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# The President's Line

Bob Burns

Last month, those who attended Kathy Stickney's presentation on "Researching Your Confederate Soldier" enjoyed a substantive and even moving experience. It is much more difficult to research Confederate soldiers than those of the Union forces, but Kathy made it possible and added her own feelings as she spoke of her ancestors. It was a dramatic presentation that received very favorable reviews.

Our speaker for May 14th will be Carolyn Carlisle, whose topic will be "Research Nuts & Bolts: Research Logs and Timelines." I am especially interested in this topic. Looking forward, we have Lou Abreu on June 11th discussing DNA, and our anniversary party on July 9th. We are taking a break in August with no meeting, then returning on Sept. 10th for Jack Butler on "Turning Google into a Genealogy Search Engine." October is open currently, and then we have Judy Wright on Nov. 12th for "The Lazarus Effect: FTM and Software Obsolescence", followed by our holiday party in December.

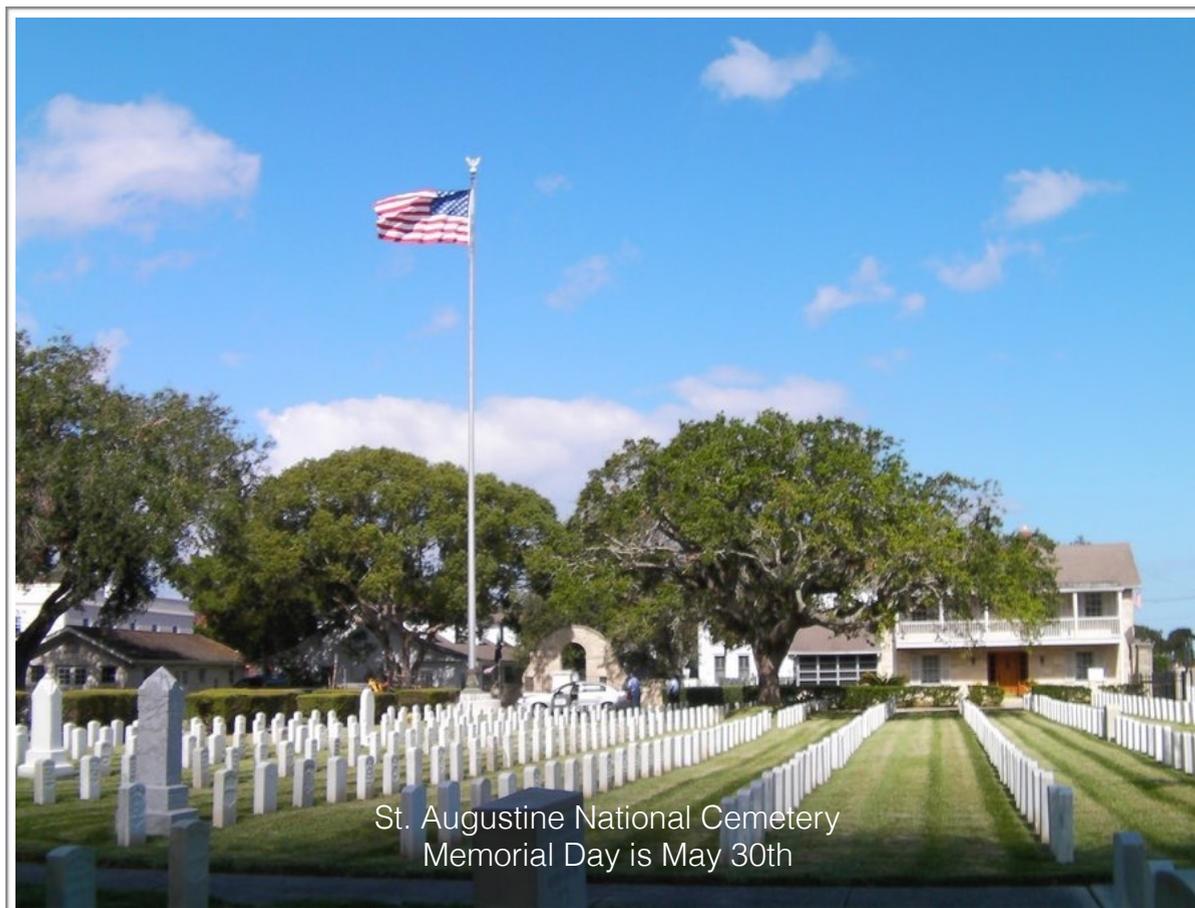
This week, our Board confirmed Judy Parrino as our new Program Chair, completing the unexpired term of Holly Timm. Judy has been helping me fill out our speaker requirements and has done a commendable job. October is now our only open date.

One of the focal points or strategies that I have had this year is to transform our Society into one that is more interactive for those who wish to participate. My perspective is an educational one; that is, providing one-on-one (or two or three) assistance to those who would like it. Sometimes the speakers are on too high a plane for beginners. If you are asking yourself, "How can I use this?" or "How can this help me?", then contact the Help Desk, staffed by Sue Gill. She can be reached at [suecarl@aol.com](mailto:suecarl@aol.com), or via Facebook, or via our website. Or send an email to anyone on the Board including me (new email:

sags.prezident@yahoo.com - yes, with a period and a "z"). We don't want our beginners to languish unattended. While we can't do your research for you, we can help you take the next step, and stay in contact with you regarding any stumbling blocks. Please "raise your hand." We truly want to help.

