovorka of **Family Chart Masters** has made her book, *The Chart Chick's Quick Insider's Guide to Salt Lake City* available **free** in pdf format at

<https://familychartmasters.com/SLC/>

It is also available in print for \$14.95 plus shipping.

Family ChartMasters produces a variety of wall charts for genealogists. See <https://familychartmasters.com>

Free Program Finds Unidentified Dates

Have you ever found an obituary and were unable to determine the exact date the person died or was buried? For example, Marie died at her home Saturday and was buried on Tuesday. The date the obituary was printed was December 18, 1966.

There's a free program available online to help you determine the date of the weekday she died and was buried. It's called *Calendar Donkey*. Visit www.calendardonkey.com Scroll to the bottom of the page and pick the century you want. Scroll to the bottom of the second page and click the range of years, then scroll to the bottom of the third page and click on the exact year. This will bring up the calendar for that year and you will be able to determine the day(s) you are looking for.

Finding the Contemporary Name of an Archaic Disease

Every now and then I run across another unfamiliar name for a medical condition that wiped out one of my ancestors. Having

several sites for different old time illness names can be helpful, so I was happy to learn of a new one from the Seattle Genealogical Society's Winter Bulletin:

<http://www.archaicmedicalterms.com/>

Different eras and different countries frequently had varying names for the same disease or medical condition.

Do you have early English ancestors?

Genealogy InTime magazine suggests checking out the online records of Oxford and Cambridge Universities. They were the only universities in England until 1828, and during the 1600s most middle class families sent at least one child to university. In fact, a greater proportion of young people attended university during this period of time than at any other period in English history until the 1950s. Therefore, it is worth looking to see if one of your ancestors attended either university.

The Oxford alumni records include parentage, birthplace, year of birth (sometimes the exact date of birth), Oxford college attended and degrees. Some records also contain the date of death and brief biographical information (especially if your ancestor held a position in the Church of England). The list of records from 1500 to 1886 can be found online and searched for free at British History Online. Look for "Alumni Oxonienses."

Ancestry.co.uk maintains listings of Cambridge University alumni from 1261 to 1900. Access is by subscription. [Historic Cambridge Alumni Records]

(From *Topeka Genealogical Society NEWS & VIEWS*, Oct. 2012)





BROWSING PERIODICALSby Elaine Workman

Publications exchanged with or subscribed to by the Society are available in the Northwest Room of the Tacoma Public Library, and may be found by a call number or hanging file designator (HF). Due to limitations of shelf space, some periodicals are stored in the Basement Stacks. If you provide the library staff with the call number, they will retrieve the journals for you. Just ask.

INTERNATIONAL / NATIONAL

American Spirit (DAR, Washington DC) Vol. 147;1 January-February 2013; Acqunetta ANDERSON battle detective; Matt ROZELL historic reuniter; Vice President's residence; Capt. Henry and Dr. Moore FAUNTLEROY uncommon allegiances; Marietta OH paving the way west; Esther HOWLAND mother of the American valentine; resurrecting historic cemeteries; they also served African-American patriots emerge from history's shadows; criminal justice in colonial America; JEFFERSON'S treasure trove of books. (HF)

Je Me Souviens (American French Genealogical Society, Woonsocket, RI) Vol. 35.2 Autumn 2012: Pierre GENEREUX-GENEROUS family of CT; the first MUIRS of the province of Quebec; the Latour Dit Forgit family in New England; Therese Laura SEVIGNY GRIFFIN. (929.1/J34J)

AROUND THE U.S.A.

CA Redwood Researcher (Redwood) Vol. 45.3, February 2013: MCDANIEL pedigree; Humboldt Co. births before 1900; index to Rohnerville precinct register 1912; Humboldt Co. burials 1905-1924 WHITLOCK-WILLIAMS. (929.1/R248R)

FL Buried Treasures (Central Florida Gen. Soc., Orlando) Vol. 44.3 July-September 2012: Aaron JERNIGAN, pioneer; Evelyn "Billie" FRECHETTE truths or myths; HALE Cemetery in Akeley, Warren Co., PA; Orange Co. FL 1860 Agricultural Schedule; Shawnee Nation in OH; family names in the vertical files genealogy department Orlando Public Library cont'd. (929.1/B916B)

The American Genealogist (TAG) Vol. 85.3 November 2012; Daniel BUTLER of Compton, RI and Stonington CT; Cato COG-GESHALL an African-American family of Newport and Providence RI; origins of Michael Cadet YOUNG of VA; James PIKE of Dunstable MA and Hebron NH; separating the two Job CLARKES and identifying Jane the wife of Oliver CLARKE of Charlestown RI; HUNTER-WALKER of Boston; English ancestry

of Alice REYNOLDS wife of John ROPER of Dedham MA.

