

# THE CITRUS TREE



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## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

We will be meeting in person at the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-Day Saints, 3474 W. Southern St., Lecanto on the second Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. AND by Zoom. Zoom is at 10:00 a.m. You will still be given a link to Zoom the Saturday before the meeting. Guests are welcome to attend, but must send an email to Mary Ann Machonkin at [himary@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:himary@tampabay.rr.com) to get the link. .

**July 12 – "What's New in Family Tree Maker Q and A Discussion"** - Presented by Mark Olsen to answer all your questions about Family Tree Maker, the latest version, updates, features and more. The class is for all levels of genealogists whether you are getting started or very experienced.

**August 9 – "What Can I Do with My DNA? 13 Things You Can Do with Your DNA"** - Presented by Peggy Jude. So you took a test, and you know your ethnicity. You are related to who you expected. Now what? Explore all the things you can do with your DNA from the basics to more advanced options.

**September 13 – "WWW.AmericanAncestors.org - NEHGS"** - presented by Christine Cohen. Established in 1845, the New England Historical and Genealogical Society is a leading research source and the largest Society of its kind in the world. Their website AmericanAncestors.org provides access to more than 1.4 billion records spanning twenty-two countries covering the United States, the British Isles, and continental Europe. Plus the largest searchable collection of published genealogical research journals and magazines, and the largest collection of U.S. Catholic records online.

### Our Website:

[www.citrusgenealogy.com](http://www.citrusgenealogy.com)

- Meeting dates and programs
- Lookup contacts for out of town Genealogists
- Links to leading websites



Four new genealogy books added to the Lakes Region Library.

*See page 6 of the Newsletter*





## Notes from the President

*Mary Ann Machonkin*

I have included several webinars from <http://conferencekeeper.org> to the newsletter (see below).

These are all free, but you can look to see what you want. This database has a lot more webinars with some that are free and some that are not. Watch what you pick because the times are not Eastern Time.

I have also chosen for our September 13 meeting, the topic about American Ancestors. We subscribe to it at the Lakes Region Library. This will give you a review of their website.

## Genealogy Webinars

### Family History Webinars

Go to [www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Family\\_History\\_Library\\_Classes\\_and\\_Webinars](http://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Family_History_Library_Classes_and_Webinars)

If you don't see the classes, go to "Search for this page title." Scroll down to the Webinars list. These Webinars are currently being broadcast via Zoom.

You must register for the webinar. Note that the times listed on Upcoming Webinars are in Mountain Time.

### BYU Family History

Go to <https://fh.lib.byu.edu/classes-and-webinars/online-webinars> Note that all webinars start at 5:00 p.m. Mountain Time. Scroll down and click the "webinar library" link. You will have a multitude of webinars to choose from to watch on your computer monitor.

### Conference Keeper.org

There are many webinars to choose from on <http://conferencekeeper.org> (Note that the following webinars do not have the time listed as Eastern Time.)

- **Native American Research: The Five Civilized Tribes (Hybrid Event)**

Wednesday July 13th

Online via Zoom and Midwest Genealogy Center Programming Room

Presented by Mid-Continent Public Library Genealogy Center (Free)

Hybrid event: Both In-person & Virtual

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Central

Do you have Native American ancestors that lived in Oklahoma? If so, they may have been members of one of the Five Civilized Tribes: Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Creek, or Seminole. Learn how to research your ancestors using U.S. Census and Dawes Rolls records. This class will be held in person as well as virtually via Zoom simultaneously. Registration is required and closes one hour before the start of the program. Please indicate whether you will be attending in-person or virtually when registering. An email address is required when registering to attend on Zoom.

Details and Registration link at <https://www.mymcpl.org/events/74877/native-american-research-five-civilized-tribes>

- **Find Your Ancestors: Researching Your Ancestor's School Records**

Thursday, July 14, 2022 at 6 p.m. (CST)

Virtual Presented by Appleton Public Library (Free)

Join Appleton Public Library via Zoom for a virtual genealogical program as part of their annual Find Your Ancestors series.

Attendees must register in advance for this program by copying the following address into your browser: [https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_oKbuzKPaRsGTRKqNEI\\_fvg](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_oKbuzKPaRsGTRKqNEI_fvg)

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## Webinars: Conference Keeper.org (Cont'd)

- **Find Your Ancestors: Researching Your Ancestor's School Records** (Cont'd from page 2)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the program.

Program Topic: The ABC's and 123's of Researching Your Ancestor's School Records

The records of local public schools and universities can be valuable resources for finding information about your ancestors. Even if your ancestors didn't attend school, you would be surprised by what you can find in school records about them. This webinar will show you what types of school records there are and how to find them in repositories.