Next month, I sojourn to Cape Cod, MA, but will be staying in touch by Skyping into our Board meetings each month. We may have some "guest" writers taking over The President's Line to provide some additional experiences and perspectives.

A final reminder that our annual dues are now overdue. We are calling unpaid members to confirm their interest in retaining their membership. Please send in your check as soon as possible. Thank you. And thank you to our paid members!



# The Diary of a Southern Lady

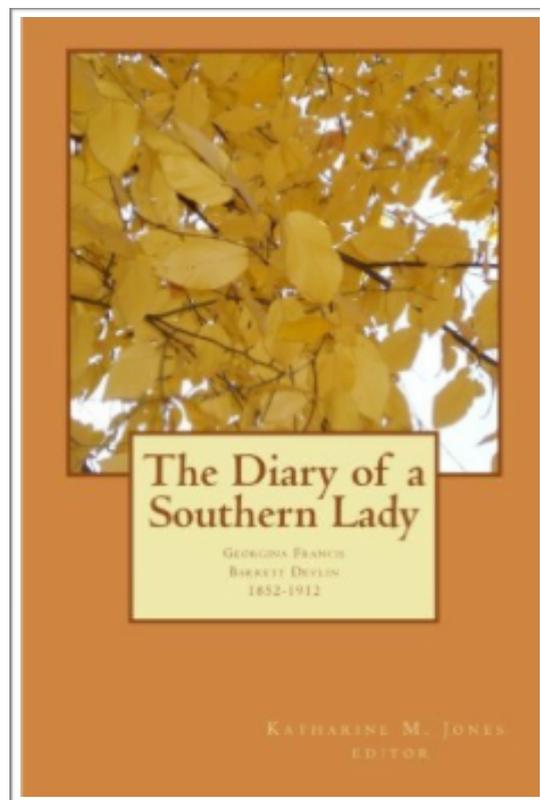
## Editorial Notes

Like many of us, I've often found the Ancestry.com hints pointing to other family trees more irritating than informative. It's not unusual to find the exact same content duplicated from one tree to another. Fortunately, the occasional tidbit of information makes wading through these trees worth the effort. Over Easter weekend, one of those tidbits turned into quite a whopper! Following a hint from another Barrett family tree brought me face to face with a portrait of my third great-grandmother, Frances Georgina Scott.

The screenshot displays the Ancestry.com profile for Frances Scott. At the top, the navigation bar includes 'ancestry', 'TREES', 'SEARCH', 'DNA', 'HELP', 'EXTRAS', and 'UPGRADE'. The profile header shows 'BARRETT FAMILY TREE' and 'SEARCH', 'TOOLS', and 'EDIT' options. The main profile area features a silhouette placeholder for Frances Scott, with her birth (1795, London, England) and death (19 JAN 1876, Winona, Montgomery County, Mississippi, USA) dates, and her role as '2nd great-grandmother'. Below this are tabs for 'LIFESTORY', 'FACTS', 'GALLERY', and 'HINTS (2)'. A 'NEW (2)' hint is highlighted, titled 'England, Select Births and Christenings, 1538-1975', with a 'REVIEW' button. A 'Family' section on the right lists 'Parents' (Unknown Father, Unknown Mother) and 'Spouse & Children' (Michael Barrett, Michael Scott Barrett MA, Henry Thomas Barrett, Robert George Barrett, Georgianna Frances Barrett). A 'Member Photo' of Mrs. Barrett is shown at the bottom left, dated 3/8/2014 and submitted by wjones146.

It didn't stop there. I used Ancestry's messaging service to connect to the cousin who created this tree and posted the portrait. She responded quickly with another precious gift – Georgiana's diary. Georgiana was Frances's daughter and sister to my second great grandfather. My cousin had transcribed Georgiana's diary, adding footnotes based on her research to further explain certain entries. She used Amazon to publish it as *The Diary of a Southern Lady*. I bought the Kindle edition for \$4.99 and it is worth every penny. When reading on a Kindle reader, footnotes aren't small print at the bottom of a page. Instead, the reader taps the footnote's reference number and the text of the footnote appears in a popup window. Read it, then tap the screen and you are right back where you left off. Wow!

Kay used the footnote feature to present her research notes describing more detail about the person, place or event mentioned in the diary. I am barely into it and already it has answered a number of questions about this family. Finishing the book and updating my research notes will keep me busy for quite some time!



Kay's effort is also an inspiration. We all have treasures like this tucked away in our archives. Yes, they can often be posted in online trees – each of the major genealogy archives would like nothing better. However, when scanned, transcribed and annotated into a book, they can become a true family treasure. For example, I inherited a collection of letters my maternal grandfather sent to my grandmother over a five-year period before they married. These letters are full of news and gossip which answer questions official records cannot. Georgiana's diary has inspired me to make transcribing Grandpa's letters a priority. These letters cover a period of time from 1908 to 1913. I also have

photos and other ephemera to add even more genealogical goodness to the project.

Do you have family letters, journals or diaries in your personal archives? If so, would you like to learn how you can transcribe and publish these treasures? Stop by the Writers Group table before or after the May member meeting and we will not only help you get started but also help you share your efforts.

November 12, 1855 - William brought Kate Levy in a buggy to see us this evening. Mama asked Kate to postpone her wedding until after my confinement.[26]

December 16, 1855 - Mrs. Marie McGee was married at 11 o'clock A.M. to a Mr. James Wells. Mr. Nat Pugh performed the ceremony. Mama, Mr. Devlin and the children attended the wedding.

