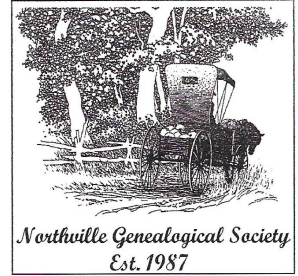


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if you don't renew by the end of the year.



President's Letter

One of the useful results of studying family history is learning about the importance of endurance. I know that it is helping me get through 2020. I remember all the stories and historical events that my ancestors went through and realize that the inconveniences that we are going through aren't all that bad. Of course, to those who are directly affected by either suffering severe symptoms or the death of family members, the impact is very hard and ranks up there with the worst of the disasters. And the loneliness of those in hospitals and nursing homes has been very hard. I am lucky that we are retired and don't have to worry about not having a job or health care.

But for the majority of people, getting through the next year or so will be a matter of endurance. We are lucky that we have the internet, phones and Zoom meetings so we can still socialize with people and do our jobs. We have to physically distance—not social distance. Our ancestors, when they left the old country for the new world, would probably never see their family and friends again. They might write letters, but that would take weeks or months to arrive. Many were not literate so couldn't write. A few were lucky and came to an area with others from the same background. Others came not speaking the language nor understanding the culture. What determination they must have had to adjust to a new world.

I think about my ancestors who were cleared off their land in Scotland, shipped in holds for weeks across the sea, coming to a forested wilderness and having to clear and plant and build a shack using new skills they had to learn. Even after a few years of harvesting, both my grandparents had to carry 50 pound bags of grain on their backs to the mill and back, a distance of over 40 miles in a day. I read about other relatives who endured two years of devastation by grasshopper infestations following a year of drought. What endurance they must have had to go with little food and severe winters.

Then there are the men who went off to years of war, not knowing whether they would live or die; their wives carrying on at home working the job of two, praying that they would see their husbands again, and then nursing them through mental and physical wounds. We still remember people who lived through the Depression when their land failed them, losing their homes and not knowing when their next meal would be. There is the loneliness of the sod houses on the prairies where it might be months between seeing people.

It gives us perspective on enduring hardships. Millions of people died in the 1918 flu pandemic and the reoccurring bouts of plague. But Isaac Newton isolated himself at home during the 1665 bubonic plague and invented calculus and developed the laws of gravity and motion. So, enduring hardships and isolation need not be paralyzing. Like our ancestors, we learn to adjust, make the most of what we have and wait for a better time.

So, while you wait, research your ancestors and the circumstances of their lives. Use the information you learn to appreciate what we have and be thankful. Most of all, ENDURE!

Grace Wilfong, President

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Northville District Library

212 W. Cady

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• Roundtable Discussions: 1:15 PM

• General Meeting: 2:30 PM

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Visitors are always welcome.

Board meetings are held in the same location at 10:00 AM on the Tuesday prior to the general meeting.

Members are welcome to attend.

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Genealogy News

Reclaim the Records Takes on NARA

The following was written by Reclaim The Records:

We just filed the single largest Freedom of Information Act request in our organization's history, for billions of historical records. Yes, billions!

And this time, we're not just taking on a single city or state archive or agency. No, we're trying to get these billions of files from none other than the United States National Archives and Records Administration, NARA.

What kind of files? Oh, you know, basically just everything that was ever digitized through their public-private digitization partnership program.

Like, say, the Census. Immigration records. Military files. Everything.

But instead of cramming everything into this e-mail, we're going to point you to the whole story on our website, and you can read all about it there: <https://tinyurl.com/y5xqv4oe>

Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter, 14 Oct 2020

New Record Collections from Wales on MyHeritage

I'm happy to announce the publication of three important Welsh historical record collections on MyHeritage: Wales, Parish Births and Baptisms; Wales, Parish Marriages and Banns; and Wales, Parish Deaths and Burials.

