A detailed botanical illustration in a light, sketchy style serves as the background. It features various types of leaves, including large, broad ones and long, narrow palm-like fronds. A butterfly is also depicted in flight. The overall tone is soft and naturalistic.

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The Society Page

Our September meeting will be held on Saturday, September 16th, at the Southeast Branch Library, 6670 US 1 South. This is our annual hands-on workshops event. It's your chance to ask questions and get demonstrations on the topics impacting your research. Check-in opens at 12:45pm and the meeting begins at 1:00pm.



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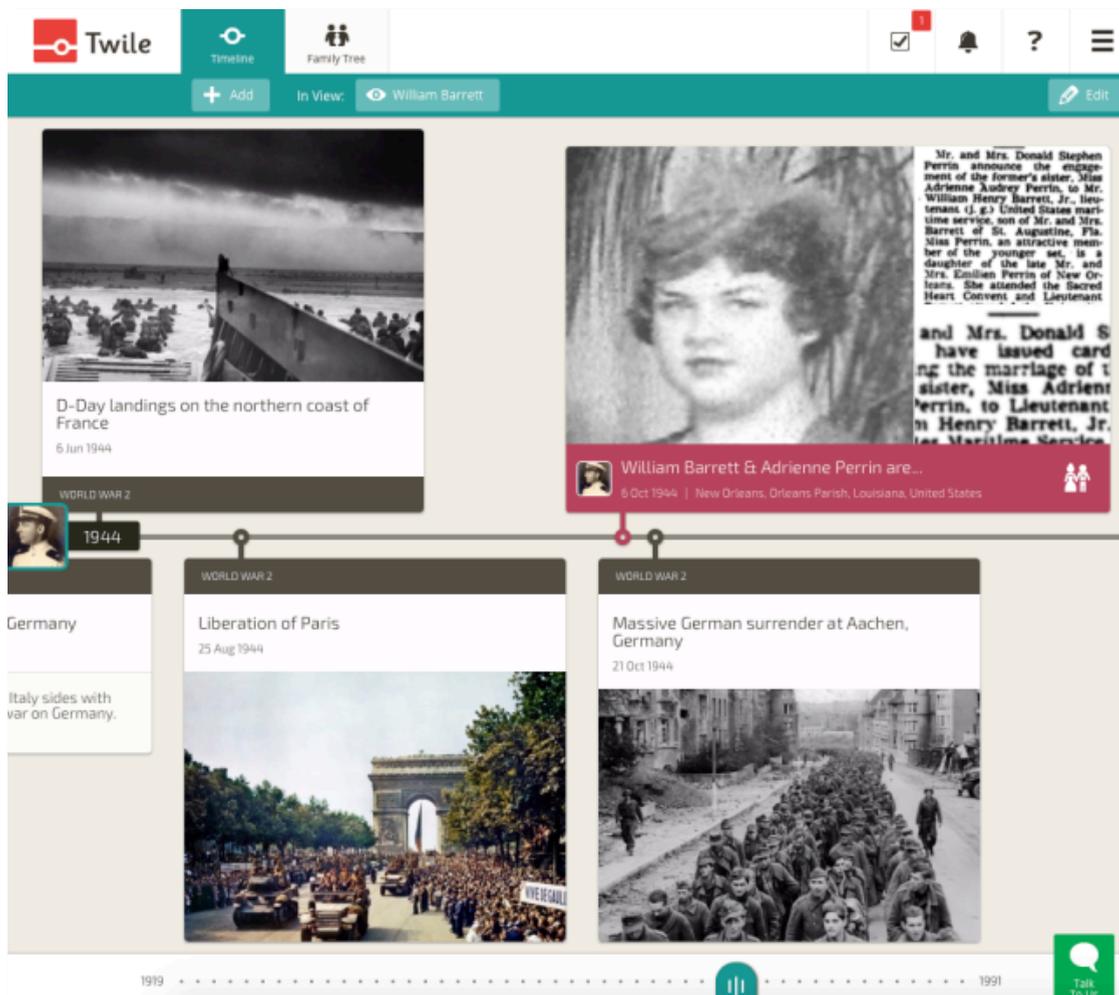
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Get Creative With Twile

Editorial Notes

Twile is an amazing platform. Not only does it show your family's place in history, it's also an impressive scrapbook. In this example, you are looking at the milestone panel for Bill and Adrienne's wedding. Each milestone on the timeline opens up to a panel such as this one where you can add photos, documents and even your own notes. It's the photo and document elements that can be exploited to "kick it up a notch".