December 26, 1855 - William and

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**Footnote** ✕

[26] She was pregnant with John, who was born January 8, 1856.[27] Trinity Episcopal Church in Yazoo City was

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Kindle reader page showing highlighted text and popup footnotes.

# Research on the Road

## Research Toolbox

Yes you can take it with you . . . and it's easier than you think!

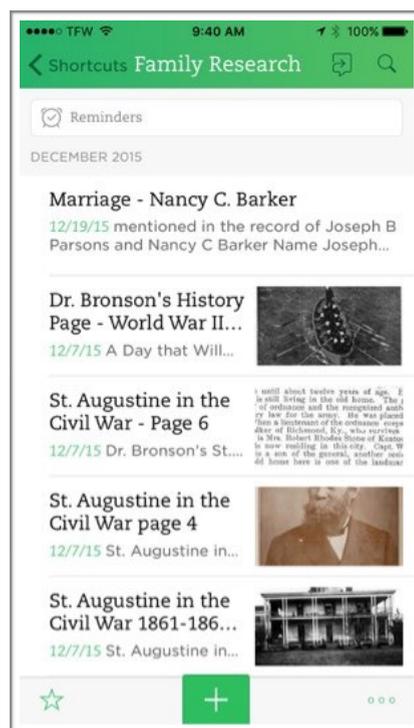
Today's mobile technology gives you instant access to your genealogy data, research notes, photos and reference material. Impressive search features can find that piece of information you need in the blink of an eye. Affordable cloud storage not only provides off-site backup in case of disaster but also makes all that information available wherever you are.

There are a number of factors that make mobile research so interesting:

- take all your research with you without adding weight - no more lugging heavy notebooks
- easy to use
- quickly find and display specific records
- save money on copy charges
- access online databases almost anywhere.

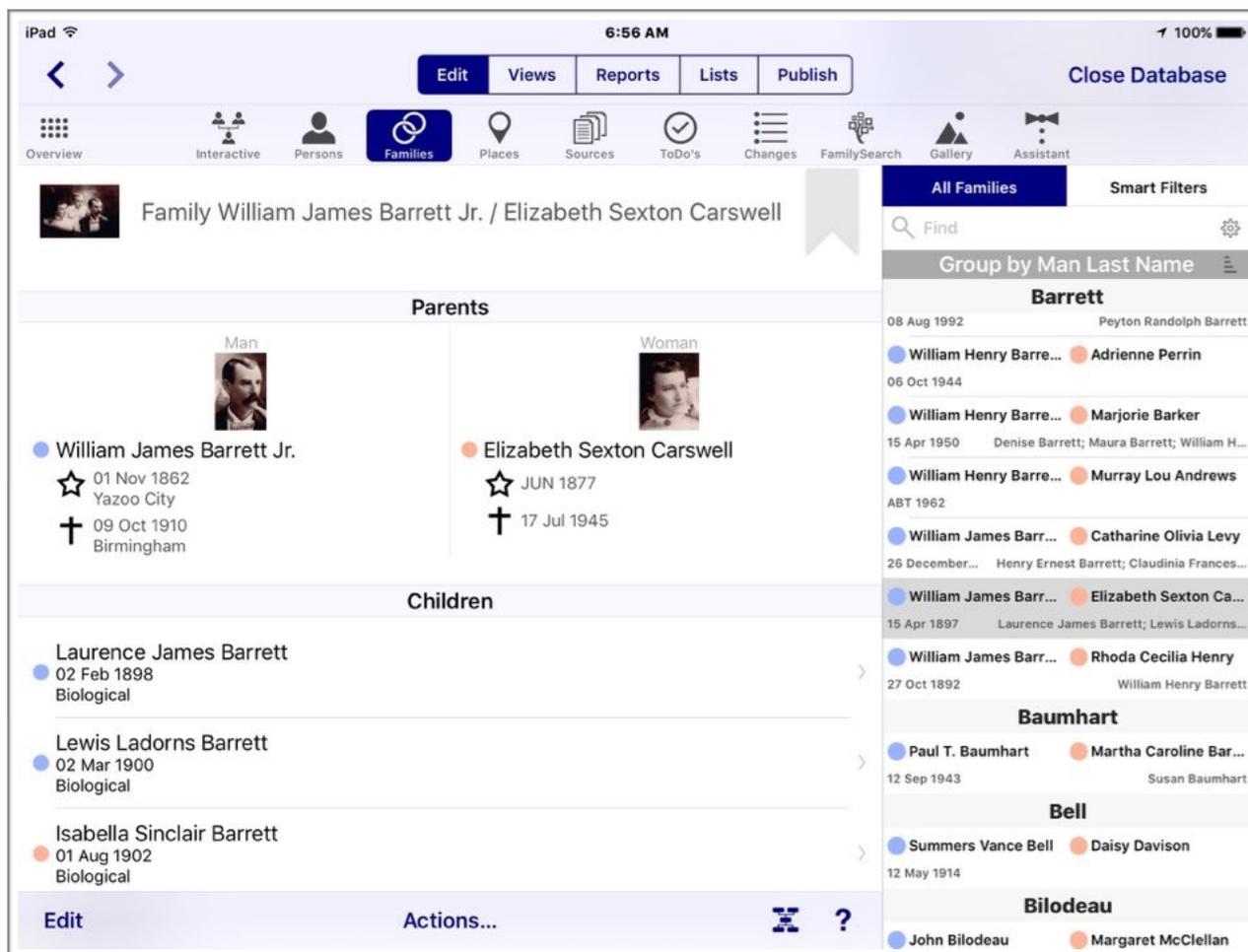
The basic mobile package includes a smart phone, a tablet and a bluetooth keyboard. Combined with cloud storage and notes management services, these tools mean you can access all your research without hauling heavy notebooks or file boxes on your trip. It also means that you can take advantage of unexpected research opportunities whenever and wherever they pop up.