The collections consist of 14.8 million indexed historical records and cover over 450 years of Welsh history. These collections are the only source of genealogical information in Wales before the 19th century, making them an invaluable resource for anyone researching their Welsh heritage. High quality scans of the original documents will be added very soon.

Please find the official blog post with some sample records from this collection here: <https://tinyurl.com/yyffp9v8>

*Email from Daniel Horowitz at MyHeritage
Submitted by Pat Allen*

Maryland Death Records Before 1910 Now Online

The Maryland Archives has been working on major projects to digitize and make available to the public the death records for free online. Owen Lourie, Historian at the Maryland State Archives and Project Director of Finding the Maryland 400 Project, has reported that the death certificates through 1910 are now available online. These are created from the cleaner original microfilm.

The 1848-1898 death certificates were already online and now the 1898-1910 are too. Original Marriage Licenses 1777-1851 have also been made available.

To search the online 1898 through 1910 records, start at: <http://guide.msa.maryland.gov/pages/series.aspx?ID=se42>

Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter, 21 Sep 2020

2020-2021 Roundtables & Programs

2:30 - Members Sign In to Meeting on Zoom

2:45 - General Meeting

3:00 - Speaker

NOTE: Until further notice, meetings will be held virtually on Zoom. The link to attend will be sent to members prior to the meeting. Roundtables will resume once we are meeting at the Library again.

SOME DATES ARE NOT THE 2ND SUNDAY!

Nov 8 - Roundtable: ~~Citing Sources~~

Program: "Acadian & French-Canadian Genealogy"

Speaker: Judy Nimer-Muhn

Jan 10 - Roundtable: Genealogy of a House

Program: "Native American Research"

Speaker: Judy Nimer-Muhn

Feb 14 - Roundtable and Program: "Burning Questions"

Mar 14 - Roundtable: Oakland County Resources

Program: "Our European Ancestors' Voyage to America"

Speaker: Katherine Willson

Apr 11 - Roundtable: Lessons from Rural Hill Cemetery

Program: "What the Heck Does That Say? Overcoming Difficult Handwriting"

Speaker: Pam Vestal

May 2 - Roundtable: County & City Histories

Program: "Researching Polish Family History: Sources and Strategies"

Speaker: Patricia Yokum

Jun 6 - Roundtable: Chicago Research

Program: "How to Write the Stories of Your Life"

Speaker: Laura Hedgecock

SAVE THE DATE: RootsTech 2021

Make plans to join us online at RootsTech Connect 2021, now planned for February 25 – 27, 2021. For the first time in the conference's history, it will be free for all to attend virtually.

We're excited to be there alongside plenty of other exciting speakers and a global audience. With classes in multiple languages, a virtual marketplace, Q and A sessions, and opportunities to interact with expert genealogists, RootsTech is going to be more inspiring than ever.

Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/y6av9mo2>

Ancestry's October 2020 Update

On the Web:

Northern Ireland Place Names

At Placenamesni.org you can browse for Northern Irish counties, baronies and parishes—though you'll have to keyword-search for townlands. This is a good site to use if you have a partial or muddled place name, or if you're not sure whether the place name you have is a parish or a townland. Each page for a place name includes a variety of information: the name's Irish origin, background and historical name forms, plus a historical reference for them in each of these forms.

<http://www.placenamesni.org/index.php>

Placenames Database of Ireland

This database includes information on more than 60,000 townlands in the whole of Ireland. The pages for each townland generally include basic information about the name, where it is on the "Irish Grid," a link to archival records, a list of famous people born there, the name of the corresponding parish, and (if relevant) a link to Placenamesni.org.

<https://www.logainm.ie/en>

*Two above extracted from the article "Red-Handed,"
by Amanda Epperson, Family Tree Magazine, Jul/Aug 2020*

Population Registry of Poznań 1870-1931

Looking for family who may have lived in the Poznań area? This website has an alphabetical index of names from the Population Registry which can provide much information. Information collected on these residence cards is as follows: given and surname, birth date, birth place and province, as well as residence.

