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**Happy
Independence
Day 2019!**

Bonnie Belza presented a **DNA Kindergarten** at the Prescott Public Library on Saturday, June 8th. It was an excellent seminar. She brought the science down to the cell level where genetic material called DNA carries instructions for the development and operation of all living things. I did have visions of Centi-Morgens (cM), Mitochondrial (mtDNA), Autosomal (atDNA), Y-chromosomal (YDNA) and X-chromosomal (X-DNA) later that night in my sleep.



After interpreting the science of DNA, Bonnie explained our DNA inheritance and outlined five major companies that do DNA testing. She advised to periodically check your DNA results as the testing companies continue to update results and add new features.

- AncestryDNA has the largest database and is the most commercially recognized. It offers family trees, leaf hints and DNA circles.
- Family Tree DNA is for dedicated genealogists and has the largest DNA data base for the Y chromosome that only men carry. DNA is passed directly from father to son with very little mutation.
- 23andMe is more health-related testing than genealogy and offers chromosome comparison. It also has a large database.
- My Heritage DNA compares chromosomes and has the broadest geographic coverage. Based in Israel, it focuses on Europe and highlights shared surnames, ethnicity and shared matches.
- Living DNA, which is British based and helpful if you have ties to the British Isles.

Bonnie's # 1 rule in Genetic Genealogy research is to be prepared to know what you don't know. When contacting DNA matches be considerate of the other persons feelings. And be patient when contacting and interacting with matches.

We ended the day graduating with more knowledge and a desire to further explore our DeoxyriboNucleic Acid (DNA).

See page 10 for pictures of this great day.

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Family History Center Hours

Monday 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
 Tuesday 4:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.
 Wednesday..... 10:00 a.m. —2:00 p.m.
 Thursday..... 4:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.
 Friday, Saturday & Sunday—Closed

Family History Center Holiday Closure Dates

June 24—July 7..... Summer Break
 September 2..... Labor Day
 November 11..... Veteran's Day
 November 27 & 28... Thanksgiving Break
 December 23-31..... Christmas Break



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Don't miss out on Announcements, Surname
 Connections or *The Bulletin*.

Email asknagsprescottaz@gmail.com with your
 new contact information today.

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Welcome

We welcome everyone to
 many years of continued
 membership, fellowship, re-
 search and volunteer oppor-
 tunities within the Society
 while climbing their family
 tree.



Joan Abbey
Jeanne Gorlick
Carol Hernandez
Mary Kelly
Jan Kimbro

Community Outreach -

Free Mentoring at PPL

by Bill Wolf

The general public, including NAGS members, are welcome to take advantage of the genealogy mentoring program at the Prescott Public Library. NAGS volunteers give genealogy advice and research assistance in sixty-minute, one-on-one sessions with anyone requesting help with their family history research. These mentoring sessions occur on the second, third, and fourth Thursdays of the month at 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. at the Prescott Public Library.

Space is limited so register for your genealogy men-

toring session early. You may register by going online to the Prescott Public Library website at www.prescottlibrary.info, clicking on the library events calendar and finding a date and time convenient for you, then enter your name and contact information. You may also register by calling the library or by stopping at the "Ask A Librarian" desk and asking for help signing up for genealogy mentoring.

If you have any questions about registering for this program or if you would like to serve as a genealogy mentor, contact our Outreach Coordinator Bill Wolf at (928) 830-9685.



United States Federal Census 1950



April 1, 2022—the 1950 census release date!

If you just can't wait, the "72 year privacy rule" allows access only to the person named in the record or their heir after submitting Census Bureau form BC-600. There is a fee of \$65.00 per person per census search which is subject to change.

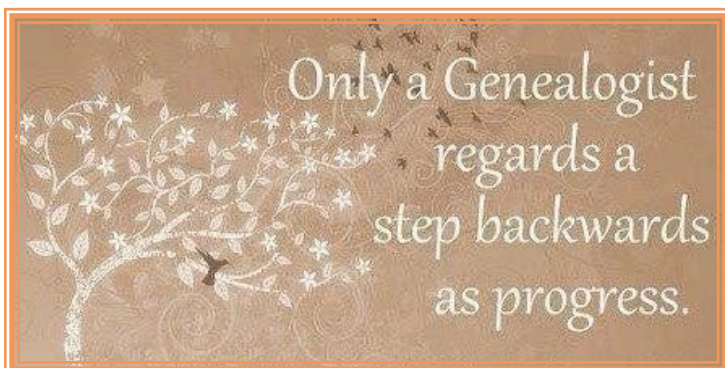
Individual census records from 1790 to 1940 are maintained by the National Archives and Records Administration, not the U.S. Census Bureau.