Most of the major online archives (Ancestry, FindMyPast, FamilySearch and Fold3) offer mobile apps allowing you to access your online trees, update data and perform searches. Personal genealogy apps like MobileFamilyTree (iOS and



*Research notes in Evernote on an iPhone*

Mac), Heredis (Win, Mac and iOS), RootsMagic (Win, Mac and iOS) and Reunion (Mac and iOS) allow you to synchronize your data between your desktop and mobile device. Each app offers varying levels of data entry and editing capabilities.



*MobileFamilyTree app on an iPad*

Even if you don't "go mobile" with your research, your mobile devices can still be quite useful. The scanner app on your phone easily captures information from books, periodicals and even microfilm readers - saving copy costs. A mobile scanner like the Flip-Pal makes it easy to scan photos - even without taking them out of the album. Take it with you to Great Aunt Agatha's and see if you don't come home with some digitized treasures.

Another useful mobile tool is the eReader. This could be a device like the Kindle Reader or an app installed on your phone or tablet. The genealogical archives aren't the only institutions busy digitizing books, periodicals and other print media. Internet Archive (see article in January 2016 Bulletin) has a huge collection of published genealogies, local histories, regimental histories and other useful research resources. Most of this reference material is freely available and, by using an eReader device, you have easy access to a large library of books and documents at all times.

*Family Tree Magazine*, *Internet Genealogy*, *Irish Roots* and *Your Family History* are just a few of the genealogy magazines offering digital subscriptions. In addition, Amazon and Scribd offer subscription services - think of it as Netflix for books - which include a large number of recent genealogical titles.

Today going mobile is both easy and affordable, giving you access to your research when and where you need it.



"Thumbing through" *Family Tree Magazine* on an iPad.

# Fold3

In the Archives

May brings us both Armed Forces Day (May 21st) and Memorial Day (May 30th) so it's the perfect time to take a tour of the Fold3 archive of military records and more. Why is it called Fold3? When the American flag is folded at retreats, military funerals and other ceremonies, the third fold is made in honor and remembrance of our military veterans.

**fold3**  
by ancestry

WORLD WAR II ☆ USS ARIZONA MEMORIAL ☆ WWI HONOR PAGES ☆ WWI PHOTOS ☆ WWI DOCUMENTS

**Interactive USS Arizona Memorial**

Leave a **tribute**, a **story** or **photograph** about any of the servicemen killed during the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Search the Memorial   or

**Videos**

**Remembering WWII: A Family of Heroes**

See how to make a tribute

**"A Day of Infamy"**

**View names in detail**

Service Branch	Home State	Medal of Honor Recipients
<a href="#">Navy</a>	<a href="#">California</a>	<a href="#">Franklin Van Valkenburgh</a> Captain, USS Arizona
<a href="#">Marine Corps</a>	<a href="#">Texas</a>	<a href="#">Isaac C. Kidd</a> Rear Admiral, USS Arizona
<a href="#">Navy (Reserve)</a>	<a href="#">Missouri</a>	
<a href="#">Marine Corps (Reserve)</a>	<a href="#">Illinois</a>	
	<a href="#">See all...</a>	

**Search Other Ships**

Explore the Pearl Harbor Muster Rolls to find the dates and locations of when sailors mustered.

Enter a sailor's name

Fold3 offers American military records from the Revolutionary War forward and are now adding collections from international military resources. In addition to

records, they also maintain a number of virtual military memorials including the USS Arizona memorial, the virtual Vietnam Wall and U.S. Honor Wall. In addition, users can create memorial pages to honor family members who served.

After a 7-day free trial, Fold3 members can choose either the free or premium account. Free accounts have access to free records, can build memorial pages, upload images, search and browse images and access other memorial pages. Premium members can do all of that and have full access to all records. Cost for a premium account is \$7.95/month or \$79.95/year. Note that Fold3 regularly makes selected premium collections available at no charge to commemorate important military events.

What can you find at Fold3? Here are a few of the most popular collections:

- WWII Missing Air Crew Reports
- Brady Civil War photos (free)
- Revolutionary War Service Records and Pensions
- Pension records from the American Revolution, War of 1812 and Civil War

The American Battle Monuments Commission (one of the many free data collections) manages 24 overseas military cemeteries and 25 memorials, monuments and markers for those who served in World War I, World War II and the Korean War. Each record in this collection is presented as a memorial to that service member with editing capabilities so that additional information, memorabilia and photos can be added by Fold3 members.

In addition to editing existing memorial pages, any member can create memorial pages for the heroes in their family.

The best way to begin is to browse through the many collections to get an idea just how massive these records are. Many collections are still being indexed. When you visit the collection page, it will show you how much of that collection has been indexed. Each collection has an overview page, a description page and a page where users can spotlight their discoveries. The overview page also

lists related titles and provides links to member-created story pages related to this collection.

There is also a very nice - and free - online course at Ancestry Academy. [Finding Your Military Veteran on Fold3](#) includes fundamentals to searching and browsing the site as well as discussions on the different military documents and what information they provide. Fold3 is also adding UK military records to their archive. The records are available but most are still early in the indexing process.