<http://www.e-kartoteka.net/en/>

*Polish Genealogical Society of Michigan website,
accessed 22 Oct 2020*

Greek Ancestry

This is the first digital platform created to meet the needs of people who are researching their families in Greece. The site is bilingual, and people can search by name or village, in either English or Greek. There are some really valuable records on this website including: Male Registers, Military Lists, Voter Lists, Census Lists, Parish Census and Priest Elections. When you select search, you will be asked to select an area. These searches are free, though there is a fee to acquire an actual copy of a record.

<https://greekancestry.net/>

*Extracted from the article "Net Notes,"
by Diane L. Richard, Internet Genealogy magazine, Jun/Jul 2020*



New DNA Study Reveals Most Vikings Weren't Blond or Blue-Eyed

If you have Scandinavian ancestry, you probably will be interested in an article by Jim Vejvoda and published in the IGN.com website. Here is an excerpt:

It turns out most Vikings weren't as fair-haired and blue-eyed as legend and pop culture have led people to believe. According to a new study on the DNA of over 400 Viking remains, most Vikings had dark hair and dark eyes.

Nature's study sequencing the genomes of 442 Viking remains from Viking-inhabited areas like northern Europe, Italy, and Greenland — human remains dated between 2400 B.C. to 1600 A.D. and which were buried with a variety of Viking artifacts — reveals far more genetic diversity than previously thought about the people who came from the land of the ice and snow. The Vikings, after all, were a scattered group whose sea-faring for trade, exploration, and conquest saw them settle far and wide during the Viking Age that lasted from roughly 700 A.D. to 1100 A.D.

Not only did many of the studied Vikings turn out to not be blond or blue-eyed, their genetic admixture shows they weren't a distinct ethnic group but rather a mix of various other groups, "with ancestry from hunter-gatherers, farmers, and populations from the Eurasian steppe."

You can read the full article at: <https://tinyurl.com/y6bgbjgp>

Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter, 22 Sep 2020

The Limits of DNA

Because of the way genetic material is shuffled and passed down randomly, with chunks reconfigured, trimmed, and lost in each generation, you may not share detectable DNA with, say, a fourth or fifth cousin or beyond, which means they won't show up for you on your list of matches. In some cases, that is even true for third cousins. As computational biologist Yaniv Erlich has pointed out, "Even if you are connected to a person who came over on the *Mayflower* in 1620 (about thirteen generations ago), chances are that you did not inherit any of this person's DNA. If we could do a genetic test, you and your *Mayflower* relative would look like two unrelated people." In other words, even though someone shows up on your genealogical tree, that doesn't necessarily mean they'll be in your genetic tree. (Science journalist Carl Zimmer points out that this throws cold water on our genetic essentialism, shattering whatever illusions we might have about inheriting some important ancestor's royal blood, or another ancestor's ignominy, via their DNA.)

*Extracted from "The Lost Family:
How DNA Testing is Upending Who We Are,"
by Libby Copeland*



Christmas Superstitions

*Curious about your ancestors' beliefs in the Old Country?
Check out what the Northville Record came up with in 1940:*

Significant meanings surround Christmas, according to superstitions believed in various parts of the world.

