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LCGS MEETINGS

July & August, 2015: Summer Break. No meetings.

September 15, 2015: Dick Moody will present part two of his two part series, Records Generated by 20th & 21st Century Military Service. Part Two, War!! WWI, WWII, Korean, Viet Nam & More.

Dick Moody has been actively researching his and his wife's lines for over 30 years. In that time he has had several "pre-Internet" trips to the National Archives in Washington DC, state archives and libraries in several states, the Family History Library in Salt Lake City and literally has been digging in a cemetery in the Appalachian mountains of northeastern



Tennessee in his search for family roots.

He is a former reporter turned academic, has a doctorate degree, has taught research methodology and reference citations at the graduate level for Regis University, and has served as a committee member for doctoral students at Seattle University. He currently manages state contracts in Washington, Oregon, and California for ACT (pronounced A - C - T), the college entrance testing company. Dick is member of the Olympia Genealogical Society Board of Directors and editor of the Society's Quarterly Journal.

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The meeting is at 7:00 PM with doors open at 6:45 PM at St. John's Lutheran Church, 2190 Jackson Hwy, Chehalis, WA 98532

October 20, 2015: Jim Johnson, Director of Heritage Quest Research Library in Sumner will present "Researching your Ancestors Who Came from Sweden". Jim will discuss: Swedish resources available online. Swedish Patronymics (naming patterns). What is a Flyttningsbetyg and why do I care? Finding and Using Swedish Church records. Why did my ancestor leave Sweden? Getting translation help. And, other useful helps for finding your ancestors.

The HQRL Books on the Road will be there with many useful books and genealogical supplies including the Flip-Pal scanner.



The meeting is at 7:00

PM with doors open at 6:45 PM at St. John's Lutheran Church, 2190 Jackson Hwy, Chehalis, WA 98532

NOTICE:

At the April 2015 General Meeting, the Membership voted unanimously that our permanent meeting place will be St. John's Lutheran Church, 2190 Jackson Hwy, Chehalis, WA 98532.

As always, consult the individual meeting notices for specific information about each month's meeting.

"The Irish are Coming! The Irish are Coming!"

It's confirmed! Lewis County Genealogical Society will be hosting Fintan Mullan and Gillian Hunt of the Ulster Historical Foundation, Belfast, Ireland, for an all day seminar at Bethel Church, 132 Kirkland Rd., Chehalis, WA, on Monday, March 14, 2016. They will present an Irish view on finding your Ulster relatives. Focusing on the 17th Century and bringing us into the 21st Century.

Stay tuned. Updates will be posted as they develop.



EVENTS, SEMINARS....

September 19, 2015, Skagit Valley
Genealogical Society, Mt Vernon, WA.

"Genealogy – All About Life" with Jill Morelli
presenting "Just Do It! Writing your Family
History" and "My Top Ten Tech Tools I Really
Use–and So Can Youl" and Mary Kathryn Kozy
presenting "Researching in Newspapers" and
"Google and its Genealogy Tools". More info and
online registration at
http://skagitvalleygenealogy.org/seminar 2015/

September 26, 2015, Whatcom Genealogical Society presents their WGS Fall Seminar at Saint James Presbyterian Church in Bellingham, WA. Jill Morelli will speak on "The Push and the Pull: Decision Making of the 19th Century Emigrant", "Insanity in the 19th Century", and "Getting the Most from Insurance Maps". Jim Johnson will

speak on "Finding and Using Your Ancestors' Church Records." More information found at http://wagenweb.org/whatcom/WGS/wgs.htm.

October 3, 2015, Yakima Genealogical Society, 2015 Fall Workshop. Speakers on a variety of topics will include Susan Boatright, Richard Kyle, Sue Ericksen, Chris Cook, Judy Schuster and Patrick Bundy. Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, 7809 Tieton Drive, Yakima. Lunch is included. For a list of classes and a registration form go to http://yvgs.net/cpage.php?pt=45