If you are looking for military records to support your research, Fold3 is definitely the place to begin.

## Women in WWII Photos

March 14, 2016 by Trevor



One of Fold3's popular World War II collections is the [WWII US Air Force Photos](#) (via the National Archives). Among other things, this collection is great for finding photos of American women who served in certain capacities during the war. Although women served in a wide variety of roles at home and abroad during WWII, the images of women in this particular collection of photos tend to focus on three types of



American female war workers: [Army nurses](#), [WACs](#) (members of the Women's Army Corps), and [Red Cross workers](#).

# Becoming A Citizen Twice

Bruce Ramsey

It's 1929 and the United States is in the middle of a great depression. Much of the world is affected. It all started on Thursday October 24, 1929 with the selling of around 13 million shares of stock in one day - triple the normal daily sales. The day became known as "Black Thursday" and history noted the event as the stock market crash of 1929. Over the next few days, stock market prices fell about 25%.

Through the mid-thirties, unemployment remained about 25%. Wages dropped to about half value. World trade fell by 60% and many banks closed because of run-on's and failure. Even the weather went crazy as the Midwest turned into a dustbowl from lack of rain, resulting in crop failures. The government tried to make adjustments to help recovery, with little results. In the 1932 presidential election, Republican President Herbert Hoover lost to Democratic Franklin D. Roosevelt because of depression issues.

The new Roosevelt government started a program to try to help the situation but it did little to relieve the depression issues of the 1930's. In 1935 President Roosevelt and Congress created the Social Security Act or SSA. The idea was to create a social insurance program covering a variety of individuals. The law was to provide a monthly retirement benefit to individuals age 65 and older. The monthly benefit would be paid to the primary worker when he retired. The amount was based on the individual's payroll tax contributions.

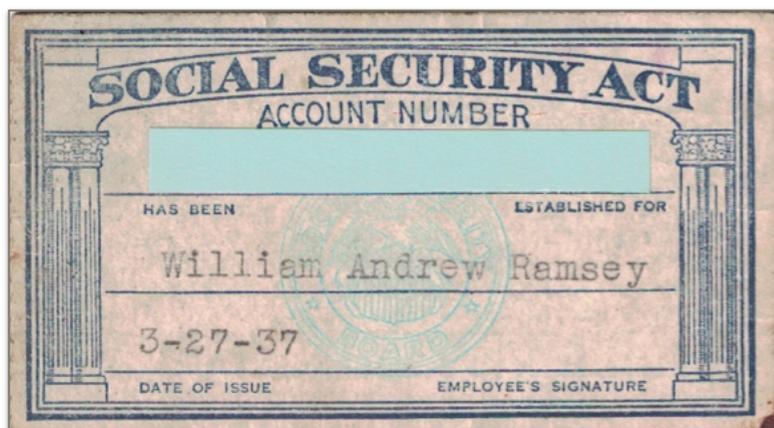
The Social Security Administration Board was established and charged with implementing this system to enroll employees, report earnings, and collect payroll tax contributions. Under the initial SSA, monthly benefits were to begin in 1942. From 1937 until 1942, Social Security would pay out a single lump sum to anyone retiring. This "payback" sum was given to those paying into Social Security but not having sufficient contributions to vest in monthly benefits.

Because of some government issues, the SSA system didn't get started until 1940. Unfortunately, most of the 1930's government programs did very little to resolve the depression issues. It took World War II to bring the country out of the depression.

What does this note from depression history have to do with citizen issues you may be asking?

My citizen father, William Ramsey, was born in 1902. He registered with the Social Security Administration on March 27, 1937 and was issued a SSA card. The application required written proof of his birth. William stated that he didn't have a copy. SSA told him to contact the place of birth to obtain a copy. Without a proof of birth, William could not be eligible for retirement benefits when he reached 65. He would still have to pay Social Security payroll taxes.

William was living in Summit County, Ohio, at the time and contacted his place of birth, Mifflin County, Pennsylvania, to obtain a copy of his birth record. A search was made but no copy was found. His parents had not registered his birth with the county. The only way to prove his birth for Social Security retirement was to apply for a "Delayed Birth Certificate."



*Social Security Card issued to William Ramsey in 1937 - from the author's archive*

Since he lived in Ohio, he either had to go to Pennsylvania to gather information or contact friends or other people in Mifflin County, Pennsylvania and have them help him apply for an "abstract of supporting evidence" that he was born in 1902 and lived there at one time. He chose to ask some friends for help. Four people were found to support his birth evidence and with their help and

signatures, on June 18, 1942, William was granted a delayed birth certificate. He

Form HV5-34D  
(Fee for this Certificate, \$1.00)

This is to Certify, That the following is a true and correct copy of a certificate of birth, filed in the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Pennsylvania Department of Health, as directed by Act 148 of the General Assembly, 1941.

No. 27503  
*Tom E. Williams*  
(Director, Bureau of Vital Statistics)

JUN 18 1942  
Date

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

Form HV5-DEC  
Filed in accordance with Act 148 of 1941.