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You can also check our Facebook page when on our website by clicking the Facebook logo to take you directly there.

Remember to 'Like' our posts.



The DNA Kindergarten seminar was a big success. A big thanks to all the volunteers without whom we wouldn't have had such a successful event.

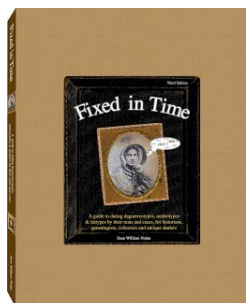
Barbara Wich
Bill Wolf
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William Kraus



Fixed In Time

by Sean William Nolan

Do you have early-mid 19th century images of your relatives that you don't have dates for? If yes, read on.



'Fixed in Time' is a guide to dating Civil War era and earlier photographs by their mats and cases. It illustrates a thousand daguerreotype, ambrotype or tintype mat and case styles, each dated according to the years they were used. Some mats and cases were used for only a brief time, allowing you to date some early photographs to within a year. The dates provided are based on my own research, a five-year labor of love, where I located nearly 5,000 objectively dated early photographs.

You can get 'Fixed in Time' (as a free PDF or as a

print-on-demand book) at <https://fixedintimebook.blogspot.com/>

This guide would not have been possible without the assistance of the many institutions, collectors and antique dealers who shared their expertise and their dated images, provided illustrations, and made many suggestions and corrections. Thank you all.

Thanks goes to Sean for submitting this article in hopes that his book would be of help for our members dating very old photos. It is not our intent to recommend this book, but only to make it known as a possible resource at your discretion.



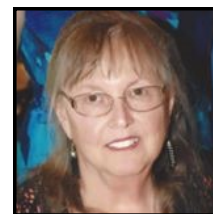
2019 Arizona Women's Hall of Fame Inductee Kate Cory, 1861–1958

The 2019 Arizona Women's Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Reception was held May 1, 2019 at the Arizona Heritage Center at Papago Park in Tempe. The honorees were selected for their contributions in community service, business, arts and the law. NAGS' Sue Kissel was instrumental in the nominating and selection of Kate Cory.

Kate Cory was an American photographer and internationally recognized artist. She was born in Waukegan, Illinois, studied art in New York, and then worked as a commercial artist. She traveled to the southwestern United States in 1905 and lived

among the Hopi for several years, recording their lives in about 600 photographs. She moved to Prescott in 1913 and lived in a stone house built and furnished by Hopi workers. In 1915, Sunset Magazine named her one of Arizona's most "interesting westerners." She became friends with Sharlot Hall and designed the cover of Sharlot's book "Cactus and Pine: Songs of the Southwest." As part of Prescott's 'Way Out West' program, she assisted in various dances performed by Smoki members at the Prescott Frontier Days rodeo.

Sue Kissel whose hardworking research and diligent efforts along with Nancy Kirkpatrick-Wright and Brenda Taylor resulted in this honor for Kate Cory. Sue had the privilege of accepting this award.



**Family is the only thing you start with and
the only thing you leave with.**

Genealogical Queries & Brick Walls

John Thorne submits the following 'Brick Wall' that he has not been able to break through after many years of research.

"Rockland County, NY: Letty (Unknown) Kipp married John Kipp about 1836, had 2 children, and husband probably died before 1850. She died 26 Jan 1856 and her will was probated on 14 Apr 1856 in Rockland County Surrogate's Court. Who were her parents? The Death Certificates of her two sons are not clear as to her maiden name. I can't find baptismal records; I can't find a gravestone or where buried. I can't find her death certificate and probably one wasn't issued in 1856. There is a rootsweb.com posting that says she was the daughter of Jacob/John DeClark, but no proofs."

Members, any suggestions for John? Email me for John's contact information and let us know the results at the next meeting.

If you wish to submit your own 'brick wall', please send it to me at azkraus@yahoo.com to be published in the next newsletter.

**I can't tell you their names yet,
but I'm pretty sure that my
ancestors were the greatest bricklayers in history!**

Do it for the future generations!



A mother was telling her little girl what her own childhood was like. "We used to skate outside on a pond. I had a swing made from a tire; it hung from a tree in our front yard. We rode our pony. We picked wild raspberries in the woods."

The little girl was wide-eyed, taking this in. At last she said, "I sure wish I'd gotten to know you sooner!"