October 10, 2015, Autumn Quest 2015 Finding Women from your Past, with Donna Potter-Phillips: Finding your Women on the Internet, Jill Morelli: Soldiers, Spies, & Farm Wives - Changing roles of women during the Civil War, Janice Lovelace: Beyond online - Finding women in the Courthouse and Janet Camarata: Difficult Women: The Ways our Female Ancestors Confound Our Research. The seminar will be held at the Faith Covenant Church in Sumner, WA. Registration will be limited to 120 this year so register early. More info at http://www.hqrl.com/autumnquest/autumnquest.html

October 17 & 18, 2015, Seattle Genealogical Society 2015 Fall Seminar "The Family History Detective: Finding Solutions to Your Toughest Research Problems". Speaker: Dr. Thomas W. Jones, CG, CGL, author of the recently published book Mastering Genealogical Proof. Topics for October 17, 2015 (seminar): Can a Complex Research Problem Be Solved Solely Online?", "Five Ways to Prove Who Your Ancestor Was (Some Reliable and Others Not Reliable)" "Inferential Genealogy: Deducing Ancestors' Identities Indirectly", "Solving the Mystery of the Disappearing Ancestor". Also, on October 18, 2015 (special classes): "Developing Research Questions and Hypotheses: Planning an Exhaustive Search". "Special Problems: Finding Immigrant and Migrant Origins". http://seattlegenealogicalsociety.org/content/se minars

March 14, 2016, Lewis County Genealogical Society will present Fintan Mullan and Gillian Hunt of Ulster Historical Foundation, Belfast, Ireland at an all day conference at Bethel Church, 132 Kirkland Rd., Chehalis, WA. Details will follow in the September newsletter.

If you know of a seminar or event of interest to members of our society, please e-mail your newsletter editor.

WSGS Communicates: News From the Blog...

Here are some recent highlights from our WSGS blog:

Washington State Genealogical Conference 2016
By Charles Hansen

Tacoma Pierce County Genealogical Society will be the host for the 2016 WSGS Conference It will be June 18th, 2016 and held at the La Quinta Inn in Tacoma. The speaker will be Paula Warren. Watch the blog for more details.

Does your genealogical society's seeming lack of enthusiasm to participate get you down? Perhaps this will help. This is a blurb from the September 1975 issue of the EWSG newsletter and was titled: "There's a Hitch to It." (No author given.)

With his thumb up, a hitchhiker says, "You furnish the gas, car, attend to the repairs and upkeep, supply the insurance and I'll ride with you. But if you have an accident, I'll sue you for damages."

This sounds pretty one-sided but one wonders how many hitchhikers there are in many organizations and even churches. Many members seem to say, "You go to the meetings, serve on boards and committees, do the paper work, contact the legislators and take care of things that need doing and I'll just do along for the ride. And if things don't suit my fancy, I will complain, criticize and probably get out and hitchhike to another group."

Hitchhiker or driver, which one are you???

Did your ancestors settle in western states and were first landowners? If so, you can find the information about their land at www.historygeo.com. Arizona, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota, Washington, and Wyoming land records were recently added to the database. I don't have ancestors in those states but I did find great-great-grandfather in Kansas. Doing a search on some surnames of those I know settled in these areas produced a lot of results. Check this database for your ancestors. Read the article about these 3.3 million original landowners added to historygeo.com.

Blog.historygeo.com/2015/06/08/western-states-added-to-first-landowners-project/

(Jeanine Barndt is the Head Librarian for the Heritage Quest Research Library in beautiful downtown Sumner, Washington; this bit is from the HQRL Newsletter for Fall 2015.)

Judy Russell, The Legal Genealogist, was one of the speakers at the recent NWGC (Northwest Genealogical Conference). As you would guess, and knowing she is/was a lawyer, she speaks on exacting and precise topics. Her blog post of 14 August 2015 was a tribute to the many and good records in our Evergreen State.

"Eighteenth in size among the states, 13th in population, known for its timber and aircraft industry, home of the Kennewick Man and the Space Needle, Washington State is also home to some truly amazing genealogical resources."

Then Judy took an entire page worth to list and describe some of our resources, and ended with "This is truly a comprehensive and amazing resource for anyone with Washington State research to

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be done. So check it out..... the Evergreen State has a lot to offer "

We thank you, Judy, for your sure and kind words about our Pacific Northwest home.