File No. 561  
Registered No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Filing Date 6-12-42  
Registration Date 6-16-42

**DELAYED BIRTH CERTIFICATE**  
ALL INFORMATION AS OF TIME OF BIRTH

Primary Dist. No. 44-13-82

Full Name (type or print) <i>William Andrew Ramsey</i>		Sex <i>Male</i>
Date of Birth <i>September 4 1902</i> <small>(Month Day Year)</small>	Twin or triplet _____ If born late 2d, 3d _____	Was mother married to father of child? <i>Yes</i>
<b>PLACE OF BIRTH</b>		
County <i>Mifflin</i>		
City-Boro-Town-Village-Township <i>Armagh</i>		
If hospital—give name and address _____		
Children born to this mother:	A. Children born alive and living at time of this birth, including this child. <i>1</i>	<b>FATHER OF CHILD</b>
	B. Previous children born alive but dead at time of this birth. <i>1</i>	
	C. Previous children born dead (stillborn) _____	
Total number including this birth add A-B-C. <i>2</i>		Full name <i>Robert Ramsey</i>
If attending Physician or Midwife are still living have them sign here otherwise applicant will fill in. State if deceased.		
Attendant at Birth <i>Dr. W. Kohler</i> <small>(Specify if M. D., Midwife or Other)</small>		
Date signed _____ 10.		
Address <i>Deceased</i>		
<b>MOTHER OF CHILD</b>		
Full name <i>Candace Updey</i>		
Color or race <i>White</i> Age at time of this birth <i>30 yrs</i>		
Birthplace <i>Bedsville Mifflin Pa</i> <small>(City, town, county) (State or foreign country)</small>		
Occupation <i>Housewife</i>		
Present address <i>Deceased</i>		

I *William Andrew Ramsey* being first duly sworn on oath, testify that the facts concerning my birth set forth upon this application are true and correct.

*William Andrew Ramsey* (Signature of applicant) *52 Wilson Ave Charberton Pa* (Present address)

Testify that the above applicant for registration of facts of birth has appeared before me and testified to their truth as set forth and affixed his signature thereto and in my presence.

(SEAL)

This *2* day of *June* 19 *42*

*Excav. J. Bush*  
(Signature of Notary Public)  
*Newtown Pa.*  
(Address of Notary Public)  
*Com. Exp. Jan. 3-1944*

Delayed Birth Certificat for William Ramsey from the author's archive.

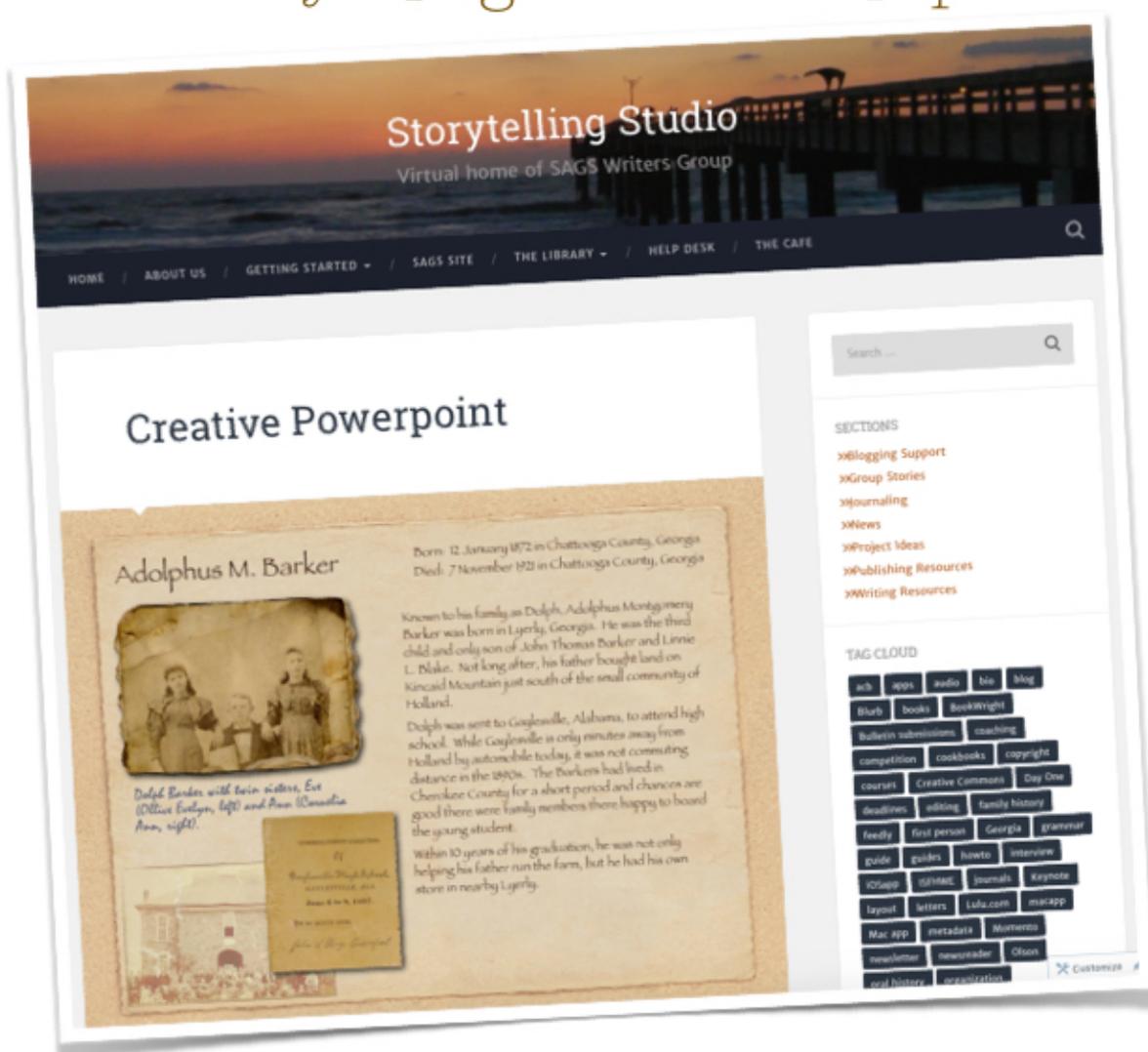
also had a younger brother who had not been registered a birth.