- In Holstein, Mistletoe is not only supposed to be a cure for all green wounds, but will insure success in the chase and give strength to the wrestler.
- Early Norsemen believed for centuries that the Mistletoe would give protection against both bodily ailments and evil spirits.
- A person who is born on Christmas will have power to see and command spirits, according to a Scottish belief.
- French peasants believe that babies born on Christmas have the gift of prophecy.
- If a baby is born at sermon time on Christmas Eve in Middle Europe, it portends that someone in the house will die within the year.
- Daughters born in the Vosges, France, on December 25 will be wise, witty and virtuous.
- A baby born on Christmas in Silesia will become either a lawyer or a thief.
- Girls in the ancient Duchy of Swavia seldom missed the opportunity offered by Christmas to look into the future at their future husbands. On Christmas Eve they would go to the woodpile to draw sticks. If a girl pulled a thick stick, her husband would be stout; if a long stick, he would be tall; if a crooked stick, he would be deformed. They would determine the business of their future husbands by dropping melted lead into a pan of cold water. The molten metal would form various shapes in cooling, and thus resemble the insignia of his occupation: hammer shape, a carpenter; shoe shape, a cobbler. Every piece of lead resembled some occupation to the old wives.
- A maiden in Switzerland who accepts a bunch of Edelweiss at Christmas also accepts the man who proffers it.
- All animals in the German Alps can speak on Christmas Eve.
- It is believed in the Netherlands that nothing sown on Christmas Eve will perish. Even seed sown in the snow will live.
- A Bohemian wife will die within a year if she burns a Christmas cake.
- To insure an abundant harvest in Denmark, some of the bread baked on Christmas is kept until sowing time, when it is mixed with the seed.
- It is said that bread baked on Christmas in England never becomes moldy.
- Ashes must not be thrown out on Christmas day in some sections of Europe, for fear they might be thrown into the Savior's face.
- Some families in Scandinavia place all their shoes together on Christmas. This will cause them to live in harmony throughout the year.

Northville Record, 20 Dec 1940

Ghost Marriages

What is considered normal or traditional in one country, might be considered a little unorthodox in others. Take, for example, the 3000-year-old custom of ghost marriages, which are still practiced in some parts of China. A ghost marriage is performed when either the bride or groom (or both) are deceased.



Ghost marriages historically involved two dead people. The idea was that although the two people died unmarried, they could pair up for eternity, and a family bond could be secured. A ceremony took place, followed by a banquet where gifts exchanged hands. Then, to seal the marriage, the grave of the bride would be dug up and her bones placed into the groom's.

In more recent times, ghost marriages have been adapted to allow just one of either the bride or groom to be deceased. These types of marriages are performed for a variety of reasons. Sometimes, if a fiancé dies before they had a chance to marry then this would be an alternative. These marriages often serve to unite families or secure an heir and continue the family lineage. There is a huge amount of social pressure on people in China to marry and remaining unmarried is considered unnatural. Unmarried men are referred to as 'guang gun' - bare branches - as they are unable to extend the family tree. Unmarried women are known as 'sheng nu' - leftover women - and the names of unmarried daughters cannot be displayed on plaques at the family shrine. Therefore, finding a partner—even if they are already dead, or you are already dead—relieves this social stigma for the family.

Extracted from "*How Not to Get Married: Confessions of a Wedding Photographer*," by George Mahood

Did You Know . . .

Vietnamese has a complex set of pronouns and titles that convey gender, status, paternal or maternal connection, relation by marriage or birth, and birth order among siblings. Ông Bà Nội means *paternal grandparents* (to be distinguished from Ông Bà Ngoại, my maternal grandparents). Cô Bảy and Chú Năm are the titles that my brother and I use to address my father's siblings (our aunts and uncles). Cô Bảy literally

means "aunt on my father's side, sixth born." Chú Năm literally means "uncle on my father's side, fourth born."



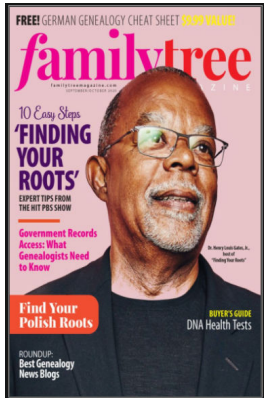
Extracted from "*Sigh, Gone: A Misfit's Memoir of Great Books, Punk Rock, and the Fight to Fit In*," by Phuc Tran

Family Tree Magazine on RBdigital

If you have a library card from the Northville or Novi Libraries (and perhaps others), you can access free digital copies of *Family Tree Magazine* through RBdigital.

From the Northville Library website, click on Download & Stream, then scroll down to RBdigital.

From the Novi Library website, click on Digital Library, then scroll down to RBdigital.