(Editor's Note: Here's a link to the article on Judy Russell's blog: http://www.legalgenealogist.com/blog/2015/08/14/washington-state-resources/)

Seattle Genealogical Society Tip of the Week by Charles Hansen

TIP OF THE WEEK – Bring Back the Interactive Map Have you ever used the Newberry Library website "Atlas of Historical County Boundaries" page?

Renowned as the easiest, most complete site to track county boundaries, it has maps, text and tools to view historical county configurations against the modern county network.

The Legal Genealogist, Judy Russell, has an informative article about this interactive map at :

http://www.legalgenealogist.com/blog/2015/07/21/dear-newberry/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+T

Unfortunately at this moment, as you read, the interactive map portion of this site is "temporarily unavailable". Please take the time to add your email address to the list of those that need to be notified "when this functionality has been restored". Let the Newberry Library folks know this interactive map is useful and important to you.

TIP OF THE WEEK - Update

Remember "U.S., Index to Alien Case Files, 1940-2003" from last issue's "Tip of the Week"? It is not only available at Ancestry.com as reported, but it is also available via FamilySearch.org. Check out: https://familysearch.org/search/collection/2540918

You can sign up at http://wasgs.org/blog/ to receive WSGS blog posts via email.

Websites to Check Out

<u>Legacy Family Tree Webinars Video Library</u>. Many of these webinars are free and can be watched at any time. http://familytreewebinars.com/archived_webinars.php Plus, be sure to keep checking in. Each LIVE webinar is FREE to view for 7 days after the event.

Cousins & Cousinhood, It's All Strictly Relative. A cousin chart with an explanation of how it works, with traditional degree of relationship, relationship and genetic kinship. http://tevern.us/gen/Cousins/

Genealogical Word Lists are handy when searching foreign records. Here is a convenient place to find those lists all in one place on FamilySearch:

https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Category:Word List You will also find a lengthy list of resources on Cyndi's

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List at http://www.cyndislist.com/languages/foreign-language-translations-and-dictionaries-genealogy/

Wisconsin Historical Society's Wisconsin Name Index. The Wisconsin Name Index (WNI) collection is an index of three categories of information: obituaries, newspaper clippings and biographical book excerpts.

The categories draw from a database of 150 county and local histories, dozens of professional directories and biographical encyclopedias, more than 60 scrapbooks containing 30,000 obituaries, and selected articles in Wisconsin magazines and newspapers. Most items were published 1870-1970.

History of the Wisconsin Name Index: Starting about 1870, Society librarians made a catalog card for every biographical sketch included in each new Wisconsin county history. They made a similar card for every obituary added to the scrapbooks they called the "Wisconsin Necrolog." In addition, they frequently added catalog cards for magazine and newspaper articles about Wisconsin residents. In all, more than 1,500 publications were indexed by Wisconsin Historical Society librarians.

After more than a century of such work, the data on the original cards was typed into a database by state employees. In 2003 and 2004, 50,000 more records were added through an agreement WISDEX: Wisconsin biography index.

The collection is indexed by name or topic. Use the information on the index record to help you locate and view the item at the Library. Go to the link labeled "Browse All Digitized WNI Records" and click it. Then use filters on the left hand side of the results page to refine your search. There is a citation line in your results so you can easily cite your source.

http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/Content.aspx?dsNav=N: 4294963828-4294963805&dsRecordDetails=R:CS3508

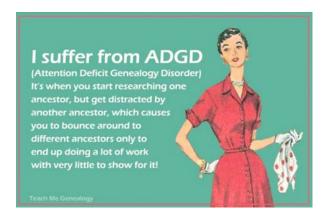
Beginner's Guide to Genetic Genealogy. DNA is the molecule that encodes the genetic instructions for building and operating all living things. Humans are 99.9% genetically identical. That is a very important concept to remember. All the differences we see in the way people look, what diseases they may be prone to etc. come from the .1% difference. That doesn't seem like much until you realize that there are about THREE BILLION base pairs in which those differences may be expressed. The human genome is the complete set of human genetic information. It is located within the 23 pairs of chromosomes. Each half of the pair represents our mother or our father. These 23 chromosomes reside within the nucleus of our cells. There is also a small DNA molecule found within individual parts called mitochondria. You can learn a lot about DNA research at this site.