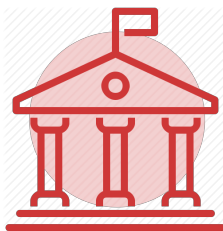
So what's your story? What do your children know about you and your childhood? Genealogists spend a lot of time searching for their ancestors, forgetting that someday they will be ancestors too. A sobering thought.

Would your family say "I wish I had known you sooner." So what are you waiting for? Just do it!

Using Court Records to Bash A Brick Wall

By Sue Williams

One of the standard jokes in genealogy research is that “I can’t find my grandpa because the county courthouse burned down.” While that is the case in some situations, I was lucky enough to find the courthouse in Eaton County, Michigan still standing. This courthouse had records that helped me knock down a major brick wall.



My great grandfather, Linus Uri Thompson (1854-1936) was orphaned at 9 years old. He came from a complicated, convoluted family—a yours, mine and ours situation. Trying to sort all the pieces has been a decades-long process.

Linus’ father was William Thompson. William’s mother, Elizabeth had 3 children when she married Lemuel Cole, a father of 9 children by 2 previous wives. Lemuel and Elizabeth had 4 more children together. Most of these children were raised together and considered themselves brothers and sisters.

On a trip to Michigan in the 1970s, I made a visit to the Eaton County Courthouse and discovered a Circuit Court Case from 1868 involving Josephine Cole and Eliza Thompson (the surnames fit into the family) Upon perusing the handwritten records, I discovered that many of the witnesses had surnames that also fit into the Thompson-Cole family tree. I then decided to have the entire case of 200 handwritten pages photocopied. (Best \$50 I ever spent.)

The writing was difficult to read, and it took me several years to transcribe most of it. This is what I discovered. Eliza Thompson was William Thompson’s “old maid” sister. William and his wife, Mary Louisa Reed, had 6 children, one of which was my great-grandfather, Linus. (I told you this was complicated.) The oldest child and Mary Louisa passed away,

leaving William with 5 children under the age of 10, to raise. “Aunt Eliza” moved in with William and helped with the children’s care. Lo and behold, the Civil War began, and William, being a patriot, enlisted. He left his 5 children in the care of Aunt Eliza. She then moved onto property owned by her stepbrother, Henry Cole.

Unfortunately, William died of typhoid fever in Keokuk, Iowa after serving less than a year. His five children were left as orphans. Eliza continued to care for them. A couple of years later, her stepbrother, Henry, left to find gold in Idaho but died on the trip in St. Joseph, Missouri. Unbeknownst to the family, Henry had married Josephine O’Neil (the Josephine from the court case) 1 day prior to leaving.

When Josephine was notified of Henry’s death, she decided to sue Eliza Thompson for ownership of the 40 acres where Eliza and the 5 children were living. Josephine won the case and Eliza and the children had to vacate the home.

During the trial, witnesses testified that 3 of the Thompson children had died in February and March 1866, leaving only Linus and his sister, Sirena alive.

From witness testimony, I was able to figure out family connections. For example, a woman testified that she was Mary Louisa’s sister (a previously unverified relationship.) I have then been able to build a tree for Mary Louisa’s entire family.

Because of this information, I was prompted to go to the Eaton County Probate Files on FamilySearch where I discovered Lemuel’s and Elizabeth’s wills.

Lemuel’s file contained information concerning his 1st wife, Charlotte. Charlotte had left him for another man, but they apparently never divorced. So, when Lemuel died in 1861, Charlotte made a claim in court as the legal heir of Lemuel’s estate. The claim listed their 6 children with their places of residence.

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So, Elizabeth, not to be outdone, also filed a petition. She stated that he had been Lemuel's housekeeper for over 30 years and had never been paid. She stated that her fee was about \$1.50/day for all those years equaling an amount greater than the estate. Elizabeth won!



I also discovered that there was a guardianship case filed for William Thompson's 5 orphan children. This listed their names, dates of birth and ages. A non-family member was appointed as guardian. He received pension money from the government for the surviving children of a veteran. In the original Circuit Court case re: Eliza Thompson, the court clerk had stated that Eliza had drawn on the pension money for the support of the children. (It was a minimal amount.)

Later the two orphans, Linus and Sirena, reached the age of maturity and again went to court. In

these court records I found original signatures for both. I also found Elizabeth Cole's original signature in her probate packet.

As you can see, much information was discovered from these court records. This information was great for building family trees and providing additional sources of proof.