It can be a bit difficult to locate the magazine itself, so here are some helpful instructions: Once you have created your free account, click on the magnifying glass in the upper-right corner of the RBdigital homepage. Choose "Magazines," then "Advanced Search." In the box where it says "Title," type "Family Tree." Then click the "Search" box. (Hitting your Enter key will only clear the Title box.) You will then see the current issue of *Family Tree Magazine*. Click on that and then look for where it says "All Issues." Available issues go back to May 2019. Phew!

Looking for More Genealogy Databases? Get Yourself a Library Card from the Library of Michigan

Library of Michigan staff continue to work from home during the ongoing pandemic.

One of the best changes that occurred during the last two months is the online library card application. As a Michigan resident, you can apply for a library card and access many of our databases such as Fold3 and Detroit Free Press Historical Newspapers. Please click on the following link to locate the library card application form:

www.michigan.gov/librarycard

To see the databases you can access please visit the following website:

www.michigan.gov/familyhistory

*Extracted from the Michigan Genealogical Council Newsletter,
Summer 2020*

Free (Online) Family History Classes and Webinars for November 2020

The FamilySearch Family History Library's November 2020 line-up of free webinars features Latin Handwriting Seminars (five sessions), classes emphasizing Scottish research, Swedish Genealogy, and Norwegian Emigration, a Spanish language seminar, "Registros Migratorios" (*Migratory Records*), and Quebec Notarial Records. Other beginner classes include using the FamilySearch Catalog, and Family Search Mobile apps.

No registration is required for these online webinars. See the table of classes at <https://tinyurl.com/y5a6dcn3>

If you cannot attend a live event, most sessions are recorded and can be viewed later at your convenience at <https://tinyurl.com/y7oxr4wh>

Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter, 29 Oct 2020

Upcoming Virtual Meetings Elsewhere

Nov 12 - (Thu) - AmericanAncestors.org "Mayflower: A Story of Courage, Community and War"

How did America begin? That simple question launched acclaimed author Nathaniel Philbrick on an extraordinary journey to understand the truth behind our most sacred national myth: the voyage of the *Mayflower* and the settlement of Plymouth Colony.

6:00 p.m. Free. Register for this webinar at <https://tinyurl.com/y2gukh7c>

Nov 16 - (Mon) - Western Wayne Gen. Society "If You Don't Write It, It Will Be Gone Forever!"

You have done many years of research and have located a lot of information. So what are you going to do with it? You're going to write it down by way of a very readable family story. Presented by Sue Cromwell, WWCGS member for over 25 years.

7:00 p.m. Free. Look for the registration url at the bottom of the presentation description, 4 or 5 days before the meeting. <https://www.wwcgs.org/index.php>

Nov 17 - (Tue) - Lyon Twp Public Library "The Potato Famine and the Coming of the Irish to America"

Ireland awoke to the beginning of the Great Hunger in 1845. Experience the heartbreaking stories of the Irish during the five long years of the Potato Famine. While it was a time of great injustice when more than one million Irish died, it also became a tragic blessing for over one million Irish who fled to America and survived. Presented by Terence O'Leary, author of 3 Irish Crossings historical novels.

6:30 p.m. Register for this Zoom presentation at: <https://lyon-lib.libcal.com/event/5608030?hs=a>

Nov 22 - (Sun) - Gen. Soc. of Washtenaw Co. "Windmills and Wooden Shoes-Dutch Genealogy"

Virtual meeting presented by Megan Heyl. Learn where to locate "Holland" when researching your Dutch ancestors. Discover hidden resources, and find a few windmills and wooden shoes along the way. Let's tiptoe through the tulips together!

1:30 p.m. Non-members wishing to attend may send a request no later than 3 days before the meeting to: info@washtenawgenealogy.org

Dec 1 - (Tue) - Oakland County Gen. Society "The Saginaw Trail"

Ms Leslie Pielack tells the story of the ancient path that transformed early Michigan and of the people whose lives intertwined with the iconic road, Woodward Avenue.