https://sites.google.com/site/wheatonsurname/beginners-guide-to-genetic-genealogy

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Introducing the AncestryDNA New Shared Matches Feature. Want to do more with your DNA matches? Check out the latest tool, "shared matches" that will pull a list of DNA matches that you and one of your DNA matches have in common. This new feature went on-line on Aug 26, 2015 and might help you determine which family line you share or give you more evidence that you're related to a specific person or match. View this 5 minute video at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zF1auApOy-c&feature=youtu.be

Your link suggestions are appreciated. Please e-mail them to your newsletter editor at LesleeD@minerallake.com



Yet Another Reason (or Two or Three) to Attend a Genealogy Conference...By Leslee Dunlap

Patty Olsen and I attended the three-day Northwest Genealogy Conference in Arlington, Washington this August. Patty was running late and did not attend Wednesday evening's "welcome banquet" so I had my dinner with some kind and welcoming ladies from South Whidbey Genealogical Society who invited me to join them. We became conference buddies and attended some of the same classes and often sat together throughout the conference.

At the Friday evening banquet my newly adopted friends and I were looking for a place to be seated. A man in his 70s was the only one at one of the banquet tables. He introduced himself as John Howell and kindly invited us to join him, as he was attending the conference alone. Another woman with whom he was acquainted with from last year's conference also joined us and we were all chatting amongst ourselves while we were waiting for our meals. I overheard him telling the other woman something that ended with "London, Ontario"—I noticed that.

When I got a minute I told him I had family that had lived in the London, Ontario area and they had subsequently moved to Michigan. He said that his wife's family had followed the same route and settled near Lansing, Michigan. I told him I was almost afraid to ask what the family name was, because I assumed to myself that even though Lansing is very close to where my family lived, it could just be another near miss, so I told him anyway that mine was Montague. He looked surprised and said his wife had Montagues in her family. I told him about my trip to Michigan last summer to research my Montague family who lived in Ovid and that my great-grandfather Joseph

Montague's in-laws, the Bordens, whose reunion I attended during my visit, lived in the same vicinity; from Ovid to Elsie to Owosso where my grandmother was born. He said his wife went to school at the Ovid-Elsie school and he recalled she had a William and a Henry Montage in her family. I told him my Henry Montague and his wife Mary Elizabeth Sinclair, who were buried in the Blood Cemetery in Ovid, were my great, greatgrandparents. He could hardly believe it. He and his wife had been to Blood Cemetery many times. Actually, neither one of us could believe that we had met like this! He had not heard of my great-grandfather, Joseph Montague.

At that point, we weren't sitting next to each other and had been exchanging information on paper for a while, then, after it got too involved to pass notes, we were talking to each other across the table. The lady who was sitting between us insisted that he move next to me so we could talk. Apparently, the whole table was enjoying our exchange, and they wanted us to be able to sit together and visit.

I had my tablet computer with the Ancestry app on it and downloaded our Montague family tree. I showed it to him and again, he could hardly believe it! I told him about our family genealogist, Susan Montague Lundt, who put together that tree with a little help from some other branches of the Montague family, including me. I told him about the Montague book that Susan had written in the 1980s and that her information did not include Joseph Montague's rather large family. This was due to some bad information relating to another Joseph Montague whose death occurred in Ontario in the 1920s. That Joseph apparently did not have a family. My great-grandfather Joseph Montague, born in 1860 in Ontario, moved to Michigan with his family in about 1868 lived in Michigan, married Maude Leona Borden in 1886 and moved to Elbe, Washington with the Borden family in 1908. He promptly died of heart failure on his 49th birthday in January of 1909 and is buried in the Mineral Cemetery.

I told my new friend John that I finally located Susan Montague, and together we added my Montagues to her genealogy. It's a very large family and she had not yet gotten around to scrutinizing Joseph. John said they had a Montague book but couldn't remember off hand who wrote it. They'd had it for quite some time and he said it was almost worn out. I'm sure it is Susan's book. I asked him if he knew Jerry Bohnet, another Montague researcher that I found and he said that he had met Jerry a couple of times during their August visits to Michigan and that they exchange emails once in a while.