Just recently I reread the original Circuit Court case and have possibly discovered a sister of Lemuel Cole's. Hopefully this will be useful in identifying his unknown parents.

So, if the courthouse in your research area has not burned down, check out their records. You never know what tangled web will be unraveled, all because one ancestor sued another.

Thanks Sue for this amazing story and one of great persistence enabling Sue to construct these family trees.

Finding Your Copenhagen Ancestors



Knowing the town that your Danish ancestor lived in is critical for uncovering vital records, but what if your ancestor resided in a major city like Copenhagen? Chances are you might not know the parish or part of town they lived in, or the census address or street name has changed, so you can't find the parish. Where does one begin searching the enormous volume of records? Scanning through thousands of pages of handwritten (possibly illegible) records borders on the impossible.

Luckily, there is a fantastic database called the Register til Københavns kirkebøger. It is a transcribed index that includes birth, marriage, and death records from Copenhagen dating from the late 1700's

through the early-to-mid 1800's. The simple and easy-to-use site is in Danish but is easily navigated. There are over 58,000 birth records, and numerous marriage and death records.

The website is at: http://www.danbbs.dk/~stst/kbh_kbg_reg/index.htm.

For Marriage Records, click "Viede par." These records are arranged alphabetically by the man's last name, so all the "Carlsens" will be listed before all the "Caspersens." However, within each surname group For Death Records, click "Døde." These are also arranged alphabetically by the last name, in the same manner as the marriage records. For Birth Records, click "Fødte børn" at the first letter of the person's last name, the names are listed alphabetically by first name.

Surname Connections Project

makes it possible for NAGS members to share information with other members who are researching the same families.

The surname research list is emailed to each member. Browse the list arranged in ascending alphabetical order by surname. Each surname is assigned a researcher's ID Code. When you find a possible connection, just email azkraus@yahoo.com with the ID Code and you will be given the contact information to make a connection with that researcher member.

Be sure to check your email, if that is your contact choice (remember to check your spam folder), for responses from other members and keep in mind that if a surname has only one researcher ID Code next to the surname, and you know that you sub-

mitted that surname of your ancestor, then that ID Code is probably yours. If it has two ID Codes, then one is probably yours and the other is from someone else and you need to connect with them. Making a connection is easy. You just might connect with a distant cousin!

To keep our Surname Connections list current or to participate, please to submit information at any time to Rita Kraus at monthly meetings or via email at azkraus@yahoo.com.

We appreciate you sharing the *connections* you make with us.

The Elusive Surname Variations



Surname variations and changes are the bane of the genealogist's existence. Changes to the surname, for whatever reason, are one of the main causes of

brick walls in genealogy research. It's often necessary to put on the detective's hat and go exploring the world of surnames.

Surname Variations Due to Spelling

- Remember that spelling was not standardized. Some sources say not until the mid-1800s. Add to that the number of different regional accents and the fact that, even after "standardization", some enumerators or parish record-keepers were not good spellers, and it is easy to see how surname variations could arise when pen was put to paper. For example, if you find a record that lists the surname as "Pettifer", while all the other records show it as "Piccaver" or "Paccever", don't assume that it is a different family. Family members would likely have been unaware of surname variations, even within the

same parish records, as many people were functionally illiterate before the 1900s.

- It is possible that two branches of the same family living in different areas, or even in the same area, could end up with two different spellings of the family surname i.e., Hayes, Hawes, Hawkes, Higgs, High, Hogg, and Hook.
- Most genealogy databases take the reality of these surname variations into account and have a "Soundex" or similar features which provides for the name as input, as well as all similar-sounding names listed together under that Soundex code. This is why, when you do a search on a surname in a database, some of the possible "matches" that appear on the screen seem at first glance to be completely unrelated to the name as entered, until you think about these factors of regional accents, spelling variations, etc.
- Sometimes, of course, name changes occurred deliberately, for various reasons. One family

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was recorded as the "Laframboise" family on at least two census documents. The mystery of where they had disappeared to on the next census was solved when someone noted a family named "Raspberry" was living at the same location as the Laframboise family had been. (For those not familiar with French, 'framboise' means 'raspberry').

- Some families will translate their names to English. An example is branch of a family that moved to the Berkshires and dropped the 'k' from the middle of their name, so that they would not be confused with other families of the same name, some of whom were very rich and well known.
- Some are known to have changed either their surname, or entire name, in order to disassociate themselves from a father, stepfather or other family member whose behavior was upsetting.