He was unable to enjoy a possible 1967 retirement because of a health issue. He passed away in February, 1958 at the age of 56 from a heart attack.

My mother was also not registered at a 1902 birth time and had to go through the same delayed birth certificate process to get a passport for a 1970's overseas cruise. She was able to make the trip.

There were many Americans born before 1940 - especially those on a farm or rural location - without birth certificates. Being born in the United States gave one a verbal citizenship, but to be eligible for retirement funding with the Social Security Administration, one needed a birth certificate to prove an American birth. As a result, many became a citizen twice.

## Looking for creative ways to share your family history? Storytelling Studio can help!

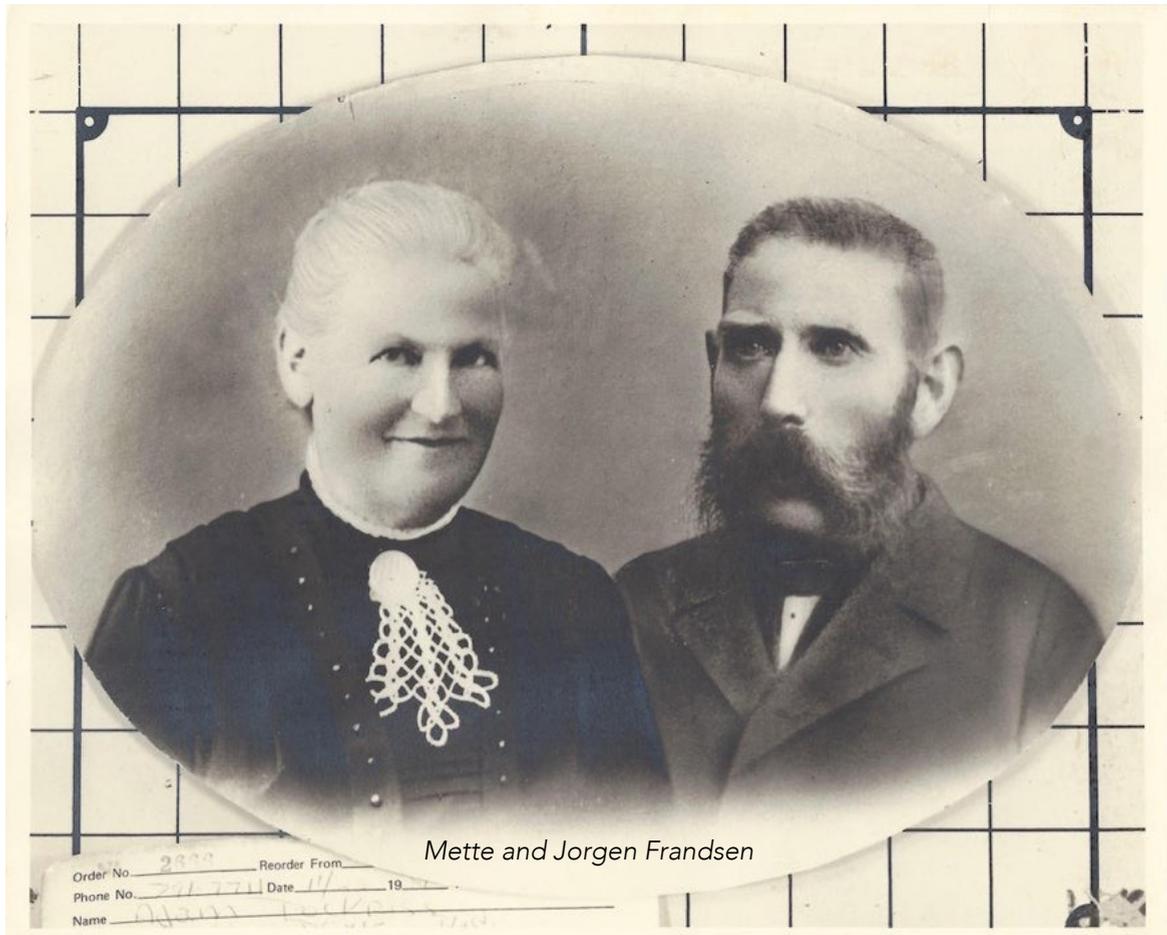


Learn more at the May members meeting.

# Danish Pastries

Bob Burns

For me, this is one sweet story. In March of 2012, I connected with a Danish group on Facebook, which directed me to a forum on Slægt & Data (Family & Data) on DIS-Denmark. The forum participants discuss various topics and help people in their search of Danish records. In my case, they helped me enormously. I simply announced my arrival on the Forum, and asked one question: help in locating the birth or baptismal data regarding my grandfather, Henrik Frederik Køhler Frandsen. He had told my aunt (now 94) that he came from Odense, the same locale as Hans Christian Andersen.