Presented by Melissa Barker

[https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_oKbuzKPaRsGTRKqNEI\\_fvg](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_oKbuzKPaRsGTRKqNEI_fvg)

- **Using Findmypast (Hybrid Event)**

Monday July 18th

Online via Zoom and Midwest Genealogy Center Programming Room

Presented by Mid-Continent Public Library Genealogy Center (Free)

Hybrid event: Both In-person & Virtual

10:30 a. m. - 11:30 a.m. Central

Learn to search billions of records to find your ancestors from all over the world. Records include U.S. and U.K. censuses, Irish records, and parish records from England and Wales. This class focuses on search tips as well as the types of records that can be found on Findmypast.com. This is a beginner-level class for adults. Basic computer literacy is needed to follow along. This class will be held in person as well as virtually via Zoom simultaneously. Registration is required and closes one hour before the start of the program. Please indicate whether you will be at-

tending in-person or virtually when registering. An email address is required when registering to attend on Zoom.

Details and Registration link at <https://www.mymcpl.org/events/74879/using-findmypast>

- **Using Evernote to Capture Notes and Ideas, with Drew Smith**

Thursday July 21st

Online Zoom event with Drew Smith

Presented by Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania (Free)

7:00 p.m. Eastern

Registration and more information will be available at <https://genpa.org/programs-and-events/>

- **"Connecting Your DNA Matches" presented by Diahn Southard**

Saturday July 23rd

Virtual

Presented by North Hills Genealogists (Free)

8:00 a.m. Pacific / 9:00 a.m. Mountain / 10:00 a.m. Central / 11:00 a.m. Eastern / 4:00 p.m. BST

Diahn Southard will present "Connecting Your DNA Matches" for the NHG 2022 Webinar Series on Saturday, July 23rd at 11:00 a.m. Eastern Time.

While it is possible for you to analyze your DNA matches one at a time to determine how you are related, there is much that can be accomplished by first identifying the connections between those on your match list, organizing those matches, and then working together to determine how you are related to each other. Learn the tips and tricks to this powerful method of match analysis. Registration is required for the FREE webinar from the NHG events page: [https:// north-hillsgenealogists.org/eventListings.php?nm=47](https://north-hillsgenealogists.org/eventListings.php?nm=47)

**Webinars: Conference Keeper.org (Cont'd)**

- **KY - Is this the End? Taking Your German Brick Walls Down Piece by Piece**  
Tuesday July 26th ZOOM event  
Presented by Louisville Genealogical Society (Free)  
1:00 p.m. EST  
<https://kylgs.org>

**Conferences**

- **Southern California Genealogical Society Jamboree**  
JamboFree August 22-24  
Genetic Genealogy August 19-20 Solving your DNA Puzzles  
Genealogy Jamboree August 26-27 Preserving your Family Tales  
Register at [www.genealogyjamboree.com](http://www.genealogyjamboree.com)

**Family History Center**

The Family History Center is open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2. p.m. You can get help with your family history or use their databases for free. It is located at 3474 W. Southern St., Lecanto, the same place where we meet.

**Help With Genealogy**

Rosemarie Coyle will be helping people with genealogy at the Lakes Region Library in Inverness on Mondays from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon.

Wesley Brockway will be helping people at the Homosassa Library on Fridays from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Phyllis Ables will be helping people at the Floral City Library from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

If you would like to volunteer, call the library, and offer your services. If you want help with your genealogy, call the library to set up a time.

**Eastman's Newsletter**

The Standard Edition of Dick Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter is published weekdays and is free at [eogn.com](http://eogn.com) There is a fee for the Plus Edition but it has additional information and no advertising. Thank you to Dick Eastman for permitting us to use the following articles from his newsletter:

**NYC Vital Records are Online Now in New York: A Guide**

Dick Eastman May 23 2021

Were your ancestors European immigrants? It is estimated that 85% of immigrants in the century starting in 1820 arrived in New York City, which progressively displaced Boston as the chief port of entry to the United States. Some families arrived from the old country and headed west right away, joining relatives already established, or enticed by amazing claims about land made by the American railroads. However, many others arrived young, found work, married someone from their home country (or not), and started families.

Germans, Irish, English, Italian, Polish, Eastern Europeans... their stories are told in the vital records — the civil registrations — begun in the cities of New York and Brooklyn in 1866, and in all 5 boroughs of NYC — New York County or Manhattan, the Bronx, Kings County or Brooklyn, Queens County, and Richmond County or Staten Island — by the time of “consolidation” in 1898. Note that because of its huge volume, New York City vital records are kept in the city; all other New York State vital records are in the local town records and in the central repository in Albany

**9 million certificates Online!**

Last month, New York's Department of Records & Information Services (DORIS) <https://a860-historicalvitalrecords.nyc.gov> which manages the Municipal Archives suddenly opened online to the public — without charge — 9.3 million digitized birth, marriage, and death certificates, some 70% of the total 13.3 million records.