Since this was a wartime wedding, it wasn't a big wedding. If there were any pictures, who knows where they are now. Fortunately, there were newspaper announcements of both the engagement and the wedding. The photo of the bride seen here is also from a newspaper clipping only it was from another wedding where she was one of the bridesmaids.

William Barrett & Adrienne Perrin are Married
6 Oct 1944

Your father and step-mother were married in New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana, United ... on Friday 6 Oct 1944, aged 25 and 21

Extra information

- Add reception venue
- Add best men
- Add bridesmaids
- Add ushers

“ The newspaper clippings are from the Times-Picayune newspaper. The engagement announcement was in the September 17, 1944 edition but the wedding announcement wasn't published until October 27, 1944. ”

Denise Barrett

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stephen Perrin announce the engagement of the former's sister, Miss Adrienne Audrey Perrin, to Mr. William Henry Barrett, Jr., lieutenant (j. g.) United States maritime service, son of Mr. and Mrs. Barrett of St. Augustine, Fla. Miss Perrin, an attractive member of the younger set, is a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Emilian Perrin of New Orleans. She attended the Sacred Heart Convent and Lieutenant Barrett attended the University of Florida. The wedding will be celebrated some time in the ...

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stephen Perrin have issued cards announcing the marriage of the former's sister, Miss Adrienne Audrey Perrin, to Lieutenant (j. g.) William Henry Barrett, Jr., United States Maritime Service, which was celebrated in New Orleans Friday, October 6.

Add something

- Photos
- Words
- Document

New Orleans, Orleans Parish, ...

Other family at this event

Add family members, so that this event shows on their timelines too

Added by Denise Barrett
22 May 2017

The “Add something” box in the upper right corner of the milestone panel has buttons to add words (your own text), photos and documents. The “documents” only accepts image files – no PDF or word-processing files. The document image is cropped on the milestone panel but a visitor can click on it to view the entire image. In this instance I cropped each announcement and saved them as images. When added to the panel, the entire announcement appears on the panel and is actually quite readable. Unfortunately the only photo I have of the bride is from a newspaper clipping so it's a bit grainy.

Since I cropped the newspaper clippings, I added a note to identify the newspaper and dates for each clipping.

Take advantage of the photo and word elements to add all kinds of ephemera to your family's timeline. Postcards, notes, letters and other ephemera are the kind of elements that will grab your family's attention. Somewhere I have the Forecastle Card and a postcard of the USNS Tallulah – the ship that delivered all that water to Guantanamo many years ago. It would be a great addition to the Last Cruise story shown below.

Love It Share Edit

Last Cruise

18 Sep 1964

FINAL TRIP - The 38th and last round trip of the USNS Tallulah, carrying 4.5 million gallons of water for the U.S. naval base at Guantanamo, Cuba, began Thursday night. Master of the vessel is Capt. William H. Barrett, Jr. The Tallulah left Port Everglades as it has in the past to supply water for the base because Premier Fidel Castro turned off the faucet earlier this year.

Denise Barrett

Port Everglades, Fort Lauderdale,...

Other family at this event

Add family members, so that this event shows on their timelines too

Added by Denise Barrett
1 August 2017

If eyes glaze over when you try to explain your family tree to your family, Twile may be a way to capture their attention and generate interest in their family history. Twile costs you nothing and is totally private. You are the only one who has access to your Twile family tree and timeline until you invite other family members. Once they accept your invitation, they can view the timeline and help add more stories, photos and ephemera.

One of the really nice things about Twile is that your timeline is a never-ending project. You can always come back to an event to add information, photos and ephemera as you find them. Don't be afraid to get creative either. Most everyone loves a scrapbook and Twile gives you a beautiful platform to build something that will capture and hold your family's attention.

Who knows, you may just inspire some future genealogists!



Don't let a storm steal your family tree. Backup regularly.

Building A Digital Research Library

Research Toolbox

What do ebook readers (devices and apps) provide that makes them so useful to family research? First, every ebook is fully searchable. You can quickly find things that never show up in the index of a print book. You can load an ereader device with hundreds of books so you can carry an entire reference library with you at all times – without breaking your back. Many devices and apps offer the ability to highlight and annotate your books. Some even let you share your notes with others. Speaking of sharing, a growing number of ebook sellers let you lend your purchased books to others, and many public libraries have subscribed to the OverDrive service so they can offer ebook lending, too. For those of us with aging eyes, one of the simplest, but most useful, features is the ability to adjust the font size of your book's type. Oh, what a joy that is!