John and I looked through the Montague tree and found his wife's mother! John Howell's wife is Molly Temple, daughter of Marian Montague, daughter of William Montague who is son of Henry Montague and Mary Sinclair. I saw many Temple graves in my tours through the cemeteries of Ovid, Michigan last summer. I wish I had known then!

I told him that my genealogical goal in life is to find something out about Mary Elizabeth Sinclair, whose death certificate I could not locate while in Michigan and whose death notice and obituary names her "Mrs. Henry Montague" and includes two of her surviving married daughters as "Mrs." and no first names, only their husband's names. Susan Montague and Jerry

Bohnet had not found much information about her life before her marriage. We have no idea who her parents are. She is not in Susan's direct line but is in Jerry's line. Jerry has nothing on her surname except what's found on her children's death certificates and a little bit more. Neither of them have looked deeply, for various reasons. The leads for Mary Elizabeth Sinclair's birth are all over the map, ranging from Argylshire, Scotland to New York to Maine and I don't know just where to begin. She is listed in a very old book, "History and genealogy of the Montague family of America, descended from Richard Montague of Hadley, Mass., and Peter Montague of Lancaster Co., Va. with genealogical notes of other families by name of Montague" published in 1886 by George W. Montague. Henry Montague and Montague are in the "other families by the name of Montague" section of the book. My uncle was told by his grandmother that her mother-in-law, Mary Montague was from New York and the family was cheated out of all their property in New York (City?). But whose family—hers or her husband's? So, to say the least, there are a lot of uncertainties surrounding her.

I told John Howell that I had tested myself at Family Tree DNA, hoping to get an atDNA (autosomal) match that will lead me in the right direction. The day's seminar sessions were all on the topic of DNA research.

Well, the entire table was watching our exchange all this time and we didn't even notice until the conference chairman, Eric Stroschein, passed by and one of my friends told him what was happening and he asked us what our names were. Later, just before he introduced the banquet speaker, Judy Russell, "The Legal Genealogist", the chairman announced what was going on at our table. Apparently this isn't something that happens every day.

I do know that I have a guardian angel that takes care of me. I have been working hard to find people who I am related to and with really good success because of my research and my tenacity. But this time I think it was a gift and not my hard work that did it. I do know this wouldn't have happened if I had not gone to the conference and if I had not met my new friends from Whidbey Island.

By the way, one of my new Whidbey friends, Maureen MacDonald, also made contact with a relative she didn't know, with the help of the conference message board that was in the main hall. After their connection was announced at the conference, that message board was "the place to be" during session breaks!

Postscript on the AARP Ancestry Discount

by Sandi Gaffney

I just called to renew my Ancestry.com subscription and found out something I would like to pass along. The AARP discount I received last year is a one time deal. I had also gotten a discount on Newspapers.com. I did renew doing the world deluxe semi-annual which also gives me Fold3 and Newspapers.com.

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Note from the editor about updated information and RENEWALS – If a renewal application was not submitted at the beginning of the year, please let us know of any changes to be made.

Genealogy: Keeping personal electronic mail

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Like paper letters, your e-mail messages document important events, transactions and relationships. You might want to save some e-mails—or perhaps many of them.

Saving an e-mail involves keeping it separate from your e-mail program. This is because e-mail programs are not meant to keep information for a long time: they can change or stop providing support at any time.

Archiving Tips

- Identify all your e-mail sources
 - Identify your personal e-mail accounts.
 - Within each account, find all folders or other separate groupings of messages; include any "archived" messages.
- Decide which messages have long-term value
 - Pick the messages you feel are especially important.
 - You can pick a few messages or many.
 - Save attachments that are part of the selected messages.
- Export the selected messages
 - If saving a few messages, you can use the "save as" command in your e-mail browser or software program to export them as individual files.
 - If saving many e-mails, investigate automatically exporting them using the email program.
 - If possible, save messages in an open format. Save metadata for the messages, including the message "header" (the subject, from, to and time and date).
- Organize the saved messages
 - Give individual messages and attachments descriptive file names.
 - Create a directory/folder structure on your computer to put the saved messages and attachments.
 - Write a brief summary of the directory structure and its files.
 - Make copies and manage them in different places
- Make at least two copies of your selected messages and attachments—more copies are better.
 - One copy can stay on your computer or laptop; put other copies on separate media such as DVDs, CDs, portable hard drives, thumb drives or Internet storage.
 - Store copies in different locations that are as physically far apart as practical. If disaster strikes one location, copies of your e-mails and attachments in the other place should be safe.
 - Put a copy of the summary description with your important papers in a secure location.
 - Check your saved e-mail and attachments at least once a year to make sure you can read them.
- Create new media copies every five years or when necessary to avoid data loss.