## EASTMAN'S NEWSLETTER

(Cont'd)

### Gravestone Cleaning Tips from Cathy Wallace and BillionGraves

Anonymous April 12, 2022

Gravestone cleaning can turn back the wheels of time to make your ancestor's final resting place nearly as beautiful as the day their family members gathered there to wish them farewell.

Time has been hard on gravestones that were originally considered nearly permanent. Weathering, erosion, neglect, and vandalism have all taken their toll.

While some of this damage cannot be reversed, in other cases, preservation and prevention can make all the difference. And as more people become interested in genealogical research, there is a greater desire to preserve what is left of our ancestor's legacies in stone.

By cleaning and caring for historic resting places you can provide an opportunity for future generations to glimpse the past. Then burial grounds will become treasures of information that would otherwise have been forgotten or lost.

Comment by Dick Eastman:

I believe that every genealogist should be familiar with the information in this article, whether or not that person ever intends to do the cleaning himself/herself.

You can learn a lot from the article written by Cathy Wallace and published in the BillionGraves web site at: <https://blog.billiongraves.com/gravestone-cleaning-101/>. Topics in that article include:

- Why Should You Clean a Gravestone?
- When Should You NOT Clean a Gravestone?
- Sources of Gravestone Damage
- Understand Laws and Regulations
- Headstone Cleaning Tips
- Methods for Gravestone Cleaning

### Irish Government Extends Online Database of Birth, Death, and Marriage Records

Anonymous March 7, 2022

The Irish Government has extended the online availability of birth, death, and marriage records by a further 12 months.

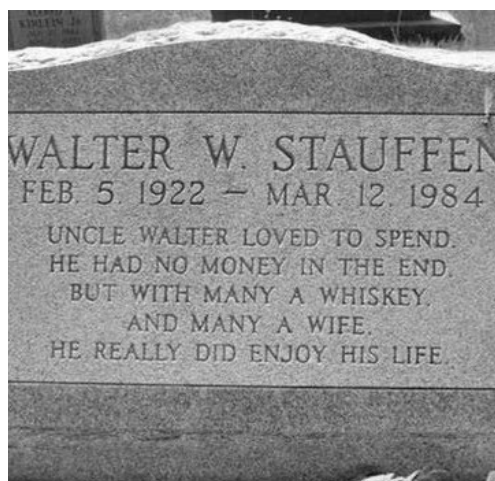
Available at <https://www.irishgenealogy.ie> the Birth Register now includes the years 1864 to 1921, while the Marriage Register has been updated to include records from the years 1845-1946.

The Death Register, meanwhile, now includes the years 1864 until 1971.

The website is free, and users do not require any subscription to access the records.

A total of 6,943,532 Civil Death register entries, 6,784,749 Civil Birth Register entries, and 1,939,623 Civil Marriage Register entries are now available to view online.

### Humorous Tombstone



### Genealogy Tip

#### Look for Your Ancestor's Brothers and Sisters.

Whenever you cannot track down your ancestor's birth certificate, try obtaining any possible sibling's certificate instead - this may assist you in determining their mother's maiden name



## Library Report

By Rosemarie Coyle, Library Chair

The following are the latest books given by the genealogy society to the Lakes Region Library. The books are located in the Genealogy Section of the Lakes Region Library at 1511 Druid Road, in Inverness.

The hours are Mon-Wed 9 a.m.—7 p.m., Thur-Fri 9 a.m.—5 p.m., Sat 10 a.m.—4 p.m., Closed Sunday. You may request a book be sent to the Library nearest you.

**DNA for Native American Genealogy** by Roberta Estes, GEN 929. 1072 EST.

In one of her opening paragraphs Roberta reports, “In the United States, Indigenous people were historically referred to as Indians, but not by all. Some Native, indigenous, or aboriginal people call themselves Indian, but others don’t. Today people of indigenous descent are generally referred to as Native American, American Indians or indigenous Americans.”

Roberta reminds the reader that “Due to cultural and religious beliefs and concerns, some tribes in the United States resist or discourage DNA testing of tribal members, as well as forbid the testing of the remains of people they consider to be their ancestors. She reports that although DNA testing remains controversial some tribes have formed alliances with select trusted researchers.”

The author goes on to answer some of the following questions, “How Does DNA testing for Indigenous American Heritage Work,” “Can DNA Results Identify a Tribe,” “Can I join a Tribe,” “How much of the Indian is in me.” She goes on to explain the various DNA testing vendors and autosomal tools in a clear, basic layout. The author devotes 56 pages to a description of Ancient and Mitochondrial DNA which this reviewer found to be especially enlightening. I did think some of the charts could have bene-

fit from being in color to make it easier for a reader to follow along.