7:00 p.m. An online presentation via Zoom, check back a week prior for a registration link. <https://ocgsmi.org/eventListings.php?nm=19>

Census Timeline

- 1787 The newly ratified Constitution requires a population count every 10 years.
- 1790 The first U.S. census counts 3.9 million people.
- 1850 The census records the names of all free people for the first time. Slave states list slaveholders on a separate schedule, with the age and sex of each enslaved person.
- 1868 The 14th Amendment ends the three-fifths counting rule for African Americans.
- 1870 The census first counts American Indians, excluding those on reservations.
- 1900 The census enumerates military personnel living abroad.
- 1919 Individuals may request copies of census records for genealogical purposes.
- 1921 A fire in the Commerce Department severely damages 1890 census records. Sometime before 1935, they're destroyed.
- 1930 The first post-Black Tuesday census asks about unemployment and income.
- 1960 Census questionnaires are first mailed to urban households, to be completed and returned to the Census Bureau.
- 2000 The Census Bureau runs its first nationwide advertising campaign to encourage census participation.
- 2001 The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints releases a searchable, every-name index to the 1880 census on a \$49 set of 56 CD-ROMs.
- 2012 The 1940 census is the first released only as digital images, not microfilm.
- 2022 The 1950 census is scheduled to be released.

*Extracted from "U.S. Census Genealogy Cheat Sheet,"
compiled by Diane Haddad, Family Tree Magazine, Jul/Aug 2020*

What's New at FamilySearch.org?

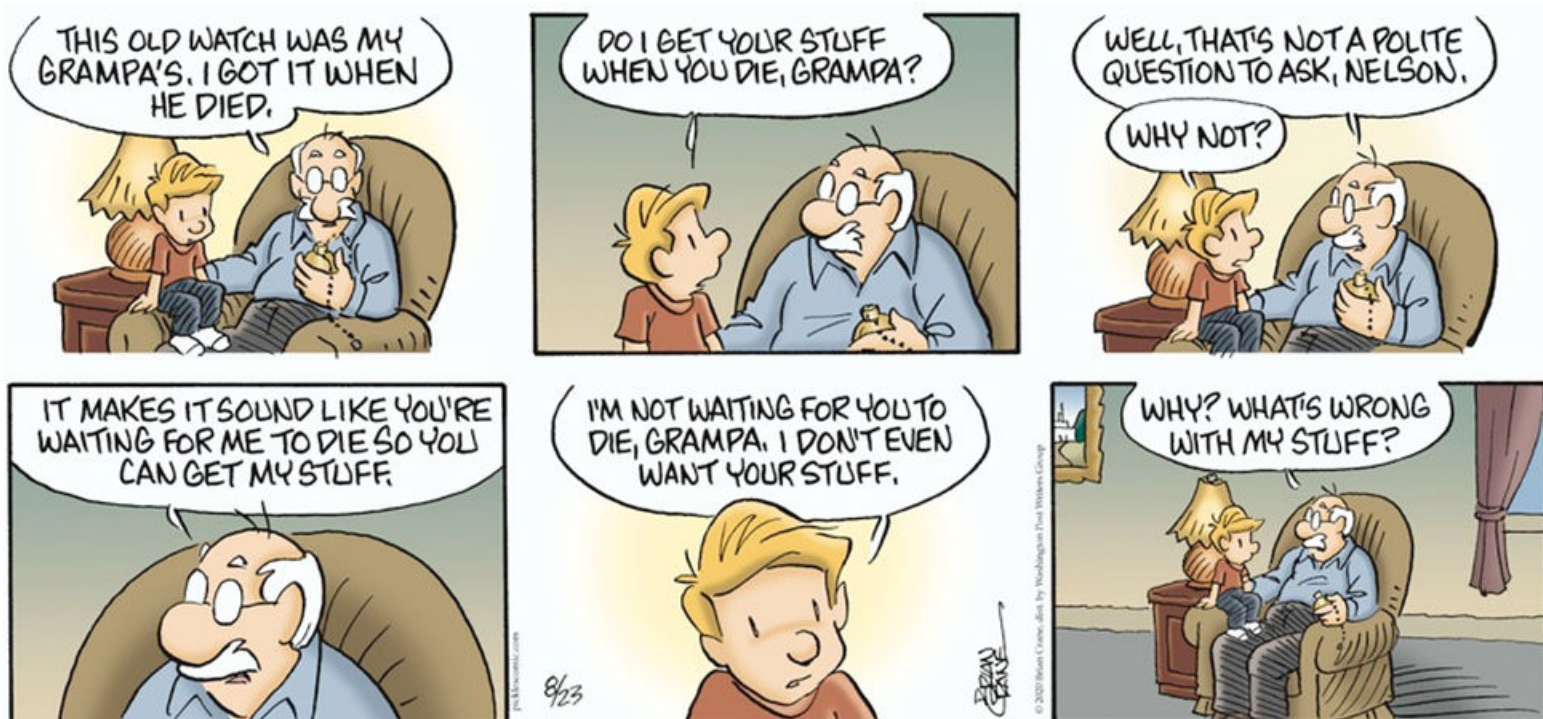
The following databases have been either updated or added to the FamilySearch website in the past few months. Please visit the website for a complete listing.