My family coat of arms ties at the back...is that normal?

Genealogy: How to increase your success in finding the ancestor's maiden name

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It's not uncommon for immigrant ancestors to marry outside of their culture. In my case I have Great-Great Grandmother Dahle, a Norwegian, marrying into my Welsh Jones line. In these situations the key is being able to locate the maiden name of the female ancestor. In my own research I have found that female maiden names are not included in the records of our male ancestors. For example: Females were not allowed to vote until the twentieth century and seldom owned land. Even in church records, we often find the full name of the husband or father, but then only the first name is listed for the female.

When I am faced with the need to find the maiden name of an ancestor, I will search the following record types:

Marriage records. I find marriage records to be the best place to find a maiden name. Marriage records refers to a group of records that are created at the time of marriage. Types of marriage records include a marriage license, marriage certificate, marriage announcements, marriage banns and bonds. To secure a marriage certificate, you will need to know the:

- Full name of the groom
- First name of the bride
- Approximate date of the marriage
- State or county of where the marriage took place

Church records. Church records usually include recordings of church marriages, baptism or christening. You will need to know the:

- Individual name
- · Church where ceremony or ordinance was performed
- Name of clergy that appears on the certificate

Newspapers. The most common articles that yield maiden names are wedding announcements or obituaries. You will need to know the following:

- Approximate date of event
- Name of the groom for the wedding announcement
- Full name of deceased person
- State and city where the event occurred

When I can't find the obituary of a female ancestor, I will look for obituaries of their siblings and other family members, which usually provides clues I can follow in the census and other records.

Land records. I have found a few land records that were transferred from father to daughter. Examine deeds for your ancestor or her husband which include the Latin phrases "et ux." (and wife) and "et al." (and others). Land records may include the names of family members. Make sure you check who was selling land to your ancestors. It was common for these persons to be related to your family. If the parents of a female ancestor are the sellers, you may be able to find her maiden name.

Bible records. If you suspect there was a family bible, but it's no longer in the family's possession, you can sometimes find them through message boards or database searches. Many bibles have been digitized and are searchable on the internet. You will need to know the following information:

- Woman's full married name
- State and county in which she lived

Death records. If your ancestor died within the last century, chances are there is a death certificate. The certificates often list a maiden name. You will need to know the following:

- Woman's full name
- State and county in which she lived
- Approximate date of death

Death certificates can often include inaccurate information. Make sure you review who provided the information and the relationship to assess the potential for accuracy.

Military pension records. If the husband of the ancestor I am researching was in the military, there is a good chance there is a pension record. You will need to know the following:

- Veteran's name
- Branch of service (Army, Navy, Air Force, or Marine Corps)
- State where the veteran enlisted
- War in which the veteran served. (Note: If service was after 1916, you must also know entry and release dates, military ID number, Social Security number, whether an officer or enlisted, and date of birth.)

Cemetery records. Tombstones may reveal female's maiden name through

- The inscription: "wife of so and so"
- The inscription: Maiden name as a middle name or initial
- Checking nearby plots for possible family members
- Census records. Follow your ancestors through the census. Consider the following:
- Young couples may be found living with the wife's parents
- Elderly parent may have been added to the household
- Brothers, sisters, or other family members may be found living with the ancestors' family
- Clues may also be found in the names of families living nearby

Probate records and wills. If I have an idea of who the parents might be, I will check the probate records and wills for the name of children. To find the maiden name in probate records, you will need to know:

- Woman's full name at time of death
- Approximate date of her death
- County or town in which she lived at the time of her death



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