Marriages and Remarriages Resulting in Unofficial Surname Changes for Children

- If you are having difficulty finding a child or teenager, one thing you might try is to look for a remarriage of one of the individual's parents. Children's name were sometimes changed to the stepfather's surname shortly after the mother was widowed or divorced and remarried. Then when the children were of age, they used their original surname.
- Check if a woman remarried between census events.
- Young men who were underage for military service have been found using a stepfather or other family surnames to enlist in the military. Re-

enlisted and other military records can be found showing the real or "alias [birth name]", and real date of birth on a side note near the top of the re-enlistment page.

Female Surnames Change Due to Marriage

- We search females using their maiden name until marriage, and then use their married name thereafter as common practice. This seems a rather obvious, at least in the English-speaking world even though many Scottish women were accustomed to keeping their maiden surname. This is common in some other countries. It is becoming more and more common in modern times.
- Be sure to check other surnames within women's family.

Surname Variations in Illegitimacy, Marriage, and Remarriage

- A widow with children could have remarried or lived common-law with the father their children and be using his surname.
- Be sure to check for the children living with grandparents.
- Children could have been sent to orphanages.
- Older children were sometimes sent to live with other families to learn a trade and could have used different family surnames interchangeably.

The 10 Most Common Surnames in the United States

1. Smith, 2. Johnson, 3. Williams, 4. Brown, 5. Jones, 6. Miller, 7. Davis, 8. Garcia, 9. Rodriguez, 10. Wilson

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010. Web: https://www.census.gov/topics/population/genealogy/data/2010_surnames.html

DNA Kindergarten Class



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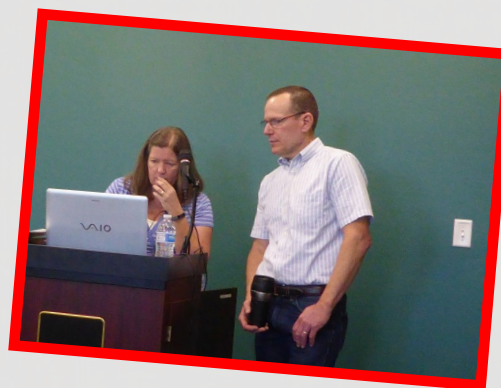


Autosomal

SEG



aDNA



CM

mDNA

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EVENTS ON YOUR 2019 CALENDAR



MONTH	DATE	EVENT/PLACE
July	1-31	Summer Break—No NAGS Membership Meeting
	19-20	Midwestern Roots, Indianapolis, Indiana. For more information go to indianahistory.org/research/family-history/midwestern-roots
	29-Aug 3	Ancestor Seekers Research Trip: Dream Genealogy Vacation Research Trip to Salt Lake City. Go to www.ancestorseekers.com for more information
August	21-24	Federation of Genealogical Societies—FGS Conference in Washington, D.C. ; For more information go to https://fgs.org/annual-conference/
	24	Membership Meeting—"Genealogy Research & Writing Family History" with Sharon Atkins
	21-24	Federation of Genealogical Society (FGS) - 2019 Family History Conference in Washington D.C. For more information, go to info@fgs.org .
September	2	Labor Day—Family History Center Closed
	16-21	Ancestor Seekers Research Trip: Dream Genealogy Vacation Research Trip to Salt Lake City. Go to www.ancestorseekers.com for more information
	28	Membership Meeting—"Using Cultural History to Enrich Family History Writing" with Duane Roen
	28-29	Scottish Highland Games at Prescott Watson Lake. Scottish Heritage, Genealogy, and Entertainment by the 'Wicked Tinkers.'
October	21-26	Ancestor Seekers Research Trip: Dream Genealogy Vacation Research Trip to Salt Lake City. Go to www.ancestorseekers.com for more information
	26	Membership Meeting—"Cluster Research Using the FAN Principle" with Michelle Goodrum from AZGAB
November	11	Veteran's Day —Family History Center Closed
	23	Membership Meeting— Genealogy Potpourri for members to share
	27-28	Thanksgiving Break -Family History Center Closed
December	2-7	Ancestor Seekers Research Trip: Dream Genealogy Vacation/Christmas Holiday and Research Trip to Salt Lake City. Go to www.ancestorseekers.com for more information
	14	Membership Meeting—Holiday Gathering - Living History "Fannie Bashford's Prescott School of Needlework" with Susan McDonald
	23-31	Christmas Break—Family History Center Closed
2020		Happy New Year of Genealogy Successes!
January	25	Membership Meeting

"Every man is a quotation from all his ancestors." — Ralph Waldo Emerson