ID Idaho Gen. Soc. Quarterly (Boise) Vol. 55.4, Winter 2012: history of Clementsville school in Teton Co.; school board of trustees; school census addendum of Canyon Co. records; WWII army air bases and ID; War Hawk air museum; Kay GOTT CHAFFEY knows her way around an airplane; PRATT family. (929.1/ID11)

KS Topeka Gen. Soc. Quarterly Vol. 43.1, January 2013: Shawnee Co. poor farm; deaths from the Shawnee Co. poor farm; Shawnee Co. marriage license applications CURREY-DAY; John HOLT family. (929.1/T621T)

MN Minnesota Genealogist (Minneapolis) Vol. 43.3 Fall 2012: was James SUDDARTH the father of Lewis?; tracking the ROM-KEES and GIEMS of CO.; James C. LEAMAN's life 1893-1960; slow genealogy the antidote to information overload; finding the KNECHTL and KOSTOHRZY families of IA, ND and MN; Lester, Hester, sister a census handwriting problem; MN civil war soldiers who were members of the GAR department of CA. (929.1/M666M)

OK Oklahoma Gen. Soc. Quarterly Vol. 57.4 December 2012: a matter of right and wrong the ethical genealogist; OK Odd Fellows part in WWI; philatelic genealogy writing home to OK in WWI. (Oklahoma City) (929.3766/OK40)

OR Bulletin (Gen. Forum of OR, Portland) Vol. 62.3, March 2013: searching for Mr. SCHNELL a case study in finding an immigrant ancestor; the strange life of passenger lists; Stephen P MORSE and the one-step website; living in the United States as a first generation immigrant; indentured servants our forgotten ancestors; Scotch-Irish diaspora in the new world; immigration enforcement and U.S. customs inspectors; Multnomah Co. marriage register index 1911-1912. (929.1/G286B)

WA Bulletin (Yakima Valley Gen. Soc., Yakima) Vol. 45.1, March 2013: 1863 letter from William EMERSON to his brother Frank; register of voters and oath book for 1932-1935 cont'd; Tieton Basin story cont'd; Abraham KERSHAW family; BALL Funeral home records cont'd; students of Selah High School 1923. (929.1/Y11Y)

TPCGS Programs

6:00 to 7:00 pm informal discussion, socializing; 7:00 to 9:00 pm meeting and program

The Society will continue to meet starting at 6 p.m; this will be a time for members to discuss any research problems they may be having, with the opportunity for other members to offer possible solutions from their own research experiences, sort of an informal "Brick Wall" time. Coffee, tea, and cookies, will be available, as well as time to visit with friends.

At 7 p.m. the regular Society meeting will begin, with a brief business meeting and committee reports, to be followed by a presentation from a visiting speaker on various genealogical subjects.

Mar. 12 Who was Frank Tobey Jones? Why was her name was given to the well-known North End Retirement Home?

Darlyne Reiter, from the Tacoma Historical Society, will present a program highlighting early times and people at one time well know in our city.

April 9 Update on the Washington State Archives in Olympia presented by Jerry Handfield,, Washington State Archivist.

March and April classes in Genealogy at the Tacoma Public Library

Do you have friends who are Interested in genealogy but don't know where to start? Often with the new year there is new resolution to start researching that family history. Encourage those friends to sign up for a free class that will introduce them to the tools needed to start finding their roots. They will learn the basic steps for gathering family stories, finding and using key resources, and organizing research. They will also learn about the many genealogy resources available at the Tacoma Public Library.

The Library's **Introduction to Genealogy** class is very popular; all classes are free.

Introduction to Genealogy will be offered on March 19, 2013. The class will meet in the Olympic Room at 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Online Genealogy is being offered in the library's computer lab on April 2, 2013. Advance registration is required for this hands-on library workshop. Register by telephoning the library at **253.292.2001 ext. 1220**. This class will introduce users to *Ancestry Library Edition*, *Heritage Quest*, and other useful web sites available on the Internet for genealogical research. (Basic keyboard and mouse skills required.)

Are you up-to-date?