Most of the ereader devices can also read PDF documents. I have spent a lot of time and effort scanning family documents, genealogical and historical society periodicals and other useful documents into searchable PDFs and I can now read them on my Kindle and iPad. Since they're searchable, I can quickly get right to the passage I need by using my reader's search function.

How does all of this put me into a "better place" as far as my research goes? First of all, I have the books and documents I frequently use on my iPad as either an ebook or a PDF. They are with me at the research library, the Family History Center and on a research trip. I've moved my magazine subscriptions to digital whenever possible and although they aren't as search-friendly as other publications, I can maintain my collection of back issues with little effort and no guilt. I've been digitizing the society journals that don't yet offer electronic versions of their pubs – and frequently remind them how much money they

would save if they did offer digital editions. My workspace clutter is slowly beginning to disappear and I'm finding it easier to put my fingers on the information I need thanks to my computer's search box.

There has been another unexpected – and very pleasant – result of my move to a more digital library. There are a number of public domain digital libraries that are digitizing dozens of new books every day. Many offer news feeds announcing each new book added to the collection. You'll be amazed at the number of local histories, personal memoirs, regimental histories and published genealogies that are being digitized. Then there are the 19th century periodicals like *Harper's* and *The Atlantic*, along with a growing number of alumni magazines from universities and even medical and scientific journals. All of these can provide some amazing research jewels.

Where do you find these nuggets of genealogical goodness? Here's a list of digital libraries to get you started:

- [Internet Archives](#). This is a truly amazing organization dedicated to digitizing not only books but audio, video, web sites and more. In the Texts section you can browse the many libraries and collections or search for specific content. They offer an RSS feed announcing their latest additions. A quick look at the collections included in the American Libraries section shows some familiar names—Allen County Public Library, New York Public Library, The Library of Congress and the Georgia Historical Society. The site has a web-based reader so you can navigate and read books right in your browser, and they offer downloads in formats for just about any e-reader.
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- [ManyBooks](#) is a much smaller library but has two things that make it very useful—RSS feeds by category and a very pleasant browsing experience. Titles often include nice descriptions and there is a facility for readers to add their own reviews. It also offers a large number of download formats. Although I use this library more often to find pleasure reads, the RSS feeds have delivered several histories that have provided useful tidbits for my family research.
- The recent opening of the [Digital Public Library of America](#) has demonstrated the tremendous potential digital archives offer. Hopefully DPLA and its contributing archives will combine their contents under one search engine.

The efforts by these groups—and many others—to digitize historical books and publications are quickly becoming yet another research asset for the family historian. You can access any of these resources right from your desktop, but as your library grows you may well want to add an e-reader (device and/or app) to your digital toolbox.

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The Personal Archive

In the Archives

Most family archives aren't found in libraries or museums. They are more likely to be found in boxes, drawers or trunks. These precious treasures seldom get the care and attention they need and as a result many are lost from neglect. Most of us think of these items as the family "stuff". It's time to look at them for what they really are - your personal archive.

Those of us who have taken on the challenge of preserving our family archives have worked hard to protect our treasures and to digitize them so they can be shared with others. Add to that the research, blog posts and family stories we have generated and our archives have even more value.

Do what's necessary to preserve your archives, but don't stop there. Instead of just filing them away in a filing cabinet or box, scan them so you also have digital copies. Use those scanned images to "decorate" your genealogy. Take advantage of services like Twile, Flickr and affordable photo book platforms to tell the stories your research discovers. While your family may not find a genealogy program all that interesting, there's few that aren't fascinated by old family photos, diaries, letters and other archival documents that give us a view of the world of our ancestors.

If you would like to learn more about collecting, organizing and preserving your personal archive, stop by The Family Curator (<http://thefamilycurator.com>).

Society Services

The Research Help Desk supports our members with research assistance either at meetings or via email. Members can complete a research help request form at any meeting or email your request to Sue Gill at suecarl@aol.com. The Research Committee will respond with suggestions on search options and sources.

Members with research experience are encouraged to volunteer on the Research Committee.

There are a number of ways SAGS members can connect online. These include:

- [SAGS Online](#) - The society's public web site and records archive.
- [SAGS Support](#) - The society's members-only site offers weekly news updates, research support, 24/7 access to our publications library along with social networking features making it easy for members to stay connected between meetings.
- [SAGS Facebook Group](#) - This is a public group and once you join, you can set it to notify you when items are posted to the group. It's a great place to share useful research resources, ask questions or share a success story.

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We accept articles related to genealogy, family history and research methodology from our members for publication in the Ancient City Bulletin.

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