California, County Birth and Death Records, 1800-1994
 District of Columbia Deaths, 1874-1961
 Maryland, Church Records, 1668-1995
 Massachusetts Town Records, ca. 1638-1961
 Missouri Deaths, 1883-1930
 Missouri State and Territorial Census Records, 1732-1933
 New Hampshire, Town Clerk, Vital and Town Records, 1636-1947
 New Jersey, County Naturalization Records, 1749-1986
 Ohio, Voter Records, 1893-1960
 Oklahoma, School Records, 1895-1936
 South Carolina, State and Territorial Censuses, 1829-1920
 United States Bureau of Land Management Tract Books, 1800 - c.1955
 United States City and Business Directories, ca. 1749 - ca. 1990

Manitoba Church Records, 1800-1959
 Ontario, Immigration Records, 1862-1897

England and Wales Census, 1861
 Wales, Marriage Bonds, 1650-1900

France, Civil Registration, Various Communes, 1542-1900
 Germany, Prussia, West Prussia, Catholic and Lutheran Church Records, 1537-1981
 Netherlands, Noord-Holland, Civil Registration, 1811-1950



Local Color: *Northville Record* Excerpts from 100 Years Ago

Friday, Nov 5, 1920:

Northville boys and girls enjoyed three nights of Hallowe'en pranks, but no serious damage was done—all seemed to be spent on having a good time.

The class in home nursing has grown to such proportions that it has been deemed advisable to divide the number. One class meeting on Monday afternoons and the other on Tuesday forenoons.

Northville's two hunting parties are planning to leave for the north about the 8th. They will make the journey as they did last season, in a special Pullman car from this village.

F. P. Simmons and Sons will complete their apple harvest this week. Up to Tuesday night they had shipped twenty-four car loads and it was estimated that they had 2,000 bushels left in their orchard which will be converted into cider.

Friday, Nov 12, 1920:

A week from next Thursday will be Thanksgiving. It is said that turkeys are roosting unusually high this season.

The Garfield family reunion was held Sunday at the home of Truman Garfield in honor of his 72nd birthday.

Hand in any item of news you may happen to know of. Even if it may appear as an unimportant bit of news it is sure to be of interest to someone—and these items of news about folks and what they are doing, help to make up a live local newspaper.

How would you like to sit down to a good chicken dinner at the close of a hard day's work? Well, you will be given an opportunity to do so at the King's Daughters' benefit next Wednesday night. Dinner from 5:30 until all are served for 75 cents. And it will be some dinner too.

Friday, Nov 19, 1920:

Monday morning the ground was covered with a light mantle of snow.