Stay in touch with TPCGS in 2013. Membership renewal was due in January for the 2013 calendar year. All the benefits of membership are yours for a modest amount: informative newsletters, monthly meetings packed with information and the wonderful stories in the *Researcher*.

At only \$22 for individuals and \$25 for households, the membership dues are a genealogy research bargain.

Print a renewal form off the website and send your dues now to the TPCGS mailbox, or pay in person at the March 12 meeting and please update your address and email contact with any changes.

Thanks! Carol Rikerd, Membership.

A Daily Dose of History

by Lynn Betlock, Editor

(from the *Weekly Genealogist*, an on-line column from the New England Historical Genealogical Society, for Feb. 16, 2012)

The Library of Congress: "*Today in History* is a Library of Congress presentation of historic facts highlighted by items from the *American Memory* collections." Each day a new topic, perhaps a person, organization, or an event, is examined in detail, complete with images and links to further information on American Memory.

The National Archives: Follow a number of Twitter accounts from the National Archives, including "*Today's Document*," "*Discovering the Civil War*," and a number of accounts for National Archives branches and Presidential libraries. The "[National Archives at Boston](#)" Facebook page features a "this day in history" post with a photo.

The Massachusetts Foundation for the Humanities: The [Mass Moments project](#) is an electronic almanac of Massachusetts history that features text or one-minute audio spots about people, places, and events from the state's past. The website also links to background essays, primary source documents, and places to visit. There is also a [Mass Moments Facebook page](#).

Massachusetts Historical Society: The MHS is home to the Adams Family Papers (1639–1889), the most comprehensive and historically complete family collection held by an American cultural institution. The MHS has been featuring [John Quincy Adams's line-a-day diary entries](#) on Twitter since August 2009. The entries summarize his life and work as minister plenipotentiary in St. Petersburg, Russia, exactly 200 years ago to the day.

Minnesota Historical Society: "Tweeting the Civil War" presents Minnesotans' Civil War experiences in real-time, 150 years later. Through diaries, letters, and other first-hand accounts, the tweets convey the struggles of soldiers, their families, and others caught up in the war. Follow on [Twitter](#) or the [Minnesota Historical Society's Civil War webpage](#).

Missouri State Archives: The Archives offers "your daily dose of Missouri history from the Missouri State Archives" on [Twitter](#).

Delaware Public Archives: "[This Day in Delaware History](#)" can be read online, sent as an email, downloaded as an audio version, or subscribed to as a podcast.

Finding more books on-line

One of the constantly expanding resources on the Internet are the numbers of eBooks, or electronic books, whose full text is available and can be printed out whole or with just the parts of interest to the researcher.

A June 27, 2012, article in the **NEHGS Daily Genealogist** by George McKenney suggested the following sites for finding eBooks:

Family History Books is a collection of over 40,000 books made available by *FamilySearch*. All books on this site are free and relate to genealogy.

Google Books is provided by Google. This site contains literally millions of books. After you enter your search terms, you can limit your search to free books by clicking "Free Google eBooks" halfway down the left side of the page. Further down the column, you can also select a custom date range, or choose a 19th, 20th, or 21st century search.

The non-profit **Internet Archive** offers a wide range of volumes. To limit a search to books, select "Texts" from the drop-down menu labeled "All Media Types."

The NEHGS website, **AmericanAncestors.org**, offers free eBooks for members. From the homepage, click on Library, then Library Catalog, and then enter your search terms in the "Search the Digital Library & Archive only" box. You can also browse through available eBooks by clicking the "Browse the Digital Library" link found at the bottom of the library catalog pages.

In response to George McKinney's suggestions, two Weekly Genealogist e-news readers shared their recommendations for eBook sources.

Mollie Lynch of Clarkston, MI: She says, "As a retired librarian, I needed a hobby and wanted to assist people doing genealogical research so I started **http://genealogybooklinks.com** I began locating and providing links to freely available digital books, focusing on American biographies, genealogies, and history books. Today there are over 30,000 links from more than 35 sources (only the top sources are listed on the site). The current focus is on surnames, directories, vital records, and identifying smaller sites with local area-specific books. Until now there was not a single resource for what is available and where it is.

Dee Grimsrud, a retired Wisconsin Historical Society archivist from Madison, WI: The Wisconsin Historical Society has numerous county histories scanned, searchable, and free.

- *from the NEHGS online newsletter: The Weekly Genealogist*
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Officers for 2013

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