The last part of the book is devoted to describing YDNA, both Ancient and Modern for Indigenous Americans. “This is the first book to offer detailed information and advice specifically aimed at family historians interested in fleshing out their Native American family tree through DNA testing.”

**Family Photo Detective** by Maureen A. Taylor, GEN 929. 1072 TAY

In her introduction to this book author Maureen A. Taylor states that “the purpose of this book is to assist you with the identification and interpretation of your family images. It will: function as a reference tool (bibliographies, charts and worksheets). Define and illustrate the process of photo identification and explain the steps in identifying and dating a family photograph, expand our skills to include the resources particular to photo research.”

Similar to any research document she offers, general guidelines for handling the photographs, using a worksheet to record the data, developing a research strategy, citing sources and the advice to be persistent.

Metal daguerreotypes (1839-c.1860), glass ambrotypes (1854-c.1865), tintypes (1856-twentieth century) and paper photographs (1850-today) are described in detail.

Identifying a photographer’s imprint will allow for the tracing of business dates for that photographer or studio. The author suggests where one might find these imprints even on the earlier daguerreotypes, ambrotypes and tintypes. Steps for researching a photographer are given review with the helpful online sources such as The George Eastman House database which may include photographer, geo map location, subject, and process. The John S. Craigs Daguerreian Registry for information on American photographers from 1834-1860.

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The author makes reference to using the popular photo reunion site “Dead Fred” to find images by the same photographer and to establish a time frame for the studio. Maureen suggests that “by carefully examining all the details present in a picture and recording them on a worksheet, you can discover the story of a photograph.” Costumes, family resemblances, props, and backdrops all can provide clues and help in identifying your ancestors.

### **NGS Research in The States Series, Indiana** by Dawne Slater-Putt, GEN 977. 203 SLA.

Similar in scope and layout to the previous state series, the author starts out with the early history and settlement of Indiana. It is believed that Robert Cavalier Sieur De La Salle is the first white person to have claimed the land for France in 1679. Indiana became the 19th state of the Union on 11 Dec 1876.

Discussion of Archives, Libraries and Societies will reveal the recognized Allen County Public Library which is reported to be one of the largest genealogical collections in the country, which not only contains North American material but also a “large number of British Isle materials.” The Indiana Historical Society “makes accessible one of the largest collections on material on Indiana and the Northwest Territory” including Civil War-era Ephemera, as well as data on notable Hoosiers. The Indiana State Archives, the permanent repository for state and local government records includes aerial photographs, patient and inmate records for state institutions dating back to 1822.

University Libraries such as Indiana University’s Special Collections Department of Cunningham Memorial Library contains “thousands of letters, hundreds of glass negatives and tintypes about Lincoln’s assassination.” The University of Notre Dame Archives has preserved records about the Roman Catholic Church and Catholics in America.

Major Resources are outlined in Aids to Research, Atlases, Gazetteers and Maps, Bible Records, Biographical Sources, Cemetery Records, Census and Census Substitutes, Church Records, Court Records, Directories, Ethnic Records, Historical Periodicals, Institutions and

Prison Records, Probate Records, School and Tax Records are all given attention in this slim volume. Finally, Vital Records are reviewed. The reader should be aware that this book was first published in 2012 and that many of the previously closed records may now be a click away on your computer.

### **NGS Research in the States Series, West Virginia** by Barbara Vines Little, CG, FNGS, FUGA, FVGS; Second Edition, GEN 975. 4 LIT

The state was established on 20 June 1863, but its history had begun much earlier. The author reports on the most referenced state histories as a place to begin in understanding of what makes West Virginia unique. A brief discussion on the states “natural resources-coal, mineral ores, natural springs and timber” has defined “the state’s development and the story of its people, whose employment for generations relied on them.”

A review of the “West Virginia Archives,” the “West Virginia and Regional History Center Collection,” the “Martinsburg-Berkely County Public Library,” Boone-Madison Public Library, the Bethany College Archives and Special Collections Library, and finally the Hampshire County Public Library are all reviewed with notable descriptions. It is noted that the West Virginia Archives and History Special Collections is the “Woodrow Clay Hamilton Jr. Collection of West Virginia High School and College Yearbooks”. The author reviews Aids to Research, Atlases, Gazetteers and Maps with the suggestion that the Library of Congress online digital collection of maps is a major resource for historical maps of West Virginia.

Cemetery Records, Census and Census Substitutes, Church Records, Colonial and State Government Records, County Formation, Court Records, Military, Naturalization, Probate, Tax, Adoption, Marriage, Divorce and finally Vital Records are all given a thorough, careful review. The author concludes by stating, “Dates and names do not provide us with the history of our families, it is only by learning about the time and place in which they lived that we begin to understand who they were.” Barbara Vines Little has provided a succinct and thoughtful manuscript.

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