Frank Shafer and wife took possession of the Smith boarding and rooming house on Main street last Friday.

It began snowing about five o'clock Tuesday afternoon and the storm continued with a white mantle about six inches deep.

If you can't go home for Thanksgiving, just write a letter home. It will do the old home folk a lot of good and you will enjoy the day just a little better because "you have not forgotten."

The demand for houses and for housekeeping rooms in Northville does not seem to abate. Scarcely a day passes but that someone calls at this office in search of a place to live. It is a great pity we have no place for them.

Friday, Nov 26, 1920:

W. H. Elliott, the local baker, has announced a reduction in the price of bread and other baked goods. Detroit bakeries are still sticking out for the last cent.

A Thanksgiving party will be held at the Walled Lake pavilion on Saturday night, the 27th. This will be the last party of the season until the holidays. There will be good music and many special features will be introduced.

The King's Daughters netted about \$350.00 from their recent benefit.

Friday, Dec 3, 1920:

Thanksgiving was a delightful day and many old home gatherings took place in this community.

The Sir Knights of the Maccabees will give a shadow social with potluck supper and old-time dance on Friday evening, Dec. 10th.

Though the days last week were unusually dark, the rain was very welcome in this section. Many wells and cisterns needed replenishing before winter sets in.

It is evident that certain trees at the intersection of Main and Rogers street will have to be removed. Chas VanValkenburg collided with one of them while making the turn with his auto the first of the week.

Friday, Dec 10, 1920:

The stores of Northville are taking on the Christmas appearance and many things suitable for gifts are already on display.

The body of Gus Herber, son of Mrs. H. Schoof, is expected to arrive in Northville from France sometime next week. The young soldier died overseas a year ago last August. Burial will be in Rural Hill cemetery.

Governor Albert E. Sleeper has issued a proclamation in which he calls upon ex-service men who are entitled to victory medals, to make an effort to secure them. The proclamation advises the applicant to file request for medals with the army recruiting officer at 215 Woodward avenue, Detroit.

C. H. Banks left yesterday for the Soldiers' Home at Grand Rapids, where he will spend the winter.

Friday, Dec 17, 1920:

Do your Christmas shopping in Northville as far as possible.

Real Christmas weather arrived Wednesday and the ground was covered with snow Thursday morning.

C. D. Kilgour, the clothier, has a real Christmas tree in one of his display windows. With its colored lights it makes a most attractive decoration.

A letter received from Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Clawson announces their safe arrival in California and that they have purchased a home in Culver City, a suburb of Los Angeles.

Now is the time we think of our friends and wonder what we can give them for a gift. Why not make it a Library card? The value is not great but it means fifty-two books through the year. How can you give that many books any cheaper?—Library Board

Friday, Dec 24, 1920:

Beginning next Monday morning we will distribute '1921' calendars to all subscribers who call at the office until our supply is exhausted. Please do not send children after them.

A new monument and marker has been placed on the T. S. Ball lot in Rural Hill cemetery, and it is said to be among the finest there. The Milford Monument Co. supplied the job.

Don Ball and Conrad Langfield left this week for a tour of the west.

They will go direct to Southern California and during the winter visit numerous sections of the coast country, concluding their visit in the Canadian northwest. They will return in the spring.

Through the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Young, the editor's family will feast on a nice fat duck and a fine chicken on Christmas day.

Friday, Dec 31, 1920:

Among the gifts presented to The King's Daughters for the Christmas baskets was a check for \$25 from the Northville Lodge, F. & A. M. The money was used to purchase a nice fat chicken for each basket sent out. C. R. Ely contributed nineteen hundred pounds of coal.

Elaborate plans are being made for the ball to be given by the members of the American Legion at the High school gym on the evening of January 6th. Fischer's Exposition Orchestra of Kalamazoo, one of the best in the country, has been engaged to furnish the music.

Watch your pen. After today it will be 1921.

Northville Genealogical Society - Membership Application

NAME _____ DATE _____

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