My aunt did say that her father had a penchant for exaggeration, so we needed to take things with a grain of salt (or sugar). Two volunteers started in on the Danish Census records, and then the Lutheran Church Records, both of which I understand are excellent for doing genealogical research. Within hours, I was getting replies from these folks - Lissa P. (who lives south of Copenhagen), and Jane C., (U.S.), then also Homer F. (Texas), and John W. (U.S.). Their replies included the census or church information complete with citations, so I could confirm the data myself.

Ultimately, we found that my grandfather was 27 years old in the 1916 Census in Odense, just before starting a 30 year career as a merchant seaman. He must have simply told my aunt that he was "from" there, while enjoying the stories of Hans Christian Andersen. Henrik was actually born in Fajstrup (town), in Lading parish, Sabro district, Århus county. Århus is quite a ways from Odense, and Århus city is the 2nd largest in Denmark, after Copenhagen (København).

His father, Jørgen Johan Frandsen, was a 37 year old widower and a dairy farm manager. His mother was just 20 ½, from Tilst parish, Hasle district, Århus county, and had an interesting name: Mette Helene Karoline Kristine Erikmine Køhler.

“These endured all and gave all that justice among nations might prevail and that mankind might enjoy freedom and inherit peace.”

*Inscription on the lintel at the Normandy Chapel*

## The Society Page

The May meeting begins at 10:30am on Saturday, May 14th, at the Southeast Branch Library, 6670 US 1 South. Carol Carlisle is our speaker and her program is titled *Nuts and Bolts of Genealogy Research*. It takes a look at research logs and timelines. On research logs, she will explain why to keep them, what to include, how to set them up and format them. On timelines, she will explain what they can tell you, describe the types of timelines, their content, format and set up. There will be examples for both.

Carol is a resident of New Smyrna. She is a retired registered nurse, having served as nurse manager of surgical services at Bert Fish Medical Center in New Smyrna. She has a B.S. in Education from UCF and attended the Institute of Historical and Genealogical Research at Samford University. She is program chair and library liaison for the Southeast Volusia County Genealogical Society and a member of the Florida Pioneer Review Board of the Florida State Genealogical Society.

The SAGS Writers Group is now a virtual SIG! This means you can participate in the group whenever and wherever it is convenient for you. Our online home is called the **Storytelling Studio** and is open only to members of the St. Augustine Genealogical Society. It serves as both a resource center and community center. If you can handle Facebook, you'll be right at home in the Studio. To join us, stop by the Writers Group table at Saturday's meeting or email [sags.publications@yahoo.com](mailto:sags.publications@yahoo.com) to request access to the site.

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## Research Notes

Did you know that May Day (May 1st) is traditionally the day cultural institutions and archives review their disaster plans? We Floridians use May to make sure we are prepared for hurricane season by checking to see that we have plenty of batteries, non-perishable food and water. Do you include your family history archives in your disaster planning? If you're like me, a lot of your family history is stored on your computer. It's time to make sure you have a digital disaster plan to protect that data too.

What is a digital disaster plan? Here are the major things you need to review:

- **Data backups.** Are you doing regular backups of the data stored on your computer? If so, it's time to make sure any new data folder or other content is included. If not, you need to start . . . NOW! Use the 3-2-1 rule to insure your data is protected. This rule requires **3** copies of everything, stored on at least **2** different formats (like hard drive, external drive, CD, cloud storage) with at least **1** copy stored off-site.
- **Image backups.** This includes both your photos and scanned images. The Flickr (<https://www.flickr.com>) photo-sharing service offers every user 1000GB of space to store photos, scanned documents and even video at no cost. Their Pro account (\$50/year) includes auto-uploading all new images saved to your desktop and mobile devices. It makes a very affordable off-site backup for photos and scanned images.
- **Security check.** I use 1Password to manage passwords and other personal data. It includes a security audit to let me know it's time to update old passwords. The new Watchtower feature identifies the sites that have known vulnerabilities so I can change the passwords at those sites.

- **Power check.** We use surge protectors and uninterrupted power supply (UPS) devices to protect all our electronics. The surge protectors have saved our electronics from power spikes and lightning strikes. The batteries in the UPS prevent interruptions from quick outages and give us enough time to shut down our computers properly when we have longer outages so that we don't lose any data. Now's a good time to check them and replace older ones no longer operating at full capacity.
- Use your mobile phone to maintain contact information, insurance policy information and other data you need if the worse does happen.
- Do you have a plan in place for contacting family members if something should happen? Large disasters generate a lot of telephone traffic that can quickly overwhelm phone systems. Text messages operate on different channels and often are the best way to communicate. You may not be a texting fan, but it's a good idea to know the basics just in case.
- Don't forget the weather radio either. Not only can it alert you to severe weather in your immediate area, but many of the latest ones can be charged by cranking a hand-crank built into the device. Some even have solar panels to help keep it charged. Many also include flashlights and the ability to connect and charge your mobile phone.



*New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina*

## 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](mailto: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 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.
- **SAGS Mailing List** - The mailing list is used to keep members informed on upcoming meetings, announcement and other activities. To join, send an email message to [SAGS-L-request@rootsweb.com](mailto:SAGS-L-request@rootsweb.com) with the word **subscribe** in the subject line and in the message body. You will receive a return message asking you to confirm your subscription. Follow the link included in the message. Once you confirm you will receive a welcome message providing instructions for using it.
- [SAGS Publications Library](#) - This online library is open 24/7. Here you will find current and past issues of the Ancient City Bulletin along with other society publications.
- [SAGS Writers Group](#) - This blog serves as a virtual community center supporting our writers